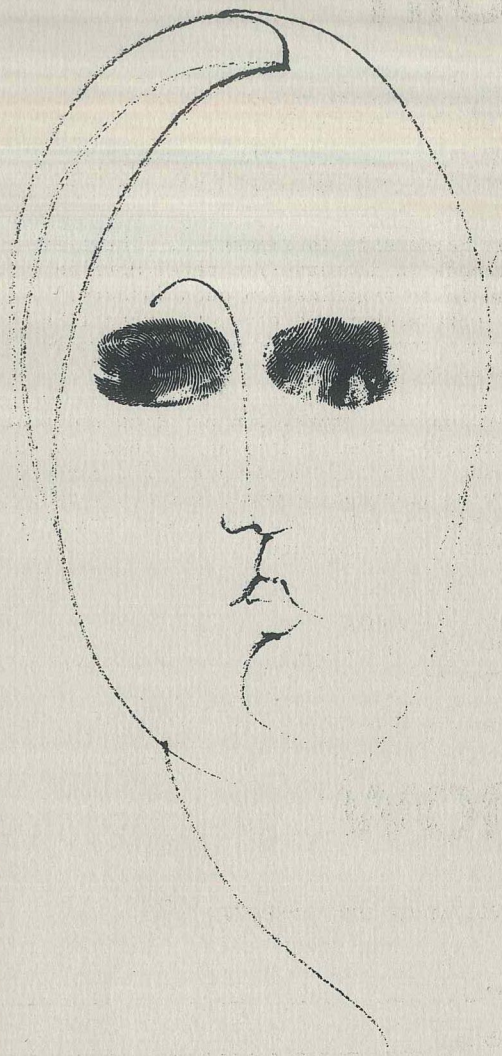


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Vancouver Status of Women



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Your membership is important. There is strength in numbers--and never more so than in an organization such as ours. The more members we have, the more likely the government and the community are to listen to our views.

Your support, your volunteer time and your financial contributions add strength to our cause. Join and become part of a rapidly growing movement of women and men working together to help Canadian women attain equal rights in our society.

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Membership donation \$ _____

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Renewal _____ New member _____

Membership to be renewed each year

We Support

EDUCATION

Equal opportunity and access to education for both sexes. Removal of admission quotas based on sex, age and marital status and equal access to government up-grading and job training programs. Re-orientation of the educational system to eliminate sex discrimination at all levels of education. Replacement of school books which do not portray women in modern day roles. Equal budgets and encouragement to participate in athletic programs. Non-sexist vocational and academic counselling. Provision for women's studies courses and inclusion of the contributions of women in other courses of study.

WOMEN IN POVERTY

Provision of a chance for dignity through access to job training, adequate housing and a guaranteed minimum income.

CHILD CARE

Provision of quality child care centres, assurance that this service is available to all children and is adequate to meet the needs of pre-schoolers to adolescents and is responsive to the needs of parents and the community. Change in income tax laws to permit working parents to deduct the full cost of child care as an expense.

PENSION FOR HOUSEWIVES

Changes in federal pension plan to permit the spouse at home to be included in the plan and to collect a pension in her or his own right.

BIRTH CONTROL AND ABORTION

Access to professional birth control advice and change of laws governing abortion so that every woman, regardless of income level or geographic location, has the right to control of her own reproductive life.

EQUAL PAY AND OPPORTUNITY

Enforcement of legislation which requires equal pay for the same work, regardless of the sex of the person doing the job.

Encouragement of all employers, including government, to ensure women have equal opportunity for promotion. Legislation to eliminate sex discrimination in pension plans and fringe benefits.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND FAMILY LAW

Revision of legislation to equalize obligations of each spouse to the other and for the care and custody of the children. Recognition of marriage as an equal economic partnership by changing legislation to provide that at the dissolution of the marriage all assets acquired during the marriage, except through inheritance or gift, be divided equally. Rights for married women to establish separate domicile and to obtain credit. Acceptance of the view of marriage as an equal partnership in all its aspects.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Encouragement of women of all political affiliations to seek nomination and election at every level of government and to participate in the political decision-making process. Pressure for appointment of qualified women to public boards, agencies and commissions.

WOMEN'S IMAGE IN THE MEDIA

Pressure for realistic portrayal of women as competent individuals both in and out of the home. Pressure for an end to advertising which portrays women as objects or possessions.

Status of Women

Since the Status of Women was organized in 1971 it has become a respected voice for women who are determined to bring about changes in legislation and attitude regarding women in our society.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN

- To promote action on The Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada.
- To foster public knowledge of the rights and status of women in Canada.
- To facilitate communication between individuals and groups concerned about the status of women.

RESOURCES

In addition to the work done by an active group of volunteers, Status of Women has a permanent office and a full time paid staff, financed by government grants and donations from members. An ombuds service staff assists women who face discrimination because of their sex. This service, which is available to any woman without charge, provides assistance to women facing discrimination in employment, pay, rental of living accommodation and obtaining credit. It also provides information for any woman facing a marital breakdown. Information regarding individual cases is kept confidential but statistical data is maintained to support requests to government or others for changes in legislation or practices. A women's information centre is maintained and research is undertaken on various projects. A speakers' bureau provides knowledgeable speakers for groups requesting information on the women's movement.

KINESIS

Kinesis is a monthly newspaper provided to the membership for the communication of ideas and information.

What YOU Can Do!

An improvement in the status of women requires a great many changes in attitudes toward women at work, women in public life and women in the home.

This change can only come about if every woman makes a personal effort to change the attitudes of those around her--at home, at work, and in the community.

This is what you can do:

In your own home encourage your daughters, as well as your sons, to train for worthwhile careers. Teach the whole family to look on household chores as a group responsibility to be shared by the family, not as the sole duty of the mother.

At work get together with other women to work toward equal pay and equal opportunity for advancement.

In the community encourage discussion of women's rights issues among your friends and in groups to which you belong. Become familiar with the recommendations of the Status of Women Report and let the government, both federal and provincial, know you favour changes in laws affecting women.

Your active involvement is most welcome in any of several membership activities within the Vancouver Status of Women. These are aimed at bringing about changes in both legislation and social attitudes and in helping women attain an increased sense of self-worth. To find out about current activities phone our office - 736-3746.