

ASWAC

Alberta Status of Women Action Committee

JANUARY 1991 NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU
WILD ROSE
FOUNDATION,

CONGRATULATIONS
ASWAC

ASWAC received the cheque for \$45,467 from the Wild Rose Foundation, purchases were approved at the board meeting and we have officially begun the Volunteer Development and Support Project.

The hiring process for the Volunteer Co-ordinator is underway. A photo copier and two FAX machines (one each for the Calgary and Edmonton offices) have been purchased. We have a laser printer, *Microsoft Word* computer program and *My MailList* label maker and data organizer. The McIntosh computer will be delivered sometime in January.

We feel very fortunate to have these resources and would like to share them with other community groups. A plan to do this at a very reasonable cost and with training in the use of the equipment will be developed when the Volunteer Co-ordinator joins us. More about that in future Newsletters.

In the meantime we would like you to come and join us in saying thank you to the Wild Rose Foundation and celebrate our good fortune.

THE ALBERTA STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE

Cordially Invites You to Attend

A RECEPTION AND NEWS CONFERENCE

*to
CELEBRATE*

ASWAC'S NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCES
and
THE LAUNCH OF OUR VOLUNTEER
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

*Made possible by support and funding from Alberta's
WILD ROSE FOUNDATION.*

*Come and meet Wild Rose Foundation Representatives and
members of ASWAC and other Edmonton Women's groups and
view our new Community Resources.*

4:00pm
Tuesday January 15, 1991
421- 0306 for information

ASWAC Office
9930 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta



1990/1991 Board Members

Meaghan Dean - Edmonton
Nancy Miller - c/o Calgary office
Sheryl McInnes - c/o Lethbridge
Dorothy Mandy - Edmonton
Donna Gould - Calgary
Danielle Aubry - Calgary
Mary T. Hughes - Edmonton
Annette Aarbo - Edmonton
Barbara McKinley - Edmonton
Deborah Stewart-Furmanski - Edmonton
Donna Dhaliwal - Magrath
Nancy Perkins - Lethbridge

Regional Representatives

Valda Roberts - Edmonton
488-9659
Gerry Bailey - Westeros
586-2983
Michelle Emslie - Edmonton
424-8451 (r)
422-0668 (o)
Nicole Balmer - Fort McMurray
791-9210 (r)
743-2121 (o)
Debbie Smith - Calgary
263-9615 (r)

ASWAC's mailing address is:
Box 1573, Edmonton Alberta T5J 2N7.
The Edmonton office is located at 9930 - 106 Street, on
the lower floor with the rest of the Edmonton
Women's Building.
Phone 421-0306.
Office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm

ASWAC Lethbridge is located in the Women's
Resource Centre above Woolworths at:
#202, 325 - 6 th Street South, Lethbridge AB T1J 2C7
Phone 329-8338

The Calgary ASWAC office is located in the Old Y
Centre for Community Organizations,
#303, 223 - 12 Avenue S.W., Calgary AB T2R 0G9
Phone 233-0731.

This is an interim ASWAC Newsletter. The familiar
ASWAC Newsletter has served us well but it is time to
replace it with a new, in house publication.

The new board has supported an earlier board
decision to change the format. The Newsletter
Collective is to come up with a format that will be
both less costly and more flexible, allowing for more
frequent publication. The change is expected to be
greatly facilitated by the fact ASWAC now has a
photocopier.

➡ We need ideas and energy to develop what we know
will be an exciting new image. Please join the
Newsletter Collective or help us do some
brainstorming. With your ideas and our new
equipment this will be an exciting venture.

If you would like to be involved in this process
please call the Edmonton office - 421-0306. ◀

The Alberta Status of Women Action Committee gratefully acknowledges financial support from the Secretary of State Women's Program and the Wild Rose Foundation.

ASWAC Board Meeting Schedule

Five board meetings in various parts of the province are scheduled before October 1991:

February 2 and 3 - Calgary
March 23 and 24 - Lethbridge
May 4 and 5 - Red Deer (or Edmonton)
July 6 and 7 - Westeros (Gerry Bailey's Place)
September 21 and 22 - Edmonton

Anyone interested in attending board meetings or needing transportation can call the Edmonton office. Deadline for items to be placed on Board Meeting agendas is ten days prior to meeting.

ASWAC
FAX 425-3293

ASWAC Standing Committees

At present the volunteers serving on this years standing committees are:
PERSONNEL: Cathy Bray, Jane Wiley, Mary Hughes, Dorothy Mandy.
FUNDRAISING: Nancy Perkins, Danielle Aubry, Valda Roberts, Donna Gould.
LONG RANGE PLANNING: Sheryl McInnes, Nancy Perkins, Danielle Aubry, Donna Gould.
BUDGET: Meg Dean, Sheryl McInnes, Dorothy Mandy.
ASSEMBLY: Nancy Miller, Jacqueline Preyde.

The hope is to have the assistance of as many non-board volunteers on the standing committees as possible. If you are interested in any of the above committees or would like information, call the Edmonton or Calgary offices.

Women and Mental Health

- Women in a Violent Society

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

ANDREA DWORKIN
New York, New York

ROSEMARY BROWN
Ottawa, Ontario

SHIRLEY TURCOTTE
Vancouver, B.C.

SANDRA BUTLER
San Francisco, California

KATE MILLET
New York, New York

CARLA McKAGUE
Toronto, Ontario

MAY 9th - 12th, 1991

Banff Springs Hotel

Banff, Alberta TOL 0C0

Full brochure and registration forms available at ASWAC Edmonton office.

DOROTHY MANDY JOINS ASWAC

I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new Project Coordinator with ASWAC.

I started officially on December 1, 1990 with a Board Meeting in Calgary. It was a good opportunity to get acquainted with the board members and discuss expectations and ideas.

Meg and I have worked out an office schedule and at the moment I am working Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 12:00 to 4:30 and other times as necessary and/or appropriate. This schedule is flexible and I can arrange to be in the office at other times if necessary.

In the past month we have rearranged the office to create a work space for me and leave room for the Volunteer Co-ordinator. We have also moved the library and organized our new office equipment into what we hope will be an efficient and pleasant work space.

My first two *projects* are, the reception and celebration for the Wild Rose Foundation grant for our Volunteer Development and Support Project and this interim Newsletter.

I look forward to working with the new equipment in the office and meeting many of you as we share these resources with other groups.

This is a learning time for me in many ways as I am fairly new to Edmonton and Alberta. I worked with women's groups on Vancouver Island for many years and know I can use that experience in working with ASWAC. But if anyone has information about events or issues that I don't seem to be dealing with or would not come across in the office, I hope you will call me.

I look forward to the coming year and working with ASWAC and getting to know all of you better.

Happy New year and all the best in 1991.

Dorothy Mandy

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

No formal committee has been established for March 8, 1991.

Anyone interested in working on plans for I.W.D. 1991 may call ASWAC and leave name and phone number.
421-0306

OFFICE SPACE

Two offices are available at reasonable rent in the
Edmonton Women's Building
9930-106 Street
Call ASWAC 421-0306 for details

ASWAC is accepting applications

for the position of

Volunteer Co-ordinator

Primary areas of responsibility will be:
- volunteer recruitment and training
- volunteer development and co-ordination
- fundraising volunteer co-ordination

Please send resume by closing date
January 15, 1991 to:

ASWAC
P.O. Box 1573
Edmonton AB T5J 2N7

Or drop resume off at Edmonton or Calgary offices

CENTRE FOR WOMEN

A Wellness Association

Update: With the assistance of the YWCA - Edmonton and the Royal Alexandra Hospital the planning committee developed a written proposal for the establishment of a "CENTRE FOR WOMEN."

Representatives from the Planning Committee have met with government officials, Edmonton Board of Health, Alberta Advisory Council for Women and the City of Edmonton. Foundations have been approached for funding.

A volunteer Board of Directors will direct the establishment of the Centre for Women; health education, information and referrals.

The Program Summary reads in part: *The Centre For Women understands the health issues facing women and provides up to date information and services to enable any woman to make an informed decisions regarding her own or her family's health.*

And: *Without duplicating existing community services or health care programs, the Centre for Women will provide a single health information resource available to all women.*

The Edmonton Learner Centre

11th ANNUAL THIRD WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

February 21 - 24, 1991

Remarkable films from around the world by and for women:

Love, Women & Flowers (Colombia)
Women at Work (Kenya)
Songoldo: Voices of Change (S. Afr.)
Nice Colored Girls (Austr.)
Extinct But Going Home (Austr.)
Seeds of Promise (Africa)
Before We Knew Nothing (Peru)
Maria's Story (El Salvadore)
Bringing it All Back Home (UK)
Sistren Theatre (Jamaica)

*Watch for our program
- to volunteer call 439-8744*

On February 14, 1991, thousands of
women across Canada will celebrate.

How about you?

Equality Eve...

February 14 is the 10 year anniversary of an event that changed the course of Canadian women's history. In fact, it was February 14, 1981, when more than 1000 women came to Ottawa to pressure the government and ensure that equal rights were firmly entrenched in the Canadian constitution.

It's time to Celebrate!

On the evening of February 14, we will celebrate just how far we've come and speak out on how far we need to go.

Create your own Celebration...

Organize a get-together with the women in your area. It can be anything from a dinner party to a pot-luck supper. What's most important is that women have the chance to rejoice in what was achieved almost 10 years ago and plan for an even better world.

B.Y.O.V.C.

On February 14, you're invited to Bring Your Own Vision of Canada to

the table...any table. Let us in on your plans and we will send you a list of questions intended to stimulate discussions at your own celebration.

Get the party rolling...

Do you agree with these statements:

- ★ "I have the right to be safe in my own street, neighbourhood, city."
- ★ "I have the right to decide to stay home with my baby or go to work and know the baby is well looked after."
- ★ "I have the right to speak out and not be silenced."

If "YES", then Equality Eve is for you!

We want to hear from you...

So, please let us know if you can make it to Ottawa or if you're planning an event. This could be the biggest "Canadian women get-together" yet! Just fill in the cut-out below and send it along with any donations to:

Equality Eve
O.I.S.E.
252 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 1V6

*For full brochure or to discuss
ideas call Dorothy at ASWAC
Edmonton office 421-0306.*

BOOKKEEPER

Bookkeeper needed to do ASWAC books.
McIntosh Computer system preferred.
For details and to present proposal
Call ASWAC 421-0306 Meg.