

January 1973

(May we all have a happy Feminist New Year!)

THE WOMEN'S PLACE
31 Dupont Street
Toronto 5, Ont.

Mon-Thurs 10:30 am-9:30 pm
Fri & Sat 10:30 am-5:30 pm
929-3185

Dear Sisters,

Well, here we are, beginning a New Year! The Christmas and New Year's Party went off very well. I could say some things about a New Year inspiring us onto greater heights of Sisterhood. But I'm sure we all know that this will, indeed, happen.

The process of Liberation never ceases. For those few who did drop in over the holiday, it was well worth having one or two women work here all day. More than any other time of the year, there are women in the city who are alone and don't know of us.

Anyway, the Centre is moving ahead more than ever. The Liberation School Courses will provide a chance to learn something and at the same time share with other women. Don't forget, of course, the Lecture Series. A collating machine was donated which will cut out a lot of work in putting together the newsletter. We are still in need of the other things listed in the last newsletter. However, I feel optimistic that these will turn up just as this house turned up. Women who believe in something strong enough can do anything and, as long as women believe in themselves and each other, Women's Place will be here! See you soon!

What's Happening?

The Library still needs: Women interested in helping the library, but who cannot spare the time to come and work in the library itself, can be of great help if they could:

- 1) Volunteer to clip the daily newspapers for material of interest to feminists. This saves us the cost of subscribing to the newspapers. Contact Kathy at 925-8512.
- 2) Donate a subscription to a feminist magazine. Contact Joy Wilson at 694-2908.
- 3) Volunteer to clip feminist magazine articles from all magazines that are not specifically feminist, eg., MacLeans. Please make sure articles contain date and name of magazine when clipped. Articles can be placed in the box in the library marked "Pamphlets" or sent to The Place, c/o The Library.
- 4) Donate shelving of any kind to put books on or a filing cabinet to hold clippings.

Women's Place is always looking to involve more women in the Centre. However, due to women leaving the city, etc., we especially need you on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Office work can actually be exciting when you are talking to, and working with, women!

THE WOMEN'S LIB TYPE PRESS is functional again. Movement and commercial work welcome. Contributions of supplies or money appreciated. Contact Women's Place.

Lecture Series

- Jan. 26th, 1973 Mothers and Daughters-Similarities and differences in motivation (Part 1)
- Feb. 23rd, 1973 Part 2 of the above
- Mar. 23rd, 1973 Prostitution
- Apr. 27th, 1973 Recent Landmarks in Sex-Role Stereotyping Research in Psychology

Don't Forget! For any women - young or old, married or single - who have been thinking about their own sexuality towards women in a confused sort of way, Lesbian Rap Groups have already been started.

- Fri. Jan. 12th - Drop-In Night (a social evening)
- Fri. Jan. 19th - Rap Group (a time to help each other figure out how we got here and where we want to go)
- Fri. Jan. 26th - Drop-In
- Fri. Feb. 2nd - Rap Group

INFORMATION PACKAGE

We are anxious to create a kit which will explain the existence of Women's Place and the existence of the Women's Movement.

It should be concise and cover factual and researched material on a broad range of topics, so as to provide verbal ammunition and a vehicle for raising consciousness. It will be sold in the bookstore and sent out (for a price) to women who are constantly phoning or writing to us to question our existence. It, hopefully, will eliminate some of the bad image the media has created.

Canadian experience is important to the Women's Movement here in Canada, and so we are relying solely on information we can gather.

Some suggestions for the package include: Children-sex-role stereotyping in books, toys, television, etc.; Women in the Work Force (facts and figures from the Women's Bureau); Women and Economics; The Woman's Place (why, what and how); The Canadian Suffragist Movement (or some history of women's struggles); Women and Creativity; Women and The Law, Abortion. The list is endless. A list of Canadian Centres for Women's Movement activities, and a reading list could also be included.

Here's the pitch - A committee is needed immediately, or sooner, to compile these readings. If you wish to contribute, please come to a meeting on January 15, at 8:00. Call Judy Falkner at 266-7797 or 293-8097, or call The Woman's Place and let us know if you are coming, so we have an idea of the response.

Judy Falkner is working as Adult Program Director for the Scarborough Y. She has planned a forum on the Women's Movement at Cedarbrae Library on January 23 followed by a 4-week Women's Course in February. If you want more information, or can help establish an information directory for women, all Judy at 266-7097.

THE IMAGE OF WOMEN IN ADVERTISING

A group of women have organized themselves to do something about the image of women as portrayed in advertising in the media, especially on television.

Three of us were interviewed for the CBC "Ideas" programme. We have written to N.O.W. in the States and are waiting to receive a copy of the monitoring sheets which they used in a similar study which resulted in a licensing challenge in New York. We want to use it as a guide. The monitoring must precede any type of action so that we have some hard data on the roles in which women are portrayed. Once the monitoring is done, we will be planning strategies, and deciding how to deal with the problem. The C.R.T.C. has indicated that they would like to hear from us, and the Canadian Advertising Advisory Board is another fairly influential body which must be considered. As well, we hope to organize letter-writing campaigns to specific offenders (and to those who instituted fairly progressive advertising programmes), and will be setting up a clearing-house to organize this activity.

We will be meeting again as soon as the winter holidays are over. Anyone interested, please phone Jane House 531-1954 or Lorna Foreman 920-0614. If you don't have a lot of time for meetings, but occasionally watch t.v., phone anyway -- we need lots of help monitoring.

YES! WOMEN'S STUDIES LECTURES WILL CONTINUE!!

- Jan. 15 (Monday) Medical Sciences Auditorium, U of T
MARGARET ATWOOD: On Being a Woman Writer
- Jan. 23 (Tuesday) College of Education
SYLVIA SPRING: On Being a Woman Filmmaker
- Jan. 30 (Tuesday) College of Education
MARIAN KANTAROFF: On Being a Radical Feminist Sculptress

ONTARIO CONFERENCE ON WOMEN - January 26, 27, 28
Victoria College, U of T

Registration and reception Friday evening
Workshops on morning and afternoon of Saturday
and final Plenary on Sunday

- Workshops:
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| Day Care | Women & Health Education |
| Women In The Professions | Women In The Arts |
| Women In Politics | Women In Athletics |
| Academic Discrimination | Women's Studies |

Registration Fee: \$2 and out-of-town with billeting and meals \$10
Further info: 964-1535 (Susan Gleason)

** Please BOYCOTT!! **
DARE COOKIES and all KRAFT PRODUCTS! (SEALTEST MILK is one of many.) For complete list of Kraft products, call 536-8131.

CHILDBIRTH INFORMATION - 228 McCaul Street, 489-6350

Contact Sharon Auerbach for information on free natural childbirth preparation classes using the LaMaze Method. Also information on breast-feeding, birth control and doctors and hospitals which are helpful. Also if anyone is interested in teaching with her or learning to teach, please phone.

WOMEN'S INVOLVEMENT PROJECT - 921-6591

A group involved in video-taping programmes about women for cable t.v. They have tapes available for schools, etc.

Women's Place after 6 months of operation

At the end of November it was six months since Women's Place opened at 31 Dupont. Here is a brief statement of how we managed financially and what it takes to keep going....

Sources of Revenue , June to November, 1972

Donations and pledges.....	\$4,007.56	-our largest, most important
Liberation Workshop Fees.....	803.13	-that covers 2 sessions
Speakers' fees, lectures.....	185.68	-we always ask for payment
Consciousness Raising Groups.....	38.72	-not a great deal
Fall Film Festival.....	195.87	-we did it really on the cheap
One-shot subsidy from a defunct institution.....	500.00	-that's what we paid for our gestetner
Miscellaneous.....	48.53	-mostly coffee fund
OFY Grant, summer 1972.....	1,416.38	-share of OFY money which went into operations
TOTAL		\$ 7,195.87
		-that's what we took in

At the end of November there was \$859.60 in the bank; just about one month's cost of operations.

Our projected monthly budget - assuming no extraordinary expenses - breaks down as follows:

Pro Forma Monthly Budget

Rent.....	\$350.00	-no comment necessary
Utilities.....	75.00	-telephone, gas, electricity. We have to heat this place.
Newsletter.....	220.00	-mostly stamps and paper. It can't be cut further.
Supplies, repairs, etc.....	50.00	-maintenance of office & house as a whole
Bookstore and Library.....	40.00	-bookstore is intended to become self-sufficient but it will take time and money
Miscellaneous expenses.....	45.00	-you always have those
TOTAL		\$780.00

Please note that government grants go almost entirely on salaries; they do not really help financially with the cost of operations. Our present grant covers two salaries and not much else. We are dependent on donations and our own fund raising efforts, which to date have not been extensive. What we badly need are more regular pledges, no matter how individually small.

Well, that's that. Now you know.

Recent changes in the Human Rights Code gives us this item:-

The Women's Bureau is responsible for two areas of legislation designed to improve the status of women employees: a) The Human Rights Code prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex or marital status in employment. (In the future, it will also ban discrimination in job-related "fringe benefits", such as pensions and medical insurance.) Discriminatory job advertising and referral by employment agencies are prohibited. b) The Employment Standards Act prohibits dismissal for pregnancy and all employers with more than 25 employees must provide 12 weeks maternity leave for women who have worked at least one year. Anyone wishing to file a complaint should contact the Bureau.

Other services: - The Code bans sex-based discrimination in notices and signs, access to public places, and occupancy of commercial units or housing accommodation: Careers Centre providing guidance to mature women who are considering re-turning to employment: Vocational Information for school girls: Research and Information - library and bibliography, publications and fact sheets.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Women's Photography Co-op is interested in photographing women and women's events. If we could be of use, call 364-2630.

Sussex-Devonshire Daycare Co-op, a parent-controlled day care co-op in the University community area, has openings for people sincerely interested in the growth of their children and themselves. Children under two years. Call 925-7495. Also they need volunteers on Tuesday and Wednesday morning and afternoon, and Thursday mornings.

Separated Mothers: Are you tired of getting the run around from family court and their "social work". Let us unite and be a force to be reckoned with. Let us have our own union, hire a lawyer to fight our complaints and enforce our court orders, etc. We could also have a rental office, collect furniture for those in need, etc. Please write me: Jill Goddard
Box 1041
Uxbridge, Ont.

WOMEN'S ROCK GROUP - Looking for women over 18 years to sing and write women's songs! Need: Woman Pianist or Organist - another Bass Player - Place to Practice. Anybody at all! Contact Janet Corrigan 481-6251 or Kay Bridges 493-1849

ANYONE INTERESTED IN WRITING SONGS TOGETHER? WOMEN'S SONGS? WOMEN'S ACTIVIST SONGS? SONGS? PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
Heather - 962-8121 or 465-7455

WOMEN'S COMMUNE - Myra, Pat and Rowena are looking for a house for 6-10 women, interested in living together cooperatively without men as residents or visitors. If interested, please call Pat at Women's Place or Myra at 465-4572 or Rowena 366-4889.

There are lots of ads for places to live and people to live with on our bulletin board. Who knows? You might meet a friend!

POETS: TAKE NOTE!! There is a Poetry Periodical called IS coming out in late Spring - all Women's Poetry! ... Woman Editor. Send Poems to: Penny Chalmer, Coach House Press, 401 Huron St. (Rear)

WOMEN'S PLACE REGULAR SCHEDULE:

- Jan. 3rd. Wed. - Office Workers Meeting
- Jan. 4th. Thurs. - C.R. Drop-In (To meet other groups)
- Jan. 18th. Thurs. - General Information Meeting
- Every Thursday - High School Women's Collective

The Newsletter: If you can help put it out, please let us know. It's a big job; our mailing list is enormous. Also if you know how to run a gestener, you can come in the day before and help run off the newsletter. If you don't know how to run one, it is an easy procedure to learn and Heather or Stephanie can teach you in half an hour. Call and leave your name and number.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

- _____ I wish to donate \$ _____ to The Women's Place.
- _____ I wish to pledge \$ _____ per month to The Women's Place.
- _____ I wish to continue to receive the newsletter.



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