

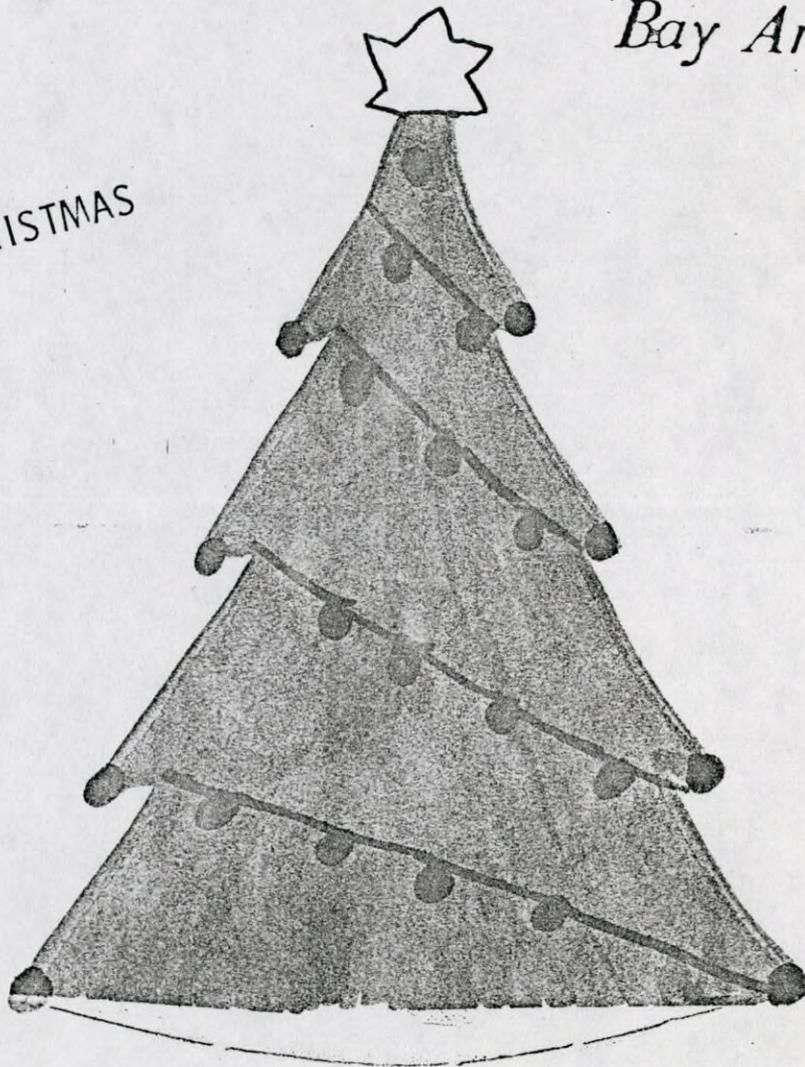
N.O.W. NEWS

National Organization for Women

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Bay Area Chapter

MERRY CHRISTMAS



12-5-80 Friday-BANOW Christmas Party
243 Empress Rd.
Houston, Texas

NOTE!!!!!!!!!!!! No regular program meeting will be held in December.

Members last names A thru K should bring Chips and or dips;; L thru Z should bring soft drinks. A cash bar will be provided and donations are needed for the Chinese Auction!!!!!!!!!!!!

From member Pat Butler: Twiss and I (& children) will be leaving Houston, probably late in December, for Washington, D.C., where I will be employed as a staff member at the national office - Action Center - of N.O.W. There is a perfect match between my interests and the N.O.W. issues: E.R.A., reproductive rights, and lesbian-gay rights. For several years I have been most impressed by the decisive and effective actions of the N.O.W. leadership (extension of the E.R.A. ratification period, Illinois rally, and distancing from the White House, as examples). I will be using organizational and managerial skills acquired over the years, but what I am looking forward to especially, however, is learning all sorts of new skills in activism from the N.O.W. experts. Twiss will keep her free-agent status in working on feminist issues. Her counsel, however, will be reflected in my activities at N.O.W., as my counsel has been useful to her in activities here.

We will miss our BANOW friends with whom we have shared efforts and concerns on many important projects. The most important thing shared, though, is our becoming feminists. Although it is possible through study to raise one's consciousness in isolation from other feminists, the process is probably more rapid, and certainly more enjoyable and rewarding, when shared with others. We will remember most fondly the feminist friends with whom we have grown up. Although we will be moving away, we will continue to have shared concerns and projects, which will continue to bring us together from time to time, both by telephone and in person. In this way we can continue to share growth in feminism.

You may be interested in my announcement to scientific colleagues, friends and associates at Johnson Space Center, friends in other activities, and our families and relatives:

My work as the Curator of Lunar Samples has been going well. The samples are now safe in a new building that has a strong vault and ultraclean laboratories staffed by 40 people. The samples are studied in these laboratories and also prepared for study in 85 other laboratories in universities and research institutions throughout the world. Much remains to be done in the studies, and in developing better ways to care for the samples, and I would like to continue to share in these efforts. I am leaving NASA and taking a sabbatical from science, however, because of a chance to participate in a humanistic project of profound significance.

I will be employed by the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.) in Washington, D.C., working initially on passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. In the evolution of democracy, each major legal document - from the Magna Carta to the American Constitution, and then the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Nineteenth Amendments - has represented a hard won victory over those who sought to maintain their power through undemocratic myths. It is clear that, on the most fundamental level, true democracy can never be realized unless women too are guaranteed the equal protection of the law afforded all men by the Fourteenth Amendment. I hold this truth to be self evident: that all women and men are created equal.

(A comment on behalf of Bay Area NOW, by Marj Randal:)

A stunning "YES." Yes to life as ruled by inner conviction, to growth and change, to development of new capacities. A brave assumption that it will be possible to survive feminists' rage against man the oppressor, and male supremacists' rage at perceived betrayal. A spectacular psychic risk---there is, after all, not much historical precedent for what is now going on between men and women. Our respect and hope will accompany Pat and Twiss, with thanks for all they have done for feminism in Houston and Bay Area NOW. When dedicated people adopt a cause, they dignify it, and we can only welcome such serious participation as this.

Bay Area N.O.W.'s program meeting for November, 1980, was conducted by Lynn McGregor. The program, "Assistance for Rape Victims" was a panel discussion presented by representatives of Houston Area Women's Center newly formed Houston Rape Crisis Coalition; Susan Nixon a detective with Harris County Sheriff's Department; members of Crisis Hotline and Crisis Helpline. Members were informed as to the service offered by these organizations to rape victims. Members were also educated as to the processes which a victim of rape encounter from hospitals and law officials. The excellent program left all members in attendance with a feeling of anger for the rapist, and a strong desire to work towards the implementation of speedier trials with stronger decisions being passed upon by the courts.

The second part of the program was a rap session by the members present to discuss the emotions that were evoked by the presidential election. It was an interesting point to observe that all persons present seemed to have experienced the same feelings; 1. Shock, 2. Anger, 3. Depression. The opportunity for everyone to express their outrage or sadness was a cleansing process that was needed by all. After all present had an opportunity to talk then the process of re-strategy began. Where are we now? Where do we go from here? What will be our goals? How do we accomplish the passage of legislation that will guarantee the rights which our organization believes are so important? All present came away with a feeling of self-committment to the issues of importance to women. All present came away with the knowledge that no one person can carry the responsibilities of any issue all by themselves. All present came away recognizing that we must all work together for the common welfare of all our sisters. It was a consciousness-raising session that has been needed by our chapter for a long time.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 17, 1980

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"ON THE OTHER HAND, FOR YOUR OTHER FOOT..."

COME TO THE BAY AREA N.O.W. *BOPPER CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE FEMINIST COMMUNE.

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1980.

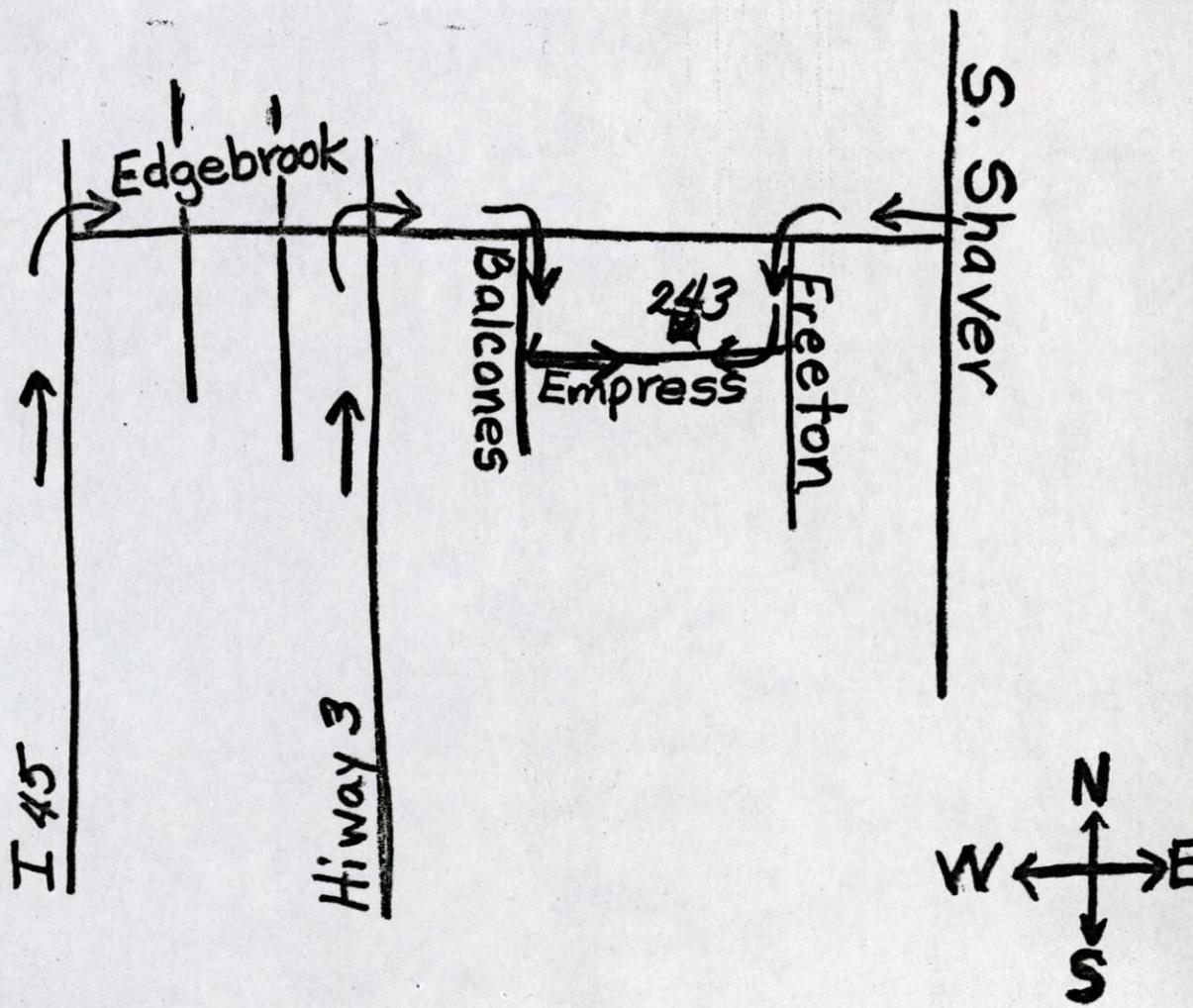
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: 243 EMPRESS 944-0033 or 947-9678

WE ARE FEATURING A CHINESE AUCTION AND A BASKET OF BOOZE RAFFLE SO PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR PIGGY BANKS AND/OR YOUR PIN MONEY. A CASH BAR IS ALSO PART OF THIS GALA CELEBRATION!!

*BOP-PER -- 1. ANY PERSON OR PERSONAGE DATING BACK TO THE BEBOP ERA. 2. ANY PERSON OR PERSONAGE WHO FAVORS FLASHY COSTUMES THAT ARE NOT IN STYLE OR WIDELY ACCEPTED BY JOHN T. MOLLOY.
EXAMPLES: BARBARA BILLINGSLEY FROM LEAVE IT TO BEAVER, JAMES DEAN, THE OLD MAID, NANCY REAGAN, DONNA REED, SAMMY DAVIS, JR., JANIS JOPLIN, AND LAVERNE AND SHIRLEY.

SEARCH THROUGH THE ATTIC AND THE CEDAR CHEST AND COME DRESSED AS THE BOPPER OF YOUR CHOICE.



Texas State National Organization for Women

NOVEMBER 10, 1980

TO: CHAPTER COORDINATORS/PRESIDENTS
TEXAS STATE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

FROM: PHYLLIS A. TUCKER
STATE COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: LOBBYIST RECRUITMENT

THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE BI-ANNUAL SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 5, 1981, AND ENDS MAY 31, 1981. IT WAS DECIDED AT THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 1980, THAT OUR ORGANIZATION WOULD CONTRACT WITH A N.O.W. MEMBER TO REPRESENT ALL OUR ISSUES DURING THE 1981 SESSION. THIS PART TIME POSITION WILL PAY \$500.00 PER MONTH, PLUS EXPENSES. THE PERSON SELECTED SHOULD ALSO BE A RESIDENT OF THE AUSTIN AREA DURING THIS TIME PERIOD.

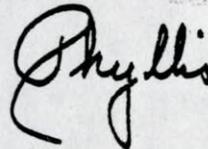
I AM REQUESTING THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION BE RELAYED TO YOUR MEMBERS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE ALL INTERESTED PERSONS TO CONTACT US. READ THIS AT YOUR NEXT MEETING; PUBLISH IT IN YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER; ACTIVATE YOUR PHONE TREE; WHICHEVER IS THE BEST WAY TO INFORM YOUR MEMBERS OF THIS POSITION.

INTERVIEWS WITH A FIVE-MEMBER COMMITTEE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AUSTIN IN MID-DECEMBER. RESUMES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO ME NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8, 1980.

PHYLLIS A. TUCKER
STATE COORDINATOR, TEXAS N.O.W.
243 EMPRESS
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77034
(713) 947-9678

PLEASE SEE THAT THIS INFORMATION GETS OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE BEST PERSON POSSIBLE.

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COPY TO:
STATE ELECTED OFFICERS
STATE APPOINTED OFFICERS
REGIONAL BOARD MEMBER
LOBBYIST RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

11-19-80 BANOW Business Meeting

Pat Kuhlman, Bonnie Huval, Rema Brown, Phyllis Tucker, Marjorie Randall, Wendy Rudnicki, Dorothy Howard, Jean Saletan, Dana Kelly, Sandy Devasier, Judy Huffman and Susan Lab were present. Pat Kuhlman suggested the possibility of buying a small copy machine for printing of the newsletter. Bonnie Huval suggests that the small ones available for sale are not going to meet the chapter needs. Marge Randall will check on the possibility of using UHCLC and Phyllis Tucker will call and get an estimate on fixing hers.

Nora Mertz asks anyone who lives in Galveston County to call her if interested in being on the Grand Jury. It was announced to start to re-activate the CR groups, and also 14 Task Forces. They are ERA, Reproductive Rights, Legislative, Title IX, Violence against Women, Aging-Older Women, Nuclear Energy, Rape, Lesbian Rights, Textbook Reform, Women in Religion, Pornography, Right Wing and Fundraising. A motion was made to donate 25.00 to Houston Area Women's Center by Jean Saletan, Wendy Rudnicki seconded. The motion carried.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for 1.00 each, the drawing for a basket of liquor containing Chivas Regal, Jack Daniels and Vodka to be held at the Christmas Party on 12-5-80. The liquor was donated by Sandy Devasier, thank you from the chapter. You have a 1 in 200 chance to win!!!

Blood donations are needed at Ben Taub for the late Donna Vollmer, a member of Women's Political Caucus who was killed by a school bus. Please donate. Also, please donate in the name of Sarah Stewart at Clear Lake Hospital.

It was suggested to organize a membership drive possibly identify a community problem. get AAUW to co-sponsor it, "Take Back the Night" leaflet the cars in parking lots or at the local grocery stores.

Bonnie Huval asks for anyone to write to the cable TV stations to protest the showing of the movie "Windows". Write to Warner Entertainment Corporation, Southwestern Region, 2665 Netta Creek Dr. Suite 130, Dallas, Tx. 75234. March 8-14th is Woman's History Week-nation wide.

ORGANIZING



BAY AREA NOW POSITIONS RESOURCE PEOPLE

COORDINATORS	Pat Kuhlman	488-3278
	Rema Lou Brown	488-1896
Treasurer	Dorothy Howard	486-0752
Newsletter Editor	Susan Lab	480-3356
Newsletter ads	Mary McFadin	332-5774
Telephone tree	Wendy Rudnicki	488-7803
Publicity	Dana Kelly	488-4107
Task Force Liason	Marie Stimson	534-4724
Handicap assistance	Cynthia Sutton	486-1426
Fundraising	Jean Bettencourt	538-1271
Medical information	Jo Shannahan	488-0190
BANOW Library	Dorothy Howard	486-0752
Delegates Texas NOW	Rema Lou Brown	488-1896
Council	Pat Kuhlman	488-3278
ERA Action team	Jeanne Saletan	471-2862
Aluminum for ERA	Betty Yancey	337-1383
Lesbian concerns	Phyllis Tucker	944-0033
Reproductive rights	Lynn McGregor	488-1901
Title IX	Twiss Butler	333-4764
Consciousness Raising	Jane Markley	334-5057
Rape & Abuse	Mary McFadin	332-5774

ANOTHER ISOLATION

"I have departed from the traditions of my forebears, male and female, in the espousal of woman suffrage....Most of my dear friends are anti-suffragists. Even the one nearest to me in the world, my teacher, is sometimes distressingly lukewarm. She still expects men to look after her affairs and protect her. I do not believe that any sex, class, or race can safely trust its protection in any hands but its own."

—Helen Keller in an unpublished letter to the *Brooklyn Eagle*, courtesy of *Radcliffe Quarterly*

November 1980/Ms./37

Of all the thousands of films made by Hollywood or television in the last 30 years, only two-tenths of one percent were directed by women. The Women's Committee of the Directors Guild of America, which has 100 members, cited this statistic—and asked that at least one woman director be hired for every 13 TV episodes as a first step toward change.

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

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

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

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

States That Have Not Ratified The ERA:

Alabama	Missouri
Arizona	Nevada
Arkansas	N. Carolina
Florida	Oklahoma
Georgia	S. Carolina
Illinois	Utah
Louisiana	Virginia
Mississippi	

Join the boycott campaign!
Put your money where your rights are!

CONTACT REMINDERS

TEXAS N.O.W.: 713-947-9678 contacts the state leadership (or the Houston or Bay Area chapters, also in the vicinity).

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE INFO: 1-800-252-9693

U.S. LEGISLATIVE INFO: 1-800-424-9717 courtesy of AAUW

CONGRESSIONAL VOTING INFO: \$1 to the National Women's Political Caucus, 1411 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 obtains a voting rating on every member of the 96th Congress.

WOMEN U.S.A. HOTLINE: 1-800-221-4945 offers economic, social and political info regarding issues of concern to women.

WESTERN UNION: 1-800-325-5300 (Public Opinion Message \$2.50/15 words)

Remember—"800" numbers are toll-free!

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CALENDAR

12-5-80 Christmas Party 7:30 P.M. 243 Empress-944-0033 Phyllis Tucker

12-16-80 Film 'What You Are Is Where You Were When ' Communication Workers Hall-Houston-contact Diana Osborne at 527-0934

12-17-80 BANOW Business Meeting 1529 Bonanza

1-8-81 BANOW Program Meeting-Jean Saletan, co-ordinator 471-2862

1-21-81 BANOW Business Meeting 1529 Bonanza

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NOTE! NOTE! NOTE!!! NOTE!!!!!! NOTE!!!!!! NOTE!!!!!!
PLEASE RENEW ALL MEMBERSHIP THRU TREASURER, DOROTHY HOWARD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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 an interpreter

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for deaf persons and any required assistance for the blind. Call Cynthia Sutton at 488-7936.

Information for inclusion in the next BANOW Newsletter should be submitted by the 15th of each month. Material should be mailed to Susan Lab, 2270 Gemini Ave. Houston, Tx. 77058.

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NOW phone number-947-9678

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.

NAME.....

HOME PHONE.....

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WORK PHONE.....

.....ZIP.....

2270 Gemini Ave.
Houston, TX 77058

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