



# National Organization for Women

OURSELVES, GROWING OLDER BAY AREA CHAPTER

October, 1990



Program: Public Policies Relating to Ageism

Presenter: Professor Anna Madison, Department of Public Affairs  
Texas Southern University

Date: October 4, 1990

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: A Uniting Church  
El Camino Real and Reseda

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"Ageism - the belief that a person's worth and abilities are determined solely by chronological age - is the enemy that threatens the creative, growing future we envision for ourselves. Research shows that intellectual capacity remains stable throughout life - the ability to learn new things continues unabated and, when actively exercised, enhances our well-being. Yet ageism declares us obsolete at a socially defined deadline. At age sixty we find ourselves on our community's senior-citizen list, and at sixty-five many companies expect us to retire even though mandatory retirement has been abolished by federal law."

**Ourselfs, Growing Older**

**Texas NOW-PAC and National NOW  
Equality PAC Endorsements for  
November 6, 1990 elections.**

U. S. Senator      Hugh Palmer  
Governor            Ann Richards  
Lt. Governor        Bob Bullock  
Atty. General       Dan Morales  
Treasurer           Nikki Van Hightower

"The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment."  
Robert Maynard Hutchins

**Have a Voice....Vote!**

**Bay Area NOW Needs Your Help!**

For several months Bay Area NOW has been meeting casually at A Uniting Church or in the home of Rusty Richards. A few members come to each meeting and have been a great source of caring and support for each other. But, we are seeing the rights of all women and minorities being slowly eroded by the Supreme Court and our legislative houses. It is time to take action. We need you, and you need us.

Will you join us and help to ensure equality for our children and grandchildren? Come to the meeting on October 4, 1990. We need people to help with the newsletter; programs; task force chairs on issues; and representatives to other organizations. See you at the meeting.

**Bay Area NOW Calendar**

Sept. 25 6:45 - 9:00 p.m.	RU486	The First Texas Information Forum on the controversial drug, RU-486. Presented by Choice Independents at University of Texas School of Public Health. Holcombe at Bertner
Oct. 4		Bay Area NOW meeting
Oct. 6 - 8		Common Threads: An Uncommon Response Display of the NAMES Project Quilt in memory of persons who have died of AIDS. George R. Brown Convention Center
Oct. 12 - 14		Texas NOW State Conference, University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

**My Sister Died This Morning**

My sister died this morning.  
My sister..sparkling eyes, beautiful warm-loving arms.  
My sister played dolls with me. We had tea - she and I, and Raquel the dog, and Isis, the cat; although Raquel and Isis didn't much like just sitting there.  
My sister told me about college, her dreams, her ambitions.  
My sister died as the sun shined its rays on the golden tree leaves. The dew dripping off the leaves was GOD crying at the ridiculous loss. Mother and daddy stand holding each other and...crying.  
I...I stand alone and am angry.  
The only place to go was the horrible back alley; the dirty, disgusting room; the degrading, lecherous attitude.  
My sister died this morning!  
For you, my sister, my voice will never again be silent.  
No one shall ever suffer this hurt... this pain.  
I love you my sister...**My voice will be yours!**

@Phyllis A. Tucker

TEXAS NOW STATE CONFERENCE      OCTOBER 12-14, 1990

Texas NOW will hold the state conference in Denton, Texas on October 12-14 at the campus of the University of North Texas.

The theme of the conference is **Feminism: The Third Wave, Encouraging Diversity in the Women's Movement.** The keynote speaker will be Toni Luckett, Student Body President at UT-Austin.

Remember, the state conference is where plans and policy are made for the next year. Texas NOW will be on the front lines assuring that the legislature does not take away the rights and privileges of our members.

The Conference will have workshops on the issues of Consciousness Raising, Racism, Homophobia, Child Abuse, Women's Spirituality, Self-Defense, Running for Public Office, EcoFeminism, and a number of other topics.

The designated hotel for the conference is the Sheraton Hotel at the University of North Texas. 2211 I-35 E. North, Denton, Texas 76205. Phone number 817/565-8499. Rates for the hotel are \$53.00 single; \$58.00 double; and \$8.00 for an extra cot.

Join your sisters and brothers in our state. It is a wonderful feeling to find that other people share our concerns.

For further information call Valerie Blankenship 817/383-3733 or Phyllis Tucker 713/944-0033

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME..... MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

ADDRESS.....

CITY, STATE, ZIP.....

PHONE.....

Registration fees: (pre-registration prices if mailed before 10-4-90)  
pre-registration      at the door      non-members

Saturday & Sunday	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
Saturday only	30.00	35.00	40.00
Sunday only	15.00	15.00	15.00

(circle amount enclosed)

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ (signing) \_\_\_\_\_ (reader) \_\_\_\_\_ (other-specify)

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WHO CARES ABOUT WOMEN? **NOW CARES!** WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN **NOW**, now.

- I want to be a member of Bay Area NOW, Texas NOW and National NOW. (\$35.00)
- I want to be a member of Bay Area NOW, TEXAS NOW and National NOW and can afford dues of \$\_\_\_\_\_. (Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$15.00 - \$35.00)
- I am already a member of National NOW and want to join the Bay Area Chapter. (\$8.00)
- I am not a NOW member but want to receive the newsletter for one year. (\$10.00 per year)
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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(From voter registration card)

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