

SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

NOW

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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 Oct 4, 2017**, at 1:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. We will discuss actions taken over the summer & future plans. As Carolyn Modeen (Chapter Chair) says: Let us enjoy our summer of individual actions over coffee, tea, & conversation. Summit? Planned Parenthood? Trump demonstration? 19th amendment? Oh my-- what a summer. Then Jodie Lawrosky will tell of her concerns about women, her thoughts that arose when a high school student requested information through our web site. We will have plenty of time to respond to her concerns & to raise our own. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 11 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

Oct 9, 16, & 23 @ 7 PM

UU Church, Surprise
Book Discussion led by Bonnie Saunders
The Third Reconstruction
See article below

Nov 4 Sat 8:30 AM

We the People Summit Renaissance
Phoenix Convention Center
Tickets thru We the People website (might be \$35)

Book Discussion

NOW members are invited to read a very interesting and extremely relevant book and attend a series of discussions on that book. The book is *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by **The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II**. The topic is the "Moral

Monday" action by the people of NC against racism and voter suppression over the past several years. If you don't know who the Rev. Barber is, google him and listen (or hear him when he appears on various news programs -- listening to him is the closest we can come today to the words and charisma of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On three Mondays in October beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the UU Church in Surprise, I will conduct a series of discussions on this book. On **Oct. 9th**, I will talk about the historical background: [1] the first Reconstruction (1865-1877) and its eventual destruction and [2] the second Reconstruction (the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s) and the backlash to that movement. On **Oct. 16th**, we will discuss the main part of the book, which deals with the actions against voter suppression and racism by the Rev. Barber's movement between 2010 and 2016 -- and how he brought together black and white citizens of NC. On **Oct 23rd**, we will discuss the section at the end of the book, which outlines how **we** can take action in our own communities to fight voter suppression, racism, and other political difficulties.

NOW members are obviously interested in voting rights. In order for you to get some outside ideas of our possible role in improving voting rights, **I urge you to read the book, come to the discussions, and think about what we can do.** The book is available from Amazon for about \$10. I will appreciate it if you will let me know that you are reading this book and whether or not you plan to attend the discussions but that is not absolutely necessary. **Bonnie F. Saunders**, NOW Member and President, LWV/NWMC

We the People Summit Renaissance

At the Phoenix Convention Center, this is follow-up to the June 24 Summit. 30 classes, such as Civic Dialogue 202. Restoring and Defending Voters Rights, Women's

Reproductive. Tickets through We the People website.
Tickets cheaper before October 15. CModeen

Oregon governor signs Reproductive Rights Law

National NOW applauds Oregon Gov Kate Brown for signing a groundbreaking law in August 2017 that guarantees reproductive health services to every Oregonian, at no cost, including abortion, contraception, vasectomies, maternity care, etc regardless of income, citizenship status, or gender identity. This law provides protection in the event Roe v Wade is overturned. NOW describes this as a shining example of what can happen when women are elected to public office and notes our need to elect more feminist champions. CModeen

Really Good News

During the upcoming year, SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) is taking up political gerrymandering – out of the State of Wisconsin. In the last election held Nov 2016, approximately 2 million more people in Wisconsin voted for Dems than for republican Representatives for the US House but the republicans have a significant majority – WHY? Those filing this case claim it is gerrymandering. In Wisconsin, Dems & Repubs are roughly 50 – 50, but the Wisconsin House has the Republicans holding a 65% majority. Up until now, the courts have typically said they do not know how to solve this problem. In an attempt to partly correct this, one person one vote was established. But the problem persists. If the Supreme Court sets new rules for voting districts that are fair & impartial, this could have a far-reaching effect on the Congress (especially the House, which would be good). Arizona has an independent commission that establishes voting districts. Jan Brewer, previous Governor, tried unsuccessfully to block that commission's work. TSmith

Halfway to Overturning Citizens United

In May 2017 Nevada became the 19th state to pass a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's disastrous 2010 Citizens United ruling. This means that the fight to prevent unlimited corporate spending in elections now has the backing of half of the 38 states needed to enact such an amendment after it is approved by two-thirds of both chambers of Congress. This movement is gaining ground across America, & we can only hope that it succeeds. The national non-profit organization Public Citizen, founded in 1971 by Ralph Nader, is strongly promoting this cause. It fights for corporate & government accountability to ensure individual's rights to safe products, a healthy environment & workplace, fair trade, clean & safe energy sources. TSmith

NOW Board Mtg Sept 14, 2017

Treasurer Anita E.: \$1, 225.29. This year's scholarship student is attending ASU, and acknowledges the scholarship money with thanks. Over \$300 from National reflects the number of new members joining NOW.

Membership: Discussion of members who have not paid current dues

Program, Marilyn S: Meeting Oct 4 at 1:00 PM.

Members to bring cookies to go with coffee and tea.

Group discussion to follow: What actions did you take this summer? Further discussion following on paper Jodie Lawrosky wrote to a high school student this past season, about her fears for women (the student had found our web site helpful in her class). Jodie will be moderator.

Further discussions: ERA, WHM suggestions, begin discussions about money raised to go to....

November meeting: Katie Hobbs, running for Secretary of State, to speak about women's issues.

December meeting: Leonore Gaudin to speak about low birth weight babies. We are to bring baby items to give to a shelter that Doreen Royer, friend of Luci Scott, works for.

January meeting: Joan Carlson, diversity: movie *White Like Me*

The board agreed our chapter should be a supporter of public education and sign on to the LWV's list of supporters.

National NOW has asked if chapters would sponsor Cities for CEDAW (our federal lawmakers refuse to adapt the UN resolution to protect women through Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). We could ask Peoria and Glendale for a gender analysis of city operations and programs that address barriers to full equality for women.

NOW State Board, Lucy S. 1) Lobbyist: in process
2) Recommend seeing the movie, *Wind River*, about Indigenous Women
3) National Conference in San Jose, CA--July 6-8, 2018
4) Coming Sept 22 the Billy Jean King movie

Action: Post Cards to mail out. Postage, Anita; personalized cards, Jodie. CModeen

NOW Member Mtg June 7, 2017

About 20 members met at the home of Kathleen Abernathy in Glendale. We shared a delicious lunch and then discussed ideas for our March 2018 Women's History Month event. This was our final gathering for the season. Our next member mtg will be Wed Oct 4 at the UU Church in Surprise. TSmith

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