

JUNE NEWS =

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762-1467: The NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN in Lubbock

Run-off candidates in the local and state elections will answer questions at the June NOW meeting. The meeting will be at the YWCA (3101 - 35th) on Tuesday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. This will provide a fine opportunity to see how the candidates stand on feminist issues, so come! Child care will be provided at 50¢ per child.

TEXAS TECH WOMEN'S TASK FORCE MERGES WITH LUBBOCK NOW: This welcome announcement was heard at the May Action/Business meeting, and we look forward to greeting the new student members. Thanks to Debbie Martin and Ann Morgan for working out the details of the merger.

RUN-OFF ELECTIONS ARE JUNE 5th. BE SURE TO VOTE!!!

POLITICAL TASK FORCE NEWS: Shirley Wright (Delegate) and Dinah Coble (At-large-alternate) will go to the State Democratic Convention in Houston on June 18th. NOW member delegates to the Democratic County Convention were: Shirley Wright, Virginia Saban, Dorothy McLarty (she also served on the nominating committee), Dinah Coble, Ross Coble, Suzanne May, and Hal May. (Political news continued on page 3)

AND AWAAAY WE GO TO THE TEXAS NOW CONFERENCE!!!: Abilene Civic Center, May 29-30 are the where and when, and at this writing twelve Lubbock NOW members plan to attend. If you mail your registration form TODAY pre-registration is only \$5.00!! Registration at the door is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Lubbock NOW members will be staying at Motel 6, the Scottish Inn, and the Embers Motel.

Conference Pre-Registration

Linda Wright, 2002 South Clack, #106, Abilene, Tx 79605
(Checks to Abilene NOW - \$5.00)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ TX _____

TEXAS NOW CONVENTION UPDATE (Abilene) - The State Coordinator, State Communications Coordinator, and State Treasurer will be elected by a majority of duly registered members present and voting at the state convention. Each of the 5 State Membership Coordinators will be elected by a majority of duly registered members from her/his area present and voting at the state convention. Self-nominations for state officers shall be taken from the floor. Speeches for office shall be limited to 3 minutes. There will be no seconding speeches.

The battered wife should concern us all. A Lubbock group, newly formed to discuss this important issue, has asked NOW to aid them in collecting statistics. The NOW telephone number will be available for information gathering, but not for crisis intervention. However, the new group aims at establishing an intervention facility.

NEW TEXTBOOKS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

We have been asked to review 13 textbooks by the Texas Feminist Curriculum Review, a task force of NOW, since Lubbock is one of the Regional Centers where the public can go look at the new books. Our method of review is content analysis and involves counting to produce objective statistical analysis and contrast-ing treatment of the sexes. (Anyone can count!) The textbooks are available to study at an office in the Texas Commerce Bank, and this report must be in to the Task Force by July 2nd. Then The Task Force will use our evidence to testify at a hearing in August. Help eliminate sexist textbooks in Texas Schools! Call Ruth Lauer, 795-3283, who badly needs your assistance.

(From Austin NOW, May 1976) - ORIGINAL WRITER OF THE ERA DESTITUTE Dr. Alice Paul, who wrote the original federal version of the Equal Rights Amendment, is now 90 years old and living in near destitution in a Connecticut nursing home. Dr. Paul helped found the National Women's Party in 1917 and was jailed many times for her civil rights activities. Regarding the E.R.A. today Dr. Paul said the country is celebrating the principle of liberty but "not as it applies to women." She is now broke. Please send contributions to: The Alice Paul Emergency Fund, c/o Gloria Kaufman, 305 Wakewa Ave., South Bend, Indiana 46617.

Welcome to these first time attenders at the May meeting:
Connie Marks, Gail Love, Christy Stamps, Lucy Creel, Diane Jurica, Carol Haber, Naomi Neitzke, Amy Blackburn and Janice Lambert.

The next Action/Business meeting will be at Jane Twyman's house on Tuesday, June 8th at 7 p.m. (3407-55th) tel. 799-3789 (NOTE: Jane's house is WEST of Indiana)

POLITICAL TASK FORCE NEWS (Cont'd from page 1)

(from Austin NOW, May 1976) - "We have received a report on our Texas delegation from the National office. It seems that Senator Tower doesn't see eye-to-eye with NOW policy. He voted with us on the Bartlett Amendment. However, he voted against us on food stamps...the National Center for the Prevention and Control of Rape...income tax reform...and on integrating physical education classes according to sex. Unfortunately Senator Tower isn't running for re-election this time. (God help him when he does have to run!) But Lloyd Bentsen is. Mr. Bentsen voted with us on all five of the above issues. Let's give Lloyd Bentsen a thank-you for his help." Remember postcards to either of these congressmen are the only recourse we have in expressing your views, although personal letters are more effective. Write: Hon. Lloyd Bentsen or Hon. John Tower, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

That's NOW's Business:

- ♀ This is the last month for Lynn Novak, Marjean Johnson, and Ruth Goodell to be a part of us. Thanks for all the contributions they've made and best wishes in new endeavors!
- ♀ Thanks also to Judy Harley, Carol Haber, Tanya Vitkeff and Betty Newton who have or will be serving as Recording Secretary.
- ♀ Dee McGraw has agreed to chair the Fundraising Task Force!
- ♀ Special recognition and appreciation goes to Suzanne May who's coordinating the American Women's Bicentennial Essay Contest. All students in grades 9-12 are urged to join the competition by contributing 1,000-2,000 word essays on the life and contributions of a woman in America - or a class of women - whose history has been hidden. Deadline for essays is June 11, 1976. Local judges include Ruth Lauer, Michele Stanton, Dinah Coble and Carol Haber. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded along with a collection of feminist books. Thanks to Lindsay Masse for contacting local bookstores for donation of the prize books.
- ♀ Lubbock Rape Crisis Center advises that their 5th Volunteer Training Program is underway. Sorry this information comes after the start of the program, but all interested in the next training session should call the Center at 736-RAPE for info.

Please note a change of address for Kathy Billingsley:
5204-50th #C201/Lubbock 79414/ tel. 792-1831

and a change of telephone for Susie Sappington: 765-9677

ATTENTION NOW MEMBERS! NOW'S National toll free number is
(800) 424-9537. This one of National NOW's ways of sharing
the cost of organizing with you. Please limit your calls to
five minutes, however, so we can get maximum use of telephone
dollars! Incoming WATS lines (800 numbers) are designed for
short calls. After six minutes it is cheaper to call on a reg-
ular line.

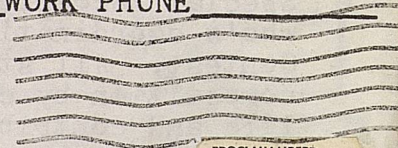
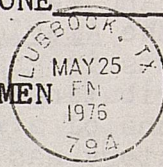
Send all Newsletter information to Jane Twyman by the 15th of
each month: 3407-55th, 79413. Many Thanks to Marge Blackburn,
Sandy Shadwick and Briggs Twyman for helping with the June
Newsletter.

NOW Membership 1976: Mail to Virginia Saban/2232 Auburn, #22/
Lubbock 79415

_____ \$16 year's membership in NOW (Nat'l, State, Local dues)
_____ \$10 special student membership
_____ \$3 receipt of Newsletter only (non-member)
_____ \$6 to join Lubbock chapter; already a member of National NOW

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
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