

# SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

# NOW

National Organization for Women  
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<http://www.now.org>

**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 Feb 1, 2017, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Joan Carlson, NOW Diversity Chair, will present the movie, *My Left Foot*. It is the story of Christy Brown who could only use his left foot because of the effects of cerebral palsy. The film demonstrates the problems of the severely disabled and how it was possible for Mr. Brown to become a writer despite his limitations. The public is welcome.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 8 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg  
Host: Carolyn Modeen

January 21, 2017 Sat 10 AM

Women's March on Washington, DC  
Women's March Tucson  
[www.womensmarch.com](http://www.womensmarch.com)

March 25, 2017 Sat

Women's History Month Presentation  
UU Church

May 12 & 13 Fri & Sat

AZ State NOW Conference

### Take Action to Ratify ERA

***In an effort to make a difference in Arizona, AZ NOW wants to encourage our members and friends to become more actively involved in our community and state government by educating them about what our legislators are doing. Following is an important issue!***

### **Message from Dianne Post, AZ NOW Legislative Chair:**

**HCR2012-** ratification of ERA in House - not assigned. Need letters, phone calls, emails to Speaker of the House:

J.D. Mesnard (R), District 17  
(Chandler, Gilbert, Sun Lakes)  
602-926-4481, [JMESNARD@azleg.gov](mailto:JMESNARD@azleg.gov),  
Arizona State Capitol, J.D. Mesnard,  
Room 223, 1700 W. Washington,  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Action:** Assign HCR2012 (ERA) to the government committee immediately so that it can be heard (more favorable than judiciary).

**SCR1003-** ratification of ERA in Senate - assigned to government unfortunately chaired by John Kavanagh.

Write to Senator Kavanagh (R) asking him to schedule it for a hearing. District 23 (Fountain Hills), 602-926-5170,

[JKAVANAGH@azleg.gov](mailto:JKAVANAGH@azleg.gov), Room 300,  
1700 W Washington, AZ 85007

## Bills up for hearing week of January 23, 2017:

HCR 2004	Repeal clean elections	Oppose, House Appropriations, hearing on 1/25
HB2121	Prohibited acts re immigration, requiring cities to cooperate with homeland security and cops	Oppose, Assigned to House FPR & PP, hearing on 1/24
HB2268	Must submit sexual assault evidence kits in 15 days, annual reporting on rape kits	Support, House Judiciary and public safety, hearing on 1/25/17
SB1051	Aggressive soliciting illegal, Kavanaugh	Oppose Assigned to Senate judiciary, hearing on 1/26
SB1108	Cash assistance to children allowed if living with unrelated adult and in DCS care	Support, Senate Health Human Services - hearing on 1/25

### Request to Speak

- If you are signed up for "request to speak" you can make your voice heard on any bill that is on the agenda!! If you are signed up, here's the link <https://apps.azleg.gov/Account/SignOn?ReturnUrl=%2fRequestToSpeak> . If you are not, then make a trip to 1700 W. Washington St. in Phoenix and sign up!

### Woman's March Jan 21 Phoenix

Ten of us were happy to be in the throngs of people in the Women's March on Saturday. Marilyn Schulze's son was a huge help in getting parking places, walkers and chairs. Mary Smiley and I perched on our chairs across from the Capitol and held our large Sun Cities West Valley NOW sign. Mary's daughter

had knitted two Pussy Pink hats for us to wear and we are now on many photos across the Valley. It was a festive crowd, with good signs and many Pussy hats. With something of this enormity, we were in unity—we are not alone. **Carolyn Modeen**  
In addition, four of us from SCW attended the rally. We tried to find the other NOW members but were unsuccessful due to the size of the crowd. We did run into Diane Post & one of her friends & they couldn't find the NOW group either. Unfortunately the PA system was grossly inadequate for the size of the crowd but that did not dampen the high spirits. We laughed at the many funny & truthful signs; we had our picture taken with a trump imitator – a very believable mask on wearing another funny sign. We added to our adventure by riding the light rail & having lunch afterwards at Pane Bianco (apparently a well-known spot with fabulous sandwiches). Best of all were all the friendly marchers we met & talked with who share our concern for our democracy. **Editor**

### NOW Board Mtg Jan 11 2017

**Treasurer**, Erwin: Bank balance \$1139,89.

Consensus to gradually withdraw from Wells Fargo to the Amtrust Bank. Hupperts and Modeen will also sign on the bank card, as also on Wells Fargo.

Giving **stipends** to speakers: If unable to find out if mileage is paid by the sponsoring organization, then check (which will be made out ahead of time) will be made out to the individual speaker--who may then donate it to their organization. A stipend to be given to only one speaker, even if two also attend.

Our chapter will buy prepaid **postage cards** to hand out when each person is to send messages to our elected representatives. Erwin also suggested that a letter be developed and everyone could sign on to it and then it could be sent.

**Feb Program**, Schulze: Carlson's movie is about 1 hour and 45 minutes. It was agreed the movie begin right at 1:00 and the valentine goodies Carlson is bringing will be on the table and to be taken throughout the movie.

Following the movie, Allison Marcinick, CEO of the nonprofit **Arizona Advocacy**, will present how to access the AZ legislature from your home, for those that wish to stay somewhat later. It was agreed to pay her \$25 (speaker) with \$25 to AZ Ad.

**Women's History Month**: Scott will ask Dr. Pamela Steward of ASU Women's Dept, to present her slide show of the Hx of Women. If she is unable to or if Heidi Oscillari is unable to, there will be no WHM this year, for publicity takes lead time.

Scott unable to teach **Twitter** because no Wi-Fi in our apt. Will search the spots where available.

Send out emails to everyone re Women's March at the Capitol in Phoenix 01/21/17 (Saturday 10 AM).

The 19th amendment task force is beginning meetings to plan for August.

**Actions:** 1) Jeff Flake 2nd Wed every month at 2PM PORA building, SCW. 2) Hupperts: local phone calls to elected officials best. 3) Call elected officials' offices to find out when holding town meeting. Mention voters are interested. Ask questions about their vote on (whatever). **CModeen, scribe**

### **NOW Member Mtg Jan 4, 2017**

Meeting at the UU Church. Gabrielle Palmas and her friend, from Women in Aviation International, was informative about the scope of jobs that relate to flying airplanes and were candid about how few women are employed in aerospace and the hurdles women still have to face, to be in the field.

**Group discussion** followed (the speakers stayed). Led by Kathleen Abernathy and Luci Scott, these questions went around the room: 1) What are your feelings following the past election? 2) What are the actions we might be doing to help the woman's cause?

After a great discussion, stationery and envelopes were handed out for each of us to write House Speaker Paul Ryan to keep the Affordable Care Act until something is formed to replace it (or any other topic of your choosing).

**Women's March in Phoenix** (& Washington DC & around the globe) Saturday January 21 at 10:00 at the State Capitol. Take chairs, if standing is not your thing. In addition to NOW members, **ten visitors**, eager for action, were present. **CModeen, scribe**

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

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