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**EMILY ANN STAPLES:**

State senator (DFL-Plymouth). Born May 3, 1929. Third woman senator in Minnesota history; one of three currently serving in the state Senate; B.A. from University of Minnesota; member of U of M College of Liberal Arts Board; board member of the Interstate Association of Commissions on the Status of Women; former member of Hennepin County Library Board; member of Council for the Economic Status of Women.



**LOANNE R. THRANE:**

State chairwoman of Independent-Republicans. Born July 11, 1933 in St. Paul; resides in Chanhassen. B.A. from Concordia College, Moorhead; served on University of Minnesota Board of Regents, 1971-'77; appointed to Governor's Council on Quality Education, 1973; vice-chairwoman of the Minnesota Educational Computer Consortium, 1974-'77; former member state GOP Executive Committee.

## Listening In . . . .



**Koryne Horbal**

U.S. delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Born Feb. 11, 1937, Northeast Minneapolis. Appointed in February, 1977; founder DFL Feminist Caucus; former state DFL chairwoman; former DFL national committeewoman; member of International Women's Year (IWY) Commission, sponsor of women's meetings in 56 states and territories including the Minnesota Women's Meeting held June, 1977; member *Ms* (magazine) foundation board; serves on advisory board of National Women's Political Caucus; informal advisor to President Jimmy Carter and Vice-President Walter F. Mondale; known as one of the most politically influential figures in the women's rights movement.

"I got into politics in kind of the opposite way most people do. I saw politics as an extension of my education. I started by going to precinct caucuses because I did care about a local issue. I got elected precinct captain the first time I went.

"The structure was a puzzle to me. Because of my cautious nature against overextending myself, I wanted to know the structure and use it. I couldn't apply my philosophy or my issues or the candidates until I really knew how the party structure worked. So I took the route of really working in the party structure — sort of unemotionally, studying the technical and mechanical. I guess I felt that it leads up...that it's not a waste. I sort of entrenched myself as a family member of the DFL. That became important later to what one calls clout. I had really done my homework. I had put in many hours of work in voluntarism. I really got to learn who the principals were in the party.

"People like Dick Moe, Warren Spannaus, Fritz Mondale and Hubert Humphrey. That's important to build relationships with principals in developing your own leadership in the party. I did it on a state basis. I held office in the party on every single level. And I did most of that as a volunteer. I had credibility for the amount of time I put in. But I went about it the hard way. ...Others had an issue to build a constituency with. At the same time, I learned the system very well. To strategize you have to know how politicians' heads work.

"All during that time I was learning. I didn't ask for anything but I saved up my chips. When I became state chairwoman I saw how women were not represented. I climbed up that party ladder and there was no way I could pull it up after me.

"That's how I got interested in the women's movement. I expected to be included in all aspects of the party politics (in 1968) but I wasn't. I had to educate myself through that process and I was educated through very practical experience—the chairman was paid; the chairwoman was not.

"As far as the press was concerned, I didn't get clout until I had built a constituency through forming the (DFL) Feminist Caucus. Then for a third thing I had visibility. Once we started working on issues there was disagreement. I became controversial at the same time I had some clout. Many people resented my not representing all women or all party people. I was not state chairwoman at that time, I was Democratic national committeewoman.





**NANCY OLKON:** Hennepin County commissioner. Born Aug. 26, 1941. Law degree from William Mitchell College of Law; one of 13 women county commissioners in this state; former referee for Hennepin County Conciliation Court; chairs Minnesota State Bar Association's Criminal Law Section; on subcommittee for revision of criminal code.



**HAZEL HASSELER REINHARDT:** State demographer. Born Aug. 11, 1941 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Received B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison; appointed Minnesota's first state demographer in 1974; on board of directors of Upper Midwest Council; from 1968-'74 was an extension specialist at the Department of Rural Sociology, UW-Madison. Since coming to Minnesota she has concentrated on population projections and estimates and the development of survey research in state government; researched and reported on such population topics as fertility, migration, aging and poverty.



**NINA ROTHCHILD:** Executive secretary of the Council for the Economic Status of Women. Born March 5, 1930. B.S. in education from University of Minnesota; coordinating committee member of Minnesota Women's meeting in 1977; past vice-president and on board of directors for Planned Parenthood of Minnesota; on board of directors of St. Paul YWCA; chairs Sex Bias Advisory Committee to the State Board of Education; member of the Sex Bias Task Force; member of board of directors for Youth Emergency Service.



**KATHERINE (KATI) SASSEVILLE:** Public service commissioner. Born Aug. 18, 1934 in Fergus Falls. Received law degree with honors from University of Minnesota School of Law; Ripon Society, National Governing Board member 1971-'73; trial attorney with the Office of the General Counsel in the Department of the Navy, Washington D.C. 1973-'75; member of GOP Feminist Caucus where she is recorder and general counsel; appointed commissioner in January, 1975, reappointed in January, 1976 to five-year term.



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**JUANITA (NITA) SATTERLEE:** Public service commissioner. Born Dec. 19, 1933 in Wadena. Research coordinator for Countryside Council, a 20-county development organization funded by the Kellogg Foundation, 1973-'77; Lyon County DFL Committee member; appointed commissioner April, 1977.



**LINDA SCHEID:** State representative (DFL-Brooklyn Park). Born June 16, 1942, in Minneapolis. Elected in 1976, one of 10 women in the 1977-'78 Minnesota House; served in Peace Corps for two years in Ethiopia; vice-president of Minnesota Mrs. Jaycees, 1973-'74; named Outstanding Young Woman in America in 1972 and 1974; B.A. from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; areas of legislative concern are education, local government and environmental issues.

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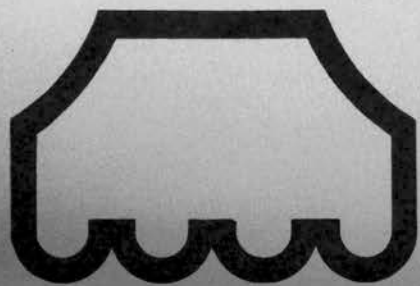
  
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