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WHAT-SO-EVER

diminishes thee

diminishes me

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Celebration No. 2

Bay Area N.O.W. and the

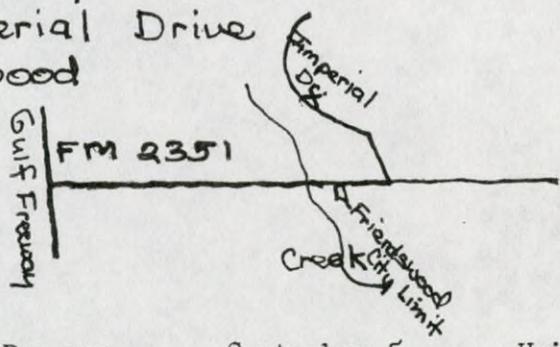
Coalition of Labor Union Women

Celebrate the 54th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

Join Us

Monday, August 26, 8:00 P.M.
147 Imperial Drive
Friendswood

Chinese Auction
Cocktails #1. Donation



September Program - September 5 - Uniting Church, El Camino & Reseda

Goldie Rappaport, Psychiatric Social Worker in Private Practice in the Clear Lake Area will discuss social and psychological problems unique to women.

September Elections and Business - September 19

Chapter Election of Officers, self nominating procedures will be followed. Every member is urged to consider holding office. Your Sisters and Brothers need you and this President and other soon to be ex-officers will be available to help in the transition. What opportunity! What Fun! What Honor! and all you have to do is nominate yourself.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Education

**Continuing Task Force On Education For Women
Texas Feminist Curriculum Review
1973 - When Sexism Is History**

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(above is State Education Task Force letterhead)

On August 9th, Marjorie Randal and Mary Buxton of our Chapter, and Kay Whyburn of Houston NOW presented the Bills of Particulars on textbooks up for adoption this year in Texas to the Texas Education Agency in Austin. There were over 500 Bills pointing out various forms of sexism in these books, written by about 170 women, and a few men, of a dozen NOW Chapters around the State. These quantities are at least 5 times as great as in 1973, and in 1972 only three women protested sexism in a single category (history) of books up for adoption. In view of the fact that Texas is unique in choosing public school textbooks at the State level (making it a very large customer), we can be proud of our efficiency in responding to the legal opportunity offered by TEA to citizens of Texas in reviewing prospective texts. We have heard, and deduced from objective results of last year's protests by feminists, that we are having considerable effect on the publishing industry.

On September 10th, Hearings on Text books will open at TEA in Austin, to run for at least 3 days. At this time, we will have a chance to make verbal response to the publishers' replies (required by law) to our Bills of Particulars. If you are one of the 17 people in Bay Area Chapter who wrote a Bill or if you are a quick study of other people's Bills, we could use your help in Austin.

P.S. Mr. Golden of TEA expressed his irritation, noting that, "three days of his girls'" time was required to prepare the Bills for transmittal to the publishers. (Two hours alone, were required for stamping their receipt.) Our Task Force has been allotted four hours the morning of Tuesday, September 10 for our oral testimony. The publishers will respond that afternoon. We invite all Chapter members to take part. A suite at the Down-towner, (kitty-corner from TEA Building) will be reserved for Monday night. Please let us know if you can participate.

Austin American-Statesman
August 10, 1974

Feminists Protest Textbook Sexism

A coalition of Texas feminists Friday presented 300 formal complaints of sexism in textbooks to the Texas Education Agency.

Mary Buxton, one of three state coordinators of the Texas Feminist Curriculum Review, a subcommittee of the Continuing Taskforce on Education for Women, said the bills of particulars specified instances of stereotyped sex roles in textbooks awaiting adoption.

The complaints will be sent to about 15 major publishers, who under state law must respond by Sept. 3 to each bill of particulars, Ms. Buxton said.

After oral testimony Sept. 10, the State Textbook Committee will choose books to be used in Texas schools.

According to Ms. Buxton, about 150 women participated in the nine-week textbook review, because "we're desperately against our children being told, 'little boy, you must be an athlete; little girl, you must be passive and watchful.'"

TASK FORCE REPORTS CONT.

Women in Sports

Linda Eichblatt and Houston NOW Representatives met with University Interscholastic League Officials for over two hours in Austin, July 27. The T.F. obtained the names of the 20 UIL voting Representative. A State wide mail out recommending policy changes in UIL Rules to end sex discrimination in interscholastic athletics and other changes necessary for Title IX compliance will be sent these Representatives by the T.F.

September 7 - Texas NOW Women In Sports Workshop - Women's Center, Houston

A one day workshop for Texas Feminists, held in Houston, will cover Title IX, Media Coverage, UIL Policies, Presentation of athletic plans to School Boards, and Community recreation leagues for women. Call Linda at 488-4382 for further information.

Health Task Force

Several members are ready to form a new health task force to start work this fall. If you have questions and/or wish to participate, please call Julie Walker, 488-3854.

2nd Monday Rap Group

All are invited to attend, meet new members, old members, share what needs to be shared. Linda McCollum's, 16019 Buccaneer, Clear Lake City, 488-0950, September 9.

Advanced Rap - C-R?

Anyone interested in a group, with discussion centered on feminist literature, please call Mary Buxton, 333-3872 so a best time and place can be arranged.

Congratulations

Linda Burns, accepted for Doctoral Studies, Rice University.
Julie Walker, accepted for M.S. Studies, University of Houston, Clear Lake.

General Electric Company - Open Position Listing

Title: Machinist "C" Educational Requirements: Ability to read mechanical drawings. Ability to figure angles and tolerances. Ability to operate shear, break, lathe and milling machine. Experience Required: Minimum of one year experience in the operation of the above machines with some experience in tool and die making and jig and fixtures. Salary: \$162.21 per week.

To My Brothers....

Look at me. I'm your sister.
I'm a person, just like you.
I'm reaching out to you,
reach out to me.

Look in me. I'm your sister.
See inside me, all the things
that are in you.
I want what you want,
not what you have.

Look for me. I'm your sister.
Find me not only in
your bed and kitchen,
But also in those times
between eating and sleeping.
Respect me when you see me.

Look by me. I'm your sister.
See the day when we are all
not just pink and blue.
But rather a whole spectrum
of colors.
Each distinguished for
what we are,
Not for whether we are
brothers or sisters.

Look at us. We are people.

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_____ I want to join but can only afford \$_____.

_____ I am not a member but would like to receive the Newsletter (\$3).

_____ I would like to make a contribution of \$_____ to N.O.W.

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Address _____

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Occupation and Employer _____

Mail it to N.O.W., c/o Marie Marlow, 412 S. Shadowbend, Friendswood, Tx. 77546.