

SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY NOW

National Organization for Women
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<http://aznow-scwv.org>
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NOW's Purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

Membership Mtg

NOW will meet on **Wed Mar 2, 2016, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Joan Carlson will show the film *Real Women Have Curves*. It runs for 88 minutes, is in English, & uses subtitles when Spanish is occasionally spoken. It shows the differences in the culture & expectations of the main character & her neighborhood compared to that of wealthy people living in Beverly Hills. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 9 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

Mar 19 Sat 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Women's History Month Event
UU Church
17540 N Ave of the Arts, Surprise
Tickets: \$15 (see Anita Erwin)

Apr 8 Fri 11:30 to 2:30 PM

Planned Parenthood Luncheon
Biltmore in Phx
Tickets: \$50 (see Betty Roberts)

About the Film

America Ferrera plays a young Hispanic girl (Ana) who is bright and motivated to succeed. She has managed to get into Beverly Hills High School even tho she lives in East LA. She takes 2 buses each day to get to school. Her teacher has encouraged her to apply to colleges because he sees her potential. She does not think she can go since her family has no money & her mother expects her to work in the family factory after graduation from high school. Her mother started working at 13 &

expects Ana to follow in her footsteps & eventually get married. Thanks to the encouragement of her teacher, Ana wins a four year scholarship to Columbia University but still has difficulty convincing her family to let her go. The movie demonstrates the difficulty this young girl has in fulfilling her dream & finding her own path since culturally her family is against it. **JCarlson**

NOW Sun Cities/West Valley Chapter presents their annual **Women's History Month Event.**

Title: The Sky's the Limit - Generations of Women Get Their Wings

Date: March 19, 2016 2pm-4pm

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church (UU Church)
17540 N. Avenue of the Arts (North of Bell Rd.)
Surprise, AZ 85374

Tickets: \$15 each. For tickets, send check (made out to SCWV NOW) to Reservations, 5734 W Evergreen Rd, Glendale, AZ 85302. For information, contact **Anita Erwin** (623) 810-2446: email alerwin@q.com

Refreshments will be served, following the presentation.

Speaker: Dawn Hokaj (USAF Captain who is currently serving in the Reserves)

Dawn is a veteran of the US Air Force and a former F-16 pilot. She now works part-time as a contractor for NASA, where she is a mission planner/navigator for two of their research aircraft.

Dawn will be talking about her path to becoming a pilot, as well as her steps to her present job as a contractor with NASA. She will discuss the advantages and challenges of being a woman in the Air Force, as well as how the future looks for women in the services and at NASA.

Additionally, our own **Vivian Wood** (U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant during World War II) will be making a presentation on pioneer women in aviation (military and non-military).

Proceeds from our Women's History Month go to a scholarship for a graduating female senior at Dysart High School and other worthy pro-women causes.

JLawrosky

Announcement of Second Annual Floating Feminist Cruise Nov 13, 2016.

Sponsored by Greater Orlando NOW. Starts at \$929 per person or with BOG1/2 is \$697pp

Plus \$100pp port taxes

The Grand Ship "Oasis of the Seas", largest cruise ship on the planet, (youtube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch1QhHZCf9Q> by Royal Caribbean, departs Port Canaveral, Florida (Fly into Orlando) on November 13, 2016, return the 20th, for a 7 night cruise in the Eastern Caribbean. Consider the joy of no cooking, cleaning, or snow for 7 days! We will visit the Bahamas, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. Call Judy at 407-921-8999 for reservations

<http://www.greaterorlandonow.org/cruise2015.htm>

NOW Board Mtg Feb 10, 2016

NOW Member Mtg Feb 3, 2016

Nancy Ash, speaker. Subject: Trafficking (mainly, but not exclusively, women). This is a 99Billion dollar industry In Atlanta, Georgia, \$290M.

Phoenix is a major area because of its geographic location, its transportation system, and the major sports and conventions. The American Indian population is especially vulnerable because of the high poverty level, the alcoholism, and the drugs. Tribal laws do not align with Federal or State laws; realizing this, remedies are being sought.

Massage parlors are usually fronts for prostitution and are in our neighborhoods: Sun City West on Camino del Sol and Sun City near 99th and Bell.

If this sexual activity is with anyone under the age of 18, it is automatically labeled Trafficking. The computer activity of pornographic sites is usually where customers & victims get their start. At the age of ten or eleven, children go on line with their smart phones. 80% of those involved in this have been abused themselves, at home.

How to tell if involved in prostitution or trafficking:

1. younger Fe with older M. 2. Body trauma 3. Many body tattoos--some johns have even tattooed bar codes.

Hot line phone number to report suspicions: 888-3737-888

Other ways to help: Volunteer in safe houses. Bake cookies for Mercies New (Nancy Ash) to take to prostitution houses to gain rapport there. Only 1% of the trafficking victims are rescued.

Other items: Hupperts reports the **documentary** of women in prison is now complete and hopefully we can view it during the four days that PJ is in town.

Roberts reports the annual luncheon at **Planned Parenthood** is April 8. If NOW gets at least 10 to go, tickets are \$50.00. (student rate!) **CModeen**

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