

# 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.

This year the Sun Cities/West Valley NOW Chapter will be **on zoom**. Our next meeting is **Wednesday Dec 2 at 1:00 PM**. Our first speaker, David Ayodele, will report on the items currently before the National NOW Racial Justice Committee. Cindy Guerra will report on the proposal which she made during the last AZ State NOW meeting. Following the presentations will be time for questions & answers. We will send out the invitation to the mtg a few days before Dec 2. **Kathleen Abernathy**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 9 Wed 1:30 PM

NOW Board Mtg

Host: Carolyn Modeen

## David Ayodele's Bio

I am chair of AZ NOW's Political Action Committee and of NOW's Racial Justice Committee. I was elected AZNOW PAC chair during AZNOW's November 2017 meeting and elected RJC chair during RJC's January 2020 meeting. I joined NOW in 2017 after attending the Women's March weekend of events in Phoenix.

I grew up largely in Arizona and was born in Ibadan Nigeria. I have a little brother and two big sisters. Outside of PAC and RJC duties, I maintain [aznow.org](http://aznow.org), [aznowpac.org](http://aznowpac.org), and various automated scripts and forms AZNOW uses to improve efficiency.

**Cindy Guerra** is the AZ NOW State Coordinator for Chapter Development. She will discuss NOW Diversity Planning & will cover the National NOW diversity policies & guidelines regarding what we could do at the Chapter level. She runs a new diversity committee & is looking for volunteers from the chapters to serve.

## Notice of death

**Mary Wiley**. Mary was in the Royal Oaks Care Center for at least a year and developed COVID. From that she had a stroke and did not live long afterwards. Mary had been a long time NOW member, even though the only time she came was at our Women's History Month programs. **CModeen**

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MANY SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY NOW CHAPTER MEMBERS!

No matter where our members went, or if they stayed close to home, they were busy supporting Equality. They worked tirelessly during our very hot summer to support Equality Candidates by calling, texting, writing postcards and donating money. Whatever was asked of them!

It would be hard to tally all of the efforts made by so many – but it is a real joy to be part of electing a pro-equality President AND the very first woman of color as our Vice President.

There is still much to do, but we are motivated for the challenge and we will never give up!

(Picture of Kathleen Abernathy and her longtime friend and activist, Lynn Cannon, at the Women's March on October 17<sup>th</sup> in Florence, Oregon. They were surprised and pleased to be asked to carry the banner.)



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### **NOW Member Meeting Nov 4, 2020**

Becky Saylor hosting and Emma Haring moderator.

**Program:** Discussion of the election results. Diane Post, NOW lobbyist and chair of the ERA task force, told about her experiences as lawyer during the election and results to this date, although counting the votes goes on. Discussion of the group was lively and informative. It was agreed that just because candidates won, women's issues didn't fare so well, so we can't and don't quit. We continue championing women's issues.

Kathleen Abernathy showed the Seasonal postcards that the ERA Task Force AZ is selling to raise funds for the Task Force. Kathleen will send the website information to the Board and will ask permission of the Board to send the website information to all Sun Cities/West Valley Chapter members.

Emma Haring said our Dec speakers will talk about work being done to advance a just structure for people of color in this country. CModeen

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