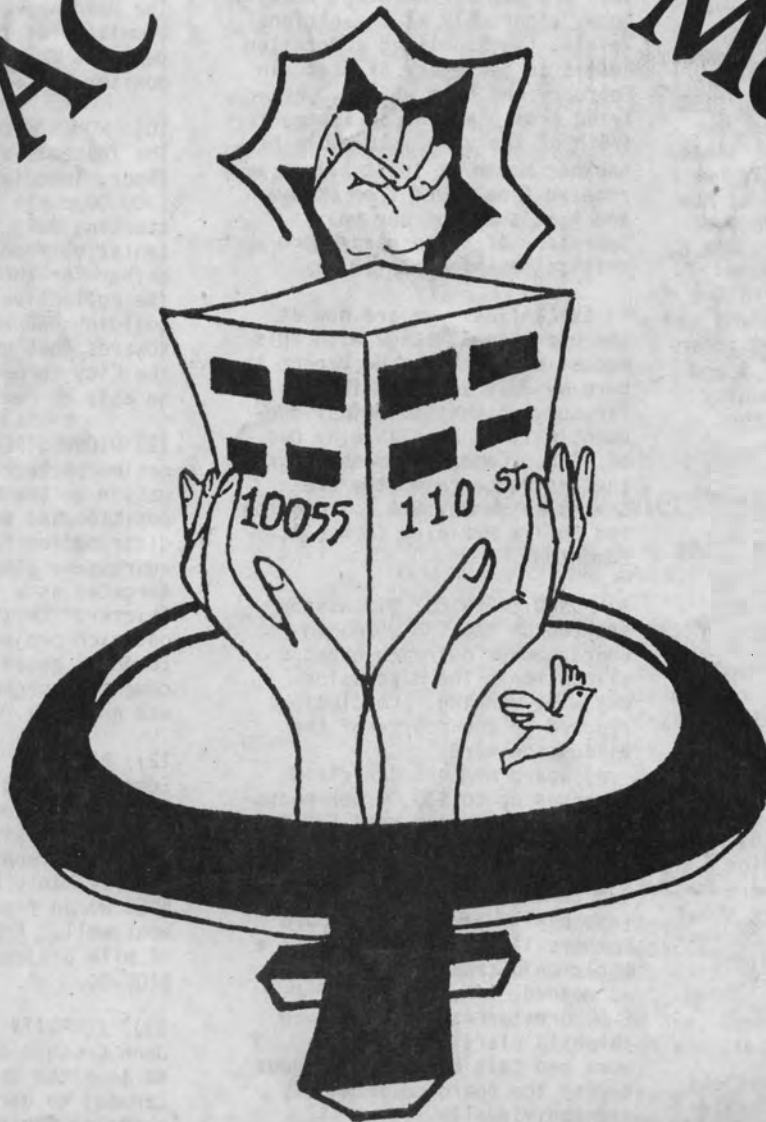




ALBERTA STATUS
OF WOMEN
ACTION
COMMITTEE Vol. 6, No. 4

ASWAC Is Moving



Eighteen Hours

1) COUNCIL OF WOMEN: A.S.W.A.C. will support the Council concept and the work of the Coalition to establish one. We continue to be concerned that the appointed members will not be representative, that the Council will not sufficiently autonomous to speak for women without constraint by government, and that the relationship between A.S.W.A.C. and the Council will be strained. But, we support the work of the women and hope for its success.

There is also a concern that there is a vacant ALBERTA seat on the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women (C.A.C.S.W.). We will investigate and nominate if possible.

2) STAFFING: First, Judy Elliot has been hired as A.S.W.A.C.'s new bookkeeper. She completes the year end reports on all our finances. We have offered her \$150.00/ month or \$15.00/ hour for a maximum of 10 hours/ month. She accepted \$150 flat rate per month. Second, re: the Performance Evaluation, a statement of intent was accepted and we will add to it a description of how to complete the forms. Third, re: Amanda LeRougetel and the A.S.W.A.C. office, members need to keep in touch with the office, both to let Amanda know what's happening and to let the communities know what information A.S.W.A.C. receives. Board member reports on their community activities should come into the office even if the board member cannot attend the Board Meetings. The low level of communication was admitted and the present resolve is to call in and report regularly!

3) RETREAT: Board members expressed a lot of concern that the Retreat may not be a good use of time and limited energy. Distance, pressing business and ethical considerations were raised. Board retreats seem more pertinent at the beginning or the end of term.

4) BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY: The responsibilities and communication roles of the board members were discussed. We will talk more about this both in our A.S.W.A.C. correspondence and at the Friday night session of the Building Meeting rescheduled for June 21-23 in Edmonton.

5) MORE STAFFING: First, Sheila's departure is impending. An evaluation will be done on Saturday, June 22. All board members should provide input prior to the evaluation.

6) FINANCES: Judy Elliot attended the Board meeting and was introduced to everyone. She explained the year-end statements on the three accounts (Secretary of State, General and Conference accounts). Mystery items from old years include \$5800.00 in sales in 83/84, and 7 cheques on the Conference account issued in Oct. of 1984. Judy will follow up on these and report back. General congratulations to Judy are in order for pulling us back into line.

Re: Secretary of State: We have received preliminary notification of funding. They have approved all of those activities that are done on a volunteer basis and none that require staff time, office, etc. We are outraged!!! We intend to express our rage to the local Secretary of State personell in an attempt to change the local recommendation. If they are not forthcoming, we will lobby vigorously at the national levels. (We submitted a detailed budget to Secretary of State in February and have waited, paralyzed from planning or acting for 1/6th of the year. It would be another month at least before we receive final word from Ottawa and that's 1/4 of our year! Secretary of State needs some critical examination.)

7) EVALUATION: We are now at the operational stage with this mutual evaluation. We expect to hire by July and timelines so far suggest that the final document will be available by Dec. of 1985. Community members on the reference committee are Sheila Passmore (S.A.C. Edmonton) and Sheila McKinley (Y.W.C.A.-Edmonton).

8) BOARD EXPENSES: Discussion started on the \$30.00/month Board member outreach expense allocation. The discussion was wide ranging. Conclusions reached in the course of the discussion were:

a) Board members can claim expenses up to \$30.00 per month for costs incurred on A.S.W.A.C. tasks. The residual amount not claimed may be dispersed according to the needs of the community (especially areas where board members live) by the Board as a whole on outreach activities as needed.

b) Greater care needs to be taken to clarify A.S.W.A.C. work and cost effective methods by/for the Board collectively and individually.

c) Billeting is cost effective and very comfortable. Providing billets is a contribution by

members that saves A.S.W.A.C. considerable money. Notice of need and advanced planning are important to those who provide billeting. More discussion on all of this is needed (see next meeting).

8) MAINTANENCE ENFORCEMENT: The Act was introduced in April and will be passed by the end of Spring sitting. Problems with it include the late effective date of automatic registration (Dec. 1986), exemptions on earnings made accessible (medicare payments) but good things include the automatic registration of court ordered payments. Until Dec. 1986, women can register their payments but it requires a lawyer to do. Good work sisters! Some indications that federal legislation may be in place before Dec. 1986 so the Provincial legislation may never be used a lot. The Maintenance Enforcement Action committee is recommending amendments at this stage and plans to monitor the early cases.

10) WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE BUILDING: The lease is signed for the second floor, immediate occupation, rent \$300.00/month and phone paid monthly starting July 1st, 1985. A representative from each group met together for the administration of the collective. St. John's (the building owners) want to sell and towards that end, has approached the City to waive taxes and we may be able to rent-to-purchase in time.

11) WIDOW'S PENSION ACT: The information package (containing information on the act, the government position and ours) is ready for distribution for private and media addresses. The Act has also been targeted as a test case under the Charter. This is another good outreach project. Most of the Edmonton based committee are newcomers to organizing. Our ranks are growing!

12) BRIDGING THE GAP: This new Edmonton based internationalist group was given a loan to cover transport costs of speakers which they have repaid. The speech by Beverly Manly of Jamaica and the AMES women from El Salvador both went well. AMPES is doing the glass of milk project to which we pledged \$100.00.

13) EQUALITY RIGHTS COMMITTEE: John Crosbie struck a committee to tour the country (via Air Canada) to garner opinion on changing legislation to meet the Charter spirit. The committee has one Liberal Minister (Sheila Finestone-Mount Royal) and one

At A Glance

N.D.P. Minister (Svend Robinson-Burnaby). The other five members are conservative! An ALL-PARTY COMMITTEE! Amanda is the Alberta contact and despite the horrific short notice (three weeks), several groups will present briefs.

14) KITS: These are nearly complete. Ten will be produced for distribution throughout the province. They include issues, experience and prose accounts of a variety of issues. Some discussion around what kind of packaging was appropriate.

15) LETHBRIDGE: Hello! Is there anyone there? Please call.

16) AMAC (ADULTS MOLESTED AS CHILDREN) RESEARCH PROJECT: Jean Noble and Shelly MacDonald of Edmonton are approaching Secretary of State for funding to put together a handbook for women survivors of child sexual abuse. They have asked A.S.W.A.C. to sponsor the project as Secretary of State will not fund this work if it is to be done by two individuals who have 'no connection' with an organization. We agreed to sponsor the AMEC research project.

17) ASSEMBLY: Location- it was decided to hold it in the Edmonton area this year as we had it in the Calgary area last year. The Edmonton Caucus will take responsibility for booking a venue. A location outside of the city of Edmonton is being considered, perhaps DEVON. We are aiming at 200 women and a comfortable conference type space. Stories of a Year will be done again this year with a greater emphasis on providing an account of the campaigning and work on issues and perhaps less but more focused writing on process.

Donations

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we have received a total of \$473.31 in donations. The following women are responsible for this generous act!

- Vicki Davidson
- Valeria Hesp
- Julia MeInyk
- Leslie Ayre-Jaschke
- Elizabeth Hoffpauir
- Mary, Reni and Reuban Potrebenko
- Janet Miller
- Inge Jesswein
- Cathy Hopwood
- Marian L. Pape
- Myrna and Walter Coombs
- Sandy Susut
- Agnes Wiley
- Cathy Bray
- Patty White
- Mair Smith

THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!!!!!

No More Service?

Dear A.S.W.A.C.,

A very special thank you to everyone, for your help, your support, your advice and most of all, your caring. I could never have done it without you.

I'm sorry to see the practicum end, but excited as well knowing that I'll be able to continue with this piece of work. I've had some response and inquiries to my project and will be following those up in the months ahead. Included is a trip to the northern (ie: past Edmonton) part of the province to meet some women.

My practicum was the most valued experience of my university life and I feel confident as I re-enter my work with Alberta Social Services.

I'll keep in touch and let you know how things are going. Thank you.

In sisterhood,
Kim Service

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will take place on the weekend of June 21-23. Location will again be Edmonton in order to coincide with moving the A.S.W.A.C. office and celebrating the new building. The meetings will hopefully take place in the new Collective Building. Please call the office for details. 424-3073.

ASWAC Board Members

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Funding Update

We were to have had a meeting with two representatives from the Edmonton office of the Secretary of State's Women's Program on Thursday, June 6th in order to discuss in detail the grant of \$55,000 they have proposed as their contribution to ASWAC funding for the year 1985/86.

The meeting was scheduled for 10:00am on the 6th; at 9:35am we received a call in the office from the SecState office to say that our meeting was cancelled because the Minister was in town and the representatives would be unavailable for our meeting. We were not amused! We hope to have the meeting rescheduled A.S.A.P. and will report on the progress of our grant as we become aware of them.

Newsletter women

Heartfelt thanks go to the following dedicated women who have been slaving over typewriters and layout tables to bring you this edition of the ASWAC Newsletter:

Sandi Kirby, Sheila MacDonald, Amanda Le Rougetel, Lisa Walter.

Letters To ASWAC

From A Minister

The following letter is the response ASWAC received from Les Young, Minister of Labour, to the letter we had sent him with regards to the provincial government's refusal to include sexual orientation in the Individual Right's Protection Act as prohibitive grounds for discrimination in employment and housing.

From A Member

Dear ASWAC,

I would like to make a comment on ASWAC advocacy regarding the link between lesbianism and feminism. (see previous issue of Newsletter)

Womyn are no longer remaining silent against the oppression imposed on us by this patriarchal society. No longer are we content to live in a powerless existence, with no say as to our personal lifestyle or goals. We are determined to take responsibility for what happens to our minds and bodies.

We have made many changes towards eradicating the promotion of hatred towards womyn, and will continue to do so. These accomplishments have come about from womyn who have worked very hard individually, as well as collectively. By supporting each other we have been able to progress toward a fuller, freer life.

If feminist womyn split up into two groups of gay and non-gay, they will surely lose their collective power, and become disunited. Those who feel threatened by womyn becoming independent and strong would encourage this split. It would be used as a tool against us, a way to weaken us, a way to keep us in our proscribed roles.

Why should womyn allow themselves to become divided? Are we not working toward the same goals - freedom to choose our own destinies?

What does it matter who a womyn chooses to love, as long as she can love herself? ASWAC's continued support of lesbian feminists/feminism is essential, as is its support of straight feminists/feminism.

As womyn we are all connected.

In sisterhood,
Joan White Calf

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you express your support for legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment and tenancy based on sexual orientation.

On December 10, 1984, I met with the representatives of the gay and lesbian communities to better understand their views on sexual orientation and practice. Furthermore, the Health and Social Services Caucus Committee met with more than 30 representatives of gay and lesbian communities from across Alberta on January 23, 1985. These meetings and other contacts, have resulted in a comprehensive understanding of the question although there is not agreement to extend the Individual's Rights Protection Act.

Homosexuals are provided the same protection under the Individual's Rights Protection Act as persons of a heterosexual orientation. The fact that the Act does not enumerate every conceivable difference as a characteristic which is prohibited for purposes of discrimination cannot be interpreted as an endorsement of the actions of anyone who infringes on the rights of others even though the infringement may be based on a non-enumerated ground. Neither should it be interpreted as ignorance and bigotry by legislators.

In conclusion, I believe that the general acceptance of homosexuals in employment and tenancy has increased significantly in the last decade. This acceptance has been achieved through information and understanding by both homosexuals and heterosexuals.

Yours truly,

Leslie G. YOUNG
Minister



Events to celebrate GALA '85 include a lesbian drop-in, a talk on Hapatitis B, a jazz concert, a dance, a picnic, a public forum on 'Identity and Image of Gay Men and Lesbians', a lesbian book fair and an art show.

For information regarding these events please contact any of the following telephone numbers:
GayAllianceTowardsEquality 424-8361
Womospace 488-2918
Dignity 482-6845

JUNE 20 - 27
A WEEK OF
GAY AND LESBIAN AWARENESS

ASWAC Is Moving June 22



ASWAC is moving!!! After a number of years spent in the only-just-adequate office in the 10765 Collective Building we are moving our office to what may well become Edmonton's Women's Building.

Our new space will be at
10055 - 110 Street,

the building which many people already know as the St. John's Building of Edmonton. Owned by the St. John's Ambulance Society, it has been standing empty for a number of years and St. John's seems really pleased to be able to fill up their old office building and generate some revenue from what has been wasted, empty space up until now.

Moving with ASWAC into this building will be Womospace, Edmonton's lesbian organization, and also Dr. Pat Eglinski, a well-known psychiatrist in town.

The second floor of the building, will house our individual offices; also on this floor is a "board room" with a kitchen attached to it(!) plus communal space which will be shared by the groups renting office space.

While we will all initially be renters in the building, the dream is to work towards actually purchasing the building from the St. John's Society and making the whole space into a women's building! Stay tuned for details as they develop . . .

BRING YOUR TIME, YOUR ENERGY AND YOUR COFFEE TO THE A.S.W.A.C. OFFICE AT 10:00 A.M. AND HELP US MOVE.

OH! YOU HAVE BOXES TOO?

MAYBE YOU COULD BRING THEM TO OUR 10765-98th ST. ADDRESS BEFORE THE SATURDAY?

GREAT! SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Name That Building

OUR NEW OFFICE BUILDING NEEDS A PERTINENT NAME! St. John's has informed us that they would be willing to let us put up a sign on the building with our own name on it -- great! . . . but what name do give the building???

SEND IN YOUR IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS c/o THE ASWAC OFFICE (box 1573, Edmonton, T5J 2N7) AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDMONTON'S WOMEN'S BUILDING.

Alberta Widow's Pension Act

The committee which formed to address the discriminatory nature of the Alberta Widow's Pension Act have been hard at work putting together an information package which will be sent out to the media, community groups and women's groups throughout the province shortly. The group has chosen to work under the name of SINGLES AND DIVORCED SPEAK OUT! (SDSO).

Included in the information package is the following form letter which will hopefully be copied, signed and sent to the relevant people by interested individuals.

Won't you take a minute and do your bit to ensure that this particular piece of Alberta legislation is overhauled to guarantee equal rights to ALL people who require financial aid during the early portion of their senior years?

If you are concerned, write to provincial officials. Listed below are elected officials and/or government employees who govern our lives. Let them know how you feel about the legislation they are making!

Honorable Peter Lougheed
Legislature Building
EDMONTON, Alta T5K 2B6

Honorable Dr. Neil Webber
Minister of Social Services and
Community Health
Legislature Building
EDMONTON, Alta T5K 2B6

Dick Johnston
Minister Responsible for the
Status of Women
Legislature Building
EDMONTON, Alta T5K 2B6

Les Young
Minister of Labour
Legislature Building
EDMONTON, Alta T5K 2B6

Dr. Sheila Wynn
Director, Alberta Women's
Secretariate
8th Floor, Devonian Building East
11160 Jasper Avenue
EDMONTON, Alta T5K 0L1

Ray Martin
Leader of the Official Opposition
Legislature Building
EDMONTON, Alta T5K 2B6

(Postage must be on letters mailed to provincial ministers)

Open Letter to
to Provincial Ministers

Dear Sir/Madame,

Re: Alberta Widows' Pension Act

I am writing to protest the discrimination that exists at the Provincial level with respect to programs that provide benefits to widows and widowers only, excluding the divorced and single.

The Provincial program, the Alberta Widow's Pension Act, makes various benefits available to widows and widowers between the ages of 60 and 64.

While I recognize the importance of programs of this nature, they should not exclude single and divorced people in the same age range who are in financial need. These programs should not be based on marital status but only on financial need. Divorce rates are higher than ever before and also, more and more people are choosing to remain unmarried. It is neither realistic nor appropriate for government programs to ignore the needs of these people.

Our over 65 senior citizens, as a group, already suffer from financial hardship regardless of marital status. Eligibility for these programs is based on demonstrated needs and it is both unnecessary and unjust to exclude needy single and divorced people from these programs of financial (and other) aid.

I urge you to change or amend this legislation to serve the needs of all people in these age categories who are in financial need, regardless of marital status.

Yours very truly,



A Feminist ...

On April 17th, Yvonne and Joan from Crow's Nest Pass Women's Resource Centre (CNPWRC) came to Calgary and participated in the A.S.W.A.C. sponsored Feminist Tour of Calgary. It was an auspicious day being the historical day that the Equality Rights provisions of the Charter of Rights came into effect.

The sun was already shining when we got up at 5:30 am to start our day with the Calgary Women's Network breakfast at 7:00am. In honor if the Equality Rights, C.W.N. showed the Alberta-made documentary movie "Great Grandmothers", a look at our fore-mothers who came and settled the prairies. It was truly a beautiful way to begin our day, with thoughts of the women who have done the work before us.

Our next stop was the YWCA building which is just brimming with active women and projects. Heather Smith from the YW Women's Resource Center gave us a tour of the Y facilities and then an indepth tour of the Women's Resource Center. Heather has been working at the W.R.C. updating and reorganizing the information for easier, more current use so her tour was indeed full of information. We left with armloads of resources for the CNPWRC.

Next, the Calgary Status of Women Action Committee office provided us with an overview of their resources and how easy it is to access them. We got copies of the Teen Horizons newspaper and heard about SWACs work with A.S.P. (Alliance for the Safety of Prostitutes).

Just across the street in the Government Building we had a short visit with Diane Craig-Hutton, our Secretary of State Women's Program contact and were able to see the flurry of activity that is all

part of her job. We shared some information and enjoyed getting to know Diane on her own turf so to speak.

We then proceeded on to the National Film Boards office where we all got free copies of the NFB film catalogue and we're able to watch the recently released movie "Abortion: Stories from North and South". It was a moving and painful film. We had a discussion after we had dried our eyes. NFB currently has hundreds of films on videotape and if your in the city you can just walk in and watch any one in the small private viewing rooms on TV sets.

Tour of Calgary

We decided that we weren't quite emotionally ready for lunch so we wandered on down to "A Women's Place Bookstore". Their selection of 100's of books of interest to and about women could well have kept us there for the rest of the day but after spending more of our meagre funds, we finally mellowed out on a pleasant and leisurely lunch.

Marnee of the Sherrif King Home for Battered Women next gave us a tour of the shelter along with information and eye-opening account of the practical matters of womens safety as they experience it there. We left feeling a bit overwhelmed at the immensity of the problem of physical violence against women in our own province.

A brief stop at the Sexual Assault Center had Lisa telling us about the programs offered thru the SAC. Besides doing all the crisis intervention work, they also ran groups for past sexual assault victims/survivors and have a major outreach project going into the schools educating the children/teachers/parents about sexual assault and child sexual abuse.

At the Calgary Birth Control Association, we again came away with handfuls of pamphlets for the CNPWRC plus we made contact with their outreach program and talked about having someone come out to Blairmore for a community meeting on the issue of teenage pregnancies/teenage moms.

Whew!! The YWCA S.H.E. health club was our next stop where we spent time swimming and having a sauna and steam bath. Rejuvenating and relaxing. None of us looked as tired as we felt.

A special treat awaited us, when we attended a Celebration gathering to toast the New Equality Rights sections. Many local women's activists offered toasts to our fore-mothers, and the work they did before us and to our daughters who carry on the work and stand strong to hold the line.

Happily exhausted we collapsed over a dinner in Calgary's China Town and talked over our days events. We certainly weren't at a loss for topics! As the stars tumbled overhead we made our way home to bed, where not one of us had any trouble sleeping. Future Feminist Tours can be arranged by contacting Suzn in Calgary, 246-8755.



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If you have an educational/vocational goal in mind, and you plan to take courses in the fall of 1985, you should make the necessary arrangements now.

Check with the various school boards and community colleges between the months of June and July about course offerings in the fall. You should collect brochures which list the courses you are most interested in.

Having selected the course(s) you wish to pursue, check with a counsellor or an instructor to ensure that you have all the relevant information. To be on the safe side, you can also request a qualifying exam to determine that you are capable of handling the work in your chosen area. Enroll very early, before the deadline, in order to ensure placement before the class is filled.

As soon as you have been formally accepted in your course(s) report to your local immigration office with your acceptance letter in order to obtain your student visa. Under the Foreign Domestics Program you CANNOT study without special permission from immigration.

taken from: DOMESTIC'S CROSS-CULTURAL NEWS, the monthly newsletter of the International Coalition to End Domestic's Exploitation

NAC Conference Report

This year the National Action Committee's annual conference was held on the campus of Carleton University, and more than 500 women attended. Women from all parts of the country were there with the news of the movement's actions in their region, so as the delegate for ASWAC I spent lots of time just talking to others and gaining practical knowledge that way.

The opening event on the agenda was a panel of speakers including Jill Vickers, Professor of Canadian Studies at Carleton. The topic was women in Canadian politics: what we've done to affect the national decision-makers in this country on issues ranging from the budget to violence toward women. It was impressive to hear the number of issues on which we have had policy for years and to view the women's movement as a bonafide political force in Canadian society. There was much talk of the "Women's Debate" of last August too, with everyone congratulating NAC for a job well done.

Saturday began with the business meeting of NAC: the process of nominating women to sit on the Executive, and resolutions. Emergency resolutions (those submitted by member organisations on issues that have surfaced in the last two months before the conference) were accepted.

Alberta women nominated to serve on the executive were Trudy Richardson, Ellie Silverman and Nancy Kotani. Neither Trudy or Nancy were at the conference because of the Air Canada

ticket agents picket lines at the Airport. However, on Sunday both Ellie and Trudy were elected; Trudy is our provincial rep (this is her second term), and Ellie is NAC's secretary. With two Alberta women on the NAC executive we all have much more access to this organisation, its resources and campaigns.

Saturday's agenda also included a fine menu of workshops on everything from the federal budget, to housework in the

scheme of labour, to organising skills, to issue workshops. Unfortunately each delegate could attend only two workshops so selection was a painful process. However, most of the workshops produced debate when it came time to vote on resolutions, so we got a sense of what had been discussed.

Themes that came up frequently during the conference were the national budget and what cutbacks were anticipated in programs and services affecting women, sexual harassment and the two controversial legal cases surrounding that issue (Bonnie Robichaud was at the conference and the Supreme Court heard her final appeal on the Monday after the conference), occupational health and reproductive hazards, and the Charter of Rights and its new provisions for women.

Alberta's caucus at the conference was much smaller than expected, with only eight Alberta groups attending. The conference, its materials, the resolutions and the campaign for the coming year are all good resources to have. We would love to share all of this with groups who could not attend, and would meet with individual women or whole groups to discuss it. Call us at the office!

The Federal

SECTION 15 of the Charter of Rights came into effect on April 17th of this year (see last issue of the newsletter for details). Many of our federal and provincial statutes have to be amended and brought into uniformity with the spirit of the Charter. The Provincial governments were given 3 years to make appropriate changes to their legislation; this process was supposed to have been completed by April 17th, 1985. The federal government, however, is still in the process of soliciting input from Canadians on how we think federal legislation and policies should be amended to bring them into line with the Charter of Rights

To this end, John Crosbie, Minister of Justice, has set up a federal government Sub-Committee on Equality to travel the country and gather input in the form of briefs and submissions. This committee came to Edmonton on Wed., May 29, 1985 and held the one day hearings at the Edmonton Inn. Amanda LeRougetel presented the brief (below) on behalf of A.S.W.A.C.. The brief was written by Board Member Lisa Walter.

All seven members of the Committee were present:

Patrik Boyer, Chair of the Committee, P.C. Etobicoke-Lakeshore
-apparently quite anti-affirmative action.

Pauline Browes, P.C. Scarborough-Centre
-asked whether A.S.W.A.C. supported women in combat roles in the Armed Forces.

Maurice Tremblay, P.C. Lotbiniere
-was delighted that Amanda could speak french!

Roger Clinch, P.C. Gloucester
-assured us that the hearings were being held with the sincere intention of actually hearing what Canadians were saying.

Mary Collins, P.C. Capilano
-asked about specific pro-affirmative action programs in Alberta.

Sheila Finestone, Liberal Mount-Royal
-praised A.S.W.A.C. for our eloquent and detailed brief and agreed with our analysis of section 12 B-1 of the Indian Act.

Svend Robinson, N.D.P. Burnaby
-agreed with the need for a legal defense fund to help cover the costs of litigation cases in the court and also made references to the Private Member's Bill on Sexual Orientation he has recently introduced in the House of Commons.



Government Comes To Town

Other groups who presented in the morning includes A.U.P.E., Dignity, G.A.L.A. (Gay and Lesbian Awareness

G.A.L.A. (Gay and Lesbian Awareness, Civil Rights Committee) and GATE (Gay Alliance Towards Equality) group presentation, Womospace and A.F.W.U.F.F. (Alberta Federation of Women United for the Family).

The Gay Rights groups were well received while the Committee responded most tolerably to some of A.F.W.U.F.F.'s more outrageous statements (Like: Gays and Lesbians do not deserve the same rights as heterosexual people as they go against nature and are immoral role models). The Committee will have received many, many varied presentations by the time it has finished its cross-country tour. It will be most interesting to see just what recommendations come out of this democratic process.

The Brief

INTRODUCTION: This brief is presented by the ALBERTA STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE, the provincial women's organization whose membership across the province includes women of varied economic status, ethnic origin, marital status, sexual orientation and age. Our membership's common concern is the inequality of women's participation in society, of women's legal rights, and of women's disadvantaged economic status.

With regard to the Constitution Act of 1982, our concerns include both substantive issues: Affirmative Action and Special Employment Measures, Native Women's Status, Reproductive Rights and Choices, and Sexual Orientation, and process issues which directly concern this committee on equality rights.

Beginning with a process issue, the Alberta Status of Women Action Committee would like to make clear that the advance preparation time to prepare this brief and indeed, to decide upon the input of our organization would provide, was far too short. Three weeks is simply inadequate. The perception this timetable creates in the community of women and the general public is that the committee itself is hastily constructed, more to placate the public than to truly hear its views.

NATIVE WOMEN: It is our hope that the Charter will address the past discrimination produced by Section 12-B1 of the Indian Act, as well as the discrimination to subsequent generations of native children that the current legislative amendment would produce. In this issue, it has been the Federal Government's policy and statute that prevented the equality of native women. The amendments the Honorable David Crombie has proposed, go part of the way in removing the discrimination to women whose status has wrongly been taken, but provides inadequate protection for their children's children.

We think that the Minister and the House should recognize the inequitable aspects of the legislation before them and reject those elements that would discriminate on transference of Indian Status. Surely the commitment to the full equality of native women will motivate this. Failing that, a commitment to proactive policy and legislation should motivate this business.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND SPECIAL MEASURES: In Alberta, the Charter's provisions for Affirmative Action and Special Measures in Employment, Training and Job Creation run contrary to Alberta legislation, the Alberta Individual Rights Protection Act (I.R.P.A.). Until two years ago, this statute specifically precluded any affirmative action, deeming it to be reverse discrimination. An amendment to the bill permits the establishment of special measures where consent from the Provincial Cabinet is obtained. Not surprisingly, the amendment has been used only once and in general practice, the government still forbids affirmative measures.

The Charter is very clear that special measures to ensure "equality of results" are permitted, and that they do not represent reverse discrimination. This matter was not raised in the Alberta Government's statute audit and the resulting bill presented to the Assembly, and more recent amendment to the Act did not include changes in this matter either. We have lobbied on this issue to no avail. We ask the Federal Government to lead the provinces to accept Charter provisions.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION: Sexual orientation was not a difference the charter-makers chose to address, nor does the Charter directly prohibit discrimination on this basis. For women, the choice of whom we live and share our lives with is a matter that relates to choice; choices made preferably without recriminations and free from discrimination. We see connections between our rights to control the reproductive functions of our bodies and our right to choose freely heterosexual or homosexual lifestyles. We also believe that a good part of the discrimination against lesbians comes from an attitude that does not believe women should be allowed to live independently of men.

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We regret that the Government did not see fit to include sexual orientation as prohibited grounds of discrimination. Recent Gallop polls indicate a majority of Canadians believe homosexuals should not be required to live without legislative protection. As such, we believe this represents "reasonable" Canadian values and should have been included. Amending the Charter or passing protective legislation would start to produce justice on this issue. Plans to litigate sexual orientation as an aspect of gender have been made, and governments should certainly come out in support of the principle.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS: Finally, we would like to comment on the process whereby the Constitution Act will become meaningful to Canadian lives. The slow and expensive process of litigating individual cases on all grounds cited above will fall to those whose lives have been violated by the discrimination we believe the Charter should protect us from. The cost will be borne largely by the Women's Movement through the collection efforts of Legal Education and Action Fund (L.E.A.F.) and other groups. Any gains in these precedent establishing cases then, will in a sense, have been paid for by the women's organizations. It seems to us most strange that those whose diligent work has brought the inequality to the attention of those who make the laws, and those who need protection of the Charter, should be the same women and groups that bear the expense.

Surely justice must not be bought but must be provided by the State. We implore the Federal Government to establish a grant-based fund to L.E.A.F. to administer litigation cases in the interests of equality for women.

It is our hope that this committee will consider the briefs and presentations provided and think seriously about the status of women in relation to the Charter. We believe: FAIRNESS COMPELS ACTION.



Pornography hurts who profits

Fraser Committee Highlights

The following highlights of the Report of the Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution are reprinted from the Canadian Coalition Against Media Pornography's May '85 newsletter.

As the Coalition and many other groups have suggested, the Committee has decided to abandon the "obscenity" terminology of the Criminal Code and to create new criminal offences relating to pornography. They use the term "pornography" fairly generally in the body of the report but in the context of the legal recommendations it is very specifically defined by specifying what sort of acts are at issue. They have not created a new definition of pornography.

Controls on pornographic material are organized on a "three tier" system. The most serious sanctions would be used against material in the first tier, including a visual representation of a person under 18 years of age, participating in explicit sexual conduct, which is defined as any conduct in which vaginal, oral or anal intercourse, bestiality, necrophilia, masturbation, sexually violent behaviour, lewd touching of the breasts or the genital parts of the body, or the lewd exhibition of the genitals is depicted. Also included in tier one is material which advocates, encourages, condones or presents as normal the sexual abuse of children and material which was made or produced in such a way that actual physical harm was caused to the person or persons depicted.

We have some concern with the terminology "presents as normal the abuse of children". We have seen pornographic publications where the abuse of children was disclaimed while the accompanying photos and the sensationalized language clearly give the photos another message.

We must make sure that such publications are taken into account in the final drafting of the law. As well it is unclear whether the recommendation as written would catch child pornography in which a model is over the age of 18 but depicted as a child. It is imperative that the final laws prohibit such material.

Less onerous criminal sanctions would apply to material in the second tier. Defence of artistic merit and educational or scientific purpose would be available. The second tier consists of any matter which depicts or describes sexually violent behaviour, bestiality, incest or necrophilia. Sexually violent behaviour includes sexual assault, and physical harm depicted for the apparent purpose of causing sexual gratification or stimulation to the viewer, including murder, assault or bondage of another person or persons, or self-infliction of physical harm.

We have some concern that although the heading of this section reads "violent and degrading pornography" there is a type of pornography which reduces women to animals which may not be caught by the second tier. Would, for instance, a woman being lead around on a leash be prohibited by tier two? We feel that it is doubtful and are concerned that the final law catch such material.

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Material in the third tier would attract criminal sanctions only when it is displayed to the public without warning as to its nature or sold or made accessible to people under 18. In tier three is visual pornographic material in which is depicted vaginal, oral or anal intercourse, masturbation, lewd touching of the breasts or the genital parts of the body or the lewd exhibition of the genitals, but no portrayal of a person under 18 or sexually violent pornography is included.

We feel that tier three provides that authority for the Municipal Bylaws that many of us have worked towards to control display. As such, it moves us far forward in prohibiting access to pornography by minors and to grant adults the comfort of not having to confront the degradation of their sexuality in the public domain. BRAVO!

The Committee recommends that the Customs Tariff Act should incorporate the proposed amendments to the Criminal Code and that both Customs and Postal officials give higher priority to the control of importation of pornography. It further recommends that film or video recordings referred by Customs to provincial classification boards should remain in the continuous control of both agencies until the classification and clearance process is complete. This would remove the current problem of importers copying films and videos while awaiting decisions of customs officials.

The Committee further recommends that Customs and the CRTC should examine the customs implications involved in trans-border telecommunications of pornographic material. It encourages the CRTC to initiate research into methods of scrambling signals, etc., to gain practical control over transmission and reception of satellite signals. It of course recommends that CRTC regulations are brought into line with the proposed Criminal Code provisions and that licensees post bond when granted licences so that money will be available (at the discretion of the CRTC) to defray costs of a complainant.

The report recommends the exploration of the use of Human Rights Legislation and the Hate Literature Statute for redress against pornography. In addition, the Committee recommends strengthening of the Hate Literature section by removing the word "wilfully" so that specific intent need not be proven and further recommends dropping the requirement that the Attorney General consent to a prosecution under this section.

The Committee recommends that the review of films continue to occur at the provincial level and that film review boards be empowered only to classify. Under no circumstances would this allow for "prior restraint".

We feel that with good laws to prohibit violent and degrading pornography and given the limited access by minors to the tier three material that this recommendation is excellent. We have never felt that provincial boards should be in the business of editing film for the photographers

We are most grateful to all of you who made submissions to the Fraser Committee and to the Committee for taking our concerns to heart. We must all now encourage our Members of Parliament to move quickly on the recommendations to ensure that the report is acted upon. Right now a letter to the Honorable John Crosbie, Minister of Justice, House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A6 (postage free) endorsing the report and asking for action would be most helpful. We will keep you posted as the interpretations become clearer and will indicate what further actions would be useful.

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ASWAC Joins Prov. Women's Coalition

ASWAC has become a member of the Provincial Committee for an Advisory Council on Women's Affairs, a coalition of many Alberta groups and women's organizations that would like to see the provincial government set up an Alberta equivalent of an Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

ASWAC endorsed the concept of such a Council and the work of the Provincial Committee with the following reservations/guidelines:

1. The Council must reflect adequately the entire spectrum of women in Alberta ie. membership of the Council must reflect the diversity of heritage, employment situations and lifestyles of Alberta women.
2. The Council must be an autonomous agency which reports to the Legislative Assembly through the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women and also
The Council must have the right to publish without ministerial consent.

We see the relationship between the Council and ASWAC as being similar to the one between NAC (the Nat'l Action C'ttee on the Status of Women) and CACSW (the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women) - ASWAC being a group outside of the government that has members for whom it works and lobbies, and the Council being connected to the government and taking direction from the Minister and reporting to the Minister: ASWAC/NAC - the Council/CACSW.

ASWAC would like to see the Provincial Committee continue to exist even after the establishment of the Council in order to monitor and report on its undertakings and progress.

If and when a Provincial Advisory Council is set up and if it follows the guidelines set out above, then ASWAC sees it as being an invaluable research agency and communication channel with our provincial government for the women of this province.

Maintenance Enforcement Legislation Information Seminars

SPONSORED BY ASWAC WITH SPEAKERS FROM THE FAMILY LAW BAR AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

A new law is set to take effect in July 1985 which simplifies the way maintenance is collected. Maintenance orders for wives, husbands and children will be filed with the government, and the government will take responsibility for collecting them.

In Manitoba, when the government took over the collection, the percentage of orders collected increased to 85%. In Alberta, presently, only about one-half of all maintenance orders are paid regularly. (see previous issues of Newsletter for details)

Doris Wilson and Marie Gordon are two Edmonton lawyers who have been involved in the development of the new Maintenance Enforcement legislation. Doris will lead the seminars which are designed to explain the ins and outs of the new system.

Time will be scheduled for your questions at the end of each seminar.

The same information seminar will take place on three different days

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CHILDCARE Childcare is available at the YWCA for \$1.90/hour; please call the ASWAC office for details.

MATERIALS Copies of relevant information items, forms, documents etc. will be available at the seminars; a small fee will be charged for them to cover photocopying costs.

N.B. Should the interest in these seminars exceed the number of spaces available, we will keep the 'overflow' names and organize another seminar series in the fall of this year.

COME AND LEARN HOW TO MAKE THIS NEW MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT LEGISLATION WORK FOR YOU!!

Pre-periodic Women

Many normally ovulating women experience cyclic changes before the menstrual period. The days on which these changes take place are referred to as the premenstrual period. Physical, behavioural and mood changes that appear during this time and then disappear or return to normal with the onset of the period may range from mild to severe. While changes may be positive in nature (for example there may be an increase in energy), women who complain generally experience moderate to severe negative changes. Physical changes include headache, weight gain, cramps, tender breasts and water retention, while those of a psychological nature are manifested as depression, anxiety, irritability, tension and hostility. Those changes related to behaviour are characterized by binge eating, cravings for salt and sugar, increased tendency to have accidents, less desire to talk or move about, greater or lesser sexual activity or interest and tearfulness.

There are many theories that attempt to explain premenstrual changes, however the broad range of symptoms seems to indicate that there is more than one factor involved and an exact cause has not been found. Because of the mystery surrounding their cause(s), premenstrual changes have been treated in many ways with some success. However, studies of ways to manage the changes have not shown the treatments to be superior to placebo therapy. Present treatments include progesterone for hormone replacement, diuretics for water retention, bromocriptine and danazol for breast symptoms, vitamin B₆ for mood and behaviour changes, aspirin and other prostaglandin synthetase inhibitors for headache, as well as relaxation therapy, hypnosis and reassurance.

Because of the difficulty in defining the pre-menstrual syndrome, a diagnostic marker to confirm or exclude PMS in a patient has not been found. Fundamentally, the diagnosis of PMS depends on a woman's ability to express her problems and on her doctor's ability to recognize the symptoms. Drs. Jean Endicott, Sybil Schacht and Uriel Halreich of Columbia University, New York have developed a questionnaire and an analysis technique that covers the broad range of premenstrual changes and allows for the severity of each

symptom in relation to others to be graded. From this, patterns established by each individual may be examined, thus increasing the ability to make a precise evaluation.

To collect information on the pattern of changes, we are distributing a questionnaire to volunteers who may or may not experience premenstrual changes. The information gathered will be used to improve the accuracy of evaluating premenstrual changes and will thus help medical and other studies in the areas of cause and treatment of the small group of women for whom the premenstrual period has a profound effect on normal life.

If you are interested in filling out a questionnaire please contact Vivienne Yuk at the following address:
5-121 Clinical Sciences Bldg.
University of Alberta
EDMONTON, Alta
T6G 2G3
tel: 432-6722

Vivienne Yuk, AHFMR Summer Student
Dr. David Cumming, Ob/Gyn & Endocrinology
Dr. Susan Kaufman, Endocrinology
Dr. Eugene Fox, Educational Psych.
Vicki Davidson, Public Health Nurse and member of the Edmonton Women's Health Collective
Dr. Roger Davis, Student Counselling
Ceinwen Cumming, Grad Student, Ed Psych.

ASWAC Library

ASWAC has received the following publication in the office since the last issue of the Newsletter:
WOMEN IN THE LABOUR FORCE, part 3

It is published by Labour Canada (1985). This document is the third in a series of statistical reports on women's participation in the paid labour force in Canada.

We also have part 1, DATA ON LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION, and part 2, COMPARISONS OF WOMEN'S AND MEN'S EMPLOYMENT INCOME.

We have a couple of hundred copies of the recent Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women publication called:

HOMEMAKER PENSION: For Work That Deserves Recognition.

This small, 30page booklet details the arguments for giving pensions to homemakers and includes two tearout postcards to send to federal officials informing them of your support for the idea.

For a few copies write to the ASWAC office; for multiple copies contact the: CACSW, Western Local Office 269 Main Street, Suite 600 WINNIPEG, Man. R3C 1B2 tel: (204) 949-3140

THE CELIBATE WOMAN

A Journal for Women Who Are Celibate or Considering This Liberating Way of Relating to Others

The Celibate Woman Journal is a communications network among women who are interested in exploring new and meaningful ways of relating to others — including those with whom we are intimate — rather than taking our affections in a sexual direction.

We welcome submissions on the issue of celibacy — articles, artwork, letters, experiences, ideas, theory.



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Bits and Pieces

Women: A Survey

- *Are you interested in the status of women worldwide?
- *Did you know that the unpaid labour of women in the household, if given economic value, would add an estimated one-third, or \$4,000,000,000,000, to the world's annual economic product?
- *Did you know that although we comprise 50% of the world's enfranchised population women hold no more than 10% of the seats in national legislatures?
- *Did you know that women are the sole breadwinners in 1/4 to 1/3 of the families in the world and that the number of women-headed families, is rapidly increasing?

If this kind of information interests you, then the recently published book called WOMEN: A WORLD SURVEY is a must for you! Obtainable through MATCH International Centre, WOMEN: A WORLD SURVEY is a document full of statistics and graphs illustrating changes in the global status of women since 1950.

The book brings together in an easily accessible and abbreviated form a range of factual information on the situation of women in the world community today. It contains useful statistical information and interpretations of trends in women's work, health, education, and legal and political rights.

For single copies (\$7.00) write to:
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 -please add \$1.75 for postage and handling

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Books, Pamphlets, Catalogues and Films

Let's Talk About Sexual Assault is a booklet published by the Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre and is aimed at women aged 13 - 19. This is a unique resource for anyone working with adolescents. Write for details at:
 Council Centre
 1045 Linden Avenue
 VICTORIA, BC
 V8V 4H3

The National Film Board (NFB) has many films of interest to women. Two good catalogues listing films related to health concerns are:
 OUR BODIES, OUR MINDS
 and
 BEYOND THE IMAGE.
 Write the NFB at
 1 Lombard St.
 TORONTO, Ont.
 M5C 1J6
 or contact your local NFB office.

FEMINIST ORGANIZATION MANUAL: A TOOL FOR IMPROVING ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

This workbook was originally prepared by the Saskatchewan region Secretary of State offices and was updated in 1984 by the Pacific Region Secretary of State department. For those of us who are continually struggling with finding a balance between "no structure" and "too much structure", this book gives us many options to choose from. It is written in a very non-judgemental way.

The authors have drawn on years of experience in women's groups and present the reader with many models. The workbook is full of easy to use and adept worksheets and exercises.

The manual is designed to "maximize our effectiveness in maintaining our organization and achieving our goals". The book recognizes the strengths that women's experience brings to organizational work. After all, who can deny that being a mother, having a paid job and making time to do volunteer work takes extraordinary organizational skills??!!

The workbook is available from Secretary of State offices, call or write them for details. The workbook is highly recommended for anyone doing feminist organizational work.

Fraser Committee Report

Copies of the Fraser Committee Report (see p. 10 for article) are now available. This two-volume document reporting on the findings of the Pornography and Prostitution Commission can be purchased for \$28.00.

Write for details to:
 Supply and Services, Canada
 Publishing Centre
 HULL, Que.
 K1A 0S9



Announcements Calgary SWAC Announcements

Working Women Conference

The goal of the conference, **WOMEN CONFRONTING WORK HAZARDS**, is to provide women workers with the information and the tools necessary to recognize, evaluate and control hazards in their workplaces, whether an office, home or factory, a farm or any other setting. The conference is structured so that participants will have the chance to meet and work with women in similar jobs as well as discuss issues of mutual interest with women from a variety of occupations.

We now know that more than half of women 15 years of age and older work outside the home. And, all women work inside their homes!! Working women outside the home are employed primarily in:

CLERICAL
HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE SERVICES
SALES
TEACHING and
ADMINISTRATION.

What this also means is that certain kinds of hazards predominantly affect women.

The conference is being held at the Chateau Lacombe (one of only two hotels in Edmonton where the workers are unionized) on July 4 - 6.

Registration (by June 20th) can be made by writing to:

Women Confronting Work Hazards
c/o A.F.L.
#350, 10451 - 170 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5P 4T2
tel: 483-3021

The conference costs \$45.00 and includes materials, coffee and dinner on Friday night

L.E.A.F.

The Legal Education and Action Fund is raising money to fight equality cases in the courts.

Write for their bilingual brochure at:

LEAF
PO Box 6989, Station A
TORONTO, Ont.
M5W 1X7

Nairobi

The Calgary SWAC is pleased to announce that Ravida Din, SWAC co-ordinator, will be part of the Canadian delegation attending the UN End of the Decade for Women conference in Nairobi, Kenya from July 8 - 17, 1985. Ravida will be one of three women representing Canada's youth at the conference.

Youth Group

Call the SWAC office for details about our Youth Group's Film and Speaker series.

Sexuality Conference

We are planning to hold a conference on **SEXUALITY** on Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1985.

Some of the topics being planned include: teenage sexuality, body image, erotic art, celibacy, orgasm, sexual double standards, aging and recovering from sexual abuse.

If you are interested in helping to plan this conference, please call the Calgary SWAC office at 262-1873.

Music In Edmonton

Musicians For Social Concern

Musicians for Social Concern is planning a summer **ARTS FOR PEACE** festival on the 24th and 25th of August, 1985.

We will be featuring theatre, a women's stage, an evening stage, youth and children stages as well as an information and craft area. If you are an artist who wishes to perform or sell crafts/art work or if you would like to donate time or money, please contact:

Musicians for Social Change
c/o 9635A - 85 St.
EDMONTON, Alta
T6C 3C9

Good Times

Edmonton singer/songwriter **LYNNE WEEDS** will be featured at the **Chinook GOOD TIMES FESTIVAL** on June 15th 1985 at the Chinook Theatre in Edmonton.

The show is at 7:30pm and tickets are available from the Chinook Theatre or CJSR Radio on the UofA campus. Tickets cost \$5.00



TJ Fundraiser

TJ is a ten year old boy who was hit by a car at the Women's Peace Conference in Edmonton in early May.

As a result, he lost two permanent teeth and had many others displaced. To help cover restorative work which is only covered 50% by his mother's dental plan at her workplace, we are seeking funds through donations and fund raising events.

The first of the fund raisers will take place this summer.

If you wish to donate or want to help plan events, please write to:

TJ Fund
c/o 9635A - 85 Street
EDMONTON, Alta
T6C 3C9

EDMONTON BIG SISTERS

Big Sisters will be presenting their 6th annual Benefit Variety Show at the Citadel Theatre with shows at 1:30pm and 4:00pm.

The shows are designed to amuse, amaze and delight all members of the family.

Come and support this invaluable community organization.

For further information call: 424-8181.

STAR ON YOUR LABEL? READ ON!

ASWAC's membership year runs from conference to conference, November to November.

This means that if you bought your membership BEFORE November of 1984, it is now out of date and you need to renew for the 1984/85 year (the current membership year). The 1984/85 membership year will then "run out" at our next conference in November of 1985 (this November) at which time it will be necessary for all members to renew for the 1985/86 membership year.

We continue to send the Newsletter to members who are only one year behind in their membership dues because we know how difficult it is for some people to keep track of their many and varied memberships and the renewal dates for each and every one. Besides, we don't want to lost track of old and valued friends simply because of an oversight!

So . . . if you have a star on your label, please take a minute to send in your renewal to the office or, if you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, simply forward a note to the office to that effect.

We suggest \$10.00 per year for a membership but will, of course, accept less from those who cannot afford the fee. (Donations are received with yelps of joy!!)



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