

SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY NOW

National Organization for Women
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<http://aznow-scvv.org>
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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.

NOW will meet on Wed **Mar 4**, 2020, at 1 **PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) in Surprise. The speaker will be Jamie Aragon, Planned Parenthood, Government Relations. She will follow up on the remarks given at our successful fund raiser (Jan 11) for Planned Parenthood. As a result, medically indigent women can go to the Glendale clinic for needed contraceptive supplies. The public is welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 11 Wed 1:30 PM

Next NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

March 28 Sat 2 – 4 PM

Women's History Month
UU Church
Movie "**9 To 5**"

April 4 Sat 9 – 3

AZNOW State Conference
IBEW #570 Union Hall
75 South Tucson, Tucson, AZ
Tickets \$20 (\$25 non-mem, \$10 students)
www.aznow.org

April 4 Sat 8 - 4

9th Annual Arizona Women's Conference
Rio Salado College
Featured Speaker Gina Beyer
www.azwcll.org

May 1 Fri 12 – 1:30 PM

Stand with Planned Parenthood Annual Luncheon
AZ Biltmore Resort
2400 E Missouri Ave, Phx
PPAdvocatesAZ.org or 602-263-4215

Women's History Month

We have selected the 1980 movie "9 to 5" with Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton, & Jane Fonda. Being 40 years old, it qualifies as women's history. And we could bill it as The Original Feminist Film. We will have non-alcoholic bubbly juice to toast the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. **Leonard&CModeen**

Songs of the Women's Movement

PBS is broadcasting a special called *Rise Up* on Sat Feb 29 at 5:30 PM (on 8.1) until 7 PM. It will be repeated on Sun Mar 1 (on 8.3) at 8:30 PM. It celebrates the Centennial of women's right to vote through popular music, including performances by Aretha Franklin, Lesly Gore, Helen Reddy, Loretta Lynn, Gloria Gaynor, Dolly Parton, Joan Jeff, Cyndi Lauper, Melissa Etheridge, Tina Turner, and more.

"This dynamic soundtrack of the women's movement also features footage of historic milestones in women's liberation woven together with new interviews with performers and leading activists, including Gloria Steinem, Jane Fonda and Toni Van Pelt, President of NOW. The special chronicles the music and events from the early 1900s through the late 80s. A second installment bringing the movement up to the present day is planned." **Carolyn Modeen from Toni Van Pelt**

In Support of the ERA

Members of the Sun Cities/West Valley NOW Chapter attended "A Wine Tasting Early Valentine Get Together" on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in Old Town Scottsdale in support of the ERA. The event was well attended and the weather was perfect for an evening of live music.

Latest developments regarding the ERA!
The United States House Judiciary Committee passed what is now H. J. Res. 79 removing the timeline for ratification of the equal rights amendment. It was introduced by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) on January 30,

2019. The bill has 225 co-sponsors and was passed on the House floor on Feb. 13, 2020 – a fitting Valentine’s Day gift. (Only five Republicans voted yes: John Curtis (UT), Rodney Davis (IL), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA), Tom Reed (NY) and Jefferson Van Drew (NJ))

The issue now moves to the Senate. Senate Joint Resolution (SJRes.6) has 46 sponsors, including Republicans Collins and Murkowski. Senator Sinema co-sponsored in November of 2019. Senator McSally has not signed on. Thank Sen. Sinema for signing and ask her to find a Repub. colleague to join her. Ask McSally to co-sponsor and Sen. McConnell to bring the bill to the floor ASAP so it can’t be a political liability in the upcoming elections. Senator Cardin, chief co-sponsor of the Senate resolution to remove the deadline, reported today that he has the votes and simply needs Senator McConnell to bring his resolution to the floor.

Resources:

Congress has changed the deadline for the ERA before, so precedent says that it can be done again. The Cardin-Murkowski resolution (S. J. Res. 6), like its House counterpart, would remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The deadline itself is not in the amendment, only the joint resolution putting forward the measure. By removing the arbitrary deadline, the Archivist can then certify ratification by Nevada, Illinois and Virginia and the 28th Amendment would be part of our Constitution.

This information has been extracted from the ERATaskForceAZ website and information from Pat Reuss. Submitted by **Kathleen Abernathy**

Minutes Member Meeting Feb 5, 2020

Dawn Bogart, CEO of Homeless Youth Connection (HYC), was our guest speaker. She said that currently in Maricopa County there are over 8,000 homeless youth younger than 9th grade each year. The number of homeless youth 9th grade and older is over 20 thousand. Originally, foster kids were identified as homeless which led to double dipping in assistance. However foster kids are no longer classified in that manner.

The organization mainly works with youths who schools connect them with. This is because youth already in school are more likely to stay in school and try to work to get out of the unfortunate situation they’re in vs. becoming chronically homeless. HYC has counselors who go on campus to provide services and transportation for Dr. appointments and government services for these youth. They usually say Students in Transition vs.

Homeless because of the stigma that can be attached to homeless.

HYC gets it’s funding from a diverse donor base. Only 12% of funding is from government funds. The rest comes mainly from corporations and churches (approx. 42% corporation, 20% in-kind, churches 21%). WalMart and Dick’s Sporting Goods are both corporate sponsors.

All case workers for HYC have social work or related degrees. HR and Finance are outsourced to keep costs down. HYC has a unique business model and is trying to expand into other states. Most case workers work from home bases so they don’t spend time commuting to an office. They tend to work with schools located closer to where they live. This model is more efficient and allows HYC to assist more youth.

HYC does provide legal aid, mainly for undocumented children.

HYC tries to find host families to house students in transition. They pay a stipend to host families to let the youths stay there. This leads to more families being able to afford to help youth out without taxing their own finances so much.

Some of the reasons for student homelessness include situations where a parent gets a new spouse or significant other who doesn’t want the kids around and the children are asked to go elsewhere – the children often don’t have another permanent place to go. Other reasons are parents are drug addicts, parents won’t accept LGBTQ kids, or the entire family becomes homeless and there isn’t room to take an older child at a shelter, etc.

Dawn is trying to get legislation passed so minors can consent to receiving healthcare. Currently, they can consent to being in a home, but they can’t consent to healthcare. This bill will make it easier for children to receive needed healthcare. Once this bill gets going, Dawn will let us know, & we need to support her efforts.

Sarah Tyree was our next speaker. She is a Democratic candidate for LD22 Senate. She was a victim of domestic violence.

She wants to get rid of surprise medical billing. She wants to better address workplace violence, especially for small businesses. She also wants to create better child safety laws.

Sarah said the way the money from the AZ Lottery gets distributed needs to change. The money is being misappropriated.

NOW members need to sign up for national alerts. There are 2-3 thousand bills being introduced in the AZ legislature this year, which is a lot! Use RTS and actively support good legislation and fight the bad. Call and email your legislators. We are also trying to get the ERA ratified in AZ again this year.

About \$1225 went to Planned Parenthood from the movie fundraiser. Thank you Lynne and Doreen for leading this effort, and thank you to everyone else who helped out. Scribe Becky Sayler

AZNOW State Conference

will be held on Saturday, April 4th in Tucson. Location and venue details are: IBEW #570 Union Hall, 750 South Tucson, Tucson, Arizona 85716. Multiple speakers, Candidates and Panel Discussions. Cost TBD: Typically \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members and \$10 for students. Time is 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. (Registration opens at 8:30 am) (There will be a break for lunch and food truck(s) on site.) You will not want to miss this event. Details at <https://www.aznow.org>

For those who cannot travel to Tucson for the State NOW Conference, there is the 9th Annual AZ State Women's Conference Sat April 4. If interested you can request more information at <https://www.azwcl.org>
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