

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 1, 2019, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. The speaker will be Rebecca Rodriguez who will speak on hospice family care. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 8 Wed 1:00 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

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

Ann Timmer

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Ann Timmer on Monday, March 25th. For those of you who may not have had the privilege of knowing Ann, she was a member of the Convening Members (1979) of the Sun Cities/West Valley Chapter of N.O.W. and served as our very first President beginning in 1980.

In the 39 years since then there is hardly a year that Ann was not in the forefront of the struggle for equality. You have only to read the outstanding historical account of our Chapter written by Vivian Wood to see Ann's name on so many pages.

In recent years her sisters, Marilyn Schulze and Helen Perkins, have joined our Chapter. This is and has always been a special, loving, serving family!

As we near the closing of our celebration of Women's History Month, it is somehow only fitting that we join together in a celebration of this special woman who has been such a significant part of our Chapter's history and the lives of so many members through her love, her kindness, her gentle spirit and her fierce dedication to improving the lives of all people.

Ann's service was held on Saturday, March 30th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 North Avenue of the Arts, Surprise, AZ 85374, Surprise, Arizona.

Condolences to the family can be sent to c/o Marilyn Schulze, 15318 W. Skyview Way, Surprise, AZ 85374. Kathleen A Membership

NOW Board Meeting 04/10/2019

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance 1,175.15
Membership Rebates for Jan and Feb \$108.10
Women's History Month Raised \$ 296.00

Additional Financial Actions

The board voted to give \$100 to UU church.
Currently there are no other receipts outstanding.

Proposed Board for 2019-2020

Co-Leaders – Emma Haring and Carolyn Modeen.
Secretary – Open
Co-chairs Membership – Lynne Leonard and Kathleen Abernathy.
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Treasurer – Kathleen Abernathy

Board Members-at-Large – Doreen Romney and Tom Reemtsma

If you are interested in becoming more active in your NOW Chapter, please consider coming onto the Board. We are always looking for folks to help with finding Speakers /create programs for our meetings. We are looking for a Secretary (or 2) who will summarize Chapter Meetings and Board Meetings. We are also looking for folks who will help out our Membership Committee as greeters, and Board Members-At-Large.

Possible Programs for 2019-2020

Meeting Activities: At a meeting write editorials for ERA; write letters to Chambers of Commerce; get churches and businesses to sign on and put an ERA supporter sign in the windows.

Also, homeless--National NOW may have additional networking ideas Scribe Carolyn M, Editor Jodie L

Arizona State NOW Conference

The State Conference was held on Sat April 6 at the UFCW Hall in Phoenix & was attended by 40 to 50 people (including 3 men). In attendance from our Chapter were CarolynM, BettyR, LynneL, KathleenA, Ginny-LeeR, TeresaS, & former member SharonP. At the back of the room was a thoughtful tribute to our beloved Ann Timmer, recently passed.

Senator Patricia Spearman of Nevada inspired us with her report that Nevada recently passed the ERA. They accomplished this by gaining a majority of women in their State Legislature. By their determination & persistence, they managed to replace legislators opposed to equality.

Neal Lester, ASU Professor in Humanities, made a presentation: Stand Against Racism. He presented us with 2 games. The first highlighted the enormous impact of “privilege” that persons do not cause but are present & subtle & make a big difference. The second game involved nursery rhymes that teach stereotypes, white dominance, & white role models. Both games proved interesting & enlightening.

Next was a panel of 4 Latino professional women on the topic of immigration, women & the southern border. These women described the discrimination against Hispanics. Tho some stories were sad, these capable & articulate women work in various capacities to resolve complex problems.

Roselyn O’Connell led us in guided autobiographies. She wanted us to focus on turning points in our lives. Some shared their brief enlightening moments.

Finally, new State NOW Officers were elected. It was noted that several attendees were not NOW members but were lured on line to attend by the topics & focus on women’s issues. This contributed to lively conversations with bright, thoughtful, progressive (mostly young) women. A great conference! Editor, TeresaS

Planned Parenthood Lunch

On Thursday, April 18, 11 of us enjoyed a gourmet meal, stimulating speeches, finishing with a fireside chat with Gloria Steinem. In attendance were CarolynM, BettyR, KathleenA, Marsha, BeckyS, DianeW, LindaL, Ginny-LeeR, LynneL, JodieL, & TeresaS. Total attendance was 1525.

Some interesting facts about Gloria Steinem: her grandmother was President of the Ohio Women Suffrage Assoc. She testified in May 1970 before the US Senate for the ERA, She co-founded MS Magazine; she co-founded the Natl Women’s Political Caucus. She was instrumental in the first “take our daughters to work day” in 1993. That same yr she was inducted into the Natl Women’s Hall of Fame. In 2013 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Pres Barack Obama. Ms Steinem has written numerous feminist books, produced women-centered TV programs, & actively supported several women’s causes, conferences, abortion rights, women with AIDS, etc.

In her chat, Ms Steinem spoke of Harriet Tubman & that Tubman could have saved more slaves “if only they had known they were slaves.” This concept is similar to the fact that many, many voters vote against their own interests. She pointed out that woman of color voted overwhelmingly for Hillary Clinton while 51% white women voted for Trump. Editor, TSmith

NOW SC/WV Board

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