

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 Nov 4, 2015, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Ann Friedenreich, MSW & Hospice Social Worker, together with a panel of experts, will discuss issues involving before & after death (of a spouse). Her presentation is entitled *Don't Be Left Holding The Bag* and will offer strategies for navigating the stresses of becoming widowed. The public is welcome.

Legislative Report

Dianne Post, our lobbyist for NOW at the AZ state legislature, sends this message: From 2009 to 2014, AZ State, through the courts, heard 57 charges of harassment, discrimination and retaliation in the workplace. The settlements to these women cost the state more than \$6 million. Four of the nine of ASU settlements cost the state more than \$100,000 each, excluding legal costs. Guards in the Department of Correction also were among the cases. **CModeen**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 11 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg

Host: Kathleen Abernathy

ERA & AZ State NOW

Connie Hupperts reports that one of the colleges (& student Rebecca Bell) is fired up to work on the ERA and our NOW group will work on behalf of this effort with them. Before they meet again with the instructor to this group, it is crucial to find a Republican legislator who will sponsor this bill, so probes are to be made, to seek this person out. Discussion included ERA day at the capitol. The school and our state board will meet together again in November. **CModeen**

Join Natl NOW by webinar on Nov 7 & 8

This is notice that the Fall 2015 National NOW Board Meeting will be held on Nov. 7 & 8, 2015. The meeting will be held via webinar, starting each day at 12:00PM ET, with an hour break each two hours, until 8:00PM ET

To register for the meeting

visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8428299056150042113d> **CModeen**

NOW Board Mtg Oct 14, 2015

Meeting was at Modeen's apartment, Modeen presided.
Treasurer: Erwin \$1175.22

Program: Discussed November through February. Logistics for the November panel, *Don't Get Left Holding the Bag*, finalized.

Membership: Abernathy spoke of personal touches re the three lovely women who were at our celebration of 35 years as a chapter.

Women's History Month: Vivian, who maintains ties with women marines, will explore if a marine would be available to speak about women in the marines and in the service. Families from Luke come to the UU church,

Movie

The premiere of the movie, Suffragists, which AZ State NOW announced, was attended from our chapter by Connie Hupperts and Anita Erwin. This movie, soon to be shown in all theaters about the suffrage movement in England, is worth watching for all of us. **CModeen**

so some of the women from there are also a possibility. Also, if women through Ann Friedenreich who have a cultural background of color, would be interested to tell stories of strong women in their culture.

Board meeting in November: Kathleen Abernathy.
Carolyn Modeen, acting scribe

NOW Member Mtg Oct 7, 2015

Carolyn Modeen presided. Several members & 3 visitors attended. The mtg started with the annual lunch provided by the NOW Board (sandwiches, salad, cookies, root beer floats).

Program: Member Vivian Wood distributed copies of her book *Those Feisty Ol' Gals 1980 – 2015* describing the history of our SC/WV NOW Chapter. She gave us a fun history quiz of 25 questions to test our knowledge of our National & local NOW Chapter. In addition she displayed a beautiful collection of photos covering the Chapter history – all this to celebrate our Chapter's 35th Anniversary. Special mention was made for our own Ann Timmer, the first president of our chapter.

Karen VanHooft, State NOW Secretary, shared information about her attendance at the National NOW Conference held in June in New Orleans. Karen told us that NOW updated its mission statement. Ginny-Lee Richardson discussed her attendance at the same conference. She admits being a devotee of these events, having attended numerous conferences over the years. Many of our members past & current were praised for their participation in NOW causes, some dating back to the founding of NOW in 1966, when Ginny-Lee Richardson and Kathleen Abernathy spoke of going to Utah and to Oklahoma to seek support for ratifying the ERA Amendment. **TSmith & CModeen**

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