

# National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year



November 10, 1977

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Dear Houston Invited Guest,

I am happy to convey to you the invitation of the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year to attend the National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas, November 19-21, 1977.

As mandated by PL 94-167, this Conference will bring together a delegated body of people, elected at state and territorial meetings held this year, and Delegates-at-Large appointed by the IWY Commission. In the spirit of the law, the Commission has made every effort to convene a Conference which will be representative of the diversity of American women.

Invited guests are not voting delegates, although you will have a seat in the Coliseum, and will have an opportunity to participate in other Conference Events. The enclosed official observer pass enables you to pick up tickets to observe the plenary sessions when you register at the Conference. All other events such as Seneca Falls South, the Lecture Series, and the Skills Clinics are open to all who register at the Conference. These activities do not require special tickets.

Registration for invited guests and official observers will be in the WEST HALL, Albert Thomas Convention Center, at Capitol and Bagby Streets. Registration times and procedures are as follows:

Friday, November 18, 1977	-- 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, November 19, 1977	-- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, November 20, 1977	-- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As an invited guest, present the official observer pass with one form of identification to the registration desk in WEST HALL. The pass will be verified for the authorizing signature and number.

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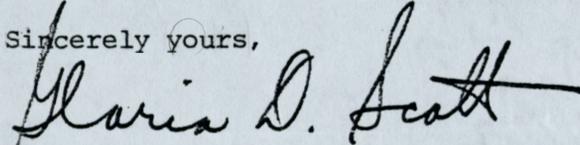
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After verification, pay the \$5.00 materials fee (preferably in cash; a receipt will be available) and you will receive a badge, tickets to observe the plenary sessions, and program materials.

We believe your participation will be a valuable experience and will offer new insights into the needs and action priorities of women which you will be in a position to implement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gloria D. Scott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Gloria D. Scott  
National Commissioner  
Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 18-21, 1977  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Registration

Delegates, Alternates  
Delegates-at-Large

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Friday, November 18, 9am-12 midnight  
Saturday, November 19, 7am-1pm

Official Observers &  
Guests

West Hall, Albert Thomas Convention  
Bagby & Capitol Streets

Friday, November 18, 1pm-9pm  
Saturday, November 19, 8am-5pm  
Sunday, November 20, 8am-5pm

General Public (Observers)

East Hall, Albert Thomas Center  
Smith & Capitol Streets

Friday, November 18, 1pm-9pm  
Saturday, November 19, 8am-5pm  
Sunday, November 20, 8am-5pm

PLENARY SCHEDULE  
Coliseum

Saturday  
November 19, 9:30am

Opening Ceremonies

Welcome: Mayor Hofheinz  
Bella Abzug, Presiding  
Officer, IWY

Speakers: Barbara Jordan,  
Congresswoman  
Helvi Sipila, United Nations

Rules & Credential Reports

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Remarks: Jill Ruckelshaus, former  
Presiding Officer, IWY

Plan of Action: Presentation & voting  
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Remarks: Margaret Heckler,  
Congresswoman  
Patsy Mink, Assistant  
Secretary of State, Bureau  
of Oceans & International  
Environmental and Scientific  
Affairs

Plan of Action, continued.

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11:30pm

Sunday  
November 20, 10:00am

Music Hall, Peace and Disarmament  
Hearings

Patricia Schroeder, Congresswoman  
Yvonne B. Burke, Congresswoman

Remarks: Carmen Votaw, IWY  
Commissioner  
Cecilia Preciado Burciaga,  
IWY Commissioner

1:00pm

5:00pm

Plan of Action, continued.  
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Monday

November 21, 9:30pm  
12:30pm

Implementation of Plan of Action  
Adjourn

BRIEFING FROM THE TOP

Albert Thomas Center

9:30-5:30pm, November, 19-20

More than 30 lecturers have been selected to speak and answer questions posed by registrants during the two-day series. Speakers include:

Barbara Blum, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency  
Donna Shalala, Assistant Secretary for Policy & Development, HUD  
Esther Peterson, Special Assistant to the President  
Patricia Wald, Assistant Attorney General, Justice  
Alexis Herman, Director Women's Bureau, Department of Labor  
Bernadine Denning, Director Office of Revenue Sharing  
Carol T. Foreman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Food & Consumer  
Marife Hernandez, Chief of Protocol of the U.S., New York  
Midge Costanza, Assistant to the President

SENECA FALLS SOUTH

Albert Thomas Center

9am-10:30pm, November 19-20

Seneca Falls South will be an area where Conference-goers can relax and enjoy, listen and learn, celebrate, ventilate and appreciate.

Saturday: Seneca Falls Where It All Began; Self-Defense

Folk Singing, Seneca Soapbox; Black Ensemble

Sunday: Poetry; Seneca Soapbox; Tai Chi & Yoga; Ballet Folklorika

Space Dance Theatre; Music, Music, Music

Scheduled Artists include:

Margie Adams, California-songwriter, pianist, singer

Cryer & Ford, New York, singing and instrumentality

200 Year Sojourn through fashion, women of New Mexico

Maggie Savage & Jude Fogelquist-guitar & song

SUCCESS STORIES & SKILL CLINICS

Albert Thomas Center

Saturday, 9:30-4:30pm

12noon-4:30pm, Sunday

Eight how-to success stories and 15 skills clinics will be conducted during the two days. A partial listing includes:

Diane Muniz, Los Angeles, Bilingual 24-hour service to rape victims

Jeanne Hunt, Ann Arbor, MI Counseling & Referral, women of skilled trades

The Other Side of Archie Bunker

How to Get Your Point Across, Jean O'Grady, AFL-CIO, Maria Portalatin UFT

Marriage, Separation & Divorce, Roxanne Barton Conlin, Iowa

How to Market Volunteer Skills and Experiences, Marilyn Bryant, Minn.

How to Communicate Effectively, Janet Elsea, Arizona

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