

Welcome to SPRING and to the month of May where M stands for MINERS' MOTHERS DAY. Read on if you don't already know all about this event. Then rush right down to the Centre and pick up a pile of tickets.



MAY COMING EVENTS:

- May 2 Rape Crisis Centre meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 7 Miners' Mothers Day Tea---details inside
- May 9 Seminar on sexual assault -- Part 1 --details inside 7:30 p.m.
Co-sponsored by the Women's Centre & the Rape Crisis Centre
- May 10 Steering Committee Meeting (all welcome) 7:30 p.m.
- May 12 Non-sexist Childrearing Discussion Night--details inside--7:30p.m.
- May 16 Seminar on Sexual Assault Part 2--7:30 p.m.
- May 17 Native Women's Association meeting.
- May 18 Sticks and Stones workshop at the Sudbury Theatre Centre
see details inside.
- May 24 Seminar on Sexual Assault Part 3--7:30 p.m.
- May 30 Annual Meeting of the Sudbury Women's Centre.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SUDBURY WOMEN'S CENTRE MAY 30th 6:00 p.m.

This year we are taking ourselves for dinner. Please come along.

Let's take care of business first. As required, the following are proposed amendments to the constitution for your pre-consideration.

Article V - Section 1 : Change the number 5 to number 7.

Article V - Section V : Add f) member at large. g) member at large.

For those few of you who have not committed the constitution to memory, the purpose of the proposed changes is to expand the steering committee from five to seven members. This would give us more resources to draw from.

NOW FOR THE FUN PART:

Location: The Senator Hotel on Elgin Street

6:00-7:00 Cash Bar

7:00-8:30 Dinner

8:30 Annual General Meeting begins

TICKETS: \$10.00 for cold buffet, dessert & coffee
If you can't afford this pay what you can.
Non-members welcome, but have no vote.



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FIRST CHOICE.....THE EATON'S CONNECTION

On February 7th, 1983, a letter from Fredrick S. Eaton, President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the T. Eaton Co. appeared in the Maclean's Letters to the Editor section. In his letter, Mr. Eaton tried to convince Canadians that he, members of his family and the T. Eaton Co. were victims of misunderstanding on the part of the public in relation to the First Choice Playboy deal. Mr. Eaton and the managers of the Eaton Co. stores across the country are also writing letters to all those shoppers who have torn up their credit cards in response to this deal, disclaiming any influence in the venture. The Canadian Coalition Against Media Pornography, and the Sudbury Women's Centre believe that it is important to let the public know that this is attempted manipulation of the facts and that, indeed, the Eaton family will make substantial profits from the degradation of women.

While it may be true, as Mr. Eaton states in a number of letters to those credit card holders and shoppers who are choosing to take their business elsewhere, that the "T. Eaton Co, Ltd. has nothing to do with the production of television programmes"; that the "Eaton family has no ownership interests in First Choice Communications or Playboy Enterprises or any other pay television networks" and; that "the First Choice Communications Corporation ...controls the programming...". the suggestion that "neither Glen-Warren Productions Ltd., Baton Broadcasting Inc. nor the Eaton family has any influence over the programming or direction of Pay TV networks" is another matter entirely.

As has been pointed out in the press on numerous occasions, Glen-Warren Productions Ltd. is a subsidiary of Baton Broadcasting Ltd. which is controlled by a company held 80% by the Eaton family and 20% by the Bassets. Glen-Warren will be providing the production facilities for a number of Playboy programmes to be aired on First Choice. While the Eaton family involvement with this initiative is not as direct as that of First Choice, this does not negate the fact that through providing the production facilities, the Eaton family is a significant player in this venture.

The Canadian Coalition Against Media Pornography is urging all of us who are concerned about Playboy programming to write letters to the editor of our local papers. They welcome you to use the above excerpt from a sample they prepared as a guideline. Let's do it today.

EVENT OF THE YEAR.... MINERS' MOTHERS DAY TEA



This is a Women's Centre centennial year event, a celebration of the contribution by women to Sudbury's past. Come, join us in honouring our "sisters of yesteryear". Featured is a photographic display of women in action 1883-1983. We hope to have as guests some of the women who "manned ?" the above ground operations at INCO during the war.

EXTRA SPECIAL EVENT-- the unveiling of a new mural for the C.P.R. fence on Elgin St. The mural is the centennial gift of Brenda Fuhrman and the Sudbury Women's Centre to the City of Sudbury. When it takes its rightful place on the fence, it will be an ongoing reminder of our place in this city's past.

HOT ITEMS at the Tea will be T-shirts and buttons with the Centre's alternate to the City's official centennial crest. Guess what???--ours has some women on it, along with the catchy and oh so true slogan:



WHEN: May 7th 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 WHERE: St. Andrew's Place
 second floor auditorium
 WHY: To celebrate
 SPECIAL UNVEILING: 2:30 p.m.
 TICKETS: \$2.00 at the Centre
 or the door

MORE CENTENNIAL PROJECTS WITH THE WOMAN'S TOUCH

May 31 to June 26, the Laurentian University Museum and Arts Centre is holding its Heritage Show. With the intention of sharing past memories and traditions of the people of Sudbury, the museum is looking into the possibility of exhibiting ritual female gowns representative of the period 1883-1930. They are looking to borrow gowns typically worn at weddings, christenings, communions and confirmations by local women. Information regarding the ceremonial processes of the ritual occasions represented by these gowns is also needed.

Anyone who can help please call Sharon Pitt or Dea Christakos 675-1151 ext401

STRETCHING THROUGH THEATRE

Sticks and Stones is the name of a project co-ordinated by some members of the Sudbury Women's Centre and le Theatre du Nouvel-Ontario. We got together this fall to discuss the possibility of doing some theatre around women's issues, and decided that we should do something on the topic of battered women. Instead of a traditional play however, we wanted to pursue the possibility of developing a theatre that would involve the audience to the extent that they could express their own feelings on the subject, and learn about their prejudices and fears. We conducted and research into the topic, as well as explored alternate theatre exercises in order to familiarize ourselves with the medium and its possibilities. We have presently worked out a workshop incorporating techniques from Boal, an inovator in the area of 'theatre of the oppressed'. We will be presenting the workshop during the BREAD and ROSES - Alternatives to Despair conference in Timmins, May 13-14-15, as well as Wednesday May 18 at the Sudbury Theatre Centre for the Sudbury Theatre Week. Everybody is welcome to attend and to give us your opinions.

If you're interested in getting involved, call Laurie at 673-1916 or 675-5606 during the day.

Laurie McGauley



Growing Up FREE

Free FREE FREE

The album, "Free to be...You and Me" is about 10 years old now, but it's theme of non-sexist childrearing and childhood is just as important today.

The album was produced by the Ms. Foundation and features Alan Alda, Harry Belafonte, Carol Channing, Marlo Thomas and Rosey Grier, the ex-football star. Grier who weighs around 250 lb. and stands at least 6'4" sings a delightful song, "It's Alright to Cry" (Little Boy). Remember 10 years ago that idea was not too popular. Other tunes include:

Parents are People...who do lots of interesting things
Housework...enjoyed by no one, it should be shared by all
William's Doll...so William can learn to be a tender father
and my favorite Atalantis...the princess who really lives happily ever after.

The main theme of the album is that children be allowed to be...whoever or whatever they wish, at all stages of their lives.

This theme has been continued and updated in a book by Letty Cottin Progrebin, Growing Up Free--Raising Your Child In the 80's (Bantam Books, \$9.95). This book, while entertaining and amusing is also very thought provoking. Non-sexist childrearing is good for your child...and for you. The book challenges all of the old myths and stereotypes about male-female relationships, parent-child bonding and family dynamics.

Is non-sexist child rearing possible? In our own homes, without "outside influence", definitely. It's those "Outsiders", relatives, friends, television, movies, music, literature, and school. Is sexism everywhere? In a word, YES. We cannot change the world others' opinions. We can change our opinions and help our children cope with the world as best they can.

Ms. Progrebin, herself the mother of three teens, offers some concrete suggestions on how to meet sexism head on, and put it out of our lives in a polite but firm manner.

If the books or television shows or movies or anything else you have around were racist, either blantly or implicitly, there would be a great hue and cry. When it is pointed out that some of these same things are and have been sexist, the reply is, "Where is your sense of humour?", or "That's carrying the 'women's lib thing' too far."

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and am thankful to its author. We all need to be reminded that children should be free, in every sense of the word. With love, support and guidance (and a little help from books and records like these) non-sexist childhood is possible. It can lead to a better world for all of us. What more could we ask?

Christine Peets

WOMEN'S CENTRE LIBRARY has the book Free to be You and Me

Read On →

DISCUSSION EVENING

"Is Non-sexist Child-Rearing Possible?"

At the Women's Centre

May 12th 7:30 p.m.

Resource person: Christine Peets who has background in Early Childhood Education

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All of you with the firsthand experience in attempting it.

ALL WELCOME



by Doug Brunner

QUIZ. What's your FQ (feminist quotient)? Circle one choice.

- 1. A feminist is a:
 - a) socialist
 - b) liberal
 - c) progressive conservative
 - d) anarchist
 - e) all of the above
 - f) none of the above
- 2. The priority of the women's movement should be to:
 - a) elect a woman as Prime Minister
 - b) smash the capitalist patriarchy
 - c) lobby for government change
 - d) create a separatist state
 - e) all of the above
 - f) none of the above
- 3. A feminist is:
 - a) heterosexual
 - b) lesbian
 - c) bisexual
 - d) married
 - e) none of the above
- 4. The term 'sister' refers to:
 - a) a blood relative
 - b) in-law
 - c) all women
 - d) a and b
 - e) a female Christian
 - f) a nun
 - g) a female communist
 - h) all of the above
- 5. A feminist cannot be:
 - a) the president of Exxon
 - b) a Tupperware salesperson
 - c) engaged
 - d) born again
 - e) a man
 - f) all of the above
- 6. In the last provincial election feminists voted:
 - a) Progressive Conservative
 - b) Liberal
 - c) NDP
 - d) WCC
 - e) spoiled their ballots
 - f) the opposite of who their husbands and bosses voted for

What are the correct answers—There are none of course, but that hasn't stopped us as feminists and as women from believing that there are. After all, we've had a lifetime of practice being tested on everything from floor polishes to our orgasms.

We've begun asking ourselves whether we haven't traded one straight-jacket for another in trying to re-define ourselves as women.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SEMINARS

Three evening seminars on sexual assault are being planned by the Women's Centre, in conjunction with the Rape Crisis Centre.

Here's the layout:

1) Monday, May 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the Women's Centre

TOPIC: Sexual Assault- an overview of sexual assault including the myths and the realities of rape and the new sexual assault laws. We are hoping to show the film "This Film is About Rape".

2) Monday, May 16th at 7:30 P.M. at the Women's Centre

TOPIC: Violence against women, a theoretical perspective. We will be showing the film "Killing Us Softly". A discussion group follows.

3) Tuesday, May 24th at 7:30 P.M. at the Women's Centre

TOPIC: Helping the victims of sexual assault. The role of the Rape Crisis Centre and its counsellours will be described. What happens with the police, the hospital and the legal system?

EVERYONE WELCOME

Invitation

À l'occasion de l'assemblée générale, la FÉDÉRATION DES FEMMES CANADIENNES-FRANÇAISES organise un colloque dont le thème est:

REGARDS SUR L'AVENIR

Que l'expérience et la jeunesse se rencontrent

Lieu: Château Laurier, Ottawa

Date: Le 3, 4 et 5 juin 1983



Bon d'évaluation

Afin de connaître le nombre approximatif de participantes au colloque, nous vous prions de nous retourner ce bon d'évaluation. Une fiche d'inscription officielle vous sera envoyée en même temps que le programme du colloque à la fin du mois d'avril.

- Je serai présente au colloque
Je serai dans l'impossibilité d'assister au colloque

Form fields for Nom, Adresse, Ville, Province, Code, and Tél.

S.V.P. RETOURNEZ À: FÉDÉRATION DES FEMMES CANADIENNES-FRANÇAISES 325, rue Dalhousie, pièce 525 Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7G2 Tél. (613) 232-5791

RESOURCES RESOURCES

Even though we haven't been listing new resources: books, magazines, pamphlets etc. as they come into the Centre, that doesn't mean we haven't been adding to the library shelves every day. And, one of the first things that happened when our new staff arrived was, hip hip and yahoo! was that our vertical files on women's issues finally got organized. So you can come down and use them too.

Some interesting items that have passed across our desks:

Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value by Mildred Morton, Research Branch, Law and Government Division, Ottawa, 43 pp.- an examination of the issues and a discussion of provincial and federal legislation.

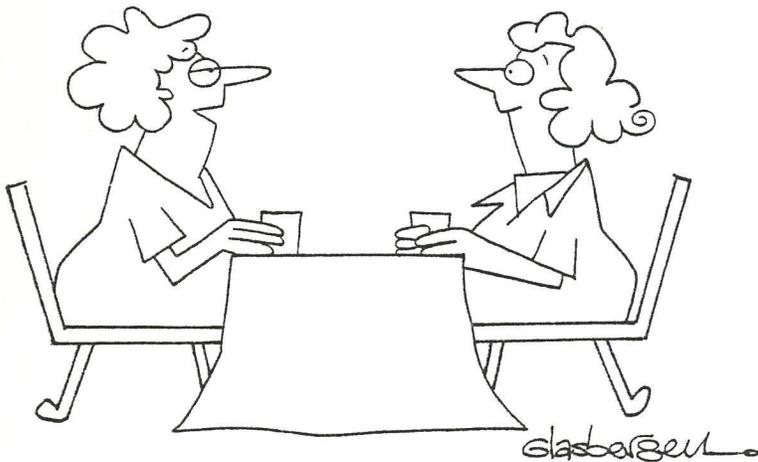
Reproductive Hazards at Work: Men, Women and the Fertility Gamble by Nancy Miller Chenier, Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, December 1982, 105 pp. - examines chemical, physical, biological and psychsocial hazards . good discussion of "discrimination in the name of protection".

Tapestry, vol.3, issue 1, spring 83. We are now exchanging newsletters with the Okanagan Women's Coalition, located in Vernon B.C. This 40 page newsletter gives regional information, plus articles on choice in childbirth, daycare, tampons, The Nestle boycott and a super review of Mary Daly's Gyn/ecology (The Metaphysics of Radical Feminism).

From the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Unwanted Sexual Harassment: Results of a Survey of Canadians. Fascinating reading for those interested in the subject.

Fresh Start...Is This Book for You? by Joan LeFeuvre, YWCA, Peterborough, Ontario, 1982, 73 pp. This book is written for all of us who want to know what to do if we are in an abusive relationship. It is written for all of you who have tried to leave, and felt guilty that you didn't make it. It is written for those who haven't tried to leave, and need to know what to expect. It is written to tell you some of the difficulties that others have found. The book will not take away the feelings, but it will help you to be prepared for them, and to know that YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

If you liked the FEMINIST QUOTIENT QUIZ, you can subscribe to the publication it was taken from for free. Write to Alberta Status of Women Action Committee, P.O. Box 1573, Edmonton, T5J 2N7. I am sure they would not turn down a small donation to cover your mailing costs.



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"I would spend all day washing, ironing, sewing, cleaning, cooking; then he'd come home and complain that I didn't have any get up and go. So I got up and went!"



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