

# HCWPC

Harris County Women's Political Caucus  
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NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 1975

## CITY ELECTION RUNOFFS DECEMBER 2

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, December 2. Candidates endorsed by HCWPC who are in runoffs are Fred Hofheinz for Mayor and Tina Reyes for School Board, District 3.

## ERA BENEFIT A SUCCESS

The ERA benefit sponsored by the TWPC prior to the opening of the Conference on Women in Public Life was a great success. Not only was our goal of \$2500 for the National ERA Fund of the WPC exceeded, but Caucus members had a rare opportunity to meet elected women officials from all over the state. Houston women who sponsored the event were Olga Soliz, B. L. Jamail, Benegene Kring, Gladys Heldman and Sharon Macha. Thanks also to Katie Dixie, Ann Guggenbuchler and Barbara Granacher, who made special donations.

## REPORT FROM HCWPC NOVEMBER ACTION MEETING

Resolutions from the State Convention were given HCWPC priority ranking for input to the TWPC Legislative Chair. Inputs from the local caucuses will be used to set the TWPC priority rankings for this year. Eileen Elfant will represent HCWPC on the TWPC Political Action Committee. Diane Richards will be our representative to the TWPC Legislative Committee. Margaret Buchorn will represent us on the TWPC Membership Committee.

The Policy Council voted to renew HCWPC membership in the Women in Action Coalition for 1976.

Plans for a HCWPC membership drive were discussed (details elsewhere in this newsletter).

Helen Hopkins has been appointed to her former position as Vice-Chair Internal. We are happy to have Helen back on the Policy Council.

## TWPC POLICY COUNCIL MEETS DECEMBER 7

The TWPC Policy Council meeting will be held in Austin, Sunday, December 7. This will be an important meeting and I would like to invite all of you to attend. Meetings of the Committees for Political Action, Legislation, and Membership will be scheduled on the agenda. HCWPC needs people to work on legislative targeting. Those interested

in working on this priority should find the Political Action meeting informative. The Legislation Committee needs people who are willing to work on task forces or committees for the TWPC's priorities. Those interested in child care and criminal justice are particularly needed.

For additional information or contacts for car pools, call Sharon Macha.

### SPECIAL THANKS

A word of thanks to Olga Soliz, Joan Ritter, Pam Pitt and Donna Duerk for helping with the newsletter while we were without a Vice-Chair Internal.

### 1976 HCWPC CONVENTION

It is already time to start planning our annual convention. Please call Sharon Macha and volunteer your talents. Let's make this our best convention ever!

### 1976 DUES

Dues for 1976 are now being accepted. Be an early bird and renew now.

### SOUTHWESTERN INSTITUTE ON CAMPAIGN TECHNIQUES

The National Women's Education Fund is conducting a Southwestern Institute on Campaign Techniques for women who are potential candidates and campaign workers from Arizona, Southern California, New Mexico, and Texas.

The three day Institute will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from January 15 - 18, 1976.

The Institute offers southwestern women an opportunity to learn about the technical aspects of electoral politics. The unique aspects of a woman's candidacy will be examined in addition to techniques basic to every campaign at any level.

Preference will be given to applicants who can attend the entire Institute. Cost of the meeting will be \$35, which includes all meals and room. Women unable to attend without financial assistance may apply for scholarships. The number of participants is limited to 100, so apply now. Forms and information are available from Sharon Macha. If you know of women who are not Caucus members but would benefit from this program, please tell them about it or give their names to Sharon.

C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

December 3 - (Wednesday) Training Meeting for Membership Drive.  
Women's Center, 3602 Milam, 7:30 pm.

December 7 - (Sunday) TWPC Policy Council Meeting. Austin, 10:00 am.

December 17 - (Wednesday) HCWPC Action Meeting (formerly known as the  
Policy Council Meeting). Women's Center, 3602 Milam,  
7:30 pm.

Note: There will not be a December program meeting because of the  
holidays.

\*\*\*\*\*QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CAUCUS? - CALL & ASK\*\*\*\*\*

Chair:	Sharon Macha	723-7416, 627-7180
Co-Chair:	Pamela Pitt	523-9647
Vice-Chair Internal:	Helen Hopkins	643-9415, 644-3643
Vice-Chair External:	Brenda Rotramble	433-4660
Secretary:	Donna Duerk	749-4187, 664-8682
Treasurer:	Diana Freeland	528-5848

We invite you to become a member of the Harris County Women's Political  
Caucus. For your convenience, there is a membership form below.

CLIP & MAIL FORM TO: MEMBERSHIP, HCWPC, 3602 MILAM, HOUSTON, TEXAS  
77002

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: HCWPC

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PCT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS & CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$12.50 - National (NWPC), State (TWPC), and Local  
(HCWPC) through all of 1976. \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_\_\_ I need to waive all dues. Attached statement gives my reason.

I am interested in the following committees:

_____ Funding	_____ Lobbying and Candidate Rating
_____ Political Action	_____ Sexuality and Reproduction
_____ Affirmative Action	_____ Membership

Send HCWPC information to the following names. (Please enclose 30¢ or  
three 10¢ stamps for each to cover the cost of sending the newsletters,  
if possible.) Show ZIP CODE.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Harris County Women's Political Caucus is launching a membership drive beginning in December, and increasing in momentum in January and February. Patti Magee, Texas Women's Political Caucus Membership Chair; Sharon Macha, HCWPC Chair; and Margaret Buchorn, HCWPC Membership Chair met Tuesday, November 18th for a planning session. The following plan was presented and ratified by the Policy Council at the Action Meeting November 19th.

Phase I of the Membership Drive consists of personal contacts with representation of the 45 organizations which comprise the Women in Action Coalition. This is a campaign to recruit new, interested, and working members for the HCWPC. We need 15 to 18 volunteers who will be willing to take on this task. A training session during which a campaign packet of materials will be distributed, will be held at the Women's Center on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm. Those of you active in another women's organization are the obvious choices to work within that organization for the interests of the HCWPC. If you are so involved, please call Margaret Buchorn (792-3216 wk, 772-1592 hm) to volunteer. She will attend a TWPC Membership Committee Meeting in Austin on December 7th to compare notes with other Caucuses. On Wednesday, December 17th, at the monthly HCWPC Action Meeting at the Women's Center, the progress of the Phase I drive will be discussed and the next steps planned.

The political realities of the past year regarding the backlash against the ERA demonstrate the absolute necessity of broadening the base of the women's movement, if ERA is to be ratified. Much of the fear which prevents the passive, silent majority of women in this country from repudiating the backslashers arises from a distorted, erroneous picture of "Women Libbers". Those of us who believe in the movement are the only ones who can correct this image, by active demonstration of our willingness to include women of all groups, classes, and political beliefs so long as they are for rather than against women. Each of us has friends who are not involved in the movement, but who know and trust us and could be persuaded to join. The Membership Drive will be as successful as each of us is willing to make it. Please start today.

---- Margaret Buchorn

## HOUSTON'S FEMINIST CREDIT UNION

The Houston Area Feminist Federal Credit Union is open for business and needs loan applicants and depositors. Deposits are guaranteed by the National Credit Union Administration. Credit Unions pay dividends out of profits and can pay up to 7% per year. Earnings are paid quarterly. New credit unions do not usually pay dividends for the first one or two quarters they are open.

The HAFFCU is located at 2418 Travis - Suite 2 and offers free parking across the street. Their hours are as follows:

Wednesday:	11 - 3	2418 Travis - Suite 2 Houston, Texas 77006 Tel: 527-9108
Thursday:	3 - 8	
Friday:	11 - 6	
Saturday:	11 - 3	

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