

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 May 2, 2018, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Krista Watson, the outreach and education coordinator of the EEOC Phoenix District Office, will share information on inequities in pay between women and men and progress being made in Arizona. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 9 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg

Host: Carolyn Modeen

July 6 – 8, 2018 Fri – Sun

National NOW Conference

San Jose CA

Some scholarships – see aznow.org

Equal Rights Amendment

On April 10, 2018 in the AZ House of Representatives, Representative Pamela Powers Hannley tried to get the attention of the speaker pro tem. She stood quietly waiting to be recognized while the speaker covered points of personal privilege, introduced visitors, discussed high school sports, and ignored her. He proceeded to other topics & Hannley furiously banged on her button, waved her arms, & shouted “speaker, speaker.” Not until a man’s voice shouted “point of order” & reminded the speaker he had “forgotten” Hannley did the speaker respond. The speaker said he was not obligated to recognize anyone, but then he did call on Hannley. She asked for a suspension of the rules to hear HCR 2011, the Resolution in favor of ERA. A Republican immediately called for a motion to adjourn. More motions followed. Finally Hannley started out with the ERA being introduced in 1923 & explained its heritage. It was noted that (today) April 10 is Equal Pay Day & statistics were provided on the impact of unequal

pay for women. Meanwhile the floor grew noisy & a barrage of negative comments followed. For example, the National Right to Life opposes the ERA claiming it will impact abortions. Many Republican said women are already equal, that the 14th amendment protects women, that ERA wud harm states’ rights, there is sufficient legislation covering the wage gap issue, that it wud be used to remove restrictions on abortions. Meanwhile Democrats pointed out that Republican Sandra Day O’Connor first introduced the ERA to the state legislature in 1972, that it passed the Senate but failed in the House. An Equal Pay Day press conference had been held that morning with Phx Mayor Greg Stanton & the Phx City Council at City Hall. Numerous speakers stressed that they wanted the ERA to make the world better for their daughters & granddaughters. Reference was made to the inappropriate behavior of Rep Shooter, that the legislature allowed such a culture to develop, a culture that devalues women. Ultimately the motion to adjourn was passed 32 Republicans to 25 Democrats.

The Illinois Senate passed the ERA the next day but it still has to be passed by the Illinois House. If that happens, we’ll have 37 states and need just one more.

In Remembrance of Becky Smith

Becky Smith is a long time member, even after having her first severe stroke about seven years ago. She was one of our youngest members, active when we did actions; contributing to one of our Women’s History Month performances with one of the magazines printed in the early 1900s. She was a retired Marine. CModeen

Phone calls to Legislature needed right now

SB1394 being called to floor to vote: must tell why you request an abortion and if for sexual assault, the doctor must keep some tissue from the fetus. **Carolyn Modeen**

NOW Board Mtg April 11, 2018

Task: Bd officers for 2018\19

Coordinator, Treasurer, Membership, PR, Newsletter, Web master, Woman's Watch monthly column-- filling positions with designated people, as follows:

Coordinator: General Meetings: Jodi Lawrosky

Board Meetings: Carolyn Modeen

Treasurer: Kathy Abernathy

Membership: Lynn Leonard, Kathy Abernathy

Newsletter: Teresa Smith

PR: Betty Roberts

Web Master: Jodie Lawrosky

Woman's Watch newspaper column Jane Keys and Natalie Henrichsen.

Asking Doreen Romney and Lynn Leonard to be on the Board, Kathleen Abernathy; Asking Tom Reemtsma, Betty Roberts; asking Emma Harding and Carolyn Wolfe to be on the board, Carolyn Modeen.

Anita Erwin will bring the treasury books to the May meeting for transfer to new treasurer. When Jodie returns, upon Kathleen's request, we will audit them so the books can then be used in ensuing months and years.

Our June meeting at Kathleen's home: a brunch, and including people requesting a meeting time that is not on a week day. As a group, we will discuss program/WHM for the next year. Already proposed: the group, Athena; ERA speaker....

May meeting: New board voting; Speaker about fair pay for women **CModeen**

NOW Member Mtg April 4, 2018

Presenter, Doreen Romney: One Million Bones

Seeing a need to help victims of genocide in the region of Darfur, Sudan, Doreen started a chapter here in AZ. She then linked up with other chapters of One Million Bones throughout the US. Along the way genocide was happening in Myanmar, Republic of the Congo, and Syria. A huge refugee camp is in Chad, on the border with Darfur.

One million bones have been made from papier mache and Doreen fires them in her kiln. The bones (from different body areas) went to Washington DC to be joined by others as they filled up the mall. They send

clothes to the refugee camp. Doreen handed out postcards to send to the US reps urging them to support a legislative bill that sends aide to those living in these countries.

It was a most interesting talk--she will continue to let us know when legislative actions are needed. We finished the meeting by talking about other actions needed--going to the Pride parade this week-end, contacting our legislators about guns in every school as proposed by Gov Ducey, the Me Too movement.

We need to get a nominating committee functioning. Officer change in May.

Remember the victims of genocide! **CModeen**

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