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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 Apr 3, 2013**, at **1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Brian Steele of Phoenix Dream Center will discuss the trafficking of Women. All are welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 26 Tues noon

Kathie Sarachild @ ASU West, Glendale
Speaks on Feminist Revolution

March 27 Wed noon

Ti-Grace Atkinson @ ASU West
Speaks on The Autonomous Woman
At 4:00 PM Both women & Breanne Fahs

March 28 Thurs Noon

Planned Parenthood Roe v Wade Lunch
Biltmore, Phoenix
\$75 See Carolyn Modeen

April 6, 2013

Pride Weekend
Kick-off event is Parade

April 10 - 2nd Wed @ 1:30 PM

NOW Board Mtg
Ann Timmer's Apt # 256

April 20 Sat 9AM to 1 PM

NOW State Conference
Challenges & VAWA
Fillmore Commons, Phx
Register (\$10) by Apr 12

July 5 - 7

National NOW Conference
Chicago IL

Feminist Presentations

Hello NOW women--

Please join us for this upcoming event at ASU West Campus (4701 W. Thunderbird Road, Glendale, AZ). for this rare opportunity to hear talks by two women who were at the epicenter of early radical feminist activism. Both Ti-Grace Atkinson and Kathie Sarachild will be visiting West campus for three events over the course of two days:

- 1) Kathie Sarachild will be giving a talk on Tuesday, March 26th at 12:00 PM entitled, "Feminist revolution: Toward a science of women's freedom." (Bldg UCB 241)
- 2) Ti-Grace Atkinson will be giving a talk on Wed March 27th at 12:00 PM entitled, "The autonomous woman: Sex, love, and feminism." (Verde multi-purpose room).
- 3) The two will then join together for a panel discussion on Wednesday, March 27th at 4:00 PM in La Sala.

These two *rarely* make public appearances and their talks promise to be thought-provoking and special. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Visitor parking is available throughout campus. If this poses a hardship, contact me and I'll arrange to reimburse you. A campus map is available (see newsltr editor).

I really can't wait to see you all! I know you'll find this rewarding!

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Action - No More Maximum Security Prisons

Our prison population has plateaued. We have seen negative growth the last three years, and estimates are more of the same for the next three. Yet Governor Brewer included in this year's budget 1,000 new privately contracted prison beds and 500 new maximum-security prison beds, **adding to the already bloated \$1 billion annual corrections spending that eats up 11 percent of Arizona's general budget.** Call 602-542-4331 or email Governor Jan Brewer and tell her to reverse the decision <http://azgovernor.gov/contact.asp>

Being Pen Pal to a Prisoner

A few of our NOW members have agreed to be pen pals with women incarcerated at Perryville State Prison in Goodyear. Connie Hupperts has received some advice on appropriate ways to communicate with the inmates. Some of the themes recommended are to discuss prison issues from the news, express your appreciation for their courage in sharing, acknowledge their feelings – especially where you share their frustration, outrage, etc, validate their lives as prisoners facing oppression & trauma, never ask about their convictions (let them share if they wish to). For a complete list of recommendations, pen pals should see Connie.

VAWA

At our NOW meeting in March one group of members discussed the Violence Against Women Act which was drafted in 1994 by then Senator Joe Biden and signed by President Bill Clinton that same year. In 2000 and 2005, VAWA was reauthorized but in 2012 it met resistance from conservatives. We are proud to report that it passed both the US Senate and House of Representatives in February of 2013. A few days later, President Obama signed the agreement. The feeling in our group was that while there are more laws in place to protect women, it is still not a safe world for women and children. We must continue to find every opportunity to speak to this concern and find ways to encourage our representatives to enact more provisions to protect women and children.

Marilyn Schulze

NOW Board Mtg Mar 13 2013

Mary Smiley, co-chair convened; Vivian Wood host
Program: Ann Timmer: Brian Steele of Phoenix Dream Center: Trafficking of Women in April.
Legislation: Marilyn Schulze: 1) Education Bills in AZ legislature which further favor charter schools
2) The UN convening the Women's Commission, which is stalled by representatives of the Catholic, Muslim and Evangelical reps. 3) Plight of women in Afghanistan. 4)

Arkansas: personhood begins at first fetal heart beat
5) Planned Parenthood of MN,SD,ND soon to be under annual siege by anti-choice forces--sponsor a prochoice counterdemonstrator for \$10 per person. Send to Planned Parenthood MN,SD,NC 671 Vandalia St Paul, MN 5514
Membership: Jackie Wolfen has been in and out of the hospital (flu and complications)

Herstory: Vivian Wood had a wonderful scrapbook on display of pics and news items of our chapter

Women's History Month: Assessment and gratitude for all participants.

Prison Task Force: Connie & Anita are coordinating our helpful response between Peggy & Sue Ellen Allen.

VAWA: A letter to the editor in process to point out Rep Trent Franks voting NO on the bill while Senators McCain and Flake voting yes.

Treasurer Report: Anita Erwin: Gross from Women's History Month: \$1365. In bank: Scholarship in accounts payable: 1638.50; \$1453.59 Total: 3092.09. Due to several years of not filing, we have lost our tax status.

Anita has a 9 page form that has to be filled out and is in constant contact with National NOW. We have been lax about getting our books audited so we will need to do it.

Nominating Committee to be formed. Mary will appoint members.

Next Board meeting: Ann Timmer's.

Planned Parenthood Luncheon: 10 members have reserved. One stipend of \$50 to Anita Erwin, who will match with \$25. (Payable to Modeen)

CModeen Scribe

NOW Member Mtg Mar 6, 2013

Mary Smiley, co-coordinator, presiding.

WHM: Final arrangements for the performance of What's My Line on Saturday. Agreed: pay Ken Saunders \$50 for the sound system needed for WHM. We greatly appreciate his expert skills. Jodie Lawrosky to open program with a welcome.

Legislative: Marilyn Schulze: documentaries 1) A Place at the Table 2) Witness to Hunger.

National NOW conference in July in Chicago.

Treasurer: Nancy (student) paid for chem book out of pocket...hopefully she will seek reimbursement from Anita Erwin. Mercedes (student) has not responded to her twitter.

Action: 1) Report on 1 Billion Women Rising rally: pictures of the inclusiveness and joy of togetherness shown by Anita Erwin, narrative by Connie Hupperts. 2) State NOW conference: April 20 at the Fillmore Commons. 3) Needed: Call Senator Rick Murphy and ask to vote on DV bill 2383, predominant aggressor bill. 4) Gay Pride Parade. April 6 in Phoenix.

Next Bd meeting: Vivian Wood

Program: Broke up into two groups--one group discussing the recently passed VAWA Act in Washington DC and in AZ: overturning by the courts of Medicaid recipients not allowed to get health care through Planned Parenthood. Second group discussing our chapter's further actions for the women in prison at Perryville.

Carolyn Modeen Scribe

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