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# 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 Apr 1, 2015, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Our presentation will be the movie: *After Tiller* (88 minutes). The movie paints a complex, compassionate portrait of these physicians who have become the new number-one targets of the anti-abortion movement. A discussion will follow the movie. The public is welcome.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Apr 8 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg

Host: Carolyn Modeen's Apt (#321 R.O.)

Apr 8 Wed appx 2:30 PM - After Brd Mtg

Demonstrate @ Rep Trent Frank's Offc

Call Carolyn Modeen 623-972-6273

April 9, 2015 Th 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Sheraton Hotel in Phoenix

Planned Parenthood Luncheon (tkr \$100)

June 19 – 21

Natl NOW Conference

Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA

## NOW Action

April 8 (Wed) our chapter will go to Rep Trent Franks office to demonstrate our support for HR 6411 The Financial Transaction Tax. Better known as the Robin Hood Tax, the Inclusive Prosperity Tax amends the Internal Revenue Code to create a tiny sales tax on Wall Street speculation. It applies to stock market trades in stocks, bonds, securities, currencies and derivatives.

This tax would reduce the power of Wall Street, help stabilize stock markets, slow down speculative trading and produce jobs. \$350 billion estimated revenue. Proceeds are intended to go to human needs programs. Time for this: Our board meets at 1:30PM. Call 623-972-6273 (Carolyn Modeen) as the board meets, to get the exact time we will go to our Reps office. **CModeen**

## 20 Years Later

Celebrating 20 years since the historic UN conference on women in Beijing. The UN Foundation leaders are celebrating with a luncheon featuring US Deputy Secretary of State Heather Higginbottom, former President of Malawi Joyce Banda, and Grammy Award-winning violinist Miri Ben-Ari. Additionally, they are writing about the world they picture for girls and women in 2030, and how to achieve it.

May 3, 2015: a curtain raiser press conference as the 59th Commission on the Status of Women meets to assess global progress for women 20 years after Beijing.

4\30\15 International Women's Day March for Gender Equality and Women's Rights. **CModeen**

## Storytelling at Women's History Month

Elizabeth Hudson Smith, entrepreneur in early Wickenburg, and Sojourner Truth in early America, were portrayed, while Stagecoach Mary gave us moments of humor as our storytellers wrapped us into their stories. We begin the pleasant task of interviewing graduates from Dysart High School, as they prepare to enter the world of higher education. Thanks to the 69 people in attendance, and now that the AZ legislature is giving NO state money to Community Colleges, and

their boards of regents are raising fees, our money is needed more than ever. CModeen

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### **NOW Board Mtg Mar 11, 2015**

We have 31 people signed up to attend WHM and 9 for the conference. Ken Saunders will be our sound person. Food: gluten free muffins, banana bread, RO cookies, etc.

**State NOW:** Sheila Ogea and Tanya Norwood are running for State Chair.

**Budget** requests: \$300 programs; \$200 attend conferences; \$30 URL; \$100 to UU Church (This year \$50 will be paid by State NOW). We will keep a minimum balance of \$800.

**Nominating Committee:** We will ask Joan Carlson and Mary Smiley. We need a co-coordinator. If asked, Anita Erwin will stay as Treasurer, Vivian Wood as Herstorian. Maybe Diane Post will be our Legislative Chair.

**ERA is coming alive again.** **Betty Roberts, Rec**

### **NOW Member Mtg Mar 4, 2015**

There will be a LWV program 9:30 am, 26 March at Dysart Unified School District on "Election Protection." Our guest speaker was Michelle Tellez from NAU. She discussed her perspective on the recent waves of international violence toward women and the issues of violence along our borders here at home. **BRoberts**

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

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