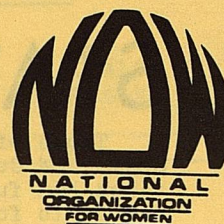


JULY NEWS

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The NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN in Lubbock

July 1976

NOW MARCHES ON!!

Lubbock NOW (and friends) will be marching in the Bicentennial Parade on July 3rd, wearing T-shirts with the message "200 Years of Freedom - NOW Equality." This is a perfect way to combine patriotism and consciousness raising. We'll

meet in the west end of the Coliseum parking lot at 8:30 am. Following the parade is a swimming party at Deanna and Ted's - 3204 29th. Call Dee McGraw at 744-1132 by Wed., June 30 to order shirts (\$3.00) and lunch (\$1.75). Let's be 100 strong!

ELECTION TIME NEARS

The election of new officers will take place in August. If you would like to run for an office, please call Edna Gott (744-0112) and make your wishes known. The elected offices and duties are:

I. President

Conducts meetings and board meetings.
Serves as public speaker for NOW.
Serves as liason with other womens' groups in Lubbock.
Maintains telephone service in her home for Lubbock NOW.

II. Vice President

Attends all meetings and board meetings.
Chairs meetings in absence of President.
Plans meetings and finds meeting rooms.
Oversees NOW task forces.
Chairs Membership Task Force
Serves as public speaker for NOW.
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JULY MEETING

A series of mini-workshops focusing on, among other topics, the ERA, TITLE IX, MASCULINE MYSTIQUE, and the MARY JO RISHER CASE will be the substance of the July Program Meeting. We will meet in Room 400 of Thompson Hall on Tuesday, July 6 at 7:30 pm. Member Preston Gott made tapes of many of the workshops at the State Convention, and these will be used as resource materials at our meeting. So come and learn with us!

Thompson Hall is on Flint near the Coliseum. It is also across the street from the old locomotive.

Library Display

During the month of August, the Public Library (downtown) will feature a display based on outstanding American Women. Providing the display will be the Outstanding Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Lubbock, Inc.

STATE CONVENTION

Those of us who attended the State NOW Convention came home tired but full of positive energy - energy to focus our personal abilities in the advancement of equality for all women in this community and this country. It was encouraging to witness the active, intelligent, compassionate women directing programs favoring effective changes in the areas of Equal Employment, Women and Health, Older Women, Lesbian Rights, Household Violence, Women and Religion and other equally important issues. Isolated as we are in Lubbock, it is important to recall that issues important to women are universal. There is work to be done to educate the uninitiated, prod inactive supporters, and push for passage of critical legislation which is indispensable in promoting and protecting every person's equality.

Respect seems a good key word for this conference. Each individual, every NOW chapter represented, seemed to accept responsibility for considering each issue as their issue, each struggle as their struggle, and certainly each right as their right. Lubbock NOW was singled out and complimented for its

First Timers

The membership of Lubbock NOW extends a hearty welcome to these first time attenders at the June Program Meeting. What a turn-out!

Stella Fleming, Lee Page, Mrs. Edgar Chance, Barbara Erlow Kelly, Philip Cox, Vicki Crider, Laura Ballew, Patti Rhodes, Esther Longoria, Susan Ebbitt, Janice Stevenson, Suzanne Thayer, Mary Alice Robbins, Myrtle H. Rochelle, Judy Maloney, Charlotte Wood, Sandra Shadwick, Martha Eubanks, Charles Eubanks, Marjorie Hitch, Marcia Hubbard, Kay Maley, Ann Morgan (member) and Debbie Martin (member).

intra-group support and for its work on the conference. We have a right to be proud and respect our hard workers.

The conference was exciting, fun, informative and overwhelming. Unresolved problem areas regarding womens' personal and social rights are an ever evolving responsibility for us all, but we can and we will make changes, NOW!

- Elaine Bagley

JULY ACTION/BUSINESS

The July Action/Business Meeting will be held at Carol Haber's house on Tuesday, July 13 at 7 pm. Carol lives at 5018 15th, and all paid members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

GOOD WORKS

A couple of months ago, Deanna Fitzgerald and Ted Taylor travelled to Snyder to speak to the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Their topic was "Feminism from the Female and Male Viewpoints," and from all reports, it was well received. So well received, in fact, that Deanna and Ted have been invited to speak to the Snyder Jaycee-Ettes on "Women and the Law" in January 1977! Thanks to the forward thinking people of Snyder and our two good members, the word is being spread!

garage sale

Be thinking ahead to a NOW garage sale, sometime in August. Begin collecting donations now. Especially good items are: furniture, small appliances, picture frames, costume jewelry, tools, plant cuttings.

IN A NUTSHELL: WHERE THE CANDIDATES STAND ON FEMINIST ISSUES

ISSUE	JIMMY CARTER	GERALD FORD	RONALD REAGAN
1) E.R.A.	strongly supports	supports	against
2) Federally supported child-care	feels it is a national priority	vetoed child-care bill	says it is a local concern
3) Appointing and hiring women on Capital Hill	would make a special effort	says he will continue to nominate more women	strongly against "quotas"
4) Supreme Court's abortion decision	has strong reservations. Does NOT support a const. Amendt. against abortion	abortion only if rape or illness. Does NOT support Const. Amendt. against abortion.	supports anti-abortion Amendt. to Constitution.

candidates who publicly withdrew from the nomination were not included.

DID YOU KNOW?????????

1. No woman judge sits on the Supreme Court and None ever has.
2. There are no women in the U.S. Senate.
3. Of the 435 members of the House of Representatives, only 19 are women.
4. In 1975, 77% of the female headed families with children had to be on welfare.
5. In 1975, the economic value of a housewife was calculated to be \$17,958 p/a.
6. In 1960, womens salaries were 61% of mens, in 1970, 59% and in 1974, 57%. Have we really come a long way baby???

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POLITICAL TASK FORCE NEWS

The Political Task Force would like to thank all of the members for their participation in the N.O.W. meet the candidate night. All of the candidates except Jackie Sullivan participated in the panel. There were 80 to 90 persons in the audience which makes it the best attended candidate night of the year. The candidates seemed quite surprised that there were so many persons interested in women's issues.

The Political Task Force wants to urge all members of NOW to consider their qualifications and potential as a political candidate. There are a lot of women with a lot to give. Of course your first thought will be that you could not possibly do it. However, we have learned two major things from being involved in the 76 campaigns: 1) we really had no GOOD choices in any race and 2) we are as intelligent, as informed, as clever, as mature, as concerned as ANY person running for public office this year. There are many many members of NOW who are much more qualified for political office than most of those persons we had to vote for. So, PLEASE consider YOUR qualifications!!

A PANHANDLE PHYLLIS SCHAFELEY

Daisy Moore, a Bible-toting grandmother against women's lib carried 9 out of 10 counties in a step toward becoming the first woman legislator from her Panhandle District. Daisy is against the E.R.A. and was quoted in the Avalanche Journal as saying "I think there are a handful of women-libbers who are trying to give all women a bad name--and someone has to take a role to stop them before they go too far". She will face the incumbent in the November election. If you know anyone in her district, please warn them in case they are not aware of the need to keep Daisy OUT of the Legislature!!!

STOP S.1

S.1 is the proposed Federal criminal statute. It dates back to 1966 when President Johnson appointed the National Commission on Reform of Criminal Laws. The Commission's majority report was a liberal-conservative compromise. However in 1971, the Nixon Administration felt that the commission's report was not sufficiently styled to its "law and order" taste. According to the Texas Civil Liberties Union, parts of the new bill would improve the law but some of the provisions of the new bill are so detrimental to civil liberties that so long as they remain it would be better to do without the new bill. There have been recent amendments to the bill. However, John Duncan, Executive Director of the T.C.L.U. characterized S.1 as "unamendable". WHAT TO DO??

- 1) Write Sen. Bentson and Tower and ask for a copy of S.1 indicating that you have heard of its repressive nature.
- 2) Write your Senators and Representatives a letter about the sections that you feel most strongly should be eliminated or changed and ask that they work to amend or vote against the bill.
- 3) Inform all your friends of the dangers of S.1.

NOW AND LITIGATION

As our chapter becomes more active and as a result better known we are going to be called upon many times when women feel they have been discriminated against in employment, credit, divorce, etc. Our policy must follow that of the National Office. Before we become involved in any case it must be determined that the most good for the most women can be accomplished by directing our energies to that case. Therefore, there will be times when we just simply will not be able to aid an individual. This should be kept in mind if someone approaches you with a problem. Please explain this policy so no one feels that we have ignored their request for assistance.

1920-1976 = 200 YEARS ?

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

I cannot, on July 4, 1976, celebrate 200 years of freedom and independence. For the undeniable truth is that when Thomas Jefferson wrote his historic words, he did indeed mean that all men are created equal.

We've all read Abigale Adams' letter to her husband, John, asking that he "Remember the Ladies" in writing the suffrage laws of the new country. But how many of us know his not-so-famous reply, "As to your extraordinary Code of Laws, I cannot but laugh." He offers her no rational reason, but says merely, "Depend upon it, we know better than to repeal our Masculine system." In the face of such evidence, I cannot accept the excuse that the Declaration of Independence means men "in the generic sense." We women were excluded from the noble aspirations of the Continental Congress, as were Indians, black men, and non-property owning white men.

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III. Secretary

Composes and types all correspondence.

Takes minutes at meetings.

Attends all meetings and board meetings.

IV. Treasurer

Keeps financial records and checking account.

Writes checks to pay for expenses.

Collects membership dues and newsletter fees.

Attends board meetings.

The offices of Librarian, Fundraising Chairperson, and Newsletter Editor are appointed, and Linda Basford, Dee McGraw and Jane Twyman have agreed to continue serving in their respective offices.

The wealthy white men who wrote our original constitution did so with the loftiest intentions; they meant only the greatest good for the U.S., and no ill will toward women. It was a lack 200 years ago, as it is today, of awareness and consciousness. I have the greatest faith in the Sisterhood, in the capacity of humankind for change and for love, and in the limitless potential of our country for true democracy. So, on this July 3rd, I will be marching in the Chamber of Commerce Parade, celebrating not 200, but 50 years of voting rights. I will have that same old John Wayne lump in my throat at the "Star Spangled Banner," feeling, not bitterness toward the past, but confidence that 1976 will be the year of the ERA with full citizenship and equality for women.

- Dee McGraw

That's NOW Business

♀ A big thank you goes to two of our faithful members - Steve Basford and Preston Gott! Steve took photographs at the State Convention, and Preston taped many of the workshops and plenary sessions.

♀ Congratulations to Deanna Fitzgerald on her graduation from Law School!!

♀ Thanks, Virginia Saban for contributing so nicely to our ranks! A girl-child, Shana Rebecca has been added to the Saban family as well as to the Family of Woman!

♀ Shirley Wright was elected Area 5 Coordinator for Texas NOW, and WE'RE ALL GOING TO HELP HER - RIGHT?

♀ Change of address & phone for Dee McGraw: 2222 5th, #123, Lubbock 79401 and phone 744-1132.

♀ Change of telephone for Lindsay Masso: 795-3611.

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

PHILOSOPHERS AND WOMEN

On the subject of good and evil in the world, Pythagoras wrote: "There is a good principle which has created order, light and man; and a bad principle which has created chaos, darkness and woman." This was a thinker, an enlightened man who played a major role in the evolution of ideas on our planet! Plato thanked the gods that he was free (neither slave nor woman), and Aristotle suggested we regard the female as afflicted with a kind of natural defectiveness. These notions, put forth by philosophers over 2000 years ago, seem to have been used as a rationale for dismissing women as fit subjects for the study of the nature of humankind. Consequently we are taught to revere the thinkers of the ancient world, thrill at the heroic deeds of the knights of the Middle Ages, glory at the brilliant rebirth of learning in the "Renaissance Man," give grateful praise to the

reformers of the Church, and especially in this Bicentennial Year, give unbounded thanks to the framers of the Constitution. Granted, we are the recipients of a rich intellectual legacy, but how much deeper and grander it might have been had women been given a voice in its development; how much more universal if the inquiries had been into the "nature of persons;" how much more relevant if millions of the populace had not been dismissed as "defective."

Fortunately, the evolution of ideas is not static - it is an ongoing process - and hopefully this world will survive for another million or so years. We must, therefore, not only continue the fight for equality in our society, but we must also give strong encouragement and support to those of our sisters who would add to and enrich the world of ideas. They will be heard!

- Jane Twyman

**new
members!!**

(Clip and attach to your NOW Call List)

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Judy Jackson/2607 76th, Lubbock 79413/ 745-2533

Paula Richardson/ Rt. 5, Box 344-M, Lubbock 79407/ 792-1366

Sandra Shadwick/ 2520 21st, Lubbock 79409/ 744-6667

Briggs Twyman/ 3407 55th, Lubbock 79413/ 799-3789

PLEASE! BE ON TIME FOR THE PARADE!!! THANK YOU