

HCWPC

Harris County Women's Political Caucus



P. O. Box 53116

Houston, TX 77052

March 1978

*****NOTICE - MEETING DATES CHANGED - NOTICE*****

CANDIDATE SCREENING MEETINGS WILL BE ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY

WE WILL NOT HAVE A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 22nd

MARCH 21 - TUESDAY - CANDIDATE SCREENING MEETING

7:00 p. m. - Unitarian Church
Channing Hall

MARCH 23 - THURSDAY - CANDIDATE SCREENING MEETING

7:00 p. m. - Unitarian Church
Channing Hall

HCWPC - Administrative Committee

CHAIR - Joyce Cragg 945 Highland 77009 - 868-0989

VICE-CHAIR - Benegene Kring - 10215 Piping Rock - 784-3732

V-CHAIR INTERNAL - Liz Vollmert - 1801 Campbell #15 - 468-3732

V-CHAIR EXTERNAL - Donna Duerk - 3927 Case - 665-8682

V-CHAIR POLITICAL ACTION - Sharon Macha - 4730 Shadowbend -
723-7416

V-CHAIR MEMBERSHIP - Patsy Putnam - 5510 Starling - 645-0573

SECRETARY - Rickie Rosenberg - 8155 Richmond #6155 - 977-7916

TREASURER - Margaret Clendinning - 794 Thicket - 497-4412

FINANCE CHAIR - Nancy Aft - 3741 Jardin - 668-0089

FUNDING - Julia Donaho - Judy Parker - Mable Mooney - Olga Soliz

"Any society that categorically excludes half its
members from the processes by which it rules itself
will be ruled in a way that is less than fully human."

Contributions to ERA should be sent to NWPC-ERA, at
1411 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Please be sure to write your letters on the ERA extension to
your Congressional Representative, your two Senators,
President Carter and members of the House Judiciary Committee.

FACT SHEET ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Proposed Legislation: H.R. 9848, the "Family Violence and Treatment Act" (introduced by Rep. Barbara Mikulski and co-sponsored by Reps. Byron, Chisholm, Heckler, Keys, Meyner and Spellman)

- Establishes an inter-departmental network of federal agencies to coordinate all programs dealing with family violence.
- sets up a reporting system to collect data on incidence of family violence.
- requires Department of HEW to evaluate federal programs dealing with family violence.
- provides grants to local groups for operation of shelters and support services for battered spouses.

S.1728, the "Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Act of 1977" (introduced by Sen. Wendell Anderson and co-sponsored by Sens. Kennedy, Javits, Abourezk, Hatfield, Matsunaga, McIntyre and Morgan)

- authorizes Secretary of HEW to establish a grant program to support identification, prevention and treatment of domestic violence.
- orders review of existing state laws and policies relating to domestic violence.

Why is this Legislation Needed?

Domestic violence in the United States is a serious problem- the Mental Health reports that at least 7.5 million couples are involved in a violent episode.

- approximately 1/4 of all murders in the U.S. occur within the family and half of these are husband-wife killings.
- at least 10 percent of the children who witness parental violence become adult batterers themselves.
- more police die as a result of answering domestic violence calls than die in any other avenue of duty.
- only 2 percent of battering males are ever prosecuted. Police often refuse to make an arrest even when they witness the crime, and women often find magistrates reluctant to issue warrants.

2/15/78 - HCWPC Meeting - BRIEF NOTES:

Joyce Cragg reported that she, Benegen Kring and Olga Soliz had met with Mayor McConn and that he was very receptive. He agreed to furnish the Caucus a list of city boards and commissions, and the Caucus will in turn furnish the Mayor's office with a list of women qualified to fill any future vacancies. By meeting time, Joyce had received list from the Mayor's office. If you are interested in being appointed to a Board or Commission please submit your name with a samll resume to Benegene Kring.

Donna Duerk is compling a list of Caucus members who are willing to appear on talk shows. Please call her at 665-8682 if you would like to have your name included.

Beatrice Mladenka-Fowler annouced that the March 11 and 12 Policy Council meeting in Austin would be for targeting and asked what kind of guidlines HCWPC would like to propose and support at that meeting. It was agreed that HCWPC wanted targeting (money) reserved for women candidates.

Caucus members then discussed whether one or more local races should be targeted by HCWPC. Jo Ann Gerhardt annouced that Judge Alice Bonner would like Caucus support in her race for the County Criminal Court #6. Arrangements were made for Judge Bonner to appear at our February 22nd, meeting so Caucus members could meet her and consider her qualifications and learn her opinions.

CANDIDATE SCREENING MEETING

What do we do? Bring questions that you specifically want to ask each candidate. Please bring a note pad so that you can make notes about each candidate, how they answer the questions, your impression of candidate.

HCWPC convention coming up in July no date set yet but be thinking about running for office. We need a lot of good women.

CAUCUS ENDORSES BONNER

Judge Alice Bonner received Caucus' endorsement after careful screening at the February 22 meeting. As the incumbent in the judicial position for County Criminal Court at Law No. 6, she faces six challengers in the Democratic primary.

In other action at the February meeting, it was decided the Caucus will not screen other judicial candidates. Candidate screenings were scheduled for March 21 and 23. Members devoted the majority of the meeting to preparing the candidate questionnaire.

Elect

Louis Moore

263rd. **District Judge**

Evaluated as "Qualified" to serve as Judge

By Judicial Evaluation Committee of the Houston Bar Association — 1975

First, Second or Third Choice for Judge

By Houston Bar Association, Harris County Suburban Lawyers Association and Houston Lawyers Association — 1972

26 years legal experience — Good reputation

Respected hard working trial and appellate lawyer

Member: American Bar Association, Texas Bar Association, Houston Bar Association, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Association of Trial Lawyers of America and Houston Trial Lawyers Association.

Served on HBA Judiciary Committee, Bylaws Committee, Bar Candidate Committee and Lawyer Referral Service Committee — Recent award for exceptional service in 1977.

Outstanding record for community service. Former board member Houston Association of Children with Learning Disabilities — Greater Houston Chapter, National Society of Autistic Children — Legal advisor and Board Member of Planned Parenthood of Houston (1971-73) recipient of the Margaret Sanger Certificate of Appreciation, Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 1972 — Inspector of Elections for Harris County.

56 years old — married — 4 children — active in church work and Scouting.

Navy Fighter Pilot, World War II

Competent, Conscientious, Concerned, Fair, Dedicated.

JUDGE Mike DRISCOLL for county judge

QUALIFICATIONS- EXPERIENCE

- 9 years legal, business & public service experience
- Bachelor of Business Administration, UH (1969)
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, UH Law School (1972)
- Harris Co. Justice of the Peace, Pct 8 Pos 1 (1973-8)
- Director, Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce (1974-8)
- Co-Chair, Transportation Committee, Clear Lake Chamber (1978)
- Director, Riverside General Hospital (1977-8)
- Director, Bay Area Drug Abuse Committee (1975-8)
- Director, Protocol & Visitor Services, Johnson Space Center (1970-2)
- Judicial Representative, Houston-Galveston Council on Law Enforcement (1976-7)
- Lecturer, University of Houston (law, business; 1973-8)
- Harris County Precinct Judge, Pct. 200 (1969-73)
- Harris County District Attorney's Office Intern Program (1971)
- United State Service Intern, Houston (1969)

The office of County Judge is the most important leadership position in county government. Administrative ability and training and experience in the law are candidate qualifications essential to the impartial and proper functioning of the office.

PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- Houston, Pasadena, Bay Area, Texas and American Bar Associations
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- American Judges Association
- American Judicature Society
- State Justice of the Peace and Constables Association
- Treasurer, Law Alumni Assoc., UH (1975-77)
- University of Houston College of Business Alumni Assoc. (1969)
- University of Houston Alumni Organization (1969)
- Active in several Democratic organizations (Area V-Nassau Bay, Harris Co-Young Dems and Moderate Democrats, etc.)
- Texas Senior Citizens Association (1976)
- Space City Rotary Club (1973)
- Director, Harris County Youth Village Scout Troop (1973-8)
- Chairman, Regional Scout Recruiting (1975-77)
- Christian Businessman's Committee (1978)
- Big Thicket Association (1975)
- Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce (1973-7)
- East End Progress Association (1978)
- Harris Co. Democratic Executive Committee (1969-73)
- Senate 15 Convention Delegate (1968, 1970, 1972)
- League of Women Voters, Bay Area Supporter (1974-8)
- Texas Black Caucus, member
- Native of Houston, Harris Co., Texas; born 3/24/46
- Capitol Page School, Washington, D.C. (1964)
- Lamar High School (1964; Debate Team President)
- Houston Baptist University, attended 1964-5; Debate Team Founder
- University of Houston, BBA (1969)
- Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (1965)
- Inner Fraternity Council (1966-8)
- Chair, Judicial Committee, UH (1965, 1966)
- President, UH College of Business, Management Club (1966)
- Twice awarded Who's Who of American Colleges & Universities (1967-8)
- University of Houston Law School, JD (1972)
- Delta Phi Legal Fraternity (1969-78)
- Member, Second Baptist Church, (1951-78)
- University of Houston Law Alumni Presidents Award for Outstanding Service to the University (1977)
- La Porte Cancer Assoc. Bike-a-thon 1st Place Award—Fundraising (1977)
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SATURDAY, MAY 6

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Please clip and mail to: Patsy Putnam, 5510 Starling,
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Please make check payable to HCWPC.

Name _____ Precinct # _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ Occupation _____

Please complete the following to comply with the NWPC affirmative
action guidelines.

		<u>Special Interest</u>
<u>Asian American</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Homemaker</u>
<u>Black</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Rural</u>
<u>Caucasian</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Senior Citizen</u>
<u>Chicana</u>	<u>LaRaza</u>	<u>Union</u>
<u>Native American</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Youth</u>
<u>Puerto Rican</u>		<u>Welfare Rights</u>
		<u>Other</u> _____

I am interested in: Affirmative Action, Political Action,
 Lobbying and candidate rating, Membership, Fundraising,
 Other, please specify _____

Dues Enclosed

 \$15.00 - State, local, and National dues
 \$20.00 - State, local, and National dues, plus national newsletter.
 \$ _____ - Attached statement indicates my reasons for waiving
all or part of the dues.
 \$ _____ - I believe in what you are doing, here is my contribution.

I have experience in: Blockwalking, Campaign planning,
 Telephoning, Mailing, Graphics, Media, Other

I am interested in learning how to _____.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 15 - Wednesday - Administrative Committee Meeting
- March 21 - Tuesday Candidate Screening Meeting
- March 22 - Wednesday Houston Area Feminist Federal C.U. Annual Meeting
- March 23 - Thursday Candidate Screening Meeting
- March 29 - Wednesday Endorsement Meeting
- April 16 - Sunday Administrative Committee Meeting
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