



Irene Gomez-Bethke Papers.

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distributed at the meeting. Please
call if you have any questions.

I'm delighted you will be
working on programs for the
Caucuses. Enjoyed our first
meeting at Perkins & will see you
again soon. I'm anxious to
get some strong & exciting
programs underway.

Cordially,
Hauke Bryant
Chair, NWPC

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February 11

Dear Irene,

I'm sorry you weren't able to be at the first Steering Committee meeting on Feb. 4, & hope you can join us at the next full meeting on March 3. The Office Manager, Susan Peterson, has sent you information & materials

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Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

1821 University Avenue, 291S, St. Paul Mn 55104

January 24, 1980

Irene Bethke
4699 Decatur Ave. N.
New Hope, Mn. 55428

Dear Irene,

Congratulations on being elected to the State Steering Committee of MWPC and my thanks to you for your willingness to serve. We're off to a stellar start for 1980 and I know we can look forward to a great year ahead.

Our first State Steering Committee meeting will be Monday, February 4 at 5:15 PM at the Griggs Midway Building. We will have an orientation session in addition to the business meeting, so please plan to stay until 9 PM. Bring a sandwich if you need sustenance, coffee is provided. A complete agenda and minutes will be mailed next week.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn".

Marilyn Bryant, Chair
Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

PAF Grant

- (1) A series of meetings with
Legislators
- (2) Voting records as the focal
line
- (3) Lobbying workshops
- (4) Continuation of Legislative Issues.

NOTICE NO. 2

MARCH 21, 1980

TO: GRASS ROOTS BUDGET LOBBYISTS

FROM: SUSAN REES AND AL GONZALEZ

SUBJECT: FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS

John Hager

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While balancing will not ~~balance~~.

FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS

OVERVIEW

One week ago President Carter announced--without giving any details--that he will balance the budget for fiscal year 1981 by cutting about \$13 billion from his earlier request and by raising new revenues with an oil import fee.

The House Budget Committee on March 20 drafted a balanced budget by cutting \$16.4 billion from the proposal Carter submitted in January. All but \$1 billion are in non-defense items. A small group of Democratic liberals (Congresspersons Obey, Stokes, Simon, Solarz and Holtzman) voted against the resolution and tried to restore some of the funds cut from social programs.

Since the Administration has been working with leaders of the House and Senate to develop a package of cuts, the resolution that emerged from the House Budget Committee is probably not too different from what will happen in the Senate. There is a possibility, however, that cuts in the Senate could go deeper to compensate for the higher propensity for defense spending and a tax cut there.

WHERE THE ACTION IS

- The House of Representatives. Members should be urged to support a human needs package amendment (which we expect to be offered) or to vote no on the budget resolution. A vote is expected March 28 - April 1.
- The Senate Budget Committee. Members drafting the Senate resolution beginning March 26 should be urged to keep the programs listed in the following pages (NASW budget priorities) in tact.
- The Senate strategy will depend on committee action. For now, just tell them what programs you care about and why. In the current fast-paced scene, vote is expected on the floor April 4.
- Easter Recess, April 4-14. Get as many constituents as possible to visit Senators and Congresspersons in their home offices in support of human services funding. This will be crucial for members who will be appointed to the

House-Senate conference committee which will work out the differences in the two budgets as soon as they return from the recess. We will forward a comparison for your use as soon as the Senate completes its work.

TOP NASW BUDGET PRIORITIES

HR 3434 Social Services

✓ Title XX Social Services, funded at \$2.9 billion for the past two years, will almost certainly be cut to \$2.7 billion in the current year. Achieving even that level, however, is likely to be a struggle.

The \$2.9 billion level was achieved by Congress' temporarily lifting the \$2.5 billion cap on the program for two years in a row. Those increases have now expired, leaving us at the same level as when Title XX was first enacted. The House version of HR 3434 would have permanently lifted the cap to \$3.1 billion starting this year. But the conference between the House and Senate accepted the less generous Senate ceiling of \$2.7 billion. Both houses have yet to approve raising the ceiling from \$2.5 to \$2.7 billion (\$2.9 in 1981, \$3.0 in 1982 and so on until reaching \$3.3 in 1985) as provided in the conference report.

Since, theoretically, the increase from \$2.5 to \$2.7 billion is "new" money this year in that it requires legislative action, some members of Congress might find it an easy target. In times of budget stringency, it seems less painful to fail to enact a "new" program than to cut one that already exists.

Congress must provide a \$200 million supplemental for FY '80 to enable HR 3434 to be adopted and take effect. The House Budget Committee made such a provision.

Therefore, urge members to vote for the conference report on HR 3434, since in actuality, Title XX has already suffered a \$200 million loss. Also urge Appropriations Committee members to approve the \$2.7 billion for FY 1980 and the \$2.9 billion for FY 1981. NOTE WELL: the Carter Administration supports this position.

Child Welfare Services were originally scheduled by the Administration to rise from the \$56.5 million level of the past several years to \$119 million this year and \$164 million in fiscal 1981. The new funds would make possible the foster care reforms in HR 3434 and implementation of the child welfare planning guidelines recently announced by the Children's Bureau.

The conference report in HR 3434 permits \$141 million for FY 1980 - \$22 million more than in the Administration's budget. However, the Administration has apparently decided to not seek the additional increase requested by the conferees but instead hold to their original request of \$119 for FY 1980. Regardless, support the conference report when it comes to the floor of the House

and Senate. And, urge the Appropriations Committee to fund child welfare at the conference report level of \$141 million for FY 1980 and \$164 for FY 1981.

The higher amounts are required by the additional services and standards that are being mandated. Moreover, child welfare services funding has been held at a mere \$56.6 million for years even though the authorization has been \$266 million.

Mental Health Services

The Carter mental health initiatives would be postponed under both the President's and the House Budget Committee's proposed cuts. This means the \$50 million supplemental appropriation for funding the pending Mental Health Systems Act will not be available this year. House Budget Committee action, if sustained, will effectively doom the expansion through fiscal 1981.

Food Stamps

The cost of the Food Stamp program has grown tremendously in recent years due to the increase in food prices and elimination of the purchase requirement. Unless Congress acts soon, costs will reach the current \$6.2 billion ceiling, and benefits will have to be cut back on June 1st. The Senate and the House Agriculture Committee have already passed legislation (S 1309) that would lift the cap. The bill raises the ceiling to \$9.2 billion in 1980 and \$10.7 billion in 1981. These amounts must be accommodated in the budget before they can take effect.

Chairman Giaimo recommended that his budget committee trim more than \$430 million from the Food Stamp budget in fiscal 1981 by indexing benefits to inflation only once a year instead of twice as is now the practice and by eliminating benefits for students who are not members of families. The committee adopted the measure.

We must support the conference report when it gets to a House vote. Attached is a Food Stamp Fact Sheet which details the situation and action that is required.

CHAP (Child Health Assurance Program)

Funds to expand eligibility and improve health services for children and pregnant women under Medicaid were to have increased \$39 million in the current fiscal year with the passage of this program. The President had requested \$403 million for fiscal 1981. The legislation is stalled in the Senate Finance Committee, where it has become linked to national health insurance, and, thus is ripe for cutting from the budget.

Deferral of the program was approved by the House Budget Committee. This kills its prospects, if it is passed, until fiscal 1982 unless the full House and Senate restore the funds.

It is believed that Senator Long, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, will release CHAP once he becomes convinced that his catastrophic health insurance (which costs \$7 billion) bill has no chance of passage in the current budget tightening climate. Therefore, the first goal is to get the bill out of the Senate Finance Committee and to a Senate floor vote. If passed, the Senate and House Budget Committee should restore funds.

Medicare-Medicaid Expansion

Legislation (S 3990 and HR 4000) which would expand home health services, change reimbursement mechanisms and allow a social work demonstration project has passed the committee stage in both the House and Senate. The expansion would cost \$200 million in fiscal 1981. Basically, the resolution passed by the House Budget Committee does not allow for the expansion.

These bills must be brought to the floor of the House and Senate for a vote. However, to succeed it is almost certain that the bills will have to be scaled down in costs. Nevertheless, some of the reforms are worthwhile enacting now. Among them are reimbursement reforms for community mental health centers, home health expansion and the social work demonstration project.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

The budget of the House Budget Committee would eliminate the LEAA (Law Enforcement Assistance Administration) grant programs at a saving of \$104 million in fiscal 1981. While many of these funds go for esoteric hardware and are quite controversial, 19.15 percent goes to states to maintain their juvenile justice programs. If eliminated, this would seriously hamper the effectiveness of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention which runs other categorical grant programs.

It is crucial that the OJJDP program's portion (\$29 million) be restored, preferably by transferring the grant program authority from LEAA to the juvenile justice program.

CETA Public Service Employment Jobs

The House Budget Committee eliminated funds for 50,000 public service jobs, a move President Carter has endorsed without setting a definite figure. The rationale is that these jobs were created

to counteract the last recession and are no longer needed. In fact, however, the jobs in the countercyclical program are held mostly by very low income and low-skilled persons. Many are in public and private, non-profit social service agencies.

Welfare Reform

The House Budget Committee has eliminated \$850 million to provide fiscal relief under welfare reform in fiscal 1981. Without this amount to entice the support of high-benefit states, it is doubtful the pending legislation will go anywhere. President Carter has also said he wants to postpone the program.

The modest package passed the House last year and is pending now in the Senate Finance Committee. The bill (HR 4904) represented the first realistic chance of improving public assistance in years. It would require all states to pay benefits at a level which, when added to Food Stamps, equals 65 percent of the poverty level. Benefits in 13 states are currently below this amount. All states would also be required to cover two-parent families.

It is highly unlikely that the \$850 million advanced fiscal relief for 1981 could be restored. Nevertheless, the legislation is important enough to fight for. Our hope is an effort to restore funds will highlight the need for continued consideration of the bill by the Finance Committee and passage, even if delayed.

OTHER SOCIAL PROGRAMS

The programs and endangered funds described above are only those that most immediately concern NASW. Cuts are proposed in many other programs that would hurt the poor and the quality of life in our cities and towns as well. They include the recently proposed Youth Employment and Education Initiatives, revenue sharing for states (a substantial amount of which goes for education and public welfare), economic and urban development projects, anti-recession aid for cities, unemployment benefits for former CETA workers, lunch subsidies for children other than the low income, Head Start and more.

Undoubtedly programs not mentioned in this report will be slated for cutback when President Carter and the Senate Budget Committee make their recommendations, but the ones targeted in the House Budget Committee likely form a core that, with a few changes, will be on everyone's list. The following list of major cuts, which was the basis of Chairman Giaimo's successful proposal to the House Budget Committee, gives an idea of the range of the budget-cutting activity.

FOOD STAMP FACT SHEET

1. Food Stamp Program (FSP) to run out of money on June 1, 1980.

Reason: The 1977 law placed a spending ceiling, or "cap," on the FSP. The cap for fiscal years 1980 and 1981 is set at \$6.2 billion. USDA estimates that the program will cost \$8.7 billion and \$9.7 billion for FY 1980 and 1981, respectively.

Three steps are needed to keep FSP running:

- ✓ a. The FY 1980 third concurrent budget resolution must be passed with \$2.5 billion more for the FSP. (The House Budget Committee has done this.)
- b. S. 1309 (the 1980 food stamp amendments) must be enacted. It now awaits House floor action. The bill raises the cap to the USDA cost estimates with a 5% and 10% "cushion" for additional need for FY 1980 and 1981, respectively.
- c. A supplemental appropriation bill must be passed to provide the needed funds for June, July, August and September.

If these three steps are not completed by mid-May, there will be no food stamps on June 1 for the 20 million food stamp recipients.

2. S. 1309 faces substantial opposition on the House floor and needs to be passed with as few cutbacks as possible.

There have already been agreements reached between the White House, the House Budget Committee, and Congressional leadership to impose some food stamp cuts in the inflation-fighting binge. These cuts will be offered on the floor when S. 1309 comes up, and include:

- a. Annualizing the updates of benefits in the FSP (benefits are now adjusted semi-annually). Cuts from recipients: \$300 million.
- b. Elimination of certain students from the FSP. Cuts: \$60 million.
- c. Using a less-timely poverty line figure, which would effectively reduce eligibility. Cuts: \$50 million.
- d. Reducing the assets limitation for non-elderly households from \$1,750 to \$1,500. Cuts: \$20 million.

Total Cuts: \$430 million

In addition, a floor amendment is expected to be introduced, with the leadership's support, to delay the implementation of certain expensive provisions of S. 1309 (affecting the medical deductions of the elderly and disabled, and increased child care deductions). This would "save" an additional \$122 million.

We also expect other negative amendments on the House floor that are a major threat. These include:

- a. An effort to cutback the raised figures for the cap. The effort will likely focus on removing the 5% and 10% cushions that the House Committee put into the bill in order to avoid the problem we are now facing where inaccurate projections of inflation and unemployment increase the cost of the FSP.
- b. An amendment (pushed by Senator Helms on the Senate side) to count the value of school lunches served to poor children in the value of FSP benefits. This will lower the FSP benefits for virtually every food stamp household with school-aged children.
- c. A renewed effort by Rep. Jim Jeffords (R-VT) to have food stamp benefits "recouped" from people whose annual incomes exceed 175% of the poverty line. This will hit at the temporarily poor and unemployed.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIRST BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1981

EXAMPLES OF OUTLAY SAVINGS FROM PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

I. Deferral of New Initiatives

• Youth education-employment initiative.....	-150
• Child Health Assurance program (CHAP).....	-400
• Fiscal relief portion of welfare reform.....	-850
• Medicare-Medicaid program expansion.....	-70
• Inland energy impact assistance.....	-38

II. Federal Belt Tightening

• An across-the-board 2 percent reduction in operation and administrative costs including a freeze in civilian personnel levels.....	-1,000
• Increase civilian pay absorption to reflect levels achieved in recent years (from 21 percent to 35 percent).....	-200
• Delay cost-of-living increases for Members of Congress and other administrative savings in the Legislative Branch.....	-61

III. Major Program Slowdowns

• Slowdown purchase of oil for Strategic Petroleum Reserve.....	-1,000
• Slowdown of EPA Construction Grants program.....	-100
• Slowdown of water projects.....	-100
• Slowdown of park lands acquisition.....	-150
• Reduction in obligation ceiling for Federal highways by about \$1 billion in fiscal years 1980 and 1981.....	-500
• Reduction in funding for local public works and economic development projects.....	-300

IV. Elimination of Programs

• Elimination of subsidies for Saturday mail delivery and some portion of subsidy for bulk mail.....	-836
• Elimination of Youth Conservation Corps.....	-55
• State share of general revenue sharing.....	-1,714
• Termination of the LEAA Grant programs.....	-104
• Elimination of proposed new initiative of countercyclical assistance.....	-1,000
• Young Adult Conservation Corps.....	-240
• Welfare reform demonstration projects.....	-220
✓ • Unemployment benefits for former CETA employees.....	-200

V. Better Targetting

• Tightened eligibility for low-income energy assistance.....	-200
• Elimination of work incentives (WIN)/CETA overlap.....	-50
✓ • Changes in food stamp eligibility.....	-100

VI. Annual (rather than semi-annual) Adjustments for Inflation

• Retirement benefits for Federal civilian and military retirees.....	-1,000
• Food Stamp program.....	-300
• Child Nutrition program.....	-100

VII. Other Major Reductions

• Reduction of 50,000 countercyclical jobs under CETA-VI.....	-500
• Department of Defense.....	-1,000

House Budget Committee
March 19, 1980

AGENDA

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
317 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

April 10, 1980 - 3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Anderson, Cohen, Corrao, Harvey, Randle, Schoen, Starr, Webster

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 3-27-80

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Report of Nominating Committee
2. Election of Officers

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3. Plan For The '80s: Slide Presentation.

STAFF REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Lot Division
Vicinity of East 18th Street between
Nicollet Avenue and 1st Avenue South
at the request of Abbott N. W. Hospital
[Staff recommends approval by adoption of Resolution] [see copy]
5. Lot Division
Vicinity of Hennepin Avenue and 9th Street
at the request of Benjamin S. Houge
[Withdrawn at the request of applicant, Benjamin S. Houge] [see copy]
6. Observations On The Bloomington Comprehensive Plan [see copy]
7. Review of Ramsey County Draft of Comprehensive Plan [see copy]

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS.

ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Hearing Committee of the City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 1980 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to consider petitions for rezonings and applications for conditional use permits.

Milt Schoen, Chair
Judy Corrao
Jane Starr

1. Annual Reviews of Supervised Living Facilities

- a. 1523 Emerson Avenue North (RC-19 - Ward 5) Review of a Conditional Use Permit for a community-based group care residential facility. (Turning Point, Inc.)
 - b. 236 Clifton Avenue (RC-14 - Ward 7) Review of a Conditional Use Permit for a community-based group care residential facility. (180 Degrees, Inc.)
 - c. 2605 Second Avenue South (RC-15 - Ward 8) Review of a Conditional Use Permit for a community-based group care residential facility. (Near South Side Neighborhood Receiving Center)
 - d. 2825 East Lake Street (RC-24 - Ward 9) Review of a Conditional Use Permit for an adult community corrections facility. (Volunteers of America)
 - e. 3020 Lyndale Avenue South - RC-16 - Ward 10 Review of a Conditional Use Permit for a community-based group care residential facility. (Freedom House)
 - f. 2712 Fremont Avenue South (RC-8 - Ward 10) Review of a Conditional Use Permit for an adult community corrections facility. (Alpha House)
 - g. 4954 Upton Avenue South (RC-32 - Ward 13) Review of a Conditional Use Permit for a community-based group care residential facility. (Shanti House, Inc.)
2. 2200 East Hennepin (P-468 - Ward 1) Petition of Bruce D. Melans to rezone from B2S-2 Dist to B3S-2 Dist to permit a used motor vehicle sales lot.
 3. 812-26 41st Avenue North (P-471 - Ward 4) Petition of Andrew Krutzig to rezone from R2B Dist to R4 Dist to permit a 9-unit apartment building. (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 462.357 Subd 5)
 4. 2417 - 2421 W. Broadway (C-651 - Ward 5) Application of D. Mullins and P. Wise for a conditional use permit for a secondhand store and consignment shop.
 5. 800-950 Washington Avenue South (C-653 - Ward 6) Application of Hennepin County for a conditional use permit for Hennepin County Juvenile Justice Center in M2-4 Dist (penal or correctional institution).

6. vicinity of I-35W & Mississippi River (C-646 - Ward 6) Application for a Conditional Use Permit by 3M Nat. Adv. Co. to permit an advertising ground sign in excess of 35' in height.
7. 1817 - 3rd Avenue South (C-650 - Ward 6) Application of the American Indian Center for a Conditional Use Permit for a community-based group care residential facility serving a maximum of 25 elderly Native Americans with an alcohol problem.
8. 2708 Portland Avenue (C-652 - Ward 8) Application of Turning Point, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit for a community-based group care residential facility.
9. 3022 East 26th Street (P-470 - Ward 9) Petition of Burton Scott II to rezone from R1A Dist to R2B Dist to permit a 2-family dwelling.
10. 5001 - 28th Avenue South (P-469 - Ward 12) Petition of William K. Moore to rezone from B2S-1 Dist to B3S-1 Dist to permit a printing establishment.
11. 1380 W. Minnehaha Parkway (C-645 - Ward 13) Application of People, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit for a community-based group care residential facility serving 15 adults developmentally disabled by epilepsy.

Tabled at Hearing Committee meeting: Petition of Troy L. Scattarella to rezone from B3S-2 Dist to B3S-3 Dist to permit construction of a Turkey Shoppe at 418 - 13th Avenue SE (P-462 - Ward 2) 2-19-80.

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I REALLY AM VERY SORRY
THAT I DID NOT RETURN THESE
TO YOU SOONER - PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
ALL THE HELP YOU GAVE ME - AND
THE TIME - IT WAS WELL APPRECIATED -

GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND ^{TO} ALL
YOUR COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS -

AGAIN, PLEASE ACCEPT MY ^{TO}
APOLOGY -

Fatty Tushie

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steering Committee
FROM: Marilyn Bryant
RE: Meeting of April 7, 1980

We will convene promptly at 5:30 p.m. on April 7 for our Steering Committee Meeting. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND and send a substitute to represent you.

Thanks to all the committees for the important work which has been done since our March 3 meeting. We look forward to updates in all areas. SPECIAL THANKS AND PRAISE TO BARBARA ADAMS for assuming full responsibility during my recent absences and particularly for a superb job on the April 3 press conference.

AGENDA: MWPC Steering Committee Meeting Meeting - April 7, 1980
Griggs-Midway Building, Room S205 5:30-8:00 p.m.

5:30 - Call to Order

Minutes of March 3, 1980 (Please read minutes prior to meeting)

Announcements

I. Administrative Reports

Financial:

Treasurer: June Noyes

Finance: Kathy Ackland and Margaret Sand

Chair's reports:

New Right Conference follow-up: Barbara Adams

Coalition of 15,000: Barbara Adams

Decade for Women: Marilyn Bryant

NWPC update: Marilyn Bryant

Press Conference: Barbara Adams/Marilyn Bryant

Special Report of Past Co-Chair: Carol Connolly

II. Committee Reports

Appointments and Endorsements: Ruth Hauge and Rahn Westby

Discuss: Endorsements Chair and procedures

Communications:

Legislative: Carrie Wasley

Plans for April 22 Legislative Wrap-up session

Membership: Toni Tschann and Carol Van Ryswyk

Newsletter: Carol Stenborg

Program: Barbara Steinbergs and Irene Bethke

Report on April 3 breakfast meeting

Tentative schedule of events

III. County Reports

Discussion of Hennepin/Ramsey meetings

(OVER)

County Reports (continued)

Hennepin: Sara Miele

Ramsey: Pat McCart and Marge Charmoli

South St. Louis: Marilyn Krueger/Anne Aspoas

Winona: AliceKeller/Anne Davis

IV. Old Business

Discussion of Minnesota Coalition Against Registration and the Draft
(MCARD)

V. New Business

Discussion of reinstatement of PAC Committee function and responsibilities.

ADJOURN: 8:00 p.m.

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

March 3, 1980

The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus March 3 meeting was held in the conference room of the Griggs-Midway Building, St. Paul. Marilyn Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes of the February 4 meeting were read with four corrections: MWPC added to the MWECC designation; MWPC added to the New Right Conference report; House added to the conference on families; and the addition of "explore the feasibility" relative to the motion on bidding for the national convention.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Kathy Ackland and Margaret Sand presented a three-page report stating the five 1980 goals they had formulated; a sample to be used was given, formulating the cost of an activity and the 1980 budget based on a \$22,000 income. They plan to meet with two members prior to calling for a vote on their proposed budget, and are planning to take measures so the next budget can be approved before 1981. Newsletter costs are being revamped, which could make a difference. Also, they expressed the need to re-activate guidelines relative to support of various candidates. They also planned to make some recommendations relative to dues at a later date after conferring with others.

NEW RIGHT CONFERENCE - Barbara Adams told of the plans underway for the coalition of such groups as Chrysallis, Unitarians, ALCU and others resulting from this meeting with upcoming meetings.

DECADE FOR WOMEN - Marilyn Bryant reviewed the town meeting set for May 17 at St. Catherine's College to review papers in the four divisions prior to the UN Decade meeting to be held in Copenhagen, July 14-30. Four subjects: women at work; health; education; racism. **MOTION:** The Caucus moved/seconded/passed a motion to give \$25 towards the St. Catherine conference, money to be taken from the MWECC funds.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed to give \$15 also from the MWECC to the Coalition of 15,000 for future joint projects.

A plea from NWPC for a \$1,000 gift for the ERA fund was turned down.

LETTERS - Margaret Sand suggested the MWPC write letters to Honneywell, the Urban Coalition and the Minneapolis Tribune for the splendid, informative article on details relating to attending a caucus meeting.

FAMILY CONFERENCE - During a discussion, some felt Governor Quie did not follow the guidelines for appointments to the family conference representation.

LEGISLATIVE - Carrie Wasley reported at length on current legislation affecting the high school girls athletic compromise bill which, while better than the 1979 bill, leaves much to be desired. Members were urged to join NOW in protest at the Capitol Rotunda on March 6 if they felt moved. The main issue is same season competition. Members were urged to attend the every Tuesday roundtable discussions in Room 400 Senate Office Building. Barbara reported on the rape-within-marriage bill which seems to have a good chance of passing and it was suggested that MWPC work toward a hotline phone in the future.

(OVER)

MEMBERSHIP - Carol Van Ryswyk and Toni Tschann reported on their unscrambling process with the membership list. They found 298 paid with only 155 listed on the National list. Over 600 are getting the newsletter. They recommend that unpaid members be dropped from the newsletter mailing in April 1980.

NEWSLETTER - Carol Stenborg told of working closely with the membership group as she is mailing out 600 copies and it is proving to be too costly. An investigation is being made towards cutting costs.

PROGRAM - Irene Bethke and Barbara Steinbergs discussed a program which might include a legislative update in March depending upon legislature meeting dates, followed by a meeting on "meet the women candidates" in April, a family program in May with a government reception for appointees in June, a program on "women running for office" in July as well as the annual Seneca Falls Picnic at Gloria Griffith's home and a "how to" program in August.

HENNEPIN COUNTY- Sara Miele told of running into too many busy women with no time, so she had scheduled a meeting in the Government Center March 4 to discuss whether Hennepin should continue or become a task force for the state organization, still holding a membership plan.

RAMSEY COUNTY - Margaret Charmoli discussed the fund raiser being held for Carol Connolly, candidate on March 7, as well as the \$50 fund raiser at the Minnesota Museum March 5. Concern for Connolly's candidacy and need for financial help from the MWPC were her main thrust, March 18 bringing the St. Paul primary time with stiff opposition.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (SOUTH) - Anne Aspoas discussed the political situation in the 8th District with the possibility that Perpich would win over Oberstar in the three-way race.

WINONA - Anne Davis reported on their recent elections.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - Marilyn Bryant said she would be out of town March 15-22 and March 27-April 1, with the suggestion that members call Barbara Adams for MWPC business.

MEMBERS ATTENDING WERE:

Marilyn Bryant	Barbara Adams	Margaret Sand
Kathryn Ackland	Carol Van Ryswyk	Jan Mildenberg
Enid Griffin	Carrie J. Wasley	Marge Charmoli
Anne Davis	Carol Stenborg	Sara Miele
Barbara Steinbergs	Anne Carol Aspoas	Irene Bethke
Ruth Hauge	Toni Tschann	

ABSENT:

June Noyes	Pat McCart
Kathy Ridder	Laura Miles
Alice Keller (represented by Anne Davis)	
Marilyn Krueger (represented by Anne Carol Aspoas)	
Rahn Westby	

PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING OF THE MINNESOTA WOMEN'S EDUCATION COUNCIL BEFORE
THE REGULAR MWPC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 5, 1980.

TIME: 5:15 p.m.

AGENDA:

- Minutes of January 7, 1980
- Treasurer's report
- MVEC project proposal (PLEASE REVIEW ENCLOSED)

Laura Miles, Chair
Elin Skinner

Hennepin County

Copy to

Emily Staples

Senate Finance
Marcela Trujillo

April 15, 1980

Meeting of Elin Skinner and Laura Miles to discuss increasing the education activities of the Minn. Women's Education Council and the Minn. Women's Political Caucus.

Suggestion: Send free of charge to newspapers in the sixth congressional district an information column on women's issues.

Possible resource people:

Mary Ziegenhagen-890-6847 home tel. publishing Burnsville "Current"

Kathy Davies-824-8945, doing free lance work-was on "Twin Cities Woman"

Marsha Appel, 544-9952, has full time job now

Debra Fischer-644-1382, doing free lance work

Carry Wasley-298-4145 off., 484-7090 home. aid to St Paul County Commissioner,

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Questions for the Caucus and Council to consider:

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Signature-by individual writer, Minn. Women's Educational Council or a pseudonym?

Writers

Subjects to be written about

Collectors of information for articles

Review committee

Person responsible for mailing articles.

Payment of writer and mailer.

Irene Butke
537-0469

\$ 10.00

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steering Committee
FROM: Marilyn Bryant
RE: Meeting of Monday, May 5, 1980

"Get Into the Running" Night, a major MWPC event, is scheduled for May 8. Barbara Steinbergs and others have put together an excellent program and it promises to be an outstanding event. We need your support - please plan to attend and bring at least one friend!

Please note:

- there will be a short meeting of MNEC at 5:15 on May 5. Please be prompt!
- Margaret Sand has agreed to serve as treasurer of MWPC and MNEC. June Noyes has resigned.
- Joan Siegel is joining the Steering Committee as Chair of Publicity/Communications. Welcome, Joan!
- Remember the newsletter deadline is May 5.

AGENDA: MWPC Steering Committee Meeting - May 5, 1980
Griggs-Midway Building, Room S205 5:30-8:00 p.m.

5:30 - Call to Order

Minutes of April 7, 1980 (Please read minutes prior to meeting)

Announcements

I. Administrative Reports

Financial:

Treasurer: Margaret Sand

Finance: Kathy Ackland

April 23, 1980 \$12,000.

JANE BERG \$7500.

Chairs' Reports

NWPC Update - Marilyn Bryant

Comments of Past Co-Chair: Carol Connolly - County Caucus

State Legial. cong. dist.

Huston - MAY 30, 31, - 1.

II. Committee Reports

Appointments and Endorsements: Rahn Westby and Ruth Hauge

Communications: Joan Siegel

Legislative: Carrie Wasley

Report on Wrap-up session

Membership: Carol Van Ryswyk and Toni Tschann

Newsletter: Carol Stenborg

Program: Barbara Steinbergs

Report on May 8 event

Report on Families Conference - KSTP.T.V.

3-d - on 4th Wednesday

Aug. 10 - Sierra Falls

III. County Reports

Discussion of Hennepin/Ramsey

Hennepin: Sara Miele

Ramsey: Pat McCart and Marge Charmoli

So. St. Louis: Anne Aspoas for Marilyn Krueger

Winona: Anne Davis

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June 2nd weekend!

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April 23, 1980

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MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

April 7, 1980

The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus April 7 meeting was held in the conference room of the Griggs-Midway Building, St. Paul. Marilyn Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of the March 3 meeting were read with no additions or corrections and were approved as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - A new Steering Committee list was passed to members at the meeting. Members were asked to make corrections, and a list will be mailed to all Steering Committee members with next month's minutes. Everyone was asked to notify the office and Marilyn Bryant when leaving town. Also, please notify the office if you are unable to attend the Steering Committee meeting. New small stationery with MWPC letterhead is available in the office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: June Noyes passed out a financial report to those present that showed an ending balance of \$1,095.37.

FINANCE: Kathy Ackland and Margaret Sand reported that the budget will stand as proposed. The Steering Committee was asked to accept the budget. MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED (WITH DISCUSSION) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET. Margaret discussed reviewing the budget in June, to see if programs were staying within their budget guidelines.

MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED THAT THE MWPC STEERING COMMITTEE APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ACCOUNTANT TO AUDIT THE 1979 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF MWPC AND MVEC FUNDS. Margaret Sand discussed two possible accountants she had contacted and Kathy Ackland had made some calls to women accountants who might possibly donate their services. Carol Connolly suggested that Eva Bruner, a Caucus member, be contacted and Enid Griffin suggested a woman accountant. AN ADDENDUM WAS MADE TO THE MOTION THAT THE FINANCE CO-CHAIRS BE EMPOWERED TO CARRY OUT THE MOTION - PASSED.

MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED THAT THE MWPC OFFICE MANAGER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING A PERMANENT FILE FOR MINUTES OF CAUCUS AND EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETINGS.

MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED THAT FILES OF CAUCUS EVENTS BE KEPT IN THE SAME WAY AS THE MINUTES.

NEW RIGHT - Barbara Adams gave a report on the New Right follow-up. The New Right is continuing to be addressed by a yet-unnamed coalition. A letter is going out from the coalition with endorsement from the Caucus in regard to the letter "Washington for Jesus Crusade" to progressive political and religious leaders in Minnesota. It was MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED TO ENDORSE THE LETTER. Carol Connolly suggested that an article be published in the newsletter concerning the decision.

DECADE FOR WOMEN - Enid Griffin gave a brief report on the May 17 Decade for Women, to be held at St. Catherine's. The next gathering for planning is May 7, and a sub-committee has narrowed a list of available people to speak at the conference.

NATIONAL - Marilyn gave an update from National Women's Political Caucus. NWPC made a project proposal to General Mills and Bemis and was turned down.

PRESS CONFERENCE - The NWPC initiated simultaneous press conferences in more than 15 cities across the United States on April 3, at 11:00 a.m. Minneapolis was one of those cities, and MWPC was able to form a coalition of 30 groups to protest Carter's proposed budget cuts. A copy of the news release and introductory comments was sent to congressmen representatives and the sponsoring organizations of the coalition.

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CAROL CONNOLLY CAMPAIGN - Carol Connolly thanked MWPC for support during her campaign. She said that the only question that she was asked privately was whether or not she was pro-choice. Bill Wilson was never asked, and Todd Lefko was asked twice. Someone suggested perhaps the MWPC endorsement cause the pro-life and pro-choice issue with her campaign. She is not endorsing anyone now the the City Council seat. Questions are arising among women concerning MWPC endorsement on campaign literature. MWPC must remain firm on policy in endorsement of women and the women who are running for office need our support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications - The name of Joan Siegel was suggested as someone who is interested in doing communications and publicity for the Caucus.

Legislative - Carrie Wasley reported that a Legislative Wrap-up session will be held in Room 22 of the State Office Building from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on April 22. Impressions of the legislative sessions will be discussed. It was reported that the Tuesday Legislative Roundtable sessions were highly successful.

Membership - Toni Tschann and Carol Van Ryswyk reported that they were continuing to process membership lists and are paring down the newsletter mailing list. Also, a letter and brochure was sent to the New Right Conference attendees in regard to joining MWPC. Calls are being made to former members who have not renewed. MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED TO PAY OUR ALL MONIES TO NATIONAL AND THE COUNTIES AT ONE TIME, AND THAT MONTHLY REPORTS AND PAYMENTS BE MADE BEGINNING MAY 1. Targeting procedures will begin after files are updated.

Program - Barbara Steinbergs reported on a networking evening at the Minnesota Museum of Art, on May 8 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., to provide an opportunity for women who are interested in elective or appointive positions. Both parties will be represented. The Caucus is looking for guarantors to underwrite the event with a \$25.00 contribution. The cost will be \$10.00 for non-members and \$8.00 for members. Barbara also gave a brief report concerning the White House Conference on Families, and asked for aid in planning the Seneca Falls Conference. There was a question concerning the Governor's reception in June, and whether MWPC will sponsor the event. Some checking will be done on this matter.

COUNTY REPORTS

HENNEPIN - Hennepin County is meeting Sunday, April 13, to gather approximately 30 women to function as a nucleus to guide the Hennepin Caucus. A Caucus meeting is set for May 12, in the Jury Room of the Government Center.

RAMSEY - A Caucus meeting is set for May 14 at the County Courthouse at 5:30 p.m. They will address the question of the pros and cons of continuing as an active chapter. The Luncheon meetings have been successful. The next meeting is April 25. They have also planned an after-work gathering for once-a-month, and are adopting Dakota and Washington Counties for social events. They have formed a phone tree based on legislative districts. There was a question concerning Seat D on the St. Paul City Council. They have decided not to endorse, but will inform members about both candidates and will encourage members to endorse Todd Lefko. The Caucus was thanked for the \$100. sent to Carol Connolly. A letter will be sent to recommend candidates for the Human Rights Commission position. April 15 is the deadline to submit applications.

WINONA AND DULUTH WERE UNREPRESENTED.

MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED TO INCLUDE AN OPINION BOX IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER TO SOLICIT OPINION RESPONSE CONCERNING MEMBERS' FEELINGS ABOUT THE DRAFT.

MCARD - A suggestion was made that MWPC obtain more information before deciding to join MCARD. MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED TO TABLE RESPONSE TO MCARD.

MEMBERSHIP LIST - the cost of the membership list/labels to members is the expense of printing and mailing the list.

MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED TO SEND A PLANT TO SUSAN SEDGWICK, WHO IS IN HOSPITAL.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

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CHAIR:
Marilyn Bryant, IR

CO-CHAIR:
Barbara Adams, DFL

23 April 1980

Dear Resource Person,

The program for "Get Into the Running" Night will be informal. Each of you will be asked to respond to one of our questions designed to elicit diverse responses and portray a great variety of experiences. We hope you will welcome this relaxed format which relieves you of preparing any formal remarks.

An area will be provided for you to display materials you think may be helpful to others, for example, campaign literature, and for you to be accessible to the public for one-to-one questions. Our audience will be composed of women considering running for office, applying for appointive positions, or working on campaigns.

If I've raised more questions than I've answered, you can reach me at 473-5514. Thank you for helping them to get into the running!

Warm regards,

Barbara Steinbergs (sp)

Barbara Steinbergs
Program Co-chair
Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

Enclosure

BS:sp

"GET INTO THE RUNNING" NIGHT

May 8, 1980 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Minnesota Museum of Art, St. Peter and Kellogg, St. Paul

ORDER OF APPEARANCE OF GUEST RESOURCES

This list reflects some already-expressed time constraints. Please call Barbara Steinbergs at 473-5514 if you need to appear earlier or later.

1. County: Nancy Olkon
Diane Ahrens
2. City: Ruby Hunt
Sally Howard
Judy Carrao
Charlee Hoyt
3. Appointments: Carol Connolly
Rahn Westby
4. Federal: Gloria Griffin
Mildred Thymian
5. State: Joan Anderson Growe
6. Senate: Dee Knaack
7. House: Phyllis Kahn
Connie Levi
Sally Olson
Ann Wynia
8. Metro Council: Gladys Brooks
Kathy Ridder
9. Campaign Manager: Myrna Marofsky
Mary Ann Page

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P L E A S E N O T E

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF MWEC BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MWPC STEERING COMMITTEE ON JUNE 2, 1980.

TIME: 5:15 P.M.

AGENDA: Minutes of May 5, 1980 Meeting
 Treasurer's report: Margaret Sand
 Progress on MWEC Project Proposal
 Laura Miles, Chair

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S EDUCATION COUNCIL

May 5, 1980

The Minnesota Women's Education Council met at 5:35 p.m. in the Griggs Midway Building Conference Room. Marilyn Bryant called the meeting to order.

MINUTES of the January 7, 1980, meeting were approved.

There was no TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Margaret Sand reported that a review of the MWEF accounts is in process and MWPC member Eva Bruner expects to complete it by May 13, 1980.

Moved by Laura Miles, seconded by Elin Skinner, that two signatures be required on all MWEF checks. Authorized to sign should be the treasurer, the co-chairs and one other Steering Committee member designated by the co-chairs. Motion passed.

Moved by Laura Miles, seconded by _____, that MWEF apply for and purchase a non-profit, bulk-rate mailing permit for MWEF mailings. Motion passed.

Rahn Westby reported that the IRS 990 report for the 1979 fiscal year has been filed.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Laura Miles, seconded by Rahn Westby, that Laura Miles' and Elin Skinner's proposal to provide an information column on women's issues to newspapers and radio stations in the sixth congressional district be approved and that up to \$1000 be appropriated from the MWEF Fund pending a positive report by Eva Bruner of the Fund's current balance.

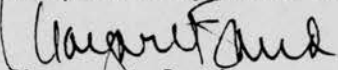
In the discussion, Rahn Westby questioned the payment of MWPC members to produce this column. Motion passed. (copy of proposal attached to these minutes)

NEW BUSINESS

Margaret Sand recommended that the MWEF leadership consider a consulting firm's proposal to furnish life insurance policies as deferred gifts to the MWEF Fund. The information was turned over to Laura Miles.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Sand
Acting Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn Bryant
Barbara Adams
Carol Connolly
Elin Skinner
Laura Miles
Anne Carol Aspoas
Jane Berg

Carol Stenborg
Irene Bethke
Joan Siegel
Toni Tschann
Ruth Hauge
Rahn Westby
Margaret Sand

April 15, 1980

Meeting of Elin Skinner and Laura Miles to discuss increasing the education activities of the Minn. Women's Education Council and the Minn. Women's Political Caucus.

Suggestion: Send free of charge to newspapers in the sixth congressional district an information column on women's issues.

Possible resource people:

Mary Ziegenhagen-890-6847 home tel. publishing Burnsville "Current"

Kathy Davies-824-8945, doing free lance work-was on "Twin Cities Woman"

Marsha Appel, 544-9952, has full time job now

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Subjects to be written about

Collectors of information for articles

Review committee

Person responsible for mailing articles.

Payment of writer and mailer.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MWPC Steering Committee
FROM: Marilyn Bryant
RE: Meeting of June 2, 1980

In consideration for all concerned, please notify the office if you cannot attend a meeting. Remember that attendance at State Steering Committee meetings is required by MWPC by-laws. Also, please be prompt, as meetings will begin and end on schedule.

Please note:

- Jane Berg is the new Finance Co-Chair. Welcome, Jane!
- Newsletter deadline is June 2. Editor Carol Stenborg requests that ALL COPY BE TYPED!!!
- There will be a meeting of MVEC at 5:15 p.m.

AGENDA

MWPC Steering Committee Meeting, June 2, 1980, Griggs-Midway Building, Room 205S, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Call to Order

Minutes of May 5, 1980 (Please read minutes in advance)

Announcements

I. Administrative reports

Financial: Treasurer: Margaret Sand

Finance: Kathy Ackland and Jane Berg

Chairs' reports

**Vote to endorse: YWCA Women's Expo

NOW ERA Movement for Equality

Minnesota Interchange Network

II. Committee reports

Appointments/Endorsements: Rahn Westby and Ruth Hauge

Communications: Joan Siegel

Legislative: Carrie Wasley

Membership: Carol Van Ryswyk

Guidelines for membership scholarships

Newsletter: Carol Stenborg

Program: Barbara Steinbergs

Report on May 8 event

Report on Seneca Falls

**Margie Adam concert (presentation by Jeanne LaBore of Persimmon Productions)

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III. County reports

Special reports:

Hennepin/Ramsey Task Force meetings

Endorsement plans: Hennepin: Mary Meeker

Ramsey: Marge Charmoli and Pat McCart

Hennepin: Sara Miele

Ramsey: Marge Charmoli and Pat McCart

So. St. Louis County: Anne Aspoas for Marilyn Krueger

Winona: Anne Davis for Alice Keller

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

Adjourn - 8:00 p.m.

** Vote of Steering Committee requested

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

May 5, 1980

The May 5 meeting of the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus met in the Griggs Midway Building Conference Room. Marilyn Bryant called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the April 7 meeting were approved as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - A reception for May Peek, author of The Awful Lightening, will be held at the Press Club, Second Floor Radisson, Minneapolis, on May 7, 1980. A birthday celebration will be held for Meridel LeSuer on June 1, 1980. The MWPC has purchased a 1/2-page in the program in honor of LeSuer.

The Treasurer's report of April 23, 1980 was approved.

Barbara Adams asked that individual Caucus members contact Senator Boschwitz regarding Senate File 1843, the Domestic Violence bill, and solicit his support. Contact should be made at either his Washington office (Liz Harding) or his Minneapolis office (Loanne Thrane).

The Women's Equity Action League (WEAL) and NOW are seeking funds to appeal the decision against Deborah Bergeson, who filed suit against her former employer, charging him with sex discrimination. Personal commitment of funds by Caucus members should be sent to Lucille Whisler, 35635 Valley Wood Lane, Excelsior, MN 55331. Make the check payable to WEAL.

Former chair, Carol Connolly, called attention to the necessity of formulating an emergency provision for endorsement, both judicial and elective, in instances where there is no action taken by a chartered county chapter.

MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED TO ADOPT, IN PRINCIPLE, AN EMERGENCY PROVISION TO ALLOW THE STATE APPOINTMENT CO-CHAIRS TO ADOPT AN ENDORSEMENT POLICY, IN THE EVENT THAT A CHARTER COUNTY CAUCUS ELECTS OR NEGLECTS TO PROVIDE CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT WITHIN QUALIFIED TIME PERIODS.

Pursuant to the above, endorsement for the Municipal Bench in Hennepin County will be conducted by the State Steering Committee.

Further discussion was had with respect to when endorsements should be proffered, and it was determined that previous Caucus policy required endorsement prior to the Congressional district conventions, and adherence to that policy should be maintained. It was further decided that the Caucus Legal Department would review the documents granting charter to the counties for additional clarification of the same.

(OVER)

MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED THAT THE CHARTERED COUNTY CAUCUS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ENDORSE PRIOR TO PARTY STATE CONVENTIONS THIS YEAR, ONLY AS A STOP-GAP MEASURE, AND THAT HENCEFORTH, ENDORSEMENT AT THE COUNTY LEVEL SHALL OCCUR PRIOR TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

MEMBERSHIP - reports 371 credentialed members, which is 29 short of the Second Quarter goal of 400, established by the National Women's Political Caucus. Further discussion was held as to the necessity of scholarship funds for recruitments, especially in minority (of the minority) communities.

MOTION - MOVED/SECONDED/PASSED THAT THE MWPC NEWSLETTER CONTINUE TO BE TYPESET IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE EARLIER CAUCUS POLICY.

COUNTY NEWS

Ramsey - Marge Charmoli reported the appointment of Jean West to the Port Authority by Mayor Latimer. Additional Steering Committee meetings are to be held with respect to endorsement in the Ramsey County legislative races.

So. St. Louis County - Anne Aspoass announce a "white glove picket" for the James Kilpatrick dinner speech, with commitments of participation from many women's groups.

There being no further business, with the exception of a birthday serenade for Marilyn Bryant, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rahn Westby

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Marilyn Bryant	Irene Bethke
Barbara Adams	Barbara Steinbergs
Margaret Sand	Joan Siegel
Carol Stenborg	Laura Miles
Toni Tschann	Marge Charmoli
Rahn Westby	Anne Aspoas
Ruth Hauge	Carol Connolly
Carrie Wasley	Elin Skinner
	Jane Berg

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kathy Ackland
Jan Mildenberg
Carol Van Ryswyk
Kathy Ridder
Sara Miele
Pat McCart
Marilyn Krueger
Anne Davis
Enid Griffin

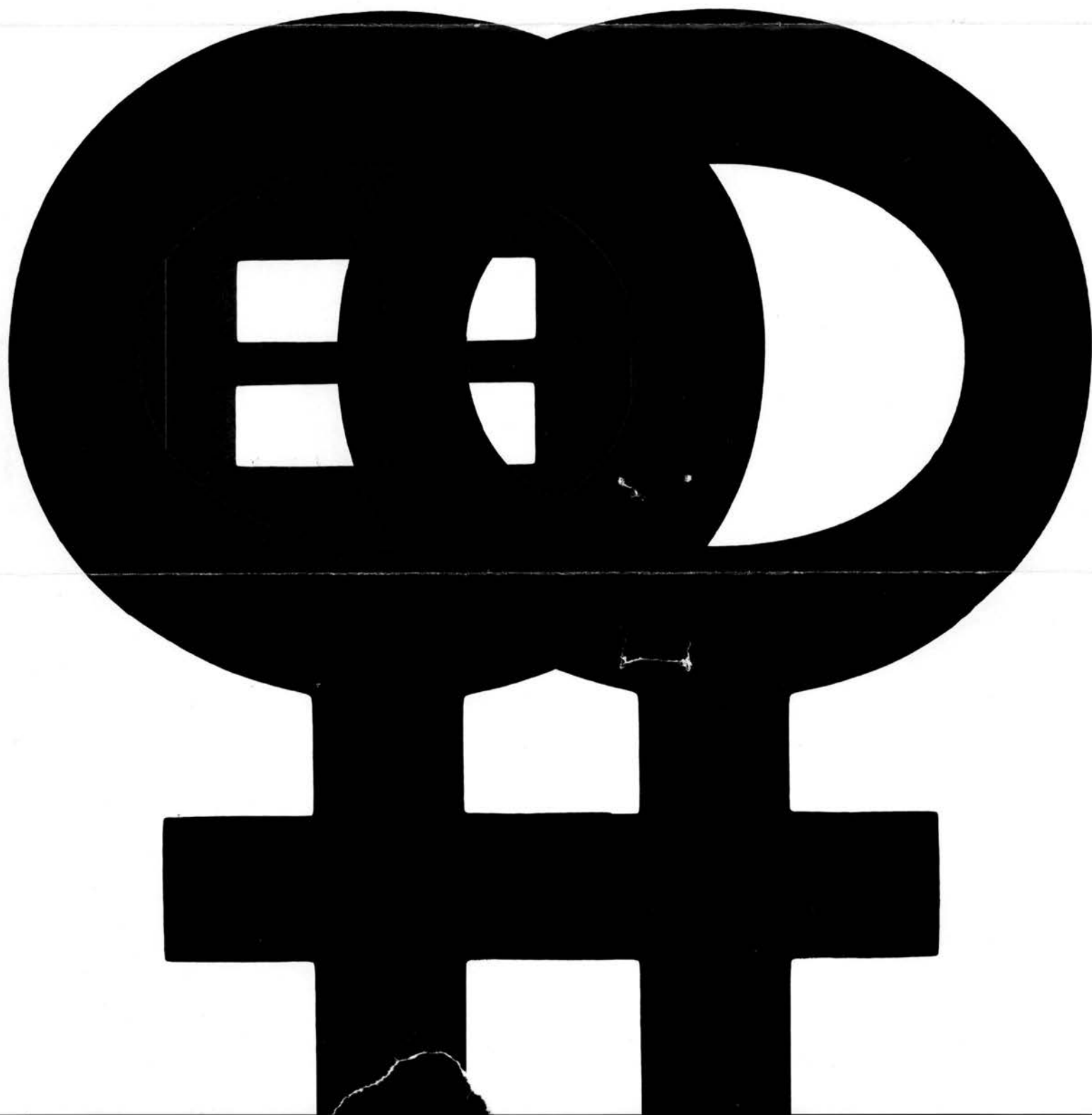


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NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS



Minnesota Women's Political Caucus



WHO? / On August 26, 1971 women throughout the state joined in celebration of national women's suffrage to create the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus. They represented diverse interests and socio-economic groups; but they were united in their effort to effectively implement the spirit as well as the fact of the nineteenth amendment.

WHAT? / The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus, a multi-partisan organization, established to:
Have women share equally in responsibilities of government at all levels
Elimination of racism, sexism, institutional violence and poverty
Support and recruit women for appointive and elective offices

HOW? / To accomplish these goals the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus conducts workshops, training sessions, seminars and conferences to inform women of these issues and to develop their political skills. In addition, the Caucus provides financial and organizational support to candidates. Its monthly newsletter informs members of state and local issues and activities of importance to women.

WHY? / "Women are not inherently passive or peaceful, we're not anything but human and like every other oppressed people rising up today, we're out for our freedom by any means necessary." Robin Morgan

WHY? / "Of my two 'handicaps', being female put many more obstacles in my path than being black." Shirley Chisholm

Enclosed is my check for ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 Life Membership. (For an additional contribution you will make it possible for someone else to have help with their dues.) Return to: Minnesota Women's Political Caucus / 2274 Como / St. Paul, MN / 55108

NAME		PHONE
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
COUNTY	LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION INFORMATION: POLITICAL PARTY		
RACIAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN		OCCUPATION
SPECIAL INTERESTS		
SIGNATURE		

I understand that my \$20 dues entitles me to membership in national, state and local caucus organizations and that I will receive both the state and national newsletters.

Events - Program

February 9 - Reception for Judges at IDS
March 16 - Fillies at Met
April 6 - Landmark Center
 Celebration of Women
May 17 - Sara Evans, Book review
June 13 - Reception for appointed women
 at Governor's residence
August 5 - Seneca Falls celebration
September 21 - Founding Feminists at
 Landmark Center
December 5 - Annual Giving luncheon
Need: Additional programs, planned
 programming

Communications/Public Relations

Upgraded newsletter, published monthly
Established calendar in newsletter
Newly designed office stationery and cards
Regular correspondence with groups and
 individuals
Attendance at events
Working with other groups, joining
 coalitions
News releases
Television coverage of events
Coverage of NWPC Convention
Need: Press contacts, speaking engage-
 ments, interviews, press releases,
 planned program for public relations

Membership Development

Designed new membership brochure
Newsletters to new members, prospective
 members
Personal notes, calls to prospective
 members
Phone calls to unrenewed members
Mailing to unrenewed members
July 23 gathering for new members
Letters of welcome to new members
Need: membership card, new member
 events, accurate membership list

Education

Attendance at NWPC Convention,
 Cincinnati, July
Attendance at NWPC Steering Committee
 meeting in Seattle, October
Planning for conference on New Right
Need: workshops, seminars, skill sessions,
 program developed for membership
 education

Organization

Regular Steering Committee meetings
Naming new members to Steering Committee
Policies and guidelines established
Policy statements on issues established
Nominating committee activated
Regularly scheduled agendas, memos,
 minutes mailed
Office procedures outlined, simplified
 where possible
Need: Formation of solid committee
 structure, funding for office manager

Political

Ad Hoc Committee on appointments
 established
Lobbying for federal judgeships
Endorsements for appointments, active
 endorsement/appointment committee
Meetings with Governor Quie, Jean King,
 state department directors
Endorsing candidates
Member, Legislative Round-table
Lobbying in state legislature
Testifying in state legislature
Need: Legislative Committee, complete
 legislative program, political action
 workshops

Finance

Strengthening financial procedures
Long range financial planning and
 budgeting
Development of financial policies
Fund-raisers at state and county levels
Annual fund-raiser in December
Need: Annual giving campaign, and/or
 major fund raising events, investi-
 gate foundation grants

EXPLORING THE NEW RIGHT

Program

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION

9:00 A.M. Political Science Perspective on the New Right - including an analysis of the political characteristics and bases of support of the New Right as well as a discussion of likely consequences of recent trends in the electorate.

William H. Flanigan, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota
William D. Morris, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota
Nancy H. Zingale, Chair, Department of Political Science, College of St. Thomas

10:30 A.M.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

SENATOR THOMAS J. MC INTYRE

FORMER U.S. SENATOR
1962-78, New Hampshire

AUTHOR OF THE FEAR BROKERS



12:00 Noon LUNCHEON SPEAKERS:

SONIA JOHNSON, PH.D., President of Mormons for ERA

Judge Susanne Sedgwick, Hennepin County District Court
Mary Peek, Educational Consultant, Political Activist
State Senator Jim Ulland, Duluth

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

- 1:30 P.M.
1. BLACK, INDIAN, HISPANIC CONCERNS: To review the impact of the New Right on the lives of these groups. Analyze the differences between old ultra conservatives and the present movement, including threats to civil and human rights victories. Discuss the real implications for the affected groups and society as a whole. Earl Craig, Executive Director, Mpls. Urban Coalition; Marilyn McClure, Commissioner, State Dept. of Human Rights; Norby Blake, American Indian Activist.
 2. HEALTH CARE: Discussion on whether and how the New Right could limit the options of the health care consumer in the '80's and the need for consumer input. Barbara O'Grady, R.N., M.S. Director, Ramsey County Public Health Nursing Service; Vice Chair, Metropolitan Health Board. Coral Houle, Chair, Metropolitan Health Board.
 3. WOMEN, POOR, LESBIAN/GAY CONCERNS: To explore problems and issues of employment, welfare and discrimination on the basis of sex and affectional preference as affected by New Right positions. Carla Messman, Minn. Committee for Gay Rights; Lou Ann Nyberg, Minn. Recipients Alliance; Kate Wulf, President, Minnesota NOW.
 4. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS: Examine effects of the New Right on environmental controls on business and industry and review Minnesota's history with New Right organizations and public ownership of land, parks and trails, zoning and land use planning. Chuck Dayton, Environmental Attorney; Diane Vosick, Audobon Society.
- 2:45 P.M.
1. LABOR AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: Discuss Labor's position with regard to the style of New Right politics in both the political sector and day-to-day labor relations. Treva Kahl, Director of COPE; Carol Flynn, Assoc. Director of AFCEM, Dist. Council 6, Private Sector Representative.
 2. EDUCATION: Study the impact of the New Right on Education, addressing such issues as teacher and student rights and academic freedom. Don Hill, President, Minnesota Education Association; Ruth Lysne, MEA Task Force on Academic Freedom; Terry Anderson, Chair, MEA Task Force on Academic Freedom, 1st. Co-Chair, Minn. Coalition Against Censorship.
- (program continued on other side)

REGISTRATION FORM

- * PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR LUNCH
* DAY CARE AVAILABLE BY ADVANCE REQUEST TO:
Joy Peterson, YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55403 612/332-0501

MAIL TO: Marion Mahoney
5108 So. Blake Road
Minneapolis, MN 55436

ENCLOSE CHECK PAYABLE TO
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☐ \$10 - INCLUDES LUNCH

☐ \$ 5 - WITHOUT LUNCH

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE BY ADVANCE REQUEST

NAME: _____

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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS (Continued)

- 2:45 P.M. 3. RELIGION: Dialogue among resources and participants regarding the political activity of authoritarian religion with particular attention to the abuse of religious authority. Sonia Johnson, Ph.D., President, Mormons for ERA; Clyde Steckel, Ph.D., Professor in Pastoral Care, United Theological Seminary; Enid Griffin, Citizen Action Chair, Minn. Church Women United.
4. POLITICAL PROCESS FROM A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE: With the threats to the equality of women, the New Right is old news in political feminist circles. This workshop will examine where they have been and where they are headed. Bev Braun, GOP Feminist Caucus; Jeri Rasmussen, DFL Feminist Caucus.
- 4:00 P.M. CONFERENCE RECEPTION: Comments from Conference Observers: Katie Sasseville, Chair, Minn. Public Service Commission; Esther Wattenberg, Urban and Regional Affairs Dept, U. of M.

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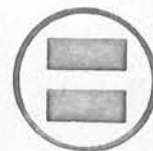
EXPLORING THE NEW RIGHT

An Examination of Right Wing Coalition Politics

IN COOPERATION WITH MINNESOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, ST. PAUL URBAN LEAGUE, PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MINN., GOP FEMINIST CAUCUS, DFL FEMINIST CAUCUS, MPLS. YWCA, AFL-CIO, MN. COMMITTEE FOR GAY RIGHTS, MN. NOW, COALITION FOR A PROGRESSIVE DFL.

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To: Members of the Panel on Black, Indian, Hispanic and Asian
Concerns for the Conference on EXPLORING the NEW RIGHT.

From: Katie McWatt, Moderator

All plans for the Conference have been finalized and reports indicate that we will expect approximately two hundred participants. The recent publicity given the ex-communication of Sonia Johnson, our luncheon speaker, by the Mormon Church for her ERA activities has increased the numbers of interested persons. We expect an even larger turn out for the lunch.

I have enclosed two articles on the NEW RIGHT to assist you in background understanding of the issue. In addition you will find a program that details the days events. There may be some changes or omissions, but the basic time and format are as stated.

You will be a guest of the Conference for lunch and parking fees will also be paid. I have made luncheon reservations for all of you and unless I hear from you, I'll assume you will be with us.

Our panel begins at 1:30p.m. and concludes at 2:45. In that hour and fifteen minutes we ask that each of you present your comments and observations of what the NEW RIGHT means to Black Indian, Hispanic or Asian interests. You will approximately ten minutes for this statement. At the conclusion of the panel remarks, questions and comments will be solicited from the audience. At the midpoint, Commissioner McClure, will summarize. If there is still time left, we will continue with the audience participation. I hope this format is agreeable.



I truly look forward to the panels presentations. I hope you will be able to come for the entire program. I will be there early and be on the look out for each of you.

Again, the YWCA is located at 1130 Nicollet Avenue and parking is possible at Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Avenue.

Thank you for your willingness to be a member of the panel and for taking time from busy schedules to confront the question of the NEW RIGHT.

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Algernon Johnson (DO Energy Agency
Robert Griesgraber (D) Crime Control Board
John Yngve (Chrmn) Metro Transit
Harry Peterson (C) Labor & Industry
Arthur Noot (C) Welfare

Governor Quie has provided us this list of Commissioners and Directors appointed through March 6th. Each has been informed by the Governor that he/she should make a special effort to employ women and minorities.

Now the responsibility is on our side; should you wish a job in one of these departments, be assertive, inform the top person that you know of the Governor's instructions, or at least make sure you mention your MWPC membership. If neither appeals, at least you can address the letter to the proper person!!!!

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FILLIES FUNDRAISER

If you are still interested in attending the Met Stadium evening, sponsored by the MWPC and NOW on March 16th, you may call the caucus office for last minute tickets. Event starts at 7:00 PM with a reception for women officials and the Willmar 8.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WILL
BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Cable Communications Board
Public Employment Relations Board
Personnel Board
Minnesota Board on Aging
Minnesota Environmental Education Board
Council for the Handicapped
State Zoological Board
State Task Force on Battered Women
(appointed by the Commissioner of
Corrections)

Mary Jo Richardson heads the Governor's Staff for such appointments.

MINNESOTA IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS sponsors a St. Patrick's Day tour in support of the effort to save the Irish Row Houses in Red Wing, Minnesota built in 1879 by James Lawther, an Irish immigrant, and threatened with demolition.

Saturday, March 17, 1979

9:30 Buses leave MacCafferty's parking lot
Grand Avenue at Avon

12:00 Lunch in Red Wing at the New Hotel
with the Mayor

Tour of Row Houses and meeting with
Citizens Group concerned with preserving the Row Houses.

Afternoon return.

\$10.00 per person for transportation and
lunch.

For reservations and further information
call Norah McCafferty at 698-1457.

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR COPY
FOR THE MWPC NEWSLETTER IS
MONDAY, APRIL 2 at 5:00 PM
IN THE CAUCUS OFFICE.

Reproductive Freedom

On Tuesday, March 6, the House Subcommittee on Health and Welfare began hearing three bills. The first, H.F. 479, prohibits health maintenance organizations from covering any abortion services (whether spontaneous, induced or a medical necessity). The second, HF 399, adds a severability clause to the Family Planning Bill. The last, HF 247, seeks to cancel all funding for family planning. The purpose of HF 399 and HF 247 is to nullify the Family Planning Act that was passed last year. The bill prevented any organizations that did abortions, (ie, Planned Parenthood), from receiving any of the funds. On February 23, the Ramsey County District Court found this provision unconstitutional. HF 399 states that the bill is not severable, and if any part is thrown out, the whole bill must be thrown out. HF 247 states that if any part of last year's law is ruled unconstitutional, then the 1.3 million dollars appropriated for Family Planning would be cancelled. Testimony on these bills was heard on March 6 and will be continued on March 13, with a vote expected on March 13. Letters or phone calls to Rep. Esau, Chair of the Subcommittee would be desirable.

HF 4, the bill requiring parental notification for family planning information and care has not been scheduled for a hearing as of yet. Rep. Niehaus (author and Chair of Health and Welfare) has received a lot of pressure because of this bill. We must keep up the pressure to prevent this bill from receiving a hearing.

Human Services

The child care - sliding scale bill (HF 272 - SF 266) which provides a sliding scale subsidy for child care services for persons with low and moderate income was passed by the subcommittee of Health and Welfare in both the House and Senate. Hearings before full committee have not been scheduled. Pressure on Governor Quie in regards to this bill would be helpful.

Funding for shelters for battered women was heard before a subcommittee in the House last week. Funding for these shelters was increased. Our thanks to Rep. McCarron for his support for these programs. We will be pushing for the same increase in the Senate.

Economic Conditions of Women

The Marriage and Divorce Refort Act which went into effect on March 1, 1979, is already under attack. A purely technical bill was introduced to take care of nuts and bolts type problems. In subcommittee an attempt was made to add an amendment that would have put the concept of "fault" back into divorce proceedings. Although this attempt failed, an attempt to do the same thing can be expected when the bill comes to the House floor. The bill is scheduled for General Orders on Thursday, March 8.

The Council on the Economic Status of Women is up for refunding this year. Letters of support for the Caucus should be sent to Rep. Delbert Anderson (Chair of State Department Division of Appropriations) and Senator Humphrey (Chair of State Department Division of Finance). Besides providing important information on a wide range of topics, it sensitizes both the legislative and government agencies on the needs, problems and concerns of women.

No action has been seen on inheritance tax or sex discrimination in insurance. We are in the process of forming task forces on these issues. If anyone has a special interest or expertise on these issues, their input would be welcomed and appreciated.

REMINDER: The legislative committee meets every Friday with members of other women's organizations to discuss the week's activities and prepare for the next week. These meetings, which are held from 11:00 - 12:00 in Room 400SW of the State Office Building are open to all members. If anyone is interested in receiving weekly legislative alerts, please contact the office so your name can be included.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES:

Enacted because of a coalition effort during the 1977 session, has its funding severely threatened. The scope of its training and service is very wide, and you are encouraged to remind your legislator and Senator that we support continued funding.

SUPPORT THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

WINONA COUNTY

Steering Committee

Alice Keller, Chair
Barbara Kolupke, Vice Chair
Margaret Kiihne, Recorder
Margaret Ferguson, Treasurer
Lorraine Cieminski, Finance Director
Kathryn Jarvinen, Membership
Augusta C. Nelson, Appointments Chair
Merry Edwards, Legislative Chair

Winona Steering Committee meetings will be held the 1st Thursday each month. The Annual Membership Meeting (Feb. 3) set a goal of 30 members for 1979. The Membership Chair will contact all persons who have shown prior interest in the Caucus by taking out memberships and/or have attended Caucus sponsored events.

Ann O'Laughlin was the guest speaker at the February 3rd Membership Meeting. Ann spoke on her recent campaign and the need for women to support each other. Ann grew up 60 miles away from Winona in Spring Grove.

The write-up of the Annual Meeting made page 3 of the local paper where all important news is printed. All women were listed by first and last names - no reference to marital status. This is an important change in the paper's policy.

There will be a General Membership Meeting, Thursday, March 22, 8 PM, at the YMCA Adult Lounge #2, 1st floor. The speaker will be Representative Tom Stoa, who represents the local area.

The 1st endorsement process will be for the May School Board elections.

Alice spoke at the AAUW - AM/PM Study Group on Debunking the Myths of the ERA.

At the next Steering Committee Meeting a leader of the YWCA Board, in Winona, has accepted the Caucus' invitation to inform them about the YWCA. The YWCA has asked the Caucus to help with their building fund. The Caucus needs clarification on the YWCA's position on the ERA.

Any questions - call Alice at 507/452-4160.

SOUTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHAPTER

Nominations for Duluth area members of the Caucus took place on March 8th. Elections will be at the annual meeting a Thursday in April.

The 8th Congressional District (as do all) has an Advisory Board on Appointments to Boards and Commissions. There are many Caucus members involved, and both Mary Ryland and Carolyn Bye are on the Advisory Board.

**What do you
need to know?**

RAMSEY COUNTY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 29th

Rahn Westby's home, 479 Laurel

6:30-7:15 Business

7:15-8:00 Social

8:00 "Women in the Law"

Judge Roberta Levy

EXPLANATION OF FLYER

Enclosed you will find a flyer about a Women's Seminar in Minneapolis on Saturday, April 21st at the Southdale YMCA. This Seminar is designed to help women become more personally and politically effective. It is non-partisan and is open to all women who are concerned about themselves, their families and their communities. It will emphasize the positive influence and impact American women should have on our state and nation. Panels will include nationally known and local women such as Arethea King, Iantha LeVander, and Kathy Ridder.

HENNEPIN COUNTY CANDIDATES

Diane Hofstede Candidate for the Minneapolis School Board

Diane Hofstede is a Minnesota Women's Political Caucus member and is planning a strategy meeting on March 26, 1979, 7:00 P.M., at 2526 3rd St NE, Minneapolis.....home number is 781-8641; office number is 944-6100, ext 415-419.

She needs volunteers and others who are interested in discussing the issues of the Minneapolis School system.

Diane was a Senior High and Junior High teacher for 3½ years in the Minneapolis system. She is tenured. For two years, she taught in nearly all secondary schools in Minneapolis and wrote curriculum for grades 7 - 12 for the Women Studies Department of the Minneapolis Public Schools. She has a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Minnesota and is currently a PhD candidate at the University in Educational Administration. Last year, she was Assistant to the Superintendent of the Columbia Heights, Minnesota School District and therefore has experience in budgets planning, affirmative action, school closings, liaison with community groups and other administrative functions.

She feels strongly that a vibrant community is dependent on a vibrant school system. She feels it is not too late but we must start now to create a stronger educational system that listens and acts on the needs of those it serves.

Come and hear more on Monday, March 26, 7:00 P.M., 2526 3rd Street NE, Minneapolis. Phone is 781-8641 at home; 944-6100, ext 415, 419 at work. If you need directions, feel free to call.

and..... Nancy Anderson, 2008 Grand Avenue So, elected citywide to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board in 1975, has announced her candidacy for a second four-year term. Anderson is presently serving as Vice President of the Board and Chairman of the Planning Committee, and was the former Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Members can contact her Volunteer Committee by phoning her at 871-3276 or Ted Horwitz at 926-4892.

HENNEPIN COUNTY CHAPTER

"WOMAN TO WOMEN"

Sally Howard will be our guest for lunch on Tuesday, March 27, as we launch the first in our series of small group meetings with our endorsed elected officials. We especially want new members to come and meet our endorsed candidates. So, new or old, call Margo Diederich-Lee before March 26th at 824-9956.

The March 27th luncheon will be at the Grain Exchange Tea Room, 4th Avenue and 3rd Street in Minneapolis. Prices range from \$1.85 to \$2.80. There are parking lots near by.

Should you wish a copy of the By-laws of the MWPC, send a self-addressed envelope with 28¢ postage to the office. Bylaws were updated 8/1/78.

THIS MONTH'S RIDDLE: An esteemed Washingtonian recently referred to women as a "special interest group". What then are men?

The enclosed Caucus flyer is to facilitate your efforts to get a new acquaintance to join. Just carry it in your bag, and once you have steered the conversation to your favorite topic, collect the check and mail it to the office!!!!

working hard... for all of us.

The Steering Committee was informed that a neighborhood newspaper which printed an opinion piece on freedom of choice by Connie Perizino has been harrassed greatly. You may wish to show your support by subscribing for an annual charge of \$4.20 to the

Midway Monitor
600 N. Fairview Avenue
St. Paul, Mn. 55104






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In many of these cases, the victory came because of the concerted effort of women across party and organizational lines.

And so, the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus is having a gala, a time of recognition and celebration, with entertainment, brief words and long conversations.

We do this to honor good women, but also to hold out the hand of multiple memberships. The donation will be just five dollars, but if you join the MWPC (new or renew) before the evening draws to a close, that donation will be credited to your dues.

Gather your friends, and come to the Landmark Center in the Old Federal Courts Building in beautiful downtown St. Paul.

By Carol Connolly

It is not a question of life. It is a question of power. I want the power of choice. It is a simple, human request. The choice to do what I will with my life, and as a part of that, with my mind and and my body.

I have borne eight children. My personal choice within the framework of society is obvious, and is not a matter for discussion. The format for my life that choice produces is a private thing. Your choice is a private thing as well.

My request is simple. I ask that our institutions allow me and my sisters the power of choice. We are polite people, we are responsible and moral. We are contributors to society. We won't embarrass you. You can trust us.

There is an effort growing in this State to rescind the ERA. There are flank efforts in this war against freedom to rescind family planning funding and to interfere with the operation of Health Maintenance Organizations. To deny services is to deny choice.

To curtail choice is to curtail freedom. When one person's freedom is thwarted, we are all limited. Our foremothers and forefathers struggled for freedom and justice. We continue the struggle.

It is important for each of us to contact our Representative, our Senators, and our Governor and ask specifically, at this time, that they consider our rights and needs.

By Marilyn Bryant

The newly elected Steering Committee of the MWPC has been engaged recently in setting priorities for the coming year. This is a difficult task in an organizational setting just as it is in our personal lives, for there are many factors and constraints, both known and unknown, which will affect our choices and therefore determine our priorities. As a political organization, we want to be influential regarding the appointment of women, to be effective lobbyists for legislation which is consistent with our purpose, and to be supportive of our endorsed elective candidates. These

are outward manifestations of a strong, forceful organization which understands its purpose and operates at maximum effectiveness in achieving that purpose. However, it is patently clear that to demonstrate this effectiveness in the public arena, we must have our internal house in order so that it functions smoothly and is geared for success in the public arena. To support our political activities, we need a large broad-based organization which is well administered and financially responsible. To accomplish any of these requires that we educate the public more actively and effectively than ever before.

Agreeing that all of these are desirable goals, your Steering Committee has discussed and deliberated over the most expedient way to reach these goals. It would appear that crucial to the development of the MWPC at this time, and the eventual achievement of our goals, is the expansion of membership and the establishment of a firm financial base. Both of these, in turn, require that the general public be made aware of the Caucus and be educated as to its purpose, implying that we must do more in the area of communications and public relations. In the simplest terms, no one will join the Caucus and contribute to it financially if they don't understand what it's about and are not impressed with the importance of its mission. The Steering Committee alone cannot reach the wide numbers of persons whom we need to reach and educate. We need the help of every member in talking to others about the MWPC, its effectiveness, its importance as an organization in encouraging and strengthening the role of women in public life.

You, the membership of MWPC, are ultimately our most basic tool in this education process, the essential component in our communications network. Through you, the efforts of the Steering Committee will be multiplied. We will work diligently to achieve the goals which have been set for our priorities in the coming year. However, we need your help in interpreting the Caucus to the community, explaining our activities and demonstrating the validity of our organization. As you consider your personal priorities for the coming months, weigh carefully your obligations to the MWPC and strongly consider spending some time promoting this cause to which we are all committed.

Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

HERSTORY

NATIONAL	YEAR	STATE	CHAPTERS ORGANIZED	
Organizing Conference Marches	7/10 8/26	1971	Aug. 26 - Rally in Minneapolis Nov.20 - Opening Meeting at Augsburg	So. St. Louis County
Monthly Steering Committee Meetings		1972	Jan. 22 - Reconvened Convention (Betty Friedan) Wanda Beale elected Chair Nov. - members elected to the House - Convention - Mary Ziegenhagen as Chair	Clay
February in Houston Sissy Farenthold as Chair		1973	Aug. - Founders Day Weekend Retreat explored issues/candidacies Nov. 17/18 Convention - Marlene Johnson as Chair	Ramsey Hennepin Becker
		1974	July 14 - Seneca Falls Celebration Nov. 20 - Helen McMillan Dinner	So. St. Louis County Winona
June - Boston Audrey Rowe Colom as Chair		1975	Jan. 11 Blizzard postpones convention Feb. - reconvened - Marlene Johnson re-elected	
		1976	Jan. convention- Pamela Johnson as Chair	
September - San Jose Millie Jeffrey		1977	April convention - Pamela Johnson re-elected July - Reception at the Governor's mansion	
		1978	Rosalie Wahl appointed to the Supreme Court April convention - Elin Malmquist Skinner as Chair	
January - Washington, D.C. Chair and both co-chairs elect attend National Steering Committee Meetings		1979	First outstate convention in Duluth January 20th elected Marilyn Bryant & Carol Connolly as Co=chairs	

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

MARCH 1979

RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

February 19, 1980

TO: Irene Bethke
Program Chair

FROM: Kathy Ackland
Margaret Sand - Finance Directors

RE: YOUR 1980 BUDGET

Your projected committee budget for 1980 is \$ 300.00.

A draft budget containing this amount will be presented to the Steering Committee on March 3 and the final budget will be presented at the April meeting.

In order for us to better understand the organization's funding needs for the future and your individual committee's needs, we need to know how you plan to use your budget in 1980.

Please list for us your committee's -

- purpose
- goals
- activities, both old and new, scheduled for 1980
- projected income and expense for each

Any chair requesting a greater amount than the figure shown above will be asked to meet with the Finance Directors prior to the April Steering Committee meeting.

Your 1980 program budget description is due at the MWPC office by 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 29, 1980.

Community Organizations MWPC has cooperated with in their activities:

NOW - ERA Rally and fundraiser at Butler Square, July 1
WARN - Women of All Red Nations Fund-raiser and Reception, July 3 & July 5
WAVAW - Women Against Violence Against Women - walk on August 4
WYCA - Women's Expo, September 13
World Economy Dialogue - September 13, 14, 15
DFL Feminists - Andrew Young fund-raiser, May 31
GOP Feminists - ice cream social, June 24
League of Women Voters - job-sharing bill
Minnesota Women Lawyers - lobbying for women on Judicial Commissions

Coalitions that MWPC is a working member of (or has representative on):

PERC - Public Education and Research Committee
Coalition of 15,000
Citizens for the Constitution
Social Security Conference - November 1, 1979
MCOSEE - Minnesota Coalition of Organizations for Sex Equality in Education
Abortion Rights Action Week
Coalition for Freedom of Choice

Marilyn Bryant - February 4, 1980

MMPC STEERING COMMITTEE

1979

CO-CHAIRS.....	Marilyn Bryant	17819 Maple Hill Rd	Wayzata	55391	612-473-4808
	Carol Connolly	1382 Summit Ave	St Paul	55105	612-698-0117
Treasurer.....	June E. Noyes	1484 Igleshart Ave	St Paul	55104	612-645-7353
Legal Recorder	Barbara Glick	3657 Dunaisky Ln	Duluth	55811	612-296-4188 (o) 612-644-3035 (h-StP) 218-729-7652 (Dul)
Finance Director.....	Carol Van Ryswyk	2000 Irving Ave S	Mpls	55405	612-374-2990 (o) 612-377-0673 (h)
Co-Chairs	Diane Selinski-Riddle	818 Newton Ave N	Mpls	55411	612-377-8800 (o) 612-377-5946 (h)
Communications.....	Lois Kundel	361 Leicester Ave	Duluth	55803	218-724-5417
Co-Chairs	Beverly Braun	1385 Skiles Ln	Arden Hills	55112	612-645-1744
Membership.....	Carla Messman	943 Marshall Ave	St Paul	55104	612-296-6867 (o) 612-646-6343 (h)
Co-Chairs	Fran Trejo	462 S Robert	St Paul	55107	612-224-2301 (o) 612-224-8778 (h)
Appointments.....	Kathy Ridder	1744 Dodd Rd	St Paul	55118	612-454-1572
Legislative.....	Anne C. Aspoas	5614 London Rd	Duluth	55804	218-525-1661
Co-Chairs	Rochelle Davis	1596 Dayton Ave #7	St Paul	55104	612-645-9955
Program.....	JoAnn Cardenas-Enos	149 Exeter Pl	St. Paul	55104	612-298-6922 (o) 612-647-1130 (h)
<u>CHAPTER CHAIRS</u>					
Hennepin.....	Gloria Griffin	4240 Circle Rd	Tonka Bay	55331	612-474-4807
Ramsey.....	Carla Messman	943 Marshall Ave	St Paul	55104	612-296-6867 (o) 612-646-6343 (h)
So St Louis (Duluth).....	Judy Lambert-Fisher	528 E Cascade St	Duluth	55805	218-722-2999 (o) 218-722-6534 (h)
Winona.....	Alice Keller	358 Collegeview	Winona	55987	507-452-7050
Immediate Past Chair.....	Elin M. Skinner	1834 Princeton Ave	St Paul	55105	612-429-3381 (o) 612-698-1834 (h)
Office Manager.....	Avis Foley	1812 Como Ave SE	Mpls	55414	612-646-5865 (o) 612-331-8841 (h)

January 30, 1980

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MWPC - 1980

Review of 1979:

Designed new membership brochure
Wide distribution, available at events
Letters of welcome to new members
Letters to prospective members, names sent by MWPC
Letters to MWPC associate members
Newsletters to new members, prospective members
Phone calls to unrenewed members (minimal - check Kathy Ridder)
New member event - July 23, at Carol Van Ryswyk's

Suggested procedures for 1980:

Organize, update office membership files
Update membership lists
Make available to Chair, Co-Chair, Nominating (others with permission only)
Check on membership renewals - send reminder? Call to remind?
Work with office manager and treasurer on method for processing new members

Other suggestions:

List new members, renewed members in newsletter
Plan new member events with program committee
Continue to send welcome letter (needs to be revised)
Continue to send letter to prospective members

Plan membership events - coordinate with Program committee
i.e., Governor's reception, Landmark Center

Form a committee - necessary for outreach!

Set goals for membership:

500 members by June 1?
Motivate membership - prizes? Special discounts on events?
Use the newsletter to feature new members
Increase out-state membership -
work with existing Caucuses in South St. Louis, Winona
consider establishing chapters in new locations

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Powers - - Workshops -

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schedule

9/13, 2. Orientation in Past -

Chil Carol Van Ryp - ideas
292 -

NOW - check calendar
or - future events



Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

1821 University Avenue, 291S, St. Paul, Mn, 55104, (612) 646-5865

CHAIR:
Marilyn Bryant, IR

February 18, 1980

CO-CHAIR:
Barbara Adams, DFL

TO: Marilyn Bryant, chair
Barbara Adams, co-chair

FROM: Kathy Ackland
Margaret Sand - finance directors

RE: 1980 GOALS

As a result of our meeting today, we have established the following goals for this year -

1. 1980 BUDGET Request justification for individual budget requests and establish a final 1980 budget. A draft budget will be presented at the March 3 Steering Committee meeting; a final budget at the April meeting.*
2. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES Evaluate current MWPC procedures involving finance and develop written policy and procedures where necessary.
3. INTERNAL COOPERATION Work closely with those having most impact on MWPC finance in order to insure future financial growth of the organization, including -
 - Education Council chair
 - Membership chair
 - Program chairs
 - Treasurer
4. MONITOR AND AUDIT Monitor all financial activity throughout the year. Conduct an audit of the organization's books at the close of the fiscal year.
5. 1981 BUDGET Schedule and conduct budget planning and development for the 1981 fiscal year, based on projected program goals and fund-raising needs.

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*We expect to meet with former Finance Director Carol Van Ryswyk prior to the March Steering Committee meeting to further evaluate the latest draft of the 1980 budget.

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MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS - 1980 BUDGET

DRAFT - 2/18/80

			SOURCE ACCOUNTS:			
			<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>LEGISLATIVE</u>	
INCOME:	Dues	\$10,000.00	10,000.00			
	Fund Raising - operations	2,150.00	2,150.00			
	Fund Raising - candidates	3,850.00				\$ 3,850.00
	Annual Giving Dinner Dec.	5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00		
	Program Fees	1,000.00		1,000.00		
TOTAL INCOME:		\$22,000.00	\$12,150.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 3,850.00
EXPENSES:	<u>Operations</u>					
	Rent	\$1200.00				
	Telephone	600.00				
	Salaries	2850.00				
	Postage	450.00				
	Mailing					
	Maintenance	135.00				
	Supplies	500.00				
	Typewriter	65.00				
	Misc.	200.00				
	Operations Total:	\$6000.00	\$ 4000.00	\$ 2000.00		
	Chairs' Expenses	2000.00	500.00	1500.00		
	Newsletter	2000.00		2000.00		
	<u>Committees</u>					
	Legislation	250.00				250.00
	Membership	400.00	400.00			
	Nominating	50.00	50.00			
	Appointments	500.00				500.00
	Program	300.00		300.00		
	Communication	200.00		200.00		
	Other	150.00	150.00			
	Committees Total:	\$1850.00				
	National and County Dues:	\$7000.00	7000.00			
	Support for Candidates:	3100.00				3100.00
	Dues to Local Organizations:	50.00	50.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$22,000.00	\$12,150.00	\$6,000.00		\$3,850.00

FEBRUARY, 1980

YWCA URBAN CENTER WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

CAREER CORNER

Kathryn Adam, YWCA Career
Counseling and Acting Dir.
WOMEN'S PROGRAM DEPARTMENT

In this election year you may be looking to expand your awareness of political issues, particularly as they pertain to women. Two new YWCA programs can help you do that. "Be It Resolved, That The YWCA" is a public affairs brown bag series focusing on the five priority public policy issues singled out by the YWCA - USA at the 28th National Convention. The February 5 offering is "Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy: Issues and Answers". The program takes place from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. and is only \$1 for members of the YW, and \$2 for nonmembers. Another exciting series is the Women's Town Meeting, emphasizing women's issues in the Minneapolis community. Attorney Ellen Dresselhuus and others will discuss the vulnerable status of homemakers in regard to income, inheritance, social security, and becoming displaced.

This session is free to members, \$1.00 to nonmembers. We're hopeful that these and similar sessions will be useful to you in forming your opinions on issues and in making voting decisions.

WOMEN'S PLACE LECTURE SERIES

A place for women to learn about and discuss topics affecting women's lives and relationships. Janice Weiner, MSW, ACSW, marriage, family and individual counselor in private practice, is coordinator. Call for reservations-- 332-0501 ext. 128.

February: "Building and Rebuilding Relationships" - Sandra Smalley, Family Coordinator, Mercy Medical Center, will examine some basic guidelines underlying all successful relationships, and ways of developing positive connections with children, lovers, ex-spouses, or with friends of the same and opposite sex.

Tuesday/February 19/7:00-9:00 p.m./\$2.50 YWCA members/\$3.50 nonmembers. call for reservations.

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Career Women who meet monthly for the purpose of establishing a professional network and supporting each others' career goals. Learn about: careers and local businesses, corporate coping, stress and how to handle it, AND MORE.

February: "Women In Politics: New Roles and Responsibilities" - State Representative Kathleen Blatz (R - Bloomington) discusses her own experiences as candidate and elected official, and reflects on women making the transition from "envelope stuffer" and "woman behind the man" to more active and powerful roles.

Wednesday/February 20/11:45-1:00 p.m./\$3.50 YWCA members/\$4.50 nonmembers/ includes box lunch/must call and reserve by noon February 19 - 332-0501, ext. 128.



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of racism whenever it exists and by any means necessary.

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WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT BREAKFAST CLUB

Join other women in middle and upper management positions at our monthly breakfast meetings. You'll meet interesting women with whom you can share experiences and swap information about career advancement opportunities.

February: "Lady Boss--Woman Supervisor" - Patricia Lynch, Vice President of Human Resource Development, YMCA.

Friday/February 29/7:30-8:30 a.m./\$4.50 nonmember guest fee/\$2.50 per time members with \$27.00 annual membership/includes breakfast. Call 332-0501, ext. 128 by February 28 to reserve.

CAREER CLINIC

A service designed for women wishing to enter or re-enter the job market, change careers, or pursue upward mobility. The philosophy of Career Clinic is to assist you in assessing yourself, your values, interests, abilities and experiences in order to identify ways of investing yourself in meaningful careers. Services include: individual counseling, assessment workshops, job strategies workshops, testing, career library. Call 332-0501, ext. 128 to schedule an intake interview with KATHY ADAM, our counselor.

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Starting in February * * * * *

MOTHERS' DAY OUT - Tell an at-home friend about our sampler days at the Y: exercise, swimming, lunch and interesting afternoon programs/Mondays/February 4, 11, 18/10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m./\$20.00 members of the YWCA/\$25.00 nonmembers.

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF REJECTION - Minimizing negative effects, and making rejection--in relationships or career--work for you/Wednesday/February 6/6:30-9:30 p.m./1 session/\$12.50 members of the YWCA/\$15.00 nonmembers.

VOLUNTEERING/GIVING AND GETTING: "Training in Parliamentary Procedure" - Rose Dhien instructs/Thursday/February 7/5:30-7:30 p.m./Free to YWCA members/\$2.50 nonmembers.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT BASICS - Four focused sessions to help you make the most effective use of office time, money, space and personnel/Thursdays/7:00-8:00 p.m./February 14-March 6/4 sessions/\$8.00 YWCA members/\$9.00 nonmembers/Call 332-0501 ext. 128 for more detailed course information.

WATERCOLOR SEMINAR - Weekend artists: improve your water color technique in this professionally-taught one-day workshop/Saturday/February 16/9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m./1 session/\$12.00 YWCA members/\$15.00 nonmembers.

MARION CONLIN COOKS ITALIAN - Lecture/demonstration of Bolognese cooking with tasting/Tuesday/February 19/10:00-3:00 p.m./\$11.50 YWCA members/\$15.00 nonmembers.

ALL OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED ON THIS BACK PAGE DO REQUIRE PRE-PAID REGISTRATION. USE THE REGISTRATION FORM IN YOUR YWCA WINTER PROGRAM BROCHURE....IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE, CALL 332-0501 AND ASK TO HAVE THE WINTER PROGRAM MAILED TO YOU. YWCA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS MEETING TWO OR MORE TIMES.

THE YWCA MINNEAPOLIS AREA/1130 NICOLLET AVENUE
Minneapolis, Minnesota/55403
Telephone/(612) 332-0501

TO: Minneapolis YWCA Administrative Volunteers
Minnesota YWCA Public Affairs Network

FROM: Minneapolis YWCA Public Affairs Committee

RE: YWCA Lobbying Skills Training - Thursday, February 14, 1980

The Minneapolis YWCA Public Affairs Committee invites you
join us for a basic lobbying skills workshop at the Minnesota Capitol
February 14, 1980.

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. #123 CAPITOL - ORIENTATION (LOBBYIST)
---A guided orientation to the Capitol and adjacent
buildings with experienced lobbyists to show
and answer questions.

11:00 a.m. STATE OFFICE BUILDING (HEARING & LEGISLATOR VISIT)
---Visit legislative hearings in progress and
meet with your legislators.

12:30 p.m. LUNCH*
---Lunch at the Centennial Cafeteria with Legislator
Berglin & others.

2:00 p.m. COUNCIL ON THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN
---4th Floor, State Office Building
Wind-up session with Nina Rothschild, Director
Governor's Council on the Economic Status of Women

*Lunch will be "Dutch Treat".
You must provide your own transportation. Accessible parking
north end of the Sears lot.
All other activities will be free of charge.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ YWCA Representing _____

ADDRESS _____ Volunteer/Staff Position _____

Name of your state senator _____

Name of your representative _____

Name of district you are representing _____

Please provide the above information by February 11, 1980, so we can
prepare training materials and to enable us to make the appropriate appointments
with your legislators.

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YWCA OF MINNEAPOLIS AREA

YWCA "GIVING AND GETTING" SERIES

SKILL BUILDING WORKSHOPS

- FEBRUARY 7 Parliamentary Procedures: Rules and precedents governing proceedings of organization. Rose Dhein - Facilitator - Rose is the YWCA's Parliamentarian and member of National Association of Parliament.
- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- MARCH 6 Thinking Like Women: The systems of Women's psyche within patriarchy. Learn to value the way women think and understand it within our society. Tess Galati - Facilitator - Tess has a Ph.D. in linguistics and literature and credits toward an M.A. in psychology. She is in private counseling practice.
- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- APRIL 3 Organizing A Task: Learn how to organize a task through the use of management by objective. Also discussed are motivation to set goals, value of goal-setting, decision-making. Mary Kowalski - Facilitator Mary is employed at 3M in the area of Education Training and Development.
- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- MAY 1 Creativity: A session in creativity focusing on how to think rather than what to think, for "idea" people who want to sharpen techniques for inspiration and ideation. Bernice Bleedorm and Rose Schaffhaufen- Facilitators - Bernice and Rose are involved in creative studies and teach out of the Center of Creative Studies in New College at St. Thomas College.
- 5:30-7:30 P.M.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM AND/OR CALL US
AHEAD OF TIME IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, (612) 332-0501.

REGISTRATION FORM

Check off the sessions you would like to attend and return to:

Joy Peterson
YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403

EACH SESSION FREE TO MEMBERS
\$1.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS

- _____ Feb. 7 - Parliamentary Procedures
_____ March 6 - Thinking Like Women
_____ April 3 - Organizing A Task
_____ May 1 - Creativity

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ PHONE _____

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MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

STATE STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETINGS

MARCH 3

APRIL 7

MAY 5

JUNE 2

JULY 7

AUGUST 4

****SEPTEMBER 8 ****

OCTOBER 6

NOVEMBER 3

DECEMBER 1

**** The first Monday of September is Labor Day**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steering Committee
FROM: Marilyn Bryant
RE: Meeting of March 3, 1980

We have many items of business to cover at our March 3 meeting as committees report on their initial activities and their tentative plans for the year. Please be prompt and plan to stay until adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

At the February 4 meeting you were given materials on goals and objectives which were drawn up by last year's Steering Committee. Please review these materials and have your comments or suggestions in mind.

The Finance Directors have noted that a draft budget for 1980 will be presented on March 3. Each committee is responsible for its projected budget at this time.

THANK YOU TO JUNE NOYES FOR AGREEING TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS TREASURER OF MWPC!

AGENDA: MWPC Steering Committee Meeting - March 3, 1980
Griggs-Midway Building, Room S205 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

5:30 - Call to Order

Minutes of February 4, 1980 (Please read minutes prior to meeting)

Announcements

I. Administrative reports

Financial:

Treasurer: June Noyes

Finance: Kathy Ackland/Margaret Sand

Chair's reports:

New Right follow-up: Barb Adams

**Decade for Women: Marilyn Bryant *\$25.00 St. Cath.*

Coalition of 15,000: Barb Adams *\$15.00*

NWPC Update: Marilyn Bryant

**ERA Pledge Request *\$1000.00 - mn.*

Media event on Caucuses - Feb. 22

**vote required

II. Committee Reports

Appointments/Endorsements: Ruth Hauge and Rahn Westby

Communications

Legislative: Carrie Wasley

Roundtable sessions

Caucus involvement in hearings

Membership: Toni Tschann and Carol Van Ryswyk

Newsletter: Carol Stenborg

Program: Irene Bethke and Barbara Steinbergs

Plans for first event

*Rotunda Mar. 6 - 12 PM. to Protest
MAR - 13 97*

III. County Reports

Hennepin

Ramsey

South St. Louis

Winona

Hennepin - Gov. Center - A.

IV. Old Business

Comments on orientation materials (distributed at February 4 meeting)

V. New Business

Discuss reinstatement of PAC Committee: function and responsibilities.

ADJOURN: 8:00 p.m.

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MINNESOTA WOMEN'S EDUCATION COUNCIL

February 4, 1980

Prior to the opening of the meeting, Elenore Otterness, from WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), gave a brief talk in support of the Salt II agreement. It would help to slow down the arms race. She stated that those most affected by war are civilians and those civilians most negatively affected are the Women's Groups. She distributed relevant literature for her argument.

The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus met at 5:50 p.m. in the Griggs Midway Building Conference Room. Marilyn Bryant called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved as read.

Materials were distributed for the Steering Committee to read and act on. Materials distributed were: 1) the minutes from the January 7th meeting. 2) The Steering Committee list of officers. 3) An addendum for the evening's meeting.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with a balance of \$3441.00. The education fund balance had been \$8129.86. Expenses were \$7594.00. \$4153.06 was used for financing. The Right Wing Conference money was in a separate account. Money designated for the Right Wing Conference was in the amount of: \$130.00, \$300.00, \$50.00 and \$600.00 for a total of \$1080.00. The balance from this was \$1138.21, but it is not complete since June lacks the totals from the sale of books, the wine and nuts bill, and the tally from the extra lunches that were sold.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Maddalena
Acting Recording Secretary

Members attending the February 4, 1980 meeting of the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus were:

Marilyn Bryant
Carrie J. Wasley
Toni Tschann
Carol Van Ryswyk
Kathleen Ridder
Enid Griffin
Marge Charmoli
Carol Stenborg
Kathy Ackland

Barbara Steinbergs
Carol Connolly
June E. Noyes
Anne Davis - Winona
Pat McCart
Ruth Hauge
Barbara Adams
David Goldman - Guest
Karin Maddalena - Acting Recorder

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

February 4, 1980

The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus February meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Griggs Midway Building, St. Paul. Marilyn Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the January 7, 1980 meeting were approved as read.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Carol Van Ryswyk reported that a tentative \$22,000.00 budget will be presented at the next meeting for the Educational Fund.

NEW RIGHT CONFERENCE - Barbara Adams gave a report on the conference. Its success was noted and approved.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed that a list of attendees to the Right Wing Conference be available for sale to groups wishing to work with the same intent as those at the conference. The price has yet to be established. The list will be available to members of the MWPC at no charge. Two groups showing immediate interest are: 1) The Kennedy for President Group and 2) A Coalition of Organizations from the Minneapolis Unitarian Church Women.

NEW RIGHT CONFERENCE - Marilyn Bryant gave a summary of the conference at a luncheon in Washington D.C. and noted that she was well-received.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Carol Van Ryswyk's report on the Annual Convention stated that there were 65 participants at the convention, 10 of whom were guests. \$483.50 was taken in, \$431.39 were expenses and a profit of \$52.11 was shown.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON D.C. - was attended by Pam Johnson, Rahn Westby, Enid Griffin, and Marilyn Bryant. It was noted that the differences in membership fees from state to state came into focus at the meeting, causing some confusion.

CHILD HEALTH AID PROGRAM - has anti-abortion amendments added to it that would defeat the purpose of the Supreme Court Decision on the status of abortion. It was noted that Bruce Vento needs to be chastized for support of that bill as it stands now. The Program, as written, needs to be blocked by legislature.

SPECIAL MEETING - Kathleen Blundt of the E.E.O.C. and Marilyn Bryant met and discussed their progress and processes. It was noted that the upcoming Copenhagen meeting will be an attempt to focus on the Plight of the Third World Women.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed THAT THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD CARRY AN OPINION ON WOMEN'S ISSUES FROM THE SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN IN ORDER TO OBTAIN NEEDED INFORMATION THAT AFFECTS OUR STATUS.

NEW BUSINESS - There was agreement to make a statement regarding the Draft that would be used for a press release.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed that the statement be as follows: IF THERE IS REGISTRATION FOR A DRAFT, THE MWPC FAVORS REGISTRATION FOR BOTH WOMEN AND MEN. AT THIS TIME THE MWPC DOES NOT SUPPORT REINSTATEMENT OF REGISTRATION OR THE DRAFT.

House
WHITE CONFERENCE ON FAMILIES - It was noted that 7 of the 10 delegate positions were filled by pro-life delegates. Trying to obtain equal representation within the delegate positions seems to be a problem.

BOYCOTT OF NESTLE AND J.P. STEVENS - MWPC supports NOE'S stance and will publish a list of items to be boycotted in the newsletter. It was further noted that Nestle's has now obtained Beachnut and items owned by Beachnut will also be listed.

MWPC ANNUAL CONVENTION 1981 - The site committee has agreed to hold the convention in Missouri IF Missouri ratifies.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed to bid on the 1981 Convention.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed to support the NOW rally for Equal Rights on Saturday, March 8, 1980 at 3:00 p.m. The focus is for E.R.A. and Women in the Work Force.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed that MWPC send \$10.00 in support of the W.A.V.A.W.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/rejected to reconsider the previous motion.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed to follow the Operating Guidelines, passed out to each member, for the following year.

HAND OUTS - Overview 1979; Cooperative Coalitions within the Community; Financially Responsible Organizations. These were to be taken home and reviewed at another meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Legislative - A continuance of the Tuesday Bag Lunches will begin next Tuesday, February 12, in Room 400 S.W., It was noted that Nina Rothchild would prefer not to sponsor them but rather that they be sponsored by a bi-partisan. It was further noted that Labor opposes any move toward Job Sharing.

QUESTIONNAIRES - The newsletter questionnaire did not have representative response so a survey could not be taken.

CONTROVERSIAL LEGISLATION - Due to the upcoming election, legislators seem reluctant to become involved in controversial legislation.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed to support the proposal for expansion of the St. Paul Port Authority from 7 positions to 9 positions for the purpose of allowing appropriate community representation with the understanding that the Mayor's Office follow the E.E.O.C. Guidelines for appointment.

MEMBERSHIP - It was noted that the priority of the membership committee would be to obtain better community representation as in minority groups, out state groups and their participation in the MWPC. The renewal of membership needs further work for updating.

NEWSLETTER - It is imperative that news items be sent in on time so that the deadline can be met. A budget is necessary for the continued running of the newsletter and it was suggested that a new printing firm or process be looked into in the hopes of cutting costs of publication.

PROGRAM - New alternatives are being looked into for fund raising and promotional events.

COUNTY - Hennepin was unrepresented

Ramsey - The annual convention was held January 2, new officers were elected. Ramsey has come out in support of 4 new candidates. There is to be a luncheon on February 22 at the Acropol Inn at 12:00. On February 15 from 5:00 to 7:30 there will be a celebration in honor of Susan B Anthony at 1129 Grand Avenue.

Winona - Saturday, February 2 they elected new officers for their chapter. They also set their priorities and goals for the following year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Maddalena
Acting Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM: Carol Stenborg, Newsletter Editor, wishes to stress the importance of the deadline for news items submitted to the newsletter. Items which are received after the deadline will not be used in that issue.

2nd floor
room
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MEMO TO: Incoming State Steering Committee Members and Retiring State Steering
Committee Members
FROM : Marilyn Bryant, Chair
RE : February 4 meeting of the State Steering Committee

The first meeting of the new Steering Committee of MWPC will convene promptly at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 4. As previously noted this meeting will be an extended one because we will be using some time for orientation. Please plan to stay until 9PM. Retiring members are urged to attend to lend continuity to our discussions.

Please give some prior thought to what your goals for MWPC for this year are - what activities and programs you would like to initiate and what our general direction should be. You might wish to talk with the previous Chair of your committee before this meeting as such a discussion would be helpful to you.

Newsletter articles and calendar items are due at the Steering Committee meeting. Deadline will be enforced. Late material cannot be accepted. Editor, Carol Stenborg welcomes your material so please feel free to submit an article or item (call her at home, 487-1156, if you have any questions).

Coffee and a snack will be provided. Bring something further if you fear hunger.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

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AGENDA: MWPC Steering Committee Meeting - February 4, 1980
Griggs-Midway Building, Room S205 - 5:30 - 8:00 PM

5:30 PM - Call to order

Minutes of January 7, 1980

Announcements

I. Administrative reports

Financial:

Treasurer - June Noyes/ Helen Foster
Finance - Carol Van Ryswyk/ Kathy Ackland
Wrap-up on New Right Conference - Barbara Adams, Chair
Report on Annual Convention - Carol Van Ryswyk, Chair
Report on NWPC Steering Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. - Marilyn Bryant,
Enid Griffin, Pam Johnson, Rahn Westby.
Report on Special Activities - MWPC Chair and Co-Chair

II. Orientation Session

Review of guidelines
Review of MWPC project/program/activities and development in 1979
Needs assessment
Goals/objectives for 1980

III. Committee reports

Appointments/Endorsements - Rahn Westby/ Ruth Hauge
Legislative - Carrie Wasley
Membership - Carol Van Ryswyk/ Toni Tschann
Newsletter - Carol Stenborg
Program - Irene Bethke/ Barbara Steinbergs

IV. County reports

Hennepin - Sara Miele
Ramsey - Pat McCart
Winona - Alice Keller
South St. Louis - Marilyn Krueger

V. Old business

White House Conference on Families
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Adjourn - 9:00 PM

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January 7, 1980

The Minnesota Women's Education Council met at 5:30 PM in the Griggs Midway Building Conference room. Marilyn Bryant called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved as mailed.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with a balance of \$5,160.75 and will be filed. Discussion ensued re: tax status of MWEC. The advance ruling period is followed by a 90 day margin during which final materials must be submitted to IRS in support of tax exempt status.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Adams
Acting Recording Secretary

Members attending the January 7 meeting of the Minnesota Women's Education Council and the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus are:

Marilyn Bryant
Carol Connolly
June Noyes
Pat McCart
Carol Van Ryswyk
Elin Skinner

Laura Miles
Enid Griffin
Barbara Adams
Bev Braun
Carrie Wasley - visitor
Avis Foley - visitor

Not in attendance were:

Anne Carol Aspoas
Carla Messman
Sara Miele
Alice Keller
Barbara Glick

Rochelle Barnhart
Kathy Ridder
Marilyn Krueger
Jo Ann Cardenos-Enos
Pam Johnson

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

January 7, 1980

The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus January meeting was held in the conference room of the Griggs-Midway Building, St. Paul, Marilyn Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Minutes of the December 3, 1979 meeting were corrected as follows: Page 1, should read "Rochelle Davis is in Chicago". On Page 2, "Women's Political Caucuses" inserted after Hennepin and Ramsey County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - All those who haven't should submit payment for Caucus membership, Caucus and Convention registration fees. The Caucus will need a new office manager, due to the departure of Irene Bertha. The NWPC Steering Committee will meet January 25-27 in Washington, D.C.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed THAT A COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED TO FORMULATE POLICY ON ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBSIDIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION AND/OR OTHER EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO NWPC MEETINGS. Enid Griffin abstained.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Treasurer June Noyes presented the report which was accepted with a balance of \$979.06. Finance Co-Chairs, Pat McCart and Carol Van Ryswyck presented the 1980 budget. Discussion followed concerning records on the amount of time and expenses of operation which could appropriately be assigned to education and paid by MVEC.

ANNUAL GIVING EVENT - Laura Miles reported total contributions of \$7,245.00. Laura will retain the permanent card file of resources.

NEW RIGHT CONFERENCE - Barbara Adams reported on early registrations, publicity, arrangements and final program. Elin Skinner agreed to type labels off Laura's mailing list. Pat McCart and Carol Van Ryswyck will clarify with June Noyes the designation of funds. Sonia Johnson's schedule was reviewed along with conference finances.

ANNUAL CONVENTION - Carol Van Ryswyck reported on program planning. There will be a committee meeting at Garuda's on Tuesday, January 15 at 11:45 AM. All printing must be ready by January 15. There will be a news release naming officers elected at the convention.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - Job-sharing: meeting with the League of Women Voters and Pearl Mitchell to work out understanding with Pearl Mitchell and State Department of Personnel. Energy meeting with Paulette Will of MSSA (now working on Kennedy Campaign), LWV and NOW. The people at 120 - 125% of poverty level are not getting assistance. However, urgency is temporarily relieved due to warm weather. Marilyn Bryant moderated Insurance Roundtable on December 12. Decade For Women: meeting with Viki Oshima. Marilyn Bryant will attend with Sue Rockne to help plan meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark for summer of 1980. Coalition of 15,000: Marilyn Bryant is attending meetings. She will form an energy subcommittee with two others. Senator David Durenberger: has established a women's issues group. The YWCA is presenting a Precinct Caucus Training Session.

Marilyn Bryant will tape an ERA program on Equal Voice at 1:30 on Monday, January 13. Marlene Reid will speak on 1 or 2 holers.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed THAT BARBARA MIKULSKI BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION HONORING ELECTED WOMEN AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION BUT BE INFORMED THAT IT WILL NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPOINTMENTS - Carol Connolly for Rahn Westby, Ramsey County Women's Political Caucus has endorsed three women for Judgeships.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed THAT ANY PERSON SEEKING CAUCUS ENDORSEMENT MUST SUBMIT A SIGNED FORM INDICATING SUPPORT OF OUR THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES.

MOTION - It was moved/seconded/passed THAT THE CHAIR PREPARE SUCH A FORM.

COMMUNICATIONS - Bev Braun - circulated a job description for Communications Chair, seeking a person to fill this position for the Caucus.

NOMINATING - a partial slate was presented.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Elin Skinner - Gay Rights Bill is being sponsored by Sabo and Nolan. Frenzel is viewed as good prospect for the future. There will be a legislative information and skills-building meeting with Carrie Wasley.

MEMBERSHIP - credentials were low because people have not renewed membership.

NEWSLETTER - Deadline for the newsletter is the monthly meeting. Newsletters are late because articles are not submitted on time.

PROGRAM - March 8 is International Women's Day. Carol Connolly will help with exhibit of Minnesota women who have improved things for women.

OLD BUSINESS - Policy clarification: invitations to fund raisers cannot be accepted until the candidate is endorsed for the next election. Announcements regarding fund raisers can be made. Note: The Caucus must endorse candidates early.

Eleanor Otterness desires to speak for ten minutes on Salt II. Avis Foley announced responses to Legislators reception, with six accepting and three regretting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Adams
Acting Recording Secretary

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YWCA OF MINNEAPOLIS AREA

PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE YWCA.....

Where do you stand on the five national YWCA public policy issues. Local experts will update you on the issues and make suggestions or advocacy. Topics include:

JANUARY 22 - ERA - Kate Wulf, President NOW
JANUARY 29 - EQUAL PAY - Nina Rothchild, Minnesota Council on the Economic Status
of Women
FEBRUARY 5 - TEEN PREGNANCY - Margaret McGurkion and Marchelle Irwin, YWCA Project
Esteem
FEBRUARY 12 - FAIR HOUSING - A Representative from HUD
FEBRUARY 19 - FREEDOM OF CHOICE - Betty Benjamin, Abortion Rights Council

EACH SESSION \$1.00 TO MEMBERS/\$2.00 TO NON-MEMBERS

BRING A BROWN BAG LUNCH, COFFEE PROVIDED
ALL SESSIONS ARE FROM 12:00-1:00

WOMEN'S TOWN MEETING

A series of public affairs meeting emphasizing women's issues in the Minneapolis community.

FEBRUARY 13 - HOMEMAKERS RIGHTS - Ellen Dresselhuis, Attorney, Bonna Eisenbeisz,
Social Security Administration, Geraldine Gage,
Professor of Family Economics
MARCH 12 - PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM - Minneapolis Board of Education
APRIL 16 - HOUSING - Jay Jensen, Minneapolis HRA

EACH SESSION FREE TO MEMBERS/\$1.00 TO NON-MEMBERS
ALL SESSIONS ARE FROM 7:00-9:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION FORM

Check off the sessions you would like to attend and return to:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403

BE IT RESOLVED

WOMEN'S TOWN MEETING

_____ Jan. 12 _____ Feb. 12
_____ Jan. 29 _____ Feb. 19
_____ Feb. 5

_____ Feb. 13
_____ March 12
_____ April 16

_____ Number of Sessions Attend-
ing

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ PHONE _____

U.S. report: Human rights were repressed all over world in '79

Associated Press

Washington, D.C.

Human rights were repressed all around the world in 1979.

Dictatorships, of the left and right, practiced torture and cracked down on dissent, according to a State Department report. But here and there, freedom took a step forward.

In two Warsaw Bloc countries, Poland and Hungary, internal controls were eased. In Argentina, the incidence of people seized without explanation dropped sharply and may be near an end. In Egypt, liberalization moved ahead under President Anwar Sadat.

These are among the findings in the State Department's annual human rights report, submitted Tuesday to Congress. The report on 154 countries is the most comprehensive such survey ever undertaken by the U. S. government.

The 854-page document is a catalog of massive violations. Only a few, such as the seizure of an estimated 50 American diplomats in Iran, are well-known. For the most part, the victims are faceless to the world at large.

This year, for the first time since Congress mandated the annual human rights survey in 1976, the department was ordered to report not only on countries that receive American economic or military aid but on all members of the United Nations as well. On its own, the department added North Korea, Rhodesia and Taiwan, saying that these "may be of interest to members of the Congress."

The report thus covered for the first time the Soviet Union, China, Cuba and other countries with Marxist governments, as well as neutral countries and traditional allies of the United States.

The abuses are set down in dry, bureaucratic language.

In Czechoslovakia, "overt opposition in any field is punished."

In Ethiopia, "it still appears likely that the government tortures political and military prisoners to extract information or confessions."

In Iran, "several thousand persons remain in custody for political reasons."

In Libya, "detainees in criminal and security cases reportedly are frequently beaten during interrogation."

In South Africa, "the governing reality of life is apartheid."

In Vietnam, "deprivation of adequate medical and nutritional care for political prisoners and prisoners of conscience over extended periods has resulted in acute suffering, permanent physical impairment and death in numerous reported incidents."

The report is sharply critical of the Soviet Union, estimating the number of political prisoners at 2,000 to 10,000. The government, it says, "recognizes no right to any opinion or behavior it chooses to regard as deviant."

The world's other major Communist country, China, gets a mixed review.

Since Chairman Mao Tse-tung's death in 1976, "movement in the direction of greater freedoms" is reported. There is some tolerance of dissent and a livelier press.

"But the reforms have not yet broken the entrenched patterns of harassment, arbitrary arrest and harsh punishment for political dissent," the report said.

Countries are not compared with one another or with their own past records.

But in the case of Cambodia, the report writers were moved to make the flat statement that "nowhere in the world are human rights more beleaguered."

Life in North Korea, another Communist regime, is described as "perhaps the most highly regimented and controlled in the world today."

Iran appears to be a case of one repressive regime succeeding another. The fall of Shah Muhammed Riza Pahlavi led to dissolution of the SAVAK secret police and the freeing of many political prisoners.

But under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's rule, more than 700 executions were carried out, thousands of Iranians fled their countries and vigilante groups were allowed to take actions against the Bahais and other minority groups.

And yet, the over-all impression in this fourth annual report is one of progress on a number of fronts. Besides Argentina, improvements are noted in the Central African Republic, Chile, Equatorial Guinea, South Korea and Uganda, among others.

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Farm women conference set for July

MARSHALL, Minn. (UP)—A national conference designed to deal with the problems of women from the nation's farms and small communities will be held in July at Southwest State University.

About 300 women from 11 states are expected to attend the meeting July 17-19 sponsored by Rural American Women.

An official of the group said the conference will be aimed at "emerging leadership in rural areas for rural women."

States to be represented at the conference include Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

Community Organizations MWPC has cooperated with in their activities:

NOW - ERA Rally and fundraiser at Butler Square, July 1

WARN - Women of All Red Nations Fund-raiser and Reception, July 3 & July 5

WAVAW - Women Against Violence Against Women - walk on August 4

WYCA - Women's Expo, September 13

World Economy Dialogue - September 13, 14, 15

DFL Feminists - Andrew Young fund-raiser, May 31

GOP Feminists - ice cream social, June 24

League of Women Voters - job-sharing bill

Minnesota Women Lawyers - lobbying for women on Judicial Commissions

Coalitions that MWPC is a working member of (or has representative on):

PERC - Public Education and Research Committee

Coalition of 15,000

Citizens for the Constitution

Social Security Conference - November 1, 1979

MCOSEE - Minnesota Coalition of Organizations for Sex Equality in Education

Abortion Rights Action Week

Coalition for Freedom of Choice

Marilyn Bryant - February 4, 1980

Operating Guidelines/Procedures for MWPC Steering Committee - 1980

General Procedures:

1. Steering Committee meetings will be scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 5:30 PM at the Caucus office. Minutes and agendas for these meetings will be mailed in advance whenever possible. Please review these materials in advance.
2. Attendance at Steering Committee meetings is mandatory. If, for a legitimate reason you cannot attend, call a Chair or the office. You will be responsible for knowing what occurred at the meeting.
3. Be prompt. We will begin and end the meetings at specified times.
4. Be prepared with a report at Steering Committee meetings. A written report is helpful to the recorder. All motions must be in writing.
5. Newsletter articles or reports are due at Steering Committee meetings.
6. If you chair a committee, inform and invite the Chairs to all meetings of your committee.
7. Send copies of letters, minutes, memos, etc., concerning your committee to the Chairs.
8. Inform Chairs of any contacts or meetings with public officials or groups which are made on behalf of MWPC. Prior notice is requested.
9. Each Steering Committee member should have a copy of the MWPC By-Laws and be responsible for knowing the content.
10. Do the By-Laws accurately describe your job responsibility? If not, develop a job description for your area. Keep all pertinent correspondence, information and materials for your successor.
11. If you are out of town, or not available, inform the Chair or office of who is handling your responsibilities.
12. Check with the master calendar before planning an event. As soon as the date for an event is set, inform the newsletter editor and Program Chair.

Re: office procedures:

1. Any typing to be done by the office manager should be submitted in final form. Time should be scheduled with the Chair and office.
2. Submit copies of all correspondence concerning Caucus business to the Chairs and the office. Letterhead stationery is available for all official business.
3. If it is necessary to remove anything from the office, inform the office manager.
4. Please help to keep the office clean by washing coffee cups, etc., after meetings.

Re: Financial procedures:

1. The Treasurer requires a completed voucher form with any bills for which you request payment.
2. Finance directors request that person in charge of any event or major undertaking with a cost projection in excess of \$100.00 submit a budget in advance to finance committee for approval.
3. Committee Chairs are responsible for drawing up a budget for their committee after consulting with finance director.

Marilyn Bryant - February 4, 1980

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5. Maintain communication with people influencing legislation.
6. Provide legislation follow-up.
 - A. Legislative chair shall solicit paid clerical support by February 23, 1979.
 - B. Legislative chair shall prioritize legislative bills on an "on-going" basis and "work" on those which she can handle effectively. Activities shall be reported in written weekly alert.
 - C. Legislative chair shall contact persons identified to her by MWPC members as potential "bill coordinators" by February 28.
 - D. Legislative chair shall report on who is "bill coordinator" for each bill by means of monthly newsletter.
 - E. Legislative chair shall report on long term legislative plans by steering committee after session ends.

LARGE, BROAD BASED ORGANIZATION

1. Statewide membership.
2. Balanced multi-partisan membership.
3. Outreach for new membership.
4. Affiliated to national organization.
5. Multi-community organization.
 - A. State and county membership chairs shall meet by March 15 to develop plan for contacting all former MWPC members.
 - B. Co-chairs shall develop letter to be sent to new members by March steering committee meeting.
 - C. Membership and media chairs shall develop marketing plan by April 2 steering committee meeting.
 - D. Program chair shall develop program for new member orientation by April 2 steering committee meeting.
 - E. Co-chairs and membership chair shall develop membership procedures by March 15, 1979.
 - F. Program chairs shall develop plan for events for members which are not fund raisers by June 4 meeting.

Operating Guidelines/Procedures for MWPC Steering Committee - 1980

General Procedures:

1. Steering Committee meetings will be scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 5:30 PM at the Caucus office. Minutes and agendas for these meetings will be mailed in advance whenever possible. Please review these materials in advance.
2. Attendance at Steering Committee meetings is mandatory. If, for a legitimate reason you cannot attend, call a Chair or the office. You will be responsible for knowing what occurred at the meeting.
3. Be prompt. We will begin and end the meetings at specified times.
4. Be prepared with a report at Steering Committee meetings. A written report is helpful to the recorder. All motions must be in writing.
5. Newsletter articles or reports are due at Steering Committee meetings.
6. If you chair a committee, inform and invite the Chairs to all meetings of your committee.
7. Send copies of letters, minutes, memos, etc., concerning your committee to the Chairs.
8. Inform Chairs of any contacts or meetings with public officials or groups which are made on behalf of MWPC. Prior notice is requested.
9. Each Steering Committee member should have a copy of the MWPC By-Laws and be responsible for knowing the content.
10. Do the By-Laws accurately describe your job responsibility? If not, develop a job description for your area. Keep all pertinent correspondence, information and materials for your successor.
11. If you are out of town, or not available, inform the Chair or office of who is handling your responsibilities.
12. Check with the master calendar before planning an event. As soon as the date for an event is set, inform the newsletter editor and Program Chair.

Re: office procedures:

1. Any typing to be done by the office manager should be submitted in final form. Time should be scheduled with the Chair and office.
2. Submit copies of all correspondence concerning Caucus business to the Chairs and the office. Letterhead stationery is available for all official business.
3. If it is necessary to remove anything from the office, inform the office manager.
4. Please help to keep the office clean by washing coffee cups, etc., after meetings.

Re: Financial procedures:

1. The Treasurer requires a completed voucher form with any bills for which you request payment.
2. Finance directors request that person in charge of any event or major undertaking with a cost projection in excess of \$100.00 submit a budget in advance to finance committee for approval.
3. Committee Chairs are responsible for drawing up a budget for their committee after consulting with finance director.

Marilyn Bryant - February 4, 1980

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Minnesota Women's Political Caucus

1821 University Avenue, 291S, St. Paul, Mn, 55104, (612) 646-5865

July 18, 1979

CO CHAIR:

Marilyn Bryant, IR
Carol Connolly, DFL

Dear

Welcome to the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus!

We tried to reach you by phone to invite you to an informal get together for new Caucus members.

Monday July 23rd at 7:30pm

2000 Irving Ave. So.
Minneapolis

Bring a friend or two and come meet some other Caucus members, learn more about MWPC and how you can be involved. We'll have tea, coffee and lemonade, and are asking that if you come you bring a small snack of crackers, or cheese, or fruit, or????????.

Remember to mark your calendar for the Seneca Falls Picnic August 5th 1:30- and the Ice Cream Social at Nancy Latimer's July 26th 5-7

Hope to see you at the get together Monday.

Pat McCart 225-2565
Carol Van Ryswyk 298-5454, 377-0673

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SERVICES

Fundraiser

Guernsey

① Guernsey →
② Women running for

③ Workshops -
1. Local campaign
2. L.W. Voters
3. Women - Corporate
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Barbara Steinbergs
19270 Dale Ave.
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6. Energy -
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Events - Program

February 9 - Reception for Judges at IDS
March 16 - Fillies at Met
April 6 - Landmark Center
 Celebration of Women
May 17 - Sara Evans, Book review
June 13 - Reception for appointed women
 at Governor's residence
August 5 - Seneca Falls celebration
September 21 - Founding Feminists at
 Landmark Center
December 5 - Annual Giving luncheon
Need: Additional programs, planned
 programming

Communications/Public Relations

Upgraded newsletter, published monthly
Established calendar in newsletter
Newly designed office stationery and cards
Regular correspondence with groups and
 individuals
Attendance at events
Working with other groups, joining
 coalitions
News releases
Television coverage of events
Coverage of NWPC Convention
Need: Press contacts, speaking engage-
 ments, interviews, press releases,
 planned program for public relations

Membership Development

Designed new membership brochure
Newsletters to new members, prospective
 members
Personal notes, calls to prospective
 members
Phone calls to unrenewed members
Mailing to unrenewed members
July 23 gathering for new members
Letters of welcome to new members
Need: membership card, new member
 events, accurate membership list

Education

Attendance at NWPC Convention,
 Cincinnati, July
Attendance at NWPC Steering Committee
 meeting in Seattle, October
Planning for conference on New Right
Need: workshops, seminars, skill sessions,
 program developed for membership
 education

Organization

Regular Steering Committee meetings
Naming new members to Steering Committee
Policies and guidelines established
Policy statements on issues established
Nominating committee activated
Regularly scheduled agendas, memos,
 minutes mailed
Office procedures outlined, simplified
 where possible
Need: Formation of solid committee
 structure, funding for office manager

Political

Ad Hoc Committee on appointments
 established
Lobbying for federal judgeships
Endorsements for appointments, active
 endorsement/appointment committee
Meetings with Governor Quie, Jean King,
 state department directors
Endorsing candidates
Member, Legislative Round-table
Lobbying in state legislature
Testifying in state legislature
Need: Legislative Committee, complete
 legislative program, political action
 workshops

Finance

Strengthening financial procedures
Long range financial planning and
 budgeting
Development of financial policies
Fund-raisers at state and county levels
Annual fund-raiser in December
Need: Annual giving campaign, and/or
 major fund raising events, investi-
 gate foundation grants

January 31, 1980

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - MWPC

Barb Steinberg
473-5514

Coral Dan Rep
Bus 298-4653
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Review of 1979:

- 2-15
February 9 - Reception for judges at IDS
March 16 - Fillies at Met (Hennepin County)
April 6 - Landmark Center, celebration of the Fortunes of Women
May 17 - Sara Evans, book review
June 13 - Reception for appointed women at Governor's Residence
August 5 - Seneca Falls celebration *Coral Dan Rep* *Palmer*
September 21 - Founding Feminists at Landmark Center (Ramsey County) *X* ?

Dec 5-Oct. Photographic Stormi Greene
annual giving
Suggested procedure for 1980: *Steve Miles (di.) - Cambodia - Resource -*

- Plan major events *Goals - Finance Com - Membership -*
Form a committee
Designate chairpersons for major events

Needs for 1980:

- Planned programming
Coordination with membership committee: *✓*
Program/membership events
Orientation events for new members? *✓*
Coordination with finance committee: *✓*
Program/fundraiser events
Coordination with Education Council:
Membership/Council workshops, seminars

1. Women's League of Voters.
2.

Considerations for Program:

Variations in size, format, geographic location, type of program offered, cost, type of program, content. Which considerations are most important? What programs have been most successful in past?

Suggestions for programs for 1980:

- Reception at Governor's Residence
(successful - requests for repeat of this event)
Landmark Center event
Seneca Falls

"Women Running for Women Running" - suggested for major event/fundraiser
Founding Feminists - enlarge to state-wide event? *Susan B. Anthony Day -*

Aug 25 - Vote
others

Suffrage Day

Alexis Herman
Director U.S. Dept of Labor
Women's Bureau
March - 1-2 -

M. Bryant - 1/80

Sally
Sarah Waddington
Sydney Tai - Weylor

Munsingwa -
1-2

Vote
Aug 26
Autism

Running
Stone
Runners
Wald.

Our purpose is to win equal representation for women in government

Seneca Falls Event Underway

Radisson Arrowwood Donates Grand Prize

The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus will celebrate its ninth anniversary on Sunday, August 17, with a fund-raising festival at the Lake Minnetonka home of Gloria Griffin (4240 Circle Road, Excelsior), long-time women's rights activist and former candidate for Congress in the 2nd District.

The celebration is called "Seneca Falls 1980" in commemoration of the first women's rights convention held at Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848.

Activities, which begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue throughout the afternoon, include swimming, boating, softball, volleyball and croquet. An auction of donated services and political mementoes is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. A picnic, including wine, beer and pop, is planned for 4:00 p.m. Picnickers can bring their own food or buy hot dogs, bratwurst and watermelon.

The Radisson Arrowwood Inn and Resort, Alexandria, MN has donated a weekend for two at their resort on Lake Darling.

The resort has a golf course, swimming pools, trail riding facilities, tennis courts, and accommodations for waterskiing, canoeing, sailing and much more.



The Governors' Reception for Women appointed to state boards and commissions was another Caucus fine event. Thanks to all who helped to make it happen. Above, (l-r) Marilyn Bryant, Jean King, Executive Assistant to the Governor, and Barbara Adams listen to LSecretary of State Joan Anderson Growe's Remarks.

"Seneca Falls 1980" is open to the public. Tickets — \$5 for adults and 10¢ per year for children under 12 — can be bought at the event or purchased in advance by mailing a check to MWPC, 1821 University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104.

In case of rain, the celebration will be postponed to Sunday, August 24.

For more information or for directions to Griffin's home, call the MWPC office at 646-5865.

The committee coordinating the Seneca Falls Celebration is headed by Kathy Ackland and Jane Berg; and includes Pat McCart and Carol Van Ryswyk, food; Toni Tschann, flyer, William Eded, auctioneer; Margaret Sand, registration and Carol Connolly, entertainment. If you would like to help with Seneca Falls preparation, please call Susan at the Caucus office, at 646-5865.

Endorsed candidates eligible for Funds

The State Steering Committee voted to disperse 75 percent of the candidates' fund to State Endorsed Candidates. Of this sum, up to two thirds is to be distributed to Hennepin and Ramsey County endorsed candidates, based on need. The remaining one third (of the 75%) to go to outstate applicants at the county and state discretion.

Ramsey

The RWPC held its endorsing convention on June 19 for state legislative offices. The membership voted to endorse the following candidates:

Ann Wynia, 62A (House of Representatives)
Niel Dieterich 62 (Senate)
Kathleen Vellega 63A (House of Representatives)
Dick Mitchell 63B (House of Representatives)
Allan Klein 65B (House of Representatives)
John Romlinson 67B (House of Representatives)

Con't p.4, Ramsey County News

Hennepin

Sara Miele, chair of the Hennepin County Women's Political Caucus, announced today the results of the recent HCWPC endorsing convention.

For the Minnesota Senate, the group endorsed Helen Yates (DFL-37), Ben Withart (DFL-42), Emily Anne Staples (DFL-43), Allan Spear (DFL-57), Elsa Carpenter (IR-58), Linda Berglin (DFL-59) and Ed Felien (DFL-60).

Con't on p.4



Co-Chairs report

Barbara Adams, Co-Chair

What a month for ERA! defeat in Illinois on June 19th and defeat by the platform committee of the Republican Party, ratified by the convention on July 16.

Marilyn and I were in Washington at the White House ERA Reception and Dinner organized by NWPC and ERAmerica on the 19th of June when news came from Illinois. Everyone had been inquiring about the vote in Illinois all evening, and the first indication we had was from Reverend Robert Drinan, Representative from Massachusetts, who said during the invocation: "and we shall not be deterred, discouraged or diverted from our goal by our defeat today in Illinois". The diners gasped and shed a few tears, but my interpretation of the reaction of the crowd was increased determination and even defiance — that we will indeed show those ERA opponents who the winners are before this is all over.

The Republican platform position is certainly a setback. As the Minneapolis Tribune so effectively reported, our own Chair, Marilyn Bryant was in Detroit vigorously demonstrating our position, and Minneapolis Alderman Sally Howard courageously voted "no endorsement" in line with her commitment to ERA. Both women represented the best of Caucus activism and conviction.

Our nemesis in "Salmon Pink", Phyllis Shafly, delegate from Illinois has not been invisible this past month either. Naively, I have assumed that people with opinions diametrically opposed to my own were at least operating from honest conviction. I can no longer believe that Mrs Shafly is honest in her pursuit of the defeat of ERA. As many have so ably noted, her lifestyle is in direct conflict with her views. However, it was a recent statement that finally convinced that Shafly must be in this fight for personal aggrandizement, - the only motive I can identify for deliberate prevarication to achieve her own ends. She was quoted in the Minneapolis Tribune saying that Feminists and Government were out to cheat the Homemaker (housewife was her term, as I recall) out of her rightful percentage of her husband's Social Security payments. In reality, as you are well aware, and as Shafly also must have been aware in order to raise Social Security as a issue, Feminists and some members of government have been attempting to legislate Social Security for homemakers in their own right, recognizing their vast but monetarily uncompensated contribution to society.

ERA

Beginning this issue the Caucus will publish the Equal Rights Amendment so that members will be familiar with its provisions.

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| Sec. 1 | Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. |
| Sec. 2 | The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. |
| Sec. 3 | This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification. |

Caucus goals

Four states remain key targets for ratification of ERA by deadline of June 1982. The four are Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma and Florida. Passage in three of these is essential for the Amendment to succeed. Somehow we must communicate ERA as the champion of homemakers that it in fact is, rather than the threat that ERA opponents refer to as they inflame the fear of change in voters and representatives. Enormous work remains in these four states, and the energy of feminists nationwide must be utilized to realize success.

Our money, our time, our creative spirit are on the line for ERA. As an initial step, let us each list every contact we have in those states, including people active in businesses marketing and/or producing in those areas, including friends, relatives, school chums - anyone we can think of. Let us then contact these people, assess their position on ERA, encourage contact with their representatives for those in favor and send information to those opposed or uncertain. The Federal Government publishes an excellent booklet entitled "Statement on the Equal Rights Amendment" by the United States Commission on Civil Rights. They are available for \$1.50 apiece from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington D.C. 20402; ask for Clearinghouse Publication 56.

Please let us know if you have any further inspirations as to how Minnesota people might assist with the ERA campaigns in Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma and Florida.

Women's Theater Project

The Women's Theater Project is trying to produce a play called "The Women Here Are No Different" about battered women.

However, fundraising efforts have not been successful thus far. Many arts groups are "afraid" to get involved with this controversial and somewhat political topic.

The group asks that anyone interested in contributing any amount, send your tax deductible contributions to: The Women's Theater Project, 731 Lincoln Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105. For More Information, call Carolyn Berry at (612)297-0298.

Blaisdell Place

A three-year struggle to obtain financing for The Blaisdell Place, a health, recreational and dining club primarily for women, has ended successfully. The club today announced receipt of a loan guarantee from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) in Washington, D.C., on a loan of \$576,000. This clears the way for continued renovation of the club's facility at 2322 Blaisdell Ave. So. and a grand opening by year-end.

According to Sandra Daddio, president of the Blaisdell Women's Club, Inc., managing company of the club, the loan guarantee will be applied to 90 percent, or \$518,000, of a \$576,000 loan put to together a consortium of local lenders. Participants in the consortium include Minister Life Insurance Company, Marquette National Bank and two private investors. When added to the \$160,000 raised through stock offerings in 1977 and 1978, the loan will provide the financing for the club. The total project cost is \$800,000.

suffer setbacks

These were my comments at a press conference called to comment on the Republican Nation Party Platform's elimination of its historic support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

I am a Director of the National Republican Women's Task Force, I chair the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus and a long time member of the GOP Feminists of Minnesota.

In these roles I speak for many hundreds of women in Minnesota who are dismayed by the recent action of the Republican Platform Committee in modifying the plank on ERA and who deplore this apparent lessening of a commitment to equal rights for women and men. And we deplore and fear the consequences which may result.

There are three critical concerns which I have as a Republican woman.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I wish to register a strong protest against the use of our valuable MWPC newsletter space by the all-male Minnesota delegation to the U.S. House and Senate. These 10 men get extensive coverage in every newspaper in the state—daily and weekly—and they do not need free publicity from us.

So far, the platitudes they write in our newsletter are as trivial, banal and shallow as the ones they write for other newspapers. There is not a feminist among them. Please! Members of the steering committee — spare us from any more of the political pablum. Thank you,

Gloria Griffin

Dear Editor,

I find it ironic that there would be an article about Mildred Thymian's attempt to achieve Republican endorsement in the 6th Congressional District in the same issue where Sen. Boschwitz "is urging women to run for office."

In point of brutal fact, he and his political operatives were the main reason Mildred Thymian was not endorsed and cannot be a candidate.

I think the caucus owes it to its membership to expose rather than promote the kind of hypocrisy Sen. Boschwitz is indulging in.

Yours truly,
Claire Rumpel
State Chair

Ed. Note: Sen. Boschwitz's article is part of a series of **unedited** remarks which the caucus is publishing. The caucus is not actively promoting Boschwitz.



Marilyn Bryant, Chair

First, I am concerned that the Republican party may appear to be abandoning the leadership role established 40 years ago when, in 1940, the Republican party was the first major national platform. Since 1940 when the plank in support of ERA was adopted, every Republican president since Dwight Eisenhower and most party leaders, up to and including the courageous Mary Crisp, have vigorously supported ERA. Since 1940 Republicans have gone on record as advocating equal rights for women, demonstrating our commitment to insuring the women of this country their rightful place in the Constitution. Throughout this long and consistent record Republicans have become identified as a party visibly concerned about equal justice and the responsibilities of the political process to guarantee basic human concerns.

We must not abandon that leadership.

Secondly, I am concerned that the Republican party appears to be regarding the ERA as a trivial issue which is of lesser importance than other political issues. Indeed it is not trivial, unless one regards women, who are over 50% of the population, and their legal status as trivial. Over one half of the population is not being treated fairly in the market place. Today, 70% of the women in the 25 to 35 year age bracket work. They earn 59% for every dollar men earn. This is not trivial, it is tragic. Women work today for the same reason that men do - economic necessity. It is not a trivial matter when a woman with a college education working full time earns less than a man who is a high school drop out. It is tragic that there are legal barriers preventing women from equal access to job opportunities. The economic consequences of a failure to adopt the Equal Rights Amendment are compellingly clear to the millions of women who must work. ERA is not a trivial matter.

My third critical concern as a Republican woman is that we appear not to understand that a Constitutional amendment is the only way of permanently establishing this simple basic principle: that sex should not be a factor in determining the legal rights of men or women. Legislative change alone will not provide an adequate foundation for the attainment of full legal equality for women. The legislative process is imprecise, imperfect, and interminably slow. The United States Commission on Civil Rights identified over 800 sections of the U.S. Code which contain examples of substantive sex bias or sex-based terminology that are inconsistent with a national commitment to equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities. This is clear documentation of continuing and serious problems of sex-based inequality in employment, education and housing. Clearly we must have an Amendment to the Constitution to provide an immediate mandate for a nationally uniform theory of sex equality. Clearly, we must redouble our efforts to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to supply the fundamental legal framework upon which to build a coherent body of law and achieve the goal of all Americans - equal rights for all.

County report

Ramsey Hennepin

A Considerable amount of debate and controversy surrounded the decision of the Caucus to recommend "no endorsement" in the Ahrens-Moe race for the Senate District 65 seat. On June 3 the endorsing screening committee failed to come up with a recommendation to support either candidate for that seat.

Both candidates have received Caucus endorsement in the past and the committee was conflicted as to whether a male or female "feminist" warrants the endorsement. Despite the fact that one of the Caucus' major goals is to promote and support women candidates, some members felt that Diane Ahrens had an imperfect track record as a feminist elected official. In apparent recognition of that sentiment, candidate Ahrens withdrew her request for endorsement at the convention. She expressed her concerns about the actions of the screening committee to the membership at that time. She reminded us about the expressed goals of the Caucus in terms of promoting women and supporting affirmative action when two equally qualified opponents of opposite sexes sought Caucus endorsement. As a result of that controversy and the similar one in the Connolly-Lefko city race several months ago, it has become apparant that the Caucus needs to re-evaluate its principles and to develop clearer guidelines for addressing that in future elections.

Other news . . . The Ramsey County Steering Committee has begun to develop a planning committee for the Founding Feminist Fundraiser to be held in late September or early October. Caucus members Lyn Burton and Julia Raitan have graciously accepted the responsibility of co-chairing that committee. If you would like to learn more about the RWPC and become involved in the gala event please volunteer yourself by contacting either Lyn, Julia or one of the officers.

Ramsey County Gettogether lunch is set for August 22 at 12 noon at the Acropol Inn.

Caucus Member Pearl Mitchell has resigned from the Civic Center Authority. If you know of a qualified interested feminist, please encourage her to apply. Contact Ora Lee Patterson for more details (298-4323).

endorsed candidates

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Those endorsed for the Minnesota House of Representatives by the caucus include: Sara Jaehne (DFL-43B), Randy Staten (DFL-56A), Dee Long (DFL-56B), Phyllis Kahn (DFL-57A), Leon Greenfield (DFL-57B), Grace Harkness (DFL-58A), Ann O'Loughlin (IR-58B), Karen Clark (DFL-59A), John Brandt (DFL-61A) and Wesly Skoglund (DFL-61B).

Shirley Lundgren was endorsed by the group for the Crystal City Council.

Candidates endorsed by the caucus for the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners include Richard Kremer (IR-District 3) and Bernadette Klein (DFL-District 5).

Hennepin County is starting a series of monthly BREAKFASTS for members to meet our endorsed candidates, share political news and hear of commission appointments openings. First breakfast will be Wednesday, July 16, 7:30-9:00 AM at the Grain Exchange Cafeteria, 400 S. 4th St. (corner 4th St. and 4th Ave.). Guests will be candidates ELSA CARPENTER, I-R Senate District 58 (S.W. Mpls. district that includes the four city lakes) and HELEN YATES, DFL, Senate District 37 (district So. of Mpls. that contains all of Richfield, including the airport, and a small part of Bloomington). No reservations necessary; no charge; there is on-the-street parking at that hour; you may eat, drink coffee or just come to talk. This is a real opportunity to get better acquainted with a really out-standing group of candidates. Everyone welcome! Come!

The second Hennepin County BREAKFAST will be in the same place, 7:30 AM, Wednesday, August 20, with candidates KAREN CLARK, DFL, House District 59A (district just south of Downtown that has parts of Powderhorn, Central, Whittier and Phillips communities) and Ann O'Loughlin, I-R, House District 58B (encompasses Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet).

The HENNEPIN UN-FUNDRAISER is coming! We want to raise LOTS of money to help the strongest, most talented group of candidates we have ever endorsed. But political women in Hennepin County have so many fund raisers to attend, we know you will appreciate NOT having to go to this one! Expect a phone call from a caucus member sometime in July, and when she asks for money say YES and dig deep. There are no expenses in this phone-a-thon; every dollar will go into campaigns where it is really needed. This is our ONE all-out campaign fund effort this season. If you're going to be away, or not near a phone, be a Caucus Angel and call our treasurer, Margot Diederich-Lee, 824-9956 to make your pledge. Or mail a check to Margot, 3852 1st Ave. So. Mpls. 55409.

LOST & FOUND: Found at Hennepin County Endorsing Convention: Dayton's shopping bag containing 2 plaid tablecloths. Call Gloria Griffin, 474-4807 or Mary Meeker, 377-0689.

All candidates endorsed by the caucus support the platform of the National and local Women's Political Caucus on ERA ratification and reproductive freedom. They also support increased government funding for child care, pay equity and increased power for women.

Mary Meeker, chair of the HCWPC Endorsements Committee, said that many candidates for endorsement had to be denied endorsement because they failed to "fully support the goal of increased economic and public power for women," or "because they just weren't strong enough candidates."

From Congress

Sabo lists Congressional efforts

By Congressman Martin O. Sabo

The 96th Congress's work on women's issues has not received much attention. No single legislative issue such as the Equal Rights Amendment has attracted the attention of the press and the general public. However, Congress has initiated legislation to further the economic, legal, and social status of women in a variety of ways. As a member of Congress I have been involved in a number of them.

I joined with a number of my colleagues in an effort last year to prevent serious reductions in funding for general social services. I also cosponsored legislation to allow redistribution of social services funds not spent by some states during a fiscal year to states which provide a higher level of social services funding, such as Minnesota. General social services funds are a primary source of funding for day care, which frees many women to hold jobs in order to support their families.

Health care is another major concern, especially of low-income families. I supported the Child Health Assurance Act, which would assure medical care through the medicaid program to all pregnant women and all children under 18 who meet the income requirements of the program. I also have introduced legislation which would require states to make health insurance available to all residents, similar to provisions which now exist under Minnesota state law. My bill would provide assistance for low-income families in purchasing health insurance as well.



Legal protection for women is another important area which is receiving attention from the 96th Congress. I am a cosponsor of bills which would provide former spouses of federal employees, military personnel, or foreign service personnel with a portion of the pension earned by the federal employee. These bills would provide a measure of security for the women who, in their roles as homemakers, supported the work of their husbands without remuneration and find themselves suddenly without income and without formal employment record when a marriage is dissolved.

Domestic violence is a tragic occurrence in the lives of all too many women. Another bill I have cosponsored would amend present law to authorize the use of social services funds for emergency shelter and services for adults and children in danger of abuse or injury in the home.

Access to jobs and to positions of influence in our society is an important goal of the women's movement. I am cosponsor of a resolution requiring improvement in the collection and analysis of labor force statistics relating to women in all occupations. The resolution also requires the Bureau of the Census to provide a breakdown of data relating to the employment of women equal to that provided in the case of men.

One of my first actions as a Congressman in support of women's access to position of influence was a letter to the co-chairs of the President's merit selection panel for appointment of federal district judges. Early in 1979, I urged the panel to consider qualified women candidates for Minnesota's new district judgeships. The panel selected Diana Murphy for one of the two positions, making her the first woman to hold a seat as a federal district judge in Minnesota.

Much remains to be done to achieve and maintain equal opportunity and status for women. As Fifth District Congressman, I hope I can make a significant contribution to the continuing effort for women's rights.

Position Announcement

La Oficina Legal, a branch office of Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc. (SMRLS) is seeking a full-time, Spanish-Speaking attorney to begin in September, 1980.

Please send applications or inquiries to:

Salvador Rosas
La Oficina Legal
Southern Minnesota Regional
Legal Services, Inc.
530 Andrew St.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55107

The Minnesota Cable Communications Board has an opening for communications development in the state policy setting (NOT advertising). The position is a governor appointed one. Contact Secretary of State Joan Growe's office for more information (612) 296-2805.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Responsible to the Superintendent for delivery of effective instructional program K-12. Directly or indirectly supervises all certified and non-certified instructional staff.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Letters of application and resumes must be submitted by September 1, 1980, to:

Personnel Office
South Washington County Schools
8040 80 Street South
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

CALENDAR

July

- 27 Fifth District DFL Fundraiser At Terrance and Betina Johnson's, 1932 Penn. Ave. S., Mpls., 55402. Contact Charleen Bocigaluyo (377-6582) for more details.
- 29 Affirmative Action Hearing (see Around Town)

August

- 4 Steering Committee Meeting
- 17 Mark your calendars. Our Annual Seneca Falls event is set for August 17. Gloria Griffin has once again agreed to help host the event at her home in Tonka Bay.
- 20 Hennepin County Breakfast (see County News)
- 22 Ramsey County Lunch (see County News)

September

- 8 Steering Committee Meeting and Newsletter Deadline

Membership

New members this month include:

Western State Bank	Agnes Sether	Patricia Pfundstein
Donna Gustafson	Barara Sundquist	Marna Skaar
Marlys Johnson	Paula Manillo	Karen Leonard
Rhonda Gray	Elaine Levine	Paula Goldberg
Anne Heegaard	Julia Reitan	Mary Rogers
Teresa Hudoba	Shaton Schwartz	Nancy Sandberg
Eileen Barr	Patricia Hoyt	Jean Schlemmer
Nancy Guthrie	Janice Haugen	Barbara Trombley
Virginia Watkins	Carol Daniels	Mary Hill Smith
Martha Atwater	Effie McKerson	Ellen Johnson
Allan Klein	Lucy Wieland	

Summer Membership Special

Join the Caucus now at half price (\$10). Any half year memberships are eligible for member rates on all Caucus events.

Noteworthy

The Minnesota Interchange Network (MIN) had its first meeting to elect officers earlier this month. The group, a direct outgrowth of the New Right Conference, last January is seeking members. If you are interested and want more details, write to interchange, 2027 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. The Minnesota Interchange Network is part of this National Network.

A Hearing on Affirmative Action Plans will be held on Tuesday, July, 29, 1980 at 9:00 a.m. in the old City Hall, Rm 317, City Council Chambers. Members are urged to attend.

June Noyes recently helped the White House Conference on Families in Minnesota by lining up all the parliamentarians. Thanks to June for a Superb job. Also many thanks to all the Caucus members who volunteered as recorders: Elin Skinner, Kathy Ridder, Marilyn Bryant and others.

Minnesota Women for Anderson

A group of women, representing Republicans, Democrats, and Independents have begun meeting to organize MINNESOTA WOMEN FOR JOHN ANDERSON. Tom Tucker of the New York Times says about John Anderson:

Such a candidacy would promise a nonpartisan "national" unity administration" that would transcendent "the old narrow partisan structure"; in a time of crisis at home and abroad, that might have great appeal not only to independents but to members of both parties. They would be renouncing party identity only temporarily, and could expect their parties to have rough equality in a "national unity" government.

Anyone wishing to join in this effort should leave their name and phone number at the John Anderson Headquarter, Hennepin Ave. just south of Lake St., or call 612-827-6202.

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May Event Focus: Campaign Preparation

The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus is sponsoring "Get Into the Running" Night on Thursday, May 8, 1980. This is a resource night for would be and accomplished politicians at the Minnesota Museum of Art from 5 to 8 p.m. Women seeking elective or appointive office or wanting to get involved in a campaign are urged to come avail themselves of advice from Secretary of State, Joan Anderson Grove, Alderman Sally Howard, City Council Member, Judy Carrao, State Representatives Phylliss Kahn and Connie Levi and many other women with expertise in federal, state, and local government.

It's a time to get your feet wet - or pass out your campaign literature. Refreshments will be available along with sound advice, all for \$8 caucus members, \$10 non-members. The Minnesota Museum is located at St. Peter and Kellogg in St. Paul.

MWPC's primary mission is to expand the participation of women in all facets of the political system, including party offices, delegates, campaign offices, appointive and elective positions on every level.

Popular opinion would have us believe that women are making significant gains in achievement of these ends. However, the progress which has been made in many areas, has been slow or non-existent in others and we have a long way to go.

We've taken particular pride in the success of women seeking office on the municipal level. Minneapolis, as our largest city, leads with six out of 13 aldermen being women for 46% and St. Paul with 28.5%. However, new information reveals not only insignificant progress in the state of Minnesota overall, but very poor in comparison with other states. Minnesota can only claim 4% of the municipal and township positions for women as compared with the highest participation nationwide in Washington DC at 39%, Michigan at 38% and Alaska at 26%. Only the states of North and South Dakota had fewer at 2% and 3% respectively. Of 17 cities over 30,000, only Roseville has a woman Mayor.

On the School Board level, traditionally seen as more likely to achieve high participation of women, we had in 1974-75 342 women out of 2775 for 12.2%. This has increased modestly in five years to 482 or 17.4%. In addition, of 15 members of the Board of Directors of Minnesota School Boards Association, 2 or 13% are women. Filings opened for school boards in each District on April 5 and close on April 29. On the state level, we have 12.2% women in the House and 5.3% women in the Senate. At the Federal level, 3.7% women hold office in the House of Representatives and 1% in the Senate. Nationwide, only 5 women have ever occupied the Governor's Seat, three of those succeeding their husbands.

This program is planned to facilitate women's further involvement and success in seeking elective and appointive office on every level. We hope any women who have filed or are considering filing in the future, who have questions about the who, when, how, where, etc. of running for office and seeking appointed positions take advantage of a wonderful assemblage of expertise on May 8th.

Mail in Registration Forms are on the back cover of this issue



Budget Cuts Criticized

Chair Marilyn Bryant (l) and co-Chair Barbara Adams (r) held a press conference on April 3 to express their concern about the Federal Budget. Their monthly columns deal with the Federal Budget - See pp 2-3.

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Barbara Adams
co-chair

The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus gathered a coalition of thirty organizations representing Black, Hispanic, Indian groups, Women's organizations, seniors, Labor, political and religious institutions and special interest organizations which registered a protest about projected budget cuts at a news conference on April 3rd at the Hennepin County Government Center. We did not protest the concepts of a balanced budget, but rather, voiced our great concern that human needs take priority, that social service programming to the very part of society most hurt by inflation not be cut. The reductions to human services already recommended and those being considered will place an added unfair burden on the most vulnerable groups-minorities, elderly, children, women and the poor.

Special mention was made in the press conference of the fact that the Defense Budget, the largest and most inflationary part of the federal budget, is actually being increased. This in spite of well publicized reports of great waste and inefficiency, questionable judgement and poor financial policies. The General Accounting Office (GAO), Congress' own watchdog of federal fund expenditures, publishes a monthly list of summaries of GAO reports. A group of extracts from these monthly lists, compiled by the National

Office of Business Executives move for New National Priorities, fairly boggles the mind with the roster citing errors and inefficiencies not to mention concealment and illegal practices totaling in the multitudes of millions of dollars. Granted, no human organization is perfect, but the evidence of mismanagement by the Department of Defense (DOD) is both staggering and appalling, especially when it is recognized what vast amounts of waste exist side by side with poverty and suffering in this country. Of the twenty-four reports included in this list, a few head-lines follow to give an idea of the range:

DOD Can Save Millions of Dollars by Improving Management of Air Force Inventories.

Better Navy Management of Ship Building Contracts Could Save Millions of Dollars.

Caucus Protests

DOD Continues to Subsidize the Foreign Military Sales Program by not Charging for Normal Military Losses (Military services had identified over \$600 Million in inventory losses).

Is the Air Force Inspection System Effective?
GAO was Denied Access to Pertinent Records.

These reports, made by an office of the Legislative Branch of the U.S. Government for members of Congress to assist them in their work, should have a direct influence on the type of legislation enacted with regard to the defense budget. Communication with Representatives and Senators regarding the budget and proposed cuts might refer to the follow-up by the legislative branch on GAO reports.

Most serious of the cuts proposed in the Domestic Program so far is the House Budget Committee's recommendation that two changes be made in the food stamp program: annual instead of biannual adjustments, and lowering the income level for eligibility requirements to save \$580 Million. Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, Senate Budget Committee member, is suggesting the elimination of the food stamp program with no provision for a substitute. The White House has

proposed a \$10 Million cut in family planning which would mean a reduction of 250,000 in the number of people served. The House Budget Committee has voted to delay the Youth Employment Program, a new initiative for this year of particular need to minority youth. The CETA program already woefully inadequate, is being recommended by the White House and the House Budget Committee to lose 150,000 jobs, and the House Committee also voted to eliminate unemployment benefits to former CETA employees. Federal Day Care, Title XX, has lost \$200 Million if the present recommendations are enacted.

All this and more before the Senate Budget Committee even acts, and reports indicate that the Senate is even more hatchet-minded with regard to Domestic Programs than the House.

Senator Rudy Boschwitz sits on the Senate Budget Committee which Senator Edmund Muskie chairs. No doubt Senator Boschwitz would be delighted to hear from all of us regarding our federal budget concerns.

His address and phone number are:

Senator Rudy Boschwitz
2109 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202) 224-3244

and in St. Paul:

419 Robert St., Room 210
St. Paul, MN 55101
(612) 725-6111

Budget Cutbacks

"It's not going to be easy to watch social legislation for which we have struggled disintegrate under the relentless quest for a balanced budget," said Iris Mitgang, Chair of the National Women's Political Caucus. "With the inflation rate running close to 20%, with the basic necessities of life increasingly more expensive, even maintaining current service levels of social programs would be difficult; cutting programs and funding could result in disaster for the most vulnerable members of our society. As feminists, we must oppose the notion that the only cure for budget fever is the slashing of human service programs."

President Carter's 1981 budget and the Senate Budget Committee's adoption of a draconian balanced budget resolution that is relatively long on guns and short on butter has captured a great deal of editorial attention in recent days. And the House Budget Committee last month passed a resolution balancing federal spending with income, but the House budget allotted relatively more to social programs and less to defense. These conflicting objectives come at a time when the public, outraged and frightened by a drifting economy, is said to be demanding austerity in government. But no one knows at whose expense.

Indeed, the large question is at whose expense the budget cuts will be made. We know that the overriding priorities for the 1981 budget are and must be international security, controlling

Marilyn Bryant
Chair



inflation and reducing the national debt. Since women are more than half the U.S. population, these are their issues too. Inflation disproportionately ravages the income of the poor and those on fixed incomes. Women comprise more than half of these groups: three-fourths of the elderly poor are women; 67 percent of all food stamp families are headed by women; and women head 98 percent of all families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Is it any wonder that we as women should be urgently concerned with the budget-cutting process?

Women have traditionally not been involved in the formulation of the federal budget. However, the Carter Administration did hold consultations with women's organizations to identify their priorities in the 1981 budget, and as a result, even in an austere budget year, several important areas of special concern to women are slated for funding increases. These areas

include education, where the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA), is slated for an increase in funds, food and nutrition programs, domestic violence, child care, and aid to women-owned businesses. Whether or not the increases will be enough to offset inflation can be called to question, but at least these programs are presently intact. Various women in the White House Office of Sarah Weddington have assured me that they are working and fighting to keep these and similar programs.

We, as women, obviously have legitimate concerns with the budget formulation and budget-cutting process. As officers of the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus, we have an obligation to insist that those whom we represent - women, children, minorities, the poor and the elderly - not be voiceless pawns in this budget cutting. We are compelled to join with others to urge the Administration and Congress to exercise caution to ensure that the suggested sacrifices are shared, and that those already hurt the most by inflation are not left to bear a disproportionate burden in the proposed remedies.

There is a need to treat people fairly. The constituencies of the human service programs are too often voiceless and nameless. It is our responsibility to remind the decision-makers that those affected, the victims, are real people we know - perhaps our parents, our children, our neighbors, ourselves.

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NEXT DEADLINE: Monday, May 5

This is your newsletter: your comments and criticisms are needed to make improvements and changes. In addition, suggestions for articles and/or photos are invited. Send all current information to Carol Stenborg, 892 Como Ave. St. Paul, MN 55103. Photos can be returned if you include your address. Please send all material at least 10 DAYS BEFORE deadline.

County report

Hennepin

Sara Miele
Chair

Plans for the revision of HCWPC are proceeding. I will have more to report next month, after our May 12th meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Jury Assembly Room, Hennepin County Government Center. Anyone interested in helping Hennepin County survive, please attend. She is critically ill, but with your help and support, she may survive again. **If You Care.** Please come May 12,

NOTE: Housemate wanted: 3 bedroom new house located 2 blocks from bus, off street parking. \$200 per month rent. Laundry facilities and housekeeper. For more information, call 377-3580 and ask for Sara.

Ramsey

Marge Charmoli,
Patricia McCart,
co-chairs

Since the March 18 city primary election, the question of whether or not the Caucus should endorse another candidate for seat D (open seat) on the City Council has arisen. The steering committee met and decided not make an endorsement in the Lefko vs. Wilson race. The steering committee did, however, feel that it was important to present that these candidates do differ in their views on feminist issues. Todd Lefko has amassed a long track record in supporting causes of importance to feminists. Bill Wilson has actually solicited the anti-choice vote on the abortion issue. For these reasons, we are encouraging you, as feminists, to support Todd Lefko in his bid for Seat D. If Todd loses the election, that seat will go to an anti-choice, anti-caucus candidate.

The Caucus has been informed that the deadline for submitting applications for the St. Paul Human Rights Director position is April 15. Please contact Ora Lee Patterson in the Mayor's Office (298-4323) for more detailed information on where to send applications.

Mark your calendars for the Ramsey County monthly get-togethers (SEE CALENDAR ON BACK PAGE OF THIS ISSUE). Bring a friend or two and join is for either or both monthly events. Lunch at the Acropol Inn will be on the last Friday of the month, that's April 25, and an after work get-together will be held on April 18, from 5 to 7:30 PM at Sweeney's Dale & Ashland. COME - ENJOY!

We now have a phone-tree for the RCWPC. It is organized by legislative districts. If you'd like to help, give Pat McCart a call at 225-2565 or 698-2451.

Don't Forget the next meeting is on April 16, 7:30 p.m., at Pat McCart's, 442 Summit Ave. in St. Paul.

Legislative report Session Closes

In the final moments of the legislative session for 1980, here is the scorecard:

Job-Sharing: The House has accepted the Conference Committee report on this bill; the Senate has not had final action on it as we go to press.

Girls' Athletics: This bill, resurrected from last session and hurriedly agreed to by the conference committee was signed by the Governor. This is definitely a step backward from the original bill passed in 1973, but it at least isn't as awful as originally proposed last session.

Housing Discrimination: This has passed both Houses and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. His staff is studying the ramifications; it may have trouble yet.

Spousal Rape: Also passed both Houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

HMO: This bill is stuck in Conference Committee and at this late date will probably end its existence there--hopefully.

The Legislative reporting has been helped immeasurably by the Tuesday lunch session with the other feminist lobbyists. In a continuation of that sharing there will be a legislative wrap-up session on April 22, 5 to 7 p.m. in Room 22 of the State Office Building to determine exactly what happened during the legislative session, and where we are going in the next session, particularly in light of the upcoming election. We will be analyzing what the session did or did not do. Senator Emily Anne Staples, Reps. Linda Berglin and Connie Levi will be on hand for their input. Please come and participate in a general discussion to follow concerning the next legislative session. Feminist lobbyists have found how truly effective it is to share, to network and to spread the workload of a legislative session among several like-minded groups.

We know that certain Senators and Representatives will not be running for re-election. Another unknown element is the result of elections where incumbents will not be successful. Our wrap-up session should be an interesting meeting for session-watchers and general political aficionados.

What Do YOU Think?

About Registration of men and women and the draft?

Are you.....

In Favor _____

Opposed _____

Uncertain _____

Write in and let us know. The Newsletter will report results.

Send responses to the caucus office and write "Draft" on your envelope so that we can sort responses quickly.

From Congress

Durenburger: In Support of Women

Ed. note: this is the first in a series of articles by Congress members to be printed in MNPC news.

Every so often one of my Senate colleagues will pat himself on the back, taking credit for the gains of women over the past few years. Before he breaks his arm patting his back, I remind my colleagues that the past gains are only a starting point for what is still to be accomplished.

Indeed, studies published by the United States Commission on Civil Rights and the Minnesota Council on the Economic Status of Women show that in the past 20 years women have been unable to make any significant strides toward economic and social equality with white males. According to those reports, women still earn only half as much as white males, and women with college degrees earn less than men with high school degrees.

The Civil Rights Commission study also found that there is "virtually no financial ladder" for women, as there has been little or no improvement in the earnings of full time working women between the ages of 20 and 44.

Of particular concern is the finding that women who head households are at least 50 percent more likely to be spending more than a quarter of their income on housing than their white male counterparts. This means that these individuals and families will have less money for other essentials, such as food, clothing, and medicine. And, with the emergence of more and more female-headed households, we have all the makings of a major social tragedy.

These disgraceful statistics underscore dramatically the arguments in support of granting explicit and full rights for women under the Constitution. Obviously, our present statutory and constitutional provisions have been woefully inadequate.

I have long advocated and worked for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. During my 1978 Senatorial campaign, I announced my firm support for the ERA Extension legislation. In my opinion, the need for the E.R.A. has become more critical than ever.

While we must not pause in our fight to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, we must also do everything in our power, at every level, to eliminate unconscionable federal, state, and local provisions which promote the continuation of injustice toward women.

Noteworthy

The Caucus welcomes its new members: Nancy Harris, Sue Bateman, Michele Hielicher, Carol L. James, Charm S. Davidson, PhD, Norma J. Hanson, Laura A. Crosby, Susan Lentz, Donna Lundahl, Sandra Bennett, Loretta Frederick



U.S. Sen. Dave Durenburger

Although as a U.S. Senator I cannot directly affect state and local laws, I can work to remedy discrimination caused by federal laws and regulations. And certainly there is substantial work to do in this area. For example, there are hundreds of federal statutes which contain substantive sex-based differentials or terminology inconsistent with a national commitment to equal rights, responsibilities, and opportunities.

In addition, the federal government, with 2.8 million civilian employees, is the nation's largest single employer. But, regrettably, the federal government does not set the example in providing equality of opportunity for women.

And the government also controls the monies that are distributed through all the federal programs. Inequities in these programs mandate strong and effective congressional action.

Thus, I am presently drafting omnibus legislation which would help guarantee economic and social opportunity for women. While one measure cannot possibly remedy every wrong, I intend to begin the struggle to eliminate sex discrimination in the federal code, in federal programs and in the federal government. I consider this legislation one of my top Senate priorities. Working together, we can ensure the enactment of this necessary and important legislation. Only if we're successful can we enjoy a pat on the back.

CALENDAR

April

- 16 7:30 p.m. RCWPC Steering Committee Meeting at Pat McCart's, 442 Summit Ave
- 18 RCWPC Afterwork Get-together from 5 - 7:30 p.m. in Sweeney's Back Room, Dale & Ashland
- 22 Legislative Wrap-up Meeting, 5 to 7p.m. at Rm. 22 of the State Office Building.
- 25 12 noon, RCWPC Get-together Lunch at the Acropol Inn, Grand & Grotto.

May

- 5 Steering Committee Meeting and newsletter deadline

Metro Task Force

- 12 Hennepin County Meeting 5:30 p.m.. at the Jury Assembly Room, Hen. Cty. Govt. Ctr.
- 14 Ramsey County Meeting 5:30 p.m. at the Ramsey County Courthouse, Room 356.
- 16 5 - 7:30 p.m. RCWPC After Work Get Together at Sweeney's Back Room, Dale & Ashland.
- 30-31 State Independent-Republican Convention in Duluth

Inflation and fluctuating silver prices have affected production of the newsletter. In order to cut costs, we have reduced the print size and made various other changes -we hope for the better. Please write and let us know how you feel about these changes.

Get In The Running

Minnesota Museum, St. Peter at Kellogg Blvd
May 8, Thursday 5 to 8 PM
Refreshments and Advice

Guest Resources:
Secretary of State, Joan Anderson Growe
Alderman, Sally Howard
City Council Member, Judy Carrao
Commissioner, Nancy Olkon
Gloria Griffin
Campaign Managers,
Myrna Marofsky and Mary Anne Page
Appointments Resources,
Carol Connolly and Rahn Westby
and many more!!

Reservations accepted at Door.
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Please detach and send to:

Minnesota Womens Political Caucus
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or call 646-5865 for more information

Yes. I would like to attend "Get Into the Running Night"

Enclosed is my check for ☐ \$8 Caucus Member
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Sorry, I cannot attend, but would like to help support women candidates. Here is my contribution to:
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*Your contribution is tax deductible.

I am especially interested in:

- ☐ Running for office.
☐ Learning about appointive positions available.
☐ Helping with a campaign.
☐ Raising funds for a candidate.
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Rank 1980 Legislative Issues

by the Legislative Committee

January 22 marks the opening of the 1980 state legislative session. Listed below are bills that the Caucus is concerned with. We would like you to help us by ranking these bills from 1 to 10. This will help us direct our energies more specifically to those bills that the whole of our membership are most concerned with. By ranking these bills you are not eliminating any, only helping the committee decide which ones to focus on.

The 1980 legislative session is an important one because it is during an election year. Both parties will be scrambling to gain reelection. Traditionally, this session is very nervous about fiscal appropriations. The members will also go easy on controversial issues in order not to alienate any of their possible supporters. This tenor will become more apparent as the session unfolds. The legislative committee will need your help to monitor, lobby and testify at the Capitol.

The following have already been identified as key issues for this session. If you have others which you consider important, please include them at the bottom of the page. After ranking the

issues, please bring this list to the annual meeting on January 20 or mail it to the Caucus office before that date.

— Job-Sharing a pilot project to test job sharing with government jobs

— Insurance Coverage would eliminate unfair or discriminatory coverage

— Inheritance would propose more uniform inheritance regulations

— Tax Reform

— State ERA

— Rental to Families with minors would eliminate housing discrimination to such families

— Energy reallocation of all resources

— Professional Secretary Certification Recognition

— Psycho-Surgery Citizen/Professional board of review before treatment

— Other (Specify)

New Right: Sonia Johnson

The decade of the '80s is at hand, and MWPC plans a bold beginning with the New Right Conference on Jan. 19 and the Annual Convention on Jan. 20. All Caucus members are urged to attend both events. The convention is of great importance this year, for it combines a unique ecumenical service by women, a brunch honoring women in the Minnesota Legislature, a business meeting and the election of new state Steering Committee members and consideration of by-laws/ resolutions.

MWPC has enjoyed growth in membership and influence in the past year. In order to keep building and increase our impact on political life in Minnesota, we need the participation of every member. Plan now to be present at the NEW RIGHT CONFERENCE AND THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

See related articles on pages 6 and 7



Sonia Johnson

Co-Chairs report The Caucus:



Carol Connolly,
co-chair

A retrospective never quite tells it. We all have different highlights to our histories. Even though we who have joined together here are all more alike than we are different, the sun still shines on each of us at different angles. It depends on where you're standing.

I am leaving my year as the DFL half of the team of Bryant and Connolly, tap-dancer, and poet in that order, at the conclusion of one of the most powerful decades in the history of women's accomplishments. Any sort of summary seems presumptuous, but I will say this:

We in the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus have accomplished in 1979 much of what we set out to accomplish on that snowy day in Duluth last January. We have pioneered. We have had a successful co-chair representing the two major parties in this state. We have put women in politics above parties in politics. We have been able to lobby in a new and innovative way. No access has been denied us because of party affiliation. Our victories, not enough, in the Legislature point to that access. The appointment of women to State boards and commissions in the highest numbers in history points to that access.

We talked about networking. It becomes more real each day. We recognize each other at events all over the State. No political crowd is all strangers. No Governmental agency or industrial office or corporation or business is without one of us. We are everywhere.

We have continued to elect one another. We have worked for women in our own towns and in their towns, wherever they needed us.

looking back on '79

We talked about annual giving, about raising enough money all at once to sustain us. The success of Marilyn Bryant and Laura Miles and their committee at one event in December is overwhelming, legendary.

We talked about a major conference. On January 19, we will spend a day looking at the New Right with a starstudded cast gathered from around the country under the dynamic leadership of Barbara Adams and her committee.

The strength of the Caucus as it moves into 1980 is due to the dedication of each of us. The accomplishments on behalf of women by those of us who sit around the steering committee conference table each month have been incredible.

A farewell to a colleague never tells it either. Let me say this: an extra bow and special applause must go to the judgment, energy and formidable dedication of Marilyn Bryant. I treasure her friendship and sisterhood. I respect her ability, her integrity, her spirit, her humor, and her tapdancing skills.

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... forward to '80

"We wish you the joy of new beginnings" was the uplifting message on a greeting card of the recent season. The card pictured a family with a new baby cradled in its happy mother's arms. One could imagine the new beginnings in store for that family.

In this season of new beginnings, we tend to assess not only personal family relationships, but those of our broader family, those with whom we work or are associated. The Minnesota Women's Political Caucus in this regard is a family, an organization whose members are bound by a common goal, that of encouraging and supporting women in public life. What should our new beginnings be for this year?

Perhaps the wisdom of the ages may guide us. "Look with favor upon a bold beginning," wrote the Latin poet Virgil centuries ago. The word bold, according to Webster, means sharing a readiness to take risks. The bold beginnings that the Caucus must make are in two areas: outreach and education. We need to be bolder and more aggressive in our approach in both of these areas. Our efforts directed to outreach and membership development have been inadequate. Our attempts at education and communication have been inept. Both are vital to the maintenance and growth of a state-wide organization. The two are inexorably bound together, for successes in outreach and membership development are dependent upon efforts in education and communication. We need to intensify our efforts and be bold in our planning for both.

Coalition Seeks Volunteers

The Coalition of 15,000 is again seeking our help as one of their sponsoring members. They would like one or more persons from the Caucus to be on the Energy Subcommittee. If you are interested in being on this committee or know of someone who would like to be on it, send your name or the names of others to the Caucus office and mention that it is for the Coalition of 15,000 Energy Subcommittee.

Marilyn Bryant
Co-Chair



Why are outreach and membership development so vital? Because, in the simplest terms, there are women in this state whom we have not reached who need us. And we need them. We must have membership strength to gain greater visibility, to have more influence, and ultimately a stronger voice in the public arena. A stronger voice results in greater power.

Why are education and communication so important? Because we need to know how to make things happen in order to be effective. We need workshops, seminars, printed materials to help acquaint less experienced members with the workings of government. We need to be bold in communicating the fact that women have not shared equally in decision making in politics, and then we need to use our more knowledgeable members as trainers so that the abilities of new members can be utilized as they gain skills and become familiar with the process.

A new MWPC state Steering Committee will be elected by the membership at the annual convention on Jan. 20. Your advice and counsel are welcome and valued. Let that new governing group know that you would look with favor upon a bold beginning.

corrections: _____

On page one of the December issue, Virginia Berg was in the picture of the steering committee. She was attending that committee meeting but is not a member of the Committee.

Elin Skinner and Rhoda Lund were omitted from the list of Contributors to the December 5 fundraiser. We regret these errors. Both contributed \$100.

County caucuses report

Hennepin

Sara Miele, chair

The county caucus is planning to Gear Up for the Eighties. We'll start off with a weekend of activities Jan. 19 and 20 with the New Right Conference and the Annual Convention.

Our elected officials are just beginning their terms in office and we wish them the best. In addition, a number of women are eying legislative and judicial posts as we start a new year.

If you have any news or issues, please call Sara Miele at 377-3580.

Ramsey

Carla Messman, chair

On Monday, Dec. 10 the County chapter hosted a reception for the three women nominated to fill Judge Hachey's seat on the Municipal bench: Diana Eagon, Suzanne Flinsch and Harriet Lansing. Despite the Caucus lobbying efforts, Governor Quie responded by selecting a white, male, pro-life candidate. A moldy pickle for the new year to the man in the house on the Summit . . .

The County annual convention (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE STATE ANNUAL CONVENTION ON JAN. 20) will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12 in City Hall, rm. 707. Business items will include election of officers, discussion and action on by-laws changes, report on the State of the Caucus. The meeting will be followed by refreshments.

Coming Up:

City Convention Sunday, Jan. 27. . .
Susan B. Anthony's birthday celebration (second annual for us - 160th for her).

Joan Grove's Fourth Annual MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION on Sunday, Feb. 17 at Charlie's Cafe Exceptionale. Dinner at 6 p.m. (\$50.); Mardi Gras only at 8 p.m. (\$7.50, seniors & students \$5.).

A REMINDER:
Dues are due. Be sure to renew or join at or before the annual convention.

South St. Louis

Anne Aspoas, chair

The county caucus announces that Mary Ryland has been elected chairperson of the Duluth School Board. Jean Olson was elected vice chairperson. Both women are caucus members. Our congratulations.

Noteworthy

Women's Advocates, Inc. needs funds to send two staff members to the first meeting of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The cost is estimated at \$400 per person. If you would like to contribute to W.A. or could help them raise the funds, contact the W.A. office at 584 Grand Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102.

The January Issue of MS. Magazine named Minnesota Secretary of State Joan Grove one of 80 women to watch in the 80's. The article included women all over the country in all types of jobs.

Marilyn Bryant will address the Hastings, MN chapter of the AAUW on Jan. 22. The subject will be women in politics. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be at the Hastings library. The Public is invited to attend.

MWEC Fundraiser

More Friends of the Caucus, who contributed to the \$100 a plate luncheon on December 5 include:

Rhoda Lund	Elizabeth Musser
Phyllis Kahn	Mrs. Richardson Okie
Mary Patterson	Patricia Williams
Janet Spoor	

Other Contributors to MWPC and MWEC are:

Sandra Boardman	Patricia Bratnober
Richard Wood	Jill Ragatz
Sage and John Cowles	

In and Around Town

The following are upcoming issues and events which may be of interest to members. If you know of events which may be of interest to other MWPC members, please send information to Carol Stenberg at the Caucus office.

In recent months the rental housing market in the metropolitan area has become increasingly unaffordable to more and more people. Higher mortgage rates and condominium conversion contribute to both low housing supply and vacancy rate.

This shortage is a crucial issue for women. Many single mothers face discrimination because many rental units don't allow children. This problem affects the elderly as well since many live on fixed incomes.

In response to these problems, the Affordable Housing Coalition has been formed to prepare a program of moderate rent control. These programs are designed to ensure that rent increases are fair, and justified by actual cost increases; and to guarantee due process and fairness to owners. Many court cases have ruled that rent increases must allow owners a reasonable profit.

The Affordable Housing Coalition represents a broad range of organizations interested in housing. For additional information, please call Melissa Worrell at the Minnesota Tenants Union (871-2701 or 722-7078).

KOUM reporter Carol Robert Shaw will be interviewing Jude Garland, DFL Feminist, Marlene Reid, MN Citizens Concerned for Life and Marilyn Bryant, MWPC co-chair for her program "Equal Voice." The subject of the program will be the new legislative session and bills of interest to women. The show will be broadcast on Jan. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

The Abortion Rights Council of Minnesota (ARC) will be commemorating the seventh anniversary of reproductive freedom with a special program and workshop at the Capital on January 22.

If you are interested in participating meet at the east steps of the State Office building by 11:45 on Tuesday, Jan. 22. If the weather is stormy, meet in the west corridor of the State Capital outside the offices of the Governor and Attorney General.

A Potluck Dessert will be held for Sonia Johnson at Kathy Forbes' home at 3327 Logan Ave., N, in Minneapolis, on Jan. 18, from 7 to 10 p.m. If you are interested, call (612) 529-4376 or 298-0999. Those attending are asked to donate \$3. or a dessert. Music will be provided by the Eclectic Company.

Business notes:

Office Manager needed

MWPC is again looking for a parttime office manager. The position requires typing and other office duties and requires about 15 hours a week in the caucus office.

For more information, call the Caucus office at 646-5865.

By-laws

Persons intending to present resolutions at the 1980 State Convention are urged to contact Elin Malmquist Skinner at home (698-1834) or at her office (474-5919) before January 18.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee announces the following persons running for Steering Committee and officers of MWPC for 1980:

Marilyn Bryant, co-chair, Barbara Adams, co-chair, Laura Miles, Carol Stenberg, Barbara Steinbergs, Carrie Wasley, and Irene Bethke.

This list is not complete as we go to press. Further suggestions and volunteers are welcome. Nominations will be open from the floor at our annual convention on Jan. 20. Contact Pam Johnson for further information regarding positions on the Steering Committee 338-4420 or 925-3496.

Annual Convention — program outlined

A unique day is planned for those attending the MWPC Annual convention. The Convention will convene on Sunday, Jan. 20 at Macalester College in the Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel. Registration at 9:30 a.m. will be followed by an ecumenical celebration at 10 a.m.

Greater participation of women in the church has come about in recent years, and the interest of Caucus members in this development is apparent. A number of MWPC members are active in the ministry and some of them will be involved in the service. The multifaceted interests and unusual tenets of Caucus members will be evident, and all members are urged to share in this novel experience.

In general, women made great advances in religion in the 1970s. In that decade women became Lutheran ministers, Episcopal priests and Jewish rabbis for the first time; and the 1980s will bring them more non-traditional religious roles, two experts have predicted. One expert, the Rev. Andrew Greeley, a priest and sociologist, believes that a Roman Catholic bishop will ordain a female priest in the next decade. The other, Rev. Martin E. Marty, a Lutheran minister and church historian, sees a time bomb in the greater number of supposedly conservative Protestant women who give lip service to being homemakers and are submissive to men but will become liberated through morality campaigns and an active religious life. Greeley thinks that in the '80s there will be more emphasis on the maternity of God, and he also hypothesizes that the ordination of the first Catholic woman priest will present the Vatican with an enormous dilemma. Marty states that the cultural climate in this country has made these and other changes in women's roles possible.

Church women in new ecumenical roles will be evident at the ecumenical service. Among those participating will be:

Dawn Gillette-Slater, student at United Theological Seminary and manager of the Women in Community Service Office;

Enid Larson Griffin, NWPC steering committee member-at-large;

Alice Huston, former national church executive now working for the Minnesota Department of Public Welfare;

Sonia Johnson, national leader of Mormons for ERA;

Sr. Mary Meyer, former hospital obstetrics supervisor, often described as "Mother of Family-Centered Care in the Twin Cities." Now she coordinates well-woman care for the Childbearing Childrearing Center;

Sharon Rising, nurse-midwife and head of the Childbearing Childrearing Center, University of Minnesota School of Nursing. Sharon is also a composer and organist.

Membership

We still need more of your membership renewals.

The Caucus is going strong and growing and we don't want anyone to get lost in the shuffle. We need your renewals to keep our membership list as current as possible.

In addition, if you know of anyone interested in joining, tell them -- tell us.

Remember, your dues goes to support the state caucus, the national caucus, the newsletter and many other organizations and activities which we support with woman power or dollars. Please send your \$20 to the Caucus office today.

NEW RIGHT conference

The NEW RIGHT CONFERENCE will be held on SATURDAY, JAN. 19, at the downtown Minneapolis YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Ave., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registrations should be sent to Marion Mahoney, 5108 Blake Road, Minneapolis, 55436. No lunch without \$10.00 pre-registration. Checks to Minnesota Women's Education Council, please.

Former U.S. Senator Thomas MacIntyre, author of The Fear Brokers, will keynote the conference. He will be relating his experiences and concerns about the tactics and religious involvement of this group (also referred to as the 70's and 80's version of McCarthyism).

Why not have an MWPC Weekend? Come, bring a friend to all the fun activities starting Friday night, Jan. 18 with a potluck dessert for Sonia Johnson (See In and Around Town for details). Enjoy a fun evening with Sonia Johnson on Friday; then on Saturday, an educational few hours learning about the New Right, and on Sunday attend the Ecumenical Service, brunch with state legislators and the MWPC Annual Convention. Make new friends and have a super time!

Your participation is especially valuable to the Caucus - the impact of this organization of the system and for women's issues is directly reflective of the people involved. Please corral a friend or two and join other interested people for a productive and entertaining weekend.

CONFERENCE ASSISTANCE

Financial and physical assistance are both in great demand for the Conference. Anyone wishing to help on the day of the conference - with registrations or conference arrangements would be welcomed. Contributions from individuals or organizations (tax deductible to the Minnesota Women's Education Council) to help meet Sonia Johnson's expenses, honorarium and other costs would be gratefully received.

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Schedule of Events:

9:00 - Registration

10:00 - Ecumenical Celebration
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National President, Mormons for ERA

11:00 - Brunch Reception for
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1:00 - Business Meeting
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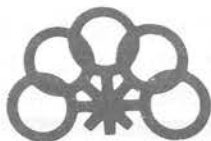
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JANUARY

Hennepin endorsed candidates win

Nine Hennepin County endorsed candidates were elected earlier this month.

Judy Correo (DFL) 2nd Ward, Jackie Slater (DFL) 6th Ward, Parker Trostel (IR) 7th Ward, Sally Howard (IR) 10th Ward and Charlee Hoyt (IR) 13th Ward won their bids for City Council posts.

In addition, Jo Matson (DFL) overcame the incumbent for the Board of Estimates and Taxation seat.

Other HCWPC endorsed winners are Nancy Anderson (DFL) for Park Board, and Judy Farmer (DFL) and Joy Davis (DFL) for School Board.

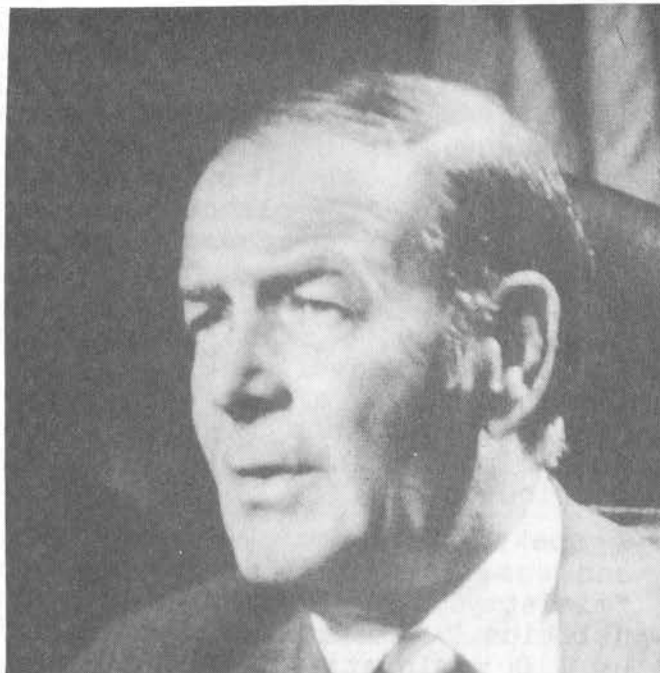
New Right Conference

"Exploring the New Right, an examination of right wing coalition politics" is the topic for the MWPC Conference to be held on January 19, 1980 at the downtown Minneapolis YWCA.

Keynote speaker Senator Thomas J. MacIntyre of New Hampshire, a national authority on the New Right and author of The Fear Brokers will be discussing some of his research.

The day's program will open with an analysis of the New Right by three political scientists. Bill Morris and Bill Flanigan, of the University of Minnesota, and Nancy Zingale of St. Thomas College, will present some basic information about the New Right. More detailed presentations will follow the opening panel.

Registration fee is \$10. and includes lunch. (If you don't want to purchase lunch, registration is \$5.) Scholarships are also available by advance request. You may mail reservations to Marion Mahoney, 5108 S. Blake Rd., Mpls., MN 55436. care is also



available through the Minneapolis YWCA; contact Joy Peterson at the Y, 1130 Nicollet Mall, Mpls., MN 55402.

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Co-Chairs report Women & Religion program enlightening

Saint Catherine's College and the University of Minnesota sponsored a seminar on October 19 and 20 at the College of St. Catherine. "Women and Religion" proved to be one of those glorious episodes in which women from different places, geographically and intellectually, learned a new way that we are all more alike than we are different, and that our wisdom and information are unique. We experienced again the oldest message of Sisterhood: that our strength lies in openness and the sharing of our wisdom. The message that emerged like a single thread through the workshops that spoke over and over of the frailties in the human condition was that institutional violences causes women and men to commit acts of individual violence. Women need to become the institutions. We need to help each other into positions of power at every level. Sheila Collins, a theologian, said "Political actions is the highest form of social and spiritual consciousness."

I spoke at one of the workshops and was featured as a women whose "ministry to women is in politics." It is true for all of us. Our ministry is in politics, and there is renewal and strength and pride in that fact.

Avis Foley is the epitome of that news. Her ministry is in politics. Avis is leaving her long held position as MWPC's office manager. We will miss her feeling for our history, her knowledge of and devotion to our work, and her calm reassurance on

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the telephone. I know of her dedication to her ministry, and although Avis won't be at 291 S everyday, I know her work will continue and for that I say "Hurray!"

Carol Connolly
Co-chair

mwpc news

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Our purpose is to win equal representation for women in government

Co-chairs: Marilyn Bryant
and Carol Connolly
Office Manager: Irene Bertha
Editor: Carol Stenborg

NEXT DEADLINE: Monday, December 3

This is your newsletter: your advice, comments and criticisms are needed to make improvements and changes. In addition, suggestions for articles and/or photos are invited. Send all current information to Carol Stenborg, 892 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103. Photos can be returned if you enclose a self-addressed envelope. Please send all material at least 10 DAYS BEFORE deadline.

Corrections:

Both the Resolutions noted by Parker Trostel in the Sept. newsletter were passed. We regret the error.

Also, due to a postal mix-up the October newsletter did not get mailed until the end of the month. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope this will not happen again.

Kassebaum meets with

"I want to give confidence to women and to demonstrate that women can be elected to the United States Senate," replied Nancy Kassebaum, when asked what she hoped to do for other women as the only women Senator in the 96th Congress. Senator Kassebaum had never before run for any elected office except the school board in Maize, Kansas; and she candidly admits that men did not think a woman could win a state-wide race; and that she had difficulty raising money for her campaign. What then were the factors that led to her election? Senator Kassebaum said she studied the issues - not just what she termed "women's issues" - but a wide range of areas of concern to her Kansas constituents. She established her positions on the issues early in the campaign and did not change her mind. In taking a position, she stressed the importance of listening to all sides, and then judging the merits of each case and reaching her own conclusions. She feels confident in telling her native Kansas constituency that her vote is the right vote.

Senator Kassebaum believes in what she termed the "Minnesota tradition of Humphrey politics," - the politics of compromise. She stated that special interest groups often are intolerant and militate against compromise solutions. She fears the "Litmus test" mentality which prejudices candidates on the basis of single issues. For she feels that what a candidate brings to bear in total is important and the ability and willingness to work for an consensus is a primary requirement for any and all elected officials.

As the only women and the first elected (without having been preceded by her husband), Kassebaum says she hasn't experienced any overt sexism.

She thinks it is important that women gain acceptance not as an isolate group. She understands that, realistically, in the final analysis her acceptance by her colleagues will be based on her performance on the Senate floor and in committee. She appears to welcome this test and seems confident that her performance will pass.

She is grieved, however, that there are outstanding women in several states whom she feels have the necessary qualifications to be elected to other Senate seats in the next Congress.



"You don't have to be aggressive to be strong," states this diminutive woman who is bearing with intelligence, sensitivity and poise the anxious burden of being the only women Senator. Those of us who met with her are heartened by her strength, cheered by her courage, impressed by her capabilities and wish her well.

Marilyn Bryant
Co-chair

(ed. note: During a visit to Minnesota, the first week of November, Senator Kassebaum met with a six members of the Caucus: Marilyn Bryant, Avis Foley, Ann O'Loughlin, Laura Miles, Kathy Ridder and Elin Malmquist Skinner.

Senator Kassebaum serves on the Commerce, Banking and Budget Committees. In addition she is a member of the Special Committee on Aging.)

County caucuses report

Hennepin

Sara Miele, chair

We're very excited about the results of the elections (see page 1 article). The Caucus is now going into a planning session for the County Annual Convention in March, Precinct Caucuses in February and more fundraisers for future legislative and political candidates.

Anyone interested in being part of our GEAR UP for the 80's contact Sara Miele at 377-3580 or Pat Lewis at 348-3080. Join us - it's going to be a GREAT year !!

Ramsey

Carla Messman, chair

On September 25 and October 30 Caucus members explored the significance of the choice issue to feminists. The first evening, Jeri Rasmussen, long-time lobbyist for the right to choice, explained the fundamental nature of the issue and recounted some of her more (in)famous tales from years in the legislature. At the second half of the two-night session, Betty Benjamin of Abortions Rights Council (ARC) and Senator George Perpich shared their views and experiences on the subject.

The discussion of the abortion issue is the first in a series of issues meetings aimed at airing or re-airing views on a subject of importance to the Caucus. A discussion on the Equal Rights Amendment will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 46s Desnoyer, beginning at 8 p.m. These meetings are open to the public.

The last quarterly membership meeting of the year was held on September 26 and featured discussion with Senator Emily Anne

Staples. Facing a tough election challenge, Staples shared views on what's right and wrong with politics, how women could and should compete in the political scene and other weighty topics. All in all, a good time was had....

Elections for the 1980 Ramsey County Committee will be held at the annual meeting scheduled for January 12 at City Hall. Some incumbents have indicated their interest in seeking re-elections. If you are interested in setting policy for the Caucus, call the office at 646-5865 and leave a message or call the current chair, Carla Messman at 646-6343 (h) or 296-6067 (w).

Two Caucus members are in the running for Council Seat D - Carol Connolly and JoAnn Cardenas de Enos Marlene Johnson, Caucus godmother, has been appointed to the National Small Business Advisory Committee ... Jean Heilman, Elections co-chair this past year, is now in charge of a division in the Attorney General's Office ... Let us know of your progress moving up your organizations because that's what the Caucus is all about.

NEW RIGHT conference

Continued from page 1

A number of organizations are already cooperating in planning the conference. Some of these are the YWCA, GOP and DFL Feminists, Planned Parenthood, the Coalition for A Progressive DFL, the Minnesota Education Association, the AFL-CIO, NOW and the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights.

Anyone who would like to help or knows of an organization which would like to be involved in the New Right Conference should contact Barbara Adams, at 2650 Marshland Rd, Wayzata, MN 55391 or call Barb at (612) 473 - 4257.

Steinem packs crowds at UMD, reception

Gloria Steinem's appearance brought a standing-room-only crowd at the University of Minnesota-Duluth on Friday, Oct. 26. Over 800 people packed the Kirby Student Center ballroom for Steinem's discussion on "Women, Families and Reproductive Rights." The audience was mostly students, although men and women of all age groups were represented.

Steinem characterized the right of reproductive freedom ... the freedom to choose or not to choose abortion or contraception ... are as basic as other constitutional rights. She told the group that it's time for women to seize control over their bodies, arguing that control has been lost through centuries of male domination. She noted that only women have childbearing capabilities, and yet men consider themselves the "owners" of that power. Steinem called it an anthropological string that can only be corrected if people examine every sharing decision as a political decision, including which parent watches the children or washes the dishes.

Following the UMD speech, Steinem attended a reception at a Duluth residence, sponsored by the Caucus and Friends of Planned Parenthood.

The wine and cheese reception provided a more intimate question and answer session, with Steinem addressing the group of about 200 people from the main floor stairway. As she told the UMD session, Steinem emphasized that the gathering should continue its discussions of women's rights topics even after she had to leave. "I'm like a signal: people come out to see," she noted, but also advised the group not to waste the opportunity of the gathering to share thoughts on women's issues.

Steinem is a co-editor of MS Magazine and has long been recognized for her non-fiction articles on political and women's rights topics.



Marilyn Krueger, Pres., So. St. Louis County Chapter with Gloria Steinem, at the reception in Duluth.

Winona

Alice Keller, chair

The Caucus luncheon on October 27, featured Barbar Sundquist, State Commissioner of Personnel, and was well attended. She and her message were well received. She credited women's groups including MWPC for helping her career. Three people joined our caucus following the luncheon.

On October 16, the endorsement-screening committee interviewed at total of six candidates for the Winona City Council and the mayoral race. Immediately following the screenings, the general membership voted to endorse Earl Laufenburger (incumbent) for Mayor and Susan Edel (incumbent and unopposed), and also Robert DuFresne for Council. Caucus members have become key participants in the Laufenburger and DuFresne campaigns. We anticipate they will remember all the fine work when appointments are made and issues of our concern are voted on at Council meetings.

A special thank you to Barbara Kolupke, Caucus vice-chair and Endorsing-Screening Committee Chair, and her committee for the excellent work in carrying out the Committee's responsibilities.

'Voice of Caucus' retires; Irene Bentha fills post



Avis Foley, who over the years has become the 'voice of the Caucus' has retired from her post as office manager.

Coalition seeks volunteers

Recently, MWPC joined the Coalition of 15,000, a group representing many different groups and concerns around the state.

As a member of that group we have been asked to help some of the other member organizations.

The Coalition for the Gifted and the Talented, an organization which lobbies for statewide recognition of the educational needs of gifted and talented children, has asked that any interested MWPC members represent the caucus at that group's meetings.

For more information about this organization and what you can do to help them out, contact Sheryl Halpert, Coalition Coordinator, at 426-2118 or 484-7794.

The Coalitions of 15,000 is also organizing a Task Force to put together information packets on Energy Conservation. These packets would then be distributed to member organizations.

Any Caucus member interested in working on this Task Force may contact the Caucus office for more details (646-5865).

Avis, who has been with the Caucus since it was founded eight years

ago, has also held other Caucus positions. She was the first state membership chair and later Hennepin County chair.

In addition to her Caucus activities, Avis is also involved in minority women's organizations.

Early next year, Avis will help put together a series on Caucus history for the newsletter.

Irene Bertha is the new office manager. Her hours will be 8:30 to 11:30 every day.

Around Town

The following are conferences, and upcoming events which may be of interest to members. If you know of events which may be of interest to other MWPC members, please send information to Carol Stenborg at the Caucus office.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is sponsoring a Workshop on Citizens and Effective Political Power, on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the College of St. Thomas. Preregistration is requested. For more information call 224-5445.

Metro State University is offering a variety of courses in Career Development and Human Resources Management. For more information, write Metro Square Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55101.

Noteworthy

Former MWPC member Cathy Hartnett is now in Washington, D.C. and is Deputy Director of Voters for Choice, a political pro-choice committee.

Caucus member JoAnn Cardenos de Enos is also vying for St. Paul City Council Seat D.

Member Lenore Miller has been chosen as one of six recipients of the 1979 Women of Achievement Awards.

Caucus co-chair Marilyn Bryant will be moderating a panel discussion on Women and Insurance on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Statehouse. The discussion is sponsored by the Women's Roundtable of the Council on Economic Status of Women.

As part of the discussion, State Representative Ann Winia (DFL), Dist. 62A will discuss her bill, which proposes to solve some of the present insurance inequities especially those concerning women.

John Greco from the Department of Human Rights will also be part of the program.

By-laws committee meeting

The 1980 By-Laws Committee will be holding their only meeting at chair Elin Malmquist Skinner's house (address below) on November 25. Any and all interested members are invited to attend. Or if you cannot attend, you can call or mail in suggestions to Elin at (698-1834) or 1834 Princeton Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Co-chairs Marilyn Bryant and Carol Connolly have been invited to participate in a program called "Concern," which is sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches.

The topic of the half hour program is Women and Politics. Connolly and Bryant will respond to questions from a panel.

The Program will be televised on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 7 a.m. on WTCN (Ch. 11) in the Twin Cities.

MWPC was one of the sponsors for the Conference on Women and Social Security held Nov. 1. The conference was well received and was covered by several Twin Cities newspapers. Upcoming issues of the newsletter will highlight some of the key issues presented at that conference.

Fundraiser Luncheon

Secretary of State Joan Grove and Executive Assistant to Governor Quie, Jean King will be the speakers at a major fundraiser for the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus and the Minnesota Women's Educational Council. A luncheon will be held at the Minneapolis Club on Wednesday, December 5.

The luncheon is open to anyone who would like to sponsor the event or simply attend. A minimum contribution of \$100 is necessary. For more information, contact Laura Miles, chair for this event, at 473-2238 or write to her at 3790 Northome Rd., Wayzata, MN 55391.

CALENDAR

November

- 5 Women's Vocational Training Needs Meeting (WVTN), Winona
- 7 WVTN Meeting, Duluth
- 8 WVTN Meeting, Bemidji
- 13 WVTN Meeting, Suburban Hennepin, North Campus
- 15 Celelebration for Carol Connolly's candidacy, at the home of Marlene Johnson, 24 South Saint Albans, St. Paul. \$15 Donation, cash bar.
- 17 League of Women Voters and Effective Political Power (see In and Around Town)
- 20 Ad Hoc Committee on Appointments Meeting. Call Caucus office for details
- 25 By-Laws Committee meeting (see note on page 7)

December

- 3 Next Steering Committee Meeting
- 5 MWEC Luncheon (see article)

January

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- 20 Don't forget to reserve this date on your calendar now for the STATE ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Women on the Move

1979 Election Newsletter

Hennepin County Women's Political Caucus

What is This You're Reading ?

This 1979 election newsletter is brought to you by the Hennepin County Women's Political Caucus. The Caucus is a multi-partisan organization dedicated to the support and recruitment of women for elected and appointed office, lobbying for issues of importance to women, and the elimination of racism, sexism, institutional violence and poverty throughout the county and the world.

At our June, 1979 convention, the Caucus endorsed 11 women for election to Minneapolis city offices. Statements from most of our endorsed women candidates are included in this newsletter.

In addition, the Caucus sent candidate questionnaires to male candidates from both major political parties running for election to Minneapolis city offices. The questionnaire is reproduced in this newsletter, along with a grid showing the responses for those candidates who returned their questionnaires. The actual questionnaires, with additional comments, will be available at the September 17 fundraiser.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful in determining whom you will support in the 1979 Minneapolis city elections (primary election - September 11; general election - November 6).

The Caucus is also hosting a special Roller Disco fundraiser for our endorsed women candidates Monday, September 17 at the Roller Garden in St. Louis Park. Proceeds from the event will be divided among our 11 endorsed candidates. See the flyer inserted in this newsletter for details.

From the Steering Committee

Greetings to all Hennepin County women from your HCWPC Steering Committee. We hope you will find this special HCWPC newsletter helpful in determining how to vote in the September 11 primary and the November 6 general elections.

There are three things of special importance we would like to leave with you:

1. Mark your calendar NOW for our September 17 Roller Disco fundraiser for our endorsed women candidates at the Roller Garden, Lake Street and Highway 100, St. Louis Park. Tickets are \$7.50 per person.

2. Our steering committee meetings are open, and we want to hear from all of you about vital political, economic and "bread and butter" issues of concern to women. What's good for American women is good for America!

3. Involve yourselves individually in politics. To quote Alderman Judy Corrao: "Phone your alderman! Then s/he will know you're out there, and wonder how many of you there are."

Thanks to the Crew !

Our special thanks to HCWPC members and friends who helped publish this special HCWPC newsletter. They include Sue McElwain, Marcea Stanton, Sara Miele, Mary Meeker and Pat Lewis. This newsletter was printed at Forum Graphics, 3345 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis, with the technical assistance of Sue McElwain.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

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| 1. Do you support passage of the ERA? | Yes | No |
| 2. Would you support the request that travel at public expense be prohibited to states that have not ratified the ERA? | Yes | No |
| 3. Have you publically declared yourself in favor of the ERA? | Yes | No |

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

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| 4. Do you support the 1972 Supreme Court decision on abortion? | Yes | No |
| 5. Are you against repressive legislation seeking to limit a woman's freedom of reproductive choice? | Yes | No |
| 6. Do you support public funding of family planning? | Yes | No |
| 7. Do you favor public funding of abortions for poor women? | Yes | No |
| 8. Have you publically declared your position as stated in questions 4., 5., 6. and 7. above? | Yes | No |

HUMAN RIGHTS

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| 9. Do you publically support legislation under the Human Rights Act that protects against discrimination because of race, color, sex or affectional preference? | Yes | No |
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CHILD CARE

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| 10. Do you support publically funded day care? | Yes | No |
| 11. Do you support legislation to make state funded child care available on a sliding fee basis? | Yes | No |
| 12. Have you publically declared your position as stated in questions 10. and 11. above? | Yes | No |

POSITIONS ON RECENT LEGISLATION

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| 13. Do you favor public funding for shelters which house battered women and their children? | Yes | No |
| 14. Do you support legislation that ends discrimination in the inheritance tax by treating surviving spouses--especially farm and small business women--equitably? | Yes | No |
| 15. Do you support funding of the Council on the Economic Status of Women? | Yes | No |
| 16. Would you actively support a change in Civil Service hiring from "Rule of One" to a "Rule of Ten?" | Yes | No |
| 17. Would you work toward increasing effectiveness of the Minneapolis Affirmative Action Department? | Yes | No |

POSITIONS ON RECENT LEGISLATION, Continued

Would you work toward a larger percentage of CETA funds to be targeted toward:

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| 18. Re-entry into the work force? | Yes | No |
| 19. Economically disadvantaged? | Yes | No |
| 20. Training or retraining programs? | Yes | No |
| 21. Public service employment? | Yes | No |
| 22. Training in untraditional areas for women? | Yes | No |

PARK BOARD CANDIDATES, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS BELOW:

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| 1. Do you feel the Park Board should encourage the equal physical development of all children, male and female, in Minneapolis recreation programs? | Yes | No |
| 2. Are you actively working to promote integration of all neighborhood and city people in relation to affirmative action and equal opportunity? | Yes | No |
| 3. Do you feel the park police should be maintained as a separate unit from the Minneapolis Police Department? | Yes | No |
| 4. Do you feel there should be closer coordination between the Park Board and the City Council? | Yes | No |

LIBRARY BOARD CANDIDATES, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS BELOW:

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| 1. Do you favor freedom of choice in the selection of books which are open to the public through our library system? | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you support neighborhood libraries? | Yes | No |
| 3. Do you favor designated adult areas in our libraries? | Yes | No |
| 4. Do you feel libraries have a moral obligation to our society in the areas of sexual and social education? | Yes | No |

CITY COUNCIL AND MAYORAL CANDIDATES, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS BELOW:

Will you support and lobby on behalf of increased funding for:

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| 1. Day care? | Yes | No |
| 2. Economic security for women? | Yes | No |
| 3. Section 8 low-income housing? | Yes | No |
| 4. Will at least fifty percent (50%) of your appointments be qualified women and minorities? | Yes | No |
| 5. Will you contact the Hennepin County Women's Political Caucus whenever a position--paid or appointive--becomes available? | Yes | No |
| 6. Will you set up special task forces to deal with problems of women and minorities in the Minneapolis and metropolitan areas? | Yes | No |
| 7. Will you support affirmative action and equal opportunity programs irrespective of the economic situation within the city or metropolitan areas? | Yes | No |

HCWPC Male Candidate Q

	GENERAL QUESTIONS													
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MAYOR														
Don Fraser, DFL	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mike Barros, IR	Y	N*	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
CITY COUNCIL														
Walt Dziedzic, DFL, Ward 1	Y	N	Y	N	*	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Van White, DFL, Ward 5	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Lenfesty, DFL, Ward 7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Kaplan, DFL, Ward 8	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tony Scallon, DFL, Ward 9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jack Kryst, DFL, Ward 10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Frank Altman, DFL, Ward 11	Y	N*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
LIBRARY BOARD														
Lee Burress, DFL	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	N*	Y	Y
Woods Halley, DFL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	Y
PARK BOARD														
Walter Bratt, DFL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

* Indicates Additional Information Provided

Y = Yes

N = No

Calendar

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WOMEN ON THE MOVE

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TIME

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MPLS., MN 55409

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HCWPC Male Candidate Questionnaire: Answer Grid

	GENERAL QUESTIONS																						LIBRARY BOARD					PARK BOARD				COUNCIL-MAYOR						
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MAYOR																																						
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Van White, DFL, Ward 5	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y									Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jim Lenfesty, DFL, Ward 7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y	Y*		Y								Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
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Tony Scallon, DFL, Ward 9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y		Y									Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
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October 19 HCWPC Doorknock for Carol Lind - 5:30 p.m. - 2726 Stinson Blvd. N.E., Mpls.

October 25 HCWPC Doorknock for Jackie Slater - 5:30 p.m. - 616 E. 25th St., Mpls.

October 29 HCWPC Doorknock for Judy Corrao - 5:30 p.m. - 2303 - 27th Ave. S., Mpls.

November 6 General Election, Minneapolis. VOTE!

News From Our Women On the Move

SALLY HOWARD - CITY COUNCIL

I am running for re-election for Alderman in the 10th Ward of Minneapolis. My major interests this past term have been pension reform, passage of the Rule of Three, and the setting up of a functional Long Range Priorities Committee. I have been assigned to the Health and Social Services, Consumer Service, Intergovernmental Relations and Claims Committees. The next two years I hope to hold the line on property taxes again, work on civil service reform and continue my involvement with neighborhood groups and individual resident concerns. Blockwork for the campaign is every Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at my home, 3237 Colfax S. Contact Barb Stowe (823-4397) if you are available to help.

SPECIAL HCWPC DOORKNOCK: OCT. 9, 5:30 P.M., 3237 COLFAX AVE. S.

CHARLEE HOYT - CITY COUNCIL

In addition to my responsibilities as 13th Ward Alderman, I am active on a variety of local and national women's task forces and committees. I chaired the steering committee responsible for founding the Minnesota Women in City Government and served as the organization's president (1978-79). I am Second Vice President for the National Women in Government organization. I was instrumental in the development of "Minneapolis Better Jobs for Women," a non-profit organization that provided pre-apprenticeship training and advocacy for low-income women in the city. Currently, I chair Senator David Durenberger's Women's Issues Task Force.

PARKER TROSTEL - CITY COUNCIL

I value the endorsement of the Hennepin County Women's Political Caucus. Thank you so much for giving me your support. I will continue to support women in gaining positions of responsibility and power. In particular, I will continue my efforts to open up city employment to women, especially the top jobs, and to promote personnel practices which help both men and women balance job and family. Also, I will continue to support day care and programs for the elderly. Many of the housing programs which I support are also helpful to women. Thanks again.

JACKIE SLATER - CITY COUNCIL

As the incumbent Sixth Ward Alderman, I face both a primary and a general election opponent this year.

Although the primary opponent is a "single-issue" candidate to date (we've all had experience with some of these), the campaign could broaden his perspectives, although his reason for running is to "Save the Forum Cafeteria" in the City Center project. I would like to continue to work in areas of special concern to me: housing, economic development (jobs), security and safety. Other issues have surfaced within the housing area such as more rental units for families with children. With Caucus members' help, we can win the primary and advance to our general election opponent, a hold-over from the DFL primary of two years ago. That part of the campaign promises to be a more formidable contest, but help on Thursday evenings, the regular doorknock night for the Slater campaign, will make the difference. For further information regarding doorknocks or the campaign, check with Campaign Manager Lew Freeman at 824-7466 or 228-2588, or Mari Okoronkwo in my office (348-2206). We doorknock from 616 East 25th Street each Thursday night.

SPECIAL HCWPC DOORKNOCK: OCT. 25, 5:30 P.M., 616 EAST 25TH STREET.

JUDY CORRAO - CITY COUNCIL

I believe that this year's city elections will set the tone for the direction Minneapolis will take in the coming decade; whether we will be aggressively able to tackle the problems facing our city or fall back into the "ostrich approach" to deteriorating housing, an inadequate supply of child-care, dwindling social services and other problems.

I believe that during my first term, the City Council has taken definite steps toward workable, long range solutions to many of our problems. I appreciate your support and encouragement to continue to meet these challenges in the next two years. Together, I know we will make Minneapolis a good place for all people to live.

SPECIAL HCWPC DOORKNOCK: OCT. 29, 5:30 P.M., 2303 - 27TH AVE. S.

CAROL LIND - SCHOOL BOARD

I am running for re-election to the Minneapolis Board of Education because it makes sense to use the experience gained in the past 6 years. As a board member I have supported alternative choices in education, equal programs for girls, community use of buildings, nutritious lunches, maintaining high schools and cooperating with other units of city government. In this campaign the issues include maintaining school programs in light of rising costs and declining enrollments, providing stability during this transitional time and responding to the variety of existing advisory groups. My youngest child is in junior high, and I care about Minneapolis as a good place to live and raise children.

SPECIAL HCWPC DOORKNOCK: OCT. 19, 5:30 P.M., 2726 STINSON BLVD. N.E.

JUDY FARMER - SCHOOL BOARD

I bring seventeen years of experience in education to my school board candidacy. My activities include: public school parent, secondary teacher, cooperative nursery school director, Drop-Out Project consultant, Community Resource Coordinator in a Minneapolis Public School and member of area and city-wide committees dealing with school issues. I have served on the boards of League of Women Voters and Greater Minneapolis Day Care Assn., am a member of the DFL Feminist Caucus and am one of the two DFL endorsed candidates. I believe that the board needs to listen to and work with parents and the community in setting priorities.

SPECIAL HCWPC DOORKNOCK: SEPT. 26, 5:30 P.M., 1518 W. 26TH ST.

JOY DAVIS - SCHOOL BOARD

I want to express my appreciation for your endorsement and support. I am running for the school board because of my deep commitment to Minneapolis and to public education. My number one priority as a member of the board would be to see the board develop and adopt a comprehensive long range plan for the schools. Each year, decisions are made with no clear idea of what the system should look like or what services the district should provide in the future. I want the opportunity to utilize my years of experience to initiate and implement policies and plans to restore stability to the Minneapolis Public Schools.

JO MATSON - BOARD OF ESTIMATE & TAXATION

Recently I filed to run for the Board of Estimate and Taxation. It is the first time that I have run for a political office. The Board of Estimate levies the property taxes and sells bonds for capital improvement projects. Being a board member is important because of the impact it can have on the financial viability of the city. I have financial experience through both employment and education and have been involved in my community as a neighborhood association president, working with both development and public amenity projects such as parks and street improvements. I believe that in order to maintain a strong city, we must have solid neighborhoods with good schools, parks and housing. In order to accomplish this, we must develop attractive neighborhoods and a fair property tax system. As a member of the Board of Estimate, these will be my top priorities.

NANCY ANDERSON - PARK BOARD

I was originally elected to the Park Board four years ago with the support of the Caucus. I have served as the Legislative Committee Chair, Planning Committee Chair, and for the past two years, as the Vice President of the Board. I am also Vice President of the Minneapolis Planning Commission. In addition, last fall I was elected to the board of the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, an organization of professionals in the field. As commissioner I have worked to expand the concept of recreational programming to include the total population. The changes taking place in our park system are exciting, and I hope to be a part of the decision making process for four more years.

MEDICAID ABORTION LAW UPDATE

Judge Alsop has issued a permanent injunction against the 1978 Medicaid law passed in Minnesota. The state has appealed the decision. The main argument was that our legislation went far beyond the Hyde Amendment restrictions and therefore was not in compliance with the Medicaid statutes.

WANT TO JOIN THE WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS? JUST FILL OUT THE MEMBERSHIP BLANK BELOW:

Enclosed is my check for \$20 \$50 \$100 \$500 Life Membership . (For an additional contribution you will make it possible for someone else to have help with their dues.) Return to: Minnesota Women's Political Caucus, 1116 West 25th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55405

NAME		PHONE
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SPECIAL INTERESTS		
SIGNATURE		

I understand that my \$20 dues entitles me to membership in national, state and local caucus organizations and that I will receive both the state and national newsletters.

WOMEN ON THE MOVE!

COME TO THE

ROLLER DISCO!

HCWPC FUNDRAISER FOR OUR
ENDORSED WOMEN CANDIDATES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7 TO 9:30 P.M.



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AUGUST 1979

*Our purpose: to win equal representation
for women in government.*

Co-chairs: Marilyn Bryant & Carol Connolly

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Deadline for September Issue:

Monday, August 27, 1979

MEMBERSHIP

It has long been MWPC policy not to divulge the number of members we have in the Caucus, lest our strength be distorted for whatever purpose. It is, nevertheless, no secret that we sent 13 delegates to the National Convention in Cincinnati. If we were to be allotted delegates on the basis of our current membership, we would have 15 delegates. Obviously, the Caucus has been experiencing steady growth. The newly formed State membership committee has established as its membership goal for the 1981 National Convention the assignment of 40 delegate spots. Start saving your pennies now, for we want a full delegation. You'll be kept informed of progress via this column.

Planning for the creation of new county chapters in Dakota, Washington, Scott-Carver, Anoka, Lyon (Marshall), Stearns (St. Cloud), Hubbard, and Olmsted (Rochester) counties is underway. We hope to have organizational meeting in each of these counties prior to the end of this year. We need your help in identifying current, prospective, or likely members in any of these areas. Please take a moment to go through your address book or campaign lists or holiday card list and leave their names, addresses, and/or phone numbers at the Caucus office, or contact me directly (296-6067-w). The support is there—the 1980 elections present us with a golden opportunity to extend our message.

An informational brochure in a question-and-answer format to serve further the educational needs of the Caucus is being drafted by the State Membership Chair.

Scholarships—full or partial—are available through most county chapters. If you or someone you know needs assistance in becoming a member, contact the chair of your county chapter. Generally, no conditions are attached out of a conviction that an active member more than contributes a fair share. Lack of membership dues should not preclude participation in the MWPC. Let's work on getting out the word on this!!

Carla Messman
Membership Chair

SENECA FALLS 1979

The Seneca Falls Picnic on Sunday, August 5 was a huge success, enjoyed by all, including the committee! The annual auction, ticket and food sale netted approximately \$2500. That money will be deposited in three accounts: the tax-exempt Minnesota Women's Education Council, the Candidates Fund, and the Current account.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make the event a success, including the women owners of businesses who contributed to the auction.

A special thank you to the Winona Chapter for their purchase of ten tickets, and to Anne Aspoas who donated a weekend at her Lake Superior Cabin (on a beautiful, long private beach!).

Final note—help us do a final accounting by turning in any outstanding money, send it to the state office.

The battle goes on—in the courts! The August 10th split decision of the Minnesota Supreme Court regarding the Gay Rights Ordinance in St. Paul was a defeat to us. There are still many things you can do to assist sisters in gaining their full Civil Rights.

- 1) Write to Justice Rosalie Wahl and thank her for her opinion of dissent.
- 2) Support the Federal Gay Civil Rights Legislation.
- 3) Speak up when people are trading ignorances on this issue, just as you would on the ERA. Many church-people need educating! (Ed.)

*“One of the most
constructive steps that
could be taken on
behalf of this country
would be to put the
heat on your Senators
about nominating
women to the bench.”*

Who said this?

The Appointment Co-chairs invite you to submit your resume to the state office. This procedure will allow us to consider each applicant for employment or appointment as positions become available. In addition, we invite you to submit the names and resumes of feminists who you believe merit consideration.

*Betsy Buckley
Kathy Ridder
Rahn Westby*

Caucuses

RAMSEY

The Ramsey County Women's Political Caucus, refreshed by a recent, successful fundraiser, is now preparing to move into a series of meetings and strategy sessions designed to inform the members of the caucus on short and long term affairs.

Ms. Nancy Latimer was generous enough to allow the caucus the use of her lovely home in Crocus Hill for its first annual ice cream social fundraiser. Whilst consuming delectable ice cream sundaes, personally concocted from a variety of Haagen Dazs flavors and a myriad of toppings, attendees were treated to a performance of Javanese dancing by Debra Boehlke. The caucus wishes to thank Ms. Latimer and Ms. Boehlke for their support.

In attempting to make the caucus accessible as well as enjoyable, there will be another in a series of Friday luncheon gatherings, August 24th at 12 noon in the lunch room of the YWCA, 65 W. Kellogg. Members of the caucus meet for lunch the fourth Friday of every month at the YW until further notice for open discussion. New members are especially welcome.

The caucus is gearing up to present its seventh annual Founding Feminists celebration on Thursday, September 20th, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Tickets will be available soon from steering committee members or through the Caucus office. They are slated for \$7.50. Reservations will be *required* this year, and you are reminded that this traditionally elegant event supports the Candidates Fund.

To help fulfill the need to educate members on issues of importance to feminists, the caucus will institute a new series of Issues Meetings that will be devoted to discussions and analyses of legislation in which the caucus has an interest, lobbying techniques, or legislative and executive procedures. The options are legion. The first meeting occurs on September 25th the series will continue on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The pro-choice position of the Caucus will be addressed during the September and October meetings. Details as to location and the time will be available soon.

Over Sunday brunch at 11 am September 30th, members will begin developing a county-wide five year targeting plan to lend continuity to the Caucus. This series of meetings will review past elections and candidates while developing objectives and priorities for the future in an attempt to focus energy effectively.

The next Caucus membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24th at the home of Carla Messman, 943 Marshall. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm and will feature Senator Emily Ann Staples as guest speaker. Caucus members within driving distance are welcome at this meeting.

And finally, an endorsee of the Chapter, Carla Messman, has been appointed to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee, a specially selected group of eleven who will have an opportunity to review the St. Paul City budget.

SO. ST. LOUIS COUNTY

The Duluth Chapter of the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus received excellent information at the June meeting on "Sex Discrimination, Affirmative Action, Rules, Regulations, and Resources," from Jeanne Forneris. Jeanne is an attorney and a new Duluthian. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

August 25, 1979, is the 59th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. The Duluth Chapter endorsed the 1979 activities of Northeastern Minnesota Friends of International Women's Decade. The group is composed of many Caucus members and is formed to celebrate the Suffrage anniversary in Duluth and to evidence the support for the E.R.A. in Northeastern Minnesota.

This 3rd Annual Duluth "Women's Day," proclaimed by the Mayor, will include:

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| 11:00 am | Dr. Gretchen von Loewe Krueter, Civic Assistant History Professor, St. Olaf's College, on "Suffrage in Minnesota to Duluth E.R.A. Today." |
| | Relay Run (by all ages and both sexes)—from each end of the City to the Civic Center. |
| 12:15 | "March for E.R.A." through the Downtown area. |

Mark the date, August 25, Saturday, and come join us at 11:00 am in the Civic Center. This is your chance to make history and change it at the same time.

For more information and/or a reservation, contact, Judy Lambert Fisher, Coordinator, at 218-722-2999 (office), 218-724-7160(home).

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The next meeting will be Thursday, August 23, 7:00 pm, at the Hillside Community Center, 4th St. and Lake Ave. in Duluth. All interested persons are invited to attend.

WINONA

A general membership meeting is scheduled for August 23, at which time the 2 school board members of District # 861 who were Caucus endorsed, will discuss the District's AA policy, its implementation and how the District is complying with Title IX and Minnesota statutes 226.31.

Plans are underway for the annual October luncheon. The date is open until final arrangements are made for a program.

The Caucus, along with LWV and the C of C, is sponsoring an informational meeting on September 26 about a proposed indoor ice facility for Winona. The School District # 861 has agreed to buy \$10,000 worth of ice time per year, with an understanding it will be used by the High School hockey team which does not presently exist. The Caucus is concerned as to what academic programs may be cut to find money for such a team and also the impact it may have in regards to equal participation for girls.

An informal general membership meeting is being planned for September to listen to and discuss the three Convention tapes: Gloria Steinem's "sermon," the ERA luncheon speeches, and the Women in Sports seminar.

We Have A Lot To Win

1979-81 Officers National Women's Political Caucus

Chair	Iris Mitgang	D	
Vice Chairs	Goldie Chu	D	Asian American
	Christine Davis	I	Black
	Olga Morena	D	Chicana
	Mary Stanley	R	
	Kathy Wilson	R	

Editor's Note: Many Minnesotan's would like to know how our own Cathie Hartnett fared in her bid for a Vice Chair slot. The truth is she actually received more votes than some of those elected, but because our By-laws require diversity, she was eliminated.

Her presense will always be there, for she was the Convention Chair, and did a job which it would be hard to surpass.

Minnesotans were particularly privileged because the *Minneapolis Tribune* assigned Margaret Zack to cover the convention. She was able to sit with our delegation, and in addition had full press credentials which permitted her to interview the newsmakers who attended. Her articles were published the weekend of the Convention: the following editorial appeared the following week.

WOMEN. A GROWING POLITICAL FORCE*

The increasing maturity and strength of the National Women's Political Caucus was evident at the organization's convention in Cincinnati last week. The emphasis was on grass-roots organizing, money-raising, understanding and using the political system and, above all, getting the right people elected—and the others defeated. And the 2,000 delegates were hardly political neophytes hearing all this for the first time. They were mostly experienced political activists, from both major parties, there to polish already well-developed skills.

One lesson for next year's candidates—from presidential candidates on down—is clear: Women are a potent political force, constituting half the electorate. They're likely to fill half the delegate slots at next year's party conventions. Office-seekers wanting women's support would be well-advised to keep women's concerns in mind.

Another lesson from the convention is that the 40,000-member Women's Political Caucus is looking well beyond traditional women's issues like the Equal Rights Amendment or government support for day-care programs. More and more women work, and have to commute; they buy goods and services; they pay taxes. And the convention delegates discussed the issues that affect those activities—energy, the economy, tax policies—and made it clear that candidates will be expected to deal with those issues, too. Politically active women are "not on the fringes any longer," said one political aide.

The Cincinnati convention clearly showed that the caucus's diverse membership is ready to cooperate on the common goal of making women's influence felt in defining issues and selecting candidates. That's all to the good. Such informed activism helps make the nation's political system work the way it's supposed to work.

* Editorial in the *Minneapolis Tribune*, Wednesday, July 18, 1979

All delegates to the 1979 National Women's Political Caucus Convention July 12-15 in Cincinnati were invited to submit a brief article. The Editor suggested specific areas so as to give the readership a view through a wide camera lens. It is impossible to cover everything in this space, but you are encouraged to ask any of the members here named for further information.

The first article is a reconstruction of Enid Griffin's self-nomination speech. Responding to pleas that more women run to the National Steering Committee, we were pleased beyond words when Enid agreed to run—and won! After she attends her first complete meeting in Seattle late in October, she will have much to share with you.

ENID GRIFFIN

My political activity is a lot like my religion. When I perceive the spirit calling, I risk saying "Here I am. Send me." The Caucus needs more visible Republicans, and I am one (and a scrappy grandma). I don't remember just when I joined MWPC (but it was several years ago). I was active in the Republican party as precinct officer and delegate from '64 to '74 or so. Since its founding I have been a Minnesota GOP Feminist; my Republican activity and money have gone *there* ever since.

My education is as a clergy woman. I have used it as a parish pastor, public agency social worker, and jail chaplain. Like many, for a time I gave up the institutional church. I reclaimed my calling to the ministry only after becoming involved in the women's movement 8 years ago. (My union cards were Grain Millers and AFSCME. I have also been a wet-nurse and a midwifery aide.) Now I'm working without pay again. I ran for County Commissioner and lost. My "special interest groups" were the WPC, the GOP feminists, and the Minnesota Black Political Action Organization. Supporters in the campaign ranged the whole political spectrum—folk who know and trust me even when we disagree on issues. I'm hooked—I'll run again.

My concern in all my activism is bridging the divisions among people—so as to empower us all—acting together at the points we can and respecting one another's diversity.

I am Citizen Action Chair of Minnesota Church Women United.

I chair Minnesota WICS, a coalition of Jewish, R.C., Orthodox, Protestant, Black and Chicana women who support Job Corps women students.

I'm Vice Chair of St. Paul NOW.

I'm a courtwatcher for the NAACP.

I'm a Vice President of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches.

I chose to marry a feminist, and we are raising our eight youngsters. (Talk about a high tolerance for chaos!) The children range from accepting to exuberant about Mother's activism. They seem to thrive on nurturant fathering, as I do!

PATRICIA McCART

Observations of a NWPC Convention Novice

1. The basic navy and white outfit has been replaced by DFL kahki and GOP beige!
2. A revolution financed by \$5.00 checks, and T-shirt and tote bag sales takes continuous commitment from more and more people.
3. We depend on the eloquence, courage and efforts of so few. When all is said and said again, Gloria Steinem still knows how to speak from the quick to the crux of our issues. One of the things she stressed in her Sunday morning "sermon" was our need to bond together, to give our support and encouragement to each other, not to those who do not agree with our basic issues.
4. "Until 3 more states ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, none of us will live in a ratified state!" Ever hear of Sonia Johnson? She received the longest and loudest standing ovation at the star-studded ERA luncheon. Sonia heads a group (how small? how isolated?) called *Mormons for ERA*.

I came back convinced that statements of support, increased numbers, and being involved must not remain the responsibility of so few. No matter how busy or how broke we may be—there are things we can do. Have you got 30 minutes, \$5.00 and a couple of stamps?

1. This week get one new member for MWPC. We all know women who should and would join if we made the effort to press. You provide the stamped, addressed envelope and see that the \$20.00 check gets mailed to: MWPC, 1821 University, St. Paul, MN 55104. If not MWPC—then DFLFC, GOP, NOW or WEAL. We all benefit from the work of these organizations.
2. Send a note of encouragement to Sonia Johnson, *Mormons for ERA*, Rt. 2, Box 233, Sterling, VA 22170. Tell Mormons you know about *Mormons for ERA*, or send a note to some other woman whose work and commitment benefits each of us.
3. Send a \$5.00 check to *ERAmerica*, 1525 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. *ERAmerica* is targeting state legislative races in unratified states.

Think of the impact if the hundreds of MWPC members throughout the state were to do these three things this week.

ELIN MALMQUIST SKINNER

In my position as Program Chair for the Convention, I spent the first six months of 1979 putting together the mosaic. The days prior to the convention I worked "the back room" as typist and at times logistics strategist. But once the Convention started I was in charge of the VIPs, thrill upon thrill.

Without a doubt, Minnesotans held the key: Cathie Hartnett as Chair of the Convention and Kris Jacobs as staff made it possible for me—and for all.

SARA MIELE: The Plenary Sessions

The Plenary sessions at the NWPC conventions were truly marvelous. The session officially opened with the torch which had gone from Seneca Falls to Houston being preceded by the Mothers and current chairs of the Caucuses and a local black woman singing "You'll Never Walk Alone." An event that sent chills through my body. After that Mildred Jeffrey, the 1977-79 National Chair, called the meeting to order and speculation began to permeate the room: would Millie, a very sweet loving older woman (war horse) be the first national Chair to be re-elected, or would she be unseated by a younger, more assertive Vice Chair?

The convention preceded with adoption of credentials with one small dispute about a couple of delegations (easily solved). An example of the seriousness of this convention came with a motion to change the voting procedure, so that the votes for chair would not come until late on Sunday. It was defeated. The convention then proceeds to go on through a marvelous speech by Patrician Roberts Harris, then of HUD, Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, and Norma Paulus. There was a most memorable speech by Judge Rita Davidson, Asso. Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals (my tape is available).

The evening meeting was also very good, lasting late, and peppered with hard campaigning. The traditional flyers, posters and buttons were everywhere.

Sunday morning we began at 9 am—the moment had come, the ballots were distributed, and the vote for chair was taken. Gloria Steinem filled the time of waiting in the most beautiful way—with a sermon (Elin has that tape). After she finished, it was announced that Iris Mitgang was the new Chair of the NWPC and it was like being at a National Presidential Convention—the highs and lows were paramount. Speakers had been woven into the plenary sessions, alternating resolutions, votes, debates and inspiration. That is particularly true about Bella's indescribable speech—also available on tape and well worth the listening. She received seven standing ovations before she finished: it was wonderful!!!

RAGN WESTBY

The workshops held at the National Women's Political Caucus Convention in Cincinnati regarding Women and the Judiciary focused on two areas, elections and appointments. Carol Connolly served as a keynote speaker for Minnesota, relating political skills and tactical planning utilized in the campaign of Associate Justice Rosalie Wahl.

The clear consensus was that Minnesota women have first rate campaign skills and experience. The workshops renewed our contention that Governor Quie should appoint women lawyers to his commissions for consideration of judicial appointments.

Two areas of impact were discussed. On October 27, 1979 there will be a national conference for all women judges to be held in Los Angeles. In November, Minnesota is tentatively hosting a summit conference of women candidates for the United States Supreme Court. It is hoped that these two events will consolidate a network of support for women currently serving the judiciary.

ALICE KELLER

Seminar—Women and Sports

I arrived at the Convention at 1 pm on Friday, the 13th, picked up the registration materials and looked at the schedule to find an appropriate event to attend. The Women and Sports seminar began at 2 pm and how appropriate!!

On Thursday evening, I attended a public hearing concerning our local (City of Winona) Park-Rec facilities and programs. I had asked the question of the Park-Rec director if the department was required to complete forms about the participation of boys and girls as do the public schools in complying with Title IX and the Minnesota state law. And his response led me to believe he needed some education about the value of female athletic participation and the meaning of equality (and also about following the law). Then on the flight to Cincinnati on Friday morning, I read *Games Mother Never Taught You*, Chapter 3, "You're in the Ball Game—Fight, Team, Fight." So I was ready for the seminar!

Margo Poloby was the moderator; panelists were: 1) Marguerite Beckner—Director of Sprint, a WEAL project on sports and a journalist, 2) Dr. Christine Grant—Women's Athletic Director at the University of Iowa and president-elect of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, 3) Janet Guthrie—first woman to participate in the Indianapolis 500, 4) Marsha Federbusch—EEO specialist from Ann Arbor, Michigan and first to file a Title IX complaint, 5) Brenda Pillar—legislative aide to Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, and 6) Donna DeVorona—Olympic Gold Medalist in swimming, a commentator for NBC Sports, and consultant to the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee to the Amateur Sports Act.

The 3 questions to which they were to respond were:

1. Can separate athletic programs for girls and women, boys and men, ever be equal?
2. Do you believe that Title IX will ever change traditional orientation of schools' athletic programs?
3. What do you think athletics for women will look like in the year 2000 and in what respect, if any, do you think they will be different from men's athletics?

Each panelist was so knowledgeable and had a great deal of expertise, hence much to share. Their opinions were somewhat different, of course, but the panel moderator set the tone in her introduction when she pointed out, "the achievement and growth of the women's movement has resulted in the emergence of women in sports."

Janet Guthrie was interrupted by applause when she said, "I've never been political, at all, but I recognize I owe my opportunity to participate in the Indianapolis 500 and other major races to politically active women, to the feminists, to the women's movement."

So much was covered during the panelist's presentations and the discussion following. So many good thought and ideas. I left the seminar inspired, and with a greater understanding of the importance sports can play in the total development of women. And in thought as to how I could get the Park-Rec director to spend an hour listening to the tape of the seminar for his inspiration and understanding also.

BARBARA ADAMS

NWPC 1979 Conference Workshop on the New Right NWPC 1979 Conference Workshop on the New Right

Midge Miller, United States Legislator from Madison, Wisconsin, and another woman, an unsuccessful candidate for the State Legislature in Illinois, led the Conference Workshop on the New Right.

They described the New Right as different from the "old right" in philosophy, membership, issues, political organization and as an active force in both major parties.

Particular attention was given to the activities of Richard Viguerie, the New Right's chief fundraiser to underscore the resources of this movement. He has perfected a direct mail program, expecting to raise \$15 million dollars this year. The \$15 million is targeted toward defeating United States political leadership supporting feminist views. He has developed a mailing list that now totals four million, a list over which Viguerie has total control.

The New Right movement has also employed sophisticated media promotion through stations owned by fundamentalist church groups to promote their views and to defeat candidates who are pro-ERA, pro-choice, pro-gay rights, pro-environmental concerns, pro-consumerism and/or pro-gun control to name a few of the special interests uniting under the banner of the New Right.

Strategies suggested to respond to the New Right include coalition building, education, and targeting of candidates. Following the national convention and this workshop on the New Right, we remain convinced of the need for a statewide conference on the New Right. We are proceeding with plans for such a conference to take place, hopefully, in January of 1980. We will keep you informed.

CARLA MESSMAN

The Sub-Caucus System: A Discussion

The NWPC is organized along lines which take into account the special needs of minority groups and recognize their need to organize and represent their own communities. Specifically, this sub-caucuses exist for each racial minority group, Lesbians, and Older Women. These sub-caucuses are standing bodies which annually elect delegates to the national steering committee. In addition, special interest sub-caucuses exist currently in the form of a legal support and a trade union sub-caucus. These special interest sub-caucuses must be reconvened annually by signature of 10% of the membership, and each has a single representative on the national steering committee.

The question is whether or not the MWPC—and any county chapter therein—wants to adopt changes to its by-laws to permit organization of either or both kinds of sub-caucuses. The decision should be weighed in view of the MWPC commitment of affirmative action and equitable representation. Is creation of sub-caucuses a means of broadening MWPC's outreach, or is there some other, more effective way of making this organization representative of the kinds of women who are in the political process?

The state membership committee will be taking up this issue in the near future. Comments should be sent to the Caucus office or relayed by phone to me (296-6067). Your ideas are welcome and input is appreciated.

MARILYN BRYANT

"WE HAVE A LOT TO WIN" was the slogan of the National Women's Political Caucus Convention in July. The dominant question that occupied my mind as I attended my first NWPC Convention was "are we making any progress, are we winning anything as women?" The distinct impression, reinforced many times at that meeting, was that we are indeed making progress. The basis of that impression was the caliber of the women I met, and the qualities of leadership they possessed. Certainly the acknowledged leaders such as Bella Abzug and Gloria Steinem were there and their influence felt. However, the astonishing and highly reassuring fact was that there were many women, names presently unknown, who obviously have the qualifications and the determination to make it possible for women to win more frequently in the future.

The candidates speeches given Saturday night by those women running for NWPC office confirmed that many among them were winners. In their speeches, as in the other speeches from the podium of elected and appointed women, they displayed confidence without conceit, boldness without bragging, authority without arrogance. They had the experience, the skills and ability to do the job, and they knew it. They had a poise based on strength, and the assurance that comes of entering public life as a matter of choice and not chance. They were a remarkable group, and as one convention observer remarked to me, it was inspirational, as a woman, to see so many talented and capable women willing to step forward and assume the responsibilities of a political career.

In *Time* magazine's recent special section listing "50 Faces for America's Future," there are 13 women, 1/4 of the total, among those honored as having the potential for leadership. *Time* wisely points out that leadership has not vanished, but its character has changed as have the styles of the leaders and the expectations of those to be led. It's an accepted fact today that women are able, and we must push the public expectation to accepting and welcoming more women as leaders of America's future, for we still have a lot to win.

JANET WRIGHT

The Convention was great. Being there helped me to put the picture together. I wish each of you could have been in Cincinnati with us.

Friday evening, the Republican women met as the "National Republican Women's Task Force" (of which, the Minnesota GOP Feminist Caucus is a part). It was good to see Mary Crisp (Mary's plane was delayed by a hurricane in Washington, D.C. We were so glad that she and the others on that plane arrived safely at the convention) again, and to meet Pat Goldman, former Chair, and Susan McLane (New Hampshire) the NRWTF Chair and so many others.

CAROL CONOLLY

The roots of the word "respect" as they exist in ancient languages say that to respect is to look at someone or something with new eyes, to experience positive renewal in one's view of a person or thing.

Cincinnati was a sharing of wisdom and strength with Patricia Harris, Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug, Midge Costanza and other sisters, and a renewal of respect for ourselves, for each other and for the importance of our work.

It was reaffirmed that housing is a woman's issue. Poverty is becoming a woman's issue. In the work force, said Patricia Harris, "The average male high school dropout earns \$1,600.00 more per year than the average female college graduate."

It was reaffirmed that the far right takes us seriously and that liberals are still catching on. Steinem spoke a truth that we already know in Minnesota, "Parties are just one way to do it, it is not the only way to do it. We must support both parties." We must say we will not support or vote for someone who is not right on our issues.

Women from around the country no longer say "freedom of choice." The words now are "right to choose." Gloria Steinem said in a new way what we all know, "Until we have the power over our own bodies from the skin in, we are never going to have it from the skin out."

The prophecy in the knowledge we carry with us from Cincinnati was said best by Patricia Harris. "In the future the acceptance of abuse and discrimination will be considered unfeminine."

We do have "A Lot to Win" and Republican women will continue to give leadership through the NWPC. The convention elected two Republican vice chairs: Mary Stanley (California) and Kathy Wilson (Virginia)—both super women. Mary Stanley has developed a fine line of feminist jewelry for the WPC for fund raising and visibility. As well as her fund raising abilities, Mary brings many years of Republican experience to the Board.

Kathy Wilson is a warm and sunny young woman. She is a former vice chair of the Virginia WPC and currently chair of the Northern Virginia WPC which has grown under her leadership from 40 to 210 members in five months. I am sure we will be proud of both these women's leadership.

The convention elected our own Enid Griffin an at-large board member and five other Republican women at-large board members. A total of twelve new at-large board members were elected by the convention.

It was a privilege to be part of the delegation from Minnesota. My thanks to the GOP Feminist Caucus and the individuals who made it possible for me to go to Cincinnati.

HENNEPIN

Hennepin County is preparing for a major Candidate Fund fundraiser September 17, 1979 "Women on the Move." A roller skating party to raise money for our endorsed candidates. There will be a roller skating outfit contest with prizes to the winners as well as door prizes to those who attend. A couple of the door prizes are a fifty dollar gift certificate from the Marquette Inn for dinner in the Orion Room and twenty dollar gift certificate from Justers Downtown. This will take place at Roller Gardens, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, located a block west of the intersection of Highway 100 and Minnetonka Blvd. Cost is \$7.50 to Adults, \$2.50 for children under sixteen. Anyone interested please contact Sara Miele at work, 339-8521, Ex. 64, or at home, 377-3580. Or you can send a check directly to:

HCWPC Fundraiser
3852 1st Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55409

We plan a very successful event and hope that all of you will participate with us. You can mail in your check if you cannot come, thereby supporting the candidates who help us gain power and clout, both necessary in changing society. Did you know that the average man gives 5% of his income for politics? How much have you contributed? Freedom is a privilege and unless we attend to our responsibilities we may lose the privileges we now take for granted.

Doorknocking is the only way to contact voters!!! We will be having two doorknocks for candidates and hope you will participate. The only way one can get people elected is to let others know they are running and like it or not, gals, door to door contact is the best way so PLEASE ATTEND!!

September 26 — for Judy Farmer — 1518 W. 26th St. 5:30
October 9 — for Sally Howard — 3257 Colfax Ave. So. 5:30

At the HCWPC Annual Convention we endorsed 10 candidates for city offices: Judy Corrao, Jackie Slater, Parker Trostel, Sally Howard and Charlee Hoyt for Minneapolis City Council; Carol Lind, Joy Davis and Judy Farmer for School Board; Nancy Anderson for Park Board, and Jo Matson for Board of Estimate and Taxation. Most of these candidates are running for city wide offices and expenses run high with very little financial compensation at the end. For this reason it is imperative that we help them financially in every way possible. If we want a voice in government we need to support our spokespersons. Note: citizens outside the City of Minneapolis are affected by these elections if they live in the Metro Area.

SUCCESS STORY

Sonia Bowe-Gutman has been hired as a consultant by the H. H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota. She will be project director for a three county study dealing with "Discriminatory practices in public service employment of women." This is her first full time, fully paid job. She wanted all of you to know that another one of us has "made it."

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP — \$20.00

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ County _____
Zip _____ Phone(s) _____
Political Party _____

Remember back to the 13th of June? A beautiful reception at the Governor's Mansion for Appointed Women was successful in every way. Four supporters of our cause served as Sponsors, assisting us with expenses, and we wish to thank them here:

Martha Head
Gladys Brooks
Jantha LeVander
Dorothy Liljegren

MID-CONTINENT DIALOGUE ON THE CHANGING WORLD ECONOMY

The MWPC is sending an observer and is one of many affiliate organizations who are participating in the Conference called Mid-Continent Dialogue on the Changing World Economy. It will take place on September 13, 14 and 15 at the Leamington Hotel. The Conference explores the economic changes taking place in the world today and relationships between rich and poor countries. Nine workshops will be offered, including "Human Factors in Development" with Arvonne Frazer as one of the panelists.



Sonia Bowe-Gutman is our rep to this conference. Should you wish to participate or need more information call her at 473-5009.

The President Establishes Program To Help Women Entrepreneurs

In a major effort to aid women in business, the President has set up a new program to coordinate Federal assistance to firms owned and operated by women. Under the program, the Small Business Administration has established a goal of providing women-owned companies with \$50 million in direct loans in the fiscal year beginning October 1. The program also is designed to help such firms win prime contracts to supply the Federal government with goods and services. Marlene Johnson Former State Caucus Chair was present in Washington for the signing of the Executive Order. She has been elected president of the Women Business Owners of Minnesota.

CALENDAR

AUGUST

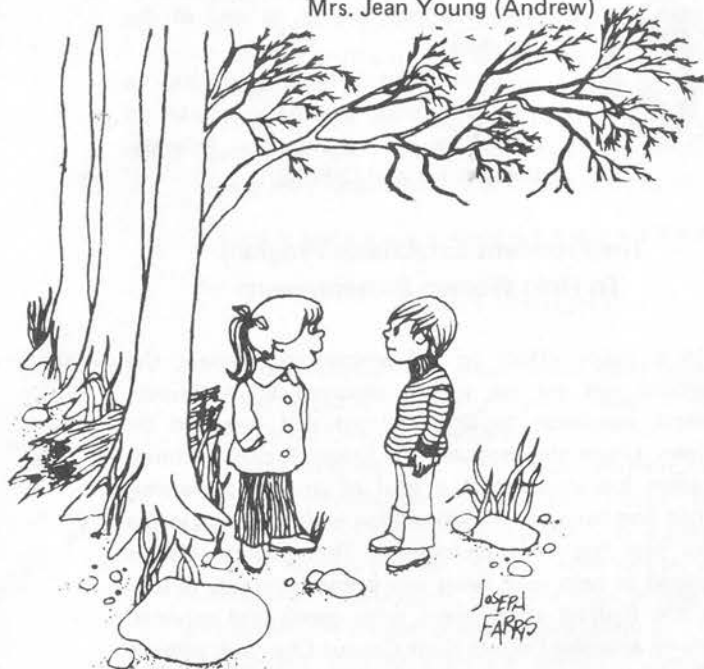
- 23 7:00 pm Duluth Chapter Meeting
 24 12:00 pm Ramsey luncheon
 25 9:00 am NOW Walkathon for ERA begins at Armory Gardens, North of Guthrie Theater
 28 6:00 pm HEW Hearings on Day Care, St. Paul—Call 871-3103, Connie Bell for details.

SEPTEMBER

- 10 5:30 pm MWPC Steering Committee—members welcome
 10 7:00-9:00 Laura Miles watercolors show opens at Minnetonka Center of Arts & Education
 13 YWCA Job Fair, Minneapolis
 13, 14, 15 Mid-continent Dialogue on a Changing World Economy
 17 7:30-9:00 Hennepin Roller Skating Fundraiser
 20 5:30-8:00 Ramsey's Founding Feminist Festival
 25 Ramsey Issues Meeting
 26 5:30 pm Hennepin Doorknock
 28 12:00 Ramsey luncheon meeting
 29 Mankato: Panel on Women in Politics, using MWPC members
 30 11:00 am Ramsey Targeting Meeting

OCTOBER

- 1 5:30 pm MWPC Steering Committee
 9 Hennepin Doorknock
 24 7:30 pm Ramsey Membership Meeting
 25 luncheon UN Rally Day
 Mrs. Jean Young (Andrew)



'Let's play house. You be the husband that goes to the office and I'll be the wife that goes into politics.'



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AUGUST 1979

UPCOMING EVENTS

The New Right, that group of special interests which has, rightly or wrongly, become affiliated in the public mind, is a movement of great political interest to people across the country. Articles with information on the New Right are emerging from a variety of sources.

Groups most often considered to be participants in the New Right movement include anti-ERA forces, anti-abortion advocates, anti-gun control organizations, Anti-union people, and anti-environmentalists.

Abortion Action Week

Abortion Rights Action Week is a nationally coordinated series of local events scheduled for October 22-29. It was initiated by over 50 sponsoring organizations, including the NWPC, who felt that while the right to abortion was under attack, it was important to visibly celebrate and affirm our reproductive rights.

Focusing on the theme : ABORTION...IT'S OUR RIGHT, local groups and coalitions throughout the US will hold rallies, demonstrations, teach-ins, and a variety of events. Tentative plans in the metropolitan area call for educational programs at Twin Cities colleges and law schools, noon programs in down Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Details on these and other events during Abortions Rights Action Week will be listed in the next newsletter.

NEW RIGHT conference, state meeting approach

Members of both the Republican and Democratic parties have identified the movement within their own ranks and are aware of its impact upon their colleagues. For instance, the Fraser loss and the Short primary victory in Minnesota last fall are among the cases cited nationwide as one of the most visible examples of the impact of this movement.

The Caucus, having been impressed with both the momentum of the New Right and the great need for dissemination of information about it, is sponsoring a non-partisan conference on the subject.

Saturday January 19, 1980 is the date for the Conference on the New Right. It will be followed on Sunday, January 20, by the MWPC Statewide Annual Meeting on Sunday January 20. Thus far, conference plans are for a full day of meetings with people from a variety of groups across the State. The conference is open to anyone interested.

The program will offer some general education on the New Right from a well known authority and will include a number of workshops to study the impact of the New Right on women, minorities and the poor, education, political process and collective bargaining. We expect to conclude with a Caucus skills workshop for members of both major parties.

Further announcements about speakers, registration and costs will be in the next issues of the NEWSLETTER.

RESERVE JANUARY 19 and 20, 1980 on your calendars now, and encourage others who might be interested to keep that weekend open

Co-chairs speak **OUR** Strength Increases

"All your strength is in your union" wrote Longfellow in 1855 in his celebrated Song of Hiawatha. Today this translates into the common saying that "there's strength in numbers," and the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus has been increasingly aware of the truth of this maxim as we work for progress in a variety of areas. For this reason, we have joined coalitions with other groups to work in projects or to work on issues of importance to all MWPC members. While the idea of forming a coalition is not new as a method of accomplishing common goals, MWPC has increasingly used this mechanism for its efficiency and effectiveness.

We have worked on specific projects with other groups to benefit a variety of causes. Among those organizations we have joined with to work on a specific event or project are NOW (National Organization of Women), WARN (Women of All Red Nations) WAWAW (Women Against Violence Against Women), the Minneapolis YWCA, the World Economy Dialogue and the DFL and GOP Feminists. In each case the particular event has benefited and been more successful because of the numbers supporting the cause.

In the area of issues, MWPC is concerned with and has joined other concerned organizations and is presently working on these issues, all of which affect women: job sharing, insurance discrimination, social security, and energy costs.

With regard to job sharing, your Co-Chairs arranged a meeting with Jean King, Executive Assistant to Governor Quie, Barbara Sundquist, State Commissioner of Personnel and representatives of the League of Women Voters to begin investigating the possibility of a demonstration project in job sharing in state government. Study is presently underway and we are hoping that some form of legislation might be introduced in the coming session to establish such a model program.

In the area of inequities in insurance coverage, we initiated a meeting with Mike Markham, State Commissioner of Insurance, and representatives from the Council on the Economic Status of Women. Again some legislation may be introduced to address this problem.

We have recently joined with a number of women's organizations to sponsor a statewide conference on November 1 on Women and Social Security. (See other details in this newsletter) Even more recent, and certainly timely, is a proposed coalition of women's organizations who are interested in designing a workshop to educate their members on the effects of escalating energy costs on women.

While we are a political organization and our primary purpose is to insure more equal representation of women in public office, we are well aware of the fact that economic issues are a major concern for all our women members. We need to be informed in these areas in order to be knowledgeable candidates, lobbyists and voters. If you have a particular interest in any of these issues, please let me know. We need your ideas and support, for as the ancient Biblical proverb reminds us. "knowledge increaseth strength" and there is indeed strength in numbers.

Marilyn Bryant
co-chair

In our recent struggle to seek appointment to the City Council to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rosalie Butler, I sought the endorsement of the DFL party. One of the questions asked of each candidate by a delegate was "Why do you care about St. Paul?" I answered "I have lived here all my life and I will probably live here for the remainder of my life, unless I am offered a movie contract -- which seems highly unlikely at this point."

When the laughter subsided, some of labor's big boys, whose unions has previously endorsed my leading opponent, approached me singing "You ought to be in pictures." I knew then that we had more strength than we imagined.

There was no endorsement by the DFL. 60% was needed to endorse. The convention adjourned after seven ballots. We had 48% of the vote; our opponent 44%. More important, we had the good will of everyone.

My opponent - George McMahon, the lad with the labor endorsements who had run against Butler in the last election, received the appointment as was expected. Ruby Hunt nominated me, gave a speech on my behalf (that I hope my children will use for my epitaph) and voted for me. I consider the outcome of the process most successful.

The encouragement and support of you, my sisters, was the deciding factor in my seeking the appointment. The campaign was condensed into a three week period, and the good quality of our work was more visible than it might have been in a long campaign. We are skilled, we are professional, we are good and getting better. The gratitude and the kinship I feel for all of you is boundless. The support that has surfaced on my behalf is such that not to respond would be irresponsible. Therefore, I plan to seek election to the St. Paul City Council in the Spring of 1980. I ask for your continued support with respect.

Carol Connely
co-chair

CAUCUSES

WINONA COUNTY

The annual Fall Luncheon is scheduled for October 27 at noon at the College of St. Terese. Barbara Sundquist, State Commissioner of Personnel, will speak about opportunities for women in state government. Membership recruitment will be part of the luncheon.

City of Winona elections will be held the first Tuesday in December -- six of the seven council members (including the mayor) are up for reelection. Filings open in September at which time the Caucus will be screening candidates who request endorsement.

At the general membership meeting in August, assistant high school principal Sharon Paulson, District 861, and the Caucus endorsed School Board Director, Pat Kronebusch, spoke to the group about Affirmative Action and Title IX. Paulson is the District's Affirmative Action officer and is enthusiastic about the possibilities of working towards equality for all. She also presented the District's report from the Athletic Director which shows improvement in female athletic participation but also indicates more needs to be done. An example: the cheerleaders and Missteps (Drill Team) both female activities, were included in the number of participants but they do not compete with other schools, only perform at male athletic events.

The Caucus welcomed a new feminist to its midst on August 7 when Associate Chair, Barbara Kolupke, gave birth to Katherine Louise.

ST LOUIS COUNTY

South St. Louis County (Duluth) is continuing with their educational series and recently met with Joanne Susens who is a nurse practitioner in Duluth. She explained the KINLEIN METHOD of nursing. The next meeting will be on assertiveness. The Caucus will have a weekend retreat at Ann Carol Aspoas' cabin in September. Another major project the Caucus is involved in is trying to get one of the buildings on the University of Minnesota, Duluth Campus named for Ms. Anne Smith who was instrumental in the 40's in getting UMD established. The Duluth Chapter asked for support and help from the State Steering Committee at the last meeting held September 10th. A motion was passed by the State Caucus that a letter of support be sent to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

REPORT

RAMSEY COUNTY

Several schedule changes have occurred since last month's newsletter.

FOUNDING FEMINISTS, the County's main effort on behalf of the candidates' fund, will be held on Friday September 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul. This year's honored guests include Mary Peek, Margaret Holden, Timmie Vann, Helen McMillan, Dorrest Harris, Judge Delilah Pierce, Allie Mae Thompson, Ruth Meyers, Polly Mann, and Koryne Horbal. Refreshments are being provided by Just Desserts. Tickets are \$7.50 for members, \$10 for non-members. Reservations are required. Call the Caucus office for details (646-5865).

September 25 marks the beginning of a series of county-wide ISSUES meetings. The place is 1834 Princeton Avenue, beginning at 8 p.m. Tentatively, Senator George Perpich has agreed to address the group on right to choice, one of the Caucus' three basic principles. For confirmation, call the office.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS are now being held at the lunch room of the State Capital. Next get-together is Friday, September 28 in the first of a series of meetings aimed at devising a set of policies/strategy for ELECTORAL POLITICS over the next five years. Faced with the prospect of multiple candidacies in a recent City Council race, the Caucus must address itself to how it will expend its collective efforts. Items for discussion will include candidates' needs (person power, money); strategy for turning out volunteer power; targeting of city and county races. The meeting will be held at 1204 Hartford. Deadline for completion of the plan is December 31.

Next MEMBERSHIP MEETING features Senator Emily Ann Staples talking on competition among ourselves in the political sphere, Wednesday, October 24, at 943 Marshall Avenue.

Finally, Betty Benjamin will share her thoughts and philosophies on the right to choice in the second of a series of ISSUES meetings on Tuesday, October 30. Watch for further Details.

Carla Messman
Caucus Chair

FYI

M.W.E.C. services outlined

The Minnesota Women's Education Council was incorporated as a non-profit public corporation in 1978. It offers education, speakers forums, special workshops, seminars, informational meetings on women's issues relative to the workings of the government and political processes.

In addition, the Council will develop written materials of an educational nature as these relate to women's issues. It is important to note that all contributions to the MWEC are tax deductible.

For more information about the Council, contact Rahn Westby at 291-2993 or Laura Miles at 473-3328.

...honors

Commissioner Barbara Sundquist, State Department of Personnel, was recently elected President-elect of the International Personnel Management Association which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Not only is this an honor to Commissioner Sundquist but to the State of Minnesota as well.

Conference for women

Women and Social Security is the topic for an all day program on November 1 at the Earl Brown Conference Center, UM St. Paul campus. The Council on the Economic Status of Women is sponsoring the conference in cooperation with the Center for Regional and Urban Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The Conference will attempt to clarify the role of social security, and some demographic changes which have resulted in inequities in the system. Speakers from Washington will be addressing these topics.

MWPC is a member of the planning committee for this event.

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PLEASE NOTE: All materials for this newsletter are due the first Monday of the month at the Steering Committee meeting.

Additional News Item From a Duluth Caucus Member

Joan Mongreig has just opened her own business - a management consultant and secretarial services operation called North Country Small Business Services, Incorporated; located at 1419 London Road, Duluth, MN 55805 - Telephone: 728-4421
Congratulations!!

Position Open

The Nominating Committee announces that there is an opening as a co-chair of the legislative committee. If you are interested in this committee, call Pam Johnson, nominating committee chair (338-4420 or 925-3496).

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Registration fee \$48.00

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Plan to Participate in Doorknocks

HENNEPIN COUNTY

DOORKNOCKING is the only direct way to contact voters! We will be having several doorknocks for our endorsed candidates (See list below) and hope that you will participate. The only way we can get our candidates elected is to let others know they are running: and, like it or not, door-to-door contact is the best way.

PLEASE ATTEND AS MANY DOORKNOCKS AS YOU CAN. WE NEED YOU.

Wed., Sept. 26	for Judy Farmer
Mon., Oct. 1	Nancy Anderson
Sat., Oct. 6	Carol Lind
Tues., Oct. 9	Sally Howard
Tues., Oct. 16	Parker Trostel
Thur., Oct. 25	Jackie Slater
Mon., Oct 29	Judy Corrao

Tuesday November 6 VOTE!

For time and location of any of these events please contact Sara Miele at 377-3580.

ERA

Parker Trostel, City Alderman for the 7th ward, Minneapolis, wrote to thank MWPC for endorsing her. She also noted that on May 11, City Council passed the following resolution:

"That the Minneapolis City Council affirms its support of the Equal Rights Amendment by endorsing the economic boycott of states which have not ratified the ERA.

It also resolved that any city employee who serves as an officer or board member of any professional organization is directed by virtue of city employment to introduce or actively support resolutions calling for their organizations to hold future meetings only in ratified states.

A second resolution directing the City Clerk to mail copies of the first one to key persons in unratified states has not yet been passed.

members,

A new membership year approaches... Beginning October 1, dues will be accepted for 1980 membership. Renewals and new membership applications processed prior to December 12, 1979 will count toward determining our delegate strength at the first national steering committee meeting, scheduled for January 1980. Please renew now. Your planning ahead will save us time and money and will guarantee our full representation in January. New membership brochures have been printed and you will be receiving one soon. Please pass one on to a friend. Dues are still \$20: \$10 - NWPC, \$6 - MWPC, \$4 - your local chapter!

Upcoming chapter organizational meetings:
October:

LeSeuer (Mankato)
Olmsted (Rochester)
Kandijoki/Meeker
(William/Hutchenson)
Lyon (Marshall)
Stearns (St. Cloud)

November:

Dakota
Anoka
Washington
Scott/Carver

Next Year:

Hubbard/Beltrami
(Bemidji)
Clay (Moorhead)

Next new members meeting is scheduled for November. Watch for further details

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP - \$20.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____

Zip _____ Phone(s) _____

Political Party _____

CALENDAR

September

- 21 5:30 - 8 p.m. Ramsey County Founding Feminists Festival
- 25 Ramsey Issues Meeting
- 26 5:30 p.m. Hennepin County Doorknock (See details in county news)
- 28 12 noon - Ramsey luncheon meeting
- 29 Markato: Panel on Women in Politics, featuring address by Bella Abzug and concert by Peter Yarrow.

October

- 1 NWPC Steering Committee, members welcome
- 9 Hennepin County Doorknock
- 11 Council On Economic Status of Women open hearing on concerns of Women in Fairmont, MN
- 12 Council on Economic Status of Women open hearing in Worthington, MN
****For more information on these two open hearings you may call this toll free number:
800-652-9744.
- 13 Council on Economic Status of Women open hearing: Barriers to Social Services for Black, Hispanic, American Indian and Asian women.
For more details call
(612) 298-8590
- 15 Nominations due for Standing Committees of NWPC. If interested write to: Barbara Reno, 4701 Connecticut Ave., NW #203, Washington, D.C. 20008
- 22-29 Abortion Rights Action Week
- 24 7:30 p.m. Ramsey County Membership meeting
- 25 Luncheon, UN rally Day featuring Jean Young (Andrew Young's wife)
- 26-28 NWPC Steering Committee meeting, Seattle, WA

November

- 1 Conference on Women and Social Security at Earl Brown Conference Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.
- 5 MWPC Steering Committee, members welcome
- 17 League of Women Voters workshop on effective citizen and the legislative process. St. Thomas College, 9:30 to 2:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

All members of the MWPC are welcome at Steering Meetings which are held the first Monday of the month at the Griggs-Midway Building, 1821 University Ave., at 5:30 p.m. Come and listen, contribute, and share your ideas with your Steering Committee.

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Deadline for August Issue:

Monday, July 30, 1979 (No July issue)

Want To Work in Washington?

National Women's Political Caucus

1411 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 347-4456

POSITION: Executive Director, National Women's Political Caucus National Staff Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

DESCRIPTION: Raise Money for the National Women's Political Caucus, Inc., and work with persons responsible for fundraising for all NWPC related projects and organizations; under the direction of the Chair, oversee the overall administration and operation of the Caucus; work with and keep abreast of work of other similar political organizations; accompany or represent the Chair and other officers as requested by them in policy meetings, press events, fundraisers and other appropriate events; brief Chair and vice-chairs on political questions including analysis of internal and external organizational impact; exercise ultimate staff authority over all employees and consultants of the Caucus.

SALARY: \$23,400, negotiable, commensurate with experience.

DEADLINE: Resume and letter should be submitted by July 1, 1979.

POSITION: Political Action Director, National Women's Political Caucus

DESCRIPTION: Incumbent is responsible for supervision and coordination of NWPC political activities. Incumbent monitors activities and writes material pertaining to the projects. Incumbent serves as liaison with state and local caucus coordinators, and with Women's Resources, as the canvass operation.

SALARY RANGE: \$16,000 to \$18,000 per annum.

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WINONA

The Winona Caucus met for a social evening to honor Meredith Stankiewicz May 18. We were sad to realize that she is leaving us since she is one of our "Founding Mothers" and has been one of our community's finest fighting feminists; but we are sure she'll be organizing Mankato's women soon, and we'll be following her career with interest and affection.

The Caucus received a real shock that week as one of our endorsed candidates—an incumbent running unopposed—took a loss in the election for school board after a hurriedly organized write-in campaign against him. Our good news, however, was that our other endorsed candidate, one of the two women who currently serve on the school board, was elected handily. As we shared our pot luck on the 18th, we mulled over the school board election, heard Nancy Keller's award-winning speech "The Unmarked Ballot," and bid Meredith a fond farewell.

Barb Kolupke

HENNEPIN

The Hennepin County Annual Meeting is taking place at about the time you receive this newsletter, June 16, at the Sheraton Ritz Hotel in Minneapolis. So watch this space next month for details of actions taken.

The first meeting of the new Hennepin Steering Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center, 24th Floor, Conference Room. Members of the caucus are, of course, always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. Why not come and meet the new Steering Committee.

Woman to Women Series

Eleven guests lunched with Alderwoman Charlee Hoyt on May 29. Discussion centered around the housing problem in Minneapolis and the effects of the proposed ordinance guaranteeing equal access to housing for people with children.

The June lunch will feature Alderwoman Judy Corrao on Wednesday June 27. Details of the lunch have yet to be arranged. Call Jeanne Johnson at 874-6353 (evenings) for reservations. And bring your friends!

Help! We have been having difficulty finding the proper showcase for our candidate lunches. The downtown restaurants are really inadequate for a discussion group. Those of you out there with connections could help greatly if you could suggest places to have our lunches. We have four to go in the series. Help us make them successful.

Thanks to the 1978 - 79 Steering Committee for their tireless efforts to reach caucus goals. Gloria Griffin, Chair, Alana Smart, Margo Diderich-Lee, Mary Meeker, P.J. Doyle, Sara Miele and Jeanne Johnson gave their all. They're all looking forward to a well deserved rest, but have promised to help out the new Steering Committee.

UM RUN

We all could have had a part, but only a few of us the endurance. How proud we are of our co-chair, Marilyn Bryant, who ran for Women's Athletics and the Caucus. Her sponsors were numerous, and after one hour in 90° heat and more than five miles, she had raised \$3,000. When all the pledges are paid the MWPC should be getting one-quarter. This is the second year Marilyn has made us a beneficiary.

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS
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Carol Connolly writes. . .

We know the need for communication. The early consciousness raising and the sharing that led us to call each other sister has served us well. We know the importance of a broad base of support for our ideas and goals nationally and internationally.

Our network recognizes a new member, the Women of All Red Nations. At the founding conference of WARN in Rapid City, South Dakota, women came from across the country to share ideas, native American women who struggle for future generations as we do. They are women who work in education for survival, women who write, women who work with mothers and children, women from every field, grandmothers, mothers, and sisters.

In their statement of purpose they tell us that they are "veterans of the BIA and Wounded Knee, had participated in the Longest Walk, traveled to Geneva for the NGO Conference of Discrimination against Indigenous Populations, participated in the International Women's Year Conference in Mexico, some whose son or daughter had given their life in struggle, whose eyes and ears were just beginning to open to their duty as native women." WARN is all these women.

Women from over 30 native nations were present at the founding conference of WARN. They recognized that communication is among the most valuable tools in liberation. Truth is a basic survival tactic.

The Women of All Red Nations will be gathering here on July 5. I join with other feminists to invite you to meet these women at a reception that will be held before the concert to be given by Jackson Brown and Bonnie Raitt that evening for the benefit of the Black Hills Alliance. These performers are expected to appear at the reception.

The event will be held at 318 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 5, \$10.00 donation. We need to cooperate, to support one another. Lorelei Means and Janet McCloud said it best. "We are all going in the same direction in one way or another."

Margaret Sandberg writes. . .

Dear Friends—

Robert felt a great kinship with the MWPC—as you know. Your donation to the Harriet Tubman Home is a fine memorial to his work.

I feel your sisterhood and support in this terrible time.

Marilyn Bryant writes. . .

On a recent evening I had a call from a woman who wanted to join the Caucus and asked what benefits or services she would receive as a member. This was certainly a logical question, and one which has been uppermost in the minds of the state MWPC Steering Committee as we planned activities for this year. Members should be aware of the fact that their \$20.00 yearly dues are stretched to cover a \$10.00 fee to the National Women's Political Caucus, \$6 to the state, and \$4 to your county chapter. The fee to national covers your subscription to *Women's Political Times* (published six times yearly) and helps to underwrite support staff and a myriad of activities on the national scene.

At present there are four county chapters of MWPC, and if you reside in Hennepin, Ramsey, South St. Louis or Winona county, you are automatically a member of that organized chapter. County chapters schedule their own membership meetings, convene annual meetings, and elect their own officers. They also do the inevitable fund-raising necessary to sustain their activities. Some members prefer to concentrate their efforts on the county level, becoming involved in the endorsement process and working in local campaigns at election time. The Chairs of the four county chapters sit on the state-wide Steering Committee of MWPC so that direct communication with all levels is assured.

The majority of MWPC members reside in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, and the state Steering Committee has attempted to tailor this year's activities to the needs made known to us by this group of members. Since January members have been offered events on a monthly basis, ranging from our IDS reception honoring the four women endorsed for appointment to Federal judgeships to an informal evening with feminist author Sara Evans. A reception honoring newly appointed women was held on June 13 with a special reduced donation fee offered as a benefit to MWPC members. Such events give members an opportunity to meet each other and socialize informally, as well as providing an occasion to talk with women who have been elected or appointed to state-wide positions. Many members consider that these occasions when they can express their concerns and discuss mutual problems with women who are in a position to make some changes to be one of the greatest benefits of membership in MWPC. A variety of educational activities are planned to benefit members, including workshops and skill training sessions. Political involvement is encouraged for those interested in working on the candidate endorsement process, in campaign work, or in lobbying at the legislature. This year we have been particularly concerned with appointments, and the Ad Hoc Coalition for Appointments brought together many women's groups who worked cooperatively to press for the appointment of women to state boards, commissions and councils. We have been pleased with our successes to date, and encouraged by the positive way that women worked together, in a bipartisan way, to achieve these gains.

This monthly newsletter is our primary communications vehicle, and it is widely circulated and read. We welcome your comments or suggestions for calendar items. Offering membership services and communicating to our members is an on-going concern and serious responsibility of the MWPC Steering Committee, and we are committed to meeting your needs and fulfilling this responsibility. We hope that you, as members, will speak up, make your needs known, let us know about your interests, and take the initiative in becoming actively involved. We encourage your participation, for the organization is only as strong as the individual members make it.

LEGISLATION

We are indebted to the Council on the Economic Status of Women for information on Legislation which passed. There were additional bills which were not on the agenda of the Council, though on ours, which will be listed in a future issue.

LEGISLATION PASSED, 1979 (All amounts are for the biennium):

Battered Women: Provides funds for shelters and related services to the victims of domestic violence. Appropriates \$2,995,700 to provide at least fifteen shelters; five in the Twin Cities area and 10 in the balance of the state. Provides for advocacy programs for victims of domestic abuse and counseling programs for the violent or assaultive family member.

Order for Protection, Spouse Abuse: Provides for an order of protection for victims of domestic violence by restraining the abusive spouse. Removes requirement that abused spouse must file for separation or divorce prior to the order.

Sexual Assault: Provides for the continued funding of coordinated statewide services for victims of sexual assault. Appropriates \$70,600 for central coordination and education, and \$500,000 for grants to cities, counties and private non-profit agencies.

Displaced Homemakers: Continues the funding of pilot centers to provide job counseling and placement services to displaced homemakers. Appropriates \$486,000 for the continuation of the two current centers, and provides for an additional center in an unserved part of the state.

Inheritance Taxes. Provides that all assets owned in joint tenancy are shared equally by both partners of a marriage for the purpose of determining the assets upon which a surviving spouse must pay inheritance taxes.

State Employees Training Rider: Continues the requirement that a proportional amount of training funds be used for schedule C employees.

Child Care Sliding Fee: Appropriates \$1.5 million to provide a sliding scale subsidy for child care services for persons whose income is less than 70 percent of the state median income and above the maximum allowed for fully subsidized child care.

Spouse of Nursing Home Resident: Modifies the assets test for Medical Assistance eligibility for those above age 65. Exempts the homestead and one automobile and \$10,000 in cash and liquid assets.

Council Refunding: Appropriates \$153,800 to continue the Council.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTRACTS
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

GOP Feminists are a long way from endorsing for the Presidency, but they have extended an invitation to all to attend their:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, June 24, 2:00 to 4:30
4865 East Lake Harriet Boulevard
\$5.00 for adults age 11 and up
\$1.00 for children 10 and under



"Susan B. Anthony, Where Are You Now That We Need You?" will be the topic of Keynote Speaker Midge Costanza, the only woman ever to serve as Assistant to the President of the United States. She will be speaking at noon, July 6, at the YWCA in Minneapolis.

Her address will be part of a morning seminar program co-sponsored by the YWCA and Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis. The program recognizes the July issuance of the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin.

Concurrent morning panel discussions will feature Reatha Clark King, president of Metropolitan State University, and Barbara Stuhler, Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Extension, University of Minnesota, who will explore future opportunities and roadblocks for women in education.

Hazel Reinhardt, director of research and personnel of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune and former State Demographer, and Nina Rothchild, executive director of the Minnesota Council on the Economic Status of Women, will delve into the importance of economic power of women. Martha Pell Stanville, advertising and promotions director, WCCO-TV, and Mary Ziegenhagen, publisher of the Burnsville Current and Apple Valley-Lakesville Countryside and former editorial writer for the Minneapolis Star, will share their views on the image of women in the media.

The panel discussions will be presented from 9:30 — 10:30 a.m., and again from 10:45 — 11:45 a.m., followed by Costanza's address at noon.

On June 18 Governor Albert Quie will be proclaiming July as Susan B. Anthony Month in Minnesota, in recognition of the coin's issuance. Susan B. Anthony is the first American woman ever to be featured on a coin.

Deadline for reservations is July 6. Fee is \$2.50. Box lunches are available for \$3.50. No phone reservations please. YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403

NESTLE BOYCOTT

At the April 30, 1978 Convention of the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus members in attendance voted to recommend that members boycott purchase of Nestle Company produced products. A card suitable for carrying in your wallet lists all such products, and you can get one through:

INFANT (Infant Formula Action Coalition)
1701 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55414

The same group has films available, and you are encouraged to contact them should you be responsible for a program for groups in addition to the caucus. The phone is (612) 331-2333 or 331-3437, and our contact is Mary Swenson.

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 24 GOP Feminists Ice Cream Social—4865 East Lake Harriet Boulevard. 2:00-4:30 p.m., \$5.00 adults/\$1.00 children 10 and under.
- 24 Hennepin County WPC Steering Committee—24th floor of Government Center. 6:00 p.m.
- 25 & Anoka Ramsey Community College Seminars for
- 26 Women in Business—Leadership and Assertiveness Skills. 8:30-5:00, 427-2600.
- 27 Hennepin County WPC, noon Women to Woman luncheon. Judy Corrao will be the speaker.
- 27 Ramsey County WPC Membership Meeting at 564 Marshall at 7:30 p.m. Legislative Update.
- 29 Ramsey County WPC luncheon at Garcia's Restaurant in Park Square Court, 6th and Sibley. Noon.
- 31 DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER for general articles/announcements.

JULY

- 1 NOW sponsored ERA fundraiser, part of a national campaign, "ERA for our Children." Butler Square, 7:00-10:00, \$15.00. Maureen Reagan will be guest of honor.
- 2 MWPC Steering Committee. 5:30-8:30, 1821 University Avenue.
- 5 Women of All Red Nations (WARN)—reception for women from around the country. 318 Summit Avenue, 5:00-8:00. \$10.00 donation will benefit the Black Hills Alliance.
- 12 & Anoka Ramsey Community College—workshops of
- 13 Leadership and Assertiveness Skills.
- 13 - • NATIONAL CAUCUS CONVENTION •
- 15 Remember our motto: We Have A Lot To Win!!! According to a recent national survey, the American public believes we will be winning the White House before the year 2000 AD. The National Convention is one place future leaders get trained. Why not come—any member can be an alternate!!!
- 27 Ramsey County WPC luncheon

AUGUST

- 5 Seneca Falls—mark your calendar and use the enclosed brochure to invite friends.
- 6 MWPC Steering Committee—5:30-8:30 p.m. 1821 University Avenue

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White House Conference reviewed

The White House Conference on Families has been called by President Carter to identify ways to strengthen and support American families. It is an attempt to involve families themselves, as well as scholars, professionals and policy makers in a long overdue assessment of how government and our major private institutions help, hurt or neglect families. Emphasizing both the strengths and diversity of American families, the WHCF National Advisory Committee has developed a unique process of listening and involvement that includes:

New Steering Committee elected

New State Steering Committee Members, elected at the State Convention include:

Marilyn Bryant, Chair
Barbara Adams, Co-Chair
Helen Foster, Treasurer
Kathy Ackland, and Margaret Sand, Finance Directors
Jan Mildenberg, Legal Recorder
Carol Stenborg, Newsletter Editor
Carol Van Ryswyk and Toni Tschann, Membership
Rahn Westby and Ruth Hauge, Appointments
Kathy Ridder, Consultant
Carrie Wasley, Legislative
Irene Bethke
and Barbara Steinbergs, Programs
Laura Miles, Education Council
Enid Griffin, NWPC
Delegate-at-Large

SEE page 7 for resolutions passed at the Annual Convention.

Seven Hearings across the country beginning in 1979; establishing state activities and state conferences on families, national organization and involvement in special events, and issue development.

These activities are designed to lead up to the Three White Conferences across the Country in the summer of 1980. One of these conferences will be held in Minneapolis on June 19 through 21.

The WHCF emphasizes both broad participation and follow-through. Now is the time to get involved in these activities. For more information on specific Minnesota activities, call the Caucus office at 646-5865.

The first meeting of the 1980 State Steering Committee voted unanimous support of the following resolution:

"If there is registration for a draft, the Caucus favors registration of both women and men. At this time, however, we do not support registration or reinstatement of the draft."

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Barbara Adams
co-chair

Membership reach-out stressed

Progress on issues facing women and society over the past few years has not been significant, in fact from some perspectives we might be seen as having lost ground. The Equal Rights Amendment is not only not the law of the land, but we have had to seek an extension on the time originally allotted for ratification. This delay is certainly understandable from the standpoint of the centuries of discrimination against women, however, we also face a very well organized and vocal minority who not only fear making women constitutionally equal to men, but who do not trust women and their doctors to exert basic control over women's own bodies. Members of this minority say things like "supporters of ERA are moral perverts" and accuse pro-choice people of favoring experimentation on fetuses.

Unquestionably, rabid opposition to political issues will generate excessive rhetoric, but even so, it would seem that we have not yet managed to tell our story, to get our message effectively before the public and to motivate the kind of support we need. This effort to reach people is our bottom line, our real mission with regard to the issues we espouse.

One very significant measure of this effort is reflected in our membership. Geography is one limitation of our membership, another is racial. MWPC membership is heavily concentrated in the metropolitan area and St. Louis and Winona Counties, and we need members from all across the state. Black, Hispanic, Indian and Asian groups are also seriously underrepresented. These limitations reveal other ways in which we have failed to adequately communicate. The relevance of the women's movement and need for political organization around women's issues are frequently not apparent to rural and small town women and women of color.

Many of these women identify first with their minority group, religion or region and because of cultural differences, traditional descriptions of discrimination experience of women do not at first blush appear to describe the experience of women of color. Many of these women have translated the message, and have come to recognize that discrimination may not occur in precisely the same manner from one group to another. They understand that discrimination is nevertheless, upon close examination, incorporated into the very fabric of every culture. They see that any system which designs roles for people which circumscribe their behavior must by definition discriminate, because choices become limited and behavior is molded to conform to expectations.

The key is the concept of "roles: for individuals to assume according to their sex (or other personal characteristic) rather than developing skills and pursuing interests according to their own innate qualities as human beings.

It is a truism to say that the better the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus reflects the geographical and racial/ethnic diversity of the population, the greater the impact we can anticipate. New County or regional chapter formation on a statewide basis to structure the kind of statewide membership we seek is essential to balanced growth. Each of us, as members of MWPC, must make extra effort this year to broaden our base, to reach people of both sexes in every geographical area and representing the variety of groups who live through the state of Minnesota, if we are to succeed in electing people who reflect our views.

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... NWPC reorganizing

"We have a lot to win" was the slogan adopted by the National Women's Political Caucus at the annual convention last July, and this statement was the rallying banner under which delegates to the NWPC Steering Committee gathered in Washington, D.C., January 25-28. Minnesota was represented at the meetings by Enid Griffin, Pam Johnson, Rahn Westby and your Chair.

NWPC has won some recognizable victories since our last Steering Committee meetings in October, most notably those in internal operation and administrative areas. These advances are not so visible to the public, but are necessary to a functioning and productive organization. As Minnesota affiliates and members of this national group, we applaud the changes and appreciate the fact that we will benefit from a more efficient national organization.

Carol Silverthorn has been appointed acting Executive Director of NWPC, and there are a number of other new staff members in Washington. Silverthorn described the revised office procedures, new accounting techniques and a general tightening of the purse strings which have resulted in a considerably improved financial picture. An aggressive fund-raising campaign is underway to assure that the coffers are ready for an election year.

The program activities and projects of national have been concentrated in fewer areas, which has made winning some victories more feasible. In this election year, a priority is the Delegation Selection Project which seeks to educate women to the procedures in each major party which might lead to their selection as delegates to their party's national convention. The Women's Appointment Project has worked directly with the White House in focusing on increasing the appointment of women to policy making positions in federal government. In a similar vein, the Judicial Appointments Project has campaigned to increase the woefully inadequate representation of women in the judiciary. As we have worked on the local scene to get women appointed to existing vacancies, so the NWPC has lobbied on the national scene for the appoint-



Marilyn Bryant
Co-chair

ment of more women to the federal district court. T y arranged a meeting between women's groups and the American Bar Association President and the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judicial to discuss concerns regarding the policies and procedures of that Committee and the negative impact on female and minority candidates.

Your NWPC continues to place a high priority on efforts to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and is working in conjunction with other women's organizations in the unratified states. Legislative activity continues with the Caucus being called upon to testify in Congress on a number of bills. Iris Mitgang, Chair of NWPC, is scheduled to testify on behalf of legislation dealing with comparable work and domestic violence. It is anticipated that there will be anti-choice amendments added to some bills which the NWPC would like to support, and lobbyists will be rallied to defeat such amendments.

The life blood of any organization is its membership, and Mitgang has set and ambitious goal for us all. she speaks of "organizing our constituency and quadrupling our numbers" in the coming year. An ambitious but not impossible goal if all are committed to achieving it.

Minnesota measures well when judged by the advances national has won since adopting the theme that "We have a lot to win." We have echoed similar victories in organization and administration, in programs and projects and in working to increase the number of women represented at every level of government. Our caucus enjoys a strong reputation on the national scene. Your newly elected state Steering Committee is committed to working with you toward further advances and victories for women. Working together, we know we can win a lot.

County caucuses report

Hennepin

Sara Miele
Chair

Hello everyone! Congratulations to Barbara Adams and Marilyn Bryant our new helmspersons. I have the utmost confidence in them and hope that all our Hennepin County members will support them and cooperate with them 100 percent.

If Saturday, Jan. 19 and Sunday, Jan. 20 were any indication of how they will perform for the coming year, I feel secure in knowing our ship is in excellent hands.

The program on the NEW RIGHT and the State Convention with its ecumenical service were milestone events in the feminist community.

Sonia Johnson in my opinion (one highlight of a star-studded weekend) is a refreshing and eloquent woman who has been hurled into the limelight by a situation which is both exciting and frightening to her. She is one of those persons who loves life, her family and her religion. And if not for her church's political stance, may have been content to sit back all her life. She represents a portion of the population never before reached. But, through Sonia, I think we can talk to them.

If anyone in Hennepin County wants to reach Sonia Johnson or send her a donation, her address is:

Sonia Johnson
Rt. 2, Box 223
Sterling, VA 22170

She needs ideas on how best to get to women who are afraid of "feminists" and yet have just as much at stake as we do. She also needs financial assistance to reach these people. I think she can do something special for all of us with our help and our support.

Hennepin County is in trouble. I need to find people who are willing to devote a small amount of time to helping get us moving. We need energy and bodies if we're to continue to exist.

I'm calling a membership meeting for Mar. 4, 1980 at the Hennepin County Government Center, downstairs, Room A, at 7 p.m. Please try to attend. If we do not get a response to this meeting, I will assume the interest is not present to continue the Hennepin County Chapter as a viable, working organization. If you have any questions, please call me, Sara Miele, at 377-3580 or leave a message for me at the Caucus office, 646-5865.

Winona

Alice Keller
chair

The annual meeting was held Feb 4, in the afternoon. Officers were elected and goals and priorities for the year were established. More general membership meetings were requested thus providing a forum for discussion on issues of concern to women and an opportunity for socializing. The program was "Winona Woman Power - We Hear From Our Own" and included:

Loretta Frederick, attorney for Southeast Minnesota Legal Services, on How Legal Aid Has Helped Women; Debbie Brady, coordinator of Women's Resource Center, on Women Helping Women; Anne Davis, Cable Communications Specialist with the State Cable Communications Board, Lorraine Cieminski, Chair of Winona County Commissioners, on What Women Should Know About Their County Board, and Kathy Jarvinen, R.N. and Secretary of Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board, on Education, Women and You.

Officers elected were:

Alice Keller, chair
Sandra Bennett, vice chair
Jane Bremer, legal recorder
Margaret Ferguson, treasurer
Loretta Frederick, communications director
Kathy Javinen, program director
Margaret Bodly, legislative director
Joyce Oullette, appointments director
Margaret Keene, membership director

Thanks to all who participated in the annual meeting and a special thank you to the retiring Steering Committee members.

Ramsey

Marge Charmoli,
Patricia McCart,
co-chairs

Ramsey County held its annual meeting on Jan. 12 to elect new officers and conduct its yearly business meeting. For the first time in our history, the membership elected co-chairs. Newly elected officers are:

co-chairs:
Marge Charmoli 646-4279, 347-6016 and
Patricia McCart 255-2565, 698-2451,
Vice chair:
Ellen Read 224-1014, 296-8835

Secretary:
Karen Park 339-3983, 287-1419

Treasurer:
Mary Snitkey 699-5571

The RCWPC By-laws were amended. Anyone wishing a copy may call Pat McCart. During the remainder of the meeting the membership discussed the recent St. Paul Port Authority in terms of how Mayor Latimer ignored both affirmative action and the open appointments recruitment process in his appointment of Vic Reim to that body. In response to pressure from the Caucus and neighborhood groups, Councilman George McMahon introduced a resolution to the City Council to ask that the city include in its 1980 package a bill which would expand the membership on the Port Authority from seven to nine people. The intent of the resolution was to provide two new slots which could be filled by persons representing women's groups and neighborhoods. The membership voted to support the McMahon resolution in accordance with the intent to appoint women and neighborhood/minority representatives to the added positions.

The RCC held an endorsing conventions for city election offices on Jan. 22. The following candidates received Caucus endorsement:

Mayor: George Latimer
City Council:
Seat A Ron Maddox
Seat B Ruby Hunt
Seat D Carol Connolly

Of the Caucus endorsees, Carol Connolly faces the toughest race. One of

her opponents, William Wilson, has received labor endorsement and touted himself as the "pro-life" candidate. Todd Lefko, her other major opponent, is pro-choice and has an impressive track record in supporting feminist issues and candidates. Lefko's candidacy has raised an interesting issue for feminists: which feminist candidate merits Caucus and Caucus members' support. The consensus of the endorsing convention was reflective of the Caucus By-laws: the organization exists primarily to support the election and appointment of qualified women to public office. Because Carol is that type of woman, you as Caucus members are urged to support her candidacy in whatever ways you can: she needs your support and we need her leadership.

The first luncheon meeting of this year will be held Friday, Feb. 22 at 12 noon at the Acropol - Grand and Grotto. Come and share ideas. The restaurant would like some idea of how many of us will bethere. If you plan to attend, please call the Acropol - 225-1984 by 11 a.m. on Feb. 22.

SAVE:

FEBRUARY 15th, 5 - 7 p.m. to celebrate Susan B. Anthony's Birthday.

FEBRUARY 19, 5 p.m. Screening and Endorsing convention for St. Paul School Board Candidates. 410 McColl Bldg. Jackson & 5th St.

In the coming weeks the RCC Steering Committee will be formulating some goals and objectives to guide us through the coming year. Please feel free to contact any Steering Committee member if you would like some input into that process. As soon as this is completed, we will be looking to you to serve on committees and special projects to help implement our goals. We hope that each of you will take some time to examine your schedules and to commit some time, money and or energy to the Caucus. If the Caucus is to thrive as an organization it needs your support; if women's issues remain a vital concern to you, you need the Caucus. Together we have a lot to win and can turn 1980 into a year which brings us closer to actualizing the goals that are near and dear to us.

Legislative report

The Session is beginning to unfold and already the reports of it being the quietest and dullest session in recent memory are circulating. But there are some bright spots already:

H.F. 1662 (Berglin) Job Sharing. Passed out of the full Gov Ops Committee with only one member voting against it. The companion bill in the Senate, S.F. 1629 (Staples) will be heard this week in Gov Ops. A strong supporter on this has been Senator McCutcheon.

H.F. 1012 (Clark) Housing Discrimination was heard 2/7. This is an amendment to the State Human Rights Act which would prevent discrimination to families with minor children in renting of units. The Metropolitan Coalition for Family Housing is coordinating lobbying and testimony on this. The coalition is a far ranging group. The prognostication is that it will go since it is such a pro-family bill.

H.F. 1609 (Wynia) Insurance Discrimination. This bill deals with the problem of both rating and the availability of insurance to women. The industry is reluctant to recognize a homemaker as in an occupation since she would then be eligible for disability coverage. Also the status of homemaker, sex and marital status has received disparate coverage in the industry. This bill will attempt to equalize coverage practices and would allow sex as a rating base only if actuarial sound.

This is only a partial listing of current legislation that MWPC is working on.

The following are signs that when the MN Legislature is in session, there will always be "the other side," to wit:

S.F. 1653 (Merriam) Allowing non-public schools 117% of those funds which public schools receive for non-text book educational materials.

H.F. 247 (Kempe) ends all funding for family planning.

S.F. 358 (Olhoft) Health Maintenance Organizations cannot provide abortion coverage.

Rumors: Bills will be introduced for parental consent for a minor's abortion; parental consent before contraceptives may be given to a minor; informed consent of a woman before performance of an abortion. Do all these sound familiar?

Letters: Senator Dave Durenburger needs rational, reasonable letters regarding the Child Health Assessment Program (CHAP) amendments, H.R. 4962 and S.F. 1204. These amendments would prohibit any such payment (Medicaid) with respect to care and services relating to termination of a pregnancy by abortion. Please call Carrie Wasley for additional information on this. Thank you letters for their stand could be sent to Congressmen Frenzel and Sabo. Any ideas for what we can do to Congressman Vento on this issue? He appears unreachable.

NWPC

The NWPC Steering Committee who stayed in Washington, D.C. to lobby were asked to concentrate on three issues: domestic violence, the Child Health Assessment Program (CHAP), and insurance discrimination. Minnesota members responses are needed on all three issues.

Minnesota Congressmen voted with us and against domestic violence except for Congressman Stangland's vote against federal funding for already functioning shelters. (Frenzel missed the voting that day). Senators Boschwitz and Durenburger need to hear from Minnesota about our concern for S. 1843 "Domestic Violence Prevention and Service Act."

The Senate can pass the original bill and send the two to conference. This is important because it changes the Medicaid law; if the House amendments remain, most favorable court decisions of the six years are undercut.

Prohibition of insurance discrimination or delay based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin is central to a bill (H.R. 100) brought by Congressman Dingell of Michigan. Testimony is needed concerning examples of arbitrary actuarial practices. The contact person is Mr. Phineas Indritz in Dingell's office (202) 225-9064 or by mail 2221 Rayburn Bldg.

1980 Annual Convention

The following resolutions were made at the annual convention:

To support the principles in the proposed adult protection act of 1980 which: maximizes prevention of physical and sexual assault of the (vulnerable) handicapped, requires immediate and ongoing cooperation collecting evidence after assaults and provides maximum help for victims through peer counseling of community health resources.

To help gain more mobility for handicapped consumer advocates at the State Capitol, the Administration is urged to make available the electric carts now owned by the state for scheduled use in the tunnel.

program enlightening

by Enid Griffin

Several experiences lately have heightened my own recognition of how both our oppression as women and our positive self-images are tied to our religious heritage. The inspiration Sonia Johnson brought during her weekend with us has already helped form a new coalition of religious people to counteract the bigotry of the "New Right" appeal to authoritarian - as contrasted to authoritative - religious politics. We plan to keep members informed as the coalition develops.

Sister Mary Meyer and Sharon Rising spoke from their insights as nurses and administrators in women's care. Though now they watch institutions compete to offer the care they have taught women to demand, for many years they simply has faith in the ultimate recognition of families' rights.

Mary Lee George-G and Alice Huston are part of a multi-faith group meeting monthly for feminist worship. Their next meeting is February 15, at Apt. 3 1915 St. Clair, in St. Paul.

Dawn Gillette-Slater continues to spin her web, presently at United Theological Seminary -- the web now has a great tatted spider on it!

Be it resolved that a speakers' bureau shall be formed of members, knowledgeable in historic roots of discrimination, including secular and sectarian, and that a brochure describing their qualifications and their purpose shall be prepared to mail to organizations whose service guilds, actions committees, etc., might include prospective members, suggesting that the panel be invited to speak at a forthcoming meeting and that no honorarium shall be charged, but if the organization is able to pay a fee, that be sent to MWPC, to reimburse speakers' actual expenses that after any presentation, permission shall be asked for use of the host organization's internal communication facilities such as bulletin boards, newsletters, etc.

That the MWPC support the boycott of J.P. Stevens products that the newsletter print from time to time the list of those products which are being boycotted, that wallet cards be procured and distributed to the membership for their education, that the AFL-CIO be informed of the MWPC position and that our leaders and members be encouraged to support any actions which are organized by the Almagater Clothier and Textile Workers Union.



Sonia Johnson was also part of the Sister Celebration. Her words are an inspiration to us and we hope our sisters around the country will receive her and her message with open hearts and minds.

New Right successful

Congratulations to Barbara Adams and her committee for planning and carrying out a great event. The "New Right" Conference activities opened with a standing-room only crowd of over 600. The day's events were superb and tapes were made of some of the seminars, so if you missed the event you may be able to hear some of the information.

Sonia Johnson was inspirational and informative not only at her Saturday appearance at the New Right Conference but also on Sunday at the State Convention.

The day was indeed star studded and we want to applaud the behind the scenes stars who masterminded the event!

Our thanks also to the following sponsors: YWCA, MEA, St. Paul Urban League, Planned Parenthood of MN, DFL Feminist Caucus, AFL-CIO, MN Committee for Gay Rights, MN NOW, Coalition for a Progressive DFL, Citizens League and AGOG.

Susan B. Anthony

Party

Friday, February 15, 1980
5 -7 p.m.

SANSEI POTTERY
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Come Celebrate with cake, coffee, wine
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Nestle, J. P. Steven's boycott list

J.P. STEVENS BOYCOTT LIST:

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NESTLE BOYCOTT LIST

Chocolates: Nestle's Crunch, Toll House Chips, Nestle's Quik, Hot Cocoa Mix, Choco'lite, Choco'Bake, \$100,000 Bar, Price's Chocolates, Go Ahead Bar; Coffee & Teas: Taster's Choice, Nescafe, Nestea, Decaf, Sunrise, Pero; Hotels & Restaurants: Stouffer, Rusty Scupper; Packaged Fruits, Soups: Libby's, Stouffer frozen foods, Soup-time, Maggi Soups, Crosse and Blackwell; Miscellaneous: L'Oreal Cosmetics, Cookie Mixes, Kavli Crispbread, Beechnut baby products, coffee and gums, Dear Park Mountain Spring Water, Keiller McVities, James Keller & Son, Ionax by Owen Labs, Contique by Alcon, Lancome; Cheeses: Swiss Knight, Wispride, Gerber Cheeses, Old Fort, Provalone, Lacatelli, Cherry Hill, Rogers

The Nestle Boycott has been endorsed by NOW

Noteworthy



Joy Peterson is the new office manager. Her hours will be 8:30 to 11:30 Monday thru Friday. Our thanks to Joy for helping us keep things running smoothly.

Carrie Wasley has been elected to the Democratic National Platform Commission. Wasley is also the new Legislative Chair on the MWPC Steering Committee. Congratulations on both counts!

Lorraine Cieminski was elected chair of the Winona County Board of Commissioners. This is a first for a women. We're proud to say she's a Caucus member as well.

Marilyn Bryant will address the Home Economists in Business (HEIB) at a breakfast meeting on February 19. Her topic will be Women & Politics: the Challenge of the 80's, special guest will be Carol Connolly, candidate for St. Paul City Council.

June Noyes former Treasurer of MWPC deserves some special thanks. She has revised and updated our financial books and put the budget in top notch shape. This was a long and tedious job and we just want to recognize all her tireless efforts!

Carol Connolly has been endorsed by the Ramsey County Caucus in her bid for St. Paul City Council Seat D. She faces a tough race and needs all our support. Keep watching the local media for details of Connolly Candidacy activities.

In and Around Town

Beginning Feb. 5, and Every Tuesday during Legislative session the Caucus will sponsor Roundtable discussions of legislation of interest to women. Meetings are held over lunch in the offices of the Council on the Economic Status of Women, room 400, State Office Building. These meetings are open to anyone interested, bring your own lunch. For more information, call Carrie Wasley, Legislative chair, at 646-5865.

"Dora Dufran's Wild West Extravaganza, or The Real Lowdown on Calamity Jane" will be presented by At the Foot of the Mountain, at the Hennepin County Center for the Arts beginning February 29. For more information about the play or reservations, contact Kathryn Hill at 332-7483.

At the NWPC Steering Committee Meeting, a United Methodist woman brought a motion of support for Sheila Collins, her national church staff person whose job was threatened because she had spoken in St. Paul last October about abortion while lecturing on "Feminist Ethics."

The Steering Committee agreed unanimously that we as a national board could legitimately say to a national religious body that Sheila Collins has enhanced rather than ruined her credibility as a leader among women.

"An Evening With Ralph Nader" will be presented on Tues., Mar. 11 at North Hennepin Community College Brooklyn College at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 or \$7.00 to attend a dessert reception. For more information, call 425-4541.

CALENDAR

February

The Caucus sponsors roundtable discussions every Tuesday, when the Legislature is in session. See In and Around Town for Details.

- 15 Susan B. Anthony's Birthday (see details below)
- 15 Feminist Worship group meeting. at Apt. 3, 1915 St. Clair, in St. Paul.
- 19 Ramsey County Screening and Endorsing Committee meeting. (see county news)
- 26 PRECINCT CAUCUSES IR, DFL
- 29- April 6 "Dora Dufran's Wild West Extravaganza, or The Real Lowdown on Calamity Jane." See In and Around Town

March

- 3 State Steering Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Rm. 205 Griggs-Midway Bldg.
- 4 Hennepin County membership meeting. See County notes for details
- 8 International Women's Day
- 11 "An Evening With Ralph Nader." See In and Around Town for Details.

This is your newsletter: your comments and criticisms are needed to make improvements and changes. In addition, suggestions for articles and/or photos are invited. Send all current information to Carol Stenborg, 892 Como Ave. St. Paul, MN 55103. Photos can be returned if you include your address. Please send all material at least 10 DAYS BEFORE deadline.

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250 vacancies on state boards, commissions

By Carol Stenborg, editor

250 Minnesota Board and Commission terms will expire in January, 1980. Governor Quie will be filling these positions with appointees.

Most of these positions involve licensing, regulating, funding and overseeing just about every board in the state from Board of Abstractors to State Zoological Board.

Some positions require professionals but most seek interested citizens as well. A \$35 per diem plus expenses is provided with most appointments.

The boards usually meet monthly and all appointments are for four years.

Pat Jensen, Gov. Quie's Special Assistant for Boards and Commissions, coordinates these appointments as well as judicial board appointments.

She explains that the application process is not very difficult.

Happy Holidays



The Steering Committee wishes you happy holidays. Standing L-R Virginia, Barbara Adams, Enid Griffin, June Noyes, Anne Aspoas. Sitting Elin Skinner, Marilyn Bryant, Carol Connolly Pat McCart, Pam Johnson and Carol Van Ryswck.

The vacancies were published in the State Register, a publication of the Secretary of State's Office, in November. Applications can be obtained from the Secretary of State's office as well.

All applications are then sent to Jensen's office, where she screens them to make sure all the requirements for a particular appointment have been met.

From the applications, Jensen then selects candidates to be interviewed by a 15 member Task Force. When the interviews are completed, the task force, comprised of 7 women and 8 men, makes three recommendations to Gov. Quie for each appointment.

Quie makes the final selection for each position, although some appointments require legislative confirmation.

Jensen, who has been with Quie's office for little more than a month, notes that one of the biggest problems with getting people to apply for these posts is making them aware of the positions. Copies of the State Register containing descriptions of these appointments may be purchased from the Secretary of State's office.

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Co-Chairs report



Irish women's rights analyzed

Carol Connolly

Co-chair

Nell McCafferty is a pioneer in the Women's movement in Ireland. She has been a vocal and outrageous leader for the rights of women. She has been on retreat for some time, and has just surfaced with a column in the Irish Times. We are all more alike than we are different, and it is much the same for us everywhere in the world.

McCafferty begins by giving us an example of the unfair treatment of married women in Ireland.

"Seven years ago, a judge told a jury when deciding a case, that they should assess the wife as they would any other of the husband's chattels: 'his thoroughbred horse for example.'"

The jury awarded the man 2,000 pounds for damages to be paid by the wife's lover.

The article continues:

"The woman, like any dumb animal, uttered not one single word during the whole transaction. She was not asked to assess the services or worth of either man."

And this is only the beginning...

"Equal pay is still denied us in practice and a woman's labor is worth half that of a man's; mothers who are patronisingly categorized as women without men - widows, deserted wives, and unmarried mothers - are paid punitive state welfare; and the only money to which a mother is legally entitled when still under the authority of a husband is the aptly named children's allowance - pocket money which she is supposed to spend on her offspring."

"The Irish husband, in contrast, laughs all the way to the bank or pub, paid double wages because he is male, pocketing his wife's tax relief should she take on the dual job of mother and industrial worker, raping his way with impunity through marriage, and exacting money from any man who touches his wifely chattel."

"What is to be done? Wives could of course demand equal rights and seek to sue in court those women who have stolen from them the services of a husband."

"The courts could not cope with the huge influx of cases. (And when was the last time you saw a male politician arranged in the dock?) Secondly, the woman from whom the damages might be sought would hardly be able to pay, given the female earning power. Thirdly, how much are the services of a husband worth?"

"Add the bill up, assess most generously, and compensation for loss of his services should come to about 10 pounds."

"As long as this law remains on the statute books, it prompts husbands to pimp, demanding payment from other men for sexual services rendered by their wives."

"When wives and prostitutes unite, they will have nothing to lose but the men who buy and sell them. THAT'S what I call a BARGAIN."

(Ed. note: Ms. McCafferty's article was published in the Irish Times. Only excerpts of the whole article are contained in this column.)

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1979 in retrospect



Marilyn Bryant
Co-Chair

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Such are our emotions when we pause at year's end for an assessment of where Minnesota women are with regard to progress in business, government, and women's issues. Dickens' words of 120 years ago have evolved into modern vernacular as "There's good news and bad news," which indeed there is with reference to the scorecard.

In business, the good news is that an entire recent issue of Greater Minneapolis, a magazine of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, was devoted to women who have achieved in business. Enthusiasm for such recognition is dimmed by the fact that the quotes accompanying the stories remind us that "women must still work harder than their male peers to advance," and "I meet women in business who have talent, ability and self-confidence. But what most of them need is opportunity." We know that there has been a dramatic increase in women working, and that the female labor force participation rates have increased more rapidly in Minnesota than they have nationwide. This means more women achieving independence and striving to upgrade their economic status. However, women's employment patterns are very different from those of men, and most women's work is characterized by low pay and lack of opportunity for advancement. On the average, a working man makes \$7. per hour and a working woman \$4.34 per hour. A June study revealed that the earnings gap between male and female employees who work for the state has widened in the past three years, primarily because of a "pervasive pattern of job segregation by sex."

The good news in state government is that one constitutional office is now held by a woman, that of Secretary of State Joan Grove. We now have a woman, Rosalie Wahl, as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. We now have four women in the state Senate and 15 in the House, a dramatic increase from one woman serving in the legislature in 1972. The Minneapolis City Council has six women among 13 members, and the St. Paul City Council has two women among seven members. However, despite its reputation as a progressive state for women, Minnesota ranks 30th in percentage of state legislators who are female. In state government, women are not the other half - they are the missing half!!

In women's issues, the good news in the last legislative session was that women held their own on issues of importance to them. Good news was the passage of legislation concerning battered women, displaced homemakers and inheritance taxes. Bad news was the fact that legislation concerning probable cause arrest, spouse abuse, insurance discrimination and child care tax credit, among others, did not pass. And while our legislature has ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, hundreds of discriminatory statutes remain on the books in Minnesota.

The worst of times is reflected in the trial of Mormon Sonia Johnson, who with unfailing courage and conviction has supported the ERA, despite her church's opposition. The best of times may be reflected in the words of feminist Betty Friedan who stated recently that the great challenge of the 1980's is to "frame a new agenda that makes it possible for women to be able to work and love in equality with men."

May this season usher the promise of good news and renewed commitment to work for the best of times for us all.

County caucuses report Ramsey

The Caucus has endorsed three women for appointment to the district court seat being vacated by the resignation of Chief Judge Ronald Hachey on Dec. 31, 1979.

Endorsed are Suzanne Flinsch, Harriet Lansing and Diana Eagon. Flinsch, former City Attorney for St. Paul and Lansing, a sitting municipal court judge, are previously endorsed appointees. Eagon, from New Brighton, MN, is engaged in private practice in Minneapolis.

The Caucus will host an eggnog reception for the endorsees on Dec. 17, at 546 Marshall Ave., in St. Paul, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The County Caucus annual convention will be held on Sat., Jan. 12, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 707 of City Hall. Business items will include a report on State Caucus, election of officers, and endorsement of by-laws, followed by a champagne reception and hors'dourves.

Noteworthy

We have a new feminist in our midst. Pat Lewis, Hennepin County member, gave birth to a baby girl, Julia Anne, on Thurs., Nov. 29.

Representatives from MWPC and other groups met with Gov. Albert Quie on Nov. 21 to discuss his support for the appointment of women to more judicial commissions. Quie responded to this request by immediately appointing Judge Suzanne Sedgwick to serve on the Hennepin County Judicial Selection Commission. Sedgwick is also an MWPC member.

Charlee Hoyt, Minneapolis City Council member, has just been elected First Vice President for 1980 Women in Municipal Government. This organization is part of the National League of Cities.

South St. Louis

All four endorsed school board candidates won their races in last month's election. Caucus member Mary Ryland was reelected with a large margin. There were five seats of the nine on the school board up for election this year. Caucus member Jean Olson is in the middle of her term so now five of the nine school board members are MWPC members or feminist advocates.

Winona

Mayor Earl Laufenburger, and three City Council members: Bob Du Fresne, Paul Rekstad and Susan Edel, all Winona Caucus endorsed delegates, won their bids for election on Dec. 4.

We believe the Caucus contributed to these victories by volunteering organizational expertise, and by phoning and doorknocking.

Also another victory. The Caucus has taken a position in opposition to a proposed \$1.25 million bond issue for the construction of an ice arena. On the basis of three things --1) increased tax burden on low and middle income people, 2) the development of a hockey program for District 861 at a time when educational dollars are being stretched to provide good academic programs, and 3) the unnecessary use of costly and diminishing supply of energy resources.

The Caucus was the only organization in the community to take such a stand and as a result, was attacked by a proponent of the arena in a demeaning letter to the editor.

The bond issue was soundly defeated.

Upcoming County Events:

Feb 2, 1 - 4 p.m. has been set for the County annual meeting at Kryzsko Commons on the Winona State University campus. Plans include featuring "Our Own" -- many Winona county chapter members are contributing in a variety of ways to the involvement of women in public life.

A precinct caucus workshop is planned for the week preceeding the Feb. 26 precinct caucuses.

Business notes: By-laws

There is an opportunity during the business meeting at the MPWC annual convention (on Jan 20) to introduce resolutions on current concerns. The advantage of submitting such proposed resolutions in advance is so that duplication of resolutions can be kept to a minimum by the By-laws and Resolutions Committee.

The suggested format for resolutions is: typed, doublespaced - one resolution per page; your name, phone number and the topic of the resolution at the top of the page. Also include in the resolution your estimation of the financial impact of the resolution for the Caucus.

If you have any questions concerning by-laws and resolutions, please contact Elin Skinner at 698-1834(h) or 474-5919(o).

Please try to type resolutions (this is not a mandatory requirement) and submit them to the Caucus office by Jan. 10.

Membership

We need your membership renewal now. The number of delegates MWPC can send to the National Caucus Meeting in January depends on the number of current, paid members we have 45 days before that meeting.

In addition, in order to finish the financial year with a good balance, we need your dues money now.

Remember, your dues goes to support the state caucus, the national caucus and the newsletter. Please send your \$20 to the Caucus office today.

Nominations

1979 has marked a dramatic year for the caucus. We have had co-chairs, one Democrat and one Republican. We've been very, very visible and important elections and re-elections have been won with our help.

To carry on our important work, we need members who wish to share the responsibilities and leadership in 1980. To indicate your interest, as some already have, call Pam Johnson at 338-4420 or 925-3496.

Annual Convention

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

1980 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Sunday, Jan. 20

MacAlester College
Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel
1600 Grand Avenue
(Grand & Snelling off I-94)

Schedule of Events:

Registration 9:30 - 11:30

Ecumenical Service 10:00

Speaker: Sonia Johnson,
National President, Mormons for ERA

Brunch Reception 11:30
Guests: Minnesota's women legislators

Business Meeting 1:00
*Election of officers
*Consideration of resolutions and by-laws

-----PREREGISTRATION FORM-----
NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

☐ I wish to join MWPC or renew my membership

\$10.00 before January 17.
\$11.00 after January 17.
(registration fee includes brunch)

☐ Member
☐ Non-member

*Voting will be restricted to persons whose MWPC membership is current at the start of the business meeting.

Mail to the Caucus office:
1821 University Avenue
Rm 291 S
St. Paul, MN 55104

Sonia Johnson speaks at conference

Exploring the New Right, a conference to examine right wing coalition politics will feature Sonia Johnson, national President of Mormons for ERA as luncheon speaker. Johnson has recently been tried by a tribunal of Mormon Bishops for her activity in support of ERA. She has been excommunicated from a church her family has belonged to for five generations. However, she quotes early Mormon writings, to support her position as being faithful to the tradition and is appealing the bishops action.

Former U.S. Senator Thomas MacIntyre, author of The Fear Brokers, will keynote the conference. He will be relating his experiences and concerns about the tactics and religious involvement of this group (also referred to as the 70's and 80's version of McCarthyism).

The conference will be held on Sat., Jan. 19, at the Minneapolis YWCA, 1130 Nicollet Ave. The day's program also includes eight workshops on the impact of the New Right on Minnesota politics. Cost is \$10.00 (\$5.00 without lunch). Registrations are being handled by Marion Mahoney, 5108 Blake Rd., Mpls., MN 55436. Luncheon reservations, scholarships and day care require advance registration.

Before the notoriety of her church trial, Sonia Johnson had already said

she would come to Minnesota for Jan. 19 and 20. She had agreed to come on the faith that MWPC would be able to pay her way.

Dr. Johnson will be speaking at noon on Sat. Jan 19, at the New Right Conference and telling of her experiences with church leaders' abuse of authority during the religion workshop. The next day, at the Annual Convention, she will speak during the Feminist worship celebration, along with Jewish, Catholic and Protestant women.

In a phone conversation on Dec. 8, Sonia admitted to having been naive about the economic costs of her present situation. She finds her grocery, postage and gasoline costs climbing sharply as she spends more of her time on the case. She has received about 75 letters a day in recent weeks, nearly all of them in support of her actions.

The planning committee would like to set an example by paying this woman an appropriate honorarium. Now that she has so many expenses, she is willing to accept it. A rabbi, whose congregation includes many refugees from religious persecution, made the first contribution. While more church leaders will be contacted, this appeal is being made to the state Caucus membership. Contributions should be sent to the Minnesota Women's Educational Council and designated for "Conference Expenses."

Ms. Johnson also asks that if anyone knows of any other places where she can speak and raise money for ERA while she is in Minnesota, please let her know. An appearance at the Uof M YWCA is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Jan. 18. Anyone interested in arranging other appearances for Sonia, please contact Enid Griffin at 645-1909.

(Ed. note: Enid Griffin spoke with Ms. Johnson by phone and contributed to this article.)

IN MEMORIAM

Rhoda S. Lund

A woman ahead of her time
Advocate of women
Friend of the Caucas

STATE BOARD, COMMISSION VACANCIES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

She also notes that although the process of filing for these positions has already begun, anyone can still apply. Application forms can be obtained from Jensen's office, or the Secretary of State's office (or the Caucus office), however applications are now turned directly to Jensen's office, in the Capitol Building.

"Ten to 15 percent of the applications we get come from women," she said. Jensen feels this is because women themselves only apply for certain boards. "Women have to learn to think in non-traditional ways. For example, many more women apply for State Arts Board than for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board or the Pollution Control Agency."

She feels the task force which interviews applicants is very fair. "There's no chauvinism on their part," she adds.

Jensen also notes that the application form for all these positions is short. Some people may find it hard to fill in because it is general; but Jensen says this allows anyone to indicate their own interests.

She says, "there's no one particular thing that makes one application better than another. Genuine interest usually shows through." She added that employment, personal interest and community service are all important when filling in applications.

Jensen has been trying to make people more aware of these vacancies by speaking at a number of events. She hopes these efforts will encourage more people to apply. "We want to get the best possible for each post ... the more people that apply, the better the chance of doing that."

She also hopes more women will get involved in government through these board and commission appointments.

The commissions and boards in the state many times have a hand in policy formation that affects women, and with input from more women, more doors can be opened for others.

For more information about these appointments you can obtain a copy of the State Register, from the Secretary of State Office, 180 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155 or Contact Pat Jensen's office at the Governor's Office, State Office Building, in the State Capital, (296-6614).

MWEC Fundraiser

The MWEC fundraiser luncheon held on Dec. 5 was very successful. A special thank you goes to Laura Miles for all her hard work organizing the event.

Guest speakers were Secretary of State Joan Grove and Executive Assistant to Governor Quie, Jean LeVander King.

Friends of the Caucus, who contributed to the \$100 a plate luncheon include:

Barbara Adams	Vivian Barfield
Lois Bishop	Beverly Braun
Glays Brooks	Marney Brooks
Jean Brueske	Lou Brum
Marilyn Bryant	Sandra Butler
Carol Connolly	Josie Corning
Mary Dayton	Judith Driscoll
Joan Duddingston	Helen Duff
Kathleen Erickson	Helen Fleck
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Martha Head	Judith Healey
Anne Hess	Sally Howard
Beatrice Huston	Marlene Johnson
Pam Johnson	Jean King
Harriet Lansing	Iantha LeVander
Perrin Lilly	Sharon Lurth
Diane Margrath	Sally Martin
Laura Miles	Katherine Murphy
Sally Pillsbury	Martha Platt
Kathleen Ridder	Toni Riley
Joyce Ritz	Nina Rothchild
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Elin Skinner	Emily Staples
Barbara Steinbergs	Barbara Stowe
Susan Stuart-Otto	Barbara Stuhler
Loanne Thrane	Elizabeth Tickle
Mary Vaughn	Connie Weinman
Jean West	Ragnhild Westby
Tracy Whitehead	

Other Contributors to MWPC and MWEC are:

Barbara Freeman	Harriet Herb
Reatha King	Constance Levi
Constance Otis	Ella Slade
Mary Van Evera	

MWEC By-laws

You are hereby notified pursuant to the By-laws of the Minnesota Women's Educational Council (MWEC) that the following Articles have been amended by vote of the Steering Committee, and will be adopted at the annual meeting of MWEC in conjunction with the annual meeting of Minnesota Women's Political Caucus (MWPC). The amendments are as follows:

Article 3, Section 1 - Hereafter an annual meeting will be held during the course of one of the two MWPC semi-annual membership meetings held each year at such place, at such hour as shall be announced not less than thirty days proceeding that meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting is a legal holiday in the State of Minnesota, such meeting shall be held on the next proceeding business day. If the election of Directors is not held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, not any adjournment hereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as is convenient.

Article 4, Section 4 - A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held twice each year and at such other times may be provided provisions of these By-laws. (The remaining two paragraphs of this amendment shall stay as presently constituted.)

Article 9 Fiscal Year of Corporation shall be the same as the fiscal year of MWPC.

Article 10 Board of Directors shall receive from MWPC a prorated share of the annual dues payable as a portion of the dues entitling membership in MWPC. Amount due is subject to a satisfaction by the majority of the membership at the annual meeting, but may not be amended during the course of the fiscal year.

Article 2, Section 2 Payment of Dues. Dues shall be payable in conjunction with payment of annual membership dues for MWPC. During the fiscal year, no prorated annual dues shall be extended. Payment of dues may be waived upon request by such means as established by the Vice-President at

her discretion, with the proviso that MWPC shall, in their discretion, also have waived such annual dues. Request for waiver of dues and information pursuant thereto shall be considered confidential.

Metro case tests 'U' womens' rights

Judge Lord of the U.S. District Court of Minneapolis is currently hearing testimony in the case of Rajender vs. the University of Minnesota. The case is a class action suit filed by Dr. Shyamala Rajender claiming discrimination in the University's hiring and tenure procedures in the Chemistry Department from 1969 to 1972. She has been the only female faculty member in the past 60 years.

In 1971, the Chemistry Recruiting Committee (composed entirely of men) decided not to award tenure to Dr. Rajender. She left the University and subsequently filed a class action suit.

Although this case is significant for all women, very few, if any, have shown interest in the case by attending the court proceedings. The University of Minnesota lawyers have already pointed out to the judge that, for a class action suit, there have been very few women coming to listen. They have insinuated that the lack of visible support means that Dr. Rajender is the only one who feels the University of Minnesota's Chemistry Department is guilty of discrimination against women. But the facts speak for themselves -- Dr. Rajender was the only female chemistry professor hired since WWI. The department still has no women faculty members, even though at least 12 % of all Chemistry Ph.D.'s awarded nationally go to women.

To find out when this court is in session, call Judge Lord's calendar clerk (Jennifer Stein) at 725-2383. It is important for us to support Dr. Rajender in this class action suit by being present for the court proceeding. A few hours of courtroom will not only be a gesture of support but may be of personal benefit as well.

In and Around Town

The following are upcoming issues and events which may be of interest to members. If you know of events which may be of interest to other MWPC members, please send information to Carol Stenberg at the Caucus office.

Legislative Think Tank

On Sat., Dec. 1, several women met at Elin Skinner's home to discuss possible legislative concerns before the 1980 session begins.

This informal group, open to anyone -- Caucus members and friends -- will meet again on Sat., Jan. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Elin's home at 1834 Princeton Ave, St. Paul.

During the first meeting, job sharing, insurance coverage, inheritance, tax reform, a state ERA, rental to families with minors, energy and sexual harassment were discussed.

Additional topics can be brought up at the Jan. 5 meeting. You are encouraged to turn to the Caucus if you have an area in which you would like to see legislative reform.

Domestic Violence Act

The Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Act (HR 2977) proposes technical and financial assistance for shelters, hotlines and other community projects to help prevent family violence.

This act would authorize the establishment of a three year grant program to involve state and local government supported programs for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. A total of \$65 million would be allocated over the three year period.

This act is up for a House vote when Congress reconvenes in January, and needs strong support - YOUR SUPPORT - because many legislators remain uninformed and unconvinced of the high incidence of domestic violence.

You can help by writing to your Senators and Representatives and urging them to support passage of this act.

For more information on how you can help, contact Louise Bowman, Church of the Brethren, 110 Maryland Ave NE, Washington, D.C. 20002, (phone 202-546-3202) or contact IMPACT at 202-544-8636.

Insurance

The Council on the Economic Status of Women is having a roundtable meeting focusing on "Women and Insurance," on Wed., Dec. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Council office.

MWPC Co-chair Marilyn Bryant will moderate a discussion between a speaker from the state Department of Human Rights and State Representative Ann Wynia.

An informal lunch (bring a bag lunch) will be held before the meeting, at 11:30, followed by a tour of the Capitol.

For more information, call the Council office at 292-8590.

Job sharing bill

Job sharing, a new option in permanent parttime employment, is attracting national attention. It is defined as the restructuring of fulltime positions so that two or more employees hold the same responsibilities for the job and share the time, salary and fringe benefits.

A bill proposes a pilot program in which 50 positions in state government will be shared by 100 employees. Not less than 10 of these must be either professional, supervisory or managerial, and which are not traditionally open to part-time employees.

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is actively supporting the bill. They feel the bill addresses many issues: reducing unemployment, increasing job opportunities for those who need greater flexibility in work schedules, providing options for families, easing the day care problems of working mothers, and helping to implement affirmative action goals.

For more information about this bill, contact the League at 555 Wabasha St., St. Paul, MN 55102.

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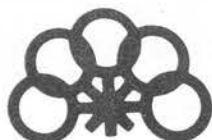
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Connolly announces candidacy

Carol Connolly, MWPC co-chair, announced her candidacy for the St. Paul City Council at the Ramsey County Courthouse on Wednesday, October 3.

Connolly is seeking the DFL endorsement for the Council position.



Earlier this year, she sought the seat vacated by Rosalie Butler's death. Although Connolly received more support for, George McMahon was appointed to fill that vacancy. But, Connolly says that the overwhelming support she received when seeking Butler's seat encouraged her to run again.

As a lifelong resident of St. Paul, she is aware of the area's major concerns. In addition, she has been actively involved in DFL party activities for over 20 years.

Connolly believes that she can "effectively represent the people of St. Paul in matters of housing, energy, public safety and rights of the elderly.

In addition, her work as a Human Rights Commissioner for the City of St. Paul provide a firsthand view of the housing situation. She notes that "the problem of inadequate housing demonstrates the need for action. It is imperative to expand the present housing base and yet preserve the integrity, consistency and history of our neighborhoods."

Connolly has recently been named to the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, and in addition she is also deputy state coordinator for the Minnesota Irish National Caucus.

She has been involved in many community and civic endeavors including Women Advocates, and the Women of All Red Nations (WARN). She is currently serving on the board of for Project Interaction, Inc., Proccles, Inc., Victory House, Inc., Womenswork, Inc., and the Olympia Arts Ensemble.

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Co-Chairs report

"Not all meetings are dull; some of them are cancelled," is reported to be the pungent observation of one veteran meeting goer. Those of us from the MWPC who are your representatives to and participants in the Steering Committee Meetings of NWPC in Seattle on October 26 - 28 are wary of these words for most of us are veterans of many meetings as well. We recognize that the problems to be addressed may be complicated and at times tedious. You as members may be assured that we as your representatives from this Caucus are aware of the hazards while recognizing that such meetings are crucial to the continuing life of the NWPC. At these gatherings policy is made, lines of direction are laid down, group spirit is renewed, and each individual gains a fresh enthusiasm.

The NWPC Steering Committee is comprised of these elements: one member from each state caucus for the first 30 members in good standing, and one member for each additional increment of 100 such members. In addition, members representing the ethnic caucuses are selected by each respective ethnic caucus, and chairs of all eleven standing committees of NWPC and twelve at-large members also sit on the committee. Our Minnesota Caucus had three representatives at the last National Steering Committee meetings in January, and rapid growth in members entitles us to now have four delegates.

The Steering Committee meets at least two times per year. Its duties, as defined by the NWPC bylaws, include establishing policy of the NWPC, implementing policy adopted by the NWPC Convention and approving priorities and programs, electing seven members of the Administrative Committee, filling vacancies in national offices as they occur, and adopting the annual budget. Superimposed on this myriad of duties is the frequent need to respond to urgent matters, address pressing problems, and initiate steps toward solutions.

NWPC outlined

Iris Mitgang, who was elected Chair of NWPC at the Cincinnati Convention in July, has promised a full agenda for the October Steering Committee meetings. In the realm of administrative business we will be reviewing a revised edition of NWPC Bylaws, incorporating amendments that were passed in Cincinnati, and discussing resolutions adopted at that Convention. With regard to the resolutions, it is significant to note that the first two passed. This reaffirms our commitment to the ratification of ERA. Others reflect our continued strong interest in a broad range of issues including the federal budget, energy, employment, world hunger, SALT II, and the right to choose. Many of these are not what might be called typical women's issues, but as Bella Abzug recently made patently clear, women have a right and a responsibility to address these issues.

Several of your Minnesota Caucus delegates are members of NWPC Standing Committees, special interest groups, or task forces. Rahn Westby, who serves as MWPC Appointments Committee co-chair, has been asked to chair a similar national committee. Pam Johnson and I will be attending the ERA Committee meetings on Friday, October 26. We will all be working hard to represent our state in a responsible way.

Iris Mitgang's goal is to raise the voice and level of political activism of women. Accordingly, considerable time at the Seattle meetings will be spent on endorsement and targeting criteria and procedures for the 1980 elections. As we anticipate the Seattle gathering, we are reminded that Mitgang believes that this is not a time of compromise for women, and as she said recently, it is a time "to take some risks, to be a little outrageous, to reaffirm our leadership role and get the ERA ratified, to get women into political office."

Marilyn Bryant
Co-Chair

Murphy Nominated for Federal bench

This past month we marked an historic happening in which we played a significant role. Special applause goes to Rahn Westby for the leadership she exerted and to Jean Matross for her sustained energy in this effort.

On September 21, MWPC held a news conference in the Hennepin County Government Center. We were joined by members of the Minnesota Women Lawyers, Judge Suzanne Sedgwick, Judge Harriet Lansing, Justice Rosalie E. Wahl, David Brink, immediate past President of the Minnesota Bar Association and others.

My remarks were these:

"We as members of the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus and Minnesota Women Lawyers, are here today to publicly express our happiness at the announcement of the nomination of Judge Diana E. Murphy for appointment to the Federal District Court Bench. Judge Murphy is highly qualified, her record is excellent, and she will serve the people well. We commend President Carter and Vice President Mondale for their outstanding choice."

Carol Connolly
Co-Chair

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Our purpose is to win equal representation for women in government
Co-chairs: Marilyn Bryant
and Carol Connolly
Office Manager: Avis Foley
Editor: Carol Stenberg

NEXT DEADLINE: Monday, November 5

This is your newsletter: your advice, comments and criticisms are needed to make improvements and changes. In addition, suggestions for articles and/or photos are invited. Send all current information to Carol Stenberg, 892 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103. Photos can be returned if you enclose a self-addressed envelope. Please send all material at least 10 DAYS BEFORE deadline.

We mark this occasion especially because Judge Murphy is the first woman nominated to this position in the history of the State of Minnesota. MWPC is a bipartisan organization. Women of both parties have joined together throughout the intricate and difficult selection process employed here to promote and support the nomination of a woman to the Federal Bench. We endorsed Judge Murphy earlier this year. We celebrate this appointment as we celebrated the appointment and election of Supreme Court Justice Rosalie W. Wahl, the first woman in Minnesota to serve on that Court. We consider this nomination a victory for the people of Minnesota."

Abzug advocates inflation mail-in

Bella Abzug, former congresswoman from New York, is leading an attack on inflation. She is asking all of us: ARE YOU FED UP WITH INFLATION?

As an affirmation of your disgust with uncontrolled inflation, Abzug asks that you make a copy of your most outrageous bill and send it along with the following statement to: The Speaker of the House, Washington, D.C. 20015.

Dear Speaker:

I am sick and tired of outrageous bills like this one and I'm demanding action to stop inflation! I urge you to fight for restoration of oil price controls and for effective controls on the price of food, fuel, mortgages, rents, hospital costs. I want action now from Congress and the President.

Sincerely,

(name)
(address)

County caucuses report

Hennepin County
Sara Miele, chair

September was a very successful month for HCWPC. We had a very profitable and well attended Roller Skating fundraiser which goes to assist our endorsed candidates. We are planning another possibly in February. Thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to Mary Meeker (co-chair), Anna Pickard Murphy and our own incomparable Pat Lewis.

October will be a busy month for us -- October 24 we are having a luncheon for Parker Trostel and Jackie Slatter in Room A of the Government Center, 300 South Sixth St. at 12 noon. Bring your lunch or buy it at the cafeteria -- but don't miss it.

In addition, as the November election draws closer our Doorknocks become more important. This is our most important means of contacting voters. Please try to participate in as many as possible. Meet at the location listed on time. There's food and drink after the doorknock. So come on -- pitch in and get to know some of your county caucus members.

Tuesday, October 16

For Parker Trostel (Seventh Ward, Council), meet at 1928 James Ave.S., Mpls at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday October 25

For Jackie Slatter (Sixth Ward), meet at 616 E. 25th St., Mpls, at 5:30 p.m.

Monday October 29

For Judy Corrao (Second Ward), meet at 2303 - 27th Ave S., Mpls. at 5:30 p.m.

And Don't forget the General Election on Tuesday, November 6. VOTE !

Ramsey County
Carla Messman, chair

Founding Feminists was a huge success. A warm spirit permeating the evening. Ten founding feminists were honored at the Landmark Center on September 21. A significant contribution was made to the 1980 candidates' fund.

The first issues meeting centered on the right to choice issue, with guest Jeri Rasmussen providing an overview and background on the issue. The next issues meeting, scheduled for October 30 at 611 Dayton Avenue, will feature Betty Benjamin and Senator George Perpich to round out the discussion on this much misunderstood issue.

A quarterly membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24 at 943 Marshall Avenue, beginning at 8 p.m. Featured guest will be Senator Emily Anne Staples addressing the problems of competition among women at the electoral level.

A second electoral strategy meeting will be scheduled following telephone input from members (members' comments will be solicited via a phone tree). Be prepared to provide your input in determining Ramsey County's electoral goals and strategies for the next five years.

Members are urged to renew their memberships early and to encourage friends and colleagues to join the Caucus prior to December 12. Additional membership brochures are available from the office.

South St. Louis County
Barbara Glick
Anne Aspoas
Co-Chairs

The South St. Louis County Chapter held its monthly meeting and educational program on September 27. The Steering Committee is preparing a policy booklet.

Another committee is reviewing and preparing for publication a booklet entitled, "What to Do When a Loved One Dies." Information for the booklet was compiled by two Duluth women who are doing graduate work on that subject. The booklets will be sold by the SSLC chapter.

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In other business the group decided to monitor candidates and elected officials serving on the school board and city council. Members are asked to assume this responsibility on a voluntary basis.

The endorsement committee recommended that the greatest opportunity for electing women candidates is in the school board race. the SSLC chapter will hold an endorsement meeting in October. Chapter member, Mary Ryland is up for re-election and will be one of the candidates considered for endorsement.

Fall fund raising efforts began the last weekend in September with donations from participating members at a member's cabin. During the weekend discussions were held on policy matters and subjects relative to the future and purpose of the chapter.

Winona County
Alice Keller

A general membership meeting is scheduled to screen and endorse candidates for Winona City Council and Mayor. Filings close October 9.

Plans continue for the annual luncheon on October 27. Commissioner of Personnel Barbara Sundquist will be the featured speaker.

On November 9, an informal membership meeting is planned. We will listen to the NWPC convention tapes. Membership recruitment is also a goal for both events.

The Caucus is co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters an information meeting about the proposed ice arena. The referendum for the bonding for the facility will be on the ballot for the December 4 city election.

October 16 Screening and endorsing, membership meeting
October 27 12 noon, Luncheon at St. Teresa's College, Lourdes Hall
November 9 General membership meeting at Helen Popovich's home on Huff and Lake sts.

Steinem to rally for Abortion Rights

Gloria Steinem will be one of the participants in Minnesota's Abortion Rights Action Week Activities. Steinem will be speaking to about a dozen Friends of Planned Parenthood chapters around the state on "Women, Families and Reproductive Rights."

She will also be attending a brunch at the Warm Gallery, 414 First Ave. N, Minneapolis, on Sunday, October 28. The public is invited.

The National Abortion Rights Action League in cooperation with the Women's Political Caucus is sponsoring Abortion Rights Action Week programs. The week's activities focus on women's rights to reproductive choices.

It has been almost 10 years since the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the individual rights to privacy in abortion matters. But the freedom of women to make these choices has not yet been guaranteed.

The week's activities will include programs at Hamline University, the University of Minnesota and William Mitchell School of Law with speakers on abortion rights.

In addition a discussion is tentatively scheduled with U.S. Senators Rudy Boschwitz and David Durenberger.

For more information about the week's activities, call Betty Benjamin at the Abortion Rights Council of Minnesota, 926-5111.

Office Manager needed

MWPC is looking for a part-time office manager beginning November 1.

For more information about the position, contact Carol Van Ryswyck at 377-0673 (h) or 298-5454 (o).

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MacIntyre keynotes New Right Conference

Senator Thomas MacIntyre of New Hampshire, author of the recent and widely hailed publication, The Fear Brokers, will keynote the Conference on the New Right on Saturday, January 19.

The conference is the first of its kind and constitutes a major educational effort by its sponsors MWPC and its non-profit arm, the Minnesota Women's Educational Council.

MacIntyre, a national authority on the New Right, will address the conference on the origins, tactics and impact of the New

Noteworthy

Congratulations to Diana Murphy who was recently named nominee for one of the new Minnesota Federal Judgeships. She was endorsed by MWPC

Members Rahn Westby and Pam Johnson have been elected as delegates to the NWPC Steering Committee Meeting in Seattle on October 26 -28. Alternates are Gloria Griffin and Carol Van Ryswyck.

Member Marquita Finley will address the topic "Women and Social Issues" at the Conference on Women and Religion and Religion on October 19 & 20.

Members Beverly Braun and Susan Stuart-Otto will be participating in a program called "Your Own Business: How and When to Start." Braun will discuss where to find information and Stuart-Otto will speak on getting started.

The nominating committee is already preparing for the 1980 convention, when MWPC will elect new officers. The committee is asking for your suggestions and nominations for officers. Please contact Pam Johnson at 338-4420 (o) or 925-3496 (h).

Right. He has had extensive personal experience with the New Right during his sixteen years in Washington.

In addition to MacIntyre's discussion, seven workshops are currently being planned to discuss the impact of the New Right on education; women, minorities, gays/lesbians, and the poor; environment; religion; health; labor and collective bargaining; and the political process from a feminist perspective.

An eighth workshop is also planned for the New Right Conference but the topic for this session has not yet been finalized.

The statewide meeting of MWPC will follow the New Right Conference on Sunday, January 20. Mark those dates on your calendar and be sure to participate in an exciting weekend with the Caucus.

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Offer:
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In and Around Town

The following are conferences, and upcoming events which may be of interest to members. If you know of events which may be of interest to other MWPC members, please send information to Carol Stenborg at the Caucus office.

Conference on Social Security

Scheduled for November 1 at Earl Browne Conference Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul. from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is \$6.00 or \$3.00 for persons over 62, and lunch is included.

The goals of the conference are to provide information on the present Social Security system and its effect on women; to review "Social Security and the Changing Roles of Men and Women," a recent HEW report; and to discuss alternative legislation and proposals for change.

For additional registration and program information, please call the council on Economic Status of Women at 296-8590 (metro area) or call toll free at 1-800-652-9744.

New Directions in Women's Occupational Health

October 22-24 at the Minneapolis YWCA. The program focuses on occupational health and safety issues as they relate to women. For more information, contact Frank Lee at (612) 373-4124.

DFL Feminists Political Skills Workshops

These workshops are designed to provide you with a basic knowledge to help your caucuses in speaking out and electing more feminists. The six separate workshops will be held at the DFL Feminist Caucus Headquarters in the Griggs Midway Building. For more information and reservations please call the office (646-4004).

DFL Campaign Skills Workshops

A full day of practical advice and discussion.

October 27	Bemidji
November 18	Willmar
January 5	Metro area
January 12	St. Peter

Contact Clair Rumpel or Becky Hale for more information (612) 827-5421.

World Press Institute

WPI is sponsoring an evening with international journalists on October 11, at the Minneapolis Athletic Club. The cost is \$4.00 per person and includes fruit, cheese, and coffee. Cash bar is additional. Featured guests include Manjula Giri, 27, the only woman reporter with Nepal's national news agency, NSS; Lorena Barzuna, 23, the first woman and second journalist from Costa Rica to participate in WPI; and Vaiju Mahindroo, 26, staff writer for India Today, a weekly news magazine.

Membership brochures enclosed

A new membership brochure is enclosed with this issue. Members are encouraged to pass out applications to anyone interested in joining the Caucus. Carla Messman, Membership Chair, notes that any new applications or renewals processed before December 12 will count toward determining our delegate strength at the National Steering Committee Meeting in January 1980.

In addition, all applications made now are good through 1980. If you need more brochures to pass out at meetings, contact the Caucus office.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 15 Nominations due for Standing Committees of NWPC. If interested, write to: Barbara Reno, 4701 Connecticut Ave., # 203 Washington, D.C. 20008
- 15 GOP Feminist Monthly Meeting, Topic: "Sex Equity in Education. Call Janet Wright at 854-7771 (w) or 454-3711 (h) re: time and place
- 22-29 Abortion Rights Action Week (see story)
- 24 Ramsey County Membership Meeting
- 26-28 NWPC Steering Committee Meetings, Seattle, WA

NOVEMBER

- 1 Conference on "Women and Social Security" (see Around Town)
- 5 MWPC Steering Committee meeting, 5:30 Griggs Midway Bldg. Rm 205. Members welcome.
- 17 League of Women Voters Workshop on Effective Citizenship and the Legislative Process. St. Thomas College, 9:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- 19 GOP Feminist Monthly Meeting Topic: "Precinct Caucuses"

See Around Town and Noteworthy for other current activities.



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Dear Friend,

Women aren't the better half—they're the other half.
But in government, they're the missing half.

There are only 17 women in the U.S. Congress—
and 518 men.

Nationally, women hold less than 10 percent of all
elective offices.

There are no women on the Supreme Court—and
there never have been.

Men run America.

After 200 years of debate over equality, public office
remains the fortress of inequality.

The WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FUND is doing some-
thing about it. Over the past five years, we've identified
dozens of qualified candidates and helped them win
elections.

This year—1979—women from every part of the
nation are relying upon us for the help they must have
now to launch successful campaigns.

We, in turn, must rely upon you.

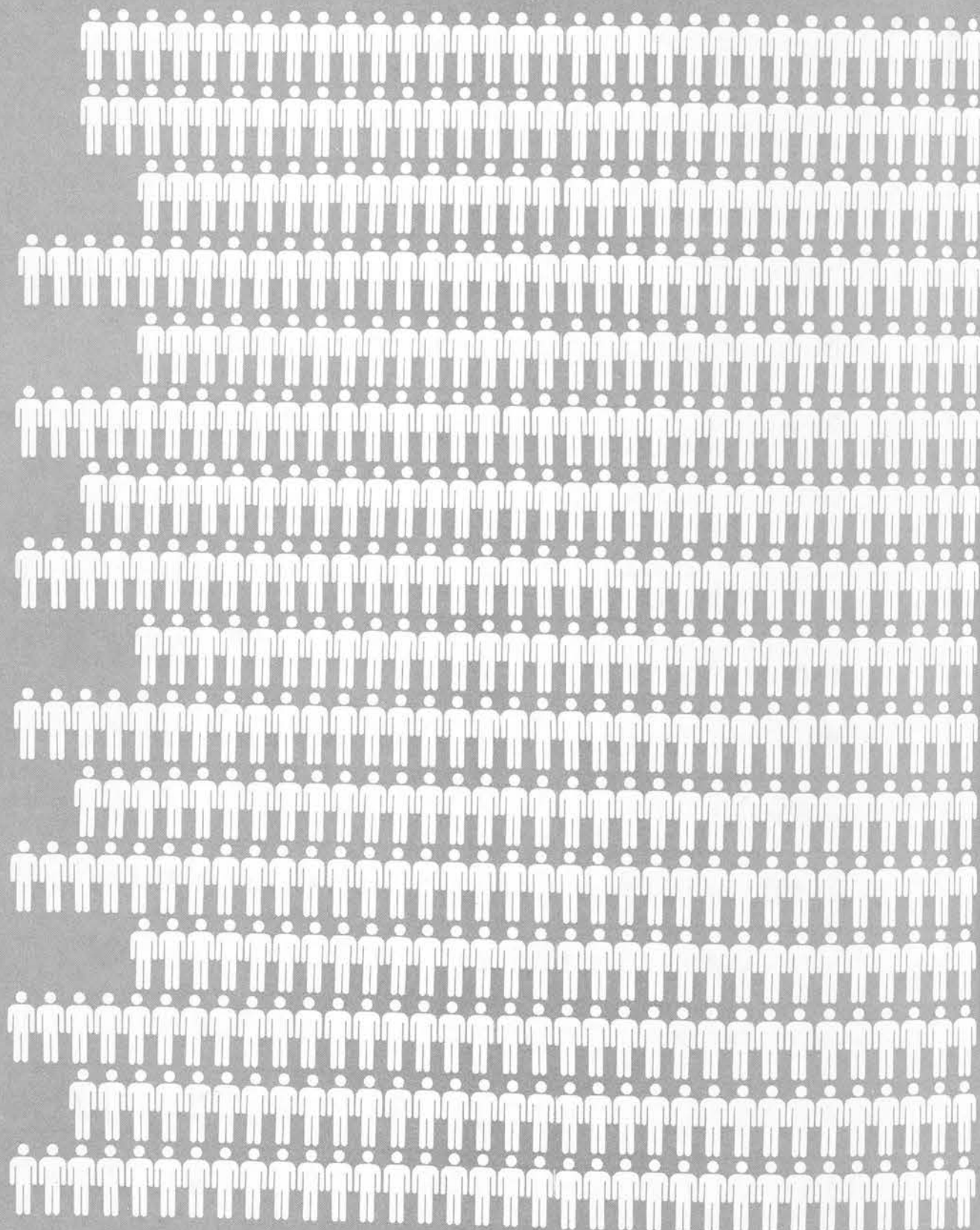
Please read about WCF, and join us by sending \$25
or whatever you can afford.

Sincerely,

Sharon Percy Rockefeller

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Congress is
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...and 17 women



MEN RUN AMERICA.

	Men% 	Women% 
U.S. Population	48.7	51.3
U.S. Senate	99	1
U.S. House	96	4
U.S. Supreme Court	100	0
Federal Judges	99	1
Governors	96	4
State Representatives	90	10
State Senators	95	5
Statewide Elective/ Appointive Offices	89	11
County Governing Boards	97	3
Mayors and Councilors	92	8
School Board Members	75	25

The practical question today is how to elect more women to public office. One of the answers is the Women's Campaign Fund.

(Figures compiled by the National Women's Education Fund and the Center for the American Woman in Politics.)

SINCE THE WCF BEGAN, WE'VE HELPED 52 WOMEN FINISH FIRST.

Early in 1974, a woman named Maya Miller ran for the U.S. Senate from Nevada. Although she had strong credentials for that job, Maya ran into a brick wall when she tried to raise money in Washington. Maya Miller and her staff found that many potential donors viewed her not as a candidate or a future



Senator—but as a woman.

Looking around the country, we found that women in other states were subjected to the same kind of treatment, with the same devastating results.

Qualified women candidates simply were not taken seriously.



And that's where we came in. Since 1974, we've put thousands of dollars into campaign coffers.

We've dispatched some of America's best political consultants who assist in fund-raising, polling, media advertising, and field organization.

While we've come a long way in a short time, we have a much greater distance to go. Your support today will help WCF take a giant step forward in 1980—sending scores of qualified women to state capitols and Capitol Hill.

The Women's Campaign Fund assists women candidates who:

- ▶ take progressive stands on major issues
- ▶ have a chance to win
- ▶ need help.

BEHIND THE SCENES OF A WCF SUCCESS STORY.

Can women candidates overcome the obstacles placed in their path? Just ask newly-elected Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro of New York's 9th C.D. Ferraro upset a party-endorsed candidate in a three-way Democratic primary, then captured 54% of the vote in a hotly contested general election.

A former bureau chief in the Queens DA's office, Gerry stressed crime prevention, housing, and health care in her campaign.

At the beginning, "nobody believed in her except a few enlightened souls like the Women's Campaign Fund," says Ferraro campaign manager Carmine Parisi.

"Women running for office have a tough time raising money," notes Gerry. "Your \$6,000 and your fundraising advice were critical."

"The WCF was in constant communication with us and helped plug us in to other sources of good money. Many candidates don't know which labor and corporate groups might be helpful. The Women's Campaign Fund was able to answer those questions for us."

What we did for Gerry Ferraro we can do for other candidates. In 1979, our job is to seek out these women and give them the encouragement, advice, and *money* needed for victory.



SOME OF OUR BEST FRIENDS ARE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS.

Here is a sketch of just a few of the candidates we helped in '78.



NANCY KASSEBAUM

Nancy Landon Kassebaum, running a campaign *Time Magazine* called "strong-spirited and refreshingly frank," was elected to the U.S. Senate from Kansas. She is the first popularly elected woman Senator in our history who did not first fill an unexpired term of her husband.

Her surprise triumph against eight opponents in the Republican primary gave Nancy Kassebaum the momentum she needed to make a strong, successful race in November.

Kassebaum told us, "Your money was important and your endorsement was critical. It added credibility to my effort and increased my chances of winning."

PATRICIA SCHROEDER

Despite being outspent 2 to 1, Colorado Congresswoman Pat Schroeder was re-elected to her fourth term. She won a solid victory without abandoning her convictions on controversial issues such as freedom of choice on abortion and a three-year extension for ratification of the ERA.

One of the most innovative members of the Congress, Pat Schroeder has exercised a significant impact on legislation through her membership on the Armed Services Committee.

"Women running for Congress, even as incumbents, find themselves at a severe financial disadvantage," the Colorado Democrat says. "In all three of my races for re-election, WCF has been at my side providing critical assistance."



OLYMPIA SNOWE

Sweeping to victory in Maine's 2nd Congressional District was 30-year-old GOP State Senator Olympia Snowe, who had established a substantial record of achievement in health care.

Snowe, who captured 57 percent of the vote against a strong Democratic Party effort, benefited from \$9,000 in WCF contributions.

"Equal in importance to your monetary contribution was your moral support. To know that I could rely on the people at the Women's Campaign Fund for advice, counsel, and encouragement meant more than just a check in the mail."

NANCY STEVENSON

In South Carolina, where the Equal Rights Amendment has yet to be ratified, voters chose Nancy Stevenson, a Democrat and an outspoken ERA supporter, as their new Lieutenant Governor.

As a member of the state legislature, Stevenson authored the Fiscal Accountability Act and worked successfully to set responsible limits on government spending.



"Your contribution to my campaign came early and was essential," the Lt. Governor says. "It was all the more valuable because I knew you had really spent some time investigating my chances and my qualifications. You weren't helping me just because I'm a woman."



DIANE WATSON

"The underrepresentation of minority women is particularly serious," says Diane Watson, whose November victory makes her the first black woman and only the second woman ever elected to the California Senate.

Watson, a Democrat, was first elected to the Los Angeles Board of Education in 1975. Prior to that time, she was a teacher and assistant principal, a health occupations specialist, and an associate professor at Cal State.

Watson says, "most women candidates have fewer resources to draw on for their campaigns and minority women have fewer still. The Women's Campaign Fund serves a much-needed purpose by adding greatly to these resources."

STATE HOUSES

One refreshing result of the recent election was the success of many women candidates for state office. Having doubled their representation since 1969, women now hold 10.2% of all state legislative seats.

State legislators have significant responsibilities in virtually every area of public policy—from the criminal code to nursing home regulation, from tax and spending matters to energy and environmental questions.



Most important, the growing number of women in state houses forms an ever-expanding pool of experienced candidates for higher offices.

The Women's Campaign Fund was involved in a number of state legislative races, contributing to pro-ERA women running for seats in states targeted for ratification.

State and local candidates are supported through a separate, segregated fund.

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For years, self-styled political "pros" have scoffed at the potential appeal of women seeking office. Women have been viewed as improbable candidates and probable losers.

The Women's Campaign Fund is meeting this problem head-on.

We've spent the past five years boosting candidates turned away by traditional donors. And in one race after another, our contributions have convinced individuals and organizations to open their checkbooks to qualified women.

Recognizing that WCF support frequently unlocks other doors, we aim our assistance at the early stages of a campaign. We realize the sooner a candidate begins raising money, the easier it becomes to quiet the cynics and gain the visibility necessary to get elected. Old myths die hard. But with your help we'll bury the notion that women candidates can't find enough funding to win.

It's no secret that substantial sums of money are required to wage a successful campaign for state or federal office. Less well known,

"Is there so great a superfluity of men fit for high duties that society can afford to reject the service of any competent person? Are we so certain of always finding a man... for any duty or function of social importance which falls vacant, that we lose nothing by putting a ban upon half of mankind and refusing beforehand to make their faculties available, however distinguished they may be...?"

John Stuart Mill "The Subjection of Women" 1869

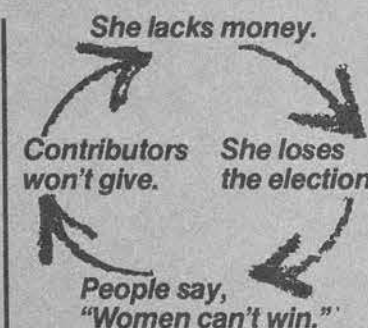
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Twenty-six-year-old Susan Engeleiter would have made an outstanding Congresswoman. Her campaign in Wisconsin's 9th Congressional District was based on the formidable record she had established in the Wisconsin legislature, where she advanced the cause of consumer protection and helped to reform the state's rape and divorce laws.

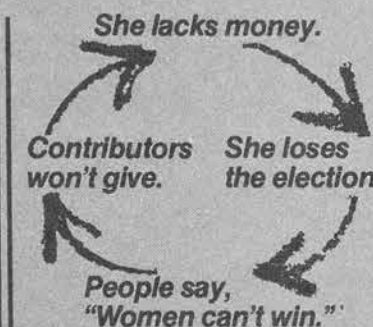
Unfortunately, many voters never learned of Susan Engeleiter's achievements or her positions on the issues.

She faced an unbridgeable \$20,000 funding gap which prevented her from airing needed television commercials. In a photo finish against her conservative GOP primary opponent, Jim Sensenbrenner, Engeleiter lost by only 600 votes.

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HALF THE CONGRESS IS MISSING.

DOES IT REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE THAT ONLY 4 PERCENT OF THE CONGRESS IS FEMALE?

It makes a great deal of difference if we are to enjoy a national decision-making process which benefits from the perspective of every part of our population.

It makes a difference if we want to eliminate sex-based discrimination in our Social Security system.

It makes a difference if we want to enter the national debate on health care equipped with the unique experience and knowledge women lawmakers can contribute to this subject.

And certainly the absence of women makes an immeasurable difference when tax or retirement policies are formed; when the criminal code is revised; when day care programs are funded or opposed; when pregnancy disability or abortion laws are written.

Finally, the 96 percent male make-up of the 96th Congress makes a difference when the defense budget is set and our nation's priorities established.

With half the Congress missing, the quality of our political representation is diminished. And every American — male as well as female — is the loser.

**a woman's
place is in the
house and
the senate**

SOME WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE KNOW US WELL.

F"The growing strength of the Women's Campaign Fund is one of the healthiest developments in American politics in recent years. The financial and technical support the WCF has extended to candidates of both parties has made a major impact in a number of elections."

**Bill Brock, Chairman
Republican National Committee**



F"Throughout government women are underrepresented, particularly in decision-making offices. Nowhere is this more apparent than on the federal bench where of 525 judges only 11 are women. Congress this year will attempt to redress this shocking imbalance. That effort — and other efforts to utilize the enormous energy and talent of more than 50% of our population — would be more likely to succeed if there were more women in Congress itself. That's one of the reasons the work of the Women's Campaign Fund is so important. I strongly urge that all Americans, women and men, support its efforts."

U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy



F"Women continue to be woefully underrepresented in both elective and appointive offices. The Women's Campaign Fund offers hope for increasing the number of women who serve in policy-making positions."

**Patricia Roberts Harris
Secretary, Department of
Housing and Urban Development**



F"No American can be satisfied when women — who make up 51.3% of our population — hold fewer than 10% of all elective offices nationally. Those statistics represent a tragic waste of human talent and skills which our nation cannot afford. We need the perspective and contributions of qualified women at all levels of government to meet the complex challenges facing our country today."

Vice President Walter Mondale



F"When I first ran for the Senate in 1948 the opposition cry was that 'the Senate was no place for a woman.' Fortunately, I overcame that negative thinking so successfully that two elections later in 1960 the Democrats nominated a very fine woman against me. Now the more accepted statement is 'A Woman's Place is in the House — and the Senate too!' But there has not been enough action to back those words. 30 years later there is still only one woman in the Senate and for six years prior to 1978 no woman at all. We must continue efforts to put more women in our highest legislative forum."

**The Honorable
Margaret Chase Smith**



F"It has been nearly 60 years since we won the right to vote, and we've spent most of those years voting for men. I am convinced that the whole country would benefit if more women were elected to public office."

Mrs. Rosalynn Carter



Tom Braden

Support For the Other Half

WASHINGTON—An organization called the Women's Campaign Fund (WCF) has been calling attention to an odd fact about our government. It is that women—that is to say half the population of the country—are, so far as the country's government is concerned, the missing half.

Women hold less than 7 percent of all elected offices. In the last 200 years, 12 women and 1,715 men have served in the U.S. Senate. (Most of the women were appointed to fill the unexpired terms of their husbands and stayed in office an average of five months.) Only three women have ever been elected for full Senate terms. Only 18 out of 435 members of the House of Representatives are women, the same number as 40 years ago. There are no women on the Supreme Court and never have been.

I'm not sure whether that makes a difference to the country, although I'm sure it makes a difference to the country's women. If there were more women holding office, I doubt the Equal Rights Amendment would be in trouble. Also, it seems to me unreasonable that the 28-member House-Senate Conference Committee that is trying to write legislation on abortion should be all male.

When I say I'm unsure if it makes a difference I mean I doubt that women are morally superior to men or more inclined to the virtues of kindness and

goodwill or have a greater appreciation of beauty. I heard all this asserted during the co-education arguments of the late '60s, but I never heard the assertions proved.

Nevertheless, it does seem to me that there is a massive waste involved. When we set aside 52 percent of the population and say, in effect, "Here is a pool from which we shall not draw for service in government," it stands to reason that we will thereby lose talent.

The Women's Campaign Fund has been raising money across the country to help women of both major parties finance their campaigns.

It is hard for women candidates to raise money. Usually, they don't have longstanding business and professional connections. The "old boy" network is not at their disposal. Two years ago this month, there were four women running for an all-male U.S. Senate. When they gathered in Washington for a news conference, they discovered that none had received financial support from any national organization other than the Women's Campaign Fund.

"Money," said Gloria Schafer, Connecticut's secretary of state, who was one of those Senate candidates, "is the major reason why women do not run for high office." Rep. Martha Keys (D-Kan.) says she would never have made it to Washington without the Women's Campaign Fund. "They did something unusual. They supported my campaign in a primary—when other backers were afraid to take a chance on a woman."

I don't know why it has taken so long for an organization such as the WCF to get started. After all, women got the vote back in 1920. But I think it's about time somebody challenged the unspoken proposition that in running our public affairs, half our population, half our talent and half our brains should be wasted.

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A Personal View

The Sonia Johnson Trial

by Cari Beauchamp

A pale, stern faced man with red, crewcut hair peered around the corner of the doorway. He looked afraid to open the door more than a few inches, yet he was straining to hear what was being said. Several feet away, a tall, striking woman stood with her arms wrapped around herself to keep out the cold. She shook her head slowly as she whispered almost to herself, "This isn't the church I have always loved, this isn't the church in which I was raised in."

It was almost midnight as they joined the several hundred people who had been waiting for hours in the freezing night outside the Oakton Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) in Northern Virginia. They both watched and listened as supporters and television camera crews crowded around the woman who was the center of attention. Sonia Johnson, co-founder of Mormons for the Equal Rights Amendment, had just emerged from her closed-door trial for excommunication.

Mrs. Johnson, a petite woman in

her early 40s with a constant look of earnest sincerity, seems a strange choice for instant celebrity status. As a fifth generation Mormon, the mother of four and the organist at her church, she also seems a strange choice for the center of the storm of fear, loathing and controversy that has been unleashed upon her by the all male hierarchy of the Mormon church. But since 1976 when Spencer W. Kimball, the highest ranking Mormon official who is considered a prophet by his followers, announced his formal opposition to equal rights for women under the Constitution, tension has been building. And the trial of Sonia Johnson was in part the culmination of that tension.

Would Anyone Notice?

When Sonia and a few friends formed Mormons for ERA in response to their church's opposition, they didn't know if anyone would notice. It was Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) who first threw them into prominence by attacking Sonia for testifying on behalf of the ratification extension.

Since their formation, Mormons

for ERA have maintained that equal rights is a political issue, not an issue of faith. That is one of the reasons they were alarmed by the Mormon church's increasing involvement in lobbying against the Equal Rights Amendment. Calling attention to those activities which have historically been secret is one of the reasons Sonia Johnson now believes she was put on trial for excommunication.

Yet, by putting Sonia on trial, the Mormon church is asking serious questions about their own situation. Just what are their political activities? Are they using tax exempt funds for lobbying and political purposes? In the case of the Mormon church, that is no small issue. While they have always refused to divulge the extent of their

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Utah Mourns Trial's Outcome

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—They were wearing black arm bands in Utah Dec. 4, after hearing the news that Sonia Johnson, leader of Mormons for ERA, had been excommunicated from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for "preaching false doctrine."

"It is not as if we weren't expecting it," explained Jan Johnson, chair of the Utah Women's Political Caucus, in a telephone interview with *Women's Political Times*. "But we are still emotionally blown away by the whole thing. It's as if we had been put on hold for three days."

"I think we all feel a deep personal sorrow for what Sonia is going through. Those of us who have gotten to know her, cannot deny her deep allegiance to the Equal Rights Amendment nor her allegiance to her religion and her deep personal faith," Johnson said, her voice reflecting the sorrow and strain brought on by the previous days of waiting.

Utah Caucus members and other feminists gathered for their own vigil Dec. 1 in front of the Federal Building in downtown Salt Lake City as Sonia Johnson faced her accuser/judge 2,500 miles away in Oakton, Va. It was at that vigil that Utah feminists decided to wear black arm bands for a week of mourning if the verdict were excommunication.

"There was no dancing in the streets here," Johnson continued. "I think the church has been torn by this whole thing. I feel that Sonia Johnson has moved beyond Mormon controversy now, she has become a martyr."

Republicans Gear Up For 1980s

by Rebecca Leet

The Republican Women's Task Force of the National Women's Political Caucus is mounting a nationwide campaign to increase the number of Republican feminists elected as delegates to the 1980 nominating convention in Detroit.

The grassroots operation will rely on RWTF supporters across the country and will be co-ordinated through a system of state contacts.

In 1976, women comprised 31 percent of the delegates to the national convention. Republican Party policy now assures feminists that the party will "endeavor" to achieve 50 percent representation at the 1980 convention.

Questionnaire Replies

The delegate selection drive is

the second major election-year activity of the task force. Earlier this year task force members sent each GOP presidential candidate a questionnaire requesting his views on issues of interest to women.

RWTF officers will conduct follow-up interviews with each candidate in the near future. The results of the interviews and questionnaires will be sent to task force members to inform them of the candidates' positions and for their use in monitoring candidates' statements as they campaign around the nation.

"We turned back the assault on ERA and women's issues at the 1976 convention and we want to be sure, when the battle is joined again in Detroit, that we're ready and able to win again," said Pam Curtis.

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NWPC Advisory Board Meets

Bella Abzug, NWPC Advisory Board member, urges other members Gloria Steinem, left, Brenda Feigen Fasteau and Midge Miller to work to broaden the Caucus's image through fund raising and personal effort. More details, page 10.

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A WPT Editorial WHCF—What Is It? . . .

We are beginning to think the White House Conference on Families (WHCF) is very much like Carl Sandberg's *Fog*—"it creeps in on little cat's feet"—and can catch a busy feminist completely unaware.

Consider the recent state conference in Fredericksburg, Va. On Nov. 14, 1979, 24 delegates were elected to attend the National White House Conference on Families to be held in Baltimore June 5 through 7 (this will be the first of three national conferences held in Minneapolis, June 19-21 and Los Angeles July 10-12). Most Virginia feminists first heard about the state conference when they read *The Washington Post*, the day AFTER the conference. It should be of no surprise then that 22 of the 24 delegates elected at that meeting have strong anti-feminist leanings.

Jim Guy Tucker, chair of the White House Conference on Families, has said "that no group or constituency will be excluded from the conference for ideological or other arbitrary reasons." Still, no Virginia Caucus members contacted by *Women's Political Times* received notice of the conference or had been involved in its planning.

Consider, then, the recent "preliminary" meeting held in Montgomery County, Md., at a Mormon Church. Montgomery County Caucus Vice Chair Carol Petzel found out about the meeting a day before and used the Caucus network to alert more than 100 women, who showed up to ensure that feminist concerns were addressed.

Part of the problem might be the process itself. According to WHCF Chair Tucker the conference has "specifically designed a unique and innovative process precisely to promote broad participation."

Apparently the process is so unique and innovative that feminists just can't seem to get the hang of it. WPT has tried unsuccessfully to find Caucus members and other feminists around the country who have received any information on "the process" or have any knowledge of WHCF activities in their states.

In Illinois, Caucus member Avis Rudner, was told that the mailing list in that state included the Department of Children and Family Services, Public Aid Department and local educators and other similar agencies, despite the fact that WPT was told by White House Con-

ference Deputy Director for Process Barbara Warden that national organizations such as the National Women's Political Caucus offered important networks in getting information out on the conference and on the public hearings now taking place.

These public hearings have been and are being held throughout the country, presumably to find out what issues are of concern to American families.

The schedule including past hearings is:

Kansas City, Ka.	Sept. 28
Lindsborg, Ka.	Sept. 29
Nashville, Tenn.	Oct. 12-13
Denver, Co.	Oct. 26-27
Hartford, Conn.	Nov. 16-17
Washington, D.C.	Nov. 30
Detroit, Mich.	Dec. 7-8
Seattle, Wash.	Jan. 11-12

Normally, it would seem to be logical to conclude that the public hearings would be completed before states began to hold conferences. However these do not appear to be normal times. State conferences have already been held in Virginia and South Dakota. A list of future state conferences appear on this page.

Who is putting on the state conferences? WPT has been told that each state governor is responsible for appointing a state coordinator, sometimes two. It is then the responsibility of the state coordinators to plan each state's conference under guidelines suggested by the WHCF staff. A list of those state contacts also being on this page.

WPT has been assured by the White House Conference staff that national organizations offer an important link to the gathering of the "broad participation" and outreach efforts are necessary to ensure that participation.

NWPC members are urged to get in touch with their state coordinators and insist upon information about scheduled state conference planning activities. We feminist have families, too, and our viewpoint should not be avoided or ignored.

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FROM THE NWPC CHAIR

by Iris Mitgang

This is the year of the candidate. And it CAN be the year of our power. 1980 looms large on the electoral horizon. A new decade, a new beginning, and a new place for the collective feminist electorate to move from being merely an influence into the role of a dominant power. We must catch the moment and use it to move forward with our strength as our political tool.

There is a female frittering afoot, however, which invidiously diminishes the hope for our real feminist power; a dabbling in the same male politics which has long diverted our strength. Some of us are lining up behind candidates too early and getting nothing in return. Some of us are giving away our clout in exchange for an empty shell.

A Woman's Place

The strategic place for women is clear—as players in the power-brokers game of wait-and-see: a contest of who can deliver in clear and tangible terms the most to us first. This is our time to move ratification. Our time to

put a woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. Our time to double our own elected numbers. Our time to reinforce choice. Our time to use our power for OUR OWN issues. No candidate should be allowed to forget our goals.

To wait and see means to coalesce clearly on our issues and to solidify our base. Fifty one point four percent—it means deciding which candidates have in fact concretely delivered on our issues and which continue to speak one thing and do another. We must be cautious, careful and patient. Male candidates understand to get they must give. If we are to play the game, we must play it well. If we dissipate our majority we will preclude ourselves from even playing at all.

The 1970s close with this new foundation of women power based on our outrage and our strength. The 1980s will see us to fruition. Women will speak with one voice on the clear agenda for women which all candidates must address. Women will ask the tough questions, women will insist on the right answers,

women will press for firm commitments, and most of all women will cherish their clout.

Fifty-one point four percent can change the world. That's what NWPC is all about, so this presidential season we'll do something for ourselves.



Iris Mitgang

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Delegate Selection Info Available

To ensure that women are informed of the process by which delegates are selected in each party, the NWPC has mounted an intensive educational campaign to provide specific information about the process in each state and to encourage women to run.

General materials have been distributed to state caucuses and other organizations throughout the country for dissemination. Copies of the booklet, "You Have A Lot to Win: Become a Delegate to your National Party Convention," which provides a general overview of the delegate selection process, are available from the NWPC office. Additional materials are being prepared that detail for each state the exact process that will be followed in

the selection of each party's delegates. Information about these materials will be made available as soon as possible.

As part of the Caucus's delegate selection plan, each state is being analyzed for the type of activities that will be most appropriate and most effective in reaching the largest number of women. Several states will be targeted for in-depth workshops and events. Others will involve state and local caucus activities to publicize and explain the selection process.

State caucuses which have already held delegate selection workshops and seminars include Arizona, Illinois, Maryland, North Carolina, Iowa, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

The Republican Party Is on the Move in 1980 Help Ensure It Moves Our Direction

In 1976, a handful of Republican feminists played savvy convention politics and kept ERA in the Republican Party Platform. We won partly because no one expected us to fight.

In 1980, they know we're going to fight.

But we need your help if we're going to win that fight again. And if we're going to succeed in getting more feminists to the convention. And if we're going to continue pressing GOP presidential candidates on women's issues.

The Republican Women's Task Force isn't waiting until the convention to start the battle in 1980. We're already organizing in each state. Wherever Republican presidential candidates go, we'll be there listening and questioning.

Help us, by joining the Republican Women's Task Force.

None of us can afford *not* to have the Task Force in Detroit in 1980.

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by Anita Nelam

To many politicians media is both mystery and magic. Few of them understand what works in political campaigns or why it works. To many media experts, on the other hand, politics is mystery and mischief. Few media people understand why politicians do what they do in political campaigns.

As a result, when politicians who don't understand the media get together with media professionals who don't understand politics, the resulting political media is usually confusing, mediocre and ineffective.

Much of the political advertising in local campaigns is mediocre. And attempts by local candidates to utilize the free media coverage sometimes available to them are often confusing and misdirected. This is usually because many candidates and campaign managers never take the time to understand the mechanics of media placement, or even how such media could be used to further specific objectives of the campaign.

When a local campaign is able to make effective use of the media, it is usually because specific campaign objectives have been identified, and particular media techniques have been selected to help the campaign reach those objectives. It is simply a matter of understanding the mechanics. Once you do, the magic of media is a little easier to come by.

MEDIA—THE TOOL

The goal of every campaign is to win. And winning is possible only when a campaign is organized to initiate one-to-one, repetitive contact with voters—in person, over the telephone, through the mail and through the mass media. The campaign message will never make an impact on the voter unless it is repeated over and over again. By the twentieth or fiftieth time a voter sees the candidate's name or hears the message, the name may be recognized, and the message slightly perceived.

Media is the tool of communication that allows that message to be sent from one person to very large numbers of people.

In political campaigns, you either pay for media—by buying political advertising on radio, television, newspapers, outdoor billboards or printed material, or, you get it free by making or creating news for your local newspapers, radio and television newscasts.

It is important to remember two facts about free media coverage in political campaigns.

1. It is rarely totally free; there is always some cost in time, talent, effort and cash outlay.

2. It is available only if the candidate or the campaign does something newsworthy.

The existence of the candidate, as a candidate, is no guarantee that she will ever be noticed, her name ever printed in the newspaper or repeated over the radio or television. There is no law that mandates news coverage for political candidates.

A campaign must make "news" or create it to get news media coverage. The chances of breaking

Should You Run

This is the last in a series of excerpts from the Campaign Workbook. Please remember that they were just excerpts. If you are going to run for office or become deeply involved in a campaign you will be well-served to purchase a copy of the Campaign Workbook from the National Women's Education Fund. The Workbook is an excellent blue-

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into the bona fide, non-commercial uses of broadcast or print media are far greater if you have a plan. And a system to carry out that plan. Before you make a plan you must know what free media are available in your community, when they are available, who makes decisions about their use and how the campaign can make the best use of them.

There are three options for free media coverage.

1. Non-Commercial Television
 - a. The Local Newscast
 - b. The News Interview
 - c. The News Documentary
 - d. The Candidate Forum
2. Non-Commercial Radio
 - a. The Regular Newscast
 - b. The Issue Feature
 - c. The Call-in Talk Show
 - d. The Community Bulletin Board
3. Non-Commercial Use of Newspapers
 - a. News Stories
 - b. Feature Stories
 - c. Letters to the Editor
 - d. Political and Social Gossip Columns
 - e. Editorials
 - f. Candidate Election Guides

Don't expect instant coverage every time the campaign issues a news release or sends a radio actuality, or every time the candidate has a friendly conversation with a reporter. Free media coverage is hard to get. It doesn't always tell the story the campaign wants told. There is no control over it, even when your material is used.

And free media won't win the campaign. Other campaign activities—telephone banks, yard signs, door-to-door canvasses, paid advertising and many, many more will be necessary. Free media can enhance those other campaign activities by helping build the momentum of the campaign to make the voters more receptive to the other repetitive contacts the campaign has planned for them.

PAID MEDIA

Good political advertising results from good political strategy. Any top advertising agency which handles political campaigns will tell you that. One such agency, Bailey, Deardourff, and Assoc., Inc. goes further. "Political advertising has to do more than look good, sound good, read well. It has to be effective."

In a political campaign, effective means only one thing—getting votes. So the effectiveness of even the best political advertising is limited if the political strategy is not sound.

Political advertising has to estab-

lish a strong enough connection between the candidate and the voters to give them a personal reason to vote on election day. Paid advertising can do two things:

1. Make the voter aware of the candidate by establishing name recognition.
 2. Persuade undecided voters to vote for the candidate by giving them a personal reason to do so.
- Some paid advertising media are more effective for establishing an awareness of the candidate. Some are more effective for making a persuasive connection with the emotions of a voter. None is effective for any purpose unless it is repeated again, and again and again.

Television is the dominant medium in all advertising because the voter can both hear and see the candidate. However, if the

campaign does not have the money or the opportunity for television the same principle can be applied. For example, 30 radio spots will have a greater impact if they are concentrated on one station that reaches your targeted voters than if they are spread over six stations in an attempt to reach everyone.

The campaign should try to dominate whatever medium it picks for advertising. If you can only afford yard signs, then make sure every possible yard in the district has a sign. By dominating the medium you pick, you will be able to establish enough repetitive contacts to have an impact on the voters.

When paid media responsibility is given to someone who doesn't understand how it works and won't take the time to learn, your media is worthless. Too much money is invested in television, radio, newspaper and printed material for the campaign to depend on a person who may have no experience with paid media. The smart candidate will pay a professional to advise her—even if she can't pay the professional to do the actual work.

The word "professional" relates to attitude and experience, not price. If it is financially possible to hire a media professional, or an advertising agency, shop around. Ask for bids. Look at samples of previous work. Look at the winners and losers of campaigns the professional may have handled.

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Iris Mitgang, right, NWPC chair, and Barbara Vanderkolk, Washington state chair, read a proposal offered by Washington Representative Georgette Valle, an active feminist in Washington state politics.



Sally Lunt, chair of the Massachusetts State Women's Political Caucus, shares comments at the brunch honoring Jill Ruckelshaus Sunday during NWPC Steering Committee meeting in Seattle, Washington.



Mary Spotswood Pou, NWPC Finance Committee chair, greets legislators at Washington State Women's Political Caucus reception for elected officials.

NWPC's Seattle Meeting

SEATTLE, Washington—The National Women's Political Caucus Steering Committee met here the end of October to plan the meat and potatoes work for the Caucus in 1980.

Over 120 Steering Committee members met in the Mayflower Hotel to elect members to all NWPC Standing Committees and to consider resolutions left over from the Cincinnati convention.

Resolutions which were adopted concerned a restructuring of NWPC, a reaffirmation of the diverse purposes of the Caucus, membership development, data processing, battered women, and the International Year of the Child.

Selection of a site for the 1981 convention was also discussed. The convention committee has received bids from New Mexico and Washington, D.C.

New endorsement guidelines were also passed, copies of which will be available by the January Steering Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.

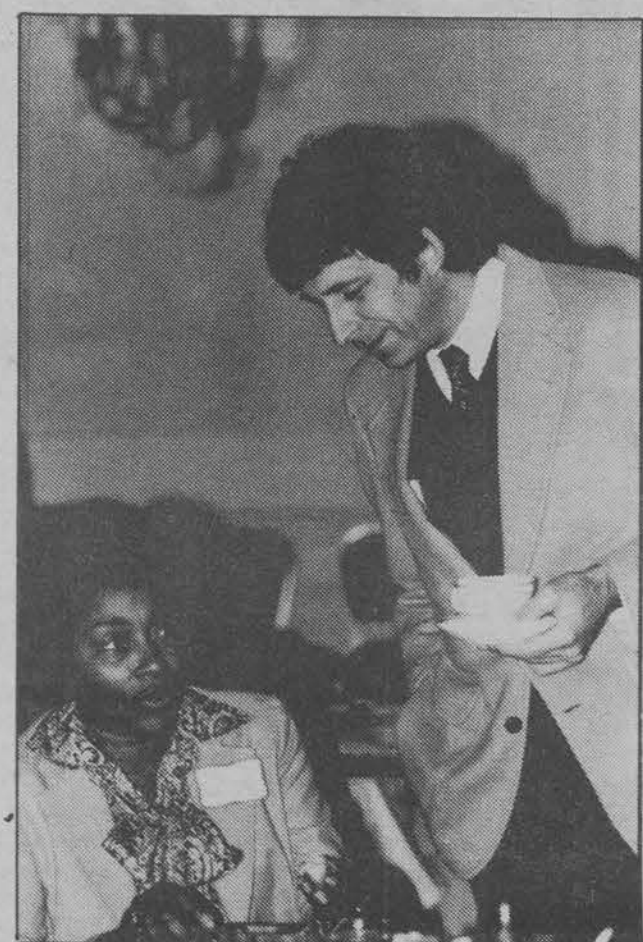
In their spare time Caucus members could taste the food of Seattle's restaurants or take side trips to the Seattle Center, ferry boats rides, or go fishing.

Members were also treated to a Sunday brunch honoring long, time Caucus friend and Advisory Board member Jill Ruckelshaus.

"It was exciting to have so many Caucus members in our beautiful city. I think most everyone came away feeling good about what the Caucus is going to do in the 1980's," said Barbara Vanderkolk, NWPC delegate-at-large and immediate past chair of the Washington State Women's Political Caucus.



Karen Heidergott, Washington State fund raising chair, discusses caucus fund raising activities with Washington State Representative Scott Blair, center, and others. Blair was endorsed by the Washington caucus.



Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, right, discusses Caucus goals with Barbara Pool, WSWPC Steering Committee member, at Sunday brunch.



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DECEMBER

- 12 — NWPC Membership Credentialing Deadline
- 14 — ERA Fund raisers in St. Louis and Springfield, Mo., with Liz Carpenter and Erma Bombeck
- 15 — NWPC Administrative Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 16 — Virginia Women's Political Caucus State Convention, Richmond, Va.
- 19 — Ms. Magazine Press Conference and reception honoring "80 Women to Watch in the '80s", Washington, D.C.
- 25 — Merry Christmas
- 28 — New Hampshire, last filing day for Democratic National Convention delegate slates

JANUARY

- 10 — Filing Deadline for Democratic Congressional Delegate Candidates in Pennsylvania
- 12 — Delaware Democratic District meetings to elect delegates to state convention
- 12 — Oregon Women's Political Caucus State Convention
- 13 — Rhode Island Women's Political Caucus State Convention
- 13 — Labor Equal Rights/NOW Rally, Richmond, Va.
- 14 — Republican National Committee Platform Hearing, Washington D.C., two days
- 15 — Alabama Democratic State Party conveys list of congressional district delegates to presidential candidates who must approve or disapprove by JAN. 18.
- 16 — Illinois last filing day for Democratic National Convention delegates and alternates
- 16 — Republican National Committee Executive Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C. General RNC meeting begins Jan. 17, 1980
- 19 — Minnesota Conference on The New Right
- 20 — Minnesota Women's Political Caucus State Convention
- 21 — Iowa Precinct Caucus
- 25 — NWPC Steering Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 26 — Mississippi Precinct Caucus
- 28 — NWPC Lobbying Day
- 29 — Women's Campaign Fund presents "West Side Story," Kennedy Center, Opera House, Washington, D.C.
- 30 — National Women's Caucus for Art, New Orleans, La.

The Sonia Johnson Trial

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holdings, it was estimated by the Associated Press that the Mormon church brings in over \$3 million a day; ranking them well within the top 50 corporations in America

A Question of Loyalties

Exactly where do the loyalties of church officials fall? Bishop Jeffery Willis, Sonia Johnson's accuser and the judge at her trial, is personnel officer for the Central Intelligence Agency. Just one of the questions raised: Can this man be an equal opportunity employer?

The judge in Idaho who is currently hearing an important ERA case regarding the issues of rescission and the legality of the Congressional extension of the ratification deadline is a regional representative of the Mormon Church; the equivalent of an Archbishop in the Catholic church. U.S. District Judge Marion Callister claims he can be objective in the case, yet so far he

remains the sole judge of his own objectivity. Can a man who ranks near the top 100 officials in the world of a church that officially opposes equal rights for women under the Constitution—the same church that has excommunicated a woman for advocating those same rights—be impartial?

Nothing To Repent

One of the bitter ironies of this situation is that the once persecuted have become the persecutors. Four days after her closed door hearing where no written charges were ever presented, Sonia Johnson received a letter notifying her that she had been excommunicated. She plans to appeal the case, but she also plans to continue speaking out for the Equal Rights Amendment. Crushed by the ruling, she simply repeats "I have nothing to repent."

Sonia Johnson has succeeded in

bringing the ERA back into prominence. She has also reminded us of both the power and fears of the opposition to equal rights for women under the Constitution. And all of us who have had the privilege to know and work with Sonia Johnson will remain touched by her courage and her strength. Whenever I see an injustice, but start to think that perhaps it would not be polite or politic to speak out, I only hope I always remember Sonia Johnson as she leaned over to me one day in a meeting where some women were remaining silent.

"What's the matter," she whispered in that soft, sincere voice that cuts straight to the core, "Do they think we have something to lose?"

Beauchamp is the chair of the NWPC ERA Committee and has been working closely with Sonia Johnson over the past few months.

Mitgang Testifies on Pension Reform

by Deborah Borkin

PENSION REFORM

National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) Chair Iris Mitgang testified before the President's Commission on Pension Policy Nov. 30, 1979. The Caucus joined forces with many other groups concerned with the inadequacies of pension protection for women, the elderly and minorities.

Mitgang's testimony described NWPC's disappointment with the current pension system that fails to address fundamental problems women face in obtaining equal benefits.

In 20 percent of all pension plans, women and men pay equally into a retirement program but women receive lower monthly benefits than men. The current structure of the pension system creates inequities for those in lower paying jobs and for those whose employment patterns are more likely to involve changes in the early years of work life. Women workers comprise the majority in these situations.

Mitgang related the concept of California community property laws and proposed pension reform. She emphasized that women be allowed to receive a portion of their ex-spouses benefits as part of a property settlement following divorce, thus defining marriage as an economic partnership.

The major law governing private pensions, ERISA (Employment Retirement Income Security Act), requires a minimum age of 25 for employee participation in pension plans, 10 years of service before an employee's pension rights are vested, no provision for transferring pension credits from one plan to another, limited break-in-service rules and a no-coverage clause unless a worker works more than 1,000 hours per year. The law is in-

consistent with the varied patterns of women workers.

Mitgang explained the importance of understanding the unique position of women's participation in the labor force. Women between the ages of 20-24 are most likely to be working. Women over the age of 25 often take time out for child rearing, change jobs if their spouse is transferred or work part-time or part-year because they still bear the major responsibility for providing for their families.

Because of these work patterns, women often work too short a time in one job to 'vest' or qualify for a pension. The current law rewards length of service and discriminates against women who interrupt their careers, work part-time and change jobs more frequently than men.

In urging the committee to address the problem, Mitgang advocated the earnings sharing concept with respect to pension reform.

"The law of California recognizes

marriage as an economic partnership. Earnings and the fruits of labor are owned equally by the marital partners," she explained.

NWPC observers felt the tension in the air at the committee meeting. Conservative members on the committee covered at discussion of sex discrimination in benefits. However, when Mitgang spoke out for all human beings deserving dignity in old age, tension seemed to subside.

NWPC favors amending ERISA to include full protection to women, full survivor's benefits for widows (as now provided under Social Security), immediate eligibility in pension programs, immediate vesting for all participants, automatic aggregation of service and aggregation after leave of absence, pro-rated benefits for part-time employees and mandatory portability of pension credits.

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NWPC Staff Changes

Staff changes in NWPC's National Office during October and November include the following:

- Carol Silverthorn has been appointed acting executive director effective Nov. 1, 1979. Silverthorn, a co-founder of the Illinois Women's Political Caucus, a member of the NWPC Steering Committee since 1975, and chair of the NWPC Planning & Development Committee, was employed most recently as planning and development director for the Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission. Deborah A. Harding resigned as executive director effective Oct. 31, 1979.

- Karolyn Schwind-Alonzo joined the staff in October as office manager and Elizabeth Bowman started Nov. 1 as receptionist.
- NWPC's direct mail program, which has grown through the years under the guidance of consultant Betsy Crone, is now under the direction of staff Development Associate Ann Monig.
- Ann Kolker, legislative coordinator for NWPC for many years, and Ellen Malcolm, press coordinator for NWPC, have both left the staff to pursue their careers in new directions. These two positions are expected to be filled by early December.



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Ronnie Felt, left, and Peggy Charren are deep in thought during NWPC Advisory Board meeting held in Washington, D.C.



Christie Hefner, executive vice president of Playboy, Inc., takes a break during day long workshop.



Victor Kamber discusses fund raising questions with another board member.



Millie Jeffrey chaired the fall Advisory Board Meeting.



Eleanor Holmes Norton, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission chair, was special luncheon speaker during annual NWPC Advisory Board session.



NWPC Chair Iris Mitgang talks with Miriam Dorsey during Advisory Board meeting.

photos by Joan Giesecke

Board Tackles Money Questions

Money—where to get it and how to use it—was the topic of the Nov. 20, 1979 Advisory Board meeting of the National Women's Political Caucus in Washington, D.C.

The NWPC Advisory Board, chaired by Mildred Jeffrey, met to discuss how best they could help the Caucus meet its goals for the coming year, a year all agreed was crucial for politically active feminists.

During the morning session of the all-day meeting, Iris Mitgang, NWPC chair, outlined the Caucus's program for 1980, emphasizing that it was the responsibility of the National Women's Political Caucus to mobilize the only majority constituency in the country.

Five Programs Explained

In explaining how the Caucus can best mobilize that constituency, Mitgang explained the five major programs of NWPC—the Campaign Support Committee, the ERA ratification effort, the Delegate Selection Project, the legislative program and the Coalition for Women's Appointments.

Carol Silverthorn, acting NWPC executive director, introduced the Caucus staff. Silverthorn came to the Caucus Nov. 1, 1979 to fill the vacancy left by Deborah A. Harding who resigned in October.

Advisory Board members passed

a resolution in support of Sonia Johnson, leader of Mormons for ERA, who was excommunicated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for her work for the ERA (see page one).

Eleanor Holmes Norton, chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, was the luncheon speaker.

A Classic Case

Norton described her appointment to the EEOC position as a classic affirmative action case for NWPC. She says the experience left her with a deep sense of mission and spurred her beyond her own sense of personal accomplishment, largely because of Caucus support.

"The position of the EEOC will be greatly magnified in the future, especially because of women's place in the work force during the next decade. Women will literally make up half of the work force by 1985," she said.

Norton sees "comparable work" (i.e. equal pay for work of equal worth) and "hazardous substances" as the affirmative action issues of the 1980s.

"The economic impact over the long run of these two issues will be enormous," she said. "The only remaining affirmative action issues are the tough ones, and these will

disproportionately affect women and their economic future."

The afternoon session centered on fund raising techniques for the various programs within the Caucus. Elois King, NWPC development director, explained the various Caucus fund raising entities, then Board members met in small groups, under the supervision of Janet Elsea, facilitator and communication specialist, to get down to the nitty-gritty of where to get the money.

A Broader Image

Suggestions for raising money were as varied as the individuals brainstorming the problem, but all agreed the Caucus needed to broaden its image in keeping with its scope of political activity.

Christie Hefner (III.), presented the report from the ERA Fund group emphasizing the need for personal contact in spreading the message, especially in unratified states. They also suggested an old fashion telephone tree and a pyramid fund raiser where the past donors would contact others to give an equal amount.

Ronnie Felt, (D.C.) led the discussion on fund raising for NWPC, Inc. She emphasized membership development and outreach as the key to increasing the Caucus coffers.

The 501(c)(3) Leadership, Educa-

tion and Development Fund discussion was led by Alice Heyman (N.Y.) which suggested the use of public service announcements to educate the public about the Caucus.

FCC Problems Discussed

The Campaign Support Committee (CSC) group wrestled with problems and restrictions which arise from the Federal Election Commission rules which state that funds for such a committee can only be raised from an organization's members and that individuals can only give \$5,000 per year to the CSC. On top of that, organizations, such as the Caucus, can only give \$5,000 per congressional candidate.

This group also questioned whether the Caucus should back only women running for congressional office or should it concentrate on developing women to run for such offices by supporting them first in state legislative races.

Patricia Bailey (D.C.) CSC discussion leader, said the group offered another suggestion, to establish an "attack fund" which would raise money to defeat feminist opponents.

NWPC Chair Iris Mitgang, on behalf of the current and past NWPC board, presented NWPC Advisory Board Chair Mildred Jeffrey with a Susan B. Anthony pendant in appreciation of her tireless efforts on behalf of the NWPC.



Bella Abzug, left, and Jean Stapleton



Patricia Bailey, left, Carolyn Handy and Doris Meisner at Stapleton event.

An Evening With Jean Stapleton



Julia M. Walsh and D.C. Mayor Marion Barry enjoy Stapleton reception

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Jean Stapleton, left, NWPC Chair Iris Mitgang, Barbara Feldon and Mildred Jeffrey chat during NWPC reception honoring Stapleton.



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Omnibus Act Tally Doesn't Meet Potential

There is an old adage which goes: "There is no greater burden than a good potential."

The Carter Administration was given that burden with the Omnibus Judgeship Act which has the potential of substantially changing the face of the American judiciary.

The act celebrated its first anniversary the end of October—and the question remains: How successful has the face lift been?

"The jury is still out, but the evidence is not too encouraging," Susan Ness, chair of the National Women's Political Caucus Legal Support Caucus and coordinator for the NWPC's Judicial Selection Project, told the organizational meeting of the National Association of Women Judges Oct. 26, 1979 in Los Angeles.

"... Putting aside all the rhetoric, women still will represent less than six percent of the federal judiciary when all of the Omnibus Act seats are filled," she told the gathering.

Process At Fault

The reason, according to Ness, is the judicial selection process itself. A process which, she maintains, still works under a "gentleman's agreement" between members of Congress and the President, and is just as political as it ever was; only the dynamics have changed.

"The Omnibus Judgeship Act was eight years in the making, awaiting only the appearance of a Democrat in the White House. As a result, senators had eight years in which to make commitments, and judicial hopefuls had eight years in which to position themselves for appointment," Ness explained.

Women On Sidelines

"Let's face it—the only ones standing on the sidelines were women."

Another problem, explains Ness, is the sex biased criteria often used as a standard of selection—criteria which does not predict performance, and which is too often applied selectively i.e., jury trial experience

for which until recently the rule had been 15 years, even for the Court of Appeals.

"I do not need to inform this group that it has only been within the past 10 years that women have been pouring out of law schools in record numbers," Ness emphasized.

Excluded From Training

"Also, women have been blatantly excluded from jobs which are training grounds for the bench. Even assuming a woman could enter the field of litigation—and few could—she most often was relegated to preparing the briefs and motions, participating in strategy sessions, but never arguing the case in court."

But even without the selection procedure criteria and sex biased questioning, Ness maintains the greatest barrier to women getting judicial appointments is tokenism.

"A senator does not gain much



Susan Ness, NWPC Judicial Project coordinator

mileage by appointing woman number two. Even the liberal ones stop at just one," she said.

But Ness and the NWPC Judicial Selection Project are not giving up. The next step is judicial elections.

Judicial Elections, Next

"Fifty percent of Carter's appointments to the federal bench had prior judicial experience," she reminded the group. "We are looking to fill those slots on state benches with women. We are also working more and more on state elections."

Ness announced that the National Women's Education Fund, under a grant from the Charles Revson Foundation, is revising its Campaign Techniques Institutes and materials so that they can be used in judicial campaigns.

Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein of the California Court of Appeal, was elected the first president of the association.

The association also called for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and urged its members to resign from clubs or organizations that discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion or national origin if attempts to change such policies are not successful.

Republicans Gear Up for 1980s

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RWTF vice chair who is spearheading the delegate selection drive.

Preparing For Fight

"We know that Phyllis Schlafly and her crew are already organizing and that the fight this time is going to be more difficult to win than it was in 1976. We're starting to organize early because we know that we're going to need more people and better organization."

"There's plenty of work for everyone, and anyone interested in the position of the Republican Party and its stands on women's issues should be involved," Curtis said.

Although co-ordinated through Washington, D.C., the RWTF delegate selection campaign will depend for its success on the task force contact in each state and her ability to organize and implement activities in her state. (A list of RWTF state contacts starts on page 4).

Discussion on the Republican Party platform will begin in mid-January during regional Platform Committee hearings to be held in Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Davenport, St. Louis, Seattle/Tacoma and Indianapolis.

Jan. 14 and 15 are the dates set

for the Washington, D.C. hearings. Other hearing dates will be forthcoming. Republican National Committee Chair Bill Brock will host the hearings with Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.). Tower has been chosen by Brock to preside over the Platform Committee's debates the week before the Detroit convention.

Rep. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) is committee vice chair and Roger Semerad is executive director. A Republican governor will be appointed as another vice chair at a later date, Brock has announced.

Leet is Public Information Chair for the Republican Women's Task Force.

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This breakthrough, in a difficult state for feminists, is due in large part to Linda St. Martin. Her caucus organizing efforts date back to 1977 when women who were in no way representative of the feminists in that state were selected as delegates to the Houston International Women's Year conference.

"That was a fire and water experience," says St. Martin. "But it had the effect of unifying Mississippi feminists, both black and white."

St. Martin has been recruiting Caucus members from among her IWY contacts and has gained the support of university women, such as the dean of women at the University of Mississippi and faculty members at the predominantly black Jackson State University.

St. Martin participated in the Sept. 29, 1979 meeting in Washington, D.C., of the Democratic Women's Task Force. At that time she had about a dozen names on the caucus membership list.

Another state which has not been part of the Caucus has recently come under the NWPC umbrella, largely due to the efforts of NWPC Vice Chair Mary Stanley.

The SOUTH DAKOTA WOMEN'S CAUCUS voted at a recent meeting to affiliate with the NWPC.

The SD/NWPC determined that its primary goals, working for

CAUCUS FORUM

women's issues and the election of women to office, could best be met by joining forces with the NWPC.

SD/NWPC Chair Linda Lee Miller, a former South Dakota representative, reminded the meeting that 1980 will be the 60th anniversary of the passage of women's right to vote.

"As women, we need to move beyond the voting stage. We need to become active participants in the political process. The caucus intends to seek women to run for office—and to get them elected," she said.

Vice Chair Stanley emphasized, in her presentation to the group, the expertise of the NWPC and the assistance it could offer the women of South Dakota in meeting their objectives.

OLDER WOMEN'S CAUCUS

The NWPC's Older Women's Caucus, (OWC) has set its priorities for the 1980's, Annette Smail, caucus co-chair, announced Nov. 8, 1979.

The major goal for the Older Women's Caucus, says Smail, is to ease the plight of the displaced homemaker a woman over 35 years old who through divorce or widowhood, and formerly a "dependent," who has lost her primary means of support, is ill-

prepared to enter the job market.

The Older Women's Caucus has also listed employment, medical care, social security and pensions as high priority issues. In 1980 the group will work for the passage of the Burton/Mc Govern Companion bills which would restore medical benefits to qualified ex-spouses of the military who lost these benefits simply because of a change in their marital status.

The OWC will also work for the establishment of a displaced homemakers center in Marin County, CA.

LESBIAN CAUCUS

Building upon a strong base developed at the National Women's Political Caucus's Fourth Biennial Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, the NWPC Lesbian Caucus is doing extensive issue targeting for the 1980 presidential election year.

Under the leadership of Barbara Price, California, and Mary Spottswood Pou, Washington, D.C., the Lesbian Caucus will be working with other national organizations in 1980 to help get lesbian delegates to the national conventions and to get a gay rights plan into the party platforms.

"The NWPC Lesbian Caucus is one of the founding endorses of the National Convention Project which has been established to create a lesbian gay rights presence

at the national party conventions," Price told *Women's Political Times*.

That lesbian gay rights presence has been felt more and more in recent months. In October, 1979, Lesbian Caucus members marched with the Gay Rights March in Washington, D.C., Betty Naylor, Texas, organized a lobbying event for lesbian issues with women members of Congress, while Co-Chair Pou represented the Lesbian Caucus at a special White House meeting to discuss concerns emerging from the march.

"More and more Lesbian Caucus members are creating task forces in their own states to represent lesbian issues and to serve as a special resource for their state organizations," Price continued.

"The state lesbian caucus task forces can bring before their state governing bodies legislation, ordinances, initiatives and referenda, which will affect the lives and human rights of lesbians and gay men.

"The Caucus has continually confirmed its support of gay rights, but we need to be the resource which alerts our state and local caucuses when there are specific political threats to these rights," Price emphasized.

Price further emphasized that although the Caucus membership is committed not to support candidates who represent anti-gay factions, it is up to Lesbian Caucus members to provide the sensitive and informed assistance to help discover those attitudes.

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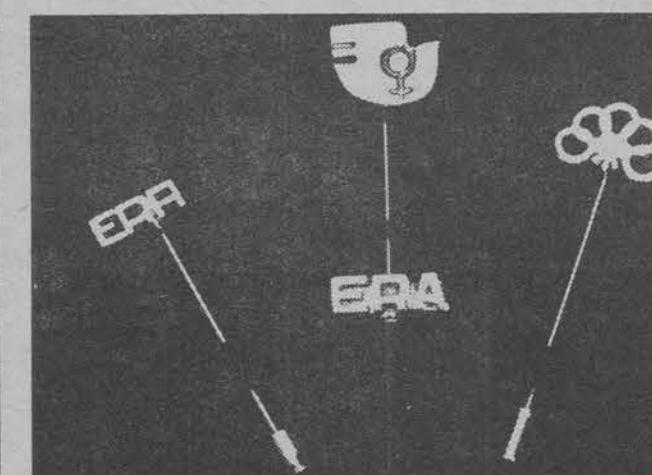
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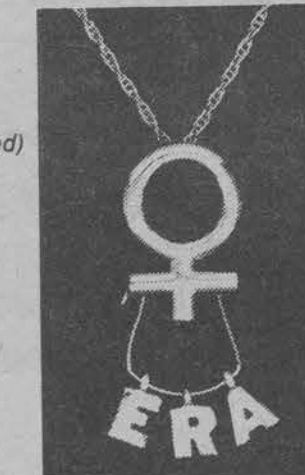
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ERA UPDATE

by Cari Beauchamp

The NWPC ERA Committee is taking seriously its role as an activist committee. We have taken to heart the mandate from both the 1977 and 1979 conventions which put the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment as the top priority of the National Women's Political Caucus.

To make the committee run at top efficiency to achieve our goal, we have developed subcommittees which will work on specific aspects of the ratification effort. At the time of appointment to the committee NWPC members will be assigned to one of the following subcommittees: Fund raising coordination; Technical support and volunteers; Cooperating Organizations; Opposition and Rescission; Public Information; Targeting and evaluation; Unratified states (working with state chairs from unratified states).

In addition, the chairs of the Political Committee and the Planning and Development Committee as well as NWPC Chair Iris Mitgang and Treasurer Erla Alexander serve

as members of the ERA Committee. During recent months the committee, plus state caucus members in Virginia and Louisiana, have been active in changing the balance of power toward ERA ratification in those states.

NWPC Vice Chair Kathy Wilson, administrative committee liaison to the ERA Committee, and over 200 caucus volunteers were active in Virginia in securing one of the major victories for the ERA effort in recent times.

In Louisiana, three of the five candidates supported by the NWPC ERA Fund made the run-off election held Dec. 8, 1979. That run-off pitted a vocal ERA supporter against an anti-ERA candidate.

Another result of the Louisiana effort was the likely dethroning of opposition leader John Hainkel. Although Kim Gandy lost her bid for Hainkel's seat, she did pull over 30 percent of the vote, much higher than projected. Hainkel had been unchallenged in previous races, and even before the election he was being proclaimed the next Speaker of the House.

However, due to Gandy's strong showing among the voters, plus

Hainkel's "blowing his cool" during the campaign, it looks as if Hainkel might not be able to take his anti-ERA position to the speaker's seat after all.

But it is not the end of Gandy. "It's less than 20 percent to go and I have four years to get it," she says.

The NWPC national office has been receiving an on-slaught of mail from the over 30 articles in support of the ERA which appeared in national women's magazines during November. People from all over the nation are reaching out to find out how they can help.

One way to help is to write to the editors of the magazines which published the stories and voice your support of their effort. Some have received letters in opposition to the stories, so a pat on the back is in order.

The magazines which published the stories are: Good House-keeping, Ladies Home Journal, Redbook, McCall's, Harper's

Bazaar, Cosmopolitan, Glamour, Mademoiselle, Seventeen, Vogue, Family Circle, Working Woman, Ms. Magazine, McCall's Working Mother, The Nurse Practitioner, House and Garden, Mother Jones, Daytime TV, True Story, Texas Woman, Talk, Fifty Plus, Savvy Magazine, Ladycom, Self, Mother's Manual, Spokeswoman, Colored Woman, Playgirl, Parent's Magazine, Apartment Life, Bride's, Co-Ed, and Essence.

Anyone interested in working on one of the ERA Committee subcommittees should write to the ERA Committee at the national office, 1411 K Street, N.W., Suite 1110, Washington, D.C. 20005. Include a resume and a letter expressing your area of interest and how much time you can spend to ratify the ERA.

Beauchamp is Chair of the NWPC ERA Committee. She works as a political consultant in Washington, D.C.

Christine Davis

Made Sidedoor Entrance

Christine Davis, vice chair of the National Women's Political Caucus, came into the organization through the side door of feminist politics: If the front door is considered running for office and the back door feminist anger, Chris Davis' side door was campaign work.

Davis was working to elect a black non-incumbent to the City Council of Cincinnati, Ohio, when she first heard of the NWPC.

"In the campaign we wanted to get the best help and advice possible in the race. So naturally we gravitated to the Ohio Women's Political Caucus as having the most knowledgeable women in politics. After the campaign, I kept up my contact with the group and ended up going to the 1977 NWPC convention in San Jose, Ca. I was really fired up there. I was more fired up by feminist causes than I had ever been by a political party," Davis remembers.

Vice Chair Draftee

Davis was drafted to run for vice chair of the Black Caucus. She was on the membership, judiciary and credentialing committees.

It was also Chris Davis who urged the Ohio Caucus to host the fourth biennial NWPC convention in Cincinnati.

The Ohio Caucus was successful in their bid and Davis promptly moved to Washington, D.C.

"The people in Ohio thought I was deserting them," she laughs. Davis' conscience was eased somewhat when she decided to run for national vice chair. "I was surprised that there weren't many people interested in running. I also considered that since I was now in Washington, I could be of greater assistance at the national office."



Christine Davis

A Desire To Serve

The desire to serve and that proximity proved a winning combination.

Davis has now turned her attentions to increasing Caucus membership and streamlining caucus programs.

"I believe in grass roots organizations. A big problem is really only manageable after it is broken down and worked on one part at a time, and grass roots organizations, organizations like the Caucus who are working on state, local and federal levels on women's issues are the ones who will get the job done," she explains.

"The best way to get women involved with the Caucus is to talk up what a good time we have, and we do have a good time. This is the most sophisticated and smartest group of women I have been around and I really enjoy working with them."

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Susan B. always gets tingles of anticipation this time of year with all the red and green of Christmas mixed with all the red, white and blue of politics and the ringing in of a new presidential election year.

There are so many things to have tingles about. Ms. Magazine is ringing in the New Year with a cover story on the "80 Women to Watch in the 80's" and among those 80 are lots and lots of Caucus members and friends—



Cathie Hartnett



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CATHIE HARTNETT (who has become the executive director of Voters For Choice), NWPC Vice Chair **GOLDIE CHU**, former Vice Chairs **ANITA NELAM** and **RITA TRIVIZ**, former NYWPC Chair **CAROLYN REED**, Advisory Board members **POLLY BACA BARRAGAN** and **LUPE ANGUIANO**, Minnesota Secretary of State **JOAN GROWE**, and so many more, Susan B. just can't say enough congratulations.

Ms. herself, is going through a lot of changes in the 1980's. It has a new design, new format and is now an official non-profit foundation. Ms. founder and NWPC Advisory Board member **GLORIA STEINEM** says the magazine has been running on a non-profit basis for the last seven years anyway—this just makes it official.

Speaking of women to watch in

People and Politics by Susan B.

the coming year, former Democratic Women's Task Force Chair **JOANNE HOWES** is rapidly moving to the top of the list. Joanne has been named a deputy campaign manager for the Kennedy For President Committee. Her special emphasis will be to integrate women and issues that affect women into the Senator's run for the big house on Pennsylvania Avenue. Susan B. wishes her well.

Susan B. is also happy to announce that Republican Women's Task Force Chair **SUSAN MCLANE** has won a seat in the New Hampshire State Senate in that special election we all watched last month. And more congratulations are in order for NWPC Advisory Board member **MARJORIE CRAIG BENTON** who has been named the U.S. Representative to the UNICEF Executive Board.

And let me see, **LIZ CARPENTER** and **ERMA BOMBECK** are back on the ERA trail with their dog and pony show "Take Sex Out of Politics and Put It Into the Constitution." They visited Missouri Dec. 14 and 15 appearing at media events and fund raisers in St. Louis and Hannibal to raise funds for the Missouri ERA Coalition.

Susan B. also hears that Liz maybe coming back to Washington as Assistant Secretary of Public Information to new Education Secretary Shirley Hufstetler, but that is not a confirmed rumor.

We are going to see more and more of the ERA in the near future as "SUPPORT THE ERA—ITS THE AMERICAN WAY" bumper stickers start appearing on all those cars parked in driveways across the country for lack of gas. The new stickers are a brain child of NWPC Advisory Board Member and editor-in-chief of **Redbook** **SEY CHASSLER**, and New York advertising



Joanne Howes

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Still more and more ERA news, **ANNE FOLLIS**, president of the Homemakers Equal Rights Association (HERA) was the special guest at a reception honoring Alabama Women in Politics hosted by the Alabama Caucus at their state convention.

NWPC's California ERA Campaign Fund is still working hard, this time in Los Angeles at the Bonaventure Hotel where California Governor and presidential hopeful **JERRY BROWN**, along with **MIDGE COSTANZA**, **RAQUEL WELCH**, **POLLY BERGEN**, **VALERIE HARPER**, **JOANNE WOODWARD**, **MELISSA MANCHESTER** (she even sang) **PETER ALLEN**, **CAROL BAYER SAGER**, **BEA ARTHUR**, **BARBARA BAIN**, **SUSAN BLAKELY**, **CANDY CLARK**, **SALLY KELLERMAN**, **SUSAN ST. JAMES**, **MICHELLE PHILLIPS**, **JENNIFER WARREN**, **MARILYN BERGMAN** and **GLORIA LORING** all gathered to sparkle for the ERA.

Meanwhile on the East Coast, **ALICE HEYMAN**, NWPC Advisory Board member, has been instrumental in the founding of The Sarah Institute in New York City. The Institute is a unique, non-profit organization, dedicated to educating both women and men on the full range of choices in career and family development. The Institute also provides space and programs in support of women in the arts and humanities. Their first artsy function was a December fund raiser to help bring **JUDY CHICAGO's** Dinner Party Project to New York—now that is a worthy endeavor. It's about time someone set the table straight.

Caucus Chair **IRIS MITGANG** has been on the college trail doing her NWPC number at Stanford, Mills and UCLA.

NWPC state conventions have also been highlighted by Gov. **DIXIE LEE RAY** at the Washington State Convention.

San Francisco Mayor **DIANE FEINSTEIN** was a guest at a Caucus Luncheon in the Golden Gate City



Alice Heyman

and NWPC Advisory Board member **YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE** partook of a luncheon repast with Caucus members in Los Angeles.

At this time of year with all the tinsel and tingles, Susan B. and all of us at the National Office would like to extend a warm holiday wish for a happy new year of renewed feminist endeavor.

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Friedan maintained that women—like men—can feel free, strong and happy only if they—like men—can express themselves outside as well as inside family, parenthood and marriage.

Twenty years ago, without seeing it clearly for quite a while, I came to realize that something was very wrong with the way American women were trying to live their lives. I sensed it first in my own life as a suburban housewife and mother of three small children, half guiltily using my abilities and education in free-lance work for magazines. I began to ask new questions of the women I was interviewing and I discovered feelings and dissatisfactions that were hard to put into words at first, because they simply did not fit the image of the modern American woman as she was being written and spoken about everywhere in the years after World War II: the fulfilled American housewife.

I called it "the problem that has no name." As I later wrote in *The Feminine Mystique*: "Each suburban wife struggled with it alone. As she made

Here, the woman who did so much to open our minds in 1963 examines the revolution she helped to define and to stimulate and asks: What do we as women want now? Can we be—and do—everything we want? Where do we go from here? What do the changes in our lives really mean?

The answers, of course, must come from those of us who are experiencing the changes, living lives that are often vastly different from our mothers'.

Redbook therefore invites you to tell us what is going on in your own life. What are your answers to Betty Friedan's new challenge and to the questions you, your friends and your neighbors are asking? If you'd like to write to us, a note at the end of this article tells how you can share your experiences and opinions with the other women who read Redbook.

—THE EDITORS

the beds, shopped for groceries... chauffeured Cub Scouts and Brownies, lay beside her husband at night—she was afraid to ask even of herself the silent question—"Is this all?"...

"Other women were satisfied with their lives, she thought. What kind of woman was she if she did not feel this mysterious fulfillment waxing the kitchen floor? She was so ashamed to admit her dissatisfaction that she never knew how many women shared it..."

That's how the modern Women's Movement began—with new questions. Women began sharing experiences that did not fit the image created by the millions of words written by experts about women, for women, in all the columns, books and articles that said a woman's role was to seek fulfillment only as a wife and mother.

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Caucus Democrats Draft 1980 Party Platform

Leaders of the Democratic's Women's Task Force (DWTF) of the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) met Sept. 29 in Washington, D.C. to fine tune 1980 election strategy and launch "Fair Share for American Women," a campaign to insure women's equal voice in party and national politics.

Quoting the "Declaration of American Women" made at the 1977 National Women's Conference, Task Force Chair Joanne Howes explained that as women "we do not seek special privileges, but we demand as a human right a full voice and role in determining the destiny of our world, our nation, our families and our individual lives."

The Democratic Women's Task Force "Fair Share" platform calls for candidates and elected officials to commit themselves to active work for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, to fight inflation, to increase employment, to assure civil rights of all citizens, to appoint larger numbers of women to policy-making positions in government and to put a woman on the United States Supreme Court.

Tackles Party Policies

For the Democratic party itself, task force members ask that all Democratic state and local officials

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NWPC Steering Committee Meets in Seattle

The meat and potatoes work of the National Women's Political Caucus filled the agenda of the Steering Committee meeting Oct. 26 through 28 in Seattle, Wash.

During three days of intensive strategy planning, Steering Committee representatives participated in leadership orientation, voted on proposed revisions of elections endorsement and targeting procedures for the 1980 election, adopted an expanded ERA plan and plan for the 1980 party conventions. In addition representatives elected members to all Standing Committees and the Administrative Committee, reviewed site selection proposals for the national tenth anniversary convention in 1981 and



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Iris Mitgang, top left, Christine Davis and Jane Macon, top right, Kathy Wilson, bottom left, Olga Moreno, Goldie Chu and Mary Stanley all participated in mapping out 1980 NWPC programs at September Administrative Committee meeting in Washington D.C.

Administrative Committee Proposes More Businesslike Approach to Politics \$1.5 Million Budget Sought for 1980

Taking the National Women's Political Caucus on a more business like road to winning electoral politics, the NWPC Administrative Committee adopted a new manage-

ment model and a \$1.5 million budget at its Sept. 9 meeting in Washington, D.C.

"We must address with purpose the seriousness of our tasks for it is we who have the responsibility for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. It is the primary goal of the NWPC as decreed by our membership in Cincinnati," Iris Mitgang, NWPC chair, told Committee members.

"There is a rare opportunity for women during the next two years to move forward in the political arena where the critical battle for women's equality will be fought," Mitgang continued. "But because of this opportunity there is a greater than ever need for the NWPC and its full team of activists to reaffirm its role as the political arm of the women's movement."

"At the same time we must preserve the right of choice for all women and we must seek to increase our members in Congress. To attain these goals we must develop a more business like approach to electoral politics."

"Our political sophistication has reached a level which clearly places us in the lead of those seeking political answers to women's

issues and in coordinating the political effort for ERA ratification. We are also the ones who will decide which way women should go at the crossroads of the 1980s," she emphasized.

Regional Model Proposed

To help attain the political goals of the NWPC, the Administrative Committee will propose three changes in Caucus operations to the October Steering Committee meeting. These changes are:

- A regional organizing model
- New staff departmentalization
- Expanded development operation

The pivot point of the new model revolves around each of the newly elected officers who will coordinate political, membership development and ratification efforts in five designated geographic regions.

Under this regional plan each vice chair will head a team made up of delegates-at-large, and state and local caucus chairs.

Goldie Chu was assigned the Northeast. Olga Moreno the Southwest, Christine Davis the Midwest, Kathy Wilson the South and Mary

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Mexico City Newspaper Reports on Caucus Convention

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CINCINNATI, 21 de julio — La mujer norteamericana en estos ultimos anos ha logrado significativos avances tanto a nivel economico como politico, pero aun le queda mucho camino que recorrer, tal afirmacion fue hecha ante unas 2,000 delegadas que asisten a la convencion del Conclave Politico del Movimiento Nacional de la Mujer estadounidense.

Como tema de los tres dias de reuniones, las participantes adoptaron la exhortacion de su presidenta por los ultimos anos. "Aun tenemos mucho que ganar", dijo Mildred Jeffrey en la sesion inaugural realizada en la ciudad de Cincinnati, Ohio. El objetivo, de la cada vez mas poderosa organizacion, dijo la presidenta, es "lograr un cambio social a traves del proceso politico."

Iris Mitgang, recientemente elegida como sucesora de Mildred Jeffrey, dijo que la mujer debe expandir sus intereses mas alla de las cuestiones feministas tradicionales. "Creo que las mujeres de todo el pais estan dispuestas a demostrar su fuerza," dijo. "No podemos continuar por mas tiempo enclaustradas en cuestiones unicamente relacionadas con la mujer."

Seguendo ese consejo, las delegadas aprobaron resoluciones

sobre varias cuestiones, incluso la recomendacion de la ratificacion del Tratado SALT-II por parte del Congreso; asi como que se proporcione mas ayuda a los refugiados en Indochina, y que se hagan mayores esfuerzos para aliviar el hambre en todo el mundo.

El "caucus" femenino ha crecido considerablemente desde su formacion en 1971, como el brazo politico del movimiento de los derechos de la mujer. Habiendo empezado con 271 miembros, el "caucus" expresa que actualmente tiene 45,000 miembros en Estados Unidos en mas de 300 organizaciones locales.

Gloria Steinem, veterana dirigente feminista y una de las fundadoras del "caucus", indico que los movimientos feministas pueden dividirse usualmente en tres etapas: la primera tiene lugar cuando la mujer esta tan oprimida que ni siquiera tiene un nombre que darle a lo que anda mal, dijo ella. La segunda etapa tiene lugar cuando comienza a despertar su conciencia y a comprender su posicion y su insatisfaccion con la misma.

La tercera etapa — la actual del movimiento feminista estadounidense — es la del "alto feminismo", cuando la mujer comienza a progresar y a hacer posible cambios tangibles.

El numero de mujeres que tienen cargos publicos en Estados Unidos ha ido en constante aumento, re-



Gloria Steinem, NWPC Advisory Board Member



Gracia Molin Pick, Chicana Caucus Chair

presentando actualmente la mujer entre un ocho y un diez por ciento de los cargos por eleccion popular, comparado con la mitad de ese porcentaje en 1975.

El Presidente Carter es el primer Presidente en la historia de Estados Unidos que ha designado dos mujeres como miembros de su gabinete: Patricia Roberts Harris, secretaria primero de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (y actualmente del Departamento de Salud, Educacion y Bienestar Social) y Juanita Kreps, secretaria de Comercio.

Aun asi las oradoras en la convencion pusieron de relieve el largo camino que todavia le queda por recorrer a la mujer. "A pesar de los notables logros individuales dentro del grupo, estamos retrocediendo de modo persistente en lo que se refiere a la igualdad con el hombre", afirmo la Sra. Harris. "En 1955, los ingresos economicos intermedios de las mujeres de jornada total de trabajo eran el 63.9 por ciento de los hombres. Hoy el mismo grupo de mujeres gana solo el 58.9 por ciento de lo que ganan los hombres", dijo la Sra. Harris. "En esta pais, el muchacho que no termina sus estudios gana mas que una mujer con diploma universitario".

La Sra. Harris exhorto a las delegadas a que "no se conformen con el sisema, sino que lo transformen".

Bella Abzug, otra de las fundadoras del "caucus" y previamente miembro de la Camara de Representantes de Estados Unidos, declaro ante el grupo que hasta ahora las mujeres no han hecho completo uso de su arma mas poderosa, su numero. "Lo que ocurre es que nos hemos acostumbrado a usar nuestro numero en favor de otros," dijo, "tenemos que usar nuestro numero como bloque poderoso e independiente de votacion."

La organicion cuenta con varios grupos para la defensa de intereses especiales. Gracia Molina Pick, re-

cientemente elegida presidenta del "caucus" de mujeres chicanas, dijo que la mujer hispana se enfrenta a los mismos problemas que otras mujeres que viven en sociedades tradicionalistas. "Tenemos que convencer a nuestro pueblo de que no es necesario ser tradicional para ser chicano," dijo. "Tenemos que batallar contra una cultura estatica que nos define."

La principal tarea del "caucus" de mujeres negras sera incrementar el numero de sus miembros, dijo Novella Williams, su nueva presidenta. "La mujer tiende a estar mas abierta a las candidatas de la raza negra," dijo. "La mujer entiende los prejuicios que existen. Ese mero hecho de que todas las mujeres han sido discriminadas hace que la mujer blanca entienda mejor la causa de la mujer negra."

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FROM THE NWPC CHAIR

These are the times that try women's souls, and men's. A time when crisis is the tempo and where all around us are those preaching of the approaching doom—"The right wing is encroaching," "The economy is failing," "Nuclear disaster is imminent," "Resources are depleted."

And what is worse, is that this crisis mentality is being touted by our friends.

At the National Women's Political Caucus the climate is different. I have found in meeting with the leaders of 17 state caucuses that the determination and energy of NWPC women belies the tenor of the times and despite formidable odds our record is impressive.

Across the feminist political land it has become apparent that we must take the lead. We are ready to take on the challenge of the presidential elections. We are ready to change political and electoral odds. We cannot allow a conservative trend to set back any of the hard fought gains of women.

The strategy is clear: to organize, to target and to win.

We are the majority and we must put our numbers to work. But such planning takes bodies, discipline and money. Each of us must work and give as we have never worked and given before. We must mobilize without question in dedication to our cause. Each of us must decide how much more we have to give.



Iris Mitgang

June 30, 1982, the ERA ratification deadline, marks the most critical cross-roads of feminist political history. Time won't afford us a moment's rest. The NWPC is mobilizing the most comprehensive ERA program in our history; the most professional targeting program liberal politics has ever known.

That is why we are expanding our membership program to bring in every woman and girl whose life is touched by our concerns. That is why we are bringing together a network of political women across the country who understand the national scope of local programs and problems. That is why our appointment's coalition is revitalized and our legislative program is looking to long-range policy planning action. Each NWPC program is designed to rein-

force the political clout of women. It takes money to make that clout effective, and that is why our budget for 1980 is set at \$1.5 million.

We are stretching our imagination to create the means of effective social change. Each of us must feel a personal responsibility for women in politics and the National Women's Political Caucus. Now is the time to redouble our efforts. It is the time for each and every one of us to reassess our commitment to the overriding goal of achieving and implementing political equality.

Caucus resource teams are being set up across the country. Regional networks are being created to put members in touch with the needs of political women close to home. For the first time the Caucus will have a network of volunteers in every program to make the Caucus and equality work efficiently and effectively.

It is up to us to make it happen. The numbers and strength are there: be it delegate selection, ERA or a specific political contest, we can make our numbers count.

The only way to create change is to win and the only way to win is to work and plan. One hundred years ago, Susan B. Anthony told us "Failure is impossible."

Our political dialogue goes to the heart of our very survival and our membership is ready to fight for justice.

We have a lot to win and win we must.

NWPC Offers Challenging Intern Program

The National Women's Political Caucus offers an on going internship program which gives college students the opportunity to learn the inner workings of a grass roots organization — how it works, what it does and how it survives in a constantly changing political world.

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During the next year NWPC interns would work on the delegate selection process, ERA races in unratified states, and legislation.

NWPC members are urged to call their local college counseling center to help spread the word about NWPC internship opportunities and to encourage any students to apply.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the program or who wishes to apply should write to the national office in care of the Executive Director, Internship Program, 1411 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

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make the passage of the ERA a top priority, and that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) not hold any meeting in a state which has not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. The platform also calls for the DNC to reaffirm its commitment to the equal division of delegates at all party conferences and conventions. DWTF members also call for the DNC to pledge itself to the short term goal of electing at least 50 women to Congress and to substantially increase the number of elected and appointed women at all levels of government. The party should continue to pledge itself to the long term goal of equal representation by men and women in all elective and appointive offices, to actively recruit women to seek elective office, and support them with financial and technical assistance at all levels.

"This time, women want pre-election promises to be the post-election policies of the country," Howes continued. "Commitments to our platform, alone, will not insure support for any candidate by feminists. We will be watching the action of all the candidates."

What Are The Issues?

Howes emphasized that task force members will also be watching how candidates run their speeches—not only when addressing the National Women's Political Caucus, but also when speaking to the Chamber of Commerce.

To achieve the "Fair Share" platform, task force members are gearing their strategy to the election of feminist delegates to the 1980 Democratic National Convention in New York.

Although the Democratic Party is

already committed to 50 percent of the delegates to the convention being women, task force members want to insure that the women in those seats are feminists. The task force "Plan of Action for 1980" resolves around the selection of these delegates.

"Women will continue to assess the most effective way to accomplish our goals as the lines of the next year's campaign are more clearly drawn, and the candidates begin to articulate and demonstrate their views on our issues," Howes explained.

Delegate Selection Project

Both the Democratic and Republican Women's Task Forces are working on the Delegate Selection Project of the NWPC. The project, under the direction of Ellen Malcolm, will train women and men to become delegates to the national party conventions.

Malcolm and Grace Orlansky, field director, are coordinating media and training events in states targeted by the project. State caucuses will help organize media schedules and workshop sessions and party task forces will train participants on delegates selection procedure.

The Republican Effort

Republic Women's Task Force members have already sent out questionnaires to all declared presidential candidates and are now doing follow-up calls to bring in the responses.

Although the GOP has no equal division rule, state delegations have been urged to work toward putting more women in delegate slots.

"We are setting up a system of

monitors in special states to assure women are becoming delegates. We will announce our detailed plan and targeted states later this fall," explained Pam Curtis, Republican Women's Task Force vice chair.

Feminists Making Decisions

Before delegates arrive at Madison Square Garden, Democratic Women's Task Force leaders want to insure the appointment of feminists to the platform and rules committees, secure inclusion of the "Fair Share" platform in the candidates', state and national party platforms, and insure the selection and election of feminists to state central committees.

"To attain our goals women must broker for themselves. White males can no longer broker for white females, black males for black females or hispanic males for hispanic females. We are the ones who have to say who the delegates are going to be, not some male party regular. If we do that, then we will become a permanent part of the Democratic Party and not just an afterthought," charged Anita Nelam, former NWPC vice chair and political consultant, now working on the task force project.

Task force members are planning meetings with representatives of each campaign as the candidates officially declare, to inform them of task force strategy and to secure their early support for the principles and goals of the "Fair Share" program.

"Women need to know, before the delegate selection filing deadlines, where each candidate stands on our issues, and what roles women will play in the development and implementation of policy in



Joanne Howes, Democratic Women's Task Force Chair

each campaign," Howes emphasized.

Besides their concern with delegates selection, task force members also passed two resolutions—one urging President Carter to appoint a woman to the newly created cabinet post of the Department of Education. Members urged the strong consideration of Mary Berry, currently the highest appointed official in education, to that post. She is assistant secretary for education at HEW and the acting commissioner of Education.

The second resolution requested the Democratic National Committee's Judicial Committee to reverse the decision of the party's Compliance Review Committee which accepted the Illinois state delegate selection plan. The DWTF pointed out that the Illinois plan is out of compliance in five areas: equal division, candidate right of approval, winner take all, 25 percent threshold and the apportionment formula for congressional districts.

HEW Forms Spouse Abuse Committee

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has taken the problem of spouse abuse by the home and established an Office of Domestic Violence within HEW's Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

In conjunction with the Office on Domestic Violence, President Carter has created an Interdepartmental Committee on Domestic Violence, composed of policy-level representatives from the departments of HEW, Defense, Justice, Interior, Agriculture, Labor, Housing and Urban Development and other federal agencies including ACTION, the Commission on Civil Rights, and the Community Services Administration.

This committee, reports a recent Center for Women Policy Studies newsletter, will review federal programs that currently provide or could provide assistance to battered spouses. It will then report to the president and present a plan for future action.

Administrative Committee Plans For Future

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Stanley the Northwest (Alaska and Hawaii included).

"As Caucus sisters we must take care of each other and create a natural support system for political change which crosses the demographic and geographic boundaries," Mitgang explained.

To make the regional organization work, to get more women in office and the ERA ratified, the NWPC Administrative Committee has proposed a \$1.5 million budget for 1980.

New Staff Departments

Mitgang, along with NWPC Executive Director Deborah A. Harding, has designed a new organizational model for national staff operations. The model is based on three departments—political, membership and development. Staff for each department will work under a director, overseen by the executive director. A public information office will assist the department directors, the executive director and the chair.

The Administrative Committee



Erla Alexander, NWPC Treasurer

also endorsed formation of five subcommittees to work with day-to-day Caucus functions—personnel, legal oversite, operations and facilities, training and information systems.

Committee members also approved the formation of a Fair Campaign Practices subcommittee to the Elections Committee and the formation of an Appointments Committee to work with the Coalition for Women's Appointments.

The Appointment Committee will be instrumental in developing a full

and effective support network among women in upper and mid-levels of the federal government, state governments and the judiciary.

A Liaison System

In addition to regional responsibilities officers will also serve as liaisons between the Administrative Committee and at least one standing committee and/or political committee.

Mary Stanley and Erla Alexander will work with Finance, Olga Moreno with Legislation, Christine Davis and Goldie Chu with Membership, Davis with Judicial, Alexander with Planning and Development, Kathy Wilson with Public Information and Jane Macon with Bylaws. Wilson will also work with the ERA Committee. Stanley is assigned as the Political Planning Committee liaison with Macon and Davis working with the Appointments Committee.

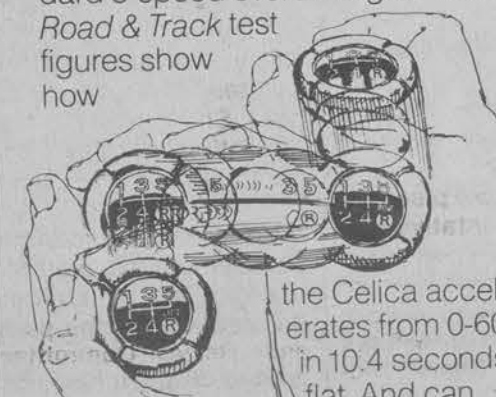
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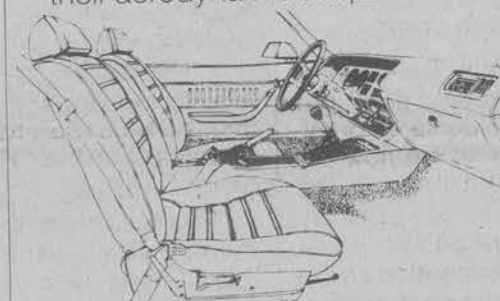
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SUPPORT OPERATIONS

Staff

Staff structure varies with every campaign. One person cannot accomplish and supervise all items within one area; therefore, it is necessary to structure the campaign staff according to campaign strategy and available personnel (paid and/or volunteer). For example:

- 1) The same person should always be responsible for scheduling the candidate, but in smaller campaigns, the scheduler can also assume other duties.
- 2) One person should be office manager of the headquarters, responsible for securing and maintaining equipment and supplies. In smaller campaigns, this person frequently coordinates and schedules volunteer activities.
- 3) One person should make all news contacts for the campaign, but that person can also assume responsibilities for research and/or literature development.
- 4) One person must be in charge

Should You Run

by Anita Nelam

of financial records, accounts, and reports.

- 5) There may be volunteers who wish to take responsibility for individual or single projects (e.g., a particular fund raising event, an endorsement letter to the members of an organization in which the candidate is a leader), or for a larger on-going campaign project.

A campaign manager (coordinator) is essential to every campaign, regardless of other staff provision or the size of the campaign. The manager is the administrative officer of the campaign, and should work out of the headquarters as she must make frequent decisions.

The candidate cannot and should not coordinate her own campaign. No one else can persuade voters as effectively as the candidate, and her time must be spent talking to undecided voters. (Coordinating her own campaign would mean spending too much time with people who are already for her.)

VOLUNTEERS

The wealth of many campaigns is determined by the number of volunteers involved. A committed and enthusiastic volunteer is second in influence only to the candidate herself. Such a volunteer far exceeds

the influence of advertising and literature.

Volunteers must be carefully planned for, budgeted and recruited for each campaign activity. Always have work ready for volunteers. There are always things to be done and failure to plan ahead is wasteful. Volunteers who are turned away because of no available work seldom come back.

Always give a manageable task. The psychological impact of receiving an entire list to telephone or address can be overwhelming. But a list of 50 people is manageable and when it is completed the volunteer with probably be willing to take on another task.

It is important that a volunteer understand the importance of the assigned task. Merely addressing countless envelopes may quickly seem like menial labor, but if the significance of the task is explained, then the volunteer understands that he or she is a vital part of carrying out the campaign strategy.

RESEARCH

Every campaign has research requirements. They begin from the moment a campaign is considered, continue throughout the campaign and conclude after election day is over.

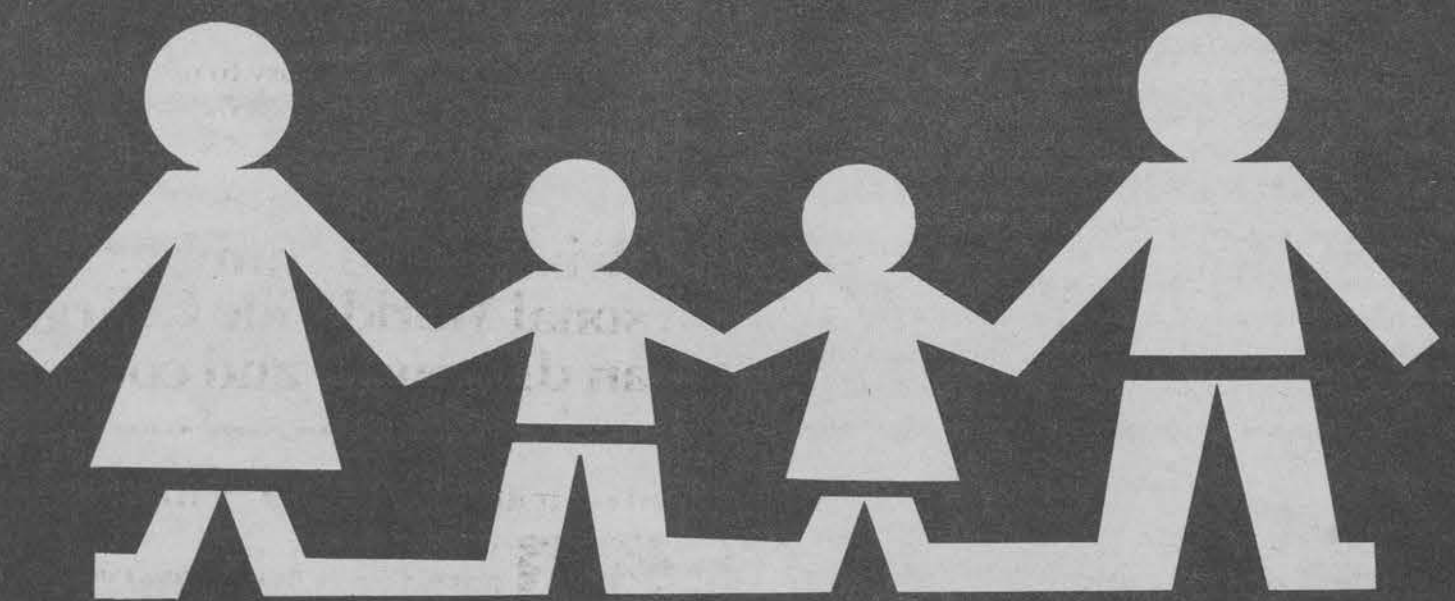
Pre-campaign research includes candidate research, electorate research, election laws, opinion influences, opposition research, and resource assessment.

Throughout the campaign there should be a research capability which can produce facts and figures for the campaign to use in developing issue papers and reports, speeches, handout literature, press releases, advertising, and information about the district. Ongoing research requirements can be divided into issue development, public opinion monitoring, district research, opposition research and monitoring, media research and monitoring, legal research and general reference.

LEGAL ADVISOR NEEDS

The legal regulation of campaigns for public office represent efforts toward achieving more open and honest government, and campaign practices become an issue in many elections. More and more laws are being enacted by all levels of government, and it is increasingly necessary to have a legal advisor make certain that the campaign complies with all applicable laws. It makes no sense to receive bad publicity or even be disqualified because of failure to know the law. Do not attempt to run a campaign without a lawyer who is thoroughly versed in election law.

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NWPC Logs Protest Carter Pulls Krauskopf Nomination

President Carter, succumbing to a negative report by the American Bar Association Committee on the Federal Judiciary dropped Joan Krauskopf, University of Missouri Law School professor, from consideration as a candidate for a U.S. Court of Appeals judgeship on the Eighth Circuit.

"Everyone, including Professor Krauskopf, was shocked by his decision, since sources in the Administration were certain that the nomination would go forward irrespective of the American Bar Association (ABA) opinion," said Susan Ness, NWPC Legal Support Caucus chair. "Judge Griffin Bell met with the ABA Committee at the ABA convention, and the next thing we knew he was in the President's office recommending that she be dropped. There was no opportunity to refute the ABA position."

In a telegram to President Carter, NWPC Chair Iris Mitgang stated:

"Professor Krauskopf is an outstanding legal scholar and would make an excellent appeals court judge. She has met and surpassed all of the standards which you (Car-

ter) set forth in your Executive Order and guidelines. The unanimous recommendation of her by your Eighth Circuit Judge Nominating Panel attests to her exceptional qualifications. We therefore are shocked that you would adopt the biased opinion of the ABA Committee over the judgement of your own panel. Such action makes a sham of the merit selection process."

Eagleton Also Angry

President Carter's decision was also denounced by Sen. Thomas Eagleton (D-Mo.) who said Krauskopf "was given a raw deal by the ABA." In a letter to Carter, Eagleton argued that the "negative recommendation by the ABA is the result not of lack of qualifications, but of the traditional bias at work within the ABA evaluation process. The ABA reserves its greatest fondness for white, male attorneys engaged in corporate or business practice. The ABA does not smile as broadly on academicians and women."

Reports state that the ABA decision was based on Krauskopf's lack of jury trial experience and her con-

centration in the area of domestic relations law, points which Carter adopted as reason for his decision not to nominate Krauskopf.

Yet, Ness points out, there presently are several appellate court judges on the bench—all males—who lack jury trial experience. Nor does Carter's own Executive Order require appellate judicial candidates to have trial experience.

Last June in an unprecedented action clearly referring to Krauskopf, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals passed a resolution addressed to then Attorney General Bell stating that an otherwise well qualified lawyer should not be disqualified from serving on their court solely because of a lack of trial experience.

Krauskopf had been unanimously recommended by Carter's own Eighth Circuit Judge Nominating Panel, all members of which had interviewed her at length. In contrast, only one representative of the 14 member ABA panel (which for the first time has a woman on it) interviewed the candidate.

Weddington Memorandum

In a memorandum to Sarah Weddington, Professor Krauskopf refuted the second ABA "objection" to her nomination—her supposed narrow concentration of interest. She pointed out that in 20 years of teaching, Krauskopf has taught a wide range of courses, many of them dealing in federal law issues.

"She has written scores of law review articles on legal issues of the day, such as prisoners' rights, products liability, and the Equal Rights Amendment. Family law today is a subject which is undergoing rapid growth and significance. Her writing in this field concerns pension rights, income tax, economics and property. However, in its evaluation, the ABA, with its corporate bias, failed to perceive this," continued Ness.

Obvious Horse Trading

Clearly there was more involved than just Professor Krauskopf's qualifications.

"We have no doubt that there was some horse trading going on at the closed door meeting with the ABA in Dallas. And Krauskopf was traded out," Ness further emphasized.

Professor Krauskopf graduated first in her class at Ohio State Law School in 1957, where she was Co-editor-in-Chief of The Law Review. She finished first and second, respectively, among those taking the bar in Colorado and Ohio. Among her many activities she has served on the Missouri Human Rights Commission.

Letters and telegrams have been pouring into the White House as a result of Carter's decision not to nominate Krauskopf. Expressions of disfavor have come from Missouri Governor Joseph Teasdale, members of the state legislature, prominent scholars and judges from across the country as well as from women's organizations.



Helen Frye, Oregon's choice for judicial bench.

OWPC Successful In Nominating Woman to Court

by Mary M. Cramer

Oregon Women's Political Caucus Chair Anne Greenfield enjoys telling the saga which started with the Omnibus Judgeship Act. When two new district court judgeships were created in Oregon, OWPC members went to work. Their first priority was finding qualified women to sit on the bench and Judge Helen Frye of Lane County Circuit Court, a feminist with a superior bench record, filled the bill.

OWPC members began their campaign. State leaders were contacted and they sent letters endorsing Frye to President Carter. Former Oregon Governor Robert Straub, Oregon's state and federal judges, Oregon's co-chairs of the 1976 Carter campaign and Oregon men and women of both the Democratic and Republican Parties wrote in support of Frye.

Several women's organizations—NOW, the Democratic Federation of Women's Clubs, the Women's Law Caucus, Zonta, and the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs joined OWPC members in a coalition to work on her behalf.

But the four Democratic Congressmen from Oregon met and, on their own, sent President Carter the names of two white, middle-class men as their candidates for the judgeships.

Greenfield, representing the Caucus, immediately went to the media emphasizing the Act's affirmative action clause and President Carter's statement that this Act provided an opportunity for the redistribution of judgeships so that women and minorities would be represented on the federal bench. This was being ignored by the Oregon congressional delegation.

Put Women on Commission

To keep the pressure building, Greenfield led the caucus in calling for women's membership on the commission. A polite and friendly response from the senators asked the caucus to send nominations for one commission position; caucus members responded with a list of nominations to fill half the positions. Greenfield quickly notified the women's groups coalition, urging them to also send nominations. Four of the nine commission members ultimately selected were women. Two were caucus members.



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Garry Trudeau, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist.

Political and social satire in black, white and color filled Boston's Impressions Gallery Sept. 28 and 29 for the National Women's Political Caucus private exhibition of the work of Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Garry Trudeau. Trudeau is also distinguished by being the first male member of the NWPC.

Over 400 people attended the first day of the showing hosted by NWPC and the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, Sally Lunt, chair.

"Garry Trudeau has used his art and his humor to put before us the issues of today. Whether it is the lifestyle of Zonker, the shenanigans of Duke or the quest for independence of our favorite, Joanie Caucus, our friends in Doonesbury tease us into accepting social change," Iris Mitgang, NWPC chair, told the gathering.

"Garry Trudeau is a stalwart friend of women and NWPC. He has shown through Doonesbury, that feminism is important, understandable—and even fun. It is a special pleasure to share the warmth of Doonesbury with its creator," she continued.

During the evening Trudeau was constantly surrounded by admirers and Caucus members.

After the private showing 160 Caucus friends joined Trudeau for dinner at the Ames-Webster House across from the gallery.

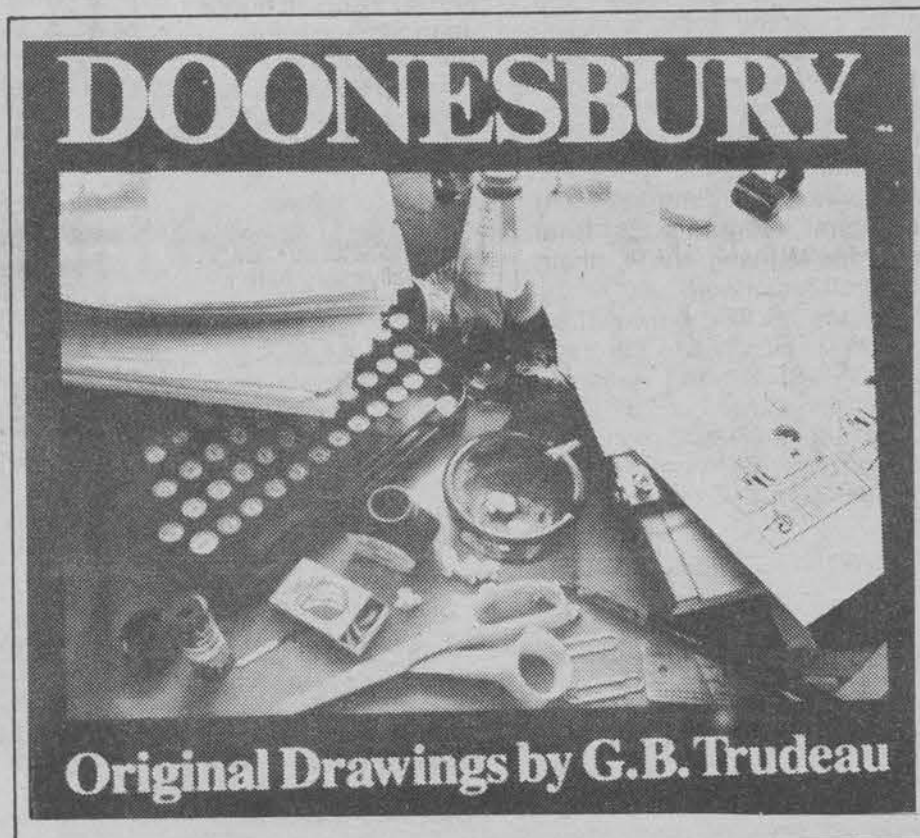
Trudeau created a handsome 20 x 30 inch poster announcing the gallery opening. The poster features a vibrant color photograph of the cartoonist's work space on a hunter green background.

There are a limited number of autographed posters for \$15. Non-autographed posters are \$10.

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Peggy Charren, president of Children's Television and Massachusetts Caucus member, enjoys NWPC sponsored showing of Trudeau's work.



Trudeau designed this handsome poster commemorating the gallery showing. Copies of the poster are available through the NWPC national office.



Trudeau was surrounded by admirers during the two day showing at Impressions Gallery, Boston.

photos by Ellen Yaffee



NWPC Executive Director Deborah A. Harding, left, Sally Lunt, MWPC chair, and National Chair Iris Mitgang chat during the Trudeau showing. Over 400 people came to see and buy cartoons by the first male member of NWPC.

ERA UPDATE

Renewed efforts to ratify the ERA in the 15 states that remain have been initiated by the ERA Committee of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Cari Beauchamp is waiting confirmation by the NWPC Steering Committee as new national ERA Committee chair. Beauchamp is executive director of the National Defense Clearinghouse, a public interest public relations firm in Washington, D.C. She is also a veteran campaign manager.

"We had good results in our 1978 races," said Beauchamp. "We hope to win enough seats in 1979 and 1980 to insure ERA ratification."

Assisting Beauchamp are Rhonda Brown, a research consultant in Washington; Linda Wilkes, an intern from the Washington Semester Program at American University; and Elsa Levy, an intern from the Women's Studies program at George Washington University.

These four are looking at past procedures and priorities for developing ERA strategy. The Committee's immediate attention has been focused on the Oct. 27 primary election in Louisiana and the off-year elections in Virginia and Mississippi.

Races Already Targeted

In Virginia, several races have already been targeted by the NWPC ERA Fund which would favorably change the balance of votes.

The November 1979 elections coincide with the publication of articles on the ERA in 35 national women's magazines, a project organized by ERAmerica.

"The NWPC ERA Fund is prepar-

ing a priority list for future expenditures and activities based on state by state political analyses. A three-pronged element strategy will be the key, emphasizing lobbying efforts and employing grassroots organizing, the targeting of candidates in several elections," said Beauchamp.

NWPC efforts will be coordinated with those of NOW, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, ERAmerica, the President's Advisory Committee for Women and other groups working to ratify the ERA.

Work With Canvass

In addition, the NWPC ERA Committee plans to coordinate activities with the Women's Resources canvassing team. The canvassers now operate out of New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., serving an important educational role in addition to an imperative fund raising function.

"Increased coordination of the committee efforts and canvassing operation with the ERA Fund will enable contributors to know specifically where a donation will be spent and feel more a part of every victory won for the ERA," Beauchamp continued.

"ERA remains the first priority of the National Women's Political Caucus," Iris Mitgang, NWPC chair, reminded all members.

NWPC members in unratified states are encouraged to continue educational efforts and contacts with their legislators. Committee members and staff also welcome suggestions and comments from all NWPC members.

Appointments Coalition Begins Fall Blitz of New Cabinet

President Carter's mid-summer Cabinet shake-up may have left most of the country reeling, but the Coalition of Women's Appointments has seen it as a new chance to place more women in top governmental positions.

The first move of the Coalition, even before Congress could officially confirm many of the new secretaries, was to send out a letter to those appointed requesting meetings with each of them to discuss increasing the number of women in their respective departments.

The Coalition has already met with new Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti.

"It was a very cordial and productive meeting," Iris Mitgang, NWPC chair, said after the two hour lunch. "The Justice Department has a long way to go in terms of placing women in high level positions. I think he recognizes that."

Coalition members also met Oct. 11 with Sarah Weddington, and Oct.

12 with Linda Kamm, general counsel for the Department of Transportation; and Oct. 16 with Treasury Secretary William Miller.

The Coalition has met twice to develop strategy for appointing more women to governmental positions.

Mitgang was guest speaker at the first Coalition meeting in September where she stressed the need for a strong network of women's organizations to feed and disseminate information on the appointment's process to each other to assure the inclusion of women in government policy-making levels.

"The Caucus is gearing up a full-time Appointment's Project, not only to fill top policy making positions in government and the judiciary, but also to look at mid-management and regional appointments as well. We want to keep the names of well qualified women before the Administration at all times," she emphasized to the group.

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Jean Stapleton is known to virtually every American in her television role as Edith Bunker on *All in the Family*. Advocates of women's rights also know her as an outspoken supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and other women's causes.

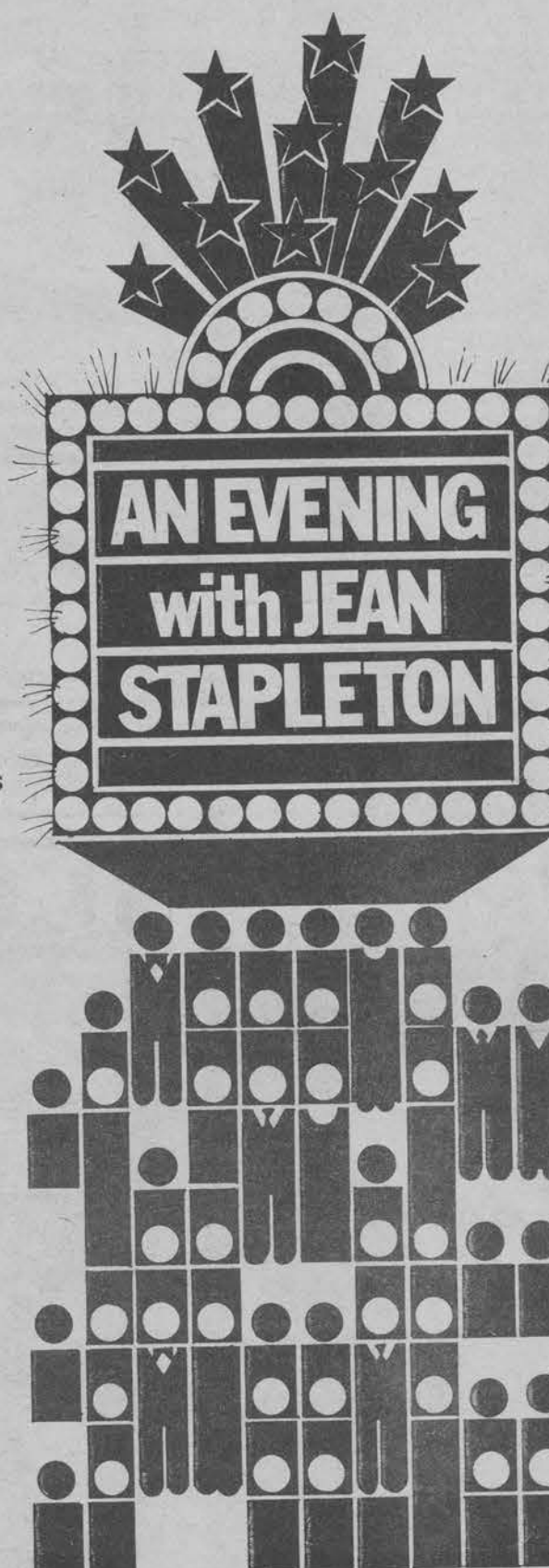
On November 19 Jean Stapleton will come to Washington in a different role, starring in a revival of George Kelly's *Daisy Mayme*, a neglected gem of theatrical fun from 1926. Ms. Stapleton has been delighting summer-theater audiences while polishing this new role to a high luster for her Kennedy Center appearance.

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NWPC Special Project A Caucus Pin in Every Lapel

The National Women's Political Caucus Special Projects Committee has finished its first year of operation, and is now ready to do what it was set up to do—bring money into the Caucus coffers on one hand, and to offer contemporary jewelry to NWPC members on the other.

The project began in January, 1978, with a suggestion by former NWPC Chair Mildred Jeffrey, to Mary Stanley to investigate the possibility of marketing NWPC jewelry. Stanley had done a similar project for the Republican party in California, and is a successful businesswoman in Fresno.

After investigating procedures involving the manufacture and marketing of the jewelry, the committee then decided to use NWPC's logo of five intersecting Greek symbols for women representing the five races of women (black, white, red, yellow and brown) as the design for official caucus jewelry. Stanley needed \$1,300 to manufacture the first run and have the mold cast.

"We started with \$100 loans from 13 women. We brought in the first line in June of 1978. We sold \$2,000 worth at the Steering Committee meeting that June," Stanley explained. "The merchandising project is also the first program set up on a revenue sharing basis for all levels of the NWPC organization."



Mary Stanley

The revenue sharing procedure was developed by Rhetha Ott and works to help local, state and the national Caucus levels each get a piece of the pie.

Stanley says the project has been used successfully in various caucuses across the country as a membership recruiting tool. Caucus members have set up booths at state or national women's organizations, exhibited the jewelry and distributed membership brochures at the same time.

The project is now starting a new phase of development with a fully paid off inventory and a line that includes scarves, Christmas cards, posters and note pads as well as jewelry, (which now includes a Susan B. Anthony pendant). There are plans to expand nationwide with staff people in San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and Washington,

D.C. who will work to market the line.

Project organizers are projecting 1980 gross sales of \$85,000.

"The important thing to remember is that this project is for every local and state caucus around the country. It is a good training tool for growing caucuses in fund raising, merchandising and membership recruitment. It is a good way for the world to know what NWPC is and who we are," says Stanley.

Stanley is also planning a larger advertising campaign by placing ads for merchandise in other feminist publications.



NWPC members are getting more and more questions on what the organization's logo means. To ease the strain WPT will now explain the logo:

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ERA Campaign Going Well In Tinsel Town

In an effort to tap the growing interest of the entertainment community in both politics and women, the National Women's Political Caucus ERA Fund set up a special California ERA Campaign Fund in 1977. The California project is now under the direction of Karina Nilsen.

Nilsen came to the Caucus after working with the San Diego, Calif., women's art community, a stint as a Peace Corps volunteer in Africa and most recently working as executive director of the Ahawaz branch of the Iranian American Society. She was in Iran until the Islamic revolution forced the evacuation of Americans from the country.

Now that she is in a more stable environment, Nilsen has already raised \$20,000 from one event in August, is working on an Oct. 30 event with Lynda Johnson Robb, chair of the President's Advisory Committee for Women, and has plans for a concert and art auction in the coming months.

"I came to the Caucus because I realized from being in Iran that the only true changes come through a political system. I wanted to be part of the ongoing change for women," Nilsen explained.

Fall is membership time for all levels of the National Women's Political Caucus. Which means now is the perfect time to accept the challenge made by NWPC Chair Iris Mitgang to quadruple Caucus membership rolls in the next two years.

Some NWPC state and local caucuses have been especially successful in getting new members and retaining old ones—and there is a knack for both.

In particular the GREATER HARTFORD WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS and the TEXAS WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS are two which seem to have the knack. (Then, of course, there is California which has increased its membership rolls by 600 just since the July NWPC convention.)

The work of EVELYN IRELAND when she was TWPC's membership chair (she is now Texas State Chair) is reflected in the membership recruitment and retention portions of the NWPC caucus building manual, distributed to all state chairs at the NWPC national convention in Cincinnati.

"The more members you have, the more effective you will be in making changes in your community," advises the manual.

To get those members Ireland advises the setting of a specific goal for a specific period of time. The goal could be to increase the membership by a certain percentage or to do outreach to a particular group—political party, minority or special interest.

According to Mary Lou Cassatto,

CAUCUS FORUM

Greater Hartford Caucus chair, her caucus does just that; and they follow the next rule in educating the present membership to the goal by suggesting that each member carry membership brochures and know their caucus's local priorities.

The Greater Hartford Caucus also contacts women in political positions asking them to join. This caucus gathered additional names of prospective members from the ERA canvass being conducted in their area, a practice also used by the Northern Virginia Caucus which resulted in a 150 percent increase in membership for Virginia.

Outreach is important to growth; and Ireland strongly recommends having caucus brochures and information available at meetings of other women's groups. The best plan is to get on the program of one of their meetings.

"The women in our group are very assertive. We have contacts with all governmental women's agencies, the Commission on the Status of Women and human services agencies. Our membership is comprised of mostly professional women—doctors, attorneys, social workers; in each field our members recruit others they meet in work and social situations," Cassatto explained.

After a caucus has used all the right tactics in gaining membership then the next trick comes in retaining those members and creating a viable caucus.

"We keep our members active in a number of ways," says Cosatto.

"The local group has monthly luncheon meetings to which we invite a political speaker. Already we have heard from the State Senate Majority leader, who we questioned regarding his stance on parental consent for minor's abortions, and an assistant to the elections committee of the Secretary of State's Office who advised us as to the procedures of getting delegates appointed to the national party conventions," Cassatto continued.

Ireland suggests that besides interesting programming, each member should be provided with a copy of both the local and state bylaws, a list of pertinent resolutions, and addresses of political officials of whom they will need to become aware in working on caucus projects.

To find out the best way to put caucus members in programs where they will be most effective she suggests sending out a participation questionnaire to each member, and doing follow-up as to each member's particular interest.

"Nothing loses membership faster than not giving everyone something to do."

Another good way to recruit new caucus members is to tell each and every potential member how fun the Caucus is.

"I always talk about what a good time we have in the Caucus and what an exciting group of women we are," said NWPC Vice Chair Christine Davis. It works for her; as a new D.C. resident she has recruited seven new members since being Elected an officer in July.

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The idea for the service was formed when Jill Derby, chair of the Carson Valley Caucus, picked up "Women's Soul Flowing" from the religious women's booth at the NWPC Convention.

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"The right wing is outspending us everywhere. They are ruthless. They have only one issue and they want to take over the United States Congress with it. We are the visible counter force to these people and we will make their issue our issue and win," said Cathie Hartnett, Voters For Choice deputy director and NWPC Political Planning Committee member.

Voters For Choice was organized by Gloria Steinem, NWPC Advisory Board Member, and former Massachusetts Senator Edward Brooke in response to the National Right to Life Committee's targeting of 12 pro-choice senators and representatives for defeat in 1980.

"We want to get those men re-elected. They have always stood by us and we want to show our support," Hartnett explained.

Hartnett also emphasized that although the goal of the group is to re-elect pro-choice Congressmen, Voters for Choice workers will not

be working directly in any one campaign, but rather will mobilize voters on the issue—not the candidate.

Voters For Choice plans to use a sophisticated, computerized method of targeting the marginal or unregistered voters. The method will also work in polling these voters as to their stance on pro-choice and the candidate preference. Choice campaign workers will then mount an aggressive get-out-the-vote effort.

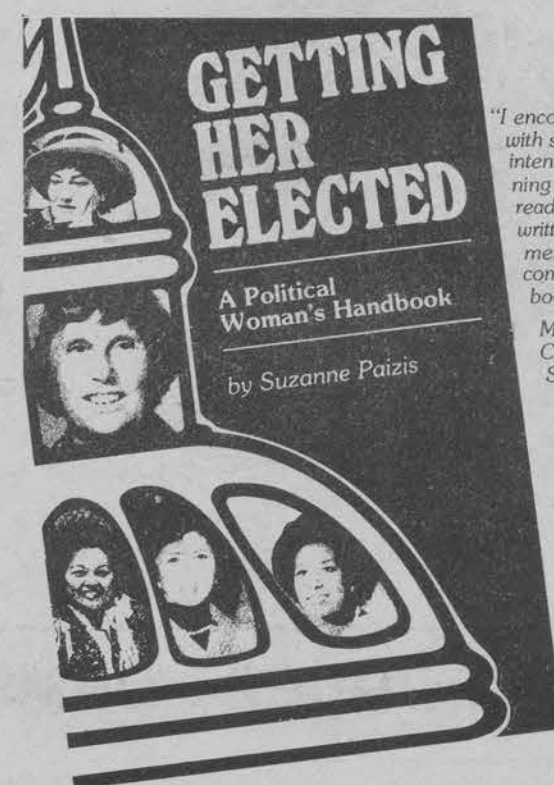
"Our minimum goal will be to produce at the polls enough votes to cancel those produced by the anti-choice forces. This total effort will be an independent effort. Expenditures are not authorized by any candidate," Hartnett emphasized.

Voters For Choice believes that the Right Wing plays dangerous politics.

"We are committed to good leadership and it is time to show support for those leaders who have shown courage in protecting women's privacy.

"It is not really a victory if we win the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and lose the pro-choice battle," Hartnett pointed out.

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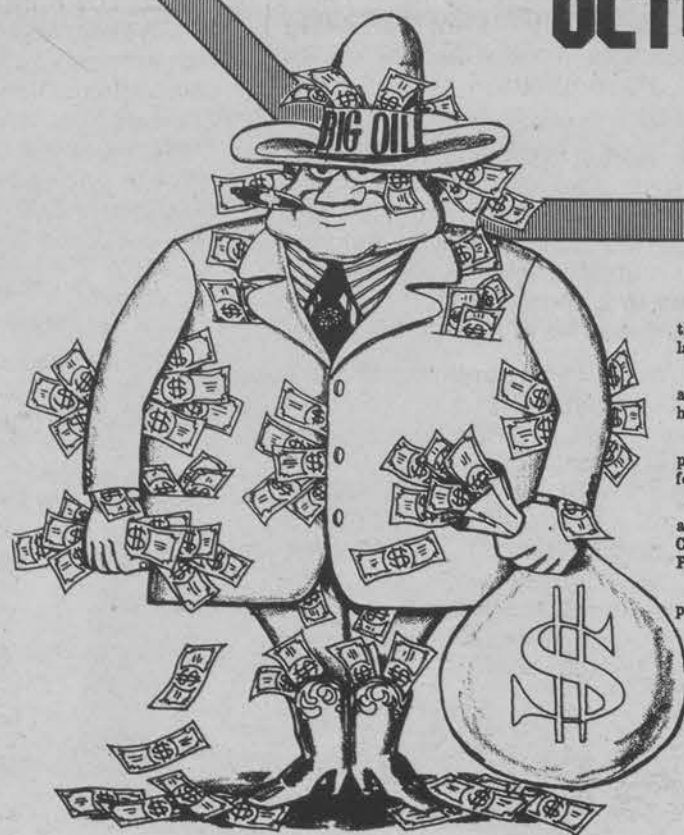
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Legislative Issues Keep Caucus Jumping

NWPC legislative observers are once again monitoring Congress after its month long August recess.

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE bill which was introduced in March by Representatives George Miller (D-Calif.), Lindy Boggs (D-La.) and Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) would provide federal support and stimulation of state, local and community activities to prevent domestic violence and assist victims of domestic violence, and for coordination of federal programs and activities pertaining to domestic violence. The bill has passed the House Education and Labor Committee.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE REFORM AMENDMENTS OF 1979, HR-4904, can be counted as a step toward long needed reform says Lupe Anguiano, NWPC Welfare Reform resource coordinator. The House Ways and Means Committee has reported out a welfare reform measure which calls for a uniform federal welfare payment, thus eliminating the large disparity of payment between the states.

NWPC observers note that this is only half of the President's welfare reform package and does not address the employment issue.

Caucus members have long advocated that any welfare reform program include a strong employment opportunity component. NWPC observers are pleased with the uniform payment segment, which puts payments at 65 percent of poverty level, and with the removal of the prohibition against two-parent homes, which had previously led to a greater number of single-parent (usually female-headed) households at the poverty level.

Oregon Caucus members were instrumental in getting Rep. Al Ullman, (D-Ore.) chairman of the committee to endorse the reforms.

Caucus observers continue to oppose **ANTI-CHOICE AMENDMENTS** still being tacked onto appropriations legislation. In a major victory for pro-choice forces the House recently agreed to drop their firm anti-choice stand from the D.C. Appropriations bill, allowing no federal money to be used for abortions, but not putting strings on D.C.'s own monies.

Differences between Senate and House passed bills still block passage of both. NWPC members are urged to continue lobbying efforts to accept the Senate's more liberal position on choice.

The battle of the **BUDGET** is still going on. Caucus members deplore the Senate vote, to cut several billion dollars from the already bone-bare social programs and to increase military spending by five percent, as a devastating defeat for those working for humanistic causes.

The House and Senate conferees are still trying to iron out differences on the fiscal year 1980 budget.

The Capitol Hill Caucus and other interested members are supporting legislation which addresses **EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION** on Capitol Hill.

A bill has been introduced by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) which would remove the Congressional exemption from Title VII, Social Security and Fair Labor Standards. Passage of the bill would place members of Congress under the same rules applied to all other employers when it comes to hiring and firing employees.

For further information contact Jennifer Oldfield, Capitol Hill Caucus chair, in Sen. Mark Hatfield's office.

Private Clubs Become Judicial Selection Issue

The Senate Judiciary Committee has still another issue with which to struggle as it ponders confirmation of candidates to the new judgeships created by the Omnibus Judgeship Act—that issue being whether or not to confirm a candidate who refuses to resign from a club which discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion.

The controversy stems over the appointment of Judge Bailey Brown, presently a U.S. District Judge in Tennessee, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. In reply to a Judiciary Committee questionnaire, Judge Brown stated that although the University Club, of which he is a member, has

no written policy excluding blacks, he knows of no black members nor did he believe that one would be admitted if he applied.

Judge Brown failed to mention—nor has the Committee discussed—the fact that the University Club, in its bylaws, closes its doors to women. Unmarried women and widows may become associate members (no voting rights), but married women are not welcome.

Judge Brown has agreed to temporarily suspend his membership in the University Club until he is convinced that the club no longer discriminates against blacks. In exchange, the Judiciary Committee reported his nomination out of committee, and sent Brown a letter setting forth the opinion that it is "inadvisable for a nominee for a federal judgeship to belong to a social club that engages in invidious discrimination."

Although the letter explicitly states that it is not discussing all possible forms of discrimination, sex discrimination is not mentioned.

In a letter to the NWPC, Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti stated that it is his "policy to ask any judgeship candidate who belongs to a club that invidiously discriminates to withdraw from the club or to suspend his or her membership."

"The NWPC applauds the Attorney General's policy," said Susan Ness, NWPC Legal Support Caucus chair. "This is a tremendous step forward in increasing federal judges' sensitivity to race, gender and religious discrimination. We will work closely with the Justice Department to insure that this enlightened policy is successfully implemented."

JUDICIAL SCORECARD

(as of October)

Recent confirmations:

Betty Fletcher (9th Circuit)

Nominated and Pending Confirmation:

Cornelia Kennedy (6th Circuit)
Mary Schroeder (9th Circuit)
Dorothy Nelson (9th Circuit)
Stephanie Seymour (10th Circuit)
Barbara Crabb (W.D. Wisc.)
Shirley Jones (D Md.)
Anna Diggs Taylor (E.D. Mich.)
Zita Weinshienk (D. Colo.)
Veronica Wicker (E.D. La.)

Selected but not yet nominated:

Diane Murphy (D. Minnesota)

Total Women in the Judiciary: 23 out of 567 judges.

White House Conference on Families Schedules Nationwide Hearings.

The National Women's Political Caucus is one of many national organizations taking up President Carter's challenge "to see what we can do, not simply as a government, but as a nation to strengthen American families."

Carter made the challenge to the White House Conference on Families (WHCF) at a July 20 White House reception.

NWPC Chair Iris Mitgang attended a Sept. 11 briefing of national organization leaders given by Jim Guy Tucker, a lawyer and former Congressman from Arkansas and chairperson for the WHCF.

The WHCF staff has scheduled five hearings around the country to give families an opportunity to share their concerns, ideas, successes and problems relating to contemporary family life.

The first hearings were held Sept. 28 and 29 in Kansas City and Linsburg, Kan., respectively. Meetings were also held in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 12 and 13.

Tentative schedule for the remainder of the hearings is:
Denver, Colo.—Oct. 26 and 27
Hartford, Conn.—Nov. 16 and 17
Washington, D.C.—Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

WPT CALENDAR

With this issue of *Women's Political Times* we begin a regular calendar which will bring Caucus members up to date on events across the country.

OCTOBER

- 5-7—Indiana Women's Political Caucus State Convention
- 5-7—National Organization of Women Convention, Los Angeles
- 6-8—National Women's Education Fund campaign training workshop, Philadelphia.
- 11—WEAL Second Annual Anniversary Dinner, honoring corporate and labor women executives, New York.
- 13-14—Florida Presidential Preference Delegate Election
- 14—Gay Rights March, Washington, D.C.
- 17—STOP BIG OIL, National day protest, Nationwide sponsored by Citizen/Labor Energy Coalition and the Progressive Alliance.
- 20-28—Abortions Rights Action Week
- 26-28—NWPC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, Seattle, Wash.
- 23—Thursday Caucus, New York
- 25—Organizing meeting for a national association of women judges, Los Angeles.
- 26—Western Women Regional Conference—Women and the Law, Salem, Ore.
- 27—Congressional Democratic Women's Caucus meeting on delegate selection, Washington D.C.
- 27—Louisiana State Primary
- 30—ERA Fund, fund raiser in Los Angeles.

NOVEMBER

- 1—ERAFund Fund Raiser to honor the 35 publishers of women's magazine which published stories on the Equal Rights Amendment in their November issues, New York.
- 3—Oregon Women's Political Caucus Campaign School, Portland, Ore.
- 4—Alabama Women's Political Caucus State Convention
- 6—Virginia Statewide Elections
- 9-11—Washington State Women's Political Caucus Convention, Olympia
- 15-20—AFL-CIO National Convention Washington, D.C.
- 17—Florida State Party Conventions
- 17—Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus Political and Celebrity Auction
- 19—NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH JEAN STAPLETON, Washington, D.C.
- 19—NOW Conference on Family, New York
- 20—NWPC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING Washington, D.C.
- 27—Thursday Caucus, New York

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With all the hoopla over who's running and who's not running, Susan B. is proud to report that the women have made up their minds and have tossed their hats in the ring. In Louisiana, a bastion of Southern male gentility, two Caucus members have declared their candidacies... Chair **LYNN HAIR**, a Democrat is seeking the post of Commissioner of Elections while **SANDRA THOMPSON**, also a Democrat, is trying for Secretary of State. North Dakota has never elected a woman in a state-wide race but when **ALICE OLSON** wins as the Democratic Attorney General, she will break this tradition. In Des Moines, two women—**ELAINE SZYMONIAK** and **CARLA FULTZ**—are running in the non-partisan race for mayor. Oregon, ahead of the country as usual, has already named a woman mayor of Portland—**CONNIE MCCREADY**, a Democrat.



Susan McLane

NWPC Republican Task Force Chair **SUSAN McLANE**, who, according to Mary McGory is a member of one of "New Hampshire's most distinguished Republican households", is running for the New Hampshire State Senate. Previously, she served as Ways and Means Chair in the State House. Additionally, **SUSAN** is a Harvard Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge joined there by two Oregon Caucus members—**ROBYN REMAKLUS** and **KIM SKERRITT** who are pursuing master's degrees. Will the Ivory Towers ever be the same... hopefully not!



Robyn Remaklus

And a woman who had decided not to run for the U.S. Senate, **BARBARA MIKULSKI** (D-Md.) has decided to run for another term in the House. Susan B. heaves a sigh of relief.

West meets East as Caucus Chair **IRIS MITGANG** has been making the Washington rounds with Administration officials, the Congress and the press. One of her recent appointments produced a meeting between Attorney General **BENJAMIN CIVILETTI** and the women judges of California. **IRIS** was also named one of 20 women of achievement on Women's Equality Day (Aug 27) by California Governor

People and Politics

by Susan B.

Jerry Brown.

The ERA lives... declares Susan B. and the NWPC. Attending a strategy meeting on Aug. 11, held by ERAmerica, Caucus representatives were among 125 organizations there including labor, business women's and other supportive groups as well as ERA coalitions from the unratified states. And speaking of unratified states, Missouri, not to lose a moment in this election year, has persuaded **POLLY BERGEN** to host a fundraiser for the **MO ERA Coalition**.

Meanwhile, the dauntless ERA canvassers opened in Washington to rave reviews... from **CARTER** officials whose chimes they rang on their canvassing treks. Susan B. understands that those who came out from behind closed doors were very impressed by the canvassers' professionalism and commitment. Hopefully, those canvassed gave 'til it hurt. **SUE HENSLEY** is the Washington office's canvass director and runs a tight ship, while other canvassing operations continue in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and a new office in the "City of sisterly love..." all for the NWPC



Sue Hensley

ERA Fund.

And a note of interest on the ERA battle. Last month for the first time on the East Coast more than 17,000 Mormons gathered at the Capital Centre in Largo, Md., for a conference. While the Mormons did on earth what Mormons do, in the heavens a banner unfurled (pulled by an airplane) declaring "**MOTHER IN HEAVEN LOVES MORMONS FOR ERA.**" Amen.

And in the appointment department... Michigan Caucus leader **MARYANN MEHAFFEY**, Vice Chair

Kathy Wilson

A Republican Feminist With Political Savvy

Kathy Wilson has two priorities for the National Women's Political Caucus during her two years as vice chair—to get the Equal Rights Amendment ratified and to bring more Republican women into the organization.

At age 28, Wilson already has a long record of getting things done. As chair of the Northern Virginia Women's Political Caucus she increased membership over 200 percent, making it the fastest growing caucus in the country (next to California).

Since being elected in July, Wilson has been making the rounds, talking to both national staff and members in the field to get a bigger picture of the Caucus and to find the best way to improve it.

"I want to do my part to ensure the ratification of the ERA," she told *Women's Political Times*. "But I want to use some good sound thought in doing it. Part of the process, I think, is to organize sophisticated projects and voters around feminist issues and to tell everyone that we are the ones who are doing it."

Part of that sophistication and planning comes from keeping the NWPC a truly bi-partisan organization.

"I am very concerned about making the NWPC a true bi-partisan Caucus. The more Republicans and minorities we have the more viable an organization we will be."



Kathy Wilson

"If we continue to be perceived as an all-white, Democratic group, how can we effectively respond to the increasing needs of minorities, Republicans and independents?"

Wilson wants to see Republicans and minorities involved at all levels of the Caucus organization. She is encouraging Republican members to run for Standing Committee offices.

All in all, Wilson has great hopes for the Caucus.

"We have an incredible network of sophisticated, sensitive and smart women who are continually increasing their clout; women who recognize the importance of the organization over individual needs."

of the Detroit City Council has been named Deputy Chair of the White House Conference on the Family... **SUSAN NESS**, NWPC Legal Support Caucus chair, has been named to the Montgomery County Maryland Commission for Women... **ALICE DANIEL** is said to be in line for **BARBARA BABCOCK**'s post in Justice, assistant attorney general for the civil division.

Mayor **ISABELLA CANON** of Raleigh, N.C., welcomed **LYNDA ROBB**, chair of the President's Advisory Committee for Women, and other Committee members who heard two days of testimony from 65 witnesses on the status of women in that state. Those who testified included a battered wife, a secretary, minority women, a prison inmate and government officials who provide services for women. With 52.4 percent of North Carolina women working outside the home, they face discrimination in education, employment, and health and welfare.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARGARET SANGER, who would have been 100 years old on Sept. 15. She indeed changed our lives by her pioneer efforts in the field of birth control.

Susan B. will meet all of you in Copenhagen in 1980 for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women. In preparation for this world conference, the State Department held a day-long meeting which Caucus members from across the country attended.



Mildred Jeffrey

NWPC Advisory Board Chair **MILLIE JEFFREY** left the U.S. temporarily for the international feminist scene where she attended a conference in the Netherlands to demonstrate support for their Emancipation Act, legislation similar to our own ERA. Then **MILLIE** spoke on feminism in the 80's to groups in Germany and Cairo, Egypt, for the International Communications Agency.

Democrat **CATHIE HARTNETT**, 1979 Convention Chair, has a new job as deputy director at Voters for Choice. **CATHIE** has also made the pages of the *WALL STREET JOURNAL* and the *WASHINGTON POST* on Monday, Sept. 10, where she was interviewed on how to dress for success as both a feminist and a professional. She attributed her new found stylishness to Republican **NANCY THOMPSON**, an Washington, D.C. image consultant. Would any other republican do that for a democrat, Susan B. wonders

Abortion Rights Action Week Celebrates Choice

The National Women's Political Caucus was one of 50 organizations sponsoring "Abortion Rights Action Week" Oct. 22 through 29. The week was planned to celebrate and affirm the reproductive rights of women.

Abortion Rights Action Week was a nationally coordinated series of local events with the theme "Abortion...It's Our Right." The week's activities culminated in a presentation of a Call To Action by a 50-woman delegation to a selected group of official representatives in Washington, D.C.

"Choice is the critical issue for women. The issue which tests the very definition of who we are and what we chose to be," Iris Mitgang, NWPC chair told *Women's Political Times*. "The Caucus must continue to be in the forefront of the fight for choice."

"Most people agree that the decision to have a child, to have an abortion, to practice birth control or to be sterilized should be an individual private decision; to be freely made without interference from any governmental or private group," Action Week organizers agree. "Now in 1979, more than six years since the Supreme Court ruled that abortion is a constitutionally protected right of all women, we find that reproductive rights and particularly the right to safe, legal abortion is still under constant attack by those who call themselves 'Right to

Lifers.' These champions of forced motherhood hope to completely outlaw the right to legal abortion by any means possible—even the passage of a constitutional amendment."

Caucus members were urged to

participate in a variety of activities during Abortion Rights Action Week ranging from candlelight vigils, clinic open houses, teach-ins, seminars and speak-outs, fund raising events and special celebrations. "Those of us who believe in a

woman's right to choose are the majority," said Mitgang. "Our combined voices as the majority will affirm these rights; we will restore them where they are being denied and protect them where attempts are being made to erode them."

Women Athletes Continue Title IX Fight

"It is only fair that women and men have equal educational opportunities, whether it's in the classroom or on the playing field. Professional athletics has become big business in our country. Only by having equal athletic training in school will women athletes be able to reap the same financial rewards as men athletes," Iris Mitgang, NWPC chair, told the Women's Sports Foundation press conference Sept. 13 in Washington, D.C.

Professional athletes Carol Mann, Donna deVarona, Lacy O'Neill and Janet Guthrie, along with Mitgang and representatives from various women's groups met with Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Patricia Harris before the press conference to ask for more intensive enforcement of Title IX.

Portraying themselves as "mavericks and outlaws" in the



Donna deVarona

sports world, the women athletes told of how they had fought the barriers to not only gain victories for themselves, but for all women.

"We want women to be part of the traditional world of sports,"

deVarona told the press conference.

"The college presidents' claim that enforcement of Title IX will hurt men's sports has not been proved true," she continued.

"Men's athletic budgets are still calculated in millions of dollars while women's budgets at the same schools are calculated in thousands," she said.

Mitgang also told the gathering she had observed that among the young men in her class at law school the most successful ones had leadership skills developed by being captains of sports teams. And that, that area of learning was being denied to women.

"I hope the women of the Sports Foundation and you 'mavericks' in the sports world continue to open the doors and act as models so that more young women may obtain the skills needed to be successful on all levels," Mitgang emphasized.

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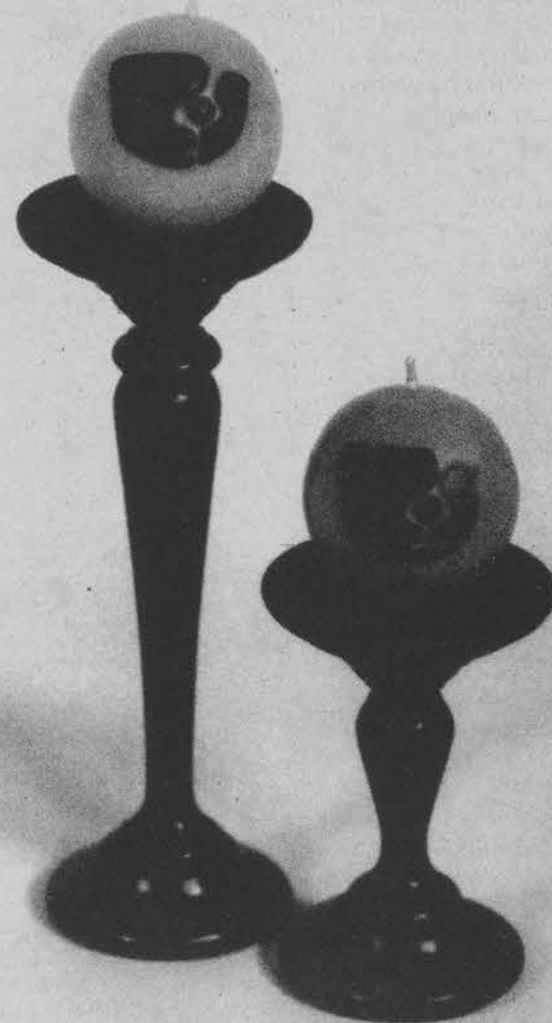
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International Feminist Network Is Growing

Former NWPC Developmental Director Spreads Caucus Line

by Robbie Snow

Equal rights under the law, equal pay for equal work, the media and women, fund raising, leadership and public policy—a convention agenda for the National Women's Political Caucus? No, these issues and many more were raised by leaders of women's organizations in discussions held by former NWPC Development Director, Lael Stegall, in Southeast Asia this past summer.

Under the auspices of the Women in Development Office of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Stegall met with women in Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia to learn more about the role of women's organizations in the national development of these countries.

With the growing interest among Caucus activists in international issues, as witnessed by the number of NWPC members who attended the September U.S. State Department sponsored Conference on Women, *Women's Political Times* talked with Stegall about her impressions of women leaders in Asia, their aspirations, challenges and problems.

"The women's movement in Asia is as diverse as the one here at home, even by our own standard of feminism," Stegall explained. "Women all over the world are beginning to ask questions on their role. They want to know why they are left out of the decision making process and public policy. They are asking economic questions and they are asking for responsibility as well as rights."

"The women's movement can no longer be considered a Western phenomenon," she said. Stegall emphasized that as with the Western women's movement, women in Asia are concerned primarily with the economic aspects of every day living.

"Where there is poverty women suffer its worst effects...where there is prejudices women bear the heaviest burden of discrimination," says the 1979 report on the State of the World's Women, issued by the



Fuel for men's work and fuel for women's work: tankers move over the desert, but a woman still has to carry the heavy sack of charcoal on her back. This year's State of the World's Women Report shows how development planning that assist men often passes women by.

UN Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs.

The report verifies Stegall's findings on the concerns of women in developing countries by tracing the cycle of inequality from birth to old age, showing how poverty, prejudice and illiteracy perpetuate themselves.

Even though the heaviest burden does fall on poverty level women, Stegall found the leadership of the Asian women's movement to be centered in the cities. "It is made up of sensitive middle and upper class women. Women who have time to give to a cause, much like the traditional leadership of our women's organizations in the United States."

"Did you know," she asked, "that there has been a coalition of women's groups in Sri Lanka for 20 years? The coalition has a membership of representatives from 38 women's groups and they have begun their own appointment's pro-

ject, recommending specific women to important commissions within the Sri Lanka government. Women in Sri Lanka were deeply interested in the NWPC's Appointment Project wanting to know how it worked and how it started."

The UN report also showed the brighter side to the gloomy picture when it talked of women.

In Somalia women built a first-class hotel. The Gabonese women helped build a local airport. In Lesotho an estimated 90 percent of the roads have been built by women under a food-for-work program.

Women are also becoming a force in some of their countries' economic institutions. In India some 10,000 women—including illiterates—now have their own bank accounts in a co-operative bank founded by the Self-Employed Women's Association. Some 4,000 women workers are shareholders. Though women represent a much smaller proportion of men, the numbers are going up.

"I think the United States may be farther ahead in realizing that volunteers can't take on everything and win, but Asian women and women all over the world are moving quickly ahead in this area. Women's organizations are building management and performance skills among their memberships," she continued.

Stegall also discovered that whatever the country, many of the women leaders believed that if more women were elected to governmental bodies then governments would have a more positive impact on the lives of the women working in the homes and fields of their countries.

But in many of the developing countries the laws to make women equal are already on the books—the social customs of the countries are keeping women oppressed.

"According to the constitution of Bangladesh women enjoy equal

rights with men. After all, law is a bundle of well chosen literary terms with good rhetoric which sounds musical to the ear, but the strength of customs is far stronger than any law." Dr. Neelima Ibrahim, president of the Bangladesh Mahila Samity, told a recent world conference on women.

"Without education and a minimum subsistence level, political consciousness in only casting votes is a farce. What we really mean by development is economic independence and equality of opportunities to enter all spheres of income-generating fields. We want equal status not only in the eye of the law, but also in society."

Dr. Ibrahim also told the conference that the present democratic system at work in countries such as Bangladesh does not help in strengthening political ties between women.

"If we want to solve our problems on political party grounds we have to form an organization of women with feminists from all different organizations. In this respect we may follow the steps taken by the National Women's Political Caucus in the United States or the League of Women Voters."

It was this emergence of this international women's network which surfaced as one of the most important findings of Stegall's three-month visit to Southeast Asia.

"I learned a great deal. I discovered the international network to be an important resource for everyone. The Mid-Decade Conference in Copenhagen will be a good place to evaluate and reaffirm the IWY Plan of Action. I am certain we can find new solutions to our own problems by learning from women who face the same or similar ones in their own cultures. The women of the world have so much to share and learn from each other," Stegall concluded.



Carol Aloysious, news and feature writing for a newspaper in Colombo, Sri Lanka, enjoys copy of *Women's Political Times*.

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