

N.O.W. Bay Area Chapter

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"Behind every successful woman there's a man.
Would you like to be that man?"

THE FALL-OUT OF FEMINISM ON MEN

Program Meeting

8:00 P.M. Sept. 4, 1975, Uniting Church, El Camino and Reseda, Clear Lake City, Texas

Craig Roberts and Clif Whyburn of Houston N.O.W. will join Bill Carmean of Clear Lake City in sharing with us some of their experiences with the feminist movement. Clif and Craig have been active participants in Houston's Masculine Mystique Task Force, as well as other N.O.W. projects. Bill Carmean (husband of Sonia) shares his life with an active feminist. They will express their views on the effects of feminism on men, and an open discussion period will follow. Come and bring your male friends; we'll have wine to enhance the occasion.

N.O.W. Calendar for September 1975

- Sept. 4 8:00 P.M. Program meeting, Uniting Church, Clear Lake City
 - Sept. 9 8:00 P.M. Monthly Rap Session Resumes!! Frances' home, 1407 Seagate, CLC. Goals for next year in Bay Area NOW will be discussed. A great opportunity for new people to get acquainted with the members.
 - Sept. 10-11 Austin, Texas Education Agency. Textbook hearings. Once again the Texas NOW Textbook Protest is being coordinated from Houston and Bay Area NOW Chapters.
 - Sept. 18 8:00 P.M. Business Meeting at Uniting Church. Attend to hear and speak--- self-nominations for offices in Bay Area NOW.
 - Sept. 19-20 Challenge: Equal Partners Seminar, Gilruth Rec. Center, Johnson Space Center. Sponsored by Federally Employed Women. Registration \$6.00 before Sept. 8, \$9.00 after: FEW, Rt. 2, Box 540, Alvin, Tex. 77511. Speakers from NASA, "Play for Living," workshops on self-esteem, herstory, legal rights, upward mobility, ESP (yep). For more information call 674-2521 or 522-1321.
 - Sept. 20 Texas NOW Council meeting in Dallas.
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PROFESSIONALS

Mary Buxton, past president of Bay Area NOW, will do research and conduct workshops for the office of the American Society of Medical Technologists, located near the junction of Loop 610 and the southwest freeway. She will move into Houston in September.

Linda Eichblatt has begun employment as an academic secretary at the University of Houston in Clear Lake City.

Aneta Davis has departed for a year's internship with NASA in Washington, where she will receive training in aspects of the space program related to Follow-ups of Apollo-Soyuz.

Jo Ann Gerhardt, legal advisor to Bay Area NOW, and Patricia Anne O'Kane have opened Houston's new feminist law firm at 201 Main St., Suite 636, in Houston; phone 237-9867.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Give serious thought this month to the actions you might contribute to feminism through Bay Area NOW during the coming year. Feminist action is the necessary prelude to women's gaining an effective role in the world; no other form of action has ever had much effect on the subservient status of women. You who are strong enough already to recognize your own value can help your sisters to become stronger by working with us. Offices in Bay Area NOW will be filled by self-nomination at the September Business meeting, followed by elections at the November Program meeting. New officers will serve from the moment of their election. Incumbents will discuss the duties of their offices on the 18th.

RAPE CRISIS COALITION

Persons interested in training to be rape crisis advocates in our area, please call Frances Hicks at 488-8574 for information of training programs offered in Houston. The local group is still in formative stages and will not be operative before 1976.

Research is still proceeding on our promised article regarding sex discrimination at JSC.

GERTRUDE BARNSTONE FOR BOARD OF REGENTS

Women's Equity Action League has asked us to join in a letter-writing campaign naming Gertrude Barnstone for an upcoming vacancy on the Board of Regents for the University of Houston. Address Governor Dolph Briscoe at Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Our letters have recently had a share in helping to secure the appointment of Helen Copitka to the Texas State Board of Pardons and Paroles, also an appointment by the Governor.

As Marie Terry points out, "The only statutory qualification for serving as a Regent is that one be a citizen of Texas. In the past, however, as with most positions on State Boards and Commissions, there has been an unwritten qualification that appointees be white males...We would like to begin correcting this situation."

The following positions and experiences appear on Ms. Barnstone's resume:

B.A. Rice University, 1945, in English

Current position: consultant, Gerald Hines interests.

Past positions: member of Houston School Board, 1964-69

member of Board of YWCA, 1970-74

Director of Community Relations, KPRC-TV, 1970-72

Producer, "Sundown's Treehouse," KPRC-TV, 1970-73 (special recognition in Wall Street Journal and Saturday Review)

Lecturer, Public Broadcasting, Univ. of Houston, 1974

Member of Executive Board, Texas Film Commission, 1972-74

Grand Jury Association, 1972-present

Member: FCC Committee, 1971-

Etc., etc.!

Board Member, Hester House, 1970-73

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Board Member, Family Connections, 1971-73

Agency operations.

The Lovely Shall Be Choosers

The Voice said, "Hurl her down!"

The Voices, "How far down?"

"Seven levels of the world."

"How much time have we?"

"Take twenty years.

She would refuse love safe with wealth and honor.

The Lovely shall be choosers, shall they?

Then let them choose!"

"Then we shall let her choose?"

"Yes, let her choose.

Take up the task beyond her choosing."

Invisible hands crowded on her shoulder

In readiness to weigh upon her.

But she stood straight still,

In broad round ear-rings, gold and jet with pearls,

And broad round suchlike brooch,

Her cheeks high colored,

Proud and the pride of friends.

The Voice asked, "You can let her choose?"

"Yes, we can let her and still triumph."

"Do it by joys. And leave her always blameless.

Be her first joy her wedding,

That though a wedding,

Is yet—well, something they know, he and she.

And after that her next joy

That though she grieves, her grief is secret:

Those friends know nothing of her grief to make it shameful.

Her third joy that though now they cannot help but know,

They move in pleasure too far off

To think much or much care.

Give her a child at either knee for fourth joy

To tell once and once only, for them never to forget,

How once she walked in brightness,

And make them see in the winter firelight.

But give her friends, for them she dares not tell

For their foregone increduloussness.

And be her next joy this:

Her never having deigned to tell them.

Make her among the humblest even

Seem to them less than they are.

Hopeless of being known for what she has been,

Failing of being loved for what she is,

Give her the **comfort for her** sixth of knowing

She fails from **strangeness to a way** of life

She came to **from too high too late** to learn.

Then send some **one** with eye to see

And wonder at **her where** she is

And words to **wonder in** her hearing how she came there.

But without **time to stay** and hear her story.

Be her last joy **her heart's** going out to this one

So that she **almost speaks**.

You know **them—seven in all**."

"Trust us," the Voices said.

London June 22, 1975

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FOR THOSE CLAMORING TO JOIN NOW, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT A MEMBERSHIP BOUGHT IN OCTOBER (BUT NOT EARLIER) WILL BE GOOD ALL THROUGH 1976. That is why we are not running a membership form this month. Newsletter is \$3 to non-members, from date of receipt.

CELEBRATIONS OF AUGUST 26th...

HOUSTON CHRONICLE Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1975

The Battered Concept

Women's News Service Page 4, Section 3

Basingstoke, England — The Women's Aid Group has temporarily abandoned plans to open a hostel and refuge for battered wives here. Unknown vandals wrecked the building in Vyne Road that had been set aside for ladies seeking refuge from violent husbands. The women's organization explains that it has no funds for repairs.

Trade in women surveyed

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Interpol gave the UN Human Rights Commission Monday a 69-nation survey indicating there is a lively international business in procuring women for prostitution. The survey tells of waitresses from Trinidad and Tobago and Australia being engaged by an English agency to work as prostitutes in Africa, French women recruited to work in West German "eros" centers and a young Danish girl narrowly escaping abduction into a bordello.

The Houston Post TUES., AUG. 26, 1975

10,000 in demo on abortion

By Derek Humphry

MORE THAN 10,000 women marched through London yesterday in support of abortion on demand and against the Abortion (Amendment) Bill in Parliament. It was the biggest demonstration in London since the CND protests of the Fifties and the Vietnam campaign of the Sixties.

The Bill, sponsored by James White, MP for Glasgow, Pollok, would make an abortion illegal for all but the strictest medical cases, and would effectively stop foreign women coming to Britain to have abortions.

Antonia Gorton, chairman of a National Abortion Campaign committee that organised the rally, said: "It is an enormous demonstration of solidarity by women against the Bill."

Coaches brought 4,000 women into London for the demonstration. Some came from Aberdeen, Lancaster, Leicester, Oxford and Cambridge, as well as groups from Holland, Portugal and France.

At the head of the march, besides women's rights leaders, were Lord Houghton and three MPs, Ted Graham (Edmonton), Brian Davies (Enfield North) and Marcus Lipton (Brixton).

It took nearly two hours for all the women to leave the starting-point on the Victoria Embankment. Ninety minutes after the march began, the road alongside the Thames from Westminster to Blackfriars was still choked with demonstrators, who had no hope of reaching Hyde Park in time for the main rally and speeches.

At the Hyde Park rally, Mrs Renee Short, Labour MP for Wolverhampton North-east, said all the Labour women MPs would oppose "this pernicious Bill until it is well and truly buried."

A police officer said: "We have seen nothing like this for years. It's all very nice and peaceful, but a little chaotic."

Two hours before the march there was a religious service in Trafalgar Square organised by the Festival of Light and the Order of Christian Unity against abortion. The attendance was under 300.

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