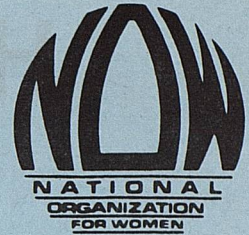


MARCH NEWS

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The NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN in Lubbock

March 1977

March Program: Rich Man, Poor Woman

Why are so many women poor? The many causes and repercussions of this unfortunately frequent association - women and poverty - will be discussed by Anne Hamilton, Regional Director of Social Services for the Texas Welfare Department, at the March Program Meeting. Ms. Hamilton's responsibilities include the 40 counties of the South Plains and the Panhandle and comprise a wide range of family and rehabilitative services.

Come March 1 at 7:30 pm to the Wesley Foundation, 2420 15th, to hear this valuable presentation!

WEDDINGTON VISIT SET

Austin Representative Sarah Weddington and Texans for ERA President Barbara Vackar--dynamite double--are coming March 4 to update the ERA. Sarah fiercely defends ratification, fighting to kill rescission bills in committee. She supported the Texas Commission on the Status of Women and researched the new Insurance Regs. Barbara, a homemaker, has coordinated Texans for ERA for 3 years, working with Texas lawmakers. They will target current status and crucial lobby efforts for the ERA. Recall Bill SCR24 goes to Senate State Affairs Committee in March. THE WORKSHOP IS MARCH 4 at 7pm. Check the AJ and NOW phone for details and place.

ERA NOW

What's happening with the ERA? Good news: Indiana ratified on January 18. Bad News: developments indicate a strong possibility that the fate of the Equal Rights Amendment may be decided in Congress or the Courts, rather than through the simple process of ratification by the states. NEBRASKA and TENNESSEE have voted to rescind their ratification. That action is probably constitutionally invalid, but we still need three states including Nebraska and Tennessee to reach the necessary thirty-eight. When we reach that number law suits over the validity of rescission are inevitable. But under the Constitution the decision probably lies with Congress, not the Supreme Court. And we can probably count on the support of the Democratic majority.

In recent developments: The NEVADA senate voted in favor, but defeat in the House blocked ratification. The IDAHO senate voted to rescind, a bill to rescind has been introduced in OREGON. But in COLORADO and WYOMING attempts at rescission have lately been defeated.

Not too good, not too bad, but don't relax. TEXAS has an URGENT problem: an ERA ratification recall resolution before both houses of the legislature (SCR 24 and HCR 35). A similar procedure is used to recall an unsigned bill from the governor's desk. The purpose is to allow reconsideration of Texas' ratification. (continued on page 5)

HOGWASH

Send contributions to Jane Twyman, 3407 55th, Lubbock 79413.

"Men's faces are on money. Women are content to have their hands on it."

from "Graffiti" in the Avalanche-Journal, February 4, 1977, submitted by Ruth Lauer.

"LIPSTICK: Margaux Hemingway may be rich and she may be famous, but she is perhaps the worst female actress I've ever seen. Spitting through her teeth and stumbling across the stage, she deserved a treatment far worse than what she got in the movie."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Margaux Hemingway was raped in the movie.

Johnny Holmes in the University Daily, February, 1977, submitted by Susie Sappington.

Bumper sticker seen on a pickup truck: "Impeach my wife:

She's bugging me."

Submitted by Dee McGraw.

"The National Organization for Women is upset because President Carter didn't put more women in his Cabinet. And all the time I thought NOW was wanting to get women plumb out of the kitchen!"

Kenneth May in the Avalanche-Journal, January 27, 1977, submitted by Jane Twyman.

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National Conference

The National NOW Conference will be held in Detroit, Michigan, April 22, 23, 24.

Because of new federal regulations, group airline fare is for 40 or more people. We have called several airlines and American Airlines is the cheapest and most convenient. There is no children's fare The best departure point for such a group seems to be Dallas/Ft. Worth; the round trup fare as of February 1 is \$157.00.

We will be leaving Dallas/Ft. Worth at 8:20 am, Friday, April 22 on flight #238. We change planes in Chicago to flight #616 arriving Detroit at 2:05pm. We will depart Detroit at 3:35 pm, Monday, April 25 on flight #463 arriving Dallas/Ft. Worth at 5:14 pm. These times are necessary because of travel restrictions on the group fare rate.

In order to meet requirements we must have your name, address, telephone number, chapter and your check no later than MARCH 21, 1977. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AMERICAN AIRLINES and send to Gail Baier, 9110 Broadway #M201, San Antonio, Texas 78217. If there are any questions, call 512/826-5095.

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From The President:

CIVIC DISCRIMINATION

Shirley Wright and I recently did some research to help United Press International in a state-wide study of discrimination against women in local civic groups. We contacted 26 Lubbock civic groups by telephone and asked whether women could join each group. 34.6% of the groups responded affirmatively: Advertising Club of Lubbock, Red Raider Club, Board of Realtors, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Toastmasters Clubs, Lubbock Country Club, and Hillcrest Country Club. Interestingly enough, Coronado ABC (American Business Club) President Bill Norris said his organization allows women to join, but Charles Lee, President of the Downtown ABC said his organization does not allow women to join it because it is specifically precluded by the by-laws.

Half of the civic organizations which help members to establish social and business contacts with

Political Task Force Report

Out of the February Political Task Force meeting: a call for HELP. We are compiling research in evidence of discrimination against men to support the ERA. Pass any information, or examples to Dinah Coble at NOW or Pat Bruno at 745-2828.

The PTF will prepare materials for our speakers bureau aimed at Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Jaycees. We have also accepted responsibility for the call list.

NOW members expect to be contacted soon. We are also mobilizing a POST-CARD POWER system for writing our legislators. All will be contacted on this. We need people who will commit themselves in writing, especially when we need it.

-Pat Bruno

other business people in Lubbock seem to think that only men need such contacts; they do not admit women. In addition to the Downtown ABC, Lubbock Jaycees, all Kiwanis clubs, Knights of Columbus, all Lions Clubs, University Optimists, and Rotary Clubs discriminate against women in their membership policies. Two club presidents, Jim Douglass of Lubbock Jaycees and Joe Ayers of Lubbock Kiwanis, apologetically explained that this discriminatory policy is decided by the national organization and cannot be changed by the local chapter. However, comrades, do not dismay! If you want to belong to Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions, or University Optimists, you can marry one of them and join the women's auxiliary. Then you become a Jayceete, Kiwanette, Lioness, or Optimist(?!)

John Starr, President of the Camelot Lions, told us that "...most Lions are married, and their wives do the bulk of the work." Arlee Jackson, President of Century II Lions, emphasized, "In order to be a good lion, you should be married and have a good wife behind you. We have Ladies' Night four times a year, and our wives may accompany us to meetings." The Lubbock Club is a "gentlemen's club" and has not allowed women to join since it was founded in 1952. The membership decided last year that it wanted membership extended to women, but the Board of Directors (12 men) turned down the suggestion.

Alas, there are the 15.4% which ended up in our "conditional" category. Ken Minnick, President of the Exchange Club, said that its charter does not exclude women but that there are no women who hold membership. The Knife and Fork Club is a couples' dinner club. The club retains single members after the couple is broken by death or divorce but it does not admit single men or women initially. And, if you

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DUKE: STATE OF THE STATE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This concludes the text of the Women's State of the State address delivered by State Co-ordinator Barbara Duke in Austin on January 13. In the first part of the address, which appeared in our February issue, Duke stressed NOW's new emphasis on the rights and needs of the homemaker.)

Too often we ignore the fact that all marriages end either by divorce or death. When this happens, the homemaker is even more seriously disadvantaged because her contributions to the marriage are not covered by our laws. We plan to focus specific attention on the plight of the "displaced homemakers." And who are they? They are middle-aged women - divorced or widowed - who are discriminated against by employers because they lack any recent work experience outside the home; they are ineligible for unemployment insurance because their work as a homemaker is unsalaried and thus not recognized as legitimate labor; they cannot qualify for welfare help such as Aid to Families With Dependent Children since their children are over 18.

Worst of all, they are not eligible for Social Security benefits because they are too young and they often lack medical and hospitalization insurance, having lost the benefits of coverage under their husbands' group policies. Clearly, the "displaced homemaker" has special problems. On a national level, a program for help and training of the Displaced Homemaker has been proposed. We in Texas will support it wholeheartedly as we take concerted action to gain for all homemakers the protection under Texas law to which they are entitled.

Specifically, we will support legislation that will recognize a woman's contribution to marriage; we will seek as a priority unemployment and disability benefits for homemakers; and we will urge that insurance companies be required to offer or continue group coverage to the "displaced spouse" and that sex discrimination be removed by regulation from all insurance policies.

Further, we will work for legislation to create and fund centers for Texas' "displaced homemakers" - to provide counseling, training, job development and placement, and other needed services.

The Women's Movement, in just a little over ten years, has made substantial gains in securing equal rights for the "professional women" in our workforce. We are encouraged and are confident that, by including the homemaker as an inseparable, viable part of Texas' workforce, we can secure for her the rights and recognition she has earned by virtue of her unique contribution to the preservation and strength of the family and the continuation of its vital role in our society.

In the words of Susan B. Anthony, we too believe that "failure is impossible."

SHORT IN APRIL

Our April issue will appear in abbreviated form. Only essential announcements, a list of new members, and advertisements will be published. Half the editorial staff, including the editor, will be on vacation at the time the Newsletter must be written, edited and composed.

The deadline for items to be published remains the 15th as usual.

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That's NOW Business

- ♀ Virginia Saban has resigned as Lubbock NOW's treasurer. Many thanks to Susie Sappington who has agreed to assume her responsibilities.
- ♀ New member Robin Smith has already assumed the job of leading the Fundraising Task Force in Dee McGraw's place.
- ♀ Shirley Wright and Dinah Coble recently participated in the Plainview Business and Professional Women's program on ERA. Dinah also recently spoke to a group of women at Texas Tech on assertiveness in the Professional world.
- ♀ Judy Giffin was recently elected Vice-President of the Lubbock ACLU chapter, and Dannie Botros was elected to the Board.
- ♀ A collection was taken at the February Program Meeting, and \$25.00 was sent to the Alice Paul Emergency Fund. Thanks to Edna Gott for her accompanying

ERA UPDATE

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If the resolution is passed, the recall procedure would be to request the state's ratification back from the U.S. Administrator of General Services responsible for collating ratifications. Since Carter supports the ERA it's possible his appointed Administrator would not return the ratification to Texas. The recall request could then go to the court.

The recall resolution is being studied by the House Constitutional Amendments Committee. Joe Robbins of Lubbock is a member. Write each Committee member a personal letter giving positive reasons for supporting the ERA and reasons for killing the recall (HCR 35) in committee: The Honorable - Tim Von Dohlen, Luther Jones, John W. Bryant, Bill Clark, G.R. Bob Close, Bob Hendricks, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Joe Robbins, Tom Schieffer; House of Representatives, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. The resolution is in the Senate State Affairs Committee. Write Kent Hance on that Committee. -Pat Bruno

MORE LETTER FUN

It's simple to write your government officials. The quantity and quality of your letters do make the difference. They can reverse votes. Letters need not be elaborate. Use your own words, the more carefully and thoughtfully chosen the better. Tell in your own words why we need or don't need something. Be sure to mention the bill number if applicable.

A personal letter is best. A postcard is also very effective. Petitions with lists of signatures may often be considered as

one opinion, and are not the best strategy when every vote counts.

DO'S:

- Be concise, brief-
 - Write on only one issue-
 - Use your own words-
 - Be legible-
 - Sign your own name-
 - give your address (it's often checked with voter registration)-
 - Be courteous, reasonable-
 - Express appreciation when you approve of her/his stand or vote-
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U.S. Senators John Tower and
Lloyd Bentsen
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. Representative George
Mahon
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20500

Governor Dolph Briscoe
Capitol Building
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State Representatives Joe Robbins
(75-A), Froy Salinas (75-B),
and James Laney (76)
House of Representatives
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

CIVICS LESSON

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can't be optimistic about University Optimists' chauvinism, try Southwest Optimists. President Craig Wallace said, "We'd love to have women join but we currently have no women members." When asked why this Optimist group would accept females whereas University Optimist will not, he stated, "This is a loose group." If you are a businesswoman, you may join the Main Branch of the Chamber of Commerce; other women must join the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Well, at least we know the Lubbock Club isn't exploiting women who have the money to join! It just doesn't want us! And, we can be thankful for people like Dr. Craig Wallace and his Southwest Optimists and the Toastmasters who encourage us to join.

-Dinah Coble

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lubbock NOW welcomes the following NEW MEMBERS. Please clip and attach to your NOW Call List:

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Vicky Vaughan
2001 17th
79401

Abortion Research

A graduate student in Behavioral Science would like to talk with women who have had induced abortions since the 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion, preferably in the past year. Women who sought abortions before 1973 entered a specialized social network which was described by various disciplines. Since 1973 the social network women enter has not been reported to my knowledge.

Women willing to discuss their experience can expect anonymity and an opportunity to read the finished written product. Please contact Anne Burkholder, 3801 53rd, Lubbock 79413. 795-9605.

HOGWASH ANNEX

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"This problem (a rape victim's past sexual history) is counter-balanced by the one faced by a man who is accused by a promiscuous woman who may have gotten mad because he quit seeing her or didn't marry her, or by a prostitute who decides to make trouble for him."

Kenneth May in the Avalanche-Journal, January 23, 1977, submitted by Shirley Wright.

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JOIN NOW

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out and return to: Susie Sappington, 1523 24th Place, Lubbock, Texas 79405.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

_____ \$21 year's membership (National, State & Local dues) or renewal

_____ \$12 special membership may be elected by those who cannot pay more (such as some retirees, and some students, etc.)

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

_____ \$4 receipt of Lubbock Newsletter only (non-member)

_____ \$3 receipt of Texas NOW Newsletter, (appears quarterly)

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