

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 Dec 6, 2017**, at 1:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Lenore Gaudin will speak on the problem of high maternal death rates in the US compared with other developed countries. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 13 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

Nov 28 7 – 8:30 PM Tues (reg mo mtg)

Desert Progressives
12861 N 8th Ave, Phx
See info below & at azresist.org

Jan 9,10,11 & 16,17,18, 2018 @noon

Theater production about women (tkts: \$7)
Herberger Lunch Time Theater
222 E Monroe, Phx
See info In NOW Oct newsltr

Nov 30 5:30 – 7:00 PM Sat

Consumer Scams & Frauds
UU Church, Surprise
Presented by LWV. Public welcome.

Mar 10, 2018

Women's History Month Presentation
UU Church, Surprise

Desert Progressives

We need your help! For the past month, we've been working with Central Arizonans for a Sustainable Economy (CASE) to register new voters and to get existing voters switched over to the state's convenient vote-by-mail system. Thus far, results have been good;

our members have been responsible for approximately 65 registrations. But we need more! We've set an organizational goal of 250 registrations by the end of the year, and while that may seem like a tall order it's achievable -- but only with your help.

Signing up new voters is a numbers game -- the more "asks" we make, the more registrations we're going to get. (And since we're seeking voters in areas populated by likely progressive voters, the more beneficial we expect our efforts to be.) To this point, however, it's been just a small handful of our members who have hit the parking lots, stores, and parks to find these voters.

If you haven't signed up to participate in one of our twice-weekly registration drives, *please, please, please* consider doing so. Don't worry -- you won't be sent out there alone and unprepared. CASE and Desert Progressives will provide you with the training you need prior to your going out to collect signatures (trust us -- it's not very complicated) at specific, assigned locations. In addition, you'll be working with at least one experienced partner who can help show you the ropes once you're out there.

We'll be discussing voter registration at the monthly Desert Progressives meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Please attend, and why not bring a friend who's been looking for a way to ACT to push back the darkness?
Kathleen Abernathy

Key talking points for Katie Hobbs' supporters

What we need in the Secretary of State's office is someone who will be a champion for voters and is ready to hit the ground running on day one. Katie is that person.

Katie has a track record of leading with results to back it up, both in and out of the legislature.

As a social worker, she helped lead a non-profit organization to become one of the largest domestic

violence shelters in the country, serving thousands of victims and their children each year. If she didn't do her job as the chief compliance officer, the organization would lose funding, have to close beds, and wouldn't be there for women facing a dangerous time in their lives. Katie took this responsibility very seriously and is ready to use this management experience to turn around the mismanagement in the Secretary of State's office.

Katie led Emerge Arizona for 3 and a half years, recruiting and training Democratic women to run for office.

In the legislature, she stood up to an ethically challenged colleague from her own caucus, resulting in his removal from the legislature.

Katie ran for the senate and won (in a landslide) against a 16-year incumbent.

Katie has twice been elected by her peers to lead the Democratic caucus in the Senate.

Katie fought to help pass Medicaid expansion, providing healthcare to hundreds of thousands of Arizonans.

Katie introduced a bill on sexual assault evidence kits that led to the creation of a task force that is solving the rape kit backlog in Arizona.

Katie has led the charge against the relentless GOP attacks on women's healthcare.

Katie has fought against numerous attacks on voter rights, including the ridiculous "ballot harvesting" bill, and bills that undermine our constitutional right to citizen initiative.

As a candidate for Secretary of State, Katie has stood up to the incompetence in the office that is undermining the integrity of our elections.

Katie Hobbs, 602-318-9033; www.katiehobbs.org

Kabul University in Afghanistan graduated their first class on gender and women's issues according to the United Nations Development Program, UNDP. This two year masters course funded by South Korea focused on feminist theories, media, civil society and conflict resolution. 22 graduates, including 7 men, donned caps and gowns. (In 2015, a total of 5132 cases of violence against women were registered. **CModeen**)

TED Talks

Each month, Anita Erwin will feature the TED talk of the month, a focus on women. Jodie Lawrosky, Web Mistress, has placed the TED talks on the home page of our web site. **CModeen**

Central Arizona Shelter

We are supporting Doreen Royer as she volunteers for a homeless shelter, the Central Arizona Shelter, CASS. November and December are dedicated to bringing to our meetings needed men's clothes, sanitary napkins and tampons for women, & reading glasses. Not needed: baby items; toothbrushes and paste because a volunteer dentist brings them as rounds are made. **CModeen**

NOW Board Mtg Nov 8, 2017

Treasurer report Anita: \$1175.29

Membership Kathleen: It was decided that only guests and new members should write in the sign in sheet.

Kathleen also plans to create a membership roster for our members

Program: Marilyn: December Lenore Gaudin will speak about the US low world standing in our post partem health area. Carolyn Modeen will dig further into the ERA—the need in this country.

January: Joan Carlson will show the movie, *White Privilege* and lead in a discussion following that.

Women's History Month: March 10. Sherry Koopot from the Phoenix Art Museum presents: When Who Changed the World. Needed: publicity, technical help for speaker, reservations, and refreshments.

Luci: unable to attend; no State NOW report

Betty: We the People Summit—reported on the workshops Dark Money and Constitutional Convention proposal.

Marilyn: November 30 with LWV hosting Linda Vitale presents the top consumer scams and fraud happening in AZ. UU Church 5:30 to 7:00. We are to provide beverages.

December meeting: bring men's and women's hygiene products, medicine bottle with labels stripped off.

CModeen

NOW Member Mtg Nov 1, 2017

Katie Hobbs, Senate minority leader, presented a comprehensive accounting of Democrats in the state house dealing with abortion legislation, education legislation, harassment of women and other big issues and how she has been able to get some legislation passed by working across the aisle in different ways.

She has had management experience as she worked in the domestic violence shelter, Sojourner, and can carry that forward to being AZ Secretary of State, as she runs for election.

Other topics of the meeting included ERA, domestic violence hot line info, the CASS shelter for homeless (bring men's clothes and women's hygiene items, pill bottle collection for Africa). CModeen

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