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# SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

# NOW

National Organization for Women  
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<http://aznow-scwv.org>  
<http://www.now.org>

**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 4, 2015, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Speaker will be Dr Michelle Tellez. from Northern Arizona University. She will discuss her perspective on the recent waves of international violence toward women and the issues of violence along our borders here at home. The public is welcome.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 11 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg  
Host:

March 14 Sat 10:00 to 12:00

AZ NOW State Conference  
UU Church (Tkt \$10) See Betty Roberts

March 14 Sat 2:00 pm

NOW's Women's History Month Program  
UU Church (Tkt \$15 or \$20 for both)

March 26 Th 9:30 AM

Voter Suppression, UU Church

April 9, 2015 Th 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Sheraton Hotel in Phoenix  
Planned Parenthood Luncheon (tkt \$100)

June 19 – 21

Natl NOW Conference  
Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA

## March Speaker Dr. Michelle Tellez

Dr. Téllez, a faculty member in Ethnic Studies and Sociology at NAU, is an interdisciplinary scholar trained in sociology, Chicana/o studies, community studies and education. Her research, creative projects, and teaching seek to uncover stories of identity, community formation, resistance and gendered migration. She is a founding member of the Arizona Ethnic Studies Network, the Entre Nosotr@s Collective, and is on the advisory board for Performance in the Borderlands. Dr. Téllez has published in several book anthologies, and in journals such as Gender & Society, Feminist Formations, Aztlán, and Chicana/Latina Studies; her most recent piece, *Sexual Violence against Migrant Women and Children*, co authored with Dr. William Simmons is published in *Localizing Human Rights Abuses: The U.S.-Mexico Experience* edited by William Simmons and Carol Moelle. **Kathleen Abernathy**

## SC/West Valley NOW Chapter Hosts

Save Saturday March 14 for a double header at the Unitarian Universalist Church: State NOW annual meeting from 10:00 to 12:00. Break for lunch in one of the restaurants on Bell and Avenue of the Arts. 2:00 PM Women's History Month. Barbara Arnold, story teller, will tell Stories of Interesting Women of Color. Barbara came from the Detroit Black Story Tellers and National Black Story Tellers Assoc, teaching and telling black stories for over 25 years. She continues teaching and telling stories in the West Valley. Reservations: \$15.00. Betty Roberts 623-972-6273

## Women's History Month Presentation

Sun Cities/West Valley Chapter of the National

Organization for Women will present our Annual Women's History Month Presentation at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Surprise at 17540 N. Avenue of the Arts.

Our Women's History Month event is "Compelling Tales of Women of Color". We have invited Storyteller, Barbara Arnold, to come speak. Barbara is an experienced Story Teller, originally from Detroit, who has been teaching and telling Black Stories for over 25 years. She is a member of the Detroit Black Story Tellers and National Black Story Tellers Association.

Additionally, Diane Post will be speaking about Elizabeth Hudson Smith, an entrepreneur in the early days of Wickenburg, AZ. Then a Maya Angelou poem will be read by Yvonne Evans.

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door for \$15.00 per person. You may send your check (\$15.00/per person), payable to "NOW-SCWV" to the following address:

NOW-SCWV  
5734 W Evergreen Rd.  
Glendale, AZ 85302

Light refreshments will follow the presentation. Proceeds from the event go toward college scholarships for deserving female Dysart High School graduates and to worthy pro-women causes. The public is welcome.

JLawrosky

### **#9 The NOW Scrapbooks As Catalyst**

**Scrapbook:** *A book of blank pages for mounting newspaper clippings, pictures, souvenirs, etc.*--New World Dictionary of the American Language, Second College Edition.

This whole project of writing the history of the Sun Cities/West Valley National Organization for Women (NOW) chapter started with the Scrapbooks. As Chapter Herstorian, Vivian Wood had the 14 volumes of Scrapbooks in her care. At age 90, she worried about the disposal of the Scrapbooks.

They reflect the history of the Sun Cities as well as being an important chapter of women's history. The Sun Cities Area Historical Society with its Del Webb Sun Cities Museum seemed to be the appropriate locale for the Scrapbooks.

The Scrapbooks needed an explanation, however. In the process of describing and explaining NOW, its purpose, its programs and activities, the project turned into a full-fledged history of the Chapter. It is an interesting and important story that needs to be told and preserved.

The Scrapbooks have a history. Minutes of an early meeting of the NOW advisory board on April 3, 1980, show that publicity director, Grace Arentsen, agreed to keep a scrapbook depicting the history of the Sun City Area NOW Chapter. The first four volumes of the scrapbooks show considerable overlap. Volume 1 contains the minutes of the advisory board and of the public meetings held in 1980, 1981 and 1982—not the usual fare of scrapbooks.

It is not clear who was in charge of keeping each scrapbook up to date or how often this responsibility changed. Anna Rudner had the Scrapbook in September 1981 according to Board minutes, but a year later the Board was looking for a volunteer to take over the Scrapbook and Lucille Reis stepped up.

Volume 2 was "lost" for a time in a member's closet. It is a valuable volume as it contains the Chapter's Charter, issued Sept. 11, 1980. Miriam Cafferty is listed as the Convenor, with following officers: Ann Timmer, President; Miriam Cafferty, Vice-President; Anna Rudner, Finance Director; Catherine White, Membership Coordinator; Evelyn Phillips, Record-Keeper; Grace Arentsen, Public Relations; and Helen M. Wells, Resource Person. The National President, Eleanor Smeal, signed the Charter.

Volume 3 consists largely of newspaper clippings, showing the Chapter's efforts to secure publicity for its causes (ERA, freedom of choice on abortion, women's wages, etc.). Clippings cover a span of 20 years: 1981-2001. Included is the first "Women's Watch" column which was published in the Daily News-Sun in 1995. It also included a NOW brochure, designed by Claire Randall in 2001, believed to be the Chapter's first brochure. This volume also contains several letters-to-the-editor, these before e-mail compositions were typed, usually a page or two long, and were thoughtful support of NOW positions such as Pro-Choice.

(To be continued) Vivian Wood, Herstorian

### **NOW Board Mtg Feb 11, 2014**

**Present:** Anita Erwin, Jodie Lawrosky, Vivian Wood, Lee Ormsbee, Kathleen Abernathy, Marilyn Schulze, Betty Roberts, Carolyn Modeen, Presiding and Hostess.  
**Treasurer's** report: Balance \$1195.32.

**WHM and State Conference** are 14 March, 9:30-5pm. Teresa Smith will be the announcer at the State Conf in the morning and Kathleen at WHM in the afternoon.

**WHM:** Diane Post is on the program as well as Yvonne Evans, who will recite a Maya Angelou poem. Modeen will play the piano and we will have a group sing of "We are Family." Everyone will bring cookies, bars, cheese or crackers. We will not have a folded program, only a sheet listing restaurants, the program and words of the song. Kathleen Abernathy will update the program. Board members will bring their own lunches. Roberts will tell UU that we need 8 tables set up.

**Budget:** We receive \$30-\$40 monthly from NOW. Everybody will put in their budget needs for the next Board meeting. This includes programs, church, newsletter, URL, historian, Conference fees, coffee expenses and misc. donations.

We will send \$50 to Olga, Prof at Estrella Community College for sending students to attend a March Conference on feminism. To check on the conference, go to feminist campus.com

It is **proposed** that at NOW membership meetings we each bring a sack lunch and have a social component before the meeting

**Program:** March—Michelle Tellez, April and May are open. June program we will meet at **Benevilla**, eat in their restaurant and have our meeting in their conference room. A tour of the facility will be provided. We will discuss ideas for next year's WHM program.

**Betty Roberts, Recorder**

### **NOW Member Mtg Feb 4, 2014**

Joan Carlson presented the documentary play, SEVEN about the lives of 7 women who experienced horrific violence in their countries. With the help of Vital Voices (a non-profit organization), these women have become leaders in their countries where they work to help protect women from violence. **TSmith, Editor**

### **NOW SC/WV Board**

**Chapter Coordinator:** Carolyn Modeen 972-6273  
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**Cultural Diversity Coordinator:** Joan Carlson  
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