



N.O.W. NEWS

Bay Area Chapter

National Organization for Women

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"Because I don't call this 'happily ever after'!"

TOPIC....."REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS"

SPEAKER...CHARLOTTE TAFT

DATE....JANUARY 7, 1982

TIME....7:30 p.m.

PLACE...A UNITING CHURCH
(Reseda and El Camino)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In commemoration of the January 22 anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision guaranteeing women safe and legal abortions, we have been fortunate enough to get Charlotte Taft to speak on Reproductive Rights. Charlotte is currently the Director of the Routh Street Women's Clinic in Dallas. She is also President of Texas Abortion Rights Action League, a member of NOW's National Committee for Reproductive Rights, a Board Member of several other groups concerned with women's rights and reproductive rights. She holds degrees in Feminist Studies and Feminist Social Psychology. She will give us a fascinating perspective on these vital issues historically, politically, medically and emotionally. Be sure to attend and bring a friend. Our program meetings are always open to the public and this one particularly needs to be heard by everyone.

We still have openings for many positions in the Chapter. (See last page). If you have a particular talent or a strong feeling about a particular issue, volunteer to head a Task Force or Action Team. It's not that difficult and you will receive much help and support. Call me now! Make your New Year's Resolution to become more active. The more you put into an effort, the more you get out of it.

Please note Debbie Floyd's very clever 'land' deal in Oklahoma. (See following pages in newsletter). You really do get an honest-to-goodness deed to your square inch and a real land sample! Now, isn't that worth two \$1 bills! Send for yours today.

Also available are some very handsome prints of the complete text of the ERA suitable for 8 X 10 framing. Donation - \$2 for the ERA Fund.

As we face the dawn of a brand new year, let's renew our pledge to ourselves and our Sisters to keep fighting hard to win our rightful place in society. If we don't do it, who will? Certainly not the Reagans and the Schlaflys of the country. Right now, of course, our obsession, yes obsession in its first meaning 'the domination of one's thoughts or feelings by a persistent idea, image, desire, etc' is the ERA. It is possible. Things are looking encouraging; but there is still a lot of work to be done. The ultimate is giving up a few weeks or months of your life to live in an unratified state and work with their campaigns there. If you can't spare the time to be a missionary on a full time basis, you can still help by Message Brigading (if you want the details on that, come to the meeting or call me for information, training and materials), writing letters, phone banking, or monetary contributions. At all times, carry ERA YES flyers to hand out to friends, neighbors, store checkers, bus drivers, etc. everyone you meet. We all can and must meet the challenge NOW. If we don't, do we dare look our granddaughters, nieces, indeed all of the next generations in the face. Don't let the ERA be won without you, PLEASE DON'T LET IT BE LOST BECAUSE OF YOU.

For Equality NOW,

Pat

CALENDAR

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| January 7, 1982
7:30 p.m. | Reproductive Rights Program - Charlotte Taft
A Uniting Church, El Camino Real at Reseda, CLC |
| January 14, 1982
7:30 p.m. | Abortion Rights Letter-Writing Session
Houston Area Women's Center, Chelsea Place
(off Montrose) Call Pat for directions. |
| January 20, 1982
7:30 p.m. | BA NOW Business Meeting
2002 Richvale (Pat's), all members welcome 488-3278 |
| January 22, 1982
10 or 11 a.m. | Press Conference, Houston Area Women's Center
All Chapter members welcome who can attend; call Pat for more info. |
| January 23, 1982
10a-3pm | Reproductive Rights Workshops - UH Central Campus
Yvonne Broach has more information - 664-4282 |
| January 8,9,10 | Women's Career Conference - Albert Thomas Convention Center
Need members to staff NOW table - call Pat. |

Bay Area N. O.W. Business Meeting, December 16, 1981.

Program Topics for next five months:

- January 7, 1982 - Reproductive Rights
- February 4, 1982 - Homemakers Rights
- March 4, 1982 - "Straights Talk About Lesbians"
- April 1, 1982 - Images of Women in the Media
- May 6, 1982 - Women and Aging

Fundraising Reports and Ideas...All Dinner Party calendars have been sold. We have made approximately \$61.25. It was suggested that the chapter try to get more to sell. We will discuss the possibility of getting copies of the record "Going Back to the Middle Ages" to sell as a fund raiser. We have an autographed copy of From Housewife to Heretic by Sonia Johnson. We shall raffle this off at our February meeting. Tickets will be \$1.00. Buy tickets now. All N.O.W. chapters have been asked by National N.O.W. to have a major fund raiser in January for E.R.A. Ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Party...was a great success. Many thanks to Susan Lab for having the festivities at her home. The chinese auction brought in approximately \$340.00 for our chapter. Rema Lou Brown once more, did a tremendous job of auctioning off the objects. Possibly Rema has missed her calling.

Message Brigade.....seventy envelopes were sold in a 12-15 hour time span. We need permission from all areas to work the stores and shopping centers.

National N.O.W. is asking for people to work in the unratified states. If you can donate a week-end, a week, a month, etc., please talk to Pat Kuhlmann.

Women's Career Convention.....January 8, 9, 10, 1982 at Albert Thomas Convention Center. Greater council of Houston N.O.W. chapters will have an information table. We need people to help staff table for a few hours each day. This is a great way to save \$20.00. Contact Pat Kuhlmann.

North Dallas N.O.W. is helping the E.R.A. effort in Oklahoma. For \$2.00 you can be a land owner in Oklahoma. Make sure your home state is ratified. Your \$2.00 will buy one (1) suare inch of land in Oklahoma. You will receive your deed with all its limitations plus a description of your property. All proceeds go towards the E.R.A. effort.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis A. Tucker
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Friday, December 11, 1981 Houston Chronicle

Thanks due to those who are fighting for equality

From Elaine Kimzey, 7919 Lichen Lane, Spring.

My special thanks during the holiday season this year are for those who have given their best for equality under the law. I pray their efforts will not have been in vain. We need three more states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment by June 30, 1982.

Q.
What country, besides South Africa, treats the majority of its population as second class citizens.?

A. 

The Equal Rights Amendment Daily Needs

The Abortion Prohibitionists are at it again!

- Abortion is LEGAL
- Abortion is SAFE
- Abortion is AVAILABLE

- Abortion Prohibitionists want it OUTLAWED
- Abortion Prohibitionists want it UNSAFE
- Abortion Prohibitionists want it ABOLISHED

WHAT WOULD A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS MEAN?

Q. What could happen if fertilized eggs are defined as "persons"?

A. Legal chaos could result from this very fundamental change in our basic legal thinking. Almost every law would be involved.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS say the unborn are human beings from the moment of conception.

Q. Would "fetus-persons" be counted in the census?

A. If unborn human beings have full legal rights, pregnant women could be counted twice. This could affect apportionment and revenue sharing.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS say unborn persons have rights.

Q. What about a woman pregnant as a result of incest or rape?

A. Proposed amendments allow no such exceptions. Most do not permit abortion to save the life of the woman.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS term exceptions for rape, incest and to save the life of the woman as "major loopholes."

Q. If a person inadvertently causes a miscarriage while committing another crime against a pregnant woman (such as theft or assault), would that person also be committing murder?

A. The "felony-murder" rule classifies as murder the killing of a person while committing a lesser crime.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS say the unborn is a person.

Q. Could a person charged with carelessness or recklessness which results in miscarriage (such as a traffic accident) also be charged with manslaughter?

A. Logically, yes, if unborn persons are granted full legal status.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS want legal status for the unborn.

Q. Could a pregnant woman be held criminally liable for a miscarriage if she drank, smoked, took drugs or medicine, exercised strenuously, or was in poor health?

A. Persons have been held accountable for "intending" the consequences of an act.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS do not deal with this issue.

• When a fetus becomes a person is a religious/moral issue.

• Most religions believe that abortion is a matter of conscience.

• Outlawing abortion violates separation of church and state and denies religious freedom.

Q. Since one fourth of all pregnancies end in natural abortion, how could the law be enforced?

A. Certainly, at a minimum major changes in health record keeping and increased federal staffing would be required.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS seek to enforce such a measure.

Q. Could all women of reproductive age be required to take pregnancy tests?

A. This sounds outlandish and may violate the right to privacy, but how else will the state know which "fetus-persons" are entitled to constitutional protection?

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS have not faced this issue.

Q. Could property and inheritance laws be affected? Would the estate of a miscarried fetus need to be probated?

A. If a fetus is a person, it could inherit property before being born. Some "fetus-persons" might not survive to and through birth.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS have not addressed this issue.

Q. One step further — How about the effect on tax law?

A. If a fetus could inherit property, it could be taxed on it. If it is a taxpayer in the eyes of the law, why not a dependent for tax purposes?

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS have ignored this issue.

Q. Could contraceptives be declared illegal?

A. The IUD and some oral contraceptives can prevent the fertilized egg from implanting on the uterine wall. It therefore does not survive.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS say the fertilized egg is a person.

Q. And finally, what could happen if legal, safe abortion is prohibited?

A. Women needing abortions in the past have resorted to illegal, dangerous and costly back alley methods.

THE ABORTION PROHIBITIONISTS want compulsory pregnancy.

**PROHIBITION WAS TRIED ONCE BEFORE . . .
IT DIDN'T WORK.**

[Jan. 1982]

Texas State National Organization for Women



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December 1, 1981

TO: All Chapters, Texas State NOW

FROM: Mary Calk, President

RE: Status of Oklahoma ERA Campaign

As instructed by the state council at its' November 14th meeting, I have contacted the national office for an update on the ERA campaign in Oklahoma.

Ruth Adams, project director, in Oklahoma was very enthusiastic about the progress of the campaign thus far. She stresses that the assistance given by the Texas volunteers has been invaluable.

At the present time there are forty-three established phone banks in Oklahoma and five fledgling banks that are being strengthened to be able to produce at full capacity.

Marlo Thomas just spent a week in the state and through the use of her fame as an actress, contact was made with a more affluent section of the citizenry and it is felt that through this, education was given to a group which had not previously been reached. It was felt that this contact was very positive and a lot of support was gained.

Ms. Adams stated that the nine targeted districts that we have heard about have been known to national since last May and that they have been targeted since that time.

Promises have been obtained from influential legislators that they will sponsor the bill.

There is still a lot of work to be done in the southern part of the state and Texas volunteers could be utilized to a great advantage. Anyone with time and desire to be a part of this effort should contact our state ERA Taskforce coordinator.

For NOW,

Mary Calk, President
Texas State NOW

NORTH DALLAS NOW
DALLAS COUNTY NOW
SALINAS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA NOW

PRESENT:

RATIFY EVERY LAST SQUARE INCH

A PLOT FOR THE ERA

What type of plot is this?

This plot is 1 acre of land in the unratified state of Oklahoma. The plot has been set aside for the sole purpose of raising money to help ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

Why is this land being sold by the inch instead of the foot, or yard?

We are glad you asked. There are 6,233,000 inches in an acre, mostly square. If each inch is sold for \$ 2.00, the NOW/ERA fund will realize over 12 million dollars. The best reason for selling the land in this manner is that most people can afford two dollars.

How long can I keep my square inch?

The expiration date on your RATIFY EVERY LAST SQUARE INCH DEED is June, 1982. The expiration date on our chance for equality under the law is also June of 1982.

What will happen to my square inch after June of 1982?

It will revert to the previous owner, Debbie Floyd of North Dallas NOW, and will rejoin its accompanying inches, hopefully in a more ratified condition.

Is this just another shady land deal?

Absolutely not! In fact, the sun rarely stops shining on your inch of land, so there is no shadiness to worry about. Some inches may even have oil on them, who knows?

What is the general condition of the land?

UNRATIFIED!

What is the general condition of the square inches of land?

Unratified and untouched. However, your inch is free from irrigation problems, messy sewers, unsightly power lines, crowded roads, and all other signs of contemporary civilization.

Suppose I decide I want to live on my land, how would I go about it?

The first and most important factor would be changing the size of your body. If you feel that you can accomplish this easily, contact a member of North Dallas or Dallas County NOW immediately!

Suppose I want to improve my land, can I?

You certainly can! Just as the ERA will improve the status of every American, you can improve the status of your square inch. Why not put a house or pool on your land?

May I purchase square inches in quantity, or as gifts for unratified friends?

You may purchase between 1 and 6,233,000 inches (please feel free to buy it all!) Inches make a wonderful holiday gift for your friends, whether they are ratified or un.

If I have any questions, or want to purchase more land, whom do I contact?

contact: RATIFY EVERY LAST SQUARE INCH NOW, Box 140158 Dallas, Texas 75214 (742-6918)

PRICES: Square inches, \$ 2 each-- make checks to NOW ERA FUND

On receipt of your check, cash, or money order, you will receive your official deed with an official land sample. Order now, before it's too late!!

PROCEEDS TO NOW/ERA FUND

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CONTACT REMINDERS

WIRES 528-5962

TEXAS NOW: 713-947-9678 contacts the state leadership (or the Houston or Bay Area chapters, also in the vicinity).

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE INFO: 1-800-252-9693

MATRIX (Published by Women's Information Network Services) 661-1251

WOMEN U.S.A. HOTLINE: 1-800-221-4945 offers economic, social and political info regarding issues of concern to women.

WESTERN UNION: 1-800-325-5300 (Public Opinion Messages of 15 words cost \$3.50 to Washington, D.C. and \$2.00 to Austin)

REMEMBER--800 numbers are toll-free!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN NOW. Clip and mail to **Phyllis Tucker 243 Empress Houston, Texas 77034**

- I want to be a member of Bay Area NOW and National NOW (\$35)
- I am already a member of National NOW and want to join the Bay Area Chapter (\$8)
- I want to join NOW and can afford dues of \$ _____
- I am not a NOW member but want to receive the newsletter for one year (\$5)
- 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 _____

ZIP _____

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