

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 April 3, 2019, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. The speaker will be Roselyn O'Connell, Past President of the Women's Political Caucus. She will hold a workshop on the Dr James Birren method of Guided Autobiography. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 10 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

April 6 Sat 9:30am to 4pm

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

July 19-21 Fri-Sun

Natl NOW Conference
Feminist Agenda Arising: Our Time is NOW
Hilton Minneapolis/St Paul Airport Mall of America
Minneapolis MN

amendment to the constitution giving women equal rights. Serving on the steering committee have been Kathleen Abernathy, Lynne Leonard, and Dorene Romney. At various times we have been at the capitol wearing our sashes, as in the days of the suffragettes, or sitting in the gallery as the senate and the house hold their proceedings, and, after 2 hours of debate, remaining intransigent on the subject. It would be nice to observe that it is men only that refuse to budge, but sadly, that is not the case. Two meetings were also held in the 4th floor executive tower, with excellent presentations and impressive attendance by ERA supporters. Thanks to those of you who could not go to the capitol but called your elected representatives to support this cause.

Carolyn Modeen

Important Upcoming Events for Our NOW Chapter

Wednesday, March 6th at 1:00pm: Chapter Meeting. Jamie Aragon from Planned Parenthood will be speaking about current events in the news!

Thursday, March 7th at 1:00: AZ State Capitol, Senate Gallery. ERA Task Force AZ Action. Please wear WHITE. This is a very important action and we hope that each of you will attend. We need to fill the Gallery to overflowing!

Friday, March 8th: International Women's Day. Women in Blue Luncheon in Tempe. Sponsored by the Federation of Democratic Women Clubs.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 11, 12 & 13. Historic 38 Mile Walk for the ERA. Sponsored by the ERA Task Force AZ and the National Council of Jewish Women. This event is already getting national attention

Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 pm: West Valley Education Forum. Our Chapter is a co-sponsor with the League of Women Voters and others. Speaker is Kathy

Creative lobbying at the Capitol

Our chapter has been active these past two months lobbying the legislators to hold hearings on the

Hoffman, the new Supt. of Public Instruction. Dysart Education Center, 15802 North Parkview Plane, Surprise. We will have a table to promote the ERA and our upcoming Women's Herstory Month event.

Friday, March 15th at 10:00 - 11:00: ERA Task Force AZ Forum (Republican), Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower, Third Floor. Guest speaker will be Republican Steve Anderson. He is a Pro-Choice Republican who spearheaded the successful ratification of the ERA in Illinois. We need to fill the room again!

Saturday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm: Our very own special Women's Herstory Month event! A special one day showing of the movie EQUAL MEANS EQUAL! This movie is the definitive documentary film on the status of Women in America. A must see. Please spread the word and bring your friends. This is also our major fundraiser for the year.

Wednesday, April 3rd at 1:00: Our month Chapter Program Meeting.

Saturday, April 6th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm:
The AZ NOW State Conference, UFCW Hall,
2401 No. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004.
Cost \$20 members; \$25 non-members, \$10 students.
Registration forms will be mailed this week. Keynote speaker is Senator Patricia Spearman from Nevada in addition to other great presenters.

Greater details for the above events can be obtained at:
Facebook: ERA Task Force AZ
Website: ERATASKFORCEAZ.COM

OTHER ITEMS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE:

1. Call or write your legislators to encourage them to support the ERA!
2. Sentinels are needed -- Monday - Thursday at the Capitol. Coverage for the lunch time is most important.
3. Letters - To - Editor. Write, write, write!
4. Ask businesses in your community to support the ERA. Then have them send an email of support to postdlpost@aol.com

We realize that this a great deal of information and that things can change. Be sure to check the Website and Facebook for the latest information. Be sure to check our website (listed at the top of this newsltr) for additional information. If you have questions, email Kathleen Abernathy (jacymae@cox.net) for information about any of these events. Please reference ERA --- (in the subject line, or she will not open it!!)

Thank you for all you do! **Jodie Lawrosky**

Member Mtg Mar 6, 2019

Guest speaker at the March meeting was Jamie Aragon, of Planned Parenthood giving us updated information. The plan by the Trump administration is to do away with all funding for clinics that provide abortions. Jamie states that tho 30% of their funding is federal funding, they will always offer both health care and abortions. It remains to be seen how much their service costs will rise, especially since they are needed providers for the low income population. She also said that it would be alright for us to hand out factual sheets to give to women who are going to the alternate clinics because they have no qualms in standing before Planned Parenthood clinics and handing out their information. In response to a wide range of questions from our listeners, we got an understanding of the ways Planned Parenthood functions, including their educational arm for teenagers.

Much is going on with the drive for ERA at the AZ legislature the week of March 11. National NOW President Toni Van Pelt will attend the 38 mile march, beginning and ending at the Rose Garden at the capitol Monday and Wednesday. Friday in the executive towers will be another meeting with speakers. Sentinels for each day of this month are also needed to pressure President Fann of the Senate, and Speaker Bowers of the House because they refuse to assign to committee a hearing on the bill. A strong editorial by Diane Post favoring passage of the ERA bill appeared in the AZ Republic. Later there was a radio debate with Post and Cathy Herrod with Women of America.

No board meeting this month (March) since we are prepared for our Women's History Month celebration on Saturday, March 23, showing the movie Equal Means Equal at 2:00PM. **CModeen, Scribe**

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