

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 Mar 5, 2014, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. The program is a 60 minute film, *Irena Sendler, In the Name of Their Mothers*. See more info below. All are welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 27 Thursday 7 pm

Dysart Education Center, 15802 N Parkview, Surprise
Achievement Gap in AZ Education & Richard Gilman
Sponsored by LWV & NOW

Mar 12 Wed 1:30 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Marilyn Schulze's, SCG

Mar 14 Fri 11:30 AM

Planned Parenthood Roe V Wade Luncheon
Biltmore, Phx (tkts \$85)
Carolyn Modeen 623-972-6273

March 22 Sat 2:00 PM

UU Church in Surprise
NOW's Women's History Month Presentation
Tickets \$15 (check to Betty Roberts)

April 5 Sat

Gay Pride Parade, Phoenix

June 27 - 29

National NOW Conference
Albuquerque, New Mexico

March Program & Irena Sendler

During World War II, Irena Sendler, a Senior Administrator in the Warsaw Social Welfare Department, defied

the Nazis and saved 2,500 Jewish children by smuggling them out of the Warsaw Ghetto. As a health worker, she snuck the children out between 1942 and 1943 to safe hiding places finding non-Jewish families to adopt them. To enter the Ghetto legally, Irena managed to be issued a pass from Warsaw's Epidemic Control Department and she visited the Ghetto daily, to bring food, medicines and clothing. She knew that 5,000 people were dying each month from starvation and disease in the Ghetto, so she decided to help the Jewish children get out. She had to persuade parents to give up their children which was a horrendous task and to find families willing to shelter the children. The families were risking their lives if the Nazis found out. Irena began smuggling children out in an ambulance. She recruited at least one person from each of the ten centers in the Social Welfare Department. With their help she issued hundreds of false documents with forged signatures. Some children were taken out in gunnysacks or body bags. Some were buried inside loads of goods. Others were placed in coffins, and some entered a church in the Ghetto which had two entrances. One entrance opened into the Ghetto the other exited to the Aryan side of Warsaw. The children entered the church as Jews and exited as Christians. Irena accomplished her incredible deeds with the active assistance of the church. She said, "I could always count on the Sisters. No one ever refused to take a child from me." The children were given false identities and placed in homes, orphanages and convents. Irena kept the only record of their true identities in jars buried beneath an apple tree in a neighbor's backyard. After the war Irena dug up the jars containing the names of 2500 Children and tried to reunite them with relatives, but most of their families were lost during the Holocaust in Nazi death camps.

Joan Carlson. Program Coordinator

Women's History Month Speaker

Elanna Donovan grew up in Japan. At the tender age of 8, she was drafted into show business. Her mother worked on an Armed Forces radio show and one day she said to Elanna, 'We need someone to slam the door on cue, and you've got the part'. Little did she know that Elanna would be hooked on show biz for life.

Elanna spent many years working on stage; doing TV and radio commercials and making several movies - while raising two sons and keeping her day job in corporate America where she trained middle management in the art of *coaching* versus *managing* their employees. As she sums it up, 'Teaching them to talk *with*, not *at* people.

In 1998 Elanna left corporate America to establish her own coaching business. In 2000 she began her training in Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) which is often referred to as a 'tapping modality. She was impressed with the simplicity and effectiveness of EFT as an emotional and physical healing aid.

Elanna has always had a passion for writing and speaking. As an actress she relied on lines written by someone else. She joined Toastmasters International to force herself to express her own ideas. Using the lessons she's learned in show business, Elanna has spoken to corporations, associations and congregations, delighting audiences with her provocative talk – **Life Is Show Biz!** "As a speaker, Elanna serves food for thought wrapped in humor. She is Humor Wise." *Marc deCelle, author.* Her affiliations have included: Screen Actors Guild, Toastmasters International, the National Speakers Association and the International Coach Federation.

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Tea and Crumpets and Stories

Mark the 41st Anniversary of Roe vs Wade

Close to 25 NOW members, family & friends gathered at Marilyn Schulze's home on Feb 20 to celebrate Roe V Wade along with Ann Timmer's birthday. The stories of participation in Marches was captivating, some dating back to the beginning of National NOW. The hospitality and refreshments provided by Marilyn were delicious. Camaraderie & inspiration were abundant & we all thank Marilyn for being our host. **Editor**

Installment 2: SC NOW History

Once the Chapter got going, it held monthly membership and Board meetings, except in the summers. The

membership meeting usually featured an informative speaker or program.

From its beginning, Chapter members were involved in rallies and marches, local, state and national, for a variety of causes. Chief among the causes were the ERA, pro-choice, and abuse of women. Two Chapter members, Ann Timmer and Miriam Cafferty, attended the 1981 Rally for the E.R.A. in Oklahoma City. Kathleen Abernathy and Jennie Lee Richardson of the Phoenix Chapter were the leaders on the trip.

The annual Women's History Month celebration is both a fund-raiser and a means of informing the public about women's history and achievements. Funds raised are used for scholarships for young women going to college and for support of a shelter for abused women, Eve's Place. A Chapter member, Marge Clark, was instrumental in the establishment of Eve's Place.

The Chapter is proud of its annual Golden Apple Award, which recognizes persons who have contributed to the advancement of women. Established in 1993, the first award went to U.S. Representative Ed Pastor for his vote in support of family planning funds. The award has gone to such notables as Arizona Attorney-General Janet Napolitano, who was later elected Governor of Arizona. She subsequently was selected by President Obama to head U.S. Homeland Security. In 2013, she was named head of the University of California System.

A column called Women's Watch was started in 1995 and appears monthly in the *Daily News-Sun*. The column is written and edited by an Editorial Board made up of representatives of the local NOW, American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the League of Women Voters (LWV). Initiated by NOW, the column is still ongoing after nearly 19 years and over 225 articles.

The Silent Witness project was initiated by Mary Warren after she read about a similar project in Minnesota. The project was a response to the fact that 28 Arizona women were murdered in 1994 by abusive husbands or boyfriends. With the aid of the Women's Build Team of Habitat for Humanity and the Phoenix-Scottsdale NOW Chapter, our Chapter created 28 red life-sized women figures to represent the murdered women. The name and statistics of each woman appears on a red figure. The figures have appeared in many places including the United States Capitol and Mall. As one newspaper

headline put it, "Silent Witness figures speak volumes for women." Vivian Wood Herstorian

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Human Rights council at the UN reports: Navi Pillay is the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. She was born in South Africa to parents of Sri Lankan descent, experienced discrimination as she was representing the Robben Island prisoners, including Nelson Mandela. She is the international embodiment of human rights as she has consistently worked for injustices. Ozi news outlet. CModeen

NOW Board Mtg Feb 12, 2014

Present at Modeen's apartment: Hupperts, Ormsbee, Carlson, Lawrosky, Erwin, Modeen presiding.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$1725.76

Women's History Month: Refreshments—cookies, quick bread and grapes; coffee, tea and water. We will send an email around asking members to sign up to bring something. Decorations: Schulze and Gilchrist. Selling at UU: We will sell on 2,9,16 March. Lee and Joan can sell after church. Roberts will line up Smiley, Schulze and Wood.

March Program: Video of Elena Sendler, a Catholic social worker who saved 2,500 children from the Warsaw Ghetto during WW II.

Membership: Had 5 guests last meeting.

Legislative: Dan Coats (Republican, Indiana) changed his vote and unemployment extension was passed. Lesko (Glendale, AZ) has a bill (HB 2291) to expand voucher system by setting up an account of tax dollars which would translate to \$3.6 billion of public dollars coming out of the public education system. To discourage this, call Lesko 602-926-5413; dlesko@azleg.gov

Action: Schulze will have a tea 20 Feb, 2pm

Coming Events:

- 1) National NOW in Albuquerque, NM June 27-29
- 2) Planned Parenthood luncheon, March 14, Biltmore. Give your check for \$85 to Modeen.
- 3) Education Gap in AZ, 27 February, 7pm
Dysart Education Center. Betty Roberts Recorder

NOW Member Mtg Feb 5, 2014

Carolyn Modeen presided.

WHM is March 22, flyers are now available from Joan Carlson.

March Program: a movie about a Catholic social worker who saved children from the Holocaust.

NOW Board Meeting will be a Carolyn Modeen's (RO

Apt 321) on 12 Feb. 1:30 pm.

Marilyn Schulze is inviting all to a tea party at her house on Thursday, 20 Feb.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for the annual **Planned Parenthood Luncheon** at the Biltmore March 14. We will carpool and cost is \$85.

Legislative: Call Flake and McCain to renew Federal unemployment insurance 1-877-363-6141.

After the program today we will: 1) Go to the SCW to see the spy display; 2) Go to Walmart for 30 minutes to hold up signs supporting a living wage; 3) Go to supper at Ann's.

Program Today: A film on the brain.

Betty Roberts, Recorder

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