

# 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 2, 2019, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. Diane Post, NOW lobbyist at the AZ State Capitol, will speak and answer questions on the move to get the AZ Legislature to adopt the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Only one more state (AZ?) is needed to vote for the confirmation. The public is welcome.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 9 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg  
Host: Carolyn Modeen

Jan 19 Sat

Women's March  
State Capitol, Phoenix

April 6 Sat 4:00 PM

Eric Holder Delivering Democracy Lecture  
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church  
1401 E Jefferson St, Phx  
Free [csrd.asu.edu/deliveringdemocracy](http://csrd.asu.edu/deliveringdemocracy)

April 18, 2019 Thurs 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Stand with Planned Parenthood Phoenix Luncheon  
AZ Biltmore  
2400 E Missouri Ave

## Just a quick heads up for future events:

1. January 19<sup>th</sup>: Women's March
2. January 21<sup>st</sup>: MLK March
3. Next Desert Progressives Indivisible Mtg Jan 22
4. Michelle Obama speaks Feb 12, Comerica Th, Phx
5. March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sisterhood Conference
6. March 8<sup>th</sup>: Women's History Day and the Women in Blue event.

7. March \_\_\_\_: Sun Cities/West Valley WHM Event
8. April 13<sup>th</sup>: Arizona Women's Conference  
**Kathleen Abernathy**

## Not Really Divided

Recent Polling shows favorable agreement as follows:

Protect Social Security	87%
Medicare for all	70
Coverage for pre-existing conditions	75
Keep Insurers from charging sick people more	72
Protect DREAMERS	86
Immigration – keep at current levels	70
Stronger Rules on Financial Industry	68
Higher Taxes on the wealthy	76
Paid Family & Medical leave	78
Stricter gun laws	66
Universal background checks	97
Do more to fight climate change	59
US can fight climate chng & protect jobs	68
Tuition free college based on income level	62
Net Neutrality	83
Financial campaign limits on people/organizations	77

**Jimmy Kimmel**

## NOW Board Mtg Dec 12, 2018

Attendees: Carolyn M., Jodie L., Kathleen A., Emma H., Doreen R., Caroline W.

Absent: Lynne L, Betty R, Marilyn S, Teresa S Tom R

**Treasury:** Kathleen Abernathy reports \$721.10 in the banking account and no incoming checks from National from dues. The Board approved the following statement regarding expenses made by any member of the Sun Cities/West Valley NOW Board or by chapter members on behalf of the organization.

## Statement regarding Expenditures:

Expenditures require prior approval by the Co- Coordinators, unless made as "In-kind." No expenditures will be paid without documentation (i.e., receipts, etc.). Treasurer is to be advised so that a check can be written

in a timely manner. A budget should be prepared in advance of future WHM events/or other special events. As of December 2018, printing will be reimbursed at the prevailing rate (Staples) of \$0.12 cents per page black and white and \$0.61 cents per page for color.

Kathleen also prepared a projected budget that was approved by the Board Members in attendance. Additionally, a budget plan must be made for our major events that need money, such as WHM. This budget must be worked out and approved BEFORE the event. This received unanimous consent from the board.

**ERA** Lynne and Kathleen attended a meeting (as part of a large coalition of women) of the ERA TASK FORCE. There were 25 Women attending the meeting: 5 from Tucson, Multiple groups attending. This meeting was to plan for education of the public and legislators that adoption of the ERA amendment is needed. The meeting lasted for two hours with Diane Post coordinating volunteers to achieve each task that was decided on. We will receive our tasks soon. Our January meeting is dedicated to this, with Diane Post as our speaker. At this time, Lynne will be our chapter's lead person on ERA. Doreen and Kathleen will back her up. One of the things considered is having an ERA Presence every day of the legislature.

**ERA Rounds** Jodie has contacted National requesting information to purchase ERA Rounds

#### **Future Meetings**

*February 2019* – This meeting is proceeding as planned. Dorene is coordinating arrangements with this speaker.

*March 2019* – The Planned Parenthood speaker will be asked when she comes to speak, if it would be helpful to hand out information as people come to the fake clinics.

*April 2019* – Kathleen will ask if Roslyn O'Conner would be our April meeting guest. The title of the talk is Guided Autobiography Workshop. She leads groups in helping them tell their individual personal stories.

#### **Golden Apple Follow-up**

Kathleen was able to purchase a Golden Apple that will be given to Senator-elect Lela Alston at her office in the Capitol. Kathleen will also purchase a base plaque for the Golden Apple Award.

#### **Women's History Month (WHM)**

We have now decided to show the film *Equal Means Equal* and have a discussion about the impact of the

film. At the ERA Taskforce, we found out that all of the AZ State Legislators will be receiving a DVD of it. We believe we should know about the movie, firsthand. Caroline will research the logistics of this from the Maricopa library.

#### **Announcements**

Dorene announced the appearance of Michelle Obama as she speaks about her book in Phoenix on February 12, 2019 at Comerica Theater in Phoenix. Eric Holder will be the feature individual for the ASU speaker's series on April 6, 2019 at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Phoenix.

Meeting end: 3:15pm Scribe: Carolyn Modeen  
Edits by Kathleen Abernathy & Jodie Lawrosky

#### **Member Mtg Dec 5, 2018**

The Golden Apple award was presented to Rep/Senator elect Lila Alston for her long history of service to we the people of Arizona. She has been a legislator since 1970s, or served on the Phoenix Union school board, or taught school, or served in many other events.

In the Q & A that followed, particularly helpful to us was her experience in working at the legislature and handling the Right to Speak and the emails to her, (better than phone calls) she wants to receive short, concise comments, with points that are helpful to her. She also explained when Right to Speak is useful. She thinks that this year with ERA coming up once again and with the House Rs and Ds so close in number, that we can be effective in our communications. Carolyn Modeen

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