

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 Jan 3, 2018**, at 1:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. The topic for discussion is "white privilege." The film *White Like Me* will be shown and discussed. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 10 Wed 1:00 PM
Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

Jan 6 Sat 9:00 to noon
SOS Save Our Schools
State Capitol
Speakers, entertainment, food vendors

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

Jan 20 Sat
Another Women's March
State Capitol

Jan 30 7 – 8:30 PM Tues (reg mo mtg)
Desert Progressives
12861 N 8th Ave, Phx
See info @ azresist.org & Dec 2017 NOW newsltr

Mar 10, 2018 Sat @2:00pm
NOW Women's History Month Presentation
Women Changing the World – Art & Culture
UU Church, Surprise

Save Our Schools

It has been a year since we were at the State Capitol for our demonstrations following the Trump inauguration. This year: Saturday, January 6 (9am-noon). The main focus is on the school vouchers the legislature passed earlier this year. SOS (Save our Schools) is hosting speakers, live music, food trucks, and kids' activities.
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ERA Task Force Arizona

Five of us met on Nov 29. The mission is to ratify the ERA in AZ in 2018.

Organizations - Karen agreed to create an organizations spread sheet with all the organizations that have already indicated they support the ERA. If you know of any such organizations, please send me their name and contact information.

Volunteer - Karen agreed to create a spread sheet with all the people we know who are interested in volunteering and what their particular skills are. If you want to volunteer, please send info to me.

Calendar of events - we are creating a calendar of events both at the capital and not at which we want to be present to table or protest or lobby. If you know of upcoming events we should be at, send to me.

Karen is creating a **Facebook page**, mail chimp, hash tag and twitter - if you want to run the twitter and hash tag account, let me know.

We went through the legislative schedule i.e. when bills can be pre-filed (now), when legislature starts, who has to put the bill into committee and then the committee; who those people are, floor process in both houses, where are the pressure and public input pieces, and who are the necessary targets.

Naturally this will depend on the speaker of the House, president of the senate and committee chairs. So we have to keep watch and remain flexible to move on a dime.

We will focus on getting **Republican support** because we can't pass it without it. Rebecca contacted Coleman who said no. Anissha is meeting with Mesnard next

week. Carol will contact Toni in Yavapai about Karen Fann. If you know of or have connections with any Republican state senators or representatives, please contact them and see if they will co-sponsor the ERA resolution in the House or introduce it in the Senate. I can get you any information you need.

We will have a **media/PR committee** that will meet with editorial boards, do columns/articles such as My Turn, and in Cap Times, and write letters to the editor and/or teach how to do that. Timing is going to depend on introduction etc. If you have media experience and want to take on this job, let me know.

Materials - mostly will be electronic but we do need some hard copy materials and ERA stickers for visibility. We have a draft and the content will be tweaked by the committee and then a format determined. Tammy will add two sections on Stronger Families and Stronger Economy.

National efforts - yes we want to continue to send letters to the Congressional delegation regarding co-sponsoring HR res 53 and S res 5 to remove time limit for ERA.

We need to be **linked up** with the other states that are trying to get passage this year. Karen will contact some group that supposedly is doing that. The other states working on it are Illinois, NC, Fla, VA, UT, and AZ. Money is the last thing. If you have any contacts with money or can get any donated, please do. We don't need a lot but we do need some. We are not an organization at all, and not a registered non-profit one that will allow tax deductions. We will open a bank account with 2 signatures, but we don't have that yet. So please let me know if you have any contacts or access to money to kick us off. **Dianne Post Legislative Coordinator AZ State NOW**

If fascism ever comes to America, it will come wrapped in an American flag carrying a cross. Sinclair Lewis

TED Talks

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

NOW Board Mtg Dec 13, 2017

Women's History Month Saturday March 10, UU church 2:00PM. Sherry Koopot from the Phoenix Art Museum presents: Women Who Changed the World, in Art and Sculpture.

Getting out the word: Sending out a SAVE the DATE now to our chapter members, to our publicity

networking. Roberts and Modeen will post at Women's Studies at ASUW, to Dysart High School and to Peoria High School. Hupperts will post at RISE and possibly other Peoria sites.

Handouts at our January meeting -- generated by Lawrosky and Abernathy.

Next stage: Scott will write a press release. This will be used for sending to radio and TV stations and newspapers; Roberts will send this out to her network. We will revisit the students with posting.

Program in January 2018. Joan Carlson presents the film *White Like Me*. For those with no time limits, Let's Talk still scheduled. Slips of paper will be handed out to everyone to write their thoughts they wish included in the conversation.

State Capitol: Saturday **January 6**, 9:00 to noon. **Save Our Schools SOS** --speakers, entertainment, food vendors.

Saturday January 20 -- We join women around our nation for another **Women's March.** **CModeen**

NOW Member Mtg Dec 6, 2017

Lenore Gaudin, RN, speaker: US newborn and mother fatality in the U.S. compared to other western nations----can be easily remedied if pregnant women would eat more nutritious foods, especially protein. In conclusion, she spoke of her frustrations in trying to get this message to all prenatal women around our country. Empty pill bottles were given to Anita Erwin to get ready to send to Africa. Doreen took our men's clothes and women's hygiene products to the CASS shelter services where she volunteers.

Our Woman's History Month speaker, Sharon Koopot, from the Phoenix Art Museum, will bring her pictures of Women Who Changed the World. Saturday March 10, UU church.

The presentation by Linda Vitale on protecting yourself from scams, and done in connection with LWV, was successful; providing homemade pizza by LWV was a nice addition.

Our Let's Talk discussion about #Me Too (sexual harassment) included the need for ERA passage, because the New York Times wrote that in court rooms in the past, the woman could get no help through the courts. Why? Because without ERA we

were not measured against the constitution, for we had no constitutional protection as being equal. So when the courts used a lesser standard, intermediate or skeptical scrutiny, the female accuser lost her case.

January, Joan Carlson brings the film, *White Like Me*.
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