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# 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 Nov 2, 2016, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. The Program is *Womb Health = World Health, Why Birth Matters*. Attorney Maria Speth will discuss the current research, ethical considerations, statistics & trends in childbirth. The public is welcome.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 9 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg

Host: Carolyn Modeen

## Why Birth Matters

The Foundation for Living Medicine wants to develop an education curriculum in holistic & state-of-the-art childbirth programs to provide a platform for changing public policy on childbirth.

Today's speaker, Maria Speth, is an attorney, specializing in the areas of intellectual property, internet law, & commercial litigation. As a shareholder at the law firm of Jaburg Wilk, she helps her clients protect their trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, information technology, etc. She received her BA, cum laude, in 1985 from Hofstra University and her JD in 1988. She is the author of two books & numerous articles on the above topics. She is on the Board of Directors of Safe Haven (non-profit community development organization in Phoenix). She is active in chairing committees with the Arizona Bar Association; she is on the US Subcommittee of the Anti-counterfeiting Committee of the International Trademark. In 2000 Ms Speth was voted Best Business Attorney in Arizona; in 2008 she was listed as a Top Lawyer in the AZ Business Magazine.

## Report of Feminist Majority Rally

Anita Erwin, Connie Hupperts, Carolyn Modeen, Betty Roberts reporting on rally: October 12 in a labor hall, downtown Phoenix, women were assembled as to why votes are needed for Hillary Clinton for President and Ann Kirkpatrick for US Senator. Representatives from students on campus, labor unions, NARAL, Planned Parenthood, NOW, Dreamers, Feminist Majority, gave inspiring synopsis of why we need these women in office. It was being broadcast by a TV station.

**Carolyn Modeen**

## NOW Board Mtg October 12, 2016

Following the rally for Hillary Clinton and Ann Kirkpatrick in downtown Phoenix and lunch at the Fair Trade Cafe, the board met at 1:30 PM.

**Name tags:** After November members are back and name tags are ordered if requested, the shipment will be sent from CA.

**November Program:** The title, *Birth Matters*, was a matter of discussion as to its possible misleading title. Marilyn is inquiring further so that there could be perhaps a more accurate title.

For the **web page**, April 13, 2017 is the date for the Planned Parenthood luncheon (note: Jodie).

**Women's History Month** was discussed. The consensus had been at our May meeting at Kathy Abernathy's home, that we wanted the ERA to be the topic. "Why ERA Matters" could be presented any Saturday in March except the 3rd Saturday. Betty will work with the church office to see what dates they might already have reserved.

Perhaps a presentation by the LWV could be given about their founder, Carrie Chapman Catt--and Emma Smith DeVoe (which no one had heard of). Hopefully Kathleen Abernathy, when she returns, will join with

Anita Erwin to work up a skit to put on at our November Board meeting. The Alice Paul institute may have speakers we could draw upon. Betty suggests a sing-a-long with feminist songs. **CModeen, scribe**

### **NOW Member Mtg October 5, 2016**

We feasted on a fine selection of desserts, to celebrate the opening of our season for our chapter. We also happily celebrated one new member and three visitors.

**Luci Scott** brought news from State NOW:

- The website for the state had 1000 hits for August.
- AZ State NOW Treasury has \$11,000
- A request was sent to National NOW to decommission the Phoenix chapter due to irregularities in process. A new chapter is being formed, with Victoria Steele as the new president.
- After the election, begins a big and sustained push to get ERA ratified into the US constitution.

**Actions:** The celebration August 26 at Central High School in Phoenix to honor the women suffragists who achieved the right to vote 96 years ago, was a big and inclusive success, with 400 women in attendance.

**NOW action rally** with Planned Parenthood and others on Wednesday Oct 12 to get out voters for Clinton & Kirkpatrick.

**Letter writing campaign** to County Commissioners re shackling women during labor (while in jail)--in protest to Sheriff Arpaio.

**Program: Marilyn Schulze and Ginny-Lee**

**Richardson** gave us a "picture" of the 50th anniversary celebration of NOW, held in Washington DC in the summer 2016.

The **discussion** that followed noting discrimination in the media of the first woman running for office of President, was spirited. **CModeen, scribe**

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

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