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President's message

Happy International Women's Day. This year's theme "Gathering our Strength" is certainly appropriate! With so many issues, all top priority, demanding attention, the need to focus on our common goals is all the more pressing.

It is clear that the agenda of the feds is not the agenda of the independent country of Canada representative of the desires and aspirations of its citizenry. With the provincial government pursuing fiscal policies at least as conservative as the Tories, it is small wonder that pollsters report a siege mentality taking hold. What a sorry piece of news. We are besieged by the governments we elected to serve us!

Who then 'stands on guard for thee'? For now, it looks like the women of Canada on every front. International Women's Day symbolizes our efforts to shape a better world, and never was our perspective more needed, our strength more necessary. It's a matter of survival, sisters.

Sarah Ogletree

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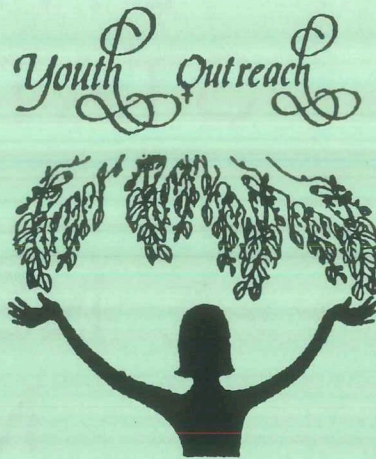
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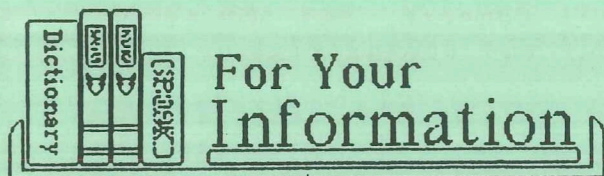
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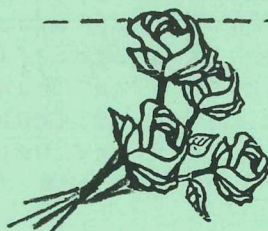
Sharon Whalen
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It is with regret that our Council must announce that our Youth Outreach project will no longer be funded. Since January of 1990, **SHARON WHALEN** has been coordinating a full compliment of services to young women throughout our Bay St. George communities. These services have included personal skills assessment and development counselling, assistance in resumé writing and interview skills, training and career counselling, school presentations, community visits and a variety of services designed to assist young women in making the transition from home to work or training. Many people have gotten to know Sharon and her work through her coordination of the successful October Youth Forum 1990. Although our Youth Program was scheduled to end in December of 1990, the Canada Employment Center through its job entry program provided interm funding which ended March 31. We are still hopeful that the vision of Youth Strategy will include funding a youth program which specializes in addressing the multifaceted problems of young women.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTER

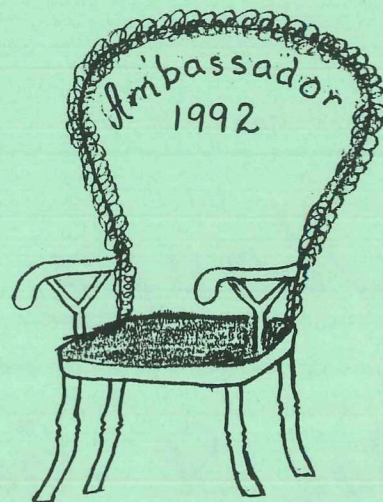


A very special thank you to **WENDY WILLIAMS**, President of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women and **Dr. BEATRIZ COUCH** a feminist theologian from Argentina. These women were the guests of our Council for a number of International Women's Day activities.



Our sympathies are extended to Council director **JUDY GILLIS** who has been off work since Christmas with a neck injury. Although Judy is dealing with a lot of physical discomfort, she drops in at the Women's Center for an occasional visit.

For some time our Council has been concerned with the issue of the Snow Queen Pageant and the exclusive message this activity sends to the communities who have now chosen Ambassador contests. We have sent correspondence and have had telephone conversations with the Carnival committee members who might like to pursue the idea of a more inclusive activity such as an Ambassador Contest. This of course would allow for the participation of young women and men. We are hoping that there can be some real discussion in the near future which would allow for promotion and education about allowing young men and women to represent our town based on their involvement in school and community activities.

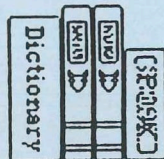


Two officials of the Newfoundland and Labrador Regional office of Secretary of State visited our Women's Center. **GERRY GODSOE** Regional Director and **PAULA SIMON** Program Officer were involved in meetings with staff and board members to discuss ongoing work and project plans for the year ahead.

News from the Women's Center (Continued)

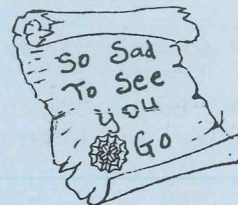


Congratulations to **MAUDE COCHRANE** who has been nominated as the 1990 Volunteer of the Year for the Bay St. George Status of Women Council. Maude first came to work at our Women's Center in the summer of 1987 as a student. Since that time she has continued to contribute an enormous amount of volunteer hours "retreating occasionally to seek paid employment". She returned from Goose Bay in 1990 and has been volunteering on a daily basis ever since. It is with pride that we submit her name for special recognition at the upcoming Stephen Awards.



The **Youth Outreach Program** has submitted two proposals in keeping with a request from the young women who attended our October Youth Forum. We have worked out a project to coordinate a forum to bring together young women and men to address issues focusing on teen pregnancy, date violence, training and career options, etc. In addition we are presently involved with a training and employment proposal for funding to allow single mothers to complete a comprehensive survey of the many social and economic concerns of the single mothers in the Bay St. George area.

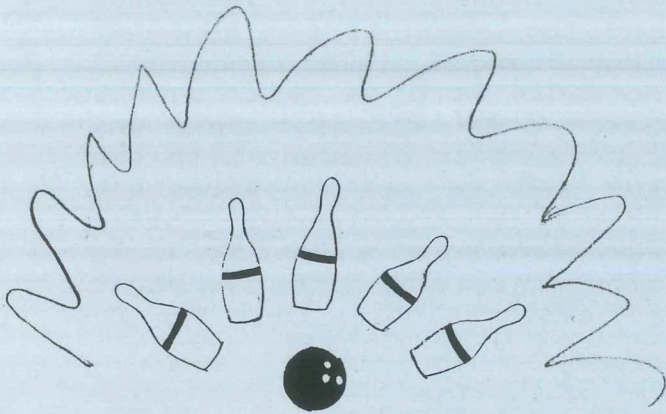
The Bay St. George Women's Council wishes to express a sincere thank you to **VAL HULAN** and the women of the **ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW)** for their splendid work in catering our March 7 IWD dinner. This was our first involvement with the ACW and we are in agreement that the splendid meal, excellent service, and friendly atmosphere added to our night of celebration. Look for us to seek your services again!



Good-bye and Good Luck to two women who have become our friends. **SUZANNE PATEY** and **GERRY RUMBOLDT** her co-worker. These women have spent the past two months doing a work placement at our Center. They were responsible for a number of supportive and maintenance services which are usually done on a "whenever you get time" basis. We have enjoyed the luxury of having a clean kitchen, vacuumed rooms, photocopying, and attention to our recycling efforts on a daily basis.

Although we met Suzanne and Gerry because of a request by the General Vocational Program of the Western Community College, we feel that we have grown and become sensitized to the issues around the disabled community. Gerry tells us she has grown in awareness from working in a feminist environment. But we feel that Suzanne and Gerry have taught us to always remember to be inclusive in our approach to women's issues.

And More News...



A noisy and passionate bowling game was our Council's contribution to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl of Millions fundraiser held March 16th in Stephenville. We are not quite sure just who coordinated this effort, but there was an obvious sigh of relief from the organizers when the women's team left the bowling alley.

The Women's Center team consisted of:

**JOYCE HANCOCK
ELAINE HANCOCK
MAUDE COCHRANE
MARIE GREEN
STELLA CAMPBELL**

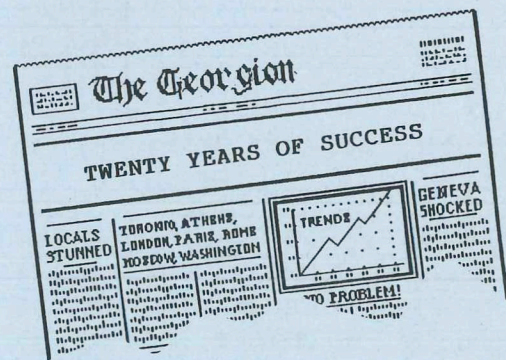
with assistance from **SUSAN FOWLOW** and **MELISSA MACLEAN**. They had challenged the Women's Council team who finally won the game. Council team members included:

**PEG JONES
DONNA MACLEAN
KAYLA OGLETREE
MICHELLE SKINNER
CHRISTINA OOSTHUIZEN**

and a rambunctious cheering section led by **SARAH OGLETREE** and **TAMMY HANSEN**. A special thanks to Big Brothers/Big Sisters executive Director **GLEN YOUNG** for his kind invitation to participate. The Jury's out "will you want us back next year?"

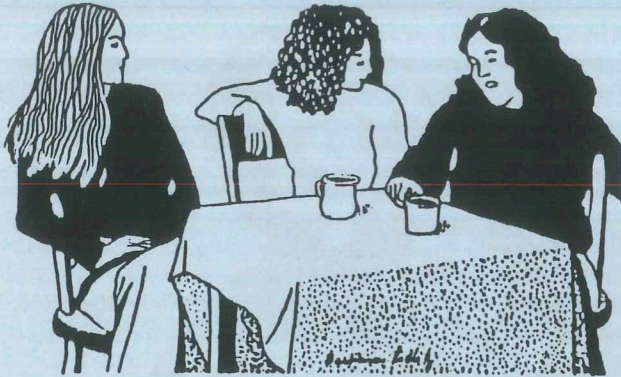
Council President, **SARAH OGLETREE** attended the Town Beautification Conference in Stephenville on Saturday, March 23rd. The conference was a series of workshops structured around environmental, health, recreational tourism, and economic development issues as they relate to the quality of life for the residents of Stephenville.

Special thanks to **YVONNE GILLINGHAM** for coordinating a session for single moms on the issues around "living on a limited budget." **MARY BALLARD DELANEY** a homemaker with the Stephenville Crossing Department of Social Services spent a evening with some single moms and students discussing food choices, creative cooking, sensible buying and a variety of parenting concerns.



Congratulations to the management, editor and staff of "The Georgian" on their anniversary. This community based paper has served the Bay St. George area for 20 years. Our organization continues to be grateful for the interest in women's issues and the feminist perspective on timely issues which is constantly sought by the editor and writers at the Georgian.

News from the Women's Center (Continued)



Sharon Whalen, Youth Outreach Worker, recently co-ordinated an activity which brought together a number of individuals concerned with the problems young people are facing in that transition period between school and the work place. Prior to the Conference, **Sharon Whalen**, **Brian House**-Youth Strategy Co-ordinator with the Stephenville Canada Employment Centre, and **Joyce Hancock**-Executive Director with the Bay St. George Women's Council, had several preliminary discussions regarding the objectives of the activity. The effort of Wednesday, March 13, was an attempt to bring together adults who have a special interest or experience in working on youth concerns.

The activity took place in Stephenville and provided a variety of perspectives on the problems of young people in our communities. Attending the forum were:

Sister Ann Campbell
Michelle Skinner
Chisholm Pothier
Stella Campbell
Maude Cochrane
Bonnie Tucker
Joyce Hancock
Sharon Whalen
Larry Bentley

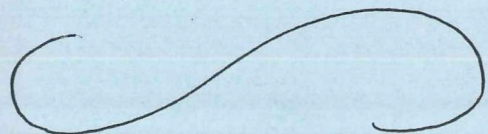
Jim Ross
Ruth Doyle
Mary Hoven
Jerry Cole
Peter Doyle
Brian House
Tammy Winsor
Susan Fowlow

It was certainly apparent that an interagency approach is a necessary component in assisting youth. In addition, the input of young people throughout our Bay St. George communities is a vital part of any decision making process affecting young men and women. There was an idea put forth for a similar Think Tank activity involving 20 - 25 young people from the communities which make up Bay St. George. Unfortunately, because CEC funding has run out for the Council's Youth Outreach Project, Sharon will not be able to pursue this activity. We are hoping that some school, agency, or government department will follow through on this idea.

The following is a sample of some items discussed at the March 13th Think Tank.

- high drop-out rate
- teen pregnancy
- lack of motivation or importance placed on education
- problem of dealing with low self-esteem/self-confidence
- everyone present agreed that the family and how it functions - Care! parenting skills, abuse, lack of support, etc..) should form the basis of addressing youth problems

A very special thank you to **Maude Cochrane** for providing secretarial assistance throughout the day.



Coordinator's message

Celebrations of any sort always lift my spirits, but the celebrating of International Women's Day (IWD) 1991 has allowed me to feel especially good. This time of year marks 6 years in existence for the Bay St. George Women's Council, and IWD seemed to portray a real sense of sharing within our communities.

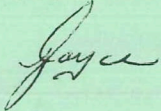
For many of us actively involved in women's struggle for equality and social justice issues it is not an every day occurrence to sense real acceptance and understanding of these feminist issues by men. However, the words of Stephenville Mayor Cec Stein at the IWD press conference, and the presence of some 20 men representing a number of community and government agencies left many of us feeling that our work is becoming openly accepted as necessary to our community's growth.

At this IWD celebration dinner it was wonderful to see nearly 70% new faces as women came from many parts of Bay St. George. It means so much to see women from our communities become comfortable and accepting of the feminist message.

For my friends who still struggles with what it means to be a feminist: Feminism is simply about believing that women's lives and experiences are as valid as those of men. For those of us who work for a more balanced society where women's experience is a part of all the decision making processes, feminism also means that we speak out about the realities of women's lives without apologizing; but with the sense that without working collectively we will never make changes that allow for women the freedom to choose.

The IWD events also leave me feeling once again privileged to work within an organization that is involved at a grassroots level and understands the necessity of intergrating our Women's Council as a partner in community development.

In sisterhood



Joyce Hancock

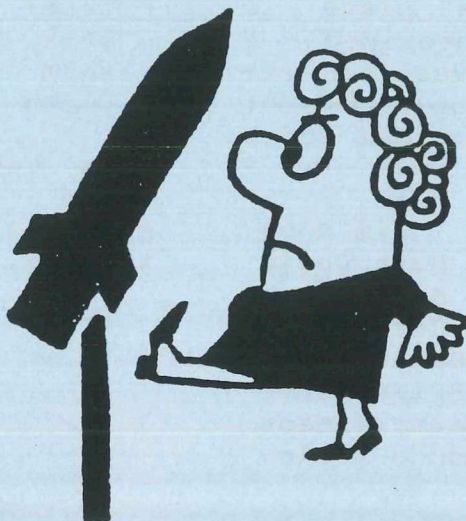
Happy 6th Anniversary
Bay St. George Women's Council



In an effort to reflect on the situation in the Gulf, our Council co-ordinated an economical program on Sunday, January 27th at the St. Augustine's Church in Stephenville. The program was sponsored by the Bay St. George Women's Center and the Anglican Church Education Committee. In excess of 100 people came out to participate on a wintery Sunday afternoon. Music, readings and song provided an opportunity to reflect on the issue of peace in the Gulf region. This activity was particularly poignant as several young Bay St. George men were a part of the Canadian Forces contingent involved in the Middle East crisis.

A special thanks to the following for their involvement in our "Pause for Peace".

TOM COLLIER, SR.
 SUSAN FOWLOW
 GORGETTE MARSHALL
 STELLA CAMPBELL
 TAMMY WINSOR
 PAT FRY
 RIELLY KENDALL
 REV. CHRISTINA OOSTHUIZEN
 TAMMY HANSEN
 JOYCE HANCOCK
 MAE LOMOND
 TRACEY MCCARTHY
 TRACEY ?



Just a little More ...

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR WOMEN WHO ARE ALCOHOL DEPENDENT

We are pleased to see that the Humberwood Center is offering a program for women who are recovering from alcohol or drug dependency. Women have continuously stated how so many 'status quo' programs do not speak to the particular needs of female alcoholics. A woman from our community offers the following for publication from Vis-à-vis.

The 12 Steps: A feminist model

We:

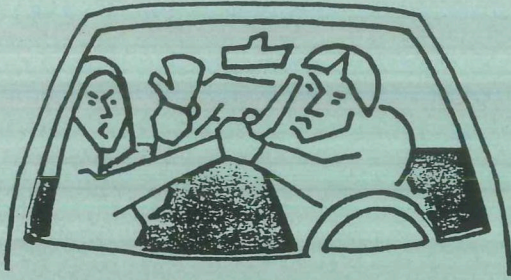
- 1 Admitted that we have a problem and recognized that our social environment contributes to our problem.
- 2 Recognized that help is available and that there are other ways of coping.
- 3 Became willing to change and asked for help.
- 4 Looked at both our healthy and unhealthy behaviours and coping skills.
- 5 Broke the silence — shared our lives, our pain, and our joy with others.
- 6 Became teachable; became willing to learn new healthy behaviours to replace our unhealthy behaviours.
- 7 Began to forgive ourselves and others.
- 8 Became aware of and accepted responsibility for the harm we caused ourselves and others, recognizing that we do not need to take responsibility for those who harmed us.
- 9 Did what we could, without harming ourselves or others, to repair these damages and not repeat the unhealthy behaviour.
- 10 Took responsibility for our day-to-day behaviour, recognizing both our healthy and unhealthy behaviours.
- 11 Developed our individual spirituality, seeking inner wisdom and strength.
- 12 As a result of ongoing healing and growth, we tried to live happier, healthier lives; learning to love and accept ourselves as we are; sharing our recovery with others.

In keeping with our vision to provide education and support within our Council, the February board meeting focused on feminist process and principles. The Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women had provided us with a copy of their board's "Guiding Principles" which were used as a basis for discussion. It was a great exercise to empower women while raising our awareness about feminist analysis. A special thank you to staff and volunteers who participated with board members in this process.

Congratulations to Council Board Member, **Gwen Lawson**, on her recent participation in the Group Art Show. Gwen's display entitled "What have I Done With My Life" appeared at the St. John's Eastern Edge Gallery during the month of March. We understand that from this showing, Gwen has been asked to do a solo show in February of 1992. **GREAT WORK GWEN!**

Two proposals have been submitted under the Challenge '91 student employment Program. The Women's Center is hoping to have students employed to reorganize the resource library and provide some much needed maintenance to the Center. The Single Moms group is hoping to hire 3 students to coordinate a number of recreational and learning activities for the kids of single moms.

Dating Violence



What Is Dating Violence?

Dating violence is the sexual, physical or emotional abuse of one partner by the other in a dating relationship where the couple is not living together. While incidents of violence against men do occur, violence against women is more pervasive, more systematic, and usually more severe.

How Widespread Is the Problem?

A study among 304 secondary students in Toronto revealed that one fifth of the young women surveyed reported having experienced at least one form of abuse in a dating relationship. Sixty percent of the students indicated that they had been exposed to dating violence, either directly as victims or perpetrators, or by having witnessed or heard of incidents.¹

A recent study at York University in Toronto suggests that the use of force in sexual relations is surprisingly acceptable to many young Canadians. Asked "If a girl engages in necking or petting and she lets things get out of hand, is it her own fault if her partner forces sex on her?" 31% of the males and 22% of females agreed.²

Facts to Consider

Date Rape

- Date rape has the lowest reporting rate of all forms of rape. It is estimated that only 1% of date rapes are reported to the authorities.⁴
- Victims of sexual assault are much more likely to report the crime to the police when it is perpetrated by a stranger than when it is committed by an acquaintance, friend, or partner.
- Date rape does not fit the stranger-in-the-dark-alley stereotype. As a result, many people fail to recognize it as sexual assault and mistakenly blame the victim for arousing the attacker.

- A recent report on date and acquaintance rape conducted among over 6100 students found that 84% of the women who had been sexually assaulted knew their attacker and that 57% of the rapes had happened on a date.⁵
- The same survey found that 75% of the men and 55% of the women involved in incidents of date rape had been drinking or taking drugs.⁶
- Many women who have been forcibly sexually assaulted while on a date do not identify the incident as rape.
- A survey conducted in Rhode Island among 1700 students in grades 6 to 9 revealed that 65% of the boys and 47% of the girls found it acceptable for a man to force a woman to have sex if they had been dating for more than six months.⁷
- Male victims are usually hesitant to report sexual assault as they fear that they will be ridiculed or perceived as homosexual.

Physical Abuse

- It is most often men who use violence and women who suffer it.
- Teenage victims of dating violence are often doubly isolated, first by being battered, and then by administrative barriers. Shelters for battered women cannot officially house women until they reach the age of majority (14 to 18, depending on the province or territory involved).⁸
- Dating violence is sometimes viewed by one or both partners as an indication of love, especially when it is perceived as a sign of jealousy. However, assault is about power, not passion.
- Women who are physically assaulted in dating relationships cite jealousy and attempts to end a romantic relationship as the most common reasons for the assaults.⁹
- The pressure to be seen to be dating can be a powerful motivation for young people. Many victims of dating violence may believe that having an abusive partner is better than not having a partner at all.

Emotional Abuse

- It is often difficult to recognize and identify emotional abuse because, unlike physical assault, there are seldom visible signs of the abuse.
- For many women, emotional abuse may be the most painful and damaging aspect of an abusive relationship. Even though they had sustained serious injuries as a result of physical abuse, most of the women surveyed in one study reported that verbal battering was the worst form of abuse they had experienced.¹⁰
- Emotional abuse may take the form of extreme social isolation. Offenders who isolate their partners from friends and family increase their feelings of powerlessness and helplessness.
- An abused woman does not have the power or the influence to stop her abuser's violence. Most abusive partners will not change their violent behaviour without receiving counselling that enables them to take personal responsibility for ending their abusive behaviour.¹¹

What Can Be Done to Prevent Dating Violence?

As an individual you can help young people by teaching them that:

- rape is a crime of violence, and that it is motivated by a desire to control and dominate, rather than by sexual interest;
- taking sexual advantage of a woman who is mentally or physically incapable of giving consent (for example, when intoxicated) is rape;
- the use of corporal punishment in the home or anywhere else is not acceptable. This form of discipline legitimizes violence and gives young people the mistaken message that force is an indication of love;
- coercion and verbal abuse are unacceptable forms of interaction in any relationship;
- controlling and possessive behaviour between friends or partners is inappropriate;
- excessive jealousy in a relationship often leads to manipulative and abusive behaviour;
- no one deserves to be abused, no matter what the provocation, and by acknowledging that battery is always wrong;
- unwanted sexual activity is abusive, damaging to the victim, and criminal;
- every woman has the unqualified right to say no to unwanted sexual activity;
- no one has the right to force sexual activity on another person, regardless of the nature of their relationship or how long they have been friends;
- violence is a crime, whether the abuser is a spouse, friend, acquaintance or stranger.

As a community member you can help by:

- Acknowledging that early violent relationships do not occur in a vacuum, but instead reflect a broader social reality where women are most often the victims and men the abusers in violent relationships.
- Encouraging your local school board to develop educational programs which promote healthier sex roles, offer information about sexual violence, and emphasize ways to resolve conflict without resorting to force.
- Encouraging the colleges and universities in your area to establish on-campus dating violence counselling and education services.
- Taking an active stand against local businesses that promote the normalization of violence against women (through pornography, offensive advertising, etc.).
- Helping to organize dating violence awareness and prevention programs in your community. As men and women become more aware of what dating violence is and how it occurs, they may be able to reduce its prevalence.

Information from ...

**The National Clearinghouse
on Family Violence**

International Women's Day

LILLIES & DOUGHBOYS

There was laughter and there were tears when SSS-T-C performed there special International Women's Day piece intituled "LILLIES & DOUGHBOYS". STELLA CAMPBELL, SUSAN FOWLOW, SARAH ANDERSON, TAMMY HANSEN AND CINDY O'NEIL were greeted with thunderous applause when their show ended. Women left the hall sensitized, enlightened, and personally touched by the show's dramatization and song. From the comedy, music, and profound reflections on relationships and violence the audience were emotionally connecting with the message these talented women were presenting.

The Bay St. George Women's Council offers it warmest thanks to SSS-T-C for making our IWD celebration dinner such a successful and memorable event.



ANNIVERSARY QUILT

In Bay St. George a big part of our celebration this year centered around the tour of the Provincial Advisory Council's 10th Anniversary Quilt. This beautiful quilt was created piece by piece by women's organizations from Newfoundland and Labrador. The quilt was in our Bay St. George communities for over 3 weeks and has been hung in the French Centers in Mainland and Cape St. George, at the Stephenville Town Hall, the lobby of the Western Community College headquarters, and the Arts & Culture Center's main lobby. It is estimated that over 3000 people have had the opportunity to see the quilt and read a description of the women's groups responsible for its creation.

A special thanks to the following women who assisted in organizing our 1991 International Women's Day activities:

MARIA RENOUF	MAYOR CECIL STEIN
JOYCE HANCOCK	YVONNE GILLINGHAM
SHARON WHALEN	MYRNA LEE KIELLY
SANDRA RENOUF	TAMMY WINSOR
ELAINE HANCOCK	RITA GREENE
SARAH OGLETREE	OLGA DUFFY
MAUDE COCHRANE	
REV. CHRISTINA OOSTHUIZEN	



International Women's Day

FEMINIST SPEAKS AT WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESS CONFERENCE & RECEPTION

On International Women's Day, the Stephenville Town Chambers was the sight of a press conference and reception celebrating this special day in women's history and introducing the Anniversary Quilt, along with a number of women who had each crafted a patch. **WENDY WILLIAMS** presented the history of the quilt's creation and welcomed:

- **GERALDINE KERFONT** representing the quilt piece from Les Femmes Francophones de La Grand Terre
- **SISTER AGNES SESK** from the Presentation Sisters
- **CONSTANCE RENOUF** from Les Terre Neuviens Français
- **ALLISON DANCEY** from the Painting & Decorating Class
- **MARIA RENOUF** from the Bay St. George Status of Women Council
- **JENNIFER O'QUINN** from the Women's Enterprise Bureau

Stephenville Mayor, **CECIL STEIN** gave a moving and supportive speech which provided the women with a sense of solidarity on many of the issues as they relate to recent federal and provincial government cuts. On hand for the press conference were representatives of many community groups including the Chamber of Commerce, Canada Employment Center, Department of Social Services, Community Futures, John Howard Society, Western Community College, and nearly 60 other individuals who came to share in celebrating IWD as a community event.

WENDY WILLIAMS and **DR. BEATRIZ COUCH** were guest speakers at the Western Community College during the afternoon of IWD. The talk was organized by Community Studies students **MYRNA LEE KEILLY** and **OLGA DUFFY** and was well attended by some 80 students, staff, and the general public. It was great to see a class from St. Stephen's High school also attend to listen to Wendy and Beatriz talk about feminist issues. For many of those present it was their first exposure to the issues facing women in a third-world country like Argentina.

Following the presentations there was a question period which allowed the audience to hear a little about these women's personal commitment to feminist issues.

VISIT TO CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

A fitting end to IWD celebration was a visit to the Stephenville Women's Correctional Center. **WENDY WILLIAMS**, **DR. BEATRIZ COUCH**, **REVEREND CHRISTINA OOSTHUIZEN**, and **JOYCE HANCOCK** spent a couple of hours meeting with Assistant-Superintendent, **MARY ENNIS**, touring the facility and talking with inmates. Beatriz was delighted to meet and talk with Mary Ennis who had spent an number of years working in Peru and could converse with Beatriz in her own language.

The open discussions with the Correctional Centre's residents was an opportunity for the women to talk a little about their lives and concerns as women in conflict with the law. When Beatriz compared the institution to the prisons in Argentina the women were amazed to learn that there was no heat provided in Argentinan prisons.

We are grateful to these women for sharing a little of their time with us and we extend a special thanks to Mary Ennis for arranging our visit.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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International Women's Day 1991 included a number of activities which allowed our Bay St. George Women's Council to increase its community profile and to connect with other women in the outlying communities.

IWD DINNER

On Thursday, March 7, over 100 women came together in Stephenville to enjoy a dinner and entertainment. The Anglican Church Women (ACW) provided a wonderful hot turkey dinner which one of our guests commented was "the best home cooked meal they had experienced away from home." The meal was complimented with a delicious variety of pies and the warm hospitality of the ACW. The tables were decorated by our M's (MARIA RENOUF & MAUDE COCHRANE) with candles, carnations, and napkins, in the feminist colours of green, purple and white. Council's Executive Director, JOYCE HANCOCK, spoke to the gathering on the significance of IWD and the necessity of women collectively addressing the issues which affect their lives so profoundly. WENDY WILLIAMS, President of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women bought greeting from the Advisory Council and provided us with information on the work of our foremothers in obtaining suffrage in Newfoundland and Labrador. (Women on the island did not get the right to vote until 1925 and in Labrador 1949).



DR. BEATRIZ COUCH a feminist theologian from Argentina spoke to us on the terrible atrocities suffered by women and children under a military regime in her country. She appealed to Canadians to look at the plight of her country and many other third world countries suffering human rights violations on a daily basis. Following a performance by the female entertainment troop SSS-T-C. Council president Sarah Ogletree thanked the women for attending, some of whom came from the francophone communities of Mainland and Cape St. George on the Port Au Port peninsula.

Roses and Burnt Toast Awards

In this feature we want to highlight positive contributions to the status of women, hence the rose. Detrimental actions are awarded burnt toast. See if you agree with the awards. Send us your favorite nominations.



To STELLA CAMPBELL, SUSAN FOWLOW, SARAH ANDERSON, TAMMY HANSEN, and CINDY O'NEIL (SSS-T-C) for their IWD production "LILLIES & DOUGHBOYS."

To St. John's provincial court Judge, FRED WOOLRIDGE, for placing expediency above the law, and proving once again, that the court system revictimizes women.

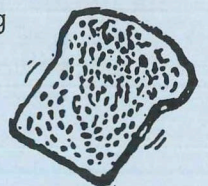


To the men and women of the JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY'S JANITORAL PROJECT for the excellent "spring cleaning" of our Women's Center.

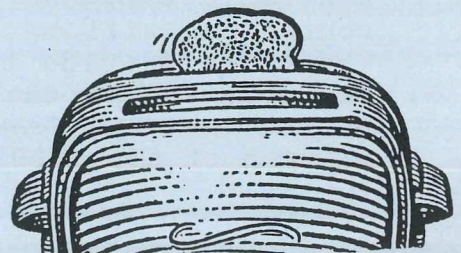
To PRIME MINISTER BRIAN MULRONEY and the feds for their bottom line mentality seeking to wipe out Canadians' social contract.



To PREMIER CLYDE WELLS and the provincial government for saying "me too" to the feds!

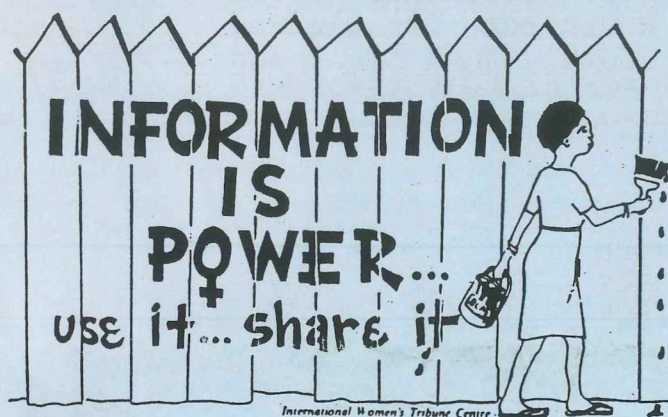


To business owner, GEORGE LEE for considering the leisure needs of area teenagers by opening the West Street "TEEN ZONE".



NOTICE OF EVENTS

A conference is being planned which will involve Francophone women from Port au Port Peninsula, St. John's, and Labrador City. The sessions will be held in Stephenville on **April 19 - 21** but will involve a visit to the French communities on the Port au Port Peninsula. The Conference has been co-ordinated by L'Association Francophone du Labrador with assistance provided by Velma Felix of La Federation Des Francophones De Terre Neuve et Labrador. Maria Renouf, secretarial support staff with our Bay St. George Women's Council has been offering assistance with the small details of conference planning. The Women's Center has invited the Francophone women to an open house and luncheon on the Friday of their arrival in Stephenville.



An open session on "Women and Aids" will take place at the Lecture Theatre of the Stephenville campus of the Western Community College. Cathy Kennedy, a Public Health Nurse from Corner Brook, will be the presenter of the workshop which will begin at **7:30 p.m. on April 18th**. For further information, please contact the Women's Center at 643-4444 or Marg Lockyer at 643-7741.

The 1991 Provincial Women's Lobby will now take place on **Monday, April 15** with a weekend conference and training session planned for St. John's, **April 13 - 15**. Presently women's organizations are meeting by teleconference to discuss the main issues affecting them locally and provincially. One can only imagine how multifaceted our issues have become with the federal and provincial budgets! Special thanks to Judy Gillis, Donna MacLean, Joyce Hancock, Peggy Jones, Sarah Ogletree, and Elaine Hancock for their continued participation in the Provincial Lobby teleconferences. Good luck to Sarah in representing the Bay St. George Women's Council at the Lobby.

The Women's Enterprise Bureau is sponsoring a "Women Growing into Business" conference to study the business planning process **April 27th**. The sessions will address subjects including personal assessment, idea generation, researching the idea, markets, and available business support agencies. The Keynote Speaker for the conference will be Marine Mirabelle, author of "Change the Rules: The Women's Guide to Starting a Successful Business". Information or registration can be obtained by calling the Women's Enterprise Bureau in St. John's at 754-5555 or Outreach Worker, Jennifer O'Quinn at 695-9690.

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