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TEXAS WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS OFFICERS 1976-77

Congratulations to the Caucus members recently elected to the TWPC Administrative Committee. They are:

Bonnie Lesley, Chair
360 Crestmont
El Paso, Tx. 79912
915-584-7195 (H)

Eleanor Braun, Assistant to the Chair
407 W. 18th, #108
Austin, Tx. 78701
512-478-1830 (H), 512-475-4771 (O)

Irene Anderson, Legislation Vice-Chair
3803 Barrington
San Antonio, Tx. 78217
512-656-3404 (H)

Claudia Stravato, Political Action Vice-Chair
2100 S. Hayden
Amarillo, Tx. 79109
806-372-8156 (O)

Maria Luisa Carreno, Membership Vice-Chair
1501 Rodolfo St.
Alice, Tx. 78332
512-664-3594 (H), 512-664-4359 (O)

Janice Robinson, Communications Vice-Chair
1401 St. Edwards Dr. #139
Austin, Tx. 78704
512-442-1366 (H), 512-475-5821

Sharon Macha, Finance Vice-Chair
4730 Willowbend
Houston, Tx. 77035
713-723-7416 (H), 713-627-7180 (O)

Helen Martin, Comptroller
1205 W. Frey
Stephenville, Tx. 76401
817-965-5293 (H)

Martha Smiley, Past Chair
1308 West Ave.
Austin, Tx. 78701
512-478-3060 (H), 512-475-4721 (O)

Five at-large members to the Administrative Committee will be elected at the Policy Council meeting in September.

TWPC CAUCUSES

The Chairs of the Special Interest Caucuses elected at the TWPC convention are:

Janna Zumbrun, Lesbian Caucus
P.O. Box 3067
Austin, Tx. 78764

Liz Parker, Education Caucus
5009 Highland Circle
Austin, Tx. 78751

512-441-1130 (H)

512-454-8631 (O), 454-1862 (H)

The Chairs of the Minority Caucuses are:

Janice Robinson, Black Caucus
1401 St. Edwards Dr.
Austin, Tx. 78704
512-475-5821 (O), 442-1366 (H)

Angie Flores, Chicana Caucus
1401 Enfield #102
Austin, Tx. 78703
512-476-3735 (H)

Democratic Caucus Chair
Abigail Havens
506 W. 7th
Austin, Tx. 78701
512-478-4103 (H)

Republican Caucus Chair
Morene Archer
contact TWPC Office, 711 San Antonio
Austin, Tx. 78701
512-474-1798

Local caucuses are encouraged to send names and addresses of Caucus members who would be interested in serving on the TWPC Task Forces, Displaced Homemakers and Child Care. Locals need to send this information to the state office no later than Friday, September 10th. The members of these Task Forces will be named at the Policy Council meeting on September 12th.

NWPC STEERING COMMITTEE TO MEET IN EL PASO IN SEPTEMBER

The NWPC Steering Committee meeting will be held in El Paso on September 17-19. All Texas Women's Political Caucus members are invited and encouraged to come and observe the National Caucus in action. Free housing is available from members of the El Paso Women's Political Caucus. Contact the Chair, Margaret Haddad, 217 Northwind, El Paso, Tx. 79912, 915-581-0337. The TWPC representatives to the NWPC Steering Committee are: Martha Smiley, Jane Hickie, Janice Robinson (Austin); Sharon Macha, Olga Soliz (Houston); Juanita Alcocer (San Antonio); and Bonnie Lesley, Carmen Quesada (El Paso).

TWPC POLICY COUNCIL MEETING

The TWPC Policy Council meeting this fall will be held on Sunday, September 12th, at 10 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court Room at the State Capitol in Austin. Many important things will be brought up at this meeting and Bonnie Lesley, Chair, urges all Policy Council representatives and other interested people to attend this meeting.

Bonnie also encourages all Policy Council members to contribute to the "Office Warming Party." The TWPC State Office is in dire need of many essential items-- notepads, stapler, typing paper (legal and regular size), scissors (long), file folders (legal), staples, press type, paper clips, liquid paper and correct type, paper for printing newsletter, pencils, pens, filing cabinets, white envelopes, pad to go under typewriter, scotch tape, masking tape, electric clock, egg timer (to time phone calls), name tags, straight pins, large mailing envelopes, large bulletin board, blackboard. Please come with an office warming present to the next Policy Council meeting.

TWPC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT \$\$\$\$\$\$

The Texas Women's Political Caucus is requesting your financial assistance this year to assure the efficiency of the TWPC State Office on a full time basis. At the TWPC Convention this year Caucus members voted on resolutions that require \$\$\$\$\$\$. The TWPC will support a lobbyist and a full time staff member this year. Telephone calls, xeroxing, typing and numerous other duties require money.

THE TEXAS WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS NEEDS YOUR \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ SUPPORT NOW

If you complete the cards below and send them to the TWPC State Office, 711 San Antonio, Austin, Texas 78701, you will be pledging \$\$\$\$\$\$ to the TWPC on a monthly basis.

**AUTHORITY TO HONOR DRAFTS IN PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS
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CAMPAIGN SUPPORT COMMITTEE (TWPC-CSC)**

TO _____ BANK
BANK ADDRESS _____

I hereby request that, as a convenience to me, you honor drafts in payment of contributions drawn on my account by and payable to the order of Texas Women's Political Caucus—Campaign Support Committee, Austin, Texas, and charge each draft (together with any necessary costs) to my account upon presentation each month, and I agree that your rights in respect to each such draft shall be the same as if it were a check drawn on you and signed personally by me. Your authority to charge such drafts to my account shall cease upon my delivery to you of written notice of revocation of this authority, and until you actually receive such notice, I agree that you shall be fully protected in honoring any such draft.

I further agree that if any such draft be dishonored, whether with or without cause, and whether intentionally or inadvertently, you shall be under no liability whatsoever.

Contributor's bank account no. _____

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MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION PLAN REQUEST AND AUTHORIZATION

TO: Texas Women's Political Caucus
711 San Antonio
Austin, Texas 78701

DATE: _____

For the purpose of paying monthly contributions to TWPC-CSC, I am giving authority to the:

(Name of Contributor's Bank and Bank Address) _____

to charge to my checking account monthly drafts in the amount of \$ _____, beginning _____, and each month thereafter, until this authorization is revoked, such drafts to be drawn by and payable to Texas Women's Political Caucus—Campaign Support Committee.

I reserve the right to revoke this authorization at any time by giving written notice to the Texas Women's Political Caucus (Attention: Comptroller) and to the above bank.

Contributor's Bank Account Number: _____

Bank Signature of Contributor } X _____

Mailing Address _____

TWPC DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The TWPC Democratic Caucus is working with the Democratic Women's Caucus (a group of delegates and alternates who organized at the June convention) to plan for the convention in Ft. Worth on September 17-18. The Democratic Women's Caucus will meet on Friday, September 17th, 11 a.m., at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Ft. Worth. To date, the Democratic Women's Caucus has interviewed the Chair and Vice-Chair candidates. The responses to the questions will be sent to all women delegates and alternates prior to the September meeting. The meeting will be held to discuss last minute floor strategy plans and endorsements. If you are interested in helping in this effort, please contact Abigail Havens, 506 W. 7th, Austin, TX 78701.

BOYCOTT OF ATLANTIC RECORDS

The following resolution was passed at the TWPC Convention in August:

Whereas, the Rolling Stone advertisement for the album Black & Blue exhibits cruel and abusive treatment of women;

Be it resolved that TWPC convey, in strongest terms, to the Atlantic Records Distributor strong disapproval of the advertisement campaign;

And Be It further resolved that we boycott Atlantic Records and encourage all caucus members not to buy the album.

TWPC CONVENTION THANKS

Martha Smiley, Past Chair of the TWPC, wishes to thank all of the hard workers that helped many hours with the planning and carrying out of the TWPC Convention. She feels that the success of the Convention was due to all of the Caucus members who assisted in this effort. A particular thanks comes from Martha to the Dallas County Women's Political Caucus--a small but dedicated group who put many hours into the Convention planning.

This year the TWPC Convention participants voted to increase the TWPC budget to approximately \$20,000 to insure that the resolutions passed at the convention are successfully carried out. This budget includes:

\$12,000	office and staff
5,000	lobbyist
1,500	direct contribution to ERA effort and Abortion effort
1,500	officers expenses

\$20,000

The TWPC needs your monetary support to try to meet this budget for 1976-77. Please help us have a very active year. Send your contributions and pledge cards to the TWPC State Office, 711 San Antonio, Austin, TX 78701. Locals will be asked to assist in this effort and they have been assessed a certain amount according to their membership count.

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