

# N.O.W. Bay Area Chapter

# NEWS

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## THE ALCOHOLIC WOMAN PROGRAM MEETING

8:00 P.M. Dec. 5, Uniting Church, El Camino Real and Reseda, Clear Lake City. Are women being "protected from treatment" for alcoholism in Harris County? There are at least 8 publicly-funded treatment centers for alcoholic males, as compared to one for females. This is only one fact concerning treatment opportunities for women, uncovered by the Harris County Conjoint Alcoholism Programming Project, Inc. (H-CAP) which now has a Task Force on alcoholic women.

Kay Hutton, Alcoholic Counselor for Opportunity House, and Herbert J. Paine, Executive Director of H-CAP, will discuss the problems of women with alcoholic and other addictions, especially in regard to securing treatment in our area. This is a public service meeting. Guests are welcome.

## BUSINESS MEETING

8:00 P.M. Dec. 19, Uniting Church, El Camino Real and Reseda, Clear Lake City. ERA strategy and other current projects will be discussed.

November, 1974

Dear Sisters in Bay Area,

I feel my month has been CONSUMED in ERA matters. As was predicted at the NOW Regional Conference in October, Texas feminists are undergoing a real barrage from the shadowy H.O.W. (Happiness of Womanhood) and W.W.W.W. (Women Who Want to be Women) groups, well-funded in their quest to rescind the ERA ratification in Texas.

The only right guaranteed to Women under the U.S. Constitution is the right to vote, painfully won after World War I. Courts have ruled on numerous occasions that women are not persons under the Constitution. If the Texas Legislature votes to rescind its ERA ratification of 1972, voting may well remain our only right. There is evidence that the main reason some groups are seeking rescission in Texas is in order to intimidate the Legislatures of Southern States which have yet to ratify. (Rescission itself is thought to be impossible under the law.)

We are all very busy with work, school, family duties, and other aspects of feminist action, but each one of us needs to make time to help in the anti-recission fight. I badly need your help in writing letters to your Legislators, in speaking to groups in favor of the ERA, and in writing occasional letters to newspaper editors explaining different facets of ERA. Please help N.O.W. Next year may be too late!!

Frances

## BAY AREA ERA COALITION FORMING, N.O.W.

Frances Hicks, Mary Buxton, Marjorie Randal, Rema Lou Brown, and Jonnelle Owen met with Marilyn Mieszkuc and Margaret Kemp of the Bay Area League of Women Voters on Tuesday, Nov. 19, to plan a local campaign in favor of the ERA. It was decided to organize a Bay Area ERA Coalition, consisting of NOW, The local League, and Clear Lake City Branch of AAUW, with openings for other interested Organizations. Suggested activities were:

1. distributing a flyer on ERA in our area
2. speaking before as many groups as possible about the ERA
3. writing letters to our legislators, against rescission.

Margaret Kemp is in contact with a State ERA Coalition which includes the League, and will coordinate our strategy with theirs. She is also our local coordinator for speaking engagements and other activities. If you are interested in speaking engagements on this topic, please contact her at 488-0150. Call her also if you represent a group who want a speaker or want to join the coalition. A training session for speakers is planned for the second week in December.

Please write your State Legislator and Senator soon---several times in the next two months, if possible---urging them to support the ERA. A very short favorable statement is all that is necessary in a letter.

## STATE N.O.W. MEETING IN HUNTSVILLE, NOV. 2nd

President Frances Hicks attended this meeting representing the Chapter. The morning session involved a discussion of State Organizational structure, a report from State Legislative Coordinator Suzanne de Sarrutegui of San Antonio, and allocation of \$50.00 to the Continuing Task Force on Education for Women. After lunch the State ERA rescission fight was discussed, and plans were made for the State NOW Convention in Austin, which is scheduled for March 7, 8, and 9 in the Shorecrest Hotel. National President Karen DeCrow will be present. For reservations contact Barbara Duke, 1907 David St., Austin, 78705. Next meeting of the State Council of Texas N.O.W. will be Jan. 11th, 1975, in the Women's Center in Austin.

## COME TO OUR N.O.W. RAP SESSION

Our monthly social encounter is scheduled for Dec. 9 at the home of Linda McCollum, 16019 Buccaneer, Clear Lake City. If you're new, call Linda at 488-0950 for directions. She's home in the evening.

YES....A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY....MEMBERS, FRIENDS  
SPOUSES, HOUSEGUESTS, DATES.....

It'll be a fundraiser, of course, and it's being given courtesy of our President at the Hicks family home in Friendswood, 409 South Shadowbend. Members who want to help with arrangements, please call any listed officers. The affair will begin at 8:30 P.M. on the ~~thirty~~-first and run on into next year. See you there....

AND FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, HOW ABOUT A CIVIL SERVICE EXAM?

The PACE written test (Professional and Administrative Career Examination) replaces the Federal Service Entrance Examination (FSEE). It is the principal means of entry into the Federal Civil Service for College Graduates and others with appropriate responsible work experience. The exam is used to fill a variety of professional, administrative, and technical positions. Next test date is Jan. 11, 1975 (Saturday), and the deadline for applications to take it is Dec. 20 (Friday). For more information call 226-5501.

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ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW RENEWABLE.....

WE BELIEVE:

" It is an individual woman's right to make decisions regarding abortion and contraception in accordance with her own conscience without fear of criminal prosecution. We oppose any efforts to deny this right of conscience through constitutional amendment, and/or federal and state legislation. Any interference by the state is a gross and unconscionable invasion of personal privacy and a direct violation of a female person's human, civil right to responsibly control her own reproduction."

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