

THE WOMEN'S PLACE NEWSLETTER

31 Dupont St.
929-3185

The Women's Place is a centre where women are encouraged to involve themselves in the women's movement on their own terms, regardless of their current knowledge or views. We are working to bring women together and to put them in contact with existing women's groups, so that the movement can gather real force. The centre is multi-level, providing information and help for women interested in any feasible approach to the improvement of the status of women. We see our role as basically catalytic and supportive. Groups set in motion by The Women's Place are free to either remain with the centre or to break away and work on their own. We have also initiated a number of projects on our own.

On June 3, The Women's Place moved to a large house at Dupont St. and Avenue Road., where an office, library, bookstore, and distress centre are being set up. Meeting rooms will be made available to women's organizations and consciousness-raising groups for a small rental fee. We have also organized a Liberation School, with courses on the women's movement and practical Fix-it courses for women. One of our most important projects is the establishing of consciousness-raising groups - small discussion groups that give women the chance to meet regularly to discuss their feelings about women's issues and their involvement in the women's movement.

To maintain these services, we need support from the women of the community. We are asking women who would like to help to pledge a given amount to the centre monthly, by sending us a series of post-dated cheques, or to send donations of whatever they can afford.

We also need furniture for the house - desks, filing cabinets, chairs and sofas, lamps, beds, etc. We can arrange to pick it up. The library needs donations of relevant books and articles.

Mothers of school-age children are invited to contact Bonnie Laurie to discuss ways to combat sexual stereotyping in the schools. Women who know of clinics, doctors, and psychiatrists sympathetic to women should contribute their names to our Directory of Services for Women.

There are many ways to get involved.

This monthly newsletter is intended to provide information on women's groups and services for women. Any group that wishes to be listed or to have meetings and other activities publicized should send us the information by the first of the month.

ACCRA (Abortion and Contraceptive Counselling and Research Centre)

31 Prince Arthur Ave.
924-0894

Open weekday evenings
7:30 - 9:30
Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00

ACCRA is an association of men and women who believe that abortion is an issue for the individual conscience and should be removed from the Criminal Code. Contraceptive, sterilization, and abortion counselling are provided by the ACCRA groups in Ottawa and Toronto. ACCRA is anxious to work with other groups or individuals. It needs members and financial support.

Baldwin Street Gallery

23 Baldwin Street
364-2630

Open Saturday, Sunday, Monday
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Baldwin Street Gallery of Photography is a small co-operatively run gallery where women interested in photography can meet, see monthly exhibits, bring their own work, talk and read. It sells books and has a library. The gallery has edited an issue of Image Nation, a photographic journal published by Coach House Press, including photographs from its Festival of Women exhibit. It will be out in September. Pre-order from Coach House Press. Cost: \$2:00.

Canadian Women's Educational Press

280 Bloor St. W., #305
962-3904

Women Unite!, which will be available in June, is a major collection of writings and documents covering the family, working women, and sexuality. It is being published by a collective of women, The Canadian Women's Educational Press. They have prepared the book and aquired the skills necessary to do editing typesetting, and layout. To cover the costs of printing, they are asking people to send donations of \$3.00, or more, for a copy. They invite women to submit manuscripts or suggestions.

Clearing House for Feminist Media

P.O. Box 207, Ancaster, Ontario

The Clearing House publishes a quarterly list of people writing and publishing feminist work, or working for other media in that field. List yourself or your organization by sending name, address, telephone number, listing of all feminist publications, description of work, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. To receive the list, send a batch of self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

Campus Community Day Care Centre

12 Sussex Ave.
925-7495

This is a parent-controlled, non-profit day care centre for children

under two. Meetings are held twice a month and decisions are made by the collective. Fees range from \$40 to \$90/ month, depending on income. Parents all give the centre some time each week, volunteers usually work one morning or afternoon a week. Volunteers are needed now. Another Campus day care centre for children over two is operating at Devonshire place and is currently involved in a struggle with the university. Volunteers and parents are staying at the centre 24 hours a day. They need help.

The Open Door

All Saints' Church
Sherbourne at Dundas
366-4319

Open Monday to Friday
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Open Door is a drop-in centre for women, providing coffee, companionship, television, and advice and information on community services. It also runs a free rooms registry service, with a list of clean rooms and apartments in the Ward 7 area.

The Other Woman

224 Carlton St., #3
921-6517

The Other Woman is a revolutionary feminist newspaper put out by volunteers. It has no grants. It needs subscriptions (\$2.00/year for six issues), photographers, artists, poets, writers, researchers, to contribute.

Package for High School Women

306 Glen Rd.
923-2271 (after 5)

Pam McLeod has been funded by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education to produce a package of materials about women for use in High Schools. It will include filmstrips, records, slides, printed materials, photographs, etc. She would like to hear from women, teachers, and high school students who have ideas to contribute.

Parkdale Single Parents Association

1267 Queen St. W.
532-2977

This is an association of single persons separated, divorces, unwed, widowed, with children, regardless of custody, male or female. Members discuss mutual problems - money, day care, welfare, etc. Free day care is available until the end of May, possible through the summer. Two student lawyers are available. General meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Bureau

400 University Ave., 10th floor
365-1537

The Women's Bureau was established to conduct research for the improvement of the status of women employees, promote expansion of employment opportunities for women, receive and investigate complaints of acts contrary to the Equal Employment Opportunities Act.

This Act prohibits discrimination because of sex or marital status in hiring, training, promotion or dismissal. Discriminatory advertising or referral by agencies is prohibited. All employers with more than twenty-five employees must provide twelve weeks maternity leave for women who have worked at least one year. Dismissal for pregnancy is prohibited.

Anyone wishing to file a complaint should contact the Bureau.

Women's Liberation Movement

The central office has closed but several collectives are still in operation.

Legal Collective , 363-9621

Has an advisory bureau on legal problems. Puts out fact sheets on women's rights in marriage, divorce, custody, etc.

Working Women's Collective - Contact Karen Webster - 923-8531

Well-Baby Clinic - 64 Augusta - 920-1793. Open Saturdays.

Doctors, dentists, nurses available. Women from the collective help patients, explain problems and give advice.

Abortion and Birth Control Collective - Contact Liz Gunn - 929-3624
or Ruth Miller - 925-7721

Women for Political Action

This group is planning to run independent female candidates in the next election. A meeting to meet the candidates will be held on July 10 at 7:30 p.m., at the Friends Meeting House, 60 Lowther Ave.

Woodgreen Community Centre

The centre trains people on welfare in welfare rights. Any ten people on welfare can apply for free instruction.

835 Queen St. E.

461-1168 and 467-9088

We hope to have more information on the following groups by the next issue.

Abortion Coalition - 863-9773

An organization set up to fight for the repeal of all abortion laws. It is a nation-wide coalition of women and women's groups.

Women's Involvement Project - 921-3904

A group involved in video-taping programs on women for cable T.V. Currently re-assessing their objectives.

York Women's Caucus - 493-5835

A women's group in the suburb of York, primarily organized around the abortion issue.

Toronto Women's Caucus - 368-6583

New Feminists - Box 597, Station A, Toronto.

Children's Liberation Workshop - Box 207, Ancaster, Ontario

NOTICES

A consciousness raising group is starting in Willowdale. Anyone interested in joining should call Judy Faulkner - 293-8097, or Elizabeth Leban 491-6890.

Room-mate wanted, preferable over 25.
\$75/month, semi-furnished, west-end
449-6060
534-1249
Ask for Marian.

Woman, preferable 20-30, wanted to share apartment near St. Clair and Yonge.
\$59/month. Call Heather Wright at The Women's Place.

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