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ASWAC Events

From the ASWC Newsroom

Sorry we're late with this issue (we haven't been late in two and a half years) but we didn't want to let go of August. Deadline for submissions is November 20th (and no later), publication date is November 25, 1993. We welcome submissions and advertising (Please see policies). We especially need input from areas outside the major cities.

T-shirts: Got'em? We need'em!

ASWAC has the answer to your overflowing t-shirt drawer dilemma. We're planning a recycled t-shirt sale and are asking women to donate any shirts which display inspiring slogans. T-shirts can be dropped off at any ASWAC office. If you're a member of an organization that has their own t-shirts to sell, please approach your group and ask that they donate a couple of shirts. Watch for information about our upcoming t-shirt sale.

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.

ADVERTISING POLICY

The ASWAC newsletter seeks advertising that is women positive to help defer publication costs. ASWAC does not necessarily endorse products or services offered. We reserve the right to refuse ads. Rates and sizes can be requested through the Edmonton office, please call for more information.

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

The History of the Regional Representatives

In the last issue of the ASWAC newsletter our feature was dedicated to the regional representatives. Due to the length of that article we were unable to include the history. This article was written by G. Bailey.

It was a cold and snowy Sunday, we were all tired and anxious to beat the storm home after a very busy and exciting 1985 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Suddenly the day brightened and we all perked up. Janet Beebee introduced the idea of Regional Representatives, for each of 7 provincial areas. They would represent ASWAC across the province: meeting with present members, contacting prospective members and, in general propagating feminist issues in anyway possible. The idea met with enthusiastic consensus but there was a shortage of available bodies. Janet Beebee and Joan Whitecalf of Camrose and Gerry Bailey of Westrose (Pigeon Lake) volunteered. The latter immediately took off for the sun and sand of southeast Asia (where she'll be by the time your reading this; it's an annual event). Little did we realize that we were taking on redneck rural Alberta, peppered with the new right.

But we tried. Our first joint meeting was in McDonalds in Wetaskiwin. We commiserated with each other - weeping and wailing, and then cheered up like good ASWAC members and charged forth again. Janet and Joan had a film night featuring a pro-choice film - that took courage - have you seen the large anti-choice billboard on the road into Camrose? Gerry phoned all ASWAC members between Edmonton and Calgary and met with Red Deer Status of Women. Later, Lori Crocker of Innisfail came aboard and organized the Isolation Brunches which are still running.

It is not possible to list all the regional representatives and all the great things they have done or at least attempted. Some moved from the Board to regional repping; some moved to the Board. We have had at times, members from Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary, Innisfail, Camrose, Fort McMurray, Grimshaw, Two Hills and probably other places. We attempt to meet several times a year and attend Board meetings. Joan Whitecalf took on the herculean task of organizing an AGM in Camrose. It was most successful and generated a great number of letters to the editors about the "disgusting" topics. One such topic was chaired by Mary Burlie with a group of women who described their lives under our welfare system. I still weep when I recall their stories. That workshop led to the Women Against

Poverty Campaign.

Regional Representatives are very independent but cooperative feminists and YOU CAN JOIN US ANY-TIME. We pass on suggestions and criticisms to the Board and offer help for such things as the Women Against Poverty campaign. We have irregular meetings to help each other and make us feel as though we are important and useful, which we are.

Since our last issue we have three new Regional Representatives we would like to welcome. They are: Ruth Bergeron from Innisfail; Sharlene Lundquist from Jasper; Liz Wetheral from Ponoka. These women join our current Regional Representatives and we all look forward to working together.

Take Back The Night '93

The slogan *Take Back The Night* was first used in the United States as a theme for a national protest march down San Francisco's pornography strip. The march took place at night and was in the same spirit as many similar events taking place all over the world. *Take Back The Night* is a profound symbolic statement of our commitment to stopping the tide of violence against women in all arenas. It is our demand that perpetrators of such violence; from rapists to batterers to pornographers to imagemakers in the mass media, be held responsible for their actions, and made to change.

That we have been unable to walk the streets after dark without a male to protect us from violence, has been assumed in this society for so long that people can hardly imagine a culture in which this would not be the case. We welcome support from men, who can offer transportation, child care and understanding that men have the right and responsibility to assist women in this society to create a safe community for everyone.

Women dare to imagine a future where yourselves, your children and your loved ones would exist free from violence within or outside the home. Come to Take Back The Night in your community and show your support. Check the calendar of events for the details of the march/rally in your area.

•T-shirts will be available for sale in Calgary and Edmonton, the logo is the same as the cover of this newsletter.

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Calgary

September 17, Take Back The Night March! Rally 7:30 pm, starts at Central Memorial Park, 4th Street & 12th Ave., S.W. Celebration at 9:00 pm at Bridgeland Community Centre, 919 McDougall Rd., N.E. Donations at the door, \$5. T-shirts will be available for sale. For more information, call Diane at 269-1144.

September 16, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society Job Search and Job Finding club will be held in English. For more information, call 262-2006.

September 22 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, The Calgary Status of Women Action Committee will hold their 19th Annual General Meeting at the Old Y Common Room: 223-12 Ave., S.W. Please RSVP by September 20th to 262-1873. Child care costs will be reimbursed; children are welcome; call if you need assistance with transportation; this is wheelchair accessible.

September 26, Calgary Birth Control Annual Celebration Brunch 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Location will be wheel chair accessible and central. Guest speaker is Sunera Thobani, president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC). Tickets will be \$10. Call CBCA for details: 283-5580.

September 27, Calgary Association of Women and the Law AGM at the Danish Canadian Club, 727-11 Ave S.W. Featuring Sunera Thobani, president of NAC. Tickets must be purchased by September 20 for \$25 or \$15 for students or non-waged. Call Merrill at 234-9266, Michelle at 294-0737 or Maureen at 270-2291.

September 28, Lesbians and Breast Cancer, a video will be shown in Room 122 at the YWCA, 320-5 Ave., S.E. at 7:30 pm.

Every month Celebrating Women at the Republik at 8:00 pm, 219 - 17 Ave., S.W. Featuring women performers. For exact date and other information, contact Kerry at 244-7732.

October 15 & 16, Women and Psychology Annual Women Helping Women Conference entitled "Women's Quest for Love and Power Beyond the Myths of Addictions." Conference will be at the Village Park Inn, 1804 Crowchild Trail N.W. For more information, call Diane at 274-8543.

October 17-23, Planned Parenthood Week. This year's theme is "New Facts of Life." Planned Parenthood Alberta will be holding an open house October 18-21, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please join us at 106, 223-12 Ave., S.W.

Calgary Immigrant Women's Association will be holding a fundraising dinner in support of the United Way fundraising campaign. For details and dates, call Janet at 263-4414.

YWCA Support Centre is offering groups, starting in September, for women who are in or have left an abusive relationship on issues such as self esteem, understanding anger and more. There will also be groups for children who have witnessed and/or experienced domestic abuse. Please call 266-4111 for more information.

The Young Feminist Collective continues to meet and organize. Call Mary at 262-1873 if you want to get involved.

Lesbian Support Group. A new information, education support group is being formed, which will provide the lesbian community with the ability to gain better insight, understanding and acceptance of themselves and the issues. Call 277-6247 or 277-4735.

Breast Implant Awareness Society (BIAS). A group of Calgary-area women recently established BIAS. BIAS will provide up-to-date information and support to women who have had a breast implant and may feel apprehensive and isolated due to conflicting and inconclusive medical research and information about implants. For information, call Shirley at 259-3706 or Lois at 252-9503.

Women Looking Forward is looking for a volunteer to work on the monthly newsletter. Please contact Diane at 269-1144.

Edmonton

September 17, Take Back The Night! Women rally at 8:00 pm at the west door of Canada Place, 9700 Jasper Ave. The march proceeds to 105 St. and back. Interested women can gather for refreshments in the lounge of the Inn on 7th (10001-107 St.) following the march. T-shirts will be available for sale.

If you think Immigrants do NOT belong in the new Public Security Department and if you are concerned about Multiculturalism come to a community forum to launch a campaign to tell Canada about the benefits of

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immigration. September 18, 1:30 - 3:30 pm at TAWA Centre Room 24, 3117-66 Street. Sponsored by the Indo-Canadian Women's Association and other groups. Phone Jay at 490-0477 for further information.

Big Rally! Albertans United for Social Justice invite everyone to meet at Sir Winston Churchill Square on September 18 at noon to march to the Legislature to let the government know what Albertans think of fighting the deficit on the backs of the poor. Watch for more events to come!! For more information, call 426-7657.

The Edmonton Women's Music Collective's next dance on September 24 at 8:30 to 1:00 pm at the Riverdale Community Hall, 9231-100 Ave. Admission is \$7 (sliding scale). This is a smoke and alcohol free event.

Training and Employment Network for Women in Alberta presents a Working Conference on Training and Education for Women in Alberta, on September 25 at 4204-58 Street, Red Deer. No registration fee, lunch will be provided at a minimal cost. For further information, call Sylvia McKinlay at 465-6211 or Edmee Tilroe at 986-2601.

The Centre for Women is holding fund raising Bingo's at Northwoods Mall on September 27, October 26 and November 24. If you are interested in helping, please call 448-9661. We can provide transportation.

Lynn Lavner, critically acclaimed lesbian comic, singer and songwriter from N.Y. comes to the Garneau Theatre on September 17th. Tickets are \$8 advance, \$10 door, and are available at The Front Page (10846 Jasper Ave), Boystown (124 Street) and the Garneau Theatre. For more information, call 439-5382.

Maharlika Productions & PETA (Philippine Educational Theater Association) presents Nora Aunor in Domestic Helper, October 1 at 8:00 pm at the Jubilee (11455-87 Ave). Sponsored by the Alberta Domestic Workers Association & International Homemakers Association of Alberta. For more information, call 428-1224.

October is Women's History Month. In Edmonton, several events to commemorate this year's History Month will be held. These include:

An evening to celebrate will be held at the National Film Board on October 18 in the Colin Low Theatre, Canada Place from 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Films will be shown and

goodies will be served.

At Eaton's Centre, a display of photographs and commemorative stamps as well as several receptions will be held.

Judith Leavitt, will give two lectures "Personal freedom versus public health: the story of Typhoid Mary" on September 30 at 3:30 pm in the History Department, U of A. Also, "The medicalization of childbirth in the twentieth century" on October 1 at 3:00 pm at a larger venue. Please phone 492-3270 for further information.

At the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, an exhibition of nursing history in Alberta is being held at the AARN headquarters, 11620-168 St, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

September 19 - 25 is Edmontons' 4th Annual Sexual Sterotyping Awareness Week, sponsored by the Public Awareness of Sexual Sterotyping & Pornography (PASSP). Get involved, plan an event and enter PASSP's participants contest by sending a photo, video, cassette to PASSP #209, 9246-34 A Ave., Edmonton, T6E 5P4. For more information, call 450-4777.

Free public talks, offered by the Women's Program, Faculty of Extension, U of A. Phone 492-3093. Mark your calendars. September 16 The Federally Sentenced Women's Initiative, speaker Jan Fox, Warden. Talk begins at 7:30 pm at Room 2-36, University Extension Centre, 8303-112 Street.

September 30 Talking Girls Out of Science, speaker Heather Ryan. This talk begins at 7:30 pm at the Humanities Centre, Lecture Theatre 4, U of A (corner of 111 Street & Sask Dr.).

November 18 Fashion and Feminism, speaker Dr. Sandra Niessen. This will begin at 7:30 pm at Humanities Centre, Lecture Theatre 2, U of A.

The following: Three-Hour Workshops are being offered by the Women's Program, Faculty of Extension, U of A, phone 492-3093 for further information.

October 18 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, Instructor: Susan Shaw.

November 20 - Women Against Racism, Instructor: Rachel Adeodu.

December 4 - Lesbian parenting, Instructor: Debora Foster.

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February 26/94 - Working Towards Change: An Introductory Lobbying Workshop for Women, Instructor: Valda Roberts. All session are \$20 and fill fast. Please call 492-3093 to register.

Womonspace News is looking for volunteers for their newsletter. If you are interested, please leave a message at 425-0511. We also need help with the lesbian drop-in's.

The next Womonspace dance will be September 18 at Bonnie Doon Hall (9240-93 Street) from 8:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Admission: Members \$5, Non-members \$8. Membership card required.

Fort McMurray

The Take Back The Night March is being held September 17. Call the Women's Resource Centre, Unity House or the Sexual Assault Centre for details.

Lethbridge

The Take Back The Night March is being held September 24. Women from Edmonton and Calgary are invited to attend. For more information, please call 329-8338.

Sister Support

Female consumer of medicine, 40's wishes to make contact with other females 35 - 60, who, like myself have suffered serious consequences to their health, physically and/or emotionally as a result of improper medical care, misdiagnose, abuse at the hands of a physician. The purpose is to try and establish a support network in this area. If you are interested please leave your name and number at ASWAC Edmonton, 421-0306.

"Feminist Support Group"

Women, all colours, cultures, shapes, sizes & ages, gay, straight, single, married, divorced, widowed, unemployed, employed, happy, sad, mothers, daughters, all! A new circle is forming. Goals: Consciousness raising, empowerment, friendship, support and fun! Call Crystal for details 439-8289. Several women have responded but there is still room for more.

Information on the Women's Resource Centre (Library) Faculty of Extension, U of A.

The Women's Resource Centre has moved from it's home in the Garneau area into two new locations:

The special collection of books and periodicals by and about women are now housed at the:

Adult Student Centre

University Extension Centre

8303-112 Street, Edmonton, T6G 2T4

Ph. 492-5044

Hours: 8:30 am to 8:30 pm, Mon. to Thurs. & 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Fri.

The off-print collection of reports, essays and articles are housed at:

Women's Studies, Faculty of Arts Room #14/18, Henry Tory Marshall Building, U of A. ph. 492-7078

Hours: 8:30 am to 12 noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Mon - Fri.

The books, periodicals, and off-print collection include topics on violence, work, culture, legal rights, health, education, spirituality, child care, sociology and psychology of women, and feminist theory.

Men are taught to apologize for their weaknesses, women for their strengths.

Lois Wyse, b. 1926

Public Service Alliance of Canada Lesbian & Gay Support Group (LGSL) is a support group of women and men members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada which has three main objectives:

- to achieve equality for lesbian and gay members;
- to provide support for lesbian and gay members who are confronted daily with discrimination in the workplace and, sad to say, in the union.

- to eliminate homophobia (irrational fear/hatred of gays and lesbians) that is often behind discriminatory practices.

For further information about lesbian and gay rights or homophobia, or to work with the group or to be put on their mailing list, write c/o Suite 1090, 1520-4th St. S.W., Calgary, AB. T2R 1H5.

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.**

•The Provincial Government's strategy to eliminate the debt is not working! The measures being taken by the newly elected Klein government are at the expense of women, mostly women working for low wages and women on social assistance and women students. Don't let them fool you. The recent cuts to welfare, health care and social services will be devastating to the economy. Health care cuts mean more women will be out of work and fewer families will be able to afford proper treatment. Cuts to social services and welfare mean more women and children will be on the streets. Write and call your M.L.A., the Premier, the media and the official Opposition today. ASWAC will provide addresses, postage and supplies to those in need.

•Homeworkers are women garment workers working out of their homes for large garment manufacturers. Several department stores sell these garments as a way to make more money because of the low wages. Write to Mr. George J. Kosich, President, Hudson Bay Co., 401 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont., M5H 2Y4. Demand that the corporate strategy be changed so that they buy from garment manufacturers who agree to ensure that all workers are paid fair wages, work in decent conditions and who comply, at a minimum, with the standards as set out in the Employment Standards Act. Ask Mr. Kosich to write to you with his strategy to end the exploitation of homeworkers.

•Sick of receiving junk mail? Write to the Direct Marketing Association, 607-#1 Concord Gate, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3N6, and ask that your name be removed from any mail lists and ask them to not provide your name and address to anyone in the future. Also, ask that they notify all those to whom they have sold, given, or otherwise .

released your name, that you do not wish to receive their junk mail. Thank them for respecting your request, and right to choose. Pick up a NO JUNK MAIL sticker for your mail box at Earth's General Store (Whyte Ave, Edmonton).

Political Action Campaign

ASWAC Goes National

Watch your mailbox for ASWAC's federal election campaign material!

The last provincial election looked more like a popularity contest for party leaders than an election based on issues. Every issue is important to women, but some affect women more than they do men.

Let's make our voice heard this time and get the election to focus on the issues that affect women's lives!

You will soon receive a brochure on each of the following:

- the economy/child care and women
- racism and women
- Aboriginal women
- employment equity and women
- women and taxes
- new reproductive technologies
- the constitution and women
- social programs and women
- poverty and women
- politics and women
- women with disabilities
- women and NAFTA

Each issue is outlined very briefly. If you want to receive a more in-depth discussion paper on any of the issues, you can contact either ASWAC office to order (please include \$1.00 for photocopying and postage).

Get informed. Make a difference.

Hug These Women

The following women have helped in many ways and without the continuing efforts of these women, we would cease to be. Thank you for your wonderful energy and your valuable time.

Hugs to Jayne Russell, Charmaine LaFramboise, Aine Humble, Moyra Lang, Dorothy Mandy, Deb Schimmens and Bev Palibroda who helped get out the last ASWAC newsletter.

Big hugs to Pam Krause for her ongoing support and putting up with all the ASWAC staff.

Hugs and kisses to Kim Campbell (not the PM, but the ASWAC one), Faye Wheeler, Del Marlow for their help with the Political Action Campaign and running around on ASWAC business.

Thanks, hugs, kisses and flowers to Vidya Kumar for all her work on the P.A.C. brochures and her ongoing office support. Vidya's job is finished and we'll all miss her! Good luck. By the by, Vidya is looking for work; any takers?

Kisses and hugs to Monica Walker for her continuing support to ASWAC and the Women's Collective.

Big kisses, thanks and hugs to the committee working on updating the Women Against Poverty Report. They are Jane Templeman, Helen Greaves, Noreen Bell, Joyce Green, Marie Carlson, Sheila Smith, Colleen Novotny, Tammy Horne, Jenny Kain, Nancy Miller, Janet Blond, Lorraine Gregoire, Janet Campbell and Sheryl McInnes. Your work and all the time given to the project are very much appreciated.

Thanks and kisses to Dorothy Mandy who has the job of representing Alberta to the NAC executive, which can sometimes be a lonely job.

Hugs and kisses to Christine Leonard for her continuing support and editing skills.

Thanks to Cafe La Gare staff for their support.

Thanks to Earth's General Store for their support. ASWAC items are on sale at the store, drop in and check it out.

Thanks to all the calls and drop ins that have voiced support.

Big thanks to the Calgary Board members for their support in the Calgary office.

Hugs and kisses to Moyra Lang, Editor of ASWAC News, for her unending efforts in producing our newsletter.

WOMEN AGAINST POVERTY

ASWAC's well received report, *Women Against Poverty* will soon be available again. The report has been updated, referenced and now includes a full bibliography. You can pre-order your 1993 copy by writing to ASWAC at Box 1573, Edmonton, T5J 2N7. Include \$10.00 plus 2.50 for shipping and handling. Order today. They are sure to be sold out soon!

Have you subscribed to Herizons yet? In the last Newsletter Herizon subscription forms were sent out. For each ASWAC member that subscribes to Herizons, ASWAC will receive \$5. So if you haven't done so, do it now. Call the office for a subscription form or be sure to state that you are an ASWAC member. You'll be helping two feminist organizations.

Heather Bishop in Concert

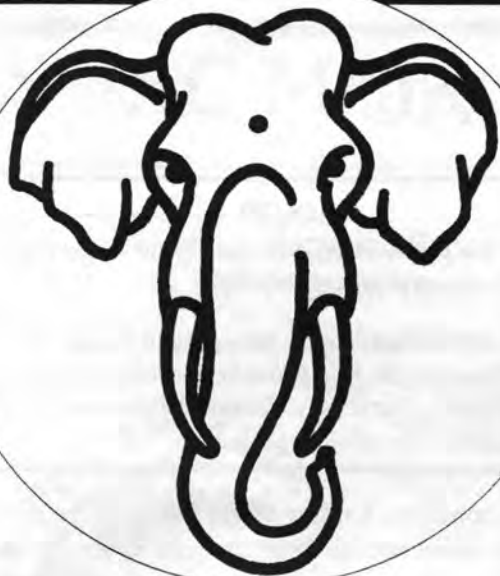
Sunday October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Edmonton is in need of volunteers. It doesn't take much time - just four hours a week. The program brings together kids with volunteers to develop a stable, supportive relationship. You will be provided with training, support and the occasional free ticket to an event. For more information about the Partners Program call Jocelyn Taylor at 422-6038.



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- Facilitator: Susan Ruffo • Cost: FREE

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Literature table space available for a small donation
For more information call 429-3370 (leave message)

* If you must cancel arrangements, please inform us prior to the event to save on costs.

Illustration by Linda Anderson



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News From NAC

AGM

The AGM committee met and did a careful review of the evaluation forms from the AGM and we provided our impressions. There were a number of issues raised for improvement. The most frequent request was for more breaks and time for socializing and networking.

Rachel Gillooly has been retained, starting Sept. 1 to begin organizing for next year. This should result in more funding, fewer problems and more and earlier information to the membership. Rachel also has the evaluations from this year and will use them in the planning.

An updated list of NAC publications and resolutions passed at the AGM should be with member groups now. If non-member groups and others would like this information, please let me know.

Outreach

Following the AGM, NAC released the Review of the Situation of Women in Canada, responded to both the federal report on sexism in the justice system and the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women report. Member groups should have the Review by now, others may order it from the NAC national Office.

My file of Alberta women's groups is growing and I will provide information on NAC as well as materials on the election and other activities to as many women in Alberta as possible. If yours is not a NAC member group or you know of groups that should belong, I would appreciate hearing from you.

NAC is working hard to become independent of government funding but we must continue to increase our membership and donations to sustain this effort.

I would urge you to join the NAC Action Fund and become a Friend of NAC. I have information and applications for this, as well as group applications.

Election

The slogan for the NAC election campaign will be "Equality is the Bottom Line." This is to send the message that we can afford equality. Member groups can expect an election package in the next few weeks. Included will be a summary of the Review of the Situation of Women. And while the AGM decided that NAC will remain non-partisan, this document clearly demonstrates the impact of the neo-conservative agenda on the lives of women in Canada.

Sunera Thobani will be in Calgary September 26 and 27 and in Edmonton October 22 and 23. This is dependent on when the election is called. Watch for details.

Please call me if you have any questions.
Dorothy Mandy 451-0933

LOST?

ASWAC has received returned mail for the following people, do you know where they are?

Karen Broten, Lorena Hodges, Karen Barth, Leslie McLean, Pam Harper, Inga Jesswein, Deborah Hollins, Suzanne Sleight, Cheryl May, Zunquia Nilakantha, Ann Mageau, Barbara Beckham, Lisa Ashley.

Women constitute half the world's population, perform nearly two-thirds of its work hours, receive one-tenth of the world's income and own less than one-hundredth of the world's property.

United Nations Report, 1980

Archival Society Launches Grass Roots Drive to Preserve Women's Records

The Northern Alberta Women's Archives Association (NAWAA) has just published a 32 page educational manual, *What's Cooking in Women's History, An Introductory Guide to Preserving Archival Records About Women*. Copies are available for \$6.95 each plus \$1.00 for postage, phone 492-8950. Members receive a complimentary copy.

NAWAA is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation of archival material documenting the lives and accomplishments of Alberta women. NAWAA also makes itself available for talks, workshops and individual or group consultations on archival record keeping free of charge.



Lunch at the Legislative Buildings

On September 15 at noon, the Inner City lunch programs will be bringing all their people to the Legislature steps to let the government know how they feel about the recent cutbacks to social assistance. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own lunch if you like. Balogna sandwiches will be available and donations are appreciated. This event is organized by Albertans United for Social Justice - a coalition of over 60 groups working together to fight the cutbacks being imposed by the current provincial government. For more information call M. Bencz at the Edmonton Food Bank (426-7657).

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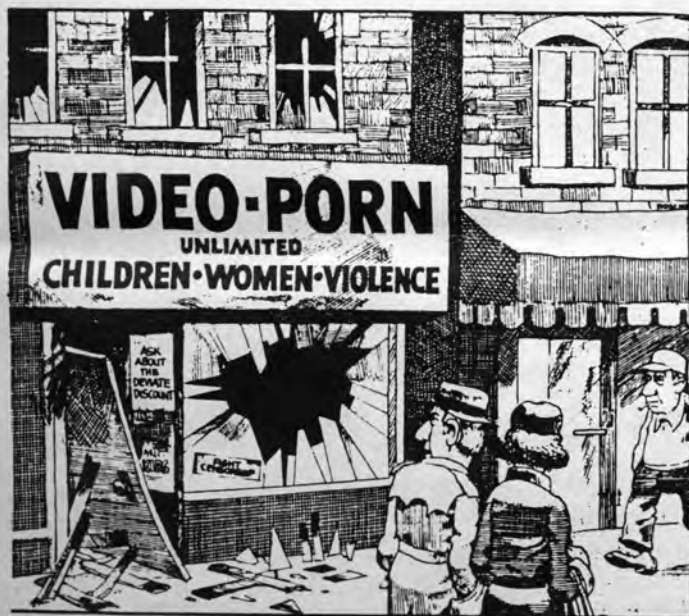
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