

SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

NOW

National Organization for Women
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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 May 4, 2016, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. "How Women Are Portrayed in the Media" is the topic for discussion. The film, "Miss Representation" will be screened, followed by discussion. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 11 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

June 1 Wed 12:00 noon

Next Member Mtg
Hosted by: Kathleen Abernathy
Members bring salad to share
Bring reasons we need the ERA

Planned Parenthood Lunch April 8

The table for NOW at the Biltmore was placed in the second row behind the speaker's stand. After Representative Kirsten Sinema opened the program from the stage, as she was returning to the floor, she walked by our table and gave us her hugs.

Planned Parenthood continues with reproductive information for young women and men, and is now including three young women on their board. Their speeches were informed, enthusiastic, and delivered with poise. The main speaker, actress Blythe Danner (mother of Gwyneth Paltrow), who has a background of activism for Planned Parenthood, gave us inspiration (told with humor)—there are more members of Planned

Parenthood than in NRA!! **CModeen**

Interesting Info About Alexander Hamilton

As we know, there has been much discussion about putting a woman (or women) on our US currency. Initially US Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew intended to replace Alexander Hamilton with a woman (then yet to be decided) on the front of the \$10 bill. However the popular Broadway musical *Hamilton* (plus the fact that Hamilton was the first Secretary of the Treasury) convinced Sec Lew to leave the front of the \$10 bill alone & instead place Harriet Tubman on the front of the \$20 (probably sometime after 2020). But it is curious that Alexander Hamilton, in these populist times, is arousing such passionate defense. Maybe more awareness of his real character should be spread. He wanted to be "in" & he achieved his goal by marrying Elizabeth Schuyler, the daughter of a Van Rensselaer (connecting him to two prominent families). Elizabeth saved Hamilton's political career after he admitted his two-year affair with Maria Reynolds & his paying hush money to Reynold's husband. Elizabeth stood by her husband, as have so many political wives, vouching for his character. Without her, he would not have survived politically.

But his greatest sin was leaving his wife & seven surviving children penniless. He knew the risk of dueling with Aaron Burr yet he dueled anyway & lost. In Hamilton's farewell letter to his wife, he worried about his masculinity if he did not duel. So instead he left his family in poverty. Elizabeth's friends raised some money to help with her support, even as she toiled for the rest of her life to burnish her husband's reputation. She bought up endless reprints of his confession of his affair. At the same time, Elizabeth helped establish an orphanage that still benefits the children of New York & is known today as the Graham Windham welfare organization.

Some would argue that Elizabeth might belong on the front of the \$10 & relegate her husband to the back of the bill. Reprinted from the NY Times

includes Marge Mead, Pat Matthews and Lenore Gaudin. CModeen

NOW Board Mtg Apr 13, 2016

Treasure Report: After expenses, \$865 was netted for the scholarship. Because we have a balance of \$2,005.10, we can finance the \$1000 scholarship. Erwin, Hupperts, and Lawrosky will interview students per their contact with the school counselor.

AZ State NOW Conference: Hupperts will spearhead a car pooling to it. This is to be sent out to all our members.

Nominating Committee: Lawrosky has contacted almost all officers for next year.

Membership: Abernathy will contact national to see if Page is listed as a member at large.

Program: Roberts reporting for Schulze: a DVD will be shown which speaks to women in the media.

June Meeting: Abernathy will host, providing the entree. We are all to bring salads to go with it. Theme: Celebration of Sisterhood. Bring your ideas for next year's WHM. Each one is to bring one reason as to why we need the ERA.

An affirmative decision was reached to sponsor one of the young women from AZ City, as she is a new member, has never been to conference before, and we will be happy to send to AZ State NOW a completed application form, should she ask us for it.

August 26 is celebration of the 19th Amendment, and NOW wishes to be part of the coalition planning for this celebration. CModeen

NOW Member Mtg Apr 6, 2016

Ann Timmer, with sister Helen on one side, and sister Marilyn on the other, presented "Strong Women and the ERA". Ann started with the history of the strong women in her family, her mother and her aunt. Her mother, having five daughters to raise, became the principal of a school in Illinois and a leader in the field of education. Her aunt started women's groups that supported women. When Ann was in Illinois, she became an early activist for Martin Luther King and supporter of the women's movement. In Sun City, she was active in working to get ERA passed, in connection with NOW. The floor was then opened to members to talk about their experiences with ERA and with equal rights. It was good to have input from some members who have not been able to attend meetings for a long time, which

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