

# SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

# NOW

National Organization for Women  
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**NOW's Purpose** is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. This purpose includes, but is not limited to, equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, public service, employment, education and family life, and it includes freedom from discrimination because of age, marital status, sexual preference, parenthood, race, religion or ethnicity.

### Membership Mtg

NOW will meet on **Wed Feb 6, 2013, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Our guest speaker will be Sue Ellen Allen, executive director of Gina's Team, which provides educational programs in prisons and juvenile facilities. All are welcome.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed @ 1:30 PM

NOW Board Mtg

Mary Smiley's RO Garden home #1070

Feb 16 Sat 2:00 PM

Musical *Respect* (\$53)

Herberger Theater

See Mary Knudson by Jan 24

March 9, 2013 Sat

NOW's Women's History Month Presentation

UU Church, Surprise

April 3-4, 2013

Pride Weekend

Kick-off event is Parade

### A Speaking Engagement

Tuesday night, January 15, Kathleen Abernathy, Carolyn Modeen, and co-leader Mary Smiley went to Morristown (near Wickenburg) to speak about NOW. The night was dark and cold, the historical school building the General Federation of Women's Clubs was heated only by a small upright heater. We were given an extra blanket to put over our coats and laps. The reception of the women

was warm, and we had a wonderful exchange of information. They invited us to return when it is warmer, lighter, and when they have a potluck. We are hoping to reciprocate and invite them to our meetings at some future date. **CModeen**

### Women's Rally at AZ State Capitol

Women's groups from around the state sponsored a rally for women's presence and rights on opening day of the legislature, January 14. The day dawned cold, but the warmth and spirit from the large group of gathered women warmed the body and soul. Everyone was decked out in bright pink tees with the slogan *When Women Vote, Women Win*. Everyone filled out three cards for their district legislators with the message that women's reproductive health needs accurate, honest discussions and actions. A great country-western band, Barefoot and Pregnant, played music, followed by the host of the morning, Carolyn Warner, introducing spokespersons for our various elected national Representatives, followed by some of our state Representatives. **CModeen**

### Board Mtg Jan 9, 2013

Betty Roberts, hostess; Mary Smiley, co-coordinator. Note of encouragement signed by all to send to Helen Perkins.

**Treasurer** Anita Erwin: Scholarship \$1566.46 Accounts Payable \$1638.50.

**Program** Ann Timmer: February, Gina's Team. March: In House, featuring legislation and WHM. April: Current laws that marriage of same sex can look to for legal coverage. Kudos to the Cultural Diversity program in January. Discussion afterwards also excellent.

**Action** Betty Roberts: Meet Mon Jan 14 at 9:30 by Family Dollar on 99th and Tbird. Connie and Mary will go early to help with events at the capitol. Wear pink; take chairs.

**Women's History Month** Betty Roberts: Publicity, Joan Carlson for big poster. Betty has "palm cards" for us to hand out to everyone. Food: Jacklin Lindfors will head the committee of Kathy Abernathy and Mary Knudson. Reservations: Carolyn Modeen

**Legislation:** Card of congratulations signed by everyone for Representative Kyrsten Sinema. UN Foundation for Universal Access to Reproductive Care has had no cuts in funding by the US this past year, and lobbying efforts gets credit for this.

**Membership:** Mary Smiley reports her frustration in getting a membership list from National NOW. She will talk to Teresa re this.

**Social** Mary Knudson: February 16 musical *Respect* matinee; send \$53.00 to Mary Smiley so that she can get balcony tickets for our group all together.

**NOW buttons**--big buttons with NOW on it--we should have, suggested Jacklin Lindfors, so that when we go in groups we can advertise NOW.

**To Speak:** Carolyn Modeen, Kathleen Abernathy and Mary Smiley will explain our group to the Woman's Club in Wittmann Tuesday night, Jan 15. **CModeen**

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### **NOW Member Mtg Jan 2, 2013**

Meeting convened by Mary Smiley, co-coordinator

**Treasure Report:** Anita Erwin- Account Payable \$16365. Scholarship \$1566

**February Program:** CEO of Gina's Team, Sue Ellen Allen, will speak about their program for helping female prisoners with education and self sufficiency.

**Rally at the Capitol** Monday 1\14\13 10:30 to 12:30. Betty Roberts is arranging carpooling.

**Legislative:** Kathleen Abernathy is checking to see if an intern at the capitol would be available to inform us of legislation we should follow and/or lobby about.

**Membership:** Teresa Smith introduced two visitors, Miriam Handler and Karen Andersen. When the latest membership printout arrives from Natl, she will get a members' list to all of us.

**Social:** Mary Knudson: Musical "Respect" will carpool to the Herberger on February 16--matinee. Perhaps enough will be going that we can get a group rate.

**Women's History Month:** Practice this month--Roberts will send notices out to cast.

**Program:** Cultural Diversity, Phyllis Stone.

Poems and readings from Adrienne Rich: *Ballad of the Poverties, Scenes of Negotiation, Turbulence*, Rita Mae Brown autobiography. List of her books: *Rubyfruit Jungle, In Her Day, Six of One, Southern Discomfort, Sudden Death, High Hearts, Starting From Scratch: A different Kind of Writers' Manual, Bingo, Venus Envy; Dolley: A Novel of Dolley Madison in Love and War; Riding Shotgun Rita Will: Memoir of a Literary Rabble-Rouser, Loose Lips, Outfoxed*. Alice Walker: excerpt from *Color Purple*. **Carolyn Modeen Scribe**

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### **NOW SC/WV Board**

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