

MAY NEWSLETTER

The Women's Place
31 Dupont Street
Toronto, Ontario

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

Hi folks--all kinds of things are happening so we'll get right into them.

Women 's Communication Centre is located at 573 Yonge Street (3rd floor at the Market), and offers an open workshop every Wed. night. These workshops feature guest speakers and run from 7 o' clock till 10p.m. They are also putting together a handbook which will be available at a later date. For more information phone 967-6710.

Mixed C.R. Group Linda Warman is interested in forming a mixed Consciousness Raising group. People wishing to join are invited to phone her at 223-5111.

General C.R. Group Anyone in a consciousness-Raising group is welcome to come to the Women's Place for a C.R. drop-in on Monday May 14, at 8 p.m. This evening is available for you to visit Women's Place, talk over your group experiences with other C.R. groups and discuss any problems your group might have. Everyone welcome.

Women with Gestalt Skills is into sharing them with others. She wishes to get together an ongoing weekly group with ten other women. The purpose is to explore ourselves using Gestalt techniques such as body movement, massage, meditation, etc. Call Mervyn at 923-5658 if you're interested.

Self Defence Shows for women will be shown on channel 19 on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m. The same program will be shown twice a week while the series will run for ten weeks. A must for women to see if they are interested in self-preservation.

WEN-DO is a form of self defence designed specifically for women. Free courses are held by the North York Board of Education but there is a long waiting list. Their phone number is 223-5020. WEN-DO classes are also being sponsored for \$35.00. These classes are instructed by Ned Paige as well. They are held every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. at the Lord Simcoe Hotel in Salon A & B. If you can't make it that night, there are classes held every Monday night at the Westbury Hotel. No applicants under 18 years of age will be considered.

I am taking the \$35.00 course and can warmly recommend it. For more information phone: 366-4949

Saleable Items Needed! There's going to be a rummage sale sponsored by the Canadian Women's Coalition to Repeal Abortion Laws. If anyone has old clothes, arty objects, or other saleable items, will they please call the Coalition to arrange for a deposit or pick-up. Phone: 363-9773. Their address is: 96 Gerrard St. East. Many thanks.

Lesbians - there will be a lesbian rap group every Friday night starting May 4 at the Women's Place. Topics will include coming-out, role-playing, and anything anyone wants to talk about. For more information, phone Women's Place 929-3185.

Lesbian Conference - there will be a lesbian conference on June 30th. A planning meeting will be held at the Women's Place, Friday May 18th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

HELP! - could someone please lend or give the Centre an electric typewriter. We need it to type stencils for the Gestetner. Thanks.

Bookkeepers or Accountants - is there a bookkeeper or accountant who would be willing to take over the month's end work for the Centre? There isn't that much, it's just that I've been doing it for a year and would like a change - please call Leah at 929-3185.

Free To Be You And Me - in the last month's newsletter, we said that the Free to be You and Me record could be ordered from Ms. for \$6.50. We have since found that the record can be acquired at major record stores in Toronto for \$4.99. Sorry we didn't find out earlier!!

Learn How To Handle Your Own Finances - Kelly, a woman who works at Crown Life Insurance Company, has information which would be of considerable interest and value. She has commented that as more and more women are looking after themselves independently, they may wish to assume the responsibility of planning their financial futures. She will be happy to speak with women--either individually or in a group, on this topic, even if they decide to do nothing about it presently. For more information phone Kelly: Bus: 630-8931, Home: 486-1925.

Hassled On The Street?? Take the license number and phone: 965-1211. They will tell you his name and you can proceed from there. A phone call or letter to his home will probably do nicely.

Women's Festival in Guelph - there will be a Women's Festival in Guelph on May 26 at the YWCA. It starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs through the whole day. There will be morning and afternoon workshops on such topics as: law, education, female sexuality, etc. Many other things are happening as well - there will be free child-care available. Join them for a sane look at women.

The High School Women's Collective will be forming two groups. One, a consciousness-raising discussion group, will be aimed at new members. The second group will be a study group discussing books such as The Dialectic Of Sex. This second group is aimed at women who have been in the collective longer. Both groups are flexible and will be holding general meetings to plan group actions such as participating in demonstrations, taking a stand on and discussing the Student Bill of Rights, etc. Also the general meetings will include a FREE course in self defence. Both groups meet at Women's Place every Thursday from 6 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

NEWS - we finally got the consciousness-raising groups off the ground this month. Three new groups were started and we now have about ten women who are available to start groups. If you were considering getting into one, this would be a good time. Please call the Women's Place.

The Place did an average of 2 speaking engagements a week last month. A lot of high schools call us. We prefer to split mixed groups into men and women. There are a couple of men who help us and take the men to talk about Men's Liberation. The bookstore is planning to set up a Port-O-Kit for speakers to take with them containing books and articles to sell.

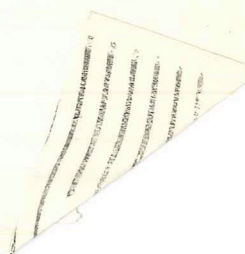
I am looking for a person capable of teaching a twice-weekly course in camp skills. Course will take place during the day in June and July with a view to at least one camping weekend. Phone Judy Falkner, Scarborough YMCA, 266-7797 or at home, 293-8097. If you have a skill which you can teach or would just like to know more about YMCA programs, call Judy in Scarborough. Others can phone Barbara McGuigan in North York at 225-7773, Alex Owen in St. James Town 964-8740 or Elizabeth Kreiger at Central Y, 921-5171.

Scarborough Y hopes to have a self defence course for women in the summer. It will be Karate oriented. They also hope for a medical program for women based on Our Bodies, Ourselves during the summer. Phone Judy for more info. Barbara McGuigan at North York Y has helped organize a Women For Political Action group in North York. For more info. phone her.

Needed - some responsible person (dog-sitter) to take care of little beagle, part-dachshound, year and a half old. Willing to pay whatever is reasonable. Phone Pat Jacobsen at 922-3271. Dog is housebroken. Can't keep dog where I'm living.

Dare Strikers - another demonstration by the Dare strikers will be held at Victoria Park in Kitchener at 1:00 p.m. on May 26.

Sexism and Psychiatry - Gwen Mathieson is interested in starting a group on sexism and psychiatry. Phone: 921-8667 for more info.



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