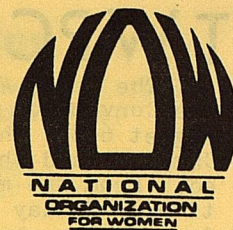


SEPTEMBER

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The NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN in Lubbock

September 1976

A PERSPECTIVE . . . by Shirley Wright

Having an opportunity to reflect over the past 29 months is an exciting time for me. As a "founding member" I recall the day when we were only five persons, when we struggled through By-Laws, when we were ecstatic over our name in print, when we thought everyone else was more knowledgeable than we about just everything, when we did not realize the similarity of our experiences or know that in that common ground there was strength, and when NOW was still "them" instead of "us" and just an organization rather than a way of life!

In such a short time we have grown to be an active, productive group. We have seen women and men grow as individuals and in understanding of each other. As we have shared ourselves, and worked together, we have established community. As we have begun to believe in ourselves, to trust each other, to share our joy and our hurt, we have torn

august 26: we shall overcome!

A time for renewing support for the Equal Rights Amendment. A time for drawing strength from one another and rallying around a common goal. A time for dedicating future and affirming past efforts. Lubbock NOW's "Stand By the Women" Celebration for Women's Equality Day the night of August 26 proved to be such a time.

The All-Too-Ready-For-ERA Players presented skits that gave a lighter, frequently hilarious, look at some of the more serious problems of a society where women are not treated as the equals of men.

down the myths of race, class, sex. We have experienced the kind of world we want to create. And we have acted and made change.

As your president these past 14 months I have had the opportunity to watch us "happen." I leave thankful for you and your willingness to work with me, help me, encourage me. I leave confident in your new leadership--capable women who are committed to you and to the movement. I leave hopeful for a larger sphere of influence (cont'd. on page 6)

Sept. Program

Don't forget to make your reservations for the September Banquet. New officers will be installed at the Gridiron Restaurant Sept. 7 at 7:30. Dinner will be 6 oz. filet, baked potato, salad, blueberry muffins & dessert. The cost is \$4.95 per person, and for reservations call Judy Giffin, 744-3389 evenings.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Judy Harley, commented that one of the winners of the Women Who Went Wrong Awards, Ann Landers, recently said that the problem with "Women Libbers" is that they don't have a sense of humor. The audience's response to the Players proved Ms. Landers wrong. Few will forget the remarks of Mrs. Shirley Sweetheart (Ms. Wright to her friends) who ably "defended" the cause of the WWW, or Suzanne May's weight toting and urinal approach.

Nearly 200 people attended the program. The number included mem- (continued on Page 7)

TWPC CONVENES

The Texas Women's Political caucus Convention was held in Dallas August 6-8. Shirley Wright, Shelly Campbell and Charlotte Guinn attended. From the moment of registration on Friday afternoon until Sunday morning when we left, we were busy. We all left with sore and tired posteriors, but more important, with a staggering amount of information for women planning political careers, which we can use to help someone from our area running for office, or to promote the Lubbock NOW chapter.

We attended sessions on campaign techniques which included how to appear on television, and a very detailed way of running a campaign from start to finish. These tips came in a book form that I have and will LOAN to anyone interested.

Several state-wide organizations and their lobbyists spoke on what had been accomplished and what was needed and hoped for in the future. Money, as usual, being the biggest

need for all. We heard from women members of the House of Representatives who had "war stories" to tell that were both amusing and informative.

There were two meetings of the Democratic caucus, mock ERA debate, press conference and presentations of awards (some being a little facetious).

We met and heard several dedicated and intelligent women working very hard to better conditions and standards for all.

The TWPC is a young organization, formed only in November 1971, and small in numbers (according to some standards). This has not prevented the TWPC from accomplishing a great many firsts in the political arena, and should be an inspiration to us all.

-Charlotte Guinn

GET INVOLVED!

HOUSTON, Tx, BROADSIDE, 8/76

The Democrats have nominated Jimmy Carter and the Republicans Gerald Ford as their respective nominees. In November we will elect the next president. Have you been paying attention to the campaign? Do you know where Carter and Ford stand on the issues of vital concern to women?

Once you have reached a clear understanding of the candidate's position on issues which concern you, what then? You can vote in November, of course. But you can do more.

If you really believe your candidate will make a difference, why not consider working in the campaign? Women are more visible in politics than ever before but we are still under-represented.

The reception Barbara Jordan got at the Democratic Convention is a clear indication that our time is at hand. Women are needed in the politi-

cal process at every level. If we are to become a viable political force in this country we must get involved.

Consider it.

(Editor's Note: Shirley Wright and Dinah Coble recently attended a planning session for Carter volunteers. If you are interested in working for Carter, get in touch with Shirley at 765-9250. If your candidate is Ford, Janet Nelson, 745-4504 can give you information about working in his campaign.)

thanks Linda

NOW's August garage sale was the most successful ever, and warm thanks go to Linda Basford for orchestrating it all!

NOW By-Laws

The National Organization for Women By-Laws Convention will be held in Overland Park, Kansas October 9-11. (See below for registration blank and information.) Denton NOW is checking into chartering a bus for a cost of less than fifty dollars per person. Please call Dinah Coble at 795-4637 for further information. Reservations must be indicated by September 1.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

In case of financial hardship fees will be waived. Please indicate on the form. (This applies only to those people who otherwise could not attend) Those who can afford more than \$30 are encouraged to contribute, to help those who cannot.)

We urge you to mail your registration now.

Mail check for registration fee and this form to:
By-Laws Conference Treasurer Karen Ritchie, 7901 W. 61st St., Merriam, Kansas 66202

NAME _____ PH _____

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Child care needed: Yes _____ No _____

Number of Children _____ Ages _____

____ I have enclosed a registration fee of \$30.00

____ I would like to attend, but cannot afford the fee & would like it waived.

____ I cannot attend but enclosed is my contribution for someone else.

new now number's

NOTICE: NOW has a new address and telephone number: 2605 47th Street, 795-4637. Please make this change on your NOW Call List.

On My Liberation

Like a river bubbling down a hillside, ever running, but ever the same.

The water rushes headlong; rolling and tumbling over itself, it runs in desperation. Ah, the effort is valiant, crashing over rocks, carving them to itself, changing the faces of hillsides.

Rush on, raging water, but ever know the river is timeless. You may, in days of power, overrun its banks, but you cannot run away from it, for it is you, your essence and your strength, your origin, your goal and your reason for being.

Rush on, raging water, for stillness is stagnation, and motion is life. But ever know that the river is your destiny. And the river is love.

Dana Beth McGraw
August 7, 1976

Perspective

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ence and greater possibilities for change in the year ahead.

If I could make one final wish (or plea), it would be to ask you to remember that you are Lubbock NOW; your support, your work, your ideas are vital.

One woman's hands can't tear a prison down,

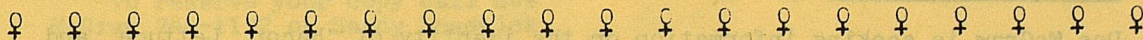
Two womens' hands can't tear a prison down,

But if two and two make fifty make a million,

We'll see that come 'round,

we'll see that day come 'round.

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Kansas City Women, Kansas City Wine

KANSAS CITY, Mo., 8/15/76

My retreat to the Missouri hills led to a side trip. From an article in the Kansas City Star captioned: "Dispute Over Route Halts Plans for E.R.A. March," I learned that the local NOW chapters had planned an ERA rally with a march of 2000. But the city fathers had seen fit to give the organization the worst possible parade route, one which would have insured that virtually no one would have been in the sidelines. NOW, not to be daunted by this obviously political display of piggery, planned, instead, a cocktail party-rally. Invitations were sent to Betty Ford, Bella Abzug and Maureen Reagan, and to all delegates to the Republican National Convention. This was an event I did not intend to miss, so Briggs and I set out for the City.

young ms. wins!

LUBBOCK, TX, Avalanche Journal 7/19/76)

"The first girl from Lubbock to compete in the national Soap Box Derby will leave for the Akron, Ohio, quarter mile race next month.

Belinda Simmons, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Simmons of 7407 Toledo Ave., beat 17 local contestants July 20 to gain the Lubbock title and the chance to go to Akron."

Congratulations to Ms. Simmons from Lubbock NOW! These are the kind of victories young women need! We're sending Belinda a three month complimentary subscription to the Newsletter.

Action Meet

The September Action/Business meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 pm, at Elaine Bagley's, 3605 28th. This meeting is open to all paid members and attendance is encouraged for full participation.

Arriving fashionably early, we visited with Kathy Shields, president of the Kansas City NOW chapter, Tracy Thomas, chairperson of the Media Task Force of K.C. NOW and Phil Cardarella, a local lawyer involved in civil rights cases, the chapter secretary. Because Missouri has not yet ratified, the ERA is a chapter priority.

Meanwhile, the room was beginning to fill with people--prosperous looking Republican delegates, reporters, the curious, and of course "us." I was soon approached by a newscaster from a Vermont television station. He was perplexed because there seemed to be relatively few people at the party. The ERA rally in New York during the Democratic Convention was so packed he had been unable to get in. I suggested that perhaps there are more feminists among Democrats than Republicans.

A free lance reporter for Ms., Jo Freeman, was interested in what kind of women are anti-ERA in West Texas, and Joanne Steele, the publisher of Majority Report, a New York feminist tabloid, seemed anxious for news of Texas NOW doings. She promised to send a big batch of Majority Reports for us to spread around, and I promised her a Newsletter.

Midway through the party Karen DeCrow, national president of NOW, arrived. I was immediately impressed by the warmth of her handshake and the deep sparkle in her eyes. Asked for a comment on the nullification of the 1976 Southern Regional Conference, Ms. DeCrow said that National has recognized Martha Gaines as Southern Regional Director. Ms. DeCrow feels that the conference should have been held again, but a poll of the Southern Region showed agreement that Gaines should be confirmed.
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Dee McGraw is seeking information on the identity of "Bacon, Lettuce, and Tomato" (BLT), a frequent contributor to the Newsletter.

K.C.

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Next came Margo St. James, founder of COYOTE. Her comment on the convention: "Tell them Ford has a chance if he chooses a woman for a running mate." So much for that...

Betty Ford had sent her regrets, and apparently Bella had not planned to be in K.C., but Maureen Reagan had accepted the invitation. However, unless she showed up at the very end of the party, she did not come. She is a very outspoken supporter of the ERA, but it may be that Daddy thought better of her attending this function.

There was not much rallying for the ERA during the hours we were at the party, but then there weren't many Republicans. Close to the elevator two signs over the restrooms provided a strange finale: "MEN'S LOUNGE" and "PCWDER ROOM."

- Jane Twyman

Common Cause

Suzanne Thayer announces that Common Cause will have a public meeting in the Library of Christ the King School on September 10 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Bernie Bass will represent Gov. Carter. Mr. Mike Stevens, County Chairman, or some other person will represent President Ford. They will address themselves to campaign finance reform, lobby disclosure, environmental controls, sunshine and sunset laws, monitoring of executive agencies and the ERA. Questions from the floor will be welcomed.

BODIES

The Fundraising Task Force is selling revised copies of Our Bodies, Ourselves. "Published as a result of healthcare/doctor/patient CRing among members of the Boston Women's Collective, this book pertains to women of all ages from adolescence through postmenopause and is most highly recommended." (Fort Worth NOW Newsletter)

To reserve your copy call Dee McGraw 744-1132 or Sandy Shadwick 744-6667.

thanks from Linda

Thanks so much to all of the people who suffered near heat strokes, and others who donated time, energy and sale items for the garage sale. Special thanks to Mrs. Bownds who donated her garage. You all made it a great success and deserve special thanks.

-Linda Basford

charity

Dee McGraw, Fundraising Chairperson announces that Lubbock NOW will participate in the Annual Charity Bazaar at the South Plains Mall on September 24 and 25. There will be tables from which fundraising items will be sold, and we will distribute information on NOW, feminism and the ERA. Volunteers are needed to set up displays from 7:30-9:30 am Friday, September 24, and to staff the tables, selling items, from 10 am to 9 pm both Friday and Saturday.

Dee will be contacting people for specific hours to work, so circle your calendars, please!

First-Timers

Welcome, welcome to these first-time attenders at the August Program Meeting: Cathie McWhorter, Fran Board, Barbara Ward, Adrienne Hamilton, Dona A. Winter, Sandy McLeroy, Gail Lemaire, Jeaneen Thompson. Please come back again and give us a chance to know you better!

NOW Business

♀ Congratulations and farewell to Virginia Carrell, NOW Social Chairperson this past year, who was married August 28 to Barry Barnard of Houston.

♀ Jane and Briggs Twyman attended the Greater Kansas City NOW ERA cocktail-rally at the Republican Convention, August 15. See the overlong report in this issue.

HOGWASH

HOGWASH is a column dedicated to that dwindling number of chauvinists whose pig-headedness prevents them from thinking before they speak. Members and friends are invited to submit examples. There will be no prize except the joy of seeing your name in print. Contributions can remain anonymous upon request. Send all materials to Jane Twyman, 3407 55th, 79413.

Kansas Governor on Women's Equality Day, 1976: "There you are, women are equal for a day. Other than this, men are subservient most days."

from the Avalanche-Journal, August 27, 1976, submitted by JT

Dr. Benjamin M. Spock from Decent and Indecent on Women: "Women are usually more patient in working at unexciting repetitive tasks...Women on the average have more passivity in the inborn core of their personality...I believe women are designed in their deeper instincts to get more pleasure out of life--not sexually but socially, occupationally, maternally--when they are not aggressive. To put it another way I think that when women are encouraged to be competitive too many of them become disagreeable..."

from Sisterhood is Powerful, submitted by Elaine Bagley

A bit of "art: displayed at Art Galore, 348 Town & Country Shopping Center, 1st week in August. A block of wood, approximately 5" x 7" bore the following inscription:

I found the perfect wife
I can ask for nothing more
She is deaf, dumb, oversexed
And owns a liquor store.

submitted by Judy Harley



Mary had a little skirt,
And it was very tight.
Who gives a damn for Mary's Lamb,
When Mary's Calves in sight.

from Technology, Tech Engineering Student Publication, Spring, 1976, submitted by Ann Morgan

General of the Army Omar Bradley when asked about admission of women to West Point this year for the first time: "The Congress passed it, the President signed it, and I guess they know more about women than I do."

from the Kansas City Times, July 30, 1976, submitted by BLT

A delegate from Kentucky at the Republican National Convention identified his state as one of "Beautiful Women, good bourbon and fine racehorses." And the delegate from Washington, D.C. responded with the quip that his district was the home of "Fast Women and their political bosses."

submitted by Shelly Campbell

Cary Grant on plans for his daughter: "I want Jennifer to marry young, have lots of kids and develop the family unit. I don't want her to be an actress. A woman's place is in the home. That's the way it is in the animal world, isn't it?"

from the Avalanche-Journal, August 23, 1976, submitted by Jane Twyman

Mario Andretti on women in racing: "Somehow a woman in racing--it just robs her of her femininity. And when it comes right down to it, I wouldn't trust their emotions wheel to wheel... I can't see them being the ones to beat"

from Sport Magazine, July 1975, submitted by Judy Harley

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workshop planned

bers from the Lubbock organizations of Business and Professional Women, Common Cause, Lubbock Women for a Change, League of Women Voters, the Texas Tech Women's Law Caucus and a delegation from Amarillo.

Sandy Shadwick estimated that before the sales had ended, NOW fundraisers and contributors from other organizations had collected over \$300 to donate to the ratification efforts for the ERA.

Actors and their skits were: "Episodes of Injustice," Kelly Lewis, Raja Lewis, Bobbie Atwood and Linda Lawson; "A Woman Can't," Bill Bownds, Hal May, Suzanne May; "Give me a Cheer," Deanna Fitzgerald; "Macho Man," Fitzgerald, Doug Hill, Susan Hill; "Unisex Bathroom," Bownds, Hal May, Suzanne May; Mock ERA Debate, Shirley Wright, Fitzgerald; News Update, Bownds, Shelly "Lorraine Newsperson" Campbell; and "A Word from our Sponsor." Charles Lambert and Janice Lambert.

Nancy Caywood of Tech's Women's Law Caucus led a series of ERA songs and Michele Stanton of NOW presented a group of "Now You've Done It" awards throughout the program.

The program ended with Vivian Alexander's poignant presentation of Sojourner Truth's monologue, "Ain't I a Woman?" and the Players and Audience joining hands and singing "We Shall Overcome."

Celeste Ward of the Law Caucus, Neale Pearson of Common Cause, and Dinah Coble spoke seriously on the effort needed to secure ratification and related matters.

Candidates for State Representative in 75A and 75B, Froy Salinas and Roy Ward attended.

-Shelly Campbell

Lubbock NOW is planning a workshop with the Amarillo chapter on September 11. All 1975 officers and past task force chairpersons are strongly urged to participate in order to help this fledgling chapter get on its feet. We will do what we can to help them set up task forces and give them pointers on dispensing information.

There will be a planning session in the very near future. Please contact Dinah Coble at 795-4637 if you can participate.

POSTSCRIPT: Amarillo is planning a party for September 26, the theme of which will be "In Vino Veritas," (Out of Wine Comes Truth). The hours are 5 to 9, and it is planned as a fundraising event. There will be an open bar, snacks, live entertainment, dancing and swimming, and the cost is a mere \$1.50 per person. This is a special price for our chapter, intended to be a thank you for our help. We do not, as yet, have the address where the party will take place, but any of the officers of our chapter should have this information in a couple of weeks.

New Members

Please clip and staple this list of new members to your NOW Call List:

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Lubbock 79416

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Tina Strouble
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Dannie Botros
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out and return to: Virginia Saban, 2232 Auburn, #22, Lubbock Texas 79415.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

_____ \$16 year's membership in NOW (National, State and Local dues)

_____ \$10 special student membership

_____ \$3 receipt of Newsletter only (non-member)

_____ \$6 to join Lubbock chapter; already a member of National NOW

A big thanks to Elaine Bagley, Janice Stevenson and Briggs Twyman for their help with the Newsletter this month; and to Marge Blackburn, Ruth Lauer and Susie Sappington for their work on the mailing committee.

Please send all Newsletter material, typed, double-spaced, on a 3 1/2 inch column, to the Editor, Jane Twyman, 3407 55th, Lubbock 79413, by the 15th of the month. Thank you.

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