

# SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY NOW

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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 March 3** at **1:00 PM**. NOW Board members will tell us about eleven women in President Biden's Cabinet and other high leadership positions. Emma Haring will host the zoom meeting.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 10 Wed 1:00 PM

NOW Board Mtg

Host: Emma Haring

## March Member Meeting

March is Women's History Month. Traditionally, we have had an onsite celebration, which is also a modest money making event. This year, on Zoom, we present: Women in Biden's cabinet. Each of us on the board has researched a woman so we will be celebrating these women and their histories. There are eleven women, a few of them not in the cabinet, but with the highest of leadership positions. Let us relish this year. Let us celebrate together. Carolyn Modeen

## Let us weep for women in Afghanistan

The Taliban is taking control of the country once again. The women judges are being assassinated. All women, young and old, will no longer be able to go to school, and will have to stay home and wear the official Taliban mandated clothes. Let us weep for the women of Afghanistan. Carolyn Modeen

## 40 Question Challenge

The Texas Tech University Women's Studies Program is celebrating Black History Month by showcasing women past, present and future. Taking inspiration from the National Women's History Project, we honor women of black history who helped create a better world for the times in which they lived as well as for future generations.

Women are half the human race, and they're half of black history, as well. Here are some highlights bringing together black history and women's history. An ever-expanding list of resources for learning about famous African American women and other women of Black History. You'll find women who are famous and women who should be better-known, from early America and slavery to the 21st century, including the Harlem Renaissance and the civil rights movement.

- Link to [Test Your Knowledge Quiz](#)
- Link to Loretta Ross on the Origin of "[Women of Color](#)"
- Return to [Women's History Month](#)

*Note: Questions courtesy of the National Women's History Project and Created by [Margaret Zierdt](#), [National Women's History Project Board Member](#)*

## Quiz #1

1. Who was head of National Council of Negro Women for 40 years and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal for her work for social equality?
2. Who was an advocate for civil rights, a fund raiser for NAACP, and the first black person to sign a long-term Hollywood contract in 1942?
3. Who was member of Harlem Renaissance, an anthropologist, and author of many books, including "Their Eyes Were Watching God"?
4. Who was the first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field - in the 1960 Olympics for the 100 and 200 meters and the 400 meter relay?
5. Who was denied permission to sing in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) auditorium because of her race in 1939, but later became the first black person to perform at the Metropolitan Opera in 1955?

## Answers:

1. [Dorothy Height](#) (1912 - 2010)
2. [Lena Horne](#) (1917 - 2010)
3. [Zora Neale Hurston](#) (1891 - 1960)
4. [Wilma](#)

Glodean Rudolph (1940 - 1994) 5. Marian Anderson (1897 - 1993)

### Quiz #2

1. Who is the dancer, singer, actor, fund raiser, author, and poet who read a specially-composed poem at President Bill Clinton's inauguration in 1993?
2. Who was a nightclub and cabaret idol of Paris in the 1920's and a freedom fighter during World War II?
3. What black woman chemist developed an extract from the Awa Root which relieved leprosy symptoms when injected and which was widely used until sulfa drugs were invented in the 1940's?
4. Who was a civil rights activist and President of the Arkansas NAACP who advised the nine high school students who integrated the Little Rock public schools in 1957?
5. Who founded the college that became the Bethune-Cookman University in Florida and founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935?

### Answers:

1. Maya Angelou (1928) 2. Josephine Baker (1906-1975) 3. Alice Ball (1892- 1916) 4. Daisy Lee May Bates (1914 - 1999) 5. Mary Jane McLeod Bethune (1875 - 1955)

### Quiz #3

1. Who was the first black female newspaper publisher and editor in North America (in Ontario, Canada), and the first black woman to enroll in law school (Howard University)?
2. Who was the first black woman in the world to earn a pilot's license, and was a barnstorming aviator who performed daredevil tricks?
3. Who was the first black Congresswoman, beginning in 1968; and who in 1972 ran for President and won 151 delegates at the Democratic Convention?
4. Who was America's first great black choreographer, dancer, and teacher who formed the first black dance troupe in the 1940's?
5. Who founded the Children's Defense Fund in 1973, a group focusing on helping millions of children living in poverty?

### Answers:

1. Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823 - 1893) 2. Bessie Coleman (1892 - 1926) 3. Shirley Chisholm (1924 - 2005) 4. Katherine Dunham (1909 - 2006) 5. Marian Wright Edelman (1939)

More Quiz next month. Thanks to Kathleen Abernathy for bringing this to our attention.

**Margaret C. Snyder, the U.N.'s 'First Feminist,' Dies at 91**

Margaret C. Snyder, whose liberal Roman Catholic upbringing inspired a pioneering career at the United Nations, where she refocused the mechanisms of global development aid to include millions of women in Africa, Asia and Latin America, died on Jan. 26 in Syracuse, N.Y. She was 91

Dr. Snyder, who went by Peg, had already spent years working on women's development issues in Tanzania when she joined the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in 1971. At the time, the overwhelming male staff directed most of its resources to helping men become better farmers and entrepreneurs, even while women were doing much of the growing and selling.

"There was a failure to realize," last year for a U.N. publication, "that the most serious problems of development defy solution without the involvement of women."

During her nearly 20 years at the U.N. and more than 30 years afterward as an informal adviser to the organization, she created and ran a series of programs that brought millions of dollars in training, loans and equipment to women around the world — for instance, supplying mills to women in Burkina Faso to process shea butter and helping Kenyan women counter soil erosion by planting trees.

Known widely as the U.N.'s "first feminist," Dr. Snyder promoted women within the organization as well. When she began working at the U.N., in the early 1970s, most women there did secretarial work. Under her influence, that began to change: She put young women on her staff and later helped them advance, both at the U.N. and in their home countries, through her considerable network of contacts, which eventually included presidents like Joyce Banda of Malawi and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia.

In 1970 she joined the U.N. as a co-founder of what would become the African Training and Research Center for Women, the organization's first major program directed specifically at improving economic opportunities for women. In 1978 she moved to New York City, where she was put in charge of a development fund focused on women that was paid for by voluntary contributions from member states. She built the organization, later renamed the U.N. Development Fund for Women (and even later U.N. Women), from operating on a shoestring budget to a global powerhouse that served women not just in Africa but also across the developing world. By the end of the

1980s, it had created women's development commissions in 30 countries, through which the U.N. funneled millions of dollars to grass-roots women's projects

For all her career success, Dr. Snyder was in constant conflict with entrenched interests within the U.N., both because she was a woman and because her approach to development challenged the ways many of her colleagues were used to doing things. The risk of bureaucratic sabotage was ever-present: Once, Dr. Snyder and her team returned from a trip to find that their office had been moved to a different building, in a room without a single phone line.

But she could take some comfort in the long view: By 2021, women would make up a significant portion of the U.N. professional staff, and women's issues, including development, remain one of the organization's focal points. Condensed from a NY Times article of 2/7/21. Thanks to Kathleen Abernathy for providing.

### **Member Meeting February 3, 2021**

NOW member Laura Terech, who works to stay abreast of legislative happenings, gave us the scoop on legislation proposals. Then Cathy Sigmon of Gavel Watch demonstrated a practical application to using RTS (right to speak) to one of these bills.

**Carolyn Modeen**

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