

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 Dec 4, 2013, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Our guest speaker is Dr. Sharon J Kirsch. Her presentation is *Three Waves of Feminism*. See article below for more info. All are welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 11, 2013 Wed

Next NOW Board Mtg
Anita Erwin's

March 22, 2014 Sat

UU Church in Surprise
Women's History Month Presentation

About Professor Kirsch

Sharon J. Kirsch is an Assistant Professor of English and Rhetorical Studies at Arizona State University, where she teaches courses in rhetorical, literary and critical theory, American literature, and women's writing. Her current books projects include *Gertrude Stein and the Reinvention of Rhetoric* (forthcoming on University of Alabama Press), which reinterprets an iconic literary figure as a major twentieth-century rhetorician, and a co-edited collection of essays, *Primary Stein* (forthcoming on Lexington Books). Recent publications include "Two Exhibits, One Film, and the Pleasures of Gertrude Stein" in *The Feminist Wire*, "It Has Become Our Will": Onward with Adrienne Rich (1929-2012)" in *Trivia: Voices of Feminism* and reprinted in *Rain & Thunder: A Radical Feminist Journal of Discussion and Activism*. Dr. Kirsch serves on the editorial collective of *Trivia: Voices of Feminism*.

On the ASU New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences directory profile, her areas of expertise are listed as: Rhetorical theory and history, literary and critical theory, gender studies, poetics, late American literature and culture. **KAbernathy, Program**

Reproductive Health & Contraception

The UN reports that of the 20,000 births every day, 95% are in the developing world. For 15 year olds, mortality rates are doubled. Total, 70,000 every year. How many adolescent women in the world? 600 million plus. The next goal for the UN is to decrease maternal mortality and to work for reproductive health. 200 million women want birth control but do not yet have access to it.

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NOW Board Mtg Nov 12, 2013

Present: Modeen, presiding; Ormsbee, Hupperts, Wood, Timmer, Schulze, Abernathy, Roberts

Location: Connie Huppert's House.

Program (Abernathy): December: Dr Sharon Kirsch, Asst. Prof. ASU-New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences will speak on *Three Waves Of Feminism*. January: Amy Kobeta from the Children's Action Alliance.

Action (Schulze): It was suggested that we participate in next year's Veterans Day Parade. It is 5 miles in downtown Phoenix. Another possibility is Xmas gifts for prisoner's children (Hupperts will look into this). Another suggestion, Xmas gifts for children of women in

shelters (Eve's Place)? Schulze will pursue.

Legislative (Hupperts): 1) Senator Gillibrand is working for a law to protect women soldiers in the military by taking court review of rape cases away from the military; McCain and Flake are not supporting it. We should call. 2) Wall Street banks are 30% larger now than before the crash.

Historian (Wood): We have 12 volumes of archives that we can submit to SC Museum for archiving. Woods is starting on an introduction, which she plans to make into a book. Sun Cities NOW has been operating for 35 years. At our next membership meeting, Wood will give a 1 minute history of SC/WV NOW.

Women's History Month 1) Abernathy will invite Janet Napolitano (we will offer to pay \$500 transportation); Sandra Day O'Connor; Other ideas—Ask a woman in SC Players to portray a woman in history; a talk on Women in the Civil War.

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NOW Member Mtg Nov 6, 2013

Carolyn Modeen presided. Guests were recognized and introduced.

Board Meeting, 13Nov13 at Connie Hupperts', 10209 A N 97th Ave, Peoria.

Program Committee: Abernathy announced Dr Sharon Kirsch, Asst. Prof. ASU-New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences will speak on *Three Waves Of Feminism*.

Legislative Committee: Hupperts announced a member of Pussy Riots was transferred to another jail and has disappeared. A petition was passed around. Good news is that people who won recent elections were opposing Tea Party ideas. There is a Democratic mayor in NYC. It seems that Monsanto won the fight to not label GMO.

Action: Modeen passed around petitions for signatures on progressive candidates— Felicia Rosellini for Attorney General and Jim Holway for Corporation Commissioner. Last election much out of state private money sent to elect all Republicans to the CC.

Program: Joan Carlson introduced the film: *Invisible War* about sexual assaults in the military.

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