

# TEXAS WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

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## Moving Fast



Republicans, La Raza Unidas, Democrats, Independents, and Libertarians, attention!

Right now, TWPC can help you and your caucus in planning for spring campaigns. Call the state office for specifics, including:

**Personality Resources** — Support, including visits for publicity and fund raising from leading political women from around the state.

**Trouble Shooters** — Experienced campaign field workers who will help set up campaigns and solve problems during the race.

**Political Research** — Research on vital issues in the campaign and background on incumbents' voting records and financial support.

**Legal Assistance** — The support of experienced attorneys in the fields of campaign spending and reporting laws and equal media time.

**Pre-campaign Training Sessions** — For prospective candidates and their staffs.

**Advice** — Advice on who appears to be vulnerable in your area for you to use or not use, as you may choose in light of local energy and knowledge.

The state office is working to unite experienced women and their skills and talents with women who are making a commitment to run for office this spring.

If you have experience in any aspect of campaigning please notify the state office that you will be able to help.

If you are considering a race and want help, call. This is your organization and women from around the state are available to help you.

—Jane Hickie



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## Communication and Organization

### Policy Council Meeting

The first meeting of the newly-selected Policy Council was held in Austin on September 29 at the Speaker's Committee Room in the State Capitol Building. It was preceded by short meetings of the standing committees.

Significant actions included the adoption of a budget for the state office, discussion of fund-raising plans, adoption of policy of quarterly proration of enrollment fees for new members only, establishment of a quorum for the group of 2/5 of its membership, announcement of plans for Membership Month in November, approval of the filing of friend of the court briefs in the several court suits seeking single member

districts for the legislature, refusal of a request by the ACLU to trade membership lists, and the election of the remaining five members of the Administrative Committee.

Newly-elected members of the Administrative Committee are Olga De Leon (Austin), Diane Denman (Galveston), Cilia Estrada (Houston), Margaret Gaudry (Wichita Falls) and Jenny Taylor (Dallas).

Full minutes of the meeting have been distributed to all members of the Policy Council. If you do not have access to a copy of the minutes and wish to see one, please contact the State Office or Ruth Milburn.

### Administrative Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the administrative committee was held in Houston on October 13. Concentration was on establishing general plans for the coming year.

The quorum consisted of Jane Hickie, Betty Barnes, Loretta Jo Shaw, Ruth Milburn, Diane Denman, Cilia Estrada, and Margaret Gaudry. Lorey Gallop represented the advisory committee. Cathy Bonner, state executive director, and Karey Bresenhan, policy council delegate from Harris County, also attended.

The committee adopted a policy for the TWPC of no deficit spending. Campaign funds and seed money for fund raising are to be raised from no-enrollment fee sources whenever possible.

The general funds of the caucus are to be directed toward the state office expense, campaigns for feminist candidates, lobbying and legislature information, and membership and organizational needs.

Special interest caucuses will be asked to plan for the year. They are asked to consider especially how their caucus relates to the TWPC goals of 1) successful lobbying on women's issues and 2) election of feminist candidates.

The administrative committee agreed that it is necessary for our membership to concentrate on fielding candidates in local and regional races.

Not only does this build name identification and provide campaign experience for caucus members, it is an effective means of generating support for those statewide candidates whom we may endorse.

A brief pamphlet on local races and how to win them is being prepared for all local caucuses and policy council members.

The political action committee will draw up guidelines for endorsement of statewide candidates and for dispersion of TWPC campaign funds to candidates in statewide and local races for review by the policy council at their meeting in Dallas on Jan. 26.

—Ruth Milburn

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*Copy for each months Newsletter must reach the state office on or before the fifteenth of the preceding month.*

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# Feminist Holiday Gifts

Now is the time to select those special gifts for the Holiday season.

This year give not only a thoughtful gift, but a meaningful feminist gift.

The proceeds of the sales will be used to help support the goals of the Women's Political Caucus on both the state and local level.



## There's a Contradiction Inside

**There's a Contradiction Inside** is a feminist anthology of poems and paintings by Linda April Raines. The collection includes five exceptionally fine, full-color reproductions and eighty pages of free verse. The color separations were made directly from the original acrylic on canvass paintings. This is probably the most exciting publication this year.

C101 ..... \$4.95

## Holiday Cards



Angel Design. Red on Grey textured paper. One dozen cards per box. Inside: PEACE On Earth, Good Will to All Women ... and men!

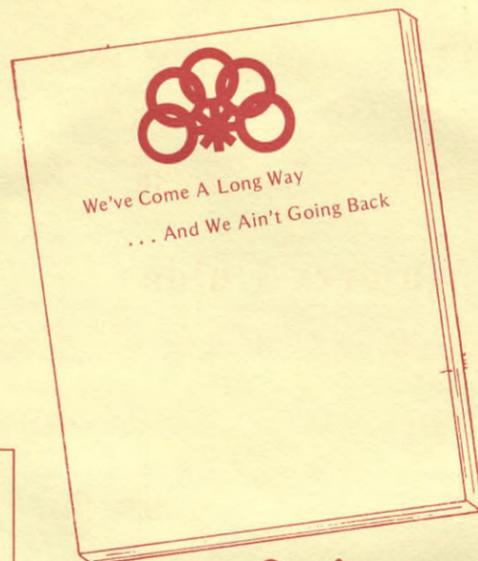
C102 ..... \$2.50/box



## Brassy

The Brassy—original Women's Equality Pendant. Hand welded with brass, this handcrafted pendant symbolizes equality for women.

C105 ... \$6.00/Brass  
C105 ... \$3.00/Nickel



## Stationery

Tri-fold stationery. Ten sheets with twelve gold labels in pastel assortment.

C110 ..... \$1.25



Wreath Design. Red on Grey textured paper. One dozen cards per box. Inside: HAPPY HOLIDAYS

C103 ... \$2.50/box

## 1974 Appointment Calendar for Liberated Women

Filled with feminist wit and liberation lore.  
C106 ..... \$3.25



## Buttons

Three-quarter inch (3/4") buttons. White with blue slogan.

C112 ..... 50¢ each



... *nonne is noilkar male nor fomala:*  
for ye are all ons in Christ Jesus.

Gal. 3:28

Christmas Card with a feminist message. Inside: Best Wishes for the Holiday Season. Twenty cards per box.

C104 ..... \$4.50/box

## State Employment Hearings



Evelyn Ireland urges all caucus members who are state employees to participate in Representative Sarah Weddington's subcommittee hearings on state employment. Rep. Weddington will hold hearings in Houston on Nov. 9-10, in San Angelo on Nov. 16, in El Paso on Nov. 17, and in Austin on Dec. 7-8. For more information, contact Rep. Weddington's office at the State Capitol or phone 512/475-5975.



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### Women in Minority

Abigail Havens researched the following information for TWPC concerning the number of women on Texas boards and commissions. Categorical percentages are offered here. For detailed listings of specific boards and commissions in each area and breakdown of the data, contact the state office.

The overall percentage figure is 14.9 with a total of 183 out of 1,230 women for all state boards and commissions. They break down thusly: Recreation and Culture, 30.3%; Social Welfare and Benefits, 23.9%; Health and Hospitals, 12%;

Natural Resources, 1.2%; Pensions and Retirement, 0.0%; Public Safety, 0.0%; Examining Boards, 17.8%; General Administration, 6.7%; Agriculture, 0.0%; Business, Labor, and Economic, 7.1%; Corrections, 6.7%; and Education, 16.3%.

### Policewomen Discrimination

The Wichita County Women's Political Caucus went into action when the city council reported that their budget would allot for: "... three policewomen. The rest of the police force shall be police officers (meaning men)."

Testimony was presented and city councilwoman Peggy McCullough made a formal request that this discriminatory wording be removed from the city ordinance

### Baking Wins

Members from Dallas County Women's Political caucus got cooking for the State fair ... entered their baking ... won cash prizes ... and donated the money to the ERA ratification movement.

## Calendar

**Nov. 8:** Committee on Women's Wrongs to have get together at Federal prison in Fort Worth. More info: state office.

**Nov. 9-10, Nov. 16, 17, and Dec. 7-8:** Rep. Sarah Weddington holds hearings on state employment. See story for details and places.

**Nov. 10:** Political Action Committee to discuss TWPC endorsement policies. Scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Women's Center at 3602 Milam, Houston.

**Nov. 14:** El Paso caucus first organizing meeting. Contact Judy Bode, 425 Sunset, El Paso, 79912, 915/584-7195 for more information.

**Nov. 15:** Lubbock caucus first organizing meeting. Contact Ann Coleman, 2511 22nd. St., Lubbock, 79410, 806/744-3404.

**Nov. 17:** "How to Lobby" at 10 a.m. at the Women's Center in Austin. See story.

**Nov. 17:** Texas NOW organizing conference from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Oak Lawn Methodist Church in Dallas. Agenda includes: approving state by-laws, electing state officers, and encouraging men and women to convene.

**Dec. 1:** "Modern Woman: Identity and Power" at 9 a.m. at Lamar University in Beaumont. See story.

**Dec. 1:** Appreciation Dinner for "Sissy." Come one, come all and honor Frances T. Farenthold. Contact the state office for more information.

**Dec. 2:** Administrative Committee will meet at the Capitol in Austin. More info: state office.

**Jan. 26:** Policy Council will meet in Dallas. More info: state office.

## Join TWPC Today: We Need You

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to contribute  \$10.00  \$25.00  \$50.00  \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help raise the status of women in Texas.

I enclose \$10.00 for at-large membership in the TWPC for the remainder of 1973. This includes my special membership subscription rate for the newsletter of \$1.00 per annum.

I wish to pledge \_\_\_\_\_ monthly to the state office.

I wish only to subscribe to the newsletter at \$10.00 per year.

Please Xerox or copy this form and return to:

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