

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 Apr 5, 2017, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. The speaker will be Letha Martin from Eve's Place (domestic violence shelter). She will share information on providing innovative empowerment for victims of domestic violence & teen dating abuse. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 12 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

April 13 Thurs

Planned Parenthood Luncheon
Biltmore, Phx

April 18 Tues

AZ State NOW mtg
Casa Grande

May 12 & 13 Fri & Sat

AZ State NOW Conference

June 30 to July 2, 2017 (Fri, Sat, Sun)

National NOW Conference
Florida Hotel Conference Center
Orlando, Florida

Women's History Month Event

The presentation by ASU Professor Dr Pamela Stewart covered a survey of women of the 60's and 70's. Her talk was informative and inspiring and allowed us all to recall the courage and importance of amazing women during that time. The day was enjoyed by about 100 attendees. Afterwards, we completed our celebration with root beer floats and cookies.

National NOW Conference

AZ NOW is offering one scholarship to a first time conference attendee from AZ. The Conference is scheduled for June 30 in Orlando Florida.

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NOW Launches New National Action Program

The following is from the email sent out from National NOW: Focus on

END THE SEX ABUSE TO PRISON PIPELINE
RATIFY THE ERA

MOBILIZE FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

ADVANCE VOTING RIGHTS

PROTECT IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

On MOBILIZE FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE, tools to be used are Op Ed articles, letters to the editor, phone calls and emails + twitter to elected reps, Facebook

Oppose repeal of the Affordable Care Act unless the replacement includes:

retain preexisting conditions, lifetime coverage, sufficient market competition and improvements such as the Each Woman Act HR 771 which states: Respects that every woman should be able to make her own decisions about pregnancy. Prohibits political interferences with decisions of private health insurance companies to offer coverage for abortion care.

CModeen

NOW Board Mtg Mar 8. 2017

Women in Blue report: Connie Hupperts and Anita Erwin were at the capitol this morning but said staying all day would have been better, for Planned Parenthood was having a big showing at 1:00PM.

Treasurer, Erwin: The bank account is now transferred from Wells Fargo to Amtrust, with \$939.89 in the account.

Women's History Month: Erwin to buy root beer, ice cream (Modeen the sugar free cookies and ice cream), cookies, straws, spoons, cups. Schulze the napkins and table cloths and decorations.

Music: Erwin to bring her collection of CDs (music from the 60s and 70s); Roberts will contact Ken Saunders for sound (for speaker and for music) Screen etc. in sanctuary--pending.

Welcoming speech, Modeen; introduction to Dr Stewart, Scott.

Planned Parenthood Luncheon: Set for Thurs April 13 at the Biltmore; Roberts working on it.

Letter to Donald Trump, signed by several organizations: states our goals—1) Creating Workplaces that Work for Women and their families 2) Securing quality health care and reproductive rights for women 3) Ensuring income security for all families 4) Addressing Violence and Mass incarceration 5) Building a Quality, Affordable and Equitable Education System 6) Securing Women's equality Under Law.

Will buy a few **bumper stickers** the Tucson chapter is creating.

April Program: Eve's Place speaker

Scholarship group: Erwin, Abernathy (?), Lawrosky (?) Discussed **letter** from Smith from a new visitor. We must remember to introduce guests at the meetings, and ask them their interest in women's issues.

State NOW mtg: April 18 in Casa Grande. CModeen

NOW Member Mtg Mar 1, 2017

Addiction counselor, shelter team leader, Nichole Rogers of Lifewell spoke about the Maricopa County AHCCS program sponsoring the 90 day shelter that has 53 beds and can include children with their moms. They receive counseling, both individual and group. They then enter transitional housing for two years, and the program of helping each individual continues. While at Lifewell they are divided into groups of 10 to 12, and each group takes turns in cooking and keeping the kitchen clean. Of interest: some arrive in need of learning the basics of hygiene, of grooming, of human politeness.

Marilyn Schulze presented to them diapers and socks for use in the shelter.

Women's History Month was then discussed, and the flyers and posters that Joan Carlson made were distributed.

Sharon Hill told about Boot Camp, where she learned from speakers such as Mayor Stanton of Phoenix and Senator Quesada of AZ legislature about effective

ways of contacting our elected officials. Observing their meetings is the best, plus running for school board and other offices. Sharon can be contacted at describellc@gmail.com for further information.

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