



The Valley's Voice for Choice
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NOW CHAPTER ELECTS LEADERSHIP FOR 2004

Linda Pruett and Jan Tucker were re-elected as Co-Presidents of the San Fernando Valley/Northeast Los Angeles Chapter of the National Organization for Women (SFV/NELA NOW) at the organization's annual election meeting on December 13, 2003 in Encino, California. Re-elected to the group's board were Disability Rights Chair Betty Knight, Activist Liaison Cynthia Conover, and Roxana Inga. Newly elected to the board were Anne Silver and Julie Zuckerman.

SFV/NELA NOW's members also voted to adopt new by-laws. A highlight of those by-laws is a part of the new "mission statement," which commits the chapter to:

..... bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. This purpose includes, but is not limited to equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, public service, employment, education, and family life, and it includes freedom from discrimination because of age, marital status, sexual preference, race, class and parenthood. SFV-NELA NOW therefore seeks:

- An end to discrimination based upon race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, political belief and national origin in all spheres of society
- Equality of opportunity based upon race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, political belief and national origin in all spheres of society
- Better standards of living and social progress for those in our society who are subjected to the roll of the dice that has become the fortune or misfortune of the market economy and for those who have suffered deprivation from generation to generation
- Better understanding and unity amongst people of all racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds

Guest speakers at the meeting included District Attorney candidate Denise Moehlman, a NOW member, "Pentagon Papers" and peace activist Anthony Russo, and Assemblyman Lloyd Levine (D-40th District).