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CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING

Place: A Uniting Church
(Reseda & El Camino Real)
Date: Jan. 6, 1983
Time: 7:30 p.m.

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BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

Once again, no quorum. Those attending--myself, Pat Kuhlmann, Phyllis Tucker, Judi Hoffmann and Rema Lou Brown--reached consensus on trying a new business meeting time: *third Sunday of the month 2-5 pm.* Judy Snyder (the other co-pres.) cannot attend on Wednesday, and evidently neither can many others. We're looking for a public meeting room with a kitchen...

Phyllis Tucker came forward as the next newsletter editor. Rema Lou Brown is approaching the other groups on the WRS Advisory Council about an essay contest for Women's History Week in some local school districts.

On the calendar, please notice an outing to the Texas Women's History Exhibit in Houston (it leaves 15 Jan.) and Women's Lobby Day in Austin (19 Jan.). If a bus is chartered with other chapters, the telephone tree will be activated. Also set aside some time on the 22nd of Jan. to remember *Roe vs. Wade* 10 years ago. The agenda isn't quite settled yet, but the word will go out as soon as it is.

Final note: resumes for positions on the National NOW Conference Implementation Committees should be sent to Pres. Judy Goldsmith. We have members qualified for such responsibilities, and I'd like to see some apply. See you Jan. 6 and 16.

- Bonnie Huval

using methods which will accomplish our goals. First, we must know what we want.

Through one hundred years of fighting, our goals have not really changed. We still demand equality for women all over the world. But we also demand a quality of life that makes our equality worthwhile. Without the first goal, we cannot have the second. And without the second, the first loses its meaning.

While we wait for ERA to be reintroduced into the legislatures, we must look for additional ways in which we can further the cause of feminism.

In our chapter effort, we must have your help to re-examine our methods and programs so that we can face the future with hope and enthusiasm.

Please plan to support the work of Bay Area Now in 1983. Attend the program and business meetings. Volunteer for a task force. We need you. We cannot progress without your effort.

Yours in NOW,

Judy Snyder

A WORD FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT

We are entering a wave of feminism that calls for a serious look at ourselves and our organization. If we are to progress as a agent of change, if we are to accomplish the global spread of feminism, we must not lose the momentum we have built up in the struggle for ERA.

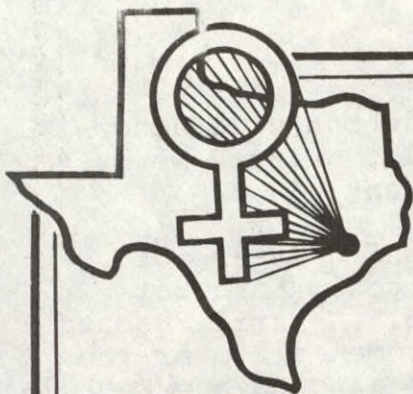
We had counted on the ERA to be our Bill of Rights for the future. However, that legal support has been stripped from us. Now, we can either wander in some miasma of uncertainty or we can reach forward into the future,

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The Member Organizations of the

Women's Lobby Alliance

invite you to join

SISSY FARENTHOLD

and

JANICE BLUE

at a special screening of

SISSY FARENTHOLD: A TEXAS CHRONICLE

Monday January 17, 7:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin

Admission: \$5

The Women's Lobby Alliance is proud to present this remarkable film, which documents Sissy Farenthold's early career and her campaign for the governorship of Texas. Both Sissy Farenthold and filmmaker Janice Blue will be on hand for the screening. Soft drinks, wine and cheese will be available.

Tickets will be sold at the door, but you may reserve your seats by mailing this form to the Women's Lobby Alliance, 4 Chelsea Place, Houston, Texas, 77006. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Lobby Alliance, a network of 26 Houston area organizations that conducts joint lobbying campaigns, monitors legislation and sponsors political action workshops.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

_____ Patron \$50
_____ Sponsor \$25
_____ Host \$10
_____ Adult \$5
_____ Child \$1

The best way to kick off 1983 and the 68th Texas Legislature is to join forces with Texas women from all over this state in Austin. Let the legislators know that women have their act together and are a credible political force in Texas. We will talk to them about current needs of women and relevant bills to be considered in this session. [Dec. 1982]

WOMEN'S LOBBY DAY 1983

Wednesday January 19 by chartered bus to AUSTIN \$15

RESERVATIONS: 521-0439

BUSES DEPART HOUSTON 6:30 AM
BUSES ARRIVE HOUSTON 8:00 PM

JOSKE'S-GALLERIA
PARKING LOT

MORNING: ARRIVAL MEETING WITH KEY WOMEN LEGISLATORS, TALKS ON ISSUES AND BILLS
OPTIONAL BREAKFAST \$5 INCLUDES TAX AND TIP

NOON: GOVERNOR MARK WHITE ADDRESSES JOINT SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

AFTERNOON: VISITS TO YOUR LEGISLATORS IN THEIR CAPITOL OFFICES.
YOU MAY MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THEM IN ADVANCE.

- INFORMATION BRIEFINGS ENROUTE TO AUSTIN, TIPS ON HOW TO LOBBY
- INFORMATION PACKETS FOR EACH PARTICIPANT, CAPITOL GUIDE INCLUDED
- YOU WILL RECEIVE A PRESS-ON STICKER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS PART OF WOMEN'S LOBBY DAY 1983 WITH A PLACE TO INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME OR YOUR PERSONAL NAME.
- ORGANIZATIONS THAT WISH TO BE LISTED AS SPONSORS OF WOMEN'S LOBBY DAY IN ADVANCE PUBLICITY AND ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT SHOULD CALL 521-0439, ALSO IF YOU WISH TO SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR INCLUSION IN INFORMATION PACKETS.
- PRELIMINARY PLANNING IS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF TEXAS ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE, TEXAS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN AND TEXAS WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS WITH A COMMITMENT TO REACH OUT AND INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL LOBBY ON ONE OR MORE OF THESE ISSUES:

- * reducing the incidence of teen pregnancy and teen parenthood
- * maintaining reproductive choice in line with the 1973 Supreme Court decision
- * keeping abortion safe and legal for all women
- * funding shelters for victims of domestic violence
- * raising the monthly benefit for AFDC
- * expansion of quality child care
- * enforcement of child support
- * ending discrimination and criminal penalties against homosexuals
- * job training for women that includes support services
- * maintaining affirmative action goals and timetables in employment
- * sex equity in insurance and education
- * equitable justice for rape victims and rape perpetrators
- * treatment of sex offenders

Return this form, please, so we can order buses, breakfasts and packets.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ BREAKFAST WANTED? _____ PAY IN AUSTIN.

Please count me in for a bus reservation. Enclosed is _____ \$15 per person.

I support Women's Lobby Day. Enclosed is my contribution for _____.

Make checks payable to WOMEN'S LOBBY ALLIANCE 1983, coordinating Houston travel.

4 CHELSEA PLACE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006

Bills already filed in Austin:

- SB 27 (sponsored by Farabee): To allow positive comments as well as negative on proposed textbooks if reviewer agrees to testify in person at textbook hearings
- HB 61 (Cary): To prohibit discrimination on number of grounds in employment, public accommodations, credit and real estate--except bill does not specify rights of gays/lesbians nor prohibit exclusion of abortion coverage in insurance
- HB 71 (Willis): To compel spouses to testify against each other in criminal cases
- HB 111 (Hudson) To repeal 21.06 which makes certain sexual conduct unlawful and has been ruled unconstitutional
- HB 75 (Willis): Adds fee to marriage licenses for the enforcement of child abuse laws
- HB 95 (Hudson): To set up pilot day care program
- HB 108 (Hudson): To create state day care centers
- HB 58 (Ceverha): Requires more tests in order to establish paternity
- HB 110 (Hudson): Concerns statute of limitations on the establishment of paternity
- HB 29 (G. Green): Concerns provision and use of criminal records by Dept. of Human Resources of persons applying to adopt or give foster care
- HB 28 (G. Green): Concerns procedures to establish emergency child custody for child who is victim of sexual abuse
- HB 70 (Willis): Makes murder of child (age 17 or under) during aggravated sexual abuse a capital offense
- SB 19 (Brown): Makes murder of child under 6 a capital offense
- SB 30 (Glasgow): Concerns obtaining damages for the wrongful death of a child under age 22
- SB 17 (Brown): Would require mothers with three or more children above certain age to enroll in "community work experience" in order to continue to receive AFDC for their children
- HJR 1 (Olivera): Proposed constitutional amendment to allow wage assignment for child support; to be submitted to voters November 1984
- HB 2 (Olivera): Enabling legislation for child support package, especially wage assignment; enacts voluntary or mandatory wage assignments for child support; payments to be made to court registry, juvenile probation office, child support collection office serving court or, if necessary, directly to custodial parent; parent receiving child support must notify court within 15 days of any address change, etc.; parent to pay support may request a hearing to challenge garnishment but must continue to pay support until hearing; employer of parent paying support may deduct \$5.00 administrative fee per month from the support payment; employers may not discriminate because of garnishment, or employee may sue for damages if denied a job or promotion while under court order for wage assignment; wage assignment may be ordered if a parent fails or refuses to pay as required by court order and fails to make one or more payments during the 12 months preceding a complaint and the amount due equals or exceeds the amount owed during the previous 2 months; the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees to the parent requesting wage assignment; self-employed parents may be ordered to execute a bond or pay security to the court as part of wage assignment procedure and they may lose the bond or security if they fail to pay support as ordered, the bond being applied to outstanding support due
- SB 45 (Farabee): Essentially the same as HB 2 except for these changes and additions: notice of address changes, etc. must be made within 7 days; bill does not limit or expand authority of the state to use other civil and criminal remedies regardless of whether the parent to receive support also receives welfare assistance; wage assignment may be requested if parent fails to make one or more payments within the 24 months preceding the request; bill makes visitation periods specific and enforceable; court may publish and use specified schedules and guidelines for awarding child support and visitation; counties without an office for child support enforcement may use juvenile probation office or other designated office for child support collection; each county commissioners' court may, in some areas of the state, add \$5.00 fee to divorce suits and suits affecting the parent-child relationship for the administration and office of child support enforcement; this fee shall also be used to provide counselling and referrals; this fee is to be placed in a "domestic relations fund"

Also in the child support enforcement legislation "package" are three bills that have sponsors and are currently being filed and assigned bill numbers:

____ (Cain & Sarpullis): To allow establishment of paternity on or before second anniversary of day child becomes an adult

____ (?): Bill to spell out 10-year statute of limitations for collecting unpaid child support

____ (?): Bill to expand master/referee system in divorce/child custody cases; to be determined by local option; master will review each situation and make recommendations to judge; will save court costs and delays

Other types of legislation being drafted and filed concern rape law revisions, funding for domestic violence shelters, family planning funding; training of police officers for domestic violence situations; adolescent family planning and sex education ("family life education") for all grades in public schools. More information later.

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- I want to join and am interested in the sliding scale
- I am not a NOW member but want to receive the newsletter for one year \$5.00
- I authorize my name and address to be printed on the NOW roster for members

NOTICE FROM THE TREASURER AND OUTGOING EDITOR

It's been a real pleasure to serve as editor for the past year. I would like to thank all those who have been of help to me. Many thanks especially to Pat Kuhlmann, Jeanne Saletan and Phyllis Tucker who were always there to help out. With your help, the transition between Phyllis and I will be smooth. Remember to mail any items for publication early for Phyllis to have in preparing the newsletter. Her address is 243 Empress Houston 77034.

In order to expedite the process of renewal of NOW dues, please use the form that national sends you and mail it directly to them. The reasoning behind this is that we ask first time members to initially join through the chapter in order to place the member on the chapter's roll first. The information is then sent by the chapter treasurer to state and national. Sometimes it takes awhile for the information to be processed by national and if it is sent directly, it speeds up the process.

For NOW, Bonnie D.

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