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Editorial

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FEMINISTS WORKING TOGETHER by Bev Schroeter

As I look at our list of executive members, seventeen in all, I am impressed with two things. First, that most of these members have been on the executive many years, preferring to move from one training ground to another; second, how many important positions have formed in order to run our Women's Centre efficiently.

Our committee individuals usually start in an area that allows them a year to gain a fuller understanding of how we operate, while contributing important energy and worthwhile time. Usually after the first year a personal commitment spurs the woman forward to either a different area for variance in her personal experience (which can be used in

job related experience) or to continue on in the same position putting to use the experience already gained.

These women see their positions as important then on three levels. First, to meet other woman of similar philosophical attitudes toward women's role in our society. Or one might say, for reasons of the "sole". Second, for personal job-related experience. Or said another way, for reasons of the "head". Yet there is a third level. It is this social level, for the "heart", that leads to meaningful friendships. It is the tender plus that cannot be over-looked.

Each executive position has its importance to the whole unit. In order to better educate the public to the issues that we see important to a healthy society we are constantly reaching for more publicity. This seems really to be the motivating factor behind each position, that is: education and publicity.

In order to achieve this end we have monthly executive meeting (open to all members), a newsletter, publicity notices and posters, Women's Night on Cable 10, Pub Night (mainly to socialize and discuss issues) and the Schools Program (to educate our adolescents). All the other positions feed this cause directly or indirectly through organization and information. Without each person's job being aptly filled the Centre as a whole cannot complete its function in a wholistic sense.

To form a picture, we can see the Executive committee, and its off-shoot, priority issues committees, as being linked together in a mutual purpose. The thrust comes from a philosophical point of view. Equally important are future economic and present social desires. It is apparent that these positions not only demand certain personal committment but return equally, if not better, to the ones who do so. I am glad to be part of this picture.

NON-SEXIST CHILD REARING

The North Shore Women's Centre is planning an all day Saturday workshop on nonsexist child rearing; during the second week of November. The fee will be \$25.00. Participants must bring their own lunch.

Below is a list of possible topics that could make up the workshop:

- Choosing good daycare
- Choosing books
- Non-violent discipline
- Toys are for children
- Human needs first - clothing
- Career aspirations
- Importance of language
- Marriage aspirations
- Sports

In order for the workshop to go ahead, volunteer lecturers are needed. If anyone is interested in participating as a lecturer, contact the Centre.

KNOWLEDGE NETWORK film series speaks to the reality of women's lives. Runs until January 9, 1983. Friday 12:30, Sunday 7:00 PM. Further information: 224-6511.

FILM NIGHT. NSWC in cooperation with North Shore Teachers Association, and North Vancouver City Library presents: "Film Night," at the North Vancouver City Library, 121 West 14 Street. The following films, all starting at 7:30 PM, are: September 23, "Not A Love Story;" September 30, "Girls' Options in the Labour Force;" October 7, "Functional Health of Women;" and October 14, "Different Working Roles."

ONE LARGE FURNISHED SELF-CONTAINED BASEMENT SUITE AVAILABLE FOR SINGLE MOTHER. QUEENS AND LONSDALE AREA. \$360.00 A MONTH, UTILITY AND LAUNDRY INCLUDED. 985-9401 Nattalia, a member of the North Shore Women's Centre.

PERSON'S DAY CONFERENCE

National Action Committee on the Status of Women has accepted a North Shore Women's Centre's invitation to hold its mid-year executive meeting in Vancouver. This will enable B. C.'s Women's groups to discuss regional and national issues.

This meeting, to be held October 22, 23, and 24, will be part of "The Person's Day" conference at Capilano College. And will be hosted by the N.S.W.C. A series of workshops will look at lobbying techniques, as well as federal and provincial issues. The N.S.W.C. executive with Jillian Riddington, N.A.C.'s chairwoman for the Media and Justice committees, have compiled a list of possible workshops. The executive has suggested these topics for discussion: pornography and violence, daycare, "Women and the Chip", women and pensions, disarmament, sexual harassment, understanding the new constitution, and understanding of the economic situation through a feminist perspective. These and suggestions from other women's groups will assist in the drawing up of a future agenda.

The North Vancouver University Women's Club and 20 volunteers from the Centre will be billeting 40 people. If you are interested in billeting please call the Centre.

Short term volunteers are required in these areas: publicity, finance, hospitality, social, liaison person for audio-visual and registration.

This conference has been made possible by a \$5,000.00 grant from the Secretary of State and extra funding from the N.A.C. executive.

SWEDEN: wage-earning gap between men and women is closing. Women earn 87% of men's pay.

CANADA: women earn 56% of men's pay. These comparisons were recently noticed in The Canadian Association of Labour Media report.

Letter to the Editor

Editor:

Through the lobbying efforts of many individuals and groups, the Secretary of State Department tripled the Women's Programme budget in the 1981-1982 fiscal year. This allowed many Women's Centres across Canada to be core funded.

In the coming fiscal year, we understand that the Secretary of State plans to "hold the line" on the Women's Programme budget of \$3 million to be dispersed throughout Canada. Women's Centres received funding for only part of the last fiscal year, and therefore will be requesting additional monies to cover twelve months of operating in the coming fiscal year. The Women's Programme budget, as it now stands, will not be able to accommodate this increase.

In this time of an economic downturn, resource industry towns are especially hard hit. Women's Centres have a vital role in easing the burden on women in our communities.

We do not accept that Women's Centres should perform fundraising activities to meet a major portion of their operating costs. Major fundraising is a significantly draining use of our volunteer energies and detracts from the legitimate activities of an active Women's Centre.

The Secretary of State Department has a mandate to promote the status of women. Women's Centres accomplish this. Through the use of dedicated volunteers and paid core staff, we can provide services with a very favourable cost-benefit ratio.

Women's Centres are crucial! We want to be funded in the same manner as Native Friendship Centres, which currently receive in excess of four times the budget for Women's Programme. After all, we ARE 51% of the population and are a sorely neglected and disadvantaged sector—especially in isolated "male-dominated" resource areas of Canada.

Pat Cathers
Chairwoman
Terrace Women's Resource Centre

NEW LOOK FOR WOMEN'S NIGHT

The North Shore Women's Centre's monthly social evening is changing its format.

Last year, attendance of Women's Night decreased sharply, partly due to the televising of the event for Cable 10. Because many people felt intimidated by the bright lights and cameras, two separate events for each month has been instituted.

"Women's Night" will be filmed in the Dynamic Studio at Capilano College. Mean-while, "Pub Night" will be a social evening at Anne MacDonald Hall.

The same issue discussed at Women's Night, will form the topic for Pub Night. However, for September, Women's Night, and Pub Night will be two issues discussing violence: pornography and rape.

NEW NORTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTRE COMMITTEES 1982-83

Membership - Betty Cave
Barbara Templeman

Schools Programme -
Anne Marie Lawrence
Kathleen Jamieson
Elaine K.

Newsletter - Barbara Low
Margaret Croome
Jancis Andres
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STILL NEEDED-URGENT!

Typist to assist in the production of the newsletter. Call Barb Low 734-5103 (evenings) or 666-1248 (days)

Sex Education - Barbara Ross
Janet Ross

Fundraising - Nerys Blown
Betty Cave
Marie Todd
Nancy Nagelkerke
Cynthia Carter
Elaine Kalknof

MS-ELLANEIOUS MARKET OCT. 2
Multi-site Sale

If you can offer your yard, carport, garage as a site, or if you can help with pricing or selling, or if you have items to donate, call Donna at the Centre without delay. 987-4822.

Publicity - Anne Marie Lawrence
Valda Oishi

PUB NIGHT

presents

Constable Muirhead
of the R.C.M.P.

discussing

"Rape Awareness"

Tuesday, Sept. 7th
8 P.M. (Doors open 7:30 P.M.)

Anne MacDonald Hall
to the rear of
Presentation House
333 Chesterfield Ave., N. Van.



Federal PC Women's Caucus
of Vancouver

CAUCUS "KICK-OFF" '82

Friday, September 24th, 1982



The Event: A dinner reception with Joe Clark.

The Purpose: To kick-off the 1982-83 activities of the Federal PC Women's Caucus of Vancouver.

The Place: Holiday Inn Harbourside
1133 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C.
Commonwealth Ballroom

The Date: Friday, September 24th, 1982 — 6:30 p.m.

The Cost: \$15 per person, no host bar.

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Phone (home) _____

(work) _____

P.C. Party Position _____

Number attending _____

R.S.V.P. no later than Sept. 15th

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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