

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 Jan 8, 2013, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Our guest speaker is Amy J Kobeta, Vice President of the Children's Alliance. Her topic is Legislating in the interest of children at the state & federal level. She will discuss the effects of the sequester on children in AZ. Amy Kobeta has been an advocate & lobbyist for non-profit organizations most of her career. Prior to joining the CAA, Amy was the Director of Public Affairs for AZ Human Rights Fund & Foundation & worked in the Public Affairs Dept at Planned Parenthood of Central & Northern AZ. All are welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 8, 2014 Wed 11:30 AM

Next NOW Board Mtg
UU Church

Jan 21, 2014 Tues 6:00 PM

Dysart School District, 15802 N Parkview, Surprise
3rd Program on Women; LWV & NOW

Feb 11, 2014 Tues 6:00 PM

Dysart School District, 15802 N Parkview, Surprise
4th Program on Women; LWV & NOW

March 22, 2014 Sat

UU Church in Surprise
Women's History Month Presentation

Women's History Presentation

Mark your calendars for Saturday March 22 for Women's History Month because we are pleased to announce that Elenna Donovan will present "*In*

Praise of Ordinary Women". Elenna is no ordinary woman! She has been in show business since age 8, working with her mother on an Armed Forces radio show--she slammed the door on cue! She has spent many years on stage, also doing TV and radio commercials. She is currently a Sun City Player, directing and acting in plays. **CModeen**

Sun Cities/West Valley NOW Chapter

Installment 1. The Beginning

A small group of women met in September, 1979, with Miriam Cafferty in her Sun City (AZ) home. Other women in that group were Ann Timmer and probably Evelyn Phillips, Helen Wells, Grace Arentsen and Anna Rudner. The result of that meeting was the decision to establish a National Organization for Women (NOW) Sun City Chapter by seeking affiliation with the national organization.

Although still not official, the Chapter-to-be began a busy time. They attended rallies and conventions, participated in marches, held programs, organized study groups, and publicized their causes in the local press. A few even participated in consciousness-raising groups. The Chapter's charter was granted in September, 1980, the official beginning of a feisty chapter of older women soon to be known nationwide.

A focus of the new Chapter was the national campaign to pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This Amendment had been on the national agenda since 1923 when it was introduced in Congress by the National Woman's Party. It stated simply that men and women shall have equal rights.

The first Chapter officers, elected in 1981, were: Ann Timmer, president; Miriam Cafferty, vice-president;

Evelyn Phillips, records coordinator; Anna Rudner, financial coordinator; and Grace Arentsen, communicator.

Anna Rudner was coordinator (term used instead of president) in 1983. Miner Patton, the first male member of the Chapter, was associate coordinator. Other officers were: Alice Patee, records coordinator; Aimee Schwartz, program coordinator; and Betty Kunde, financial coordinator. Vivian Wood, Herstorian

Nov Sexual Assault Program Follow-up

The following summarizes the compromise on the National Defense Bill as reported in the NY Times. The House and Senate negotiators reached final agreement Dec 9, 2013 on a Pentagon policy which would strengthen protections for military victims of sexual assault. The proposed legislation stops short of the changes advocated by victims and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand of NY who sought to remove military commanders from overseeing the cases. The new measures would 1) prevent commanding officers from overturning sexual assault verdicts, 2) expand the special victims counsel program for the survivors of sexual assault, 3) make retaliation for reporting assault a crime, 4) for criminal complaints including sexual assaults, courts of investigation would act more like preliminary hearings looking for probable cause to pursue a court martial; however commanders will maintain control over the court martial process.

Senator Gillibrand has not given up. She intends to move forward with a stand-alone bill to remove commanders from the process. Senator Harry Reid, Majority Leader, has assured Sen Gillibrand a vote for her legislation. Joan Carlson, Program Coordinator

The United Nations

The UN is consciously including women in context with every working session for world-wide goals. In February 2014 the general assembly of the UN will assemble a working group for sustainable development with gender equality and women's empowerment an ongoing focus. Improving the lives of women tends to get lost in the wider mission to be researched. To this end, the sustainable development goals will first of all, and throughout the sessions be front and center. CModeen

NOW Board Mtg Dec 11, 2013

Present: Anita Erwin, Connie Hupperts, Lee Ormsbee, Carolyn Modeen (Presiding), Betty Roberts, Anita Erwin's house.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$1765.

Women's History Month: 22 March, 2013: Elenna

Donovan of Sun City Players will give the program "*In Praise of Ordinary Women*." We contacted the office of Sandra Day O'Connor and were informed judges do not speak at fund raisers. We will give \$100 honorarium to Donovan. Refreshments: Anita and Lee; Decorations: Connie, Marilyn and Betsy; Reservations: Betty; Publicity: Joan Carlson.

Honorariums: Board will approve if we give an amount. Amy Kobeta will get \$50 for her organization.

National NOW: Password to get on to National web site will be on next check we receive from them. National focus is on protesting sexism in the military. We plan to march in the Veterans' Day Parade in Phoenix.

Action: We will demonstrate at Walmart after the 5 February meeting.

Membership: we need to get email addresses of visitors.

Legislative: Committee of House and Senate have agreed on a budget.

Next Brd Mtg: Jan 8, 11:30 AM at UU Church. Bring a sack lunch. Member mtg follows.

Betty Roberts, Recorder

NOW Member Mtg Dec 4, 2013

Chair Carolyn Modeen presided.

Guests were introduced.

Vivian Wood gave a report on the founding of the Chapter.

The **Program** was "The 3 Waves of Feminism" given by Dr Sharon Kirsch, Ass. Prof ASU-New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Kathleen Abernathy introduced the speaker. The 3rd wave began in the 1990s and was so inclusive, it is not defined. The benefits of the 2nd Wave are taken for granted and is saturated with the media. Some references: Susan Douglas' book, "Where the Girls are; Jean Kilbourne, "Killing us Softly 4; and Jackson Katz's TED talk. Betty Roberts, Recorder

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