

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 Nov 6, 2013, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. For our program, Joan Carlson will present the documentary film "The Invisible War" about sexual assault in the military. See article below for more info. All are welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 19 Tues 6:00 PM

Dysart School District

15802 N Parkview, Surprise

2nd Program on Women; LWV & NOW

March 22, 2014 Sat

UU Church in Surprise

Women's History Month Presentation

"The Invisible War"

Joan Carlson will be presenting the documentary, "The Invisible War." during the November 6th meeting of the Sun City West Valley chapter of NOW. This film was written and directed by Kirby Dick and produced by Amy Ziering and Tanner King Barklow. The film features interviews with veterans from multiple branches in the Armed Forces who describe the events surrounding their sexual assaults while in the military. The interviews reveal common themes such as the lack of an impartial justice system, reprisals against survivors instead of against perpetrators, the absence of adequate emotional and physical care for survivors, the unhindered advancement of perpetrators' careers and the forced expulsion of survivors from service.

The facts are shocking. In 2013, 26,000 sexual assaults were reported and only 1% was prosecuted. The problem

is that senior commanders are in charge of where the case goes and this is why many rapes are not reported. Under military law, a commander who convenes a court-martial is known as the convening authority and has the sole discretion to reduce or set aside guilty verdicts and sentences or to reverse a jury's verdict. If a commander takes action and proves that a rape has occurred this is considered a failure of his leadership. **JCarlson**

NOW Board Mtg Oct 9, 2013

Treasurer's Report: Our scholarship recipient has used \$585 of her \$1,000. She is at GCC. Balance in checking account: \$1900.93. Anita is working on the tax report.

WHM possible speakers: Cindy McCain refused our invitation to speak. Sandra Day O'Connor was deemed too important. Maybe start now for next year? Rossilini, who is running for Attorney General? Women dramatists in Scottsdale? Girl Rising—a documentary rental for \$350; Lorie Roberts of AZ Republic—maybe Kathleen Abernathy could get to her?

"Suffragists to Senators" kicks off at Dysart HS Tuesday, 22 Oct. The following people are going: Ann, Carolyn, Vivian, Anita, Lee, Connie, Betty.

November Board Meeting is at Anita's, 5734 W Evergreen, Glendale (½ mi South of Olive and 59 Ave.)

B Roberts, Recorder

NOW Member Mtg Oct 2, 2013

The meeting was preceded by a lunch provided for all by the Board members. The meeting was chaired by Carolyn Modeen, Chapter Coordinator. An inspirational saying supplied by Ann Timmer was read.

Program: Anita Erwin talked about **Malala Yousafzai**, now 16, who was shot in the head & neck in Pakistan by the Taliban when she was 14 because she & other young girls were attending school. The Taliban had said there

would be no education for girls after 2009. Malala was subsequently treated in Britain where she recovered & is now living. She is devoting her life to promoting education for girls around the globe. She recently spoke to the General Assembly at the UN. She has won at least 20 different prizes for her crusade, including the International Children's Peace Prize. Our Chapter plans to discuss how we can best donate to & support her cause.

Carolyn Modeen followed with a discussion about Michelle Bachelet (mother of 3 & an MD), the President of Chile from 2006 to 2010. Bachelet was appointed in 2010 the first head of the recently established body called **UN Women** by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The goal of this body is to work for gender equality & the empowerment of women & girls around the globe. She resigned the post earlier this year to pursue another term as President of Chile & appears to rank high in the polls for re-election.

Next, Marilyn Schulze reported on her attendance at this summer's National NOW Conference in Chicago along with her 18 year old granddaughter. Marilyn sat in on a variety of sessions that covered politics, teachers' unions, workshops on ending violence against women, UN & NGO strategies around the world. Marilyn was impressed by the articulate, young, vibrant participants. Terry O'Neal was re-elected as Natl President.

Announcements: Sheila Ogea, State NOW Membership Chair, is running for AZ State Congress. Connie Hupperts reports that LWV is working on getting more women elected to office in AZ & wants our support. AZ ranks 44th in the nation in education. Tuition at ASU has tripled in the last 10 years. The salaries of college male & female teachers are NOT equal. **TSmith, Recorder**

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