

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.

**HOW CAN I MAKE SURE MY VOTE
WILL BE COUNTED?
HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE JUDGES?
FIND OUT ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 7TH AT 1:00 P.M.**

Sun Cities/West Valley Chapter of the National Organization for Women would like to invite you to our next chapter meeting at **1:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.** This will be a ZOOM Meeting, and you must email us to get instructions on how to connect ahead of time at info@aznow-scwv.org.

During these turbulent times, voter knowledge and preparation are essential, if each and every person is assured their right to vote! Since this is one month before the election, (and the day that PEVL Ballots will be sent out) our topics will pertain to voting.

Our first presenter will be Adrian Fontes, Recorder for Maricopa County. The Recorder's office is responsible for the entire election process (creating ballots for the Permanent Early Voter List–PEVL, arranging for voting locations, arranging for the collection of ballots from county-wide drop boxes, etc.). As our elected Recorder, he will give us the very latest information on where, when, and how to protect that vote.

Our second presenter will be Cathy Sigmon from Civic Engagement Beyond Voting (CEBV). She will discuss Gavel Watch, the organization's detailed analysis of and voting recommendations for Judges running for election this November. CEBV developed Gavel Watch to help voters become better informed when voting on the retention of judges.

Please plan on attending to find out more about the Sun Cities/West Valley Chapter of the National Organization for Women and its activities on behalf of all women. Membership information also will be available.

For more information, email info@aznow-scwv.org, call 623-972-6273, or visit our website: aznow-scwv.org.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 14 Wed 1:30 PM
NOW Board Mtg
Host: Carolyn Modeen

Sept 26 Sat
October 17
Nov 7
National NOW Conference
Register <https://www.now.org>

NOW Mourns the Loss of Feminist Icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Released on September 18, 2020

WASHINGTON, D.C. – There aren't sufficient words to describe the depth of sorrow women are feeling at the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We are shattered. We are broken. We feel that we have lost more than a dear and admired friend. Our country has lost a feminist champion.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was not only a historic Supreme Court Justice, but also a political and cultural icon for the ages, and a feminist legend. She fought for and protected women's rights every single day.

NOW recognizes all that she contributed to women and girls, to America, to our world, in terms of equality and possibilities. NOW's work is an extension of amazing leaders, amazing women, amazing sheroes, like Ruth Bader Ginsburg. That she did her work in the face of sexism throughout her life, and while battling cancer in the last chapters of her life, speaks to the power of showing up, of enduring, of advocating no matter what.

Justice Ginsburg's spirit, her soul, and her power, will be with us forever.

Arizona Reps in Washington DC

AZ in DC: week ending 9/18 - Senate: S 178 is the Republican coronavirus package that is \$300 B in new spending and \$350 B in recycled funds, funding unemployment of \$300/week till end of 2020 and a new round of PPP forgivable loans while erecting a shield for businesses to avoid lawsuits for COVID exposure and \$29.4B for the military. It did not include the portions from Democratic bill that included \$3.4T for cities and towns, hazard pay for essential workers, and money to help tenants pay rent. McSally voted yes to approve the bill and Sinema voted no.

Diane Post

National NOW National Conference over 3 days

- September 26th
- October 17th
- November 7th (This is the day that time changes for the rest of the USA...so check in with the time)

If you are interested, **you must register ahead of time**.

Click the following link for info on registering:

<https://now.org/join-us-for-the-feminist-majority-and-the-national-organization-for-women-national-virtual-conference-2020/>

Jodie Lawrosky

NOW Member Meeting on zoom Sept 9, 2020

Becky Sayler host, Emma Haring co-chair leader.

Guest speaker was Dianne Post who spoke about the current standing of the ERA to being ratified and amended to the US constitution. The Board of Archives is hearing from two separated parties as to amending or not. One of the parties is working on the issue of whether or not this suit has standing. The other party is on the question of matter of the passage of time to have acquired the 38 states necessary. To this end, there is a legislative proposal in the US Senate, to eliminate the qualification of years to pass the amendment but it doesn't have enough backers at this time to pass. Another part of this is to get more states to ratify this ERA amendment so that it shows a ground swell of approval. North Carolina and Arizona are two of the hoped for states but it will require a Democratic majority in our state capitol (from this election).

Our October first Wednesday meeting will feature the process of voting, as of all the mine fields this year such as the postal service. Lynne and Kathleen are lining up speakers.

Kathleen announced that our chapter gave \$400.00 to the ERA in their publicity campaign about candidates running and for the ERA amendment.

Carolyn Modeen, acting recorder

NOW SC/WV Board

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