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# ALBERTA STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE

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## DISCOVER OUR VOICE; IMAGINE THE POWER

THE ALBERTA STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**May 7th, 1994**

**Location:** Education North, University of Alberta, 2-115.

**Agenda:**

**12:00 pm** - Keynote Speaker: We have invited Sheila Copps,  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for the Environment. We do not have  
a confirmation.

**1:15 pm** - Break - refreshments

**1:30 pm** - AGM

- Minutes of last meeting - business arising
- Presentation of Annual Report/Board Recommendations
- Audited Financial Statements
- Presentation of ASWAC's 1994-95 Plan of Action and proposed budget
- Nominations Committee Report
- 1994-95 Board Member/Regional Representative selection

**3:30 pm** - Break - refreshments

**4:00 pm** - Panel - Co-sponsored by The Women's Program - The effects of the cuts on women.

**4:30 pm** - Workshops - break into smaller groups to brainstorm and discuss panel's views.

**5:00 pm** - Closing

**7:00 pm** - Social (*details to be announced*)

*Everyone planning to attend this year's Annual General Meeting please RSVP to  
ASWAC Edmonton, 421-0306, by April 22nd, 1994.*

# ASWAC

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## From the Newsroom

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We welcome your thoughts, ideas, concerns and/or submissions and ads.

The next newsletter deadline is **May 28th**, publication date is June 11th.

Our newsletter is an ideal way to advertise your event or services to the women of Alberta as well as supporting ASWAC.

This issue has been produced on 8 1/2 x 11 instead of our regular 11 x 17 to save costs. We are currently seeking ways to reduce costs of the newsletter production. Please call Moyra if you have any cost saving ideas.

Have a wonderful IWD 1994!

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### Employment Opportunity

ASWAC needs a fundraiser to help ensure our continued work. We need a woman who is interested in feminist collectives and can raise funds. The pay would be based on commission from funds raised. Please apply in writing to: Personnel Committee, ASWAC, Box 1573, Edmonton, AB., T5J 2N7.

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#### 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.

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# ASWAC Events

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by Nancy Miller

Even though the elections are long past, ASWAC's Political Action Campaign is still in high gear. Five representatives from ASWAC met with Community Development Minister Gary Mar and Alberta Women's Secretariat Executive Director Marie Riddle on February 8th.

The last time ASWAC met with a provincial Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, we had to deal with anti-feminist, racist, homophobic, and illogical attitudes of Dianne Mirosh. Mr. Mar, however, demonstrated a basic knowledge of women's issues and a willingness to listen to concerns raised by ASWAC members.

ASWAC representatives talked about how cuts to social assistance, health care and education were having a devastating affect on women, particularly on poor women. We explained our expectations of the Minister and encouraged Mr. Mar to voice our concerns at the cabinet table.

There were also discussions about the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues, the Alberta Women's Secretariat and the Alberta Human Rights Commission. Mr. Mar said appointments to AACWI would be made "before June," and the Human Rights Commission review report would be made public "some time in May."

ASWAC has also been participating in the review of the Human Rights Commission and has helped to coordinate information-sharing between other equality-seeking groups in Calgary, Edmonton and Fort McMurray. Board Member Laurie Anderson made a presentation on behalf of ASWAC to the Review Committee in Calgary on February 19th. ASWAC is also scheduled to make another presentation in Edmonton on March 2nd.

The Political Action Committee encourages you to meet and discuss these and other issues with your MLAs. ASWAC is here to help you prepare for these meetings, or help you gather the information you need to write a letter. ASWAC's recommendations to the Human Rights Commission and minutes of the meeting with the Minister are available through the ASWAC Edmonton office.



## Deadlines and dates for ASWAC Members to remember!

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS** ASWAC is seeking dedicated feminists to sit on the 1994-95 Board either as full Board Members, position-share Board Members or as Regional Representatives. If you or someone you know is an ASWAC member in good standing, has had some experience with women's issues, lobbying, volunteer groups, collective groups, or other equivalent background, and is interested in working together with other women to further the ASWAC goals, please submit a letter of interest, along with a short biography to the ASWAC Nominations Committee by **April 15th**, c/o ASWAC Edmonton Office. The committee will look at all nominations and follow all nominations procedures. At the Annual General Meeting (MAY 7), the ASWAC membership will select the Board and Regional Representatives. The Membership decides the make-up of the ASWAC Board, so it is important that all ASWAC members in good standing attend the Annual General Meeting to participate in the selection process.

**TRAVEL SUBSIDIES** ASWAC Members in good standing are eligible to apply for subsidies in order to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Subsidy applications must be in writing and received in the Edmonton office by **April 22, 1994**. When applying for a subsidy, include your name, address, phone number, other members with whom you are car pooling and whether you require billeting. ASWAC will cover the following for women who need it: Travel at .17 cents per km and child care at \$25 per day (see childcare section). If you do not require financial assistance, but do require billeting or other special needs, please notify the ASWAC Edmonton office in writing by April 22, 1994.

**CHILDCARE** - On-site childcare will be available depending on need. You must phone Moyra by **April 15th** at 421-0306. If there is not a demand for on-site we will provide \$25 per day for you to find your own childcare. Please note the deadline date as we cannot make arrangements after this time.



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# Our Feature

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## A Time To Celebrate

March 8th, International Women's Day, has been a proud day of celebration for women around the world since 1910.

You can help to continue this tradition by joining in the celebration this year.

Women have a strong and proud heritage - one that is too often forgotten or not acknowledged. Women have always worked. Women have always made history, individually and together.

Among the many strengths of women is the ability to work together to achieve common goals. Women of all ages, social classes and political beliefs have worked together to reclaim the right to vote, to secure equality of treatment under the law, to improve labour laws and conditions for all people, and to promote equality of opportunity and remuneration.

Yes, we've come a long way.

Yes, we still have far to go.

## A Day To Remember

### March 8, 1857

Women textile workers of New York's Lower East Side had had enough - of long hours, low pay, and intolerable work conditions for themselves and their children. Dropping their work, thousands filled New York streets that day with one voice of protest. In a massive demonstration, they bravely withstood brutal police retaliation to voice their demand for reasonable pay and labour laws, and the long-denied right of women to vote.

### Copenhagen, 1910

March 8th is declared a holiday - International Women's Day - to commemorate the protest of 1857. The courage and tenacity of the women of 1857 have inspired thousands of women and men around the world to rise up and demand their rights. The declaration comes from congress of the Second International, at the urging of socialist leader Clara Zetkin. It acknowledges women's struggles and the inequalities against which women still must fight.

March 8th has been celebrated around the world since then, as a day of protest and of triumph for women.

### "Bread And Roses"

Echoing the familiar revolutionary cry for "bread and freedom," women in the massive and bitter 1912 strike of woolen mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts, carried

signs declaring "We want bread and roses too." Their slogan captured the spirit of women's struggles so well that it has become a popular and fitting symbol for International Women's Day to this day.

## Alberta Women Celebrate

Since 1977, Alberta women in communities around the province have joined enthusiastically in celebrating International Women's Day. Groups such as the Edmonton Women's Coalition, the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, Calgary's IWD Coalition, Calgary Status of Women, and ad hoc committees through out the province have organized many exciting activities on or near March 8th every year.

## Canada And The World

From coast to coast, Canadian women celebrate International Women's Day.

Inspired by a revived interest in IWD after the United Nations' declaration of 1975 as International Women's Year, women in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Halifax, and Regina, as well as in Alberta and in many other Canadian towns and cities, have celebrated IWD for the past several years.

The United States, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark... and many more. All have taken part in IWD celebrations.

Join in the festivities this year. See the calendar of events or call a women's centre near you for details of celebrations in your area.

*Taken from a publication produced by ASWAC, 1982. Christine Kulyk, writing and research. With the assistance of the ASWAC education committee.*



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# Alberta Feminist Calendar

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## CALGARY

International Women's Day (IWD) celebrations are being organized for Saturday March 5, with the theme 'Celebrating Women's Struggle For Health.' The day will start with a rally at 1 pm on the SW corner of the Harry Hayes federal building, 220-4 Ave SE, the march will stop at the McDougall Centre and back east along 8th Ave. There will be a free performance of 'Laudes Matris,' a celebration of God the Mother, at 2:30 pm at the Glenbow Museum, 130-9 Ave SE. An evening celebration with performers from 8 pm to 1:30 am will be held at the Multicultural Centre, 712-5 Street SE., doors open at 7 pm. For further information, call Carolyn at 270-3200.

Art in the March is also being planned in collaboration with IWD. There will be an evening celebration on Friday, March 4 at 7 pm at the Glenbow Museum Theatre, 130-9 Ave SE. Admission is free. Reception to follow. For information call Cindy at 569-8425.

Questioning your sexual orientation? An 8 week group for women only begins March 2. For more information contact Gerri-Lynn at 283-5580.

Macnad's new show, The Dolly Rockers, runs March 10 to 26 at the Pumphouse Theatre. Written by Colleen Craig, this is an all-women, pro-lesbian, feminist musical. For more information, call 276-1558.

One World Film Festival. March 11 to 13 at the University of Calgary, Science Theatres. For more information call the Arusha Centre at 270-3200.

Celebrating Women, the last Monday in March at the Republik, 219-17 Ave SW, 8:30 pm, will feature comedy, music and readings by women.

Women on the Verge - CJSW 90.9 FM every Tuesday night from 9 to 10 pm focuses on women's music in all genres.

March 10 at 7:30 pm the YWCA Women's Resource Centre (325-10 St NW) is celebrating International Women's Day. There will be poetry and music by women; light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Works Of Resistance, Videos by Women of Colour on March 10 from 7 to 9:30 pm at the Stanford Perrot Lecture Theatre, Alberta College of Art, 1407-14 Ave NW. Wheelchair accessible. Everyone welcome; admission is

free. For more information, call 284-7625 or 283-3724.

March 26 from 1 to 3 pm the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter is celebrating their 20th Anniversary and invite you and former residents, staff, volunteers and supporters to a tea at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 1009-15 Ave SW, across from the original Shelter building. Childcare will be provided. For more information, call Marcy or Ann at 232-8723.

Grace Hospital's Women's Health Conference is March 25 & 26 at the Calgary Convention Centre, 120-9 Ave SE. Childcare is available through the YWCA at \$20 per child. Registrations cannot be taken over the telephone but for information, call 284-1141, ext. 311.

The Alberta Women's Health Information Network Society is planning its second annual fundraising event "Pamper Me Day." Massages, pedicures, manicures, reflexology and much more. April 16 at the 'Old Y'. Anyone interested in helping run this fun contact Karen at AWHINS, 259-6883.

## EDMONTON

International Women's Day celebrations will be held on Saturday March 5 at Chinook Theatre (83 Ave & 104 Street, in Old Strathcona). Sunera Thobani, president of the National Action Committee (NAC) will speak, followed by a parade through the area. For more information, call 421-0306.

The Edmonton Women's Collective Building is having an Open House on Tuesday, March 8 to celebrate IWD. Everyone is invited to attend our Second Annual Open House. Donations will be accepted for WINhouse. Sponsored by members of the Collective - ASWAC, EWW, Canadian Union of Educational Workers, Womospace and In-Sight. For more information, call 421-0306.

U of A Women's Law Forum's International Women's Day, Annual Symposium. 'Women As Property' Friday, March 11, 7 to 9 pm with a reception to follow. Speakers include Susan Cole, Author of "Pornograph and The Sex Crisis," Jane Runner, coordinator of P.O.W.E.R. (Prostitutes and Other Women for Equal Rights) and Roxanne Mykitiuk, Professor of Law and New Reproductive Technologies Royal Commission Researcher. Tickets \$3 students/low income & \$5 others. For more information, call 492-2500.

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# Alberta Feminist Calendar

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The Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues invites you to join them for the annual International Women's Day Open House March 8 and to celebrate their 8th anniversary. Please RSVP to Lorena at 422-0668 before March 3.

Global Visions Festival, March 7 to 13 at Garneau Theatre and the Tory Lecture Theatre, U of A. Presented by the Centre for International Alternatives. On March 8 the theme is International Women's Day and will have films and entertainment focusing on celebrating women. March 8 events take place at the Garneau Theatre at 7 pm. Festival pass: \$27/\$25 (member/low income), Session: \$8/\$7 (member/low income). Contact 439-8744 for more information.

Menopause Support Group meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Royal Alexandra Hospital Women's Centre in the out-Patient Diabetic Clinic. For additional information, call Barb at 454-3133.

Take Back The Night organizing committee is meeting March 16 at 7 pm. Please call Debbie or Lenore at 488-4949 if you are interested in attending.

Soulo Motion Dance Production will be performing at the Public Library Theatre on March 7 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 and available at the Women's Studies Program 14-08 Tory Building. All proceeds donated to the Women's Studies Endowment Fund.

YoWoChAs Escape for Women takes place February 25 to 27 and is \$120 (includes meals and accommodation). There is a variety of activities to choose from. For more information or to register, call 892-2660.

The Royal Alexandra Hospital Women's Centre now has an Urogynecology Clinic as the newest service offered to women. To celebrate, an Open House is being held on February 28 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Women's Centre, basement level. Everyone is welcome.

A core group of women interested in developing a centre to promote normal healthy birth and family centred maternity care responsive to the needs of women. An invitation is being extended to all interested women to attend their next meeting on Monday March 7 at 7:30 pm at the ASAC office, 203-9924-106 Street. For further information, call Margo at 463-0403.

Strategies - Overcoming Barriers For Abused Immigrant Women - a one-day conference on March 26 from 8:30 am to 4 pm at University Extension Centre, 8303-112 Street. Keynote speaker is Lucya Spencer, president of the National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women. For further information, contact Marcela at 421-0175 or Jayanti at 490-0477.

The Women's Program, Faculty of Extension, has two, three hour workshops: Women for Racial Harmony, March 19 and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, March 22. Cost \$20 each and anyone can attend. The Women's Program has several courses of interest to women, to obtain their brochure or register, please call 492-3093.

The Human Rights Commission Public Hearings are being held in Edmonton on March 2 at the Jubilee Auditorium - Banquet Room, 11455-87 Ave. ASWAC will be making a presentation at 2:15 pm and would like to have as many people there to support us as possible. Please call Moyra at 421-0306 if you can attend.

The Alberta Multicultural and Native Health Association presents the 6th Annual Seminar on Culture, Health, and Healing on March 18 & 19. For further information, contact Sonia at 421-0175 or Yvonne at 482-9853.

## FORT MCMURRAY

International Women's Day celebrations are being planned for Fort McMurray. All information was not available at the time of this newsletter. For information on these events, call the Women's Resource Centre at 743-2121.

## LETHBRIDGE

International Women's Day will be celebrated on Saturday, March 12 at the YWCA. Starting at 10 am and running until 4 pm, the events include a sweetgrass ceremony, circle dance, displays of information and women's artwork, film and video presentations, a relaxation workshop and an afternoon workshop entitled "Our International Family: Women's Perspectives from Here and Aboard." An International lunch will take place at noon, and refreshments will be available throughout the day. There will be on-site childcare and all events are free. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 329-8338.

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# News From NAC

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## NAC Regional Meeting - Calgary, February 13, 1994

About 35 women from Alberta NAC groups turned out to hear NAC President, Sunera Thobani, and to discuss the evolution of NAC in the Alberta region.

Sunera had spoken at the conference of the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL) Women's Committee earlier in the day.

Sunera shared some disheartening realities with us about NAC's financial state. We lost at least \$50,000 on the NAC Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon last year. While we westerners were ecstatic to be able to send more than one delegate by car to the AGM, and were happy that our NAC sisters agreed that NAC must focus more on the regions outside Ontario, the financial shortfall is unfortunate. Due to the loss, one issue of *Feminist Action* has been cut; one full-time staff person has been laid off, so NAC now has six full-time staff; and the NAC executive is considering closing one of the two offices. New funding may be on the rise with the recent hiring of a fundraiser who works on commission. In light of the situation, Sunera encouraged us to include fundraising in our regional development efforts.

The drastic cuts that the Alberta government is making to social programs has captured the attention of the rest of Canada. The federal government has not announced whether they'll implement the %5 funding cuts planned by the old Tory government or freeze funding at current levels. NAC's priority for 1994-95 is social programs. A NAC working committee in Toronto is currently developing a review of social policy for our 1994 AGM. Merrill Copper (w:234-9297) of Calgary's Women Looking Forward volunteered to coordinate any input from Alberta NAC members.

Since Dorothy's two-year term as our regional rep. is nearly finished, those of us at the meeting agreed we must find an alternative to one individual trying to do most of NAC's work in our region. It was decided to set up a provincial steering committee who will be jointly responsible for representing NAC in Alberta. The new NAC rep. from our region will still be the one who attends the NAC executive meetings and the steering committee would help implement the work in our region. Contact Anne McGrath (w:269-3755) by **April 1** if you are interested in meeting to define and establish the Alberta NAC steering committee.

Yvonne Stanford, former rep. will be mailing out a call for nominations and these will be accepted until **March 31**. The deadline for ballots for the election will be **April 30**. Watch for this mail out. Your group must be a

NAC member in good standing to nominate candidates.

It's time to start thinking about resolutions your NAC member group may want to put forward at the 1994 AGM. The deadline for constitutional amendments is **March 12**, while regular resolutions are due **April 11**.

Thanks to Monica Walker for writing this report. My sincere thanks for the many expressions of concern, offers to help and support I received during a very difficult time in the past few weeks.

**Dorothy Mandy 451-0933**

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The **Calgary Take Back The Night Committee** invites submissions for a design for this year's logo for 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 1994 (date September 17th is optional). The creator of the successful entry will receive an honorarium and a t-shirt bearing their design. The deadline for submissions is April 1st. Please send submissions to: Attn. TBTN Committee, c/o Women Looking Forward, #305, 223-12 Ave SW, Calgary, AB, T2R 0G9. If you need further information, please call Kim at 228-1186.

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The **Edmonton Take Back The Night Committee** invites submissions for a design for this year's logo for t-shirts and posters. Deadline for submissions is 4 pm, March 31, 1994. Successful entry will receive an honorarium. The entries must include the year 1994 and the words "Take Back The Night." Original submissions must be made on 11 x 17 paper in black and white. Please submit a cover letter with your artwork and include your name, address and phone number. Please send submissions to: Attn. TBTN Committee, #710, 10240-124 St, Edm., AB., T5N 3W5. If you need further information, call Valerie at 438-1141.

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A networking and support group for women working/volunteering in Social Justice work meets bimonthly. Our next meeting is in early April and we will be joined by the Women's Circle Project. In March, women from this group will be attending the Global Visions Festival (a session pass will be needed) on March 8th at the Garneau Theatre and invite women to attend this session. For more information, contact Louise Jensen at 439-8744.

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# Write On !

# Hug These Women

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## Secretary of State - Women's Programs

We need all ASWAC members to write to Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada (fax 613-941-6900), Michele Duprey, Minister of Canadian Heritage (fax 819-994-5987) & Sheila Finestone, Secretary of State for the Status of Women (fax 819-953-8055) at House of Commons, Parliament Building, Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. No postage is required.

- ask that the new government re-instate the 1 million dollars cut from this year's budget, with a view to immediately committing to a plan to restoring the Women's Program funding to at least the level it was in 1986.

- ask that the new government rescind all of the planned cuts to the Women's Program scheduled for the years to come.

- ask that the government improve the process for application, approval and disbursement of monies so that no further pressure is placed on an already tenuous funding situation.

- ask that the new government establish the Women's Program within the newly created Secretary of State ministry responsible for Women's Issues, within the Canadian Heritage portfolio (from the Human Resources and Labour portfolio), And to make similar changes for the Disabled Persons Participation Program.

**Remember to send a copy of your letter to ASWAC.**

Write to MLA Gary Mar, Minister of Community Development, and to Ralph Klein to express your support for the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Issues and the Alberta Human Rights Commission. There is a great deal of support to cut both of these programs. We have underestimated the right wing attack against such equity-seeking organizations. If 100 women wrote, they would listen; if 500 women wrote, they would have to act. Please write your letter today. If you need further information, call either ASWAC office.

Cuts to education and health care in this province are well underway. Ralph Klein has said parents don't care. Phone, write or drop in and tell him your point of view. Do it today; our system is crumbling fast. Ralph Klein office 252-0346/fax 252-0520.

I am starting a Support Group for Women In The Trades and Technologies in Edmonton and surrounding area. If interested or just curious, contact Gerlinde Seri at 481-0772 after 5 pm.

Big hugs & kisses to our Fort McMurray women, Nicole Balmer, Francine Wilson and Patti Lepoidevin, who continue to coordinate/organize ASWAC projects in their community. We really appreciate all of your work.

Thanks, hugs and kisses to C.U.P.E. Alberta Division who donated to our Political Action Campaign (PAC) by sponsoring one of our recent brochures.

Hugs, kisses and farewell to Cathy Meade who has left the Board and the province. Cathy has been a staff and a volunteer with ASWAC for close to four years; we will miss her. We wish you the best and hope you keep in touch!

Farewell hugs to Dallas Diamond who has contributed to ASWAC as a wonderful volunteer/Board member over the last year. Dallas is moving on and we wish you well; keep in touch Dallas!

ASWAC would also like to acknowledge all the work and support Deb Schimmens has provided over the years. Deb has been involved with ASWAC for years and has always been supportive to staff and Board concerns. Deb is no longer on the Board and we do miss her. Deb, give us a call; let's stay in touch.

Kathy Ewald has also left the Board and we hope will keep in touch. Best wishes Kathy in all that you do.

ASWAC staff wishes to thank all the letters and calls of support and also the constructive criticism we have received from our members. Hearing from you helps us to acknowledge our successes and areas we need to improve. Thank you.

Hugs & kisses to Dorothy Mandy our NAC rep. Her term is up at this year's NAC AGM in June. Thanks Dorothy, we know that you've not always had the support you needed to do this tough job. But we are thankful that you continued and worked hard on behalf of Alberta women.

Special hugs to Christine Leonard who has provided so much ongoing support to the staff.

Kisses & hugs to Gerri Bailey and Liz Wetheral who have organized ASWAC events in their area and who provide ongoing support to ASWAC projects. Thanks.

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# Calendar Con't

# Information/Ideas

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The Womanspace Resource Centre is open Monday to Friday from 1 to 4 pm. Please drop in with ideas or concerns or just to browse. For membership information, call 329-8338.

## WETASKIWIN

What does it feel like when a group of isolated feminists get together in mid-winter? It feels great! From a circle of satisfied appetites, we focussed on how to celebrate together. We will celebrate International Women's Day in Wetaskiwin at the Library on March 8 at 7:30 pm, bread (home made of course) and roses will be our theme. We will personalize our feminism with words, "I became a

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## Hugs Continued

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ASWAC Board Members would like to thank the staff for their perseverance and commitment in the midst of funding cuts. We acknowledge the pressures you face and wish to publicly recognize you for your efforts and successes in the past year.

Moyra would like to thank her co-workers Sharon and Nancy for their support, understanding and extra work you've taken on since last summer, to help me out. I am really grateful to you both. Kisses and hugs.

Hugs to Aine Humble who has been organizing the mail-outs.

Hugs and kisses to Susan Boychuk and the Women's Program, U of A.

***Women in Alberta***, edited by Cathy Cavanaugh and Randi Warne, is an interdisciplinary work intended for a broad readership. Ranging from women's early experience as missionaries and homesteaders to their contemporary civic and political action, these essays show how Alberta women have attempted to influence, use and transform formal and informal institutions. \$16.95, 250 pages approx.; notes, B&W photographs. Available from The University Of Alberta Press, 492-3662.



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*Membership fees are an important source of ASWAC revenue, but more importantly, your membership means a vote in support of increasing the status of women in Alberta. Whether or not you can afford our suggested fee of \$20, it is important to keep your membership up to date (check your address label for renewal month). Renew early. Don't wait for the membership renewal invoice to send in your fee. All mail, and now our business reply mail, costs ASWAC one dollar which could be put toward programming, lobbying and advocacy work. As it is now, ASWAC is operating 9 months out of the year, due to continued cutbacks in federal funds. If we can double or triple our membership, we can keep operating all year. Please sign up new members, buy memberships for your friends, and make donations if you can.*

***ASWAC's membership base is our most important resource.***

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