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ASWAC Events

From the ASWAC Newsroom

We welcome submissions and advertising (please see policies) from the women's community. Deadline for submissions is August 20, 1993, publication date is September 3, 1993. We especially need input from areas outside the major cities.

Welcome New Board Members

At our AGM on May 15th we received some new Board Members and kept some of our existing Board Members. We would like to welcome all new Board Members and thank all the outgoing Board (see "Hug These Women"). We look forward to the upcoming year with this group of women. Welcome! *Continued Page 10*

EDITORIAL POLICY

The ASWAC Newsletter is published by The Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, a non-profit organization. The newsletter is produced by, for, and about women in Alberta. The newsletter was created to share information with our members and women's organizations, as well as interested women.

The views expressed and the events publicized are not necessarily supported by ASWAC. We neither endorse nor recommend; we seek to inform.

ASWAC News is produced on a collective, consensus, volunteer basis by the newsletter collective and ASWAC staff. We welcome submissions-written or photo/graphic. All submissions may not be included; we reserve the right to edit to ensure that the content is not in opposition to our mission statement. We encourage women to tell us when we do not meet our own standards.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee is to advance the status of women in Alberta by providing a forum for women's voices, raising awareness and sharing resources to effect change.

Our Feature

This issue we would like to feature our Regional Representatives (Reg. Reps.). These women play an important role in ASWAC events and projects. This year we only have four Reg. Reps: in order to accomplish our goals and increase our outreach, we invite women who are interested in promoting ASWAC in their community to contact the Edmonton office. This article is written by the Regional Representatives themselves.

The Job:

Regional Representatives have great autonomy and initiative in selecting activities; however, the following are activities which have been suggested by women who are experienced Reg. Reps. for ASWAC: •contact past or expired ASWAC members in your area. •encourage new members to join ASWAC •distribute ASWAC information, events of interest and newsletters in your area •act as a local contact •help on committees or coalitions in your area as the ASWAC rep •do a survey of local members to find out who they are, what they are interested in and what their needs are •inform the nearest ASWAC office of events happening in your area •work with ASWAC on volunteer projects •tailor ASWAC's provincial campaigns to fit with your community's interest and needs •host events in your area •find other women who may be interested in being Reg. Reps. or Board members and share your knowledge with them.

The Reg. Reps. meet on a regular basis and submit ideas/concerns to the ASWAC Board.

This years Reg. Reps. are interested in finding new women to join them. The current Reg. Reps. are:

Aine Humble (Edmonton)-I am a professional student who has lived in Edmonton most of my life. Currently, I am working on my Masters degree in Family Life Education. My interest in women's issues were cultivated when I completed a diploma in Early Childhood

Development, a female dominated profession which is consistently undervalued and under-paid.

It was not until I volunteered at ASWAC's conference in 1992 that I fully realized my feminist tendencies. After hearing Naomi Wolf speak, I officially declared myself a feminist and have been active with ASWAC ever since. I worked for ASWAC during the summer of '92 in a SEED position, working with an advisory committee in creating "Women Living in Poverty," an educational package for high school students. Shortly after that, I was thrown into the thick of things; involved in my first Take Back The Night march/rally. I was a media contact person and was also seen screaming into a megaphone, leading women in chants. I found the whole experience very empowering and found the sense of solidarity and commitment among women very encouraging.

I am looking forward to representing ASWAC locally in the Edmonton area. I am very concerned about gender issues and the use of language and stereotypes by the media and entertainment industry. I would like to see ASWAC's membership increase and am looking forward to meeting local members. I am also excited about being involved with Take Back The Night again this year. Please feel free to contact me through the Edmonton office.

Francine Wilson (Fort McMurray)-I have always had a feminist spirit and, as a woman, I feel that I have always inevitably been a part of the feminist movement. My active involvement did not begin, however, until 1992 when, following my interest in feminism, I attended the ASWAC conference. Directly after the conference, I wrote an article about what an awe inspiring experience it was. I felt a connection with other women based on our womanhood and went away with a newer sense of identity. I

Alberta Feminist Calendar

We welcome notices of your events. Please see page one of this issue for further information.

June 15 is election day, remember to vote.

Calgary

Sexuality and Life Enhancement. The 15th Annual Guelph Conference and Training Institute on Sexuality, will take place June 14-16. A Continuing Education Conference organized by The Department of Family Studies, University of Guelph. For more information, call Diane at 269-1144.

June 20 kicks off Gay & Lesbian Pride Week. Kick-off Rally and Parade, 6 pm City Hall Plaza. Speakers include Betty Baxter, lesbian New Democrat running against Kim Campbell in the upcoming federal election. Everyone who supports equality for gays, lesbians and bisexuals is invited to attend! For further information, call the Calgary Lesbian and Gay Political Action Guild at 266-5318.

Saturday, June 12, Calgary Immigrant Aid Society presents: Employment Standards (in Cantonese), at 900A, 825-8th Ave., S.W., from 2-4 pm in Room 902, CIAS. For further information, call 265-1120.

Wednesday, June 16th the Calgary Women's Network Breakfast Meeting will be held at the Palliser Hotel, 7-8 am. For reservations, call 283-5994. These breakfast meetings are open to all women.

Action Canada Network Calgary Meeting will be held June 16th at 7 pm, at the Calgary Labour Council, 3rd Fl., 315-10th Ave. S.E. Open to all interested in fighting NAFTA.

Calgary Poverty Focus Group Meeting will be held June 17 at 7 pm at the John Howard Society, 200, 1010-1st St. S.W. For more information, call Marilyn at 235-1339.

Calgary Birth Control Association's AGM will be June 17th. The feature guest speaker is Debbie Brueckner, speaking on "The Future of Healthy Feminist Organizations." Everyone welcome. RSVP to CBCA 283-5580.

"Windsocks, Quilts and Political Potholders" The YWCA Calgary Women's Resource Centre invites women

to drop in Friday afternoons, 1-4 pm, to learn or use your sewing skills. Join us at 325-10th St., N.W. or phone 283-5994 for more information.

Watch for "Celebrating Women" events monthly. If you want to confirm dates or perform, call Kerry at 244-7732.

Every Tuesday, Pandora's Studio (CJSW 90.9 FM) has current issues and women in the arts, from 8-9 pm. Also, every Tuesday from 9-10 CJSW features women's music.

The Calgary Status of Women Action Committee Working Collective Meeting is June 23rd from 5:30-8 pm. Light supper provided. Room 200A at the Old Y, 223-12th Ave., S.W. All women welcome. For more information, call 262-1873. Watch for details about their AGM in September.

A Lesbian Women's Support Group meets June 24th from 7:30-9:30 pm. An informational, educational support group for lesbians to gain a better insight, understanding and acceptance of themselves and the issues that concern them. For more information, call 277-6247 or 277-4735.

June 29th, the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society presents: Canada Pension Plan (in Spanish) from 2-4 pm at 900A, 825-8th Ave. S.W. in the CIAS Boardroom. Phone 265-1120 for more information.

Take Back The Night March organizing meetings are June 10, July 5 and July 26 at 6 pm at the Calgary Sexual Assault Centre. All women are welcome. Many volunteers will be needed. If you are interested, call Donna at 237-5515 or Carolyn at 276-5999.

Call For Artwork: submissions sought for the design of this year's Take Back The Night T-shirts and posters. The successful design will relate to safety and empowerment for women and children. The logo should be camera ready and include: Take Back The Night 1993 (September date is optional). The successful entry will receive an honorarium and a t-shirt bearing their design. Deadline for submission is June 30th. Send to: TBTN Committee, c/o Calgary Sexual Assault Centre, #300, 855-8th Ave., S.W., Calgary, T2P 3P1. For further information, call Donna at 237-5515 or Carolyn at 276-5999.

Calgary's Take Back The Night March and Rally will be held September 17th; watch for more details.

Alberta Feminist Calendar

Edmonton

May 12 through June 30, the Edmonton Space & Science Centre features: "Women of Invention." Discover the women and their inventions that changed our lives. The Space Science Centre is at 11211-142 Street.

The Millwoods Centre for Immigrants is located at #116, 2024-57 St. phone 490-0477. The Centre is featuring "Crossing the Line," a video drama depicting teen/parent conflict, on June 17th at #214, Tawa Centre at 1 pm. A single women's support group meets every third Friday at 6 pm, for a potluck. Free babysitting is available. Every Friday from noon to 6 pm is a drop in for women. Many other classes and groups meet at the centre; please call for further information.

"Women Who Own Themselves:" Hearing the voices of community Metis women. A conference on the meaning of self-government to community Metis women held in conjunction with Women of the Metis Nation Annual General Meeting on June 11, 12 & 13, at the Palace Inn, 4235 Calgary Trail. For more information, call 484-7989.

Edmonton's Gay & Lesbian Pride Week 93 is June 18-27, come celebrate with us!

-June 18: Drawing The Line: Lesbian sexual politics on the wall. Latitude 53 Gallery, 10137-104 St, 8-10 pm.

-Womospace and Gay & Lesbian Community Centre Co-sponsor LesBiGay Pride Dance on June 19th, 8 pm-1 am at Bonnie Doon Hall, 9420-93 St. Refreshments & Cash bar. Members \$5, non-members \$8 (membership cards required).

-Sunday, June 20, Visions Morning Church Service at the Unitarian Church 12530-110 Ave., 10:30 am.

-June 20 LesBiGay Business Fair at the Inn on 7th, 10001-107 Ave, 11 am-5 pm, Admission is \$2.

-Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, June 21, Zeidler Hall 9828-101A Ave, 7 pm with a reception to follow. June 22-23 N.F.B. Theatre 9700 Jasper Ave 7 & 9 pm. Tickets \$5 GLCCE members, \$7 non-members.

-June 24, Pride without Prejudice: An evening of artful inspirations, Occhiali, 10416-82 Ave, 8-11 pm, phone 433-6759 to confirm attendance prior to June 22.

-June 24, Live music at Boystown, 10116-124 St, 7-9:30 pm, free admission, sponsored by Womospace.

-June 25, Mo-Town: A Unity For 94 Benefit, at The Dance Factory, 10147-104 St at 10 pm. Tickets \$5 advance, \$8 door.

-June 25, Summer Solstice Dance, at the Riverdale Community Hall, 9231-100 Ave, at 8:30 pm, tickets \$7. This event sponsored by The Edmonton Women's Music Collective.

-June 26, Pride Day Parade & Rally at McIntyre Gazebo Park, 83 Ave & 104 St. 1:30 pm. Everyone come out!

-June 26, Pride Day Picnic at Queen Elizabeth Park, 8900-106 St, 4:30-6:30 pm. Hosted by Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

-June 26, Voices of Pride Vocal Minority Concert, at Convocation Hall, U of A Campus at 8 pm. Tickets: \$7-\$10 advance, \$13 door, with Comfortable Shoes and Dance Theatre of Canada.

-June 27, Pride-A-Thon, at Kinsmen Park Field House, west parking lot, 10 am - 2 pm.

-June 27, Lesbian & Gay Wrap-Up Party at Boots & Saddles, 10242-106 Street.

For more information about these events call the GLCCE Information Line at 491-7515 or Lesbian Life Line at 425-0511.

June 30 at 7 pm at the Women's Building, lower floor, 9930-106 St., the first organizing meeting for the 1993 Take Back The Night March/Rally will take place. All interested organizations and individual women are welcome to attend. We will need lots of volunteers. Please call 421-0306 for further information.

Aids Awareness Week is October 4-10 and planning is underway. This year's theme is promoting health for everyone and the slogan is "Strong Lives-Strong Community." Phone Denis at 488-5742 for more information.

The AIDS Network of Edmonton is holding their Annual General Meeting at 7:30 pm, June 16 at the Unitarian Church Building, 12530-110 Ave. Members and supporters are invited; for further information, call 488-5742.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Edmonton Multicultural Society. This meeting will be held at #414, 10136-100 Street, Edmonton, Thursday, June 24, 1993 at 7 pm. For addition information call 420-6866.

June 15 is election day, remember to vote!

ASWAC Members Take Note!!!

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Write On !

As feminists, it is important that we are politically active in whatever capacity we can. While political activism takes on a variety of meanings for a variety of people, one method of activism in which many of us can participate is letter writing. Writing letters to M.L.A.s and M.P.s is an extremely effective way of lobbying on an individual basis. Letters from individuals carry more weight than letters signed on behalf of a group. In order to provide ASWAC's membership with information regarding issues warranting letters, we have created this section for political information sharing. To this end, we encourage members to let us know of letter writing campaigns in which they are involved. **Please send a copy of your letter to the Edmonton ASWAC office.**

Do you know that in Alberta, lesbian & gay people are not legally protected from discrimination? Gays can be fired from jobs, denied access to public services, evicted from rental homes, refused custody of their children, and are currently victims of violence and hate. To express a person's identity is not a privileged position, it is a basic human right. All people must act and help support our lesbian sisters and gay brothers; call & write your M.L.A. and the Alberta Human Rights Commission. Recently, in Edmonton, Mayor Jan Reimer proclaimed Gay Pride Day and has met with harsh criticism. Please call the Citizens Action Centre in Edmonton and voice your support, 496-8200. The term sexual orientation refers to heterosexuals, homosexuals or bisexuals. It is used to describe an aspect of a person's identity, not a sexual activity.

Celia Felipe is a domestic worker and has worked for three years under a foreign workers visa, for a take home pay of \$600 plus room and board. Her employers are very pleased with her work and give her excellent recommendations. At the end of two years, domestic workers are allowed to apply for landed immigrant status. Celia has been denied landed immigrant status as medically inadmissible. In October, 1990, Celia was diagnosed with breast cancer, which was treated between January and March 1991. Since this time she was found to be in excellent health, with her breast cancer in complete remission. On 6

May 3, 1993, Celia was examined again and given a clean bill of health. There have been several cases in Alberta where foreign domestic workers have been treated unfairly. These women are completely powerless and have no where to appeal the rulings. An Advocacy Committee is now being set up to help Celia obtain her landed immigrant status. We know that other cases will turn up in the future. Since this is a Canada-wide problem, we would like to hear from other concerned groups. We ask that you write to your M.P. and Minister of Immigration, Bernard Valcourt at Place de Portage, Phase 4, 14th floor, 140 Promenade de Portage, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0J9. For more information call/write to G. Bailey R.R. 1 Westrose, Alberta, T0C 2V0. (403) 586-2983.



Thursdays 5:00 P.M.

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Hug These Women

The following women have helped out in many ways and without these continuing efforts we would cease to be. We thank the following women for their valuable time and wonderful energy.

A really big hug to Jane Pawson for her help with the AGM. A really big get well soon, cause we miss you!

A special hug to Bev Palibroda who has helped out in the office and helped tie the Lobby Day together.

Thanks and hugs to Deb Schimmens (formerly Stewart-Furmanski) who has helped with phone calls and mail outs.

Hugs, kisses and welcome to Vidya Kumar who has been hired for our SEED position and who has helped out in so many other ways we can't count them all.

Thanks to Judy Rebick who came to Edmonton to speak to our members.

Kisses, hugs and thanks to Christine Leonard who has spent so much of her time editing and writing for ASWAC!

Thanks and hugs to Jenny Kain who helped out with phoning and the Lobby Day.

Thank you to Janet Walter for her morning workshop, at the AGM, that we all enjoyed so much.

Big hugs and kisses to Cathy Bray, Jane Wiley, Anne McGrath and Mary Bell. All of whom have helped with the AGM and the new Board.

Thanks and hugs to Susan Jackal for all her work at Lobby Day.

Thank you to all the wonderful women who attended this years AGM. Your support is felt by ASWAC staff and Board.

Thanks to Planned Parenthood of Edmonton & Minolta for their help with our publications and photocopying.

Thanks to A.U.P.E. for their support!

A really big hug to all who helped with

donations of money and time, in putting together our "Women's Votes Count" publication.

Kisses to Monica Walker for her work on our latest publications and all her support.

Hugs and kisses to Dorothy Mandy, NAC Alberta representative.

The biggest hugs go to all the wonderful women who made up ASWAC's Board and Regional Representatives for 1992-93: Claire Robillard, Lorraine Gregoire, Tammy Horne, Jenny Kain, Moyra Lang, Christine Leonard, Cathy Meade, Sharon Reiner, Deb Schimmens, Anne McAuley, Nancy Miller, Nicole Balmer, Paula Ferneyhough, Francine Wilson, Gerry Bailey, Lori Crocker, Jocelyn Bathgate, Anne Dickason. This was truly a wonderful Board to be part of. Thanks.

Men, their rights and nothing more; women,
their rights and nothing less.

Susan B. Anthony

NEEDED: WOMEN TO FORM A MAIL-OUT COMMITTEE!

We really do need help. The staff and a group of regular volunteers have been doing all the ASWAC mail-outs. These women are burnt out and need a new group to take over this task. Most mail-outs are done in the evening but if you're available during the day, we can get you working. This task is vital to our continuing work and we need your help. Please call Moyra at 421-0306 to join this committee.

Women welcome! All colours, cultures, shapes, sizes & ages, gay, straight, single, married, divorced, widowed, unemployed, employed, happy, sad, mothers, daughters, educated, uneducated, all. A new circle is forming. Get in now, maximum 13! Goals: Consciousness raising, empowerment, friendship, support and Fun! Feminist orientation. First meeting July 10/93, 7:30 - 10:30 pm. Call Crystal for details. (editors note: there was no phone number given with this submission, please call Moyra at 421-0306 and I'll try and pass on names of interested women to Crystal. List will be kept in order of phone calls received.)

Our Feature Continued

received an important message: It is important that women come together, be together and grow together. We have to bring our gifts of uniqueness and respect those differences, and at the same time, hold strong and cherish our commonalities in order to bring about positive, effective change for our sisters and daughters.

I carried this message with me since that time in my work as a Reg. Rep., as well as into my work as an employment specialist and my personal life as a single mom. As a Reg. Rep., I have become aware of issues facing women of N.E. Alberta, the province and the nation. I see how I am affected as an individual and how much still needs to be done in striving for change. After one year, I see my role as a Reg. Rep. as joining with women of the north in bringing ASWAC to Fort McMurray and the outlying areas, and giving these women a voice to carry back home.

I can be found at Choices Supported Employment Centre, working with individuals with disabilities, volunteering for CMHA, HOPE, and the Special Olympics or walking with my daughter, Hannah, by the water. I look forward to the next year of activities with ASWAC.

Patti Lepoidevin (Fort McMurray)-My budding experience as a feminist occurred in 1991 at the "Women and Mental Health: Women in a Violent Society" Conference in Banff. Growing up in a small town, I was somewhat isolated from the women's movement. The people around me were very controlling and abusive and I was afraid to speak out. I always knew of differences in the sexes and resented the fact I had to fight so hard to survive. This conference validated my views. I gained confidence and began to speak up about my rights.

I experienced very powerful feelings at the conference. My emotions were on a pendulum, one moment proud and strong, the next angry

and violated, or the next moment sad. I saw women stand up and tell of horrible violence against them and/or their children. Women talked about survival, marriage, abuse, love, anger, rape, children, mental health. Some shouted, some cried, some listened. I learned.

I have worked for a little over two years with the Canadian Mental Health Association in Fort McMurray. I sat on the Board of Directors for the Women's Resource Society for several months until I applied and attained the position of WRS Coordinator in November last year.

My vision is of women uniting and working together towards a more equally balanced society. Division is our weakness. We all have at least one thing in common, we want equality.

Geraldine Bailey (Westrose)-Home birth. Innisfail Alberta, October 11, 1922. How am I supposed to condense 71 years into 10 lines. A Mountie's brat, I learned by the age of 8 that the man up the street was 'doing something' to his daughters: that girl children could die from botched illegal abortions; and, that women were raped because they asked for it. My beloved father taught me to ride, shoot, and fight, and believed that the status of women would improve. Judge that hope for yourselves.

I joined the RCAF Women's Division in 1942. Motto - "We Serve that Men Might Fly!!!" In 1944, while stationed in England, I was married, impregnated and widowed in three months. Contraception information was illegal. Remarried in 1947, I produced 2 more children (all feminists), obtained two degrees, taught for 14 years and then retired to the farm. I joined the rural health unit and taught sex education for five exhausting and hilarious years.

I retired again in 1981 and have never had a free minute. I spent the four coldest months in Asia meeting wonderful women who are working for the basic rights we take for granted. For

News From NAC

More Feature

Some called it a celebration, others said it was the "singing" AGM and while we worked hard to get the work of the AGM done even the Financial Report and Budget discussion was introduced by a song and dance routine.

Judy Rebick was roasted and toasted as we paid tribute to her for all the wonderful things she has been able to accomplish for women in Canada. We laughed and sang and cheered and sometimes cried. It was an exciting event and made us proud to be part of this movement.

We also paid tribute to Madeleine Parent by awarding her this year's Woman of Courage Award. She was a Regional Rep. for Quebec for the past two years but she has been an active feminist for over 55 years, much has been written about her, and she carries on.

Sunera Thobani's acclamation as President was well and truly, and unanimously, ratified followed by yet another standing ovation. That mood continued when she gave her first speech at lunch on Sunday.

A panel of powerful speakers, representing our diversity, kept us on our feet and reminded us that while we are taking important steps to include all women in the movement the job is not finished. The conference and AGM was not completely without disagreement, some problems were solved and some compromises were found for potentially contentious resolutions. NAC sets her policies through these resolutions and they are a vital part of the AGM.

This year we were 31 women in the Alberta Caucus, the biggest number ever. Being in Saskatoon instead of Ottawa was a treat for us in the west and we were very well represented.

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example, in January 1993, I attended a conference in Malaysia to organise lobbying for a domestic violence law such as ours. So our years of working are helping women in developing countries. I spent the summers raising money for projects set up by the Philippine women's organization, Gabriela. Then I got a chance to teach birth control (illegal in the Philippines) and AIDS awareness. I keep hoping to be deported as a communist.

A vintage feminist is one who remembers recycling sanitary napkins from old sheets - and we didn't pay GST. There should always be a place for the old ones - perhaps we need tricycles so we can march and rally with the young ones. In the Philippines there are always pedal cycles with side cars for some of us. On I.W.D. I was provided with a cycle and a sign - they tell me it says "Reproductive rights for women" or land rights. I can't read Tagalo so I have to trust them. My white hair and skin are embarrassing to me but I do add to the body count. One parade had three thousand participants, including the tiny malnourished women street cleaners, rallying for food for their children.

Editors' note: Gerry Bailey has been involved with ASWAC since its inception and is often referred to as the "Matriarch" of the organization. Gerry is our International rep and after her life long commitment to working on women's issues, received the 1990 Persons Award.

Due to the length of Our Feature we are unable to print the History of how Regional Representatives came to be. Please watch for this History in upcoming ASWAC newsletters.

The first step toward liberation for any group
is to use the power in hand...

And the power in hand is the vote.

Helen Gahagan Douglas

I want to thank Susanda Yee of the Women of Colour Collective, Calgary for allowing herself to be nominated for Member at Large on the Executive. I know she would have done well and it would have been good to have a second person for Alberta and I am sorry that did not happen.

A final reason for cheering was the launching of the "NAC Voters' Guide 1993". NAC is the major voice of the women's movement in Canada and a vital part of our role is to inform the electorate about issues of concern to women during a federal election campaign. The Voters' Guide is designed to do that.

The Voters' Guide sells for \$4.95 and will be available through ASWAC to individuals and groups, who are encouraged to support this effort to distribute the Guide while raising money for women in Alberta.

For information about NAC, the AGM or the Voters' Guide please call me in Edmonton at 451-0933.

Dorothy Mandy, Alberta Regional Representative.

ASWAC EVENTS

The Political Action Campaign (PAC)

The Alberta Women's Lobby Day was a huge success, with over 50 women representing 25 women's groups attending. We met with all three political parties. We hope to make this an annual event, with more women and groups participating. Thank you to all those women who made it a wonderful experience.

Women's Votes Count (PAC)

This publication and brochure are the second part of PAC. Women's Votes Count gives background information and suggests questions to ask the candidates. If you can help distribute this much needed information, it would assist in deferring mailing costs, so please drop by the ASWAC offices to pick up a bundle. Posters are also available and are the third item in our PAC project.

ASWAC has received responses from all three political parties to our questionnaire that was distributed in late March 1993. Due to the length of the responses and in order to avoid editorial comment, the responses were not included in the above mentioned publication. The parties responses can be ordered from our offices for a photocopying and shipping/handling fee. Suggested donations are \$2 per package for members & \$5 for non-members. Contact either ASWAC office to receive yours!

There is nothing in this world that is outside the power of women to change.

Sunera Thobani

The Womanist, a feminist newspaper distributed nationally is available at the Women's Building located at 9930-106 St. Edmonton

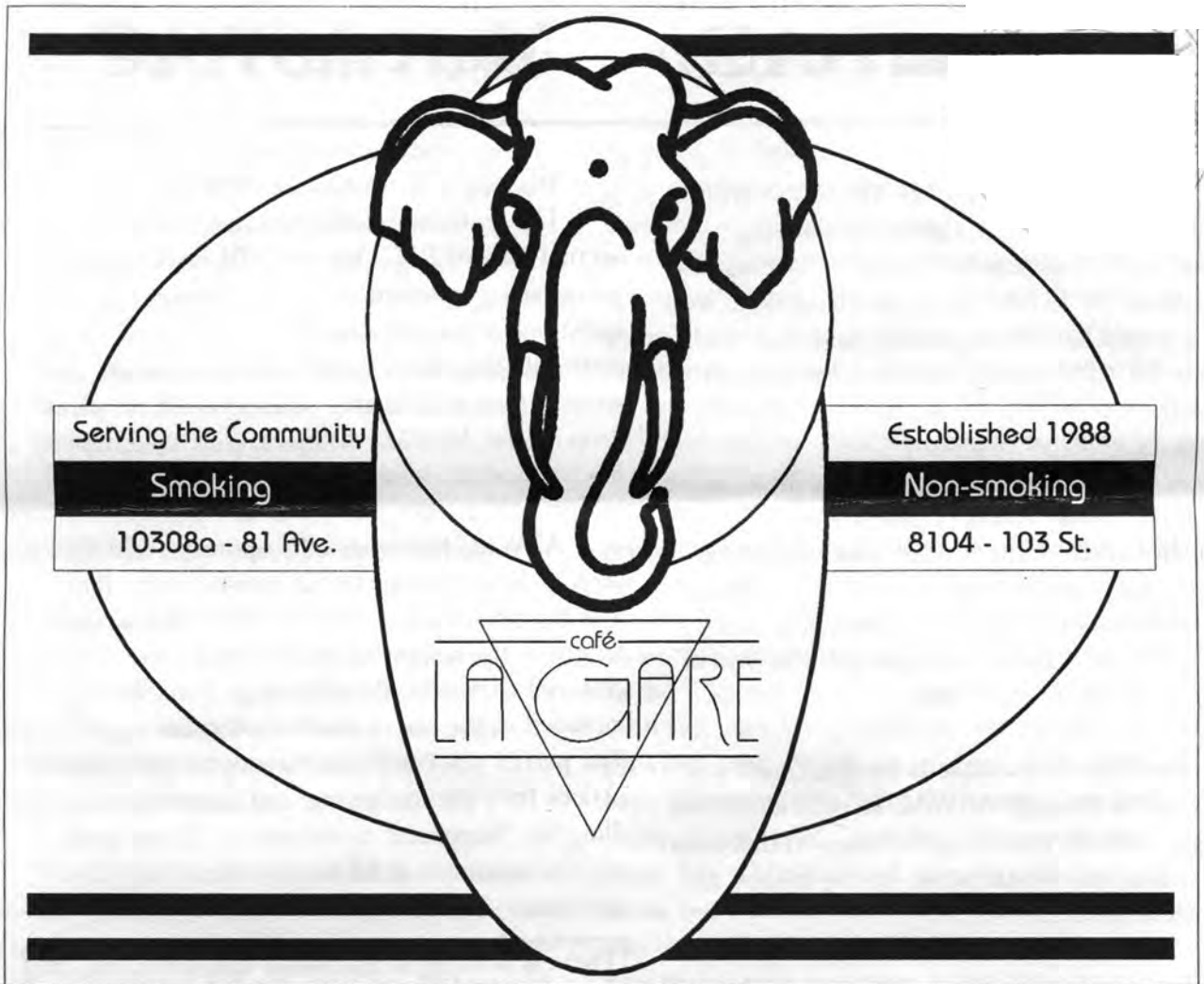
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