

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 October 2, 2013, at 12:30 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. To kick off our new season, we have a luncheon preceding our meeting & program. Board members treat you to the best of our homemade salads AND featuring a Pakistani dish. For our program, we are celebrating the life of Pakistan school girl Malala Yousafzai, who, after recovering from being shot in the face by the Taliban for going to school, has become a worldwide activist for education for girls. In addition, Marilyn Schulze will report on the National NOW Conference which she attended this summer along with her 18 year old granddaughter (also a NOW member). All are welcome.

This Spring, after a long illness, **Lillian Hentel**, a long time NOW member, died. Let's remember her. Remember the lyrics she easily spun out to catchy tunes to get a point across? Remember the youth at Dysart High School she loved to champion? Thanks to her, we have had successful audiences with graduating high school seniors in order to award a yearly scholarship. Remember her cats? Her love of drama? Yes we do, Lillian, we remember. **CModeen**

NOW Board Mtg Sept 4, 2013

Present: Modeen (at her place), Erwin, Lawrosky, Schulze, Wood, Carlson, Hupperts, Roberts
Treasurer: Anita Erwin: Total-\$1970.57; Accounts payable (for speakers) \$375; Available: \$1603.57. \$1,000 paid to GCC for scholarship. Erwin is working on our tax exempt status. We are adding to the Treasurer in the operating rules: "G. Annually by 31 March must complete IRS form 990-N for non-profit status."
Website: Jodie Lawrosky: Let her know if you want any links added. Website is up to date.
Program: 1) 2 October Meeting: Carolyn Modeen will present "Malala Day" Malala was shot in Pakistan. Marilyn Schulze will report on the NOW National Convention. We will have a salad lunch by Board members. Modeen will make a Pakistani dish. Time is changed to 12:30.
2) 13 November Meeting: Carlson will show DVD on Invisible War—sexual abuse in the military.
3) 8 January Meeting—Meet at noon at church for Board meeting, 1pm chapter meeting.
4) 12 March meeting—Cultural Program. Joan Carlson will present program on Irena Sendler, who saved 2,500 Polish children from the Nazis.
Future program ideas: Amy Kobeta from the Children's Alliance; Diane Post who has been to Guatemala.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 22 Tues 6:00 PM

Dysart School District

15802 N Parkview, Surprise

1st Program on Women; LWV & NOW

Nov 19 Tues 6:00 PM

Dysart School District, Surprise

2nd Program on Women; LWV & NOW

AZ State NOW

Our own Ginny-Lee Richardson (who works in the Dysart School System) is AZ NOW State Treasurer. New state publicity person: Catalina Hall. A new chapter is being formed in Phoenix--ten members required for chapter status. Recommend we visit the impressive National NOW website. **Connie Hupperts, Chapter Liaison**

We are networking with the LWV. They are presenting 4 programs on women at Dysart Education Center, 15802 Parkview Pl, Surprise, 6 pm: 22 Oct; 19 Nov; 21 Jan; 11 Feb. They want us to assist as discussion leaders and work at sign-up table.

WHM: Betty Roberts will see if Cindy McCain will be our speaker.

Conference: Marilyn Schulze expressed thanks for NOW's contribution to attend **National NOW** in Chicago. Her 18 year old granddaughter went with her and joined NOW.

Legislative: Connie Hupperts says call Trent Franks about Obamacare; 9-10 Friday is a demo at his office. Conversation about NOW Chapter at Perryville Prison ensued. **B Roberts, Recorder**

NOW Member Mtg June 5, 2013

Ten members present (Ormsbee, Wood, Carlson, Modeen, Schulze, Erwin, Smiley, Hupperts, Smith, Timmer) at the home of Marilyn Schulze, Carolyn Modeen presiding.

Announcements: 1) Next Board mtg Sept 11 at Carolyn Modeen's. 2) LWV (League of Women Voters) are presenting a series of 4 films to the Dysart School District, 15802 N Parkview, Surprise at 6:00 PM on Tuesday evenings (Dates: Oct 22, Nov 19, Jan 14, Feb 18) & want our endorsement. 3) Natl NOW Conference July 5 – 7 in Chicago; Marilyn Schulze will be attending & requests help with the registration fee. She reports that at least 5 local AZ women will also be attending. 4) Phoenix is forming a NOW Chapter 5) Ginny-Lee Richardson is the new State NOW Treasurer. 6) On June 12 at 3:00 PM in front of McCain's & Flake's office (24th St & Camelback) the "Nuns On The Bus" are holding a rally & NOW members might want to show up too. 7) New Life Center (Domestic Violence Facility in Goodyear) has sent a note of appreciation for our \$300 donation (from WHM proceeds). 8) Mary Knudson is undergoing breast cancer treatment. 9) Carolyn announced that we will be starting our mtgs henceforth with inspirational sayings made by women.

WHM Ideas: 1) Joan Carlson suggests the topic of Maverick Women; she is reading a book on that subject. 2) A few members suggest asking Cindy McCain to be a featured speaker. She has been chosen by Governor Jan Brewer to head a committee regarding the trafficking of women in AZ. 3) Vivian Wood offered the topic of the History of NOW, including the National Organization as well as our own Chapter. She tells us that President Kennedy was the first to establish a Commission on the Status of Women, but the effort was ineffective. Consequently women leaders decided to form a women's organization (1966). AZ NOW held their first mtg in 1979 & officially became a NOW Chapter in

1981. 4) Carolyn Modeen offered the topic of Women in the Military/Women Pilots. Rebecca Salisbury is a lawyer at Luke Air Force Base. **TSmith, Recorder**

NOW Member Mtg May 1, 2013

Mary Smiley Coordinator

Anita Erwin led the meeting with a poem from Million Women Rising, "I will Dance" + Anna Quinlan

Treasurer Report: Total: \$3,1490.

Voted on officers for next season: Coordinator, Modeen, Recorder, Roberts and Timmer, Treasurer: Erwin, Legislation, Hupperts, Membership, Wolfen, Newsletter, Smith, Networking, Mead, Herstorian, Wood, Publicity, Sherrill, Action, Schulze, Social, Knudson, Web page, Lawrosky, Program, Abernathy, Cultural Diversity, Carlson, Scholarship, Erwin.

AZ State NOW Conference: Mary Smiley reported on the speakers, women of experience: Panayiota Bertzikis, executive director of the Military Rape Crisis Center; Lydia Guzman, director of Respect/Respeto and Somos America, in behalf of immigrant rights; Victoria Lopez, program director of ACLU, Doreen Nicholas, trainer at the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV); Hernando Garcia, advocate of Fe\rape Message from National NOW: Need to diversify--use tweet and twitter; write letters to Congress

Perryville Prison: Connie Hupperts received a call and email re medical problems from a woman at the Perryville Prison. Both Hupperts and Modeen have notified our AZ congress representatives about the medical needs. We are urged to write letters to women in the prison, getting names from Nancy Noel of Gina's Team.

Scholarship Interviews: Anita Erwin and Kathleen Abernathy reported about our student for this next school year--nursing is her goal. Our team of three were impressed with all the applicants but felt that this person had the greatest need.

Action: Mary Smiley handed out supplies to write letters to our representatives re proposed SS changes that would reduce monthly SS for retirees.

HealthCare.gov is the website for the Health Insurance Marketplace. **CModeen Sec**

NOW SC/WV Board

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