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FEBRUARY 1980

FEBRUARY

- 1 "Women in Crisis", Dr. Nikki VanHightower, UTSPH, 2:00 pm.
- 2 State NOW Council Meeting, San Antonio, 10-4 pm.
- 5 Women and Power, 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, 7:00 pm
- 6 Houston Area Women's Center Board, UTSPH, 5:30 pm.
- 7 Special election, District 80; NOW member Janet Fisher is r
- 7 *** HANOW/BANOW Joint program meeting at Clear Lake; film and discussion of lesbian mothers "Inthe Interest of the Childr
Cars will leave the World Trade Center at 7:30 SHARP!
- 13 HAFFCU Board meeting, 4600 Main, 7:30 pm.
- 14 *** HANOW Slide presentaion and discussion on "The Dinner Party World Trade Center, 1520 Texas Ave. *:00pm.
- 15 *** SUSAN B. ANTHONY's Birthday. Southwest and Montrose NOW invite you to stop in after work for punch and cookies,etc. Everyone is invited; 4600 Main, 5:30 - 7:30 pm.
- 17 St Joan's Alliance, St. Michael's, 1801 Sage Rd.
- 20 HCWPC 4600 Main, 7:30 pm.
- 21 WRCC World Trade Center, 7:30 pm.
- 22 Teresa Trull in concert, Ist. Unitarian Church

MARCH

- 6 *** HANOW, Action Meeting, World Trade Center, 7:30 pm
- 8,9 Gala Opening for Sponsors of the Dinner Party, tba
- 11 Public Opening, UH/CLC
- 13 *** HANOW Program meeting, *:00pm
- 15 *** Southwest/Montrose NOW, "The Girlfriends"; film and discussio
Houston Public Library, 2:00 pm.
- 22 All day seminar with Mary Daly, author of Beyond God the Father; 1st. Unitarian Church, call for details

MAY

- 16
- 17 State NOW Conference, Huntsville
- 18

HOUSTON ANGELS HOME SCHEDULE

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| Feb. 1 | San Francisco | 20 | San Francisco |
| 2 | Minnesota | 23 | St. Louis |
| 6 | New Orleans | 26 | New Jersey |
| 8 | Dallas | 27 | Chicago |
| 14 | New York | March 7 | California |

BROADSIDE

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HOUSTON AREA NOW

Southwest/Montrose NOW

Dr. Peggy Smith, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor, addressed a joint program meeting of Southwest/Montrose NOW Jan. 22 at Jungman Library. Her topic was the general state of teenage pregnancies and how this affects Houston in particular.

Her particular concern was the alarming increase in births to very young girls, 11 to 15 years of age. The pregnancy presents a serious health risk to the mother who is herself a growing child. The infants born to such immature parents are at very high risk of death, retardation, multiple birth defects as well as abuse and neglect. The very young mother does not have the emotional maturity to cope with the demands of a newborn infant.

The social cost to the young mother and to the babies cannot even be calculated accurately. Education for the mother is the first casualty; often the teenage father's education is interrupted also. Marriages, when they do take place have little hope for survival. The earlier the first pregnancy, the greater the likelihood of a second and third.

We were all profoundly moved by the data she presented to us. As feminists in Houston, we must concern ourselves with the fate of these children who have children. We discussed the role of sex education and the need to overcome the public resistance to formal instruction in the school systems. We could not solve the problem in one evening, but the need for action was dramatically clear.

Peggy Hall



"SOUND-OFF"

Well, as you can see the idea of draft women has caused sensation to say least. My question to you is, would you be willing to fight for a country who has denied us the E.R.A.!!!!

Teresa Trull will share her versatile voice with us in a concert of women's music in Houston on February 23rd. Having reached further back into her Southern roots since the last time we saw her here (nearly two years ago), Teresa has melded a sound that is dynamically hers - a combination of jazz, gospel, and blues, on a base of strong feminism.

Teresa and pianist Julie Homi will meet informally with the community at B.D. and Daughter, 520 Westheimer, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Their concert starts at 8:00 pm, at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. Advance tickets will be available at B.D.'s, Wilde 'N' Stein, The Bookstore, A Moveable Feast, and My Sisters (Galveston). A donation of \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door, or work exchange is requested. Child care and deaf interpretation will be offered. For those weak of seat, bring a pillow to soften the pews. For further information, contact Out and Out Productions, P.O. Box 66354, Houston 77006, 665 3083 or 526 7828.

Pokey

TO EASE YOUR MIND!!

HAFFCU is staying open. We are appealing the decision from NCUA. We will be open one (1) day a week for business - Friday from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. We need volunteers. Please we need your help. THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 11, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. at 4600 Main. New Board of Directors and Credit Committee members will be elected at that meeting.

The January business meeting was exciting, stimulating, and educational! A great discussion was generated when individual members were asked to share what they felt were their needs from the NOW chapter. Although many issues and ideas were raised, there were two main themes which kept cropping up. They were, essentially, outreach and sisterhood. Our active members are concerned with sharing ideas and experiences with like-minded feminist people and reaching out into the community and sharing our ideas. The concern for outreach was on many different levels, including: educating the public from a feminist perspective, the need to increase our active membership and our treasury, to address political issues and to work with other groups on these issues.

We will be continuing this practice of a 30-45 minute discussion at the end of the business meeting. I think this will be a good opportunity for us to share ideas, debate issues, plan and strategize for future actions and get to know each other. The next meeting, I would like members to think about activities or actions that would comprise both the elements of sisterhood and outreach. Put on your thinking caps, because the ideas that you bring in will be part of our plans for 1980!

MARY DALY TO CONDUCT WORKSHOP AT UNITARIAN CHURCH

Mary Daly, feminist philosopher and author of 'BEYOND GOD THE FATHER, THE CHURCH AND THE SECOND SEX, and GYN/ECOLOGY, THE METAETHICS OF RADICAL FEMINISM, will be the principal speaker at the Mary Daly Workshop to be held at the First Unitarian Church, Saturday, March 22nd at 8:30 a.m. Admission is \$10.00 for the entire day. Child care and lunch will be available. Persons who pre-register will receive a free ticket (\$3.00 value) to attend Mary Daly's presentation on Friday, March 21st at 8:00 pm, at the University of Houston Clear-Lake City Auditorium. You may pre-register by sending your admission fee to Women's Group, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, Houston, Texas, 77004. For additional information, call 437-5215 or 440-1924.

THE DINNER PARTY opens to the public March 11. HOUSTON AREA NOW members, see next month's newsletter for more on the Gala Preview Showing for sponsors of plates.

UH/CLC WOMEN'S WEEK is March 17 thru March 21. MARY DALY, author of GYN/ECOLOGY will appear March 21 at WOMEN'S WEEK, and March 22 at the WOMEN AND POWER workshop at the Unitarian Church. Watch for a possible appearance at WOMEN'S WEEK by Gloria Steinem.

If you volunteer to work at THE DINNER PARTY, you will have an opportunity to have extra viewing time of this impressive work of art. Call Rema Lou Brown: 488-1896 (home) 488-9237 (UHCLC) 488-9215 (UHCLC)

TAKE A CLASS N.O.W. !

H.A.N.O.W. will be offering informal classes through the Class Factory and the Sundry School in the coming months.

"Women in a Changing Society" will be offered through the Sundry School beginning Feb. 27. This will be a six-week course covering a different topic each week. Topics scheduled include a brief film history of the women's movement, sexism in semantics and advertising, women and their health concerns, the E.R.A., sex role stereotyping in childhood, and the impact of the movement on male-female relationships. Each session will begin with a brief presentation and then follow with a group discussion. The fee for this course is \$10.00 (materials provided), and registration for Sundry School will be Feb. 6 - 10 and the Campus Activities Desk at the University of Houston Student Center. Phone 749-1253 for more information.

Several seminars have been tentatively scheduled through the Class Factory. "The Real Facts About the E.R.A." will be Mar. 24 at 7:30 p.m. "Women and the Challenge of Change" will be a forum beginning with a brief overview of the changing roles of women in today's work force, followed by a question and answer session fielded by interesting personalities from media, health, and non-traditional occupations for women. This will be held Apr. 7 at 7:00 p.m. "Sex Roles" will be a workshop identifying sex role stereotypes and their effects on the lives of women and men. This seminar can be attended either Apr. 14 at 7:30 p.m. or Apr. 19 at 1 p.m. All these seminars will be held at the Women's Center, 4600 Main, and fees range from \$5.00 to \$7.50 (materials provided). Call the Class Factory at 721-2236 for registration dates and information.

Only those persons who have duly registered through the Sundry School or Class Factory can be allowed to attend these sessions. They are a great way to meet people, discuss your own views and learn from others. (All instructors are donating their fees collected to H.A.N.O.W.)

Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Jungman Branch Library (5830 Westheimer) and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., Central Library, Concourse Level meeting room (500 McKinney) dramatically depicts a specific era in the changing role of the American woman and significantly reflected and influenced the values and beliefs of its first release audiences. "REEL WOMEN" complements the library's concurrent lecture series "HOUSTON: A WOMAN'S HISTORY", another free, public activity sponsored by the LEARNING LIBRARY PROGRAM. For further information, phone 222-3268.

"A Woman's Place in Houston" - Carol Brown, Houston Community College. Sunday, Jan. 20 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, Jan. 24 - Central Library.

"The Women's Suffrage Movement: Its Birth in Houston" - John Eudy, North Harris County College. Sunday, Jan. 27 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, Jan. 31 - Central Library.

"Women in Houston Politics: 1950 to the Present" - Eleanor Tinsley, Houston City Council. Sunday, Feb. 3 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, Feb. 7 - Central Library.

"Black Women in Houston Politics" - Marcella Washington, Houston Community College. Sunday, Feb. 10 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, Feb. 14 - Central Library.

"The Changing Legal Status of Houston's Black Women" - Myrtle McKenzie, Attorney (formerly with Legal Dept., City of Houston). Sunday, Feb. 17 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, Feb. 21 - Central Library.

"Mexican American Women in Houston Politics" - Olga Soliz, Business Consultant. Sunday, Feb. 24 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, Feb. 28 - Central Library.

"Mexican Women in Houston: The Formation of Barrio Life" - Margorita Melville, University of Houston. Sunday, March 2 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, March 6 - Central Library.

"Changing Roles for Houston's Black Women" - Maude Royale, Houston Community College. Sunday, March 9 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, March 13 - Central Library.

"Machismo: Myth or Reality?" - Gloria Guardiola, Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans. Sunday, March 16 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, March 20 - Central Library.

"Women in Houston: The Future" - Nikki Van Hightower, Houston, Area Women's Center. Sunday, March 23 - Jungman Branch & Thursday, March 27 - Central Library.

Saturday, January 12 - "Stella Dallas" - 1937--108 minutes
Directed by King Vidor; Starring Barbara Stanwyck

Saturday, January 19 - "Mildred Pierce" - 1945--111 minutes
Directed by Michael Curtiz; Starring Joan Crawford

Saturday, January 26 - "Shanghai Express" - 1932--84 minutes
Directed by Josef von Steinberg; Starring Marlene Dietrich

Saturday, February 2 - "Klute" - 1971--114 minutes
Directed by Alan J. Pakula; Starring Jane Fonda & Donald Sutherland

Saturday, February 9 - "His Girl Friday" - 1940--92 minutes
Directed by Howard Hawks; Starring Rosalind Russell & Cary Grant

Saturday, February 16 - "Some Like It Hot" - 1959--121 minutes
Directed by Billy Wilder; Starring Marilyn Monroe & Jack Lemmon

Saturday, February 23 - "A Woman Under the Influence" - 1974--155 minutes
Directed by John Cassavetes; Starring Gena Rowlands & Peter Falk

Saturday, March 1 - "Rachel, Rachel" - 1968--104 minutes
Directed by Paul Newman; Starring Joanne Woodward & Estelle Parsons

Saturday, March 8 - "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" - 1977--136 minutes
Directed by Richard Brooks; Starring Diane Keaton & Tuesday Weld

Saturday, March 15 - "Girlfriends" - 1978--87 minutes
Directed by Claudia Weill; Starring Melaine Mayron

HOUSTON AREA NOW: meets 1st. and 2nd. Thursday of each month at the World Trade Center, 1520 Texas. 1st. Thurs.: ACTION 7:30 pm, 2nd. Thurs.: PROGRAM 8:00 pm.

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