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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 Feb 6, 2019**, at **1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. The speaker will be Marshall Shore, Project Manager of the Arizona LGBT+History Project. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 13 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

Mar 23 Sat 2:00 PM

Women's History Month Presentation
Movie: Equal Means Equal
UU Church, Surprise
Reserve by sending email to info@aznow-scvv.org

April 6 Sat 9:30am to 5pm

AZ State NOW Conference
UFCW – 2401 N Central Ave, Phoenix
Cost \$20 members; \$25 non-members; \$10 students

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

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

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

NOW joins in Women's March at Capitol 1/19/19

It was a joy to be with thousands of women, with their various signs and companions at the state capitol. The assortment of different groups that are working for

women and for democracy as exhibited at their booths, was amazing! The march was led by an indigenous woman, followed by women of color and the hand-capped! It was inspiring to be sharing the goal with women who make up the citizens of our country.

NOW members seen at the March include Carolyn Modeen, Betty Roberts, Kathleen Abernathy, Lynne Leonard, & Teresa Smith. Some of us walked along side AZ Republic (working) Reporter, Karina Bland, who interviewed several of us. Karina later printed an article in her paper mostly about our friend's take on the event, Beryl Flathman (87) & member of LWV. C Modeen

Introducing ERA legislation

To introduce our campaign to lobby for ratifying the ERA amendment, 200 women + a few men, gathered Friday, Jan 18 in the Executive Tower, many wearing their ERA sashes, and listened to the two legislators introducing the bills in the Senate and the House. This was followed by inspirational speakers with different experiences to underline the reasons for having an ERA amendment (so that women can have protection with/by the constitution). This is the first step in working for this bill. We were urged to contact our representatives in person. CModeen

NOW Board Mtg Jan 9, 2019

Attendees: Carolyn M., Jodie L, Kathleen A, Doreen R., Betty R., Tom R.

Absent: Emma H, Lynne L, Marilyn S, Teresa S, and Carolyn W.

Treasury: Kathleen Abernathy reports \$650.00 in the bank account and no incoming checks from National from dues. Kathleen has contacted Natl NOW; apparently other Chapters in AZ also have not received their rebates.

Refreshments for General Meeting

Becky Saylor will bring cookies to the meetings. Carolyn Modeen will bring hot cocoa powder for cool days and lemonade and cold water for hot days.

Women's History Month Kathleen Abernathy & Jodie Lawrosky made a prototype of the flyers to be used for publicity. RSVP will go through the web site to Modeen email. Pop Corn will be purchased by Caroline Wolfe.

Still pending is being at the table as movie viewers arrive. Tom Reemtsma and Marilyn Schulze will be on the DVD logistic team. (After the Brd Meeting, Joan Carlson agreed to create the poster for the UU Church.)

Planned Parenthood Luncheon

Betty Roberts is collecting money (checks) for the \$50.00 reservations.

ERA

Carpooling arranged for going to the capitol both for the ERA kickoff of the legislative bill and for the Women's March.

State NOW Report (Jodie)

NOW joined other chapters in signing on to another Paycheck Act in Congress.

ERA Rounds

Jodie has contacted National to get 30 ERA Rounds delivered to Kathleen Abernathy for free.

Future Meetings

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

Meeting end: 2:30 pm

Scribe: Carolyn Modeen

Edits by Kathleen Abernathy & Jodie Lawrosky

Member Mtg Jan 2, 2019

General Chapter Notes/ Upcoming Events and Actions

Friday, 01/18/2019 – ERA Taskforce Meeting 10:00am to 11:00am, at the Capitol, in the Executive Tower, 3rd floor Conference Room. We are looking to pack this room and areas outside of it.

Saturday, 01/19/2019 – Women's March in Downtown Phoenix. Lynne Leonard still knows of a few seats

left in a bus that will drop off folks for the Women's March. (Bus will have a toilet available to riders...and you can return to the bus, if you need to use the bathroom!)

Monday, 01/21/2019 – MLK Rally. 10am to 4pm, Margaret T. Hance Park – 67 West Culver St., Phoenix, AZ 85003. You can go here to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-mlk-celebration-now-tickets-54275120346>

Thursday, 04/18/2019 – Planned Parenthood Luncheon at 11:30am--1:30pm in Phoenix. (We will be carpooling.) Cost to chapter members is \$50.00 per attendee. If you are interested in attending, please email Betty Roberts (bettyroberts88@gmail.com).

Dianne Post's ERA Presentation

Diane Post of AZ State NOW Board, and Legislative Liaison to the NOW chapters, spoke of the history and the current ERA movement. Women, without a protective classification, such as race or religion, have judicial standing only on an intermediate basis so we don't have a good track record for winning in the courts. To be protected at birth by sex requires the highest standard of protection by the courts.

Nevada ratified the ERA Amendment 2 years ago; last year Illinois ratified the Amendment. We are working to be the 3rd state needed to finally ratify this Amendment. There is data available to prove that States that have adopted the ERA amendment have lower abortion rates. The southern states that have not adopted the amendment have higher abortion rates. At this meeting, we sent out postcards to our state legislators to pass legislation for ERA. We also signed on to letters to congress to recognize the last three ERA states as viable for total ERA votes of ratification. A new website is being set up for Arizona's effort to ratify the ERA called <https://erataskforceaz.com/>. (This site is not yet active, but should be live shortly.)

Virginia is another state that is pushing heavily to ratify the ERA. Checkout their website at <https://varatifyera.org/> for additional information.

There is a wide network of individuals and organizations within Arizona working for passage of the ERA. Rebecca McHood has been making sashes to wear at the Capitol when appearing there. These sashes will be for sale when we meet at the Capitol on Friday, January 18, from 10:00am to 11:00am, in the Executive Tower, 3rd floor Conference Room. To make a serious impression re: introducing ERA legislation, we need this meeting

room to be filled with supporters. Please order sashes (in advance) at rebecca@mchood.com (donations start at \$2.50/sash).

Additionally, a call out for “ERA Sentinels” is being requested of all AZ NOW Members. These ERA Sentinels will appear as guests both inside and outside the Capitol in downtown Phoenix. Organizers are setting up a website for folks to sign up for ERA Sentinels stints. These are from Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 12noon and 12:00noon to 4:00pm. Please go to the following site to sign up for ERA Sentinel duty:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a48acad2f4-erasentinels>. ERA Sentinels are requested to wear sashes inside the building or carry the round ERA NOW signs only outside the Capitol.

Thanks again to Dianne Post for keeping us up to date on ERA actions occurring now in Arizona.

Next Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held on February 6, 2019 at 1pm. The speaker will be Marshall Shore, Project Manager of the Arizona LGBT and History Project. He will be speaking about the LGBT History Project, talking to us about the history of the LGBT community and describing the issues that are unique to this community. We hope to see you there.

Carolyn Modeen/Jodie Lawrosky

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