

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 May 6, 2015, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Our speaker will be Dr. Rebecca Allison, Phoenix cardiologist. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 13 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg

Host: Carolyn Modeen

June 3 Wed 11:30 AM

Member Mtg at Benevilla

16752 N Greasewood St, Surprise

June 19 – 21

Natl NOW Conference

Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA

Speaker for May Meeting

Dr. Rebecca Allison has practiced cardiology in Phoenix for 21 years. She is the former Section Head of Cardiology for the Cigna Medical Group, and now practices with Heart and Vascular Center of Arizona. She has been voted one of the Valley's "Top Doctors" in several annual Phoenix Magazine surveys.

Dr. Allison is a past president of the Board of Directors of GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality. Her special interest is support and education for transgender persons, and her website features resources helpful for such support, including the story of her personal transition experience in 1993. For seven years, Dr. Allison co-produced the Arizona Day of

Remembrance, honoring the memory of transgender persons killed in the past year. Kathleen Abernathy Prog

June Membership Mtg

June is brainstorming month. Traditionally we creatively tackle Women's History Month for March the following year. This year we will add to that by visualizing programs for our monthly meetings. Date: Wed June 3; Place: Benevilla Bert's Bistro, 16752 N Greasewood St, Surprise (behind Rio Salado College) Time: 11:30 AM. Tour of the nursery and adult day care, followed by lunch in the Bistro. A meeting room has been reserved for us following that. CModeen

SC NOW History #10 SCRAPBOOKS (Cont'd.)

The next several volumes of the Scrapbooks had considerable overlap with regard to the dates of the items included. Starting with Volume 6 (1999-2001), each Scrapbook encompassed items from a limited number of years, usually two to four.

As the Scrapbooks show, the number and variety of activities the Chapter engaged in, as well as the level of enthusiasm, fluctuated over the years. In 1980, when the Chapter was formed, the founding group attacked all kinds of issues with gusto.

Ann Timmer, Miriam Cafferty, Anna Rudner and other founding members seemed to be everywhere touting reproductive rights, pay equity, voting rights and most of all, passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). A founding member, Evelyn Philips, now of advanced age, was asked recently about her involvement in the early days of the Chapter. Her biggest regret, she said, was that they had not been able to get the ERA ratified.

Toward the end of the eighties, as the early members began to develop health problems, died, or moved away to be nearer to children, the Chapter became less active. Lively ones, such as Thorpe Tucker, Emma Patterson, Anna Rudner, Miner Patton and Miriam Cafferty, were much missed when they died. Mildred Engleberg moved back East.

Around 1990, a new group of younger activists moved to the community and became active in NOW. Among them were Betty Roberts, Mary and Hank Warren, Lee Ormsbee, Vivian Wood, Claire Randall, and Jackie Lindfors. Helen Perkins and Marilyn Schulze moved to the Sun Cities and joined their sister, Ann Timmer, as active members of NOW. Carolyn Modeen had come earlier. Susan Cho and Shirley Patterson were part of this group for a while before they moved to Albuquerque.

Mary Warren took the lead in organizing and presenting the 1995 Women's History Month production of "Teacups and Triumphs: Women's Search for Peace". This was the first of several fairly elaborate productions in which this new generation of activists took part. Remembered as the highlight of these Women's History Month thespian efforts was "Voila la Femme" in 2000. This cabaret-style show was more fun than education.

This younger group was well represented in marches in Phoenix and Washington, D.C., in support of causes important to NOW. They participated in the March Against Poverty and Violence in 2000 and the March for Women's Lives in 2004, both in Washington, as well as numerous others such as Mothers Against Guns. Several Chapter members participated in the Rainbow Rally for Affirmative Action in San Francisco in 1996.

By 2014, two members of this generation of NOW members—Claire Randall and Jackie Lindfors—had died, several had moved away from the Sun Cities, and several of the others had health problems. This is reflected in the Scrapbooks: instead of Women's History productions in which NOW members perform, the Chapter uses outside speakers or performers.

Carolyn Modeen, Kathleen Abernathy, formerly of the Phoenix Chapter, Joan Carlson, Teresa Smith and others provide continuity as we move forward in 2015. A new generation of leaders includes Jodie Lawrosky, who served as Chapter Coordinator in 2010-2012; Connie Hupperts who has served as Legislative Coordinator, and Anita Erwin, Treasurer. An active, vibrant NOW Chapter continues to be needed. Vivian Wood

NOW Action

April 8 our chapter went 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 is the estimated revenue. Proceeds are intended to go to human needs programs.

Carolyn Modeen

Boycott Koch Products

Brawney	Vanity Fair/Zee
Sparkle	American Greetings
Dixie	Soft and Gentle
Lycra	Stain Master
Angel Soft	Invista

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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. 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. Carolyn Modeen

AZ 2015 legislative session is now over, with the ashes that have been left behind them. Yes, more restrictions on women's choice. Yes, more give aways to corporations, helicopter friends, the House of Representatives (not once but twice) for remodeling (including possibly adding showers). Money taken away from the Child Protection Agency, for child care, for students K-12 and community colleges and universities. Short of burning ourselves at the stake, or flying a gyroscope onto the state capitol, what can we DO? Carolyn Modeen

NOW Board Mtg Apr 8, 2015

Meeting at Modeen's house, Modeen presiding. Present: Modeen, Ormsbee, Schulze, Hupperts, Erwin, Roberts. **June meeting** will be at Benevilla, 16752 N

Greasewood St, Surprise (behind Rio Salado College).

Program is brainstorming on next year's WHM. Meet there at 11:30, tour, lunch at 12, then a meeting.

Nominating Committee: Kathleen Abernathy will take Membership; Program—Schulze; We'll ask Linda Kellerman to be Action.

Party: On the 25 April, there will be a birthday party at Marilyn Schulze house for Hellen Perkins' and Ann Timmer's birthdays. It will be tea & crumpets.

Treasurer's report: \$135.36 is the balance for the State Conference. Women's History Month, gross \$865; expenses \$120; net \$745.

Scholarship: \$880, plus \$100 for memorial to Jackie Lindfors. Total=\$980

Golden Apple: Possible recipients –Kathy Hobbs or Lila Austin both AZ Senators. **Betty Roberts, Rec**

NOW Member Mtg Apr 1, 2015

Carolyn Modeen presiding. Governor Ducie has an abortion bill restricting hospitals. Also physicians must tell patient that after the first pill, it can be reversed (false).

NOW supports a small tax on Wall Street transactions. It would raise 350 million for human needs. We will present a letter to Trent Frank's office after Board Meeting next week.

WHM: 69 people attended. We will pay \$100 to the UU Church--\$50 of it coming from NOW State for the Conference. We will give a \$1000 scholarship for books and fees.

Program: The film “After Tiller” was shown.

May meeting: Dr. Rebecca Allison, Phoenix cardiologist, will speak. She is a past president of the Board of Directors of GLMA - Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality. **Betty Roberts, Rec**

A new Board for our Chapter will soon be installed. The new Officers are:

Chair	Carolyn Modeen
Treasurer	Anita Erwin
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Membership	Kathleen Abernathy
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Action	Linda Kellerman
Newsletter	Teresa Smith
State NOW liaison	Connie Hupperts
Program	Marilyn Schulze
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NOW SC/WV Board

Chapter Coordinator: Carolyn Modeen 972-6273
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