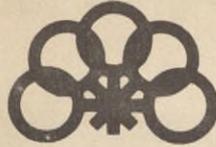


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NEWSLETTER

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VOLUNTEERS!

Sell a Cup of Beer for the Caucus!

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The Beer business is booming at the Astrodome and we are making money! As the regular season begins and larger crowds attend the Oilers' games, business should get even better. However, we still need more volunteers to run those beer booths.

Can you donate a Sunday afternoon to help the Caucus make \$4,000? We need 10 people to work during each of the Oilers' home games. The Oilers' home schedule is:

Sunday	September 12	1 p. m.
Sunday	September 26	1 p. m.
Sunday	October 10	1 p. m.
Sunday	October 24	3 p. m.
Sunday	November 7	1 p. m.
Sunday	November 28	1 p. m.
Saturday	December 11	3 p. m.

Volunteers should plan to arrive two hours before game time and wear comfortable shoes!

Please call one of the following caucus members and let her know which day you can work:

Julia Donoho
621-1096

Pam Pitt
785-3897 or 683-8411

Donna Duerk
665-8682

PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW
THE CAUCUS NEEDS YOUR HELP

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

On invitation from Olga Soliz and Sylvia Vasquez, I was able to take part in a discussion with Sheriff Jack Heard regarding the hiring and promotions of women and minorities. In discussing the answers to Olga's questions about promotions and duty assignments we came across some very interesting facts:

- The physical requirements for Deputies are not so restrictive in the Sheriff's Department as to categorically exclude women. At least one woman who did not meet the exclusive HPD standards is currently a deputy.
- There is a waiting list for all job openings so that there is no active recruiting program. Even so, about 30% of the applicants are women. The greatest shortage is the number of Chicanas employed and applying.
- Sheriff Heard feels that the department has come a long way in the past couple of years (from almost zero) yet is willing to admit that there is a lot of progress still to be made.

It seems that we need to spread the word that women have a better chance to have a career in law enforcement with the Sheriff's Department than with HPD. I am convinced that increased numbers of women working well as deputies will go a long way toward convincing HPD that their policies are antiquated. We should work with LULAC, WEAL and GATA (a new Chicana feminist organization) thru Olga and Sylvia to let potential applicants know the score. One of the largest problems in recruiting is that neither the Sheriff nor the Women's Advocate have channels of access directly to those women who are vitally interested. We will have to develop information channels so that we can balance the ratio of women in law enforcement. There are women deputies who are available to speak to interested groups. If you know of such a group, call the Sheriff's office for details.

Now to change the subject to campaigns! I hope that at the September 15th meeting we will be able to decide how many "Caucus-hours" we will spend for our candidates. I am proposing that we arrange for enmasse efforts for specific candidates on appointed days as a show of support and to get our due recognition for our energy. Be thinking how much energy we should be prepared to devote to this project and how it should be allocated among our endorsees. For instance Janis Pool will need a massive blockwalking effort on the 25th and 26th of September - we should be out in force!

We should each be keeping track of all the many hours spent working in campaigns - from the primary forward. Documented Caucus-hours can be powerfully convincing when the votes need to be counted. Pam Hazen has made it her job to keep track of all the hours we document for her.

If I don't see you at the beer stand, I'll see you around the block.

Donna

The following is a release from the
Houston Organization Against Sexism in Media:

IT'S TIME TO TAKE A STAND
AGAINST SEX-VIOLENCE

The Houston Organization Against Sexism in Media in conjunction with Women Against Violence Against Women, Los Angeles, are outraged at the recording industry's use of advertising images depicting women as victimized, abused and brutalized. Atlantic Record's ad campaign for the Rolling Stones album "Black and Blue" is one such gimmick, showing a battered woman with the Stone's album between her bound legs. Another recent example is the ad for the MAN album in the July 24 issue of Billboard magazine (MCA Records).

We feel it is time to demand responsibility. Attention must be paid to the effect of the depiction of violence against women. Battered women and women of sexual assault are taunted by attitudes such as "no woman can be raped against her will" and "women invite assault."

Psychoanalyst Natalie Shainess and others have found that as rape becomes more common in films and in society, rapists cease to see themselves as abnormal. The perpetuation of the myth that women like to be brutalized is dangerous and it is imperative that the recording industry join with others in taking a stand against violence in all media. The irresponsibility of advertisers cannot be ignored.

We urge people to write, wire or phone Stanley Gortikov, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, 1 East 57th Street, New York, New York, 10022, phone (212)688-3778, and ask that he bring pressure to bear on the recording industry as a whole to take responsibility and revise their policies regarding the use of violence in their sales promotion.

This protest is being coordinated locally by the Houston Organization Against Sexism in Media, 1200 W. Alabama, Houston, Texas 77006.

Contact: Helen Duran 528-3461
Beth Avocado-Blossom 528-1742

OOPS!
A BLANK SPACE!!!!
IS THIS WHERE YOUR STORY
SHOULD HAVE BEEN???

If you have a story--or just a bit of information--call me or bring it to the Policy Council Meeting (3rd Wednesday of each Month).

Patsy Putnam
5510 Starling
Houston 77017

645-0573

EVENTS OF INTEREST

- September 10 --Reception for Calvin Guest at Olga Soliz's home, 2102 Wroxtton Road.
- September 10-11--Texas Republican Convention, Austin, Texas
- September 11 --Is Sexism Necessary? Workshop conducted by Margaret Buchorn, 5311 Kirby, 527-8701. Fee: \$30. (If there is sufficient interest, workshop will be repeated at a later date)
- September 12 --TWPC Policy Council Meeting. Austin, Texas.
- September 15 --HCWPC Action Meeting. First Unitarian Church at Fannin and Southmore. Room 8-9. 7:30-10:00.
More discussion on endorsements for November election.
- September 18-19--Texas Democratic Convention, Dallas, Texas
- September 22 --HCWPC Program Meeting. First Unitarian Church at Fannin and Southmore. Room 8-9. 7:30-10:00.
Janet Fisher hopes to have Virginia Currey as a speaker.
- October 9 --*Candidates and Issues Forum.* Sponsored by Women in Action and the Downtown YMCA. Will be held at the "Y", 3515 Allen Parkway (Corner Allen Parkway and Dunlavy) from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- October 19 --*Old Fashioned BBQ and Political Rally at Busch Gardens.*
This HCWPC fund-raiser is in the planning stages; if you can help, call Julia Donoho at 621-1096 or Donna Duerk at 665-8682.

CONVENTION NOTES:

Sharon Macha attended the Republican National Convention in Kansas City as a guest. Sure glad she did! When a speaker--also a guest--attacked ERA in a speech to the Texas delegation, Sharon demanded and got time to reply in defense of ERA.

Can you help?

Janis Pool's campaign needs Caucus members to volunteer to block-walk. They also need campaign contributions.

THANKS!

To Shelby Hodge for her August 29 story in the Houston Post about the HCWPC selling suds at the Astrodome!

Want to help the Caucus make \$4,000? sell a cup of beer! (See story, page 1)

Buchorn Delivers Paper on "Super-Moms"

"I don't see why women have to choose between having children and having a career! Men don't!" declared psychotherapist Margaret Buchorn.

Buchorn delivered her paper "Super-Moms" at a meeting of the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children in April, and again last Wednesday in an open lecture sponsored by NOW.

"Super-Moms" compares "motherhood" in the early and mid 1950's with "motherhood" in the 1970's. In the early '50's, most women devoted all of their time to their children & many mothers lived vicariously through their children. Children became the outlet for their mothers' ambitions and desires. Women, barred from achieving recognition by society, were forced to gratify their own ambitions through their children's achievements. In contrast, during the 70's Buchorn has seen many young women reject motherhood entirely--some electing to have no children, some abandoning their children. She contends that neither attitude is healthy and that there should be some happy medium--a woman should be able to have children and have her own life, too.

Buchorn thinks that both men and women should free themselves from the old stereotypes so that both mother and father can work and both can provide child care. To facilitate this, she hopes to see greater flexibility in the job market--more half-time jobs, less prejudice against those who drop out of the market for a while to provide child care, etc.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Women Against Sexism in Advertising.
Beth Kendrick, 528-1742

HELP WANTED

CENTER SITTERS to answer phone, record messages, sort mail. For more information and how to sign up, call Donna Duerk, 665-8682.

PHOTOGRAPHER to take photographs of meetings and members for development of public relations file. Call Olga Soliz, 524-5005

HCWPC COMMITTEE HELP WANTED

NEWSLETTER: typists, ad sales people contributors. Call Patsy Putnam, 645-0573.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: people to develop and maintain contacts with news media sources. Call Olga Soliz, 524-5005.

HCWPC COMMITTEE HELP WANTED

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: People to contact prospective minority members such as Republicans, Mexican Americans, Blacks, older members. Call Helen Hopkins, 664-3643.

MEMBERSHIP: people to call unrenewed members and locate new members. Call Valerie Burson, 522-3017.

FUNDING: persons to develop and implement fundraising projects. Call Julia Donoho, 621-1096.

POLITICAL ACTION: people to study pending legislation and to facilitate the search for women candidates. Call Eileen Elfant, 723-0674

LOBBYING AND CANDIDATE RATING: persons to screen and rate candidates. Call Sharon Macha, 723-7416.

PROGRAM: Persons to develop and implement programs. Call Janet Fisher, 524-7693.

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