

# 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 May 1, 2013, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. There will be the election of new Officers & a report on the AZ State NOW Conference. All are welcome.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 8 Wed 12:00 noon

Final NOW mtg to discuss WHM 2014  
At Marilyn Schulze's  
15318 W Skyline Wy, SCG  
Bring a salad

July 5 – 7

National NOW Conference  
Chicago IL

### Legislative Issues

Connie Hupperts urges us to call AZ State Senators to vote no on HB2593 and HCR2026: they increase the amount that can be given to candidates, weakening our Clean Elections. The ACADV opposes SB1072 as it interferes with the relocation of a child in custody matters. Anyone can go to the ACADV for more info. Call Sens. McCain and Flake & urge them to support a ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines. Flake is in Tucson at 520-575-8633. Gina's Team has a Welcome Back Program for released women prisoners. Anyone interested they are in need of daily &/weekly bus passes (I suggested they might try Phx Transit or their union to see if they might donate some). Also gift cards to Target and/Walmart. There are 11 being released between now and the end of May. Here is a quotation made by Madeleine Albright---“There is a

special place in hell for women who don't help other women.”

### NOW Board Mtg Apr 10, 2013

Mary Smiley led the meeting. Host Ann Timmer. Also present: Hupperts, Schulze, Modeen (scribe), Roberts, Lawrosky, Erwin, Ormsbee.

**Program: May 1:** Election of officers. Report on AZ State NOW conference. Scrapbooks by our Herstorian. **May 8** at 12 noon: Women's History Month selection for next year. Host: Marilyn Schulze. Bring salads

**Nominating Committee:** Timmer, Roberts, Ormsbee: Coordinator Carolyn Modeen; Program Kathy Abernathy; Secretary Ann Timmer and Betty Roberts; Treasurer Anita Erwin; Legislation Connie Hupperts; Membership Jackie Wolfen; Newsletter Teresa Smith; Networking Marge Mead; Publicity Claudia Sherrill; Social Mary Knudson; Herstorian Vivian Wood; Action Marilyn Schulze; Web Jodie Lawrosky; Cultural Diversity ? Liaison to State NOW Connie Hupperts.

**Actions** this year: Billion Women Rising (DV), Planned Parenthood luncheon and at state capitol in January; Women in Prison, AZ List to hear Sandra Fluke.

**Legislation:** Medicaid bill by Gov Brewer

**Treasurer:** Adopted list to receive money that has accumulated in our WHM fund=Scholarship to be funded at Dysart High School; Eve's Place; supplies for Gina's Team; ANNA; New Life Center; stamps for Peggy Plews correspondence to women in prison; UMOM; ACADV; Planned Parenthood. Breakdown of amounts on file with Scribe and Treasurer. Total left for NOW checking: \$1563.03

**Future:** Schulze may attend National NOW conference, the registration fee to be paid for by our chapter & report to be provided to chapter afterwards. **CModeen Scribe**

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**NOW Member Mtg Apr 3, 2013**

**Speaker:** Diane Post, past recipient of our Golden Apple spoke on the Status of Women Around the World. Diane led us through a series of assembled graphs of women, such as: In which country do more girls than boys complete school? A: Lesotho How does the US compare with numbers of women elected to Parliament? A: The US has one of the lower numbers--the world goal is 30% elected. The US has 20%. Surprisingly, some of the Arab countries surpass us in percentages. In the US, women now outnumber men in college. As a result, they are getting better jobs. In reporting the last election in the media, women were far outpaced by men reporters.

**Program:** May: installation of new coordinators for offices and a surprise speaker.

**Legislation:** Gov Brewer is working to expand Medicaid through the ACHCCS program. The legislature is hostile and has not produced a bill yet. We are asked to support a clean bill with no amendments, such as proposed to not fund Medicaid patients to Planned Parenthood.

**Scholarship:** Three years ago the recipient did not use her scholarship, so we now have that stipend. Both Nancy and Mercedes have Pell grants of 100% so they don't need our scholarship. Treasurer Erwin worked out a proposal to disperse our Emma Patterson scholarship money for 2013 which included the \$1000 scholarship, money to DV shelters, and money to help women in prison, through Gina's team and stamps to Peggy for all her letter writing. There was general acceptance of the plan; the board will further discuss at the board meeting and vote on the provisions. Hupperts told of her experience in writing to her pen pal in prison and urged others to also write. She also has some phones that can be given to the team.

**National NOW Conference, Chicago:** Schulze may attend; our chapter will pay for the entry fee & she will provide a report back to us.

**AZ State Bills:** ACADV: SB1072 Urge NO vote. notifying the other party as to change of address could prove dangerous to the individual moving.

HB2593 and ACR 2026 if passed would gut Clean Elections. **Carolyn Modeen Scribe**

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**NOW SC/WV Board**

**Chapter Co-Coordinators:** Mary Smiley 214-9450;

Connie Hupperts 979-9339

**Action Coordinator:** Betty Roberts

**Cultural Diversity Coordinator:** Phyllis Stone

**Herstorian:** Vivian Wood

**Legislative Coordinator:** Marilyn Schulze

**Membership Coordinator:** Jacki Wolfin; Teresa Smith

**Newsletter Coordinator:** Teresa Smith

**Networking:** Marge Mead

**Program Co-Coordinators:** Ann Timmer, Lee Ormsbee

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