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1. Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value

The IWDC has endorsed the May 27th action of the Equal Pay Coalition. The lunch-time at Queen's Park will have food, speakers and music. Cathy Skinner will speak on her experiences in the equal pay fight for public health nurses and a member of IWDC and Sean o'Flynn, president of OPSEU, will also be speaking. Marie-Lynn Hammond will be singing. We urge all of you who are able to make the protest to be there. For more details, please see the enclosed leaflet.

In connection with the protest on May 27th, the IWDC educational discussion on Wednesday, May 21st will be on Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value - both the issues raised by the slogan itself and the focus on the legislative approach. The meeting is at University Settlement House in the upstairs lounge at 7:30.

2. Anti-Abortion Rally

The IWDC participated in a counter-action to the Right to Life Mother's Day march, along with CARAL and others. The press coverage was reasonable and there was a good turnout especially considering the short notice.

3. Take Back the Night Demonstration

The IWDC also enthusiastically took part in this demonstration organized by the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre. The response was extremely good and the women were excited both by the great turn-out and strong, united spirit of the marchers.

4. Blue Cross Benefit

There will be a benefit for the Blue Cross Workers on Friday, May 23rd at the Macedonian Centre, 76 Overlea Blvd. The benefit will run from 8p.m.-2a.m. and admission is \$3.00. Any further information can be obtained from Wendy Cuthbertson at 497-4110.

5. Summer Meeting Plans

There are three more IWDC meetings before the summer begins. These meetings are all at the University Settlement House @ 7:30 p.m., 23 Grange Rd off McCaul. The dates are:

Wednesday, May 21st; Wednesday, June 4th; Wednesday, June 18th

For the summer, we have decided to combine business and pleasure, politics and friendship, continuity and relaxation by holding only one official business meeting AND two pot-luck picnics. The dates and places are as follows:

Wednesday, July 9th -PICNIC- 15 Washington Ave @ 6:30p.m.

Wednesday, July 30th - MEETING- University Settlement House @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20th - PICNIC - 15 Washington Ave. @ 6:30 p.m.

The first meeting in September will be at University Settlement House @ 7:30 p.m.

on : Wednesday , September 10th.

6. Educational Discussion Plans

Two educational discussions have tentatively been planned as follows:

June 18th - Matriarchy

July 30th - Violence Against Women as an issue of the women's movement

For the fall, we are planning to have a series of educational discussions focussing on various aspects of capitalist patriarchy. By examining such institutions as the family, and sexuality we are hoping to develop our understanding of the ways in which capitalism and patriarchy inter-relate, interact, intersect, contradict, develop and maintain our oppression as women.

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We want to move on from these more "analytical" discussions to questions of strategy- what are the implications of our analysis for a strategy to end our oppressions? We want to look at where our allies are and why they should be seen as our allies. We want to look at the role of the autonomous women's movement in the struggle for overall social change, as well as the role of socialist feminists.

The last IWDC meetings gave support to an educational programme centring around these questions. Our next meeting will finalize our approach and plans. More information on specific dates and topics will be sent out later in the summer for the fall discussions.

7. Financial Woes

Last year about this time we asked those of you who wanted to stay on our regular mailing list to send us a donation of \$3.00 to help us with the costs of duplicating and postage. Many of you responded and we have been able to cover costs of mailings for IWDC this year with this money and collections taken at meetings. We are again asking for a donation of \$3.00 (or more, if possible) to help us through another year. If you would like to receive our regular mailings, please send us the tear-off below, with your donation.

NOTE: We are also attempting to organize a telephone tree so that we can communicate more quickly and thoroughly for such things as the anti-abortion action and the "take back the night" demonstration. If you would like to be on such a telephone tree, please make sure that your phone number is included below

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER(S): home: _____
work: _____

ORGANIZATION(if any): _____

Please send to International Women's Day Committee, Box 70, Station "F",
Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2L4

EQUAL PAY

RALLY!

MAY 27 12 - 1:30 PM
400 UNIVERSITY AVE

The Ontario provincial government is about to spend millions of dollars informing women and employers of the existence of the present equal pay legislation. This is a poor response to cries from across the province that the present law is inadequate.

HELP EXPOSE THE HYPOCRISY OF THE DAVIS GOVERNMENT!

SUPPORT BILL 3 - EQUAL PAY FOR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE!

SPEAKER

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A woman presenting this coupon at the May 27 rally will be entitled to buy her lunch at 60% of the full price. This is because she is probably receiving about 60% of her full salary.