

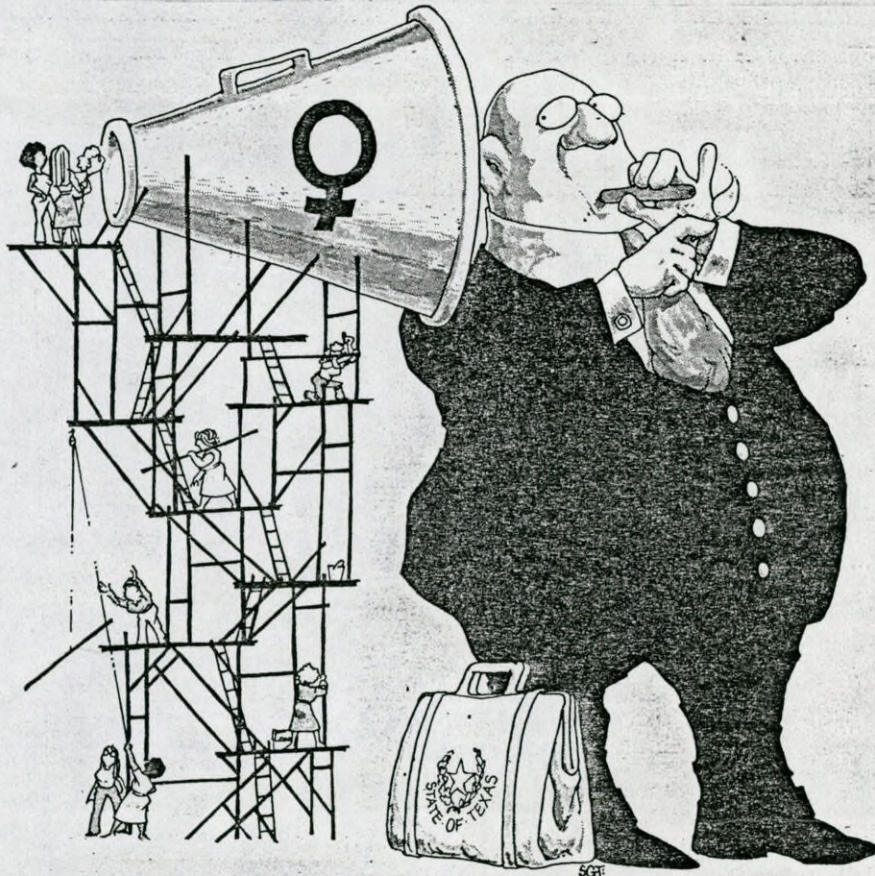


N.O.W. NEWS

National Organization for Women

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Bay Area Chapter



Program Meeting
7:30 P.M. Thursday, Oct. 9**

Uniting Church
El Camino and Reseda

Senator A.R. "Babe" Schwartz is scheduled to be the speaker at Bay Area NOW's program meeting, October 9. He will address the work of the Special Committee on the Delivery of Human Services and the recommendations that it will make to Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby. The Sp. Committee was charged to make a comprehensive study of all Human Services Delivery Systems in Texas, state, federal and local. This is the first study of its type in Texas and, as far as known, the first of its type nationally. Program Coordinator: Rema Lou Brown, 488-1896.

CALENDAR

- 10-3, 4, 5 NOW CONFERENCE, San Antonio-please contact *Pat or Rema* for help in staff or the chapter booth
- 10-9-80 BANOW Program meeting-Rema Lou Brown-Program Co-ordinator
- 10-18-80 Title IX Conference UHCLC-Twiss Butler-333-4764
- 10-22-80 BANOW Business Meeting 1529 Bonanza 7:30 PM.
- 11-2-80 ERA DEMONSTRATION sponsored by ERA Houston-a new coalition that Jeanne Saletan has helped to create-more details later.
- 11-4-80 Election Day
- 11-6-80 BANOW Program Lynn McGregor-Program Co-ordinator
- 11-8 Texas NOW STATE COUNCIL Dallas Phyllis Tucker
- 11-15-80 Texas Women's Marathon, 26,18,12 mile runs, Lynn McGregor-488-1901
- 12-4-80 BANOW Christmas Party
- 12-16-80 Film "What You Are Is Where You WERE WHEN" Communication Workers Hall Houston- *Diana Osborne 527 0934*

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BANOW welcomes physically different persons. Our meeting facilities are not always barrier free but we are accessible and will be pleased to provide mobility assistance. Given notice, we will try to provide and interpreter for deaf persons and any required assistance for the blind. Call Cynthia Sutton 488-7936.

Minutes, Sept. 4
Program Meeting

Dana Kelly introduced Renee Rabb and Barbara Cegainero of Houston NOW. Their presentation titled, The Right Wing and Women and Gay Issues, outlined who and what is the right wing, its corporate funding and religious connections, its use of the media, and its legislative program.

Following the program Gail Anderson asked that members join the campaign to move the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers meeting site from New Orleans. Anderson was particularly concerned since the association's board of directors made their site selection on the premise that the boycott was moot because the ERA is a dead issue, in their opinion. Contact Gail Anderson for more information.

Jean Saletan asked for support for the ERA-Houston coalition. The coalition will focus on public education and awareness of the need for ratification of ERA. The goal is to make voters aware of the link between the up-coming national elections, Nov. 4, and the future success of the ERA. The coalition needs people to leaflet, to picket, to be speakers and to contribute money. A rally is also being planned for Houston City Hall Nov. 2. Contact Sharon Rodine, 523-6881, Jan Stevens, 445-2220, Jeanne Saletan, 471-2862, or Elizabeth Otey Terry, 523-6881, for information and to volunteer your time and money.

A TARAL ALERT was announced by Lynn McGregor. We are asked by TARAL to contact our U.S. senators, Bentsen and Tower, to oppose a rider attached to the appropriation bill, HR 7538, amendment 228-170, which would exclude coverage for abortions from federal employee's medical insurance.

Marj Randal announced that the University of Houston at Clear Lake City has HIRED Fredric Storaska, author of "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive", as a speaker Sept. 30. (Tues., 7:30 PM) She asked that we be there to listen closely and to ask questions. Storaska's message in the past has been that women should be passive, acquiescent, gentle and rationally talk their way out of any assault attempt.

(A reaction that may be possible only if the rapist is gentle, passive and rational!) The tickets are \$2.00, but it may be money well spent if the dangers of Storaska's approach can be identified by the potential victims in the audience.

Twiss Butler stressed the need for community support and participation in the October 18 conference, Ahead of the Game; Positive Strategies for Achieving Sex Equity in Education. The conference will be at UH/CLC, Sat., Oct. 18, 8:30 AM to Noon. It is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency, the Sex Desegregation Assistance Center of the Southwest and the Bay Area Title IX Coalition (B.A. NOW, B.A. League of Women Voters and CLC AAUW). Tell your friends, talk to your PTA, ask your neighbors and your teachers and administrators to attend WITH YOU!

Jeanne Salatan spoke of the fund-raising potential of the NOW National Conference slated for San Antonio, Oct. 4-6. Money is needed to pay for the things we want to sell! Workers are also needed for the B.A. NOW's sales booth.

Rema Lou Brown announced that Sen. A. R. "Babe" Schwartz will be the speaker for the program meeting in October. She also called members' attention to the date change for the Oct. program meeting--October 9--because of the Now National Conference schedule.

Submitted: Rema Lou Brown

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? VOTE NOV. 4

HERE COME THE WOMEN

Until recently, the medical profession in this country has been a male preserve.

During the 1950's and '60's there was a slow but steady increase in the percentage of women among the applicants, from 6 per cent in 1950 to nearly 10 per cent in 1969. Beginning in 1970 the curve turned upward abruptly, increasing its slope by a factor of 10. By the end of the decade, nearly 30 per cent of medical-school applicants were women. Although this trend seems to have slowed a little in the past few years, it has continued to the present.

New ENGLAND
JOURNAL OF MEDICINE
May 29, 1980

MINUTES BAY AREA NOW BUSINESS MEETING - 9-24-80

Members and guests in attendance: S. Anne Cook, Phyllis Tucker, Judy Hoffman, Marie Roessler, Marjorie Randal, Marilyn Luther, Christina Haight, Bonnie Huval, Vickie Ridings, Evie Whitsett, Dana Kelly, Dorothy Howard, Betty Yancey, Pat Kuhlmann, Wendy Rudnicki, Nancy Whitecotton, Rema Lou Brown.

Evie Whitsett resigned position as Coordinator of Bay Area NOW, effective at the end of the meeting. She disbursed chapter materials of various kinds to interested members. A new telephone referral to Bay Area NOW was discussed; it was decided to use 947-9678. Phyllis Tucker asked for extra copies of the newsletter for distribution. New mailing address for the Chapter will be Pat Kuhlmann, 2002 Richvale, Houston 77062 (chiefly for National purposes).

Jeanne Saletan was nominated in absentia at her own request to be an alternate delegate to the National Conference next month; Bonnie Huval self-nominated to be the other alternate. Both were elected by acclamation. Replacements were needed because neither Rema Lou Brown nor Pat Kuhlmann will be able to attend.

Volunteers for work at the National Conference were solicited; call Bonnie Huval to volunteer. Also needed were volunteers to staff BANOW sale table; call Marj Randal.

A parliamentary procedures workshop was announced for Sat. Sept. 27. It will be held at Teamsters Hall, 3100 Katy Freeway, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. There is no fee. Call 527-0934 for information.

Contact Dorothy Howard concerning all matters on membership 486-0752.

Phyllis Tucker reported on her appearance at the local LWV forum, "Issues, Not Images," which proved very effective in gaining the attention of Texas Legislators.

Marilyn Luther and Marj Randal spoke about the scheduled appearance of Frederic Storaska on his "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive." A feminist action is planned for this event. See other parts of Newsletter for details; Tues. Sept. 30.

Rema Lou announced that she has a videotape of Mel Gabler on textbooks, as well as material from the 700 Club and other pulpit presentations. Call 488-1896 for info.

Nora Mertz has requested a replacement as contact for Rape and Abuse. Mary McFadin has agreed to serve.

A Women's Information Network, WIN, is being organized by First Unitarian Women's Group. Contacts are Jo Stewart and Iris Sizemore.

Next NOW State Council Meeting will be in Dallas Nov. 8, hosted by North Dallas Chapter. The following meeting, in January, will be in Houston. CLUW is having a National Organizational meeting in Arlington, near Dallas, Nov. 8-9.

Treasurer Dorothy Howard reported less than a hundred dollars on hand. A fundraiser is needed, even if we make some money at the National Conference.

S. Anne Cook asked for a poll of attendees on the proposed change in National NOW By-Laws which would extend the terms of current office-holders; this poll is not to be binding on our delegates. Discussion ensued. The vote was 7 against the proposed change, 4 abstaining, and 0 in favor.

Phyllis Tucker reported on the Pro-ERA picketing of a \$1000/plate Reagan-Bush dinner in Houston (at which \$3 million were raised). Three NOW Chapters participated. Conspicuously present at public expense were the Ross Volunteers, an all-male elite Drill Corps from Texas A&M.

At the end of the meeting Rema Lou Brown and Pat Kuhlmann self-nominated to share coordination of the Chapter until further notice. They were gratefully accepted by acclamation. Meeting was adjourned and wine coolers were passed, courtesy of Nancy Whitecotton.

[Oct. 1980]

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1980

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AT CLEAR LAKE CITY
Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Boulevard

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY
SEX DESEGREGATION ASSISTANCE CENTER OF THE SOUTHWEST
BAY AREA TITLE IX COALITION

AHEAD OF THE GAME

Positive Strategies for Achieving Sex Equity in Education

Rape prevention awareness day set

A rape prevention and awareness day is being sponsored by the Speaker's Committee at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City Sept. 30.

Representatives of a wide variety of Clear Lake-Houston area rape prevention programs will be present to visit in an informal setting with university and community people from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Atrium II, Bayou Building, the University of Houston at Clear Lake City, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The rape prevention and awareness day is being presented in conjunction with a nationally known speaker, Frederick Storaska. Storaska will speak on "How to Say No to a Rapist ... and Survive" at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Bayou Building Auditorium at the university. Both the awareness day and the evening speaker are open to the public. The daytime activities are free. Admission to Storaska's talk is \$2.

: Conference Facilitator
League of Women Voters of the Bay Area
for the Bay Area Title IX Coalition
(713) 333-4764 or 334-5253 or 334-1334

RESOLUTION PASSED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION BY NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON AUGUST 2, 1980:

WHEREAS THE FILM "HOW TO SAY NO TO A RAPIST AND SURVIVE" WITH FREDERIC STORASKA IS WIDELY USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY; AND

WHEREAS THE FILM PERPETUATES A MISTAKEN ATTITUDE THAT RAPE IS SEXUALLY MOTIVATED; AND

WHEREAS THE ADVICE OFFERED WOMEN IN THE FILM IS GENERALLY WRONG AND DANGEROUS,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT IS OPPOSED TO THE USE OF THE FILM "HOW TO SAY NO TO A RAPIST AND SURVIVE" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

OC Will Monitor EEO In Broadcast Industry

A new project to combat racial and sex discrimination in broadcasting has been launched by the UCC Office of Communication, along with the National Organization for Women, Black Citizens for Fair Media and Hispanic leaders. It is being financed by a \$100,000 grant from "Neighbors in Need" funds and additional contributions by NOW of more than \$25,000.

"We are uniting to try to bring about better employment opportunities for minorities and women in the broadcast industry," announced Everett C. Parker, director of OC, at a summer press conference in Washington, DC.

The project will monitor job and hiring practices and other treatment of minorities and women on a state-by-state basis at every radio and TV station in the country. Local residents, recruited from churches, NOW chapters and minority organizations will be trained to study station performance.

Directors of the project are Janice Engsberg, OC's field director; Kathleen Bonk, director of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund Media Project; Emma Bowen, president of Black Citizens for Fair Media, and Jose Rivera, prominent civil rights attorney and member of the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Chief purposes of the campaign, Dr. Parker explained, are to increase substantially the number of women and minorities who hold policy-making jobs in broadcasting, to monitor the Federal Communications Commission's enforcement of its EEO rules, to make communities aware of stations that conduct superior affirmative action programs and to press for FCC action against stations which have made little or no effort to hire, train and promote women and minorities.

For additional information, write Ms. Engsberg, 105 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

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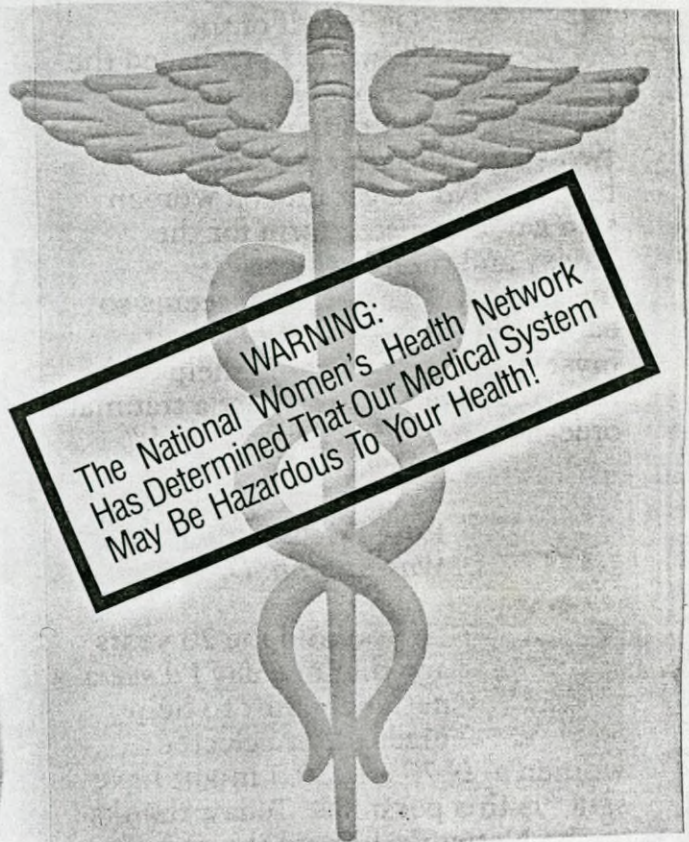


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WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN NOW. Clip and mail to Dorothy Howard 1529 Bonanza.
Houston, Texas 77062

- I want to be a member of Bay Area NOW and National NOW (\$30)
- I am already a member of National NOW and want to join the Bay Area Chapter (\$8)
- I want to join NOW and can afford dues of (\$_____)
- I am not a NOW member but want to receive the newsletter for one year (\$5)
- I am making a contribution of \$_____ to NOW
- I authorize my name and address to be printed on the NOW roster for members.

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Why do Texans still need to work for ERA?
Because we ALL live in an UNRATIFIED COUNTRY.
Because we face a RECISSION attempt in Texas in 1981.

ERA is Alive and Well in Houston!

We invite your participation in a continuing community effort to be effective for final ratification.

The Equal Rights Amendment
(complete text)

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

E.R.A. MARCH AND RALLY

Sunday, November 2 at 2 PM
Houston City Hall Steps
Speakers and Entertainment

We welcome your ideas in planning this event. Please respond to:

- Elizabeth Otey Terry 523-6881
- Sharon Rodine 523-6881
- Jan Stevens 445-2220
- Jeanne Saletan 471-2862

Mailing address and donations to:

ERA-HOUSTON
c/o YWCA
3515 Allen Parkway
Houston, TX 77019

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Our organization requests a program speaker on ERA or a brief update.

Our members or myself will participate in ERA events as planners/ speakers/ supporters/ demonstrators.

Insist on the genuine ERA, accept no substitute!

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