

# Harris County Women's Political Caucus

P.O. Box 53116 Houston, Texas 77052

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1978

## DECLARATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN 1977

We do not seek special privileges, but we demand as a human right a full voice and role for women in determining the destiny of our world, our nation, our families and our individual lives.

We seek these rights for all women, whether or not they choose as individuals to use them.

IWY Houston 1977

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We are in for a very, very long haul..I am asking EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO GIVE. We will never give up. You will lose your YOUTH, your SLEEP, your ARCHES, your STRENGTH, your PATIENCE, your SENSE OF HUMOR...and occasionally... the understanding and support of the people that you LOVE VERY MUCH.

In return, I have nothing to offer you but...your PRIDE, in being a woman, all your DREAMS you've ever had for your daughters and nieces and granddaughters..your FUTURE and the certain KNOWLEDGE that at the end of your days you will be able to look back and say that ONCE in your life, you gave EVERYTHING you had for JUSTICE.

Jill Ruckelhaus,  
NWPC Convention  
San Jose 1977

The Houston Chronicle ran an article about the Legal Secretaries Association. Two of the legal secretaries were quoted "as not being "Women Libbers" and spoke out against "Women Libbers". As a past president of that association my first reaction was to be madder than hell - then I realized that these women did not know what is happening in the world. They are in their little cocoons playing ladies - that horrified me. What have "Women Libbers" done? I'll tell you what----

We have had a Displaced Homemakers bill passed and 2 centers for Displaced Homemakers have been opened,

We have worked for the change in laws on credit for women,

We have worked for changes in the social security laws,

We have worked for changes in insurance laws,

We have established a Rape Crisis Center for rape victims,

We have opened a center for battered women,

We have worked for day care centers for children,

We have worked for welfare reform,

We have worked for and accomplished too many things to list on one page.

I'm proud to be a "women's Libber" and a Feminist. Proud to be a part of the women's movement, proud to be able to work with the dedicated women in the movement. You may call me a - "Women's Libber" - a "Feminist" all day long, 365 days of the year.

## LEGISLATION REPORT

Beatrice Mladenka-Fowler

The HCWPC Legislation Committee is composed of myself, Karen Loper, Pat Brink and Martha Williams. This committee will be meeting in early November to plan a reception for our newly elected Houston area representatives, and to discuss possible legislation in the coming session.

This committee will be working with the Political Action Committee throughout the 1979 Legislative Session to keep Caucus members informed of new legislation and to get members involved in specific lobbying issues. Anyone interested in working on this committee, please contact Beatrice Mladenka-Fowler at 772-9449 (after 4 p.m.).

## LOBBYIST POSITION AVAILABLE

The TWPC has an opening for a lobbyist to handle our interests in the 1979 Legislature. A resume is needed by November 10th. For details call Beatrice Mladenka-Fowler at 772-9449.

## "WOMEN'S LOBBY '79"

On January 23, 1979, the TWPC will hold a benefit at the Broken Spoke in Austin. The event, which is the main TWPC fundraiser for the year, features "People's Choice," and will be attended by legislators from throughout the state as well as many state-wide officials. You can be a Patron for \$50.00 or a Sponsor for \$25.00. Tickets are \$5.00. Bring your friends and neighbors to meet your representatives on January 23, 1979!

## MEDIA AWARD

This year the TWPC will give a "Media Award" to an outstanding journalist, newspaper, media station or media person, based on contribution to the development of understanding of issues of critical importance to women. Local caucuses are to submit nominations and documentation for this award. Selection will be made by the TWPC Administrative Committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 15 - Wednesday Policy Council Meeting  
7:30 p.m. 5210 Fannin
- November 18 - Saturday Administrative Meeting  
TWPC - Austin, TX
- November 29 - Wednesday Promgram Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Speaker: Kathy Whitmire  
First Unitarian Church  
5210 Fannin
- December 2 & 3 - TWPC Policy Council Meeting  
Austin

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