

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 Oct 2, 2019, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. This is the first mtg of the season. The State President of NOW, Sheila Ogea, will tell us about the National NOW Conference she attended in July. We will also be talking about possible Action we might like to participate in this year. With the ever tightening of reproductive services available to women, there is much to be done. Planned Parenthood has requested that we call our Senators in Washington to keep Title X funding. Ice cream Sundaes are the refreshments of the day. We also celebrate 40 years as a Chapter. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 9 Wed 1:00 PM
Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

Women's Suffrage

The Nineteenth Amendment was celebrated at ASUW in late August. Several of our members attended. Next year is the 100th year that women got the vote, and our board voted to join the celebration in August of next year in marking the event in downtown Phoenix. CModeen

Minutes Member Meeting 6/5/19

Meeting was held at Royal Oaks. We had a nice lunch, then moved to another floor for the meeting.

Carolyn Modeen asked people what issues were burning them up. People said some things they wanted to work on included: ERA support, sending money to Planned Parenthood (in memory of Ann Timmer), and recognizing Ann during Women's Herstory Month.

We have about \$1100 in our treasury.

Following are some suggestions for programs/events for the new year.

Oct. 2nd – Officially starts the chapter new year. Maybe we can have a welcome back event with ice cream sundaes and soda. Would be nice to hear about the national and state conventions. Maybe invite new VP of NOW.

Nov. - Talk about legislative advocacy. Diane Post could talk. We could have the new ERA lobbyist speak.

Dec. – Questers speaker on their big event. Have some kind of holiday celebration.

Jan. – Need to change to 2nd Wed. because our normal meeting will fall on January 1st (New Year's Day). We plan to have a Saturday meeting and do a Planned Parenthood fund raiser. Have an inspirational speaker and show a good pertinent movie (e.g. Birthright film). Lynne will take care of the speaker and movie. Need to confirm availability of the room (Betty R.)

Feb. – Speaker on human trafficking or children aging out of foster care. Becky will get.

March – Planned Parenthood's annual luncheon is in March. On March 28th Have a Women's History day and show a movie on the 19th Amendment.

April – Speaker on human trafficking and/or children aging out of foster care. Becky will get.

May – Speaker on hospice and Alzheimer's (Jodie will get). Jodie moved to send \$100 to Planned Parenthood in Ann Timmer's name. Motion seconded by Betty. The motion was unanimously approved.

We need/want to get the Surprise City Council to sign on for supporting the passage of the ERA. Send

some of the ERA Taskforce people to the Surprise City Council, if needed.

Scribe **Becky Saylor** edited by **Jodie Lawrosky**

Minutes Member Meeting 5/1/19

Ann Timmer's sister, Helen, thanked everyone for their support regarding Ann's passing. Ann was the first president of Sun City NOW. Ann will be greatly missed; we thank Ann for her work with NOW. Helen passed out some beautiful yellow roses. The three sisters, Ann, Helen, and Marilyn have been great advocates for women's rights for many years.

Our last meeting until the Fall will be lunch at Royal Oaks at 11:30 in the Grille on June 5th. Royal Oaks is located at 10015 W. Royal Oaks Road, Sun City, AZ 85351. We will begin planning our next Women's History Month event for 2020. Come join us for a "Dutch-treat" lunch...then our planning meeting.

We elected a **new board**.

Leader – Carolyn Modeen, Co-leader – Emma Haring,
Membership – Lynne Leonard,
Treasurer – Kathleen Abernathy,
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Secretary – Becky Saylor,
Members-at-Large – Tom Reemtsma, Doreen Romney,
Marilyn Schulze, & Joan Carlson
Publicity – Betty Roberts,
Refreshments – Becky Saylor
Program

Our **speaker** was **Yolanda Davis** with **Hospice Family Care** in Sun City West. They are now the largest hospice provider in the country. They take VA, hospice, and mercy patients. How do you know if it's time for hospice? Medicare requires a doctor to give a prognosis to live of 6 months or less. If someone isn't eating or sleeping properly on an ongoing basis and is declining, it may be time to go from creative care to comfort care. It's important if there are other family members involved with making decisions regarding someone on hospice that everyone is clear on what will happen. It's better to get hospice involved early rather than waiting too long. When someone qualifies for hospice by getting a Dr.'s prognosis of 6 months or less to live and they become stable, they may eventually be taken off hospice. People generally tend to get a little bit better on hospice initially because they are receiving more care. People can be taken off hospice and put back on if necessary.

Hospice pays for most things related to patient care, other than medications not related to the patient's primary diagnosis for hospice. Hospice comes to the

patient for care – the patient doesn't go to them. It is a service, not a place. You must be able to tell hospice what you want. You are basically the boss.

Larger hospice companies tend to be better because they can buy things in bulk and they usually have more resources. Their services are usually available in a wider area.

You can be on hospice at any age. Make sure you have a living will, so if anything happens to you, your wishes for life saving measures or end-of-life are known. It is important to have someone who will advocate for you.

Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

Kathleen and Lynne gave us some action items to support the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and passed out supporting documentation. Lynne asked that individuals contact churches to ask that they support the ERA in writing. Letters of support are also needed from businesses in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. Kathleen asked that everyone take a moment at the meeting to write a Letter-To-The-Editor in support of mother's day and their need for the ERA. Lynne offered to scan and send the letters to the ERA Task Force for distribution.

Sample letters and forms for churches and businesses are available on our website at <http://www.AZnow-scwv.org> (Click the ERA Icon on the home page) or on ERATaskforceAZ.com .

In addition to the above, Sentinels are still needed at the Capitol. Lynne suggested watching the movie, Knock Down the House. It is available on Netflix.
Scribe—Becky Saylor

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