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## PROPOSED GOALS FOR 1974

INTERNAL: DEVELOP AND FOSTER FEELINGS OF COMMUNITY AND SISTERHOOD;  
PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL GROWTH AND EDUCATION.

EXTERNAL: WORK TOGETHER, AND INDIVIDUALLY, TO EDUCATE OUR  
COMMUNITY IN THE NEED TO OPEN ALL LEVELS AND TYPES  
OF EMPLOYMENT TO WOMEN;  
BRING TITLE IX TO THE ATTENTION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIONS;  
RAISE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY MEDICAL PERSONNEL;  
ENCOURAGE AND INVOLVE YOUNG WOMEN IN FEMINISM.

Consider carefully what you've read above; statements of purpose can be empty and only formalities. These proposed goals are intended as outlines - rough yet real - of work for us within the next year. Concrete actions will revolve around them. So consider carefully where you intend to direct your energies; if you feel other areas need attention, pass this on to the Board or in a meeting. Let's go to work.

T A S K F O R C E R E P O R T S . . . . .

Education      A copy of Title IX of the 1972 Education Act will be mailed to School Board Presidents and Texas State Teacher Association Presidents in Harris County, along with a cover letter discussing this law and the Text Book Selection Committee considerations concerning sexism in text books.

A similar mailing is also being prepared to Feminists in all 22 Texas Education Agency Region Areas including a summary evaluating sexism in text books available for adoption by school districts, as an aid in their contact with local districts.

Bills of Particulars and testimony given in Austin in September challenging sexism in text books are being evaluated in order to construct a review form for future text book screening activities.

This task force is in need of a new Chairperson and welcomes new members. Call Mary Buxton, 333-3872, if you wish to volunteer in either capacity.

Employment      Correspondance is in progress with Baylor College of Medicine's Personnel Director concerning Baylor's policy of not permitting pregnant women to apply sick leave to childbirth hospitalization. This is an area affecting a large number of women where employers are extremely reluctant to abide by EEOC Sex Discrimination Guidelines, choosing instead to hide behind the vagueness now present in Executive Order 11246 administered by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance. Good news is that the Department of Labor has now moved to bring the OFCC Guidelines into compliance with those of the EEOC.

Note: A new task force has been in action for some time with no formal designation (obscurity is sometimes the best operating procedure); however, a title has now been given to this effort: Task Force on NASA Oversight. Interested parties should contact Chris Kraft for further instructions.

C A L E N D A R . . . . . F E B R U A R Y

- 7 February      PROGRAM MEETING      Feminists speak:  
    Betty Barnes from the Houston Chapter  
    FCC Task Force will outline a project  
    involving monitoring TV and radio broad-  
    casts and other aspects of the Task  
    force activities in which our Chapter  
    can participate;  
    Julie Walker, Chairperson of our Task  
    Force on Alternative Careers for Young  
    Women, will discuss a proposed workshop  
    for senior high school women in this area;  
    Marie Marlow, Treasurer, will outline  
    and explain the National NOW budget.  
    Mary Buxton's, 18302 Point Lookout Drive.
- 14 February      BOARD MEETING
- 15,16 February      Garage Sale      18302 Point Lookout Drive.
- 21 February      BUSINESS MEETING      U.of H. Clear Lake Graduate Center, 7:30 P.M.

U R G E N T . . . . . 1974 DUES NEEDED N.O.W!!!!

February 14 is the deadline for pay-  
ment of 1974 dues in order to take  
part and vote at the N.O.W. National  
Conference, May, 1974. If you have  
not renewed your membership or wish  
to join now, use the form provided  
below. Renewal memberships not re-  
ceived by National by March 31 are  
considered delinquent for the current  
year.

Mail it to:      N. O. W.  
   c/o Marie Marlow  
   412 S. Shadowbend  
   Friendswood, Texas  
   77546

JOIN NOW (members receive free issues of the Bay Area Newsletter)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to become a member of N.O.W. (\$15).

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to join but can only afford \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member but would like to receive the Newsletter (\$3).

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to N.O.W.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation and Employer \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES

Positions found! and welcome!

Legal Counsel, Bay Area Chapter:

Jo Ann Gerhardt, Attorney

Positions open

Fund Raising Interested? Call:  
Buxton, 333-3872

Job Bureau Burns, 333-2670

Garage Sale Kaler, 488-0492

Library

The Churchmouse Library is fat and growing, thanks to Marge Randal; take advantage of this resource: expand your ideas with feminist literature from the library and expand the library with your own contributions. Keep in mind the two-week deadline on withdrawals.

Ode to Gertrude Stein . . Aneta Davis

If I think  
I think  
As well as a man,  
Then if I look like one  
They may think  
I think  
As well as I think  
I think  
And they will listen.

But if I am a girl  
And look like a girl  
And still think  
I think  
As well as they think  
They think,  
They will only think  
I think so,  
But they will know  
I really think  
Like they know  
Girls think  
And they won't listen.

CHURCHMOUSE LIBRARY - A REVIEW

Vaginal Politics, by Ellen Frankfort  
Bantam paperback, \$1.95.

Here we have consciousness-raising (and hair-raising) chapters on the insensitivity of surgeons, the low professional status of gynecologists, the politics of drug marketing, medical experimentation on poor women, and sundry other exploitations of women, and sometimes men.

There is a Women's Health Movement in this country, and it has already had some impact. Women are the major consumers of health care, and they are seeking more emphasis on preventive care and more information about their own conditions, in order to have a voice in decisions regarding their care.

To quote a significant passage: "The dependency women are made to feel for their doctors becomes ironic when one considers that women are given sole responsibility for the health of the family. There is hardly a woman's magazine that doesn't feature an article each issue on "How to Prevent Your Husband's Heart Attack" with the predictable answer: be sweet and understanding, forget your own needs and remember that it is the man who has been pressured all day and now deserves a period of peace and service. Although magazines continue to remind women how they should subordinate their needs to those of their family (advice peddled under the guise of health tips), most women are rarely taught the basic facts of biology or health care. The result is total dependency on the advice of doctors in perfect mimicry of the dependency relationship of marital roles.

Other political exploiters of women are also given their lumps, as our un-friend David Reuben, who might write "Any Orangutan Can" any day now. The book contains good information about the self-help movement and concludes with a section of practical information for dealing on a one-to-one basis with your gynecologist.

M. R.

# ACTIONS

PAST . . . . .

January 10

Fourteen chapter members attended the Clear Lake Personnel Association meeting at the Sheraton Kings Inn. Special guest speaker for this luncheon meeting was U.S. Representative Bob Casey. Reasons for this action were twofold: to discuss with the Personnel Association members and Rep. Casey the problems of women in employment, and to present to the Association prepared suggestions for the active recruitment and promotion of women in the industries in the NASA area.

In the handout given to those attending the meeting, we called for:

1. A job clearing house for women and minorities to be maintained by the Clear Lake Personnel Association;
2. EEO awareness sessions for members of this Association, using community resources;
3. An increase in the number of women and minority persons in personnel administration;
4. An increase in the recruitment of women to management, policy-making and supervisory positions;
5. Development of parent-controlled quality child care in our community.

We intend to continue contact with the Personnel Association with regard to these suggestions.

PRESENT. . . . .

If you haven't already, DO IT NOW:  
Write your letters to

1. your U. S. Senators and Representatives and urge them to support the right of women to choose abortion. Stamps are available from the Houston NOW task force on Reproduction and Its Control (c/o Linda Burns, 333-2670, 483-4911). The January 22 demonstrations by the Right-to-Lifers got some press; our efforts are needed to insure our freedom of choice.

2. Honorable George Bush, Chairperson of the Republican National Party, 310 First Street S.E., Washington, D.C., urging him to take this opportunity for the Republican National Party to insist that NASA reinstate Ruth Bates Harris in her former position as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Equal Employment Opportunity.

FUTURE . . . . .

Our Chapter Garage Sale is scheduled for February 15 and 16 at Mary Buxton's Garage, 18302 Point Lookout Drive, Nassau Bay. We hope all Chapter members will contribute to this effort. The proceeds are earmarked for purchasing MS Magazine subscriptions for distribution in community doctors' offices and other areas.

Items needed: Books, records, dishes, bric-a-brac, garage items, unwanted Christmas presents, children's games, toys, good children's clothes, and exceptional adult clothing. Anything!

Items worth more than \$10 will be accepted on consignment. (The Chapter will receive 1/3 of the selling price.) Here is your opportunity to sell unwanted or unused furniture, equipment, etc.

Items can be dropped off at anytime at the Sale location, but be sure to bring them by February 13 so that pricing can be completed before the Sale opens at 8:30 A.M. Friday morning.

Help needed: Call Hilary Kaler, 488-0492, if you are willing to be responsible for publicity, pricing, consignment sales, money, or scheduling. Workers are particularly needed for Friday and Saturday morning, and for pricing on Wednesday. This is an excellent opportunity to work with and get better acquainted with Chapter members.

Tentatively scheduled for March is the Workshop on Career Alternatives for Young Women. Contact Julie Walker for details.

