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Woman becoming comfortable
among sharp edges

PANEL DISCUSSION - WOMEN IN BUSINESS TODAY

Program

8:00 P.M. February 6, Uniting Church, El Camino and Reseda, Clear Lake City, Texas

Four successful business women of our community are prepared to speak frankly to us of their experiences as women, in entering and maintaining themselves in an essentially masculine reality. They are Jean McKinley of Nasa Properties, Inc., Sandra Taylor of Nassau Bay Bank, Bobi Berkowitz of "Bobi Lynn Originals," and our own Rachel Reed of "El Bazaar Sábado" Import Shop in Clear Lake City. This program has been arranged for us by Rachel.

Write your cards and short letters NOW to the following State Legislators:

Representative Ed Watson (favors ERA)	Senator Walter Mengden
" Bill Caraway (favors ERA)	(opposes ERA)
" Andrew Baker (favors ERA)	" A.R. Schwartz
" Ed Harris (favors ERA)	(favors ERA)

House Speaker Billy Clayton (opposes ERA)

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby (favors ERA)

Representative Calvin Rucker (Dallas, opposes ERA) has said he will sponsor a bill to rescind Texas's ERA ratification.

The Anti-ERA persons obviously need letters to change their minds, and the pro-ERA persons urgently need letters of support for their position. Anti-ERA letters are said to be swamping the legislators' offices, and amount of mail received at this time is important. Mail to: Honorable _____, Capitol Station, Austin, Tex. 78711

DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY

- Feb. 6- 10:00 A.M. Bay Area ERA Coalition Speakers' Bureau speaks to Methodist Women of Clear Lake Church.
- 8:00 P.M. Bay Area NOW Program Meeting, panel on Women in Business.
- Feb. 9- 2:00 P.M. Lobbying Workshop, Women's Center, 3602 Milam downtown. Learn how to convince your legislator that the ERA is the greatest!
- Feb. 13- dawn on LOBBYING DAY IN AUSTIN!!!!!! A bus has been chartered out of Houston to carry "persons for the ERA" to Austin for a lobbying session with our legislators, celebrating Susan B. Anthony's birthday. Call Frances Hicks 482-7840 by Feb. 2 to make reservations.
- Feb. 14- 8:00 P.M. Aileen Hernandez, past National President of NOW and present Board Member, speaks at Krost Auditorium of Bates Law School on "Sex Discrimination and the Law."
- Feb. 20- 8:00 P.M. Important Bay Area NOW Business Meeting to discuss activities planned for the State Convention in March. Bay Area is working with Houston NOW on an education workshop---"Working with your Local Schoolboard." ERA Campaign developments since this newsletter will also be discussed. Turn in items for March Newsletter. Lend us your support by your presence.
- Feb. 26- 7:30 P.M. Bay Area ERA Coalition Speakers' Bureau addresses Galveston County Mayors and Councilmen's Association at City Hall in League City.

GALVESTON CHAPTER FOUND!

At the recent State NOW Council meeting, I heard that a Chapter of NOW is thriving in Galveston. I quickly established contact with their newly-elected President, Lynn Richardson (1-765-5259), and compared notes on our Chapters' activities. Galveston NOW members have researched the problems of rape and hope to set up a rape crisis center eventually. They are beginning by planning a day-long seminar at the end of March, with speakers on rape and self-defense. They invite Bay Area members and Houston NOW sisters to attend in order to become acquainted. I'll have details for next Newsletter.

Frances Hicks

"Either you think---or else others have to think for you, pervert and discipline your natural tastes, civilize and sterilize you." F. Scott Fitzgerald Tender is the Night
(Contributed by Dorothy Pearson)

REPORT FROM JANUARY MEETING, TEXAS NOW

The Texas State NOW Council met Jan. 18, 1975 at the Women's Center in Austin. The Chapters in Ft. Worth, Dallas, Austin, San Marcos, Cen-Tex, Waco, Bell County, Angleton, Huntsville, Bay Area, Houston, and San Antonio were represented, Angleton and San Marcos for the first time.

Barbara Vackar, lobbyist of Texans for the ERA, urged us to get those letters going to legislators, especially to Billy Clayton, Speaker of the House, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, and Rep. Calvin Rucker, who is considering sponsorship of a rescission Bill. She reported that the cost of the pro-ERA lobbying effort is running \$1400 a month. (She receives \$18 a week for expenses, and our secretary is paid \$150 a month!) Please send donations to Jane Baker, 1604 Kindred, Richardson, Tex. 75080, ERA Treasurer for Texas NOW. The National NOW Legislative Office is sending Texas NOW \$500 for our ERA effort. Texas NOW Council voted at this meeting to give \$200 to Texans for ERA and \$300 for writing, printing and distributing a pro-ERA pamphlet especially designed for Texans. Hermine Tobolowsky and Martha Dickey are working to create this publication.

There will be a press conference in Austin in Feb. 8 to announce the Texans for ERA Coalition, for which members representing each smaller coalition in the State will travel to Austin. Bay Area Coalition will be represented.

ERA Lobbying Day, Feb. 13, was discussed. It is described as serving also as a "practice-day" for getting people to Austin on short notice. We will receive notice from our lobbyist, possibly as short as 36 hours beforehand, when committee hearings for any ERA Rescission Bill are set. Our numbers in the capital at that time will be influential.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE REPORT

A useful tool has recently been put in the hands of Texas feminists who wish to deal with our highly sexist school systems. Houston and Bay Area coordinators of the Continuing Task Force on Education for Women have produced a 10-page letter on textbook protest at the local school district level. This has been distributed at the State Council Meeting and mailed to Chapters which did not attend. Through the courtesy of Sperry-Univac, we have been provided with an additional 100 copies (for cost of paper alone) which will provide us with coverage of the 20 Education Region Centers and all towns*in the three regions which still contain no NOW Chapters. (*over 10,000 population)

COME TO OUR NOW RAP SESSION

Our monthly social encounter is scheduled for Feb. 10 at the home of Linda McCollum, 16019 Buccaneer in Clear Lake City. If you're new, call Linda at 488-0950 for directions. She's home evenings.

THE GRANDMOTHER OF US ALL

Born on February 15, 1820, she lived into her mid-80's and became probably the greatest nineteenth-century agitator for women's rights. Co-editor with Elizabeth Cady Stanton of The Revolution, President 1892-1900 of National American Woman's Suffrage Association, fiery speaker, author of numerous tracts and resolutions on feminism which are still inspiring today, we quote Susan B. Anthony:

"The moment women begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak ...we cheat humanity out of their rights and check our own development."

"Women have crucified the Mary Wollstonecrafts, the Fanny Wrights and the George Sands of all ages. Men mock us with the fact and say we are ever cruel to each other. Let us end this ignoble record and henceforth stand by womanhood. If women must be crucified, let men drive the spikes."

"We think that a man has quite enough to do to find out his individual calling, without being taxed to find out also where every woman belongs."

MARIA ISABEL BARRENO, one of the "Three Marias" who authored New Portuguese Letters, advanced the cause of local feminism in an excellent speech at College of the Mainland on January 28th. NOW can be proud of its sponsorship of her speaking engagements.

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DUES DUE!!!

Only a handful of Bay Area N.O.W. members have already renewed **their** memberships for 1975. If the rest of you people don't reach into your pockets PDQ, the future effectiveness of our chapter will be considerably weakened.

It's worth \$15 to be a part of the feminist movement. If you can't attend the next meeting, please send a check to me at 16589 Buccaneer, Houston, Tx, 77058. Post-Christmas poverty excuses will not be accepted!

In sisterhood,
Linda Eichblatt, Treasurer

JOIN N.O.W.

- _____ I would like to become a member of N.O.W. (\$15)
- _____ I would like to join but can only afford \$_____
- _____ I am not a member but want to receive the Newsletter (\$3)
- _____ I would like to contribute \$_____ to N.O.W.

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