

WOMEN IN LIBRARIES

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COALITION FORMED

A Coalition of organizations and individuals was formed in February to help organize and inform ALA members on the mail vote issue of whether ALA should meet in Chicago in January 1980. At this writing the success of the Coalition's efforts is not known. We do know, however, that the effort involved several hundred individuals, produced new organizations and strengthened established ones. It found new supporters and brought together many who had worked together on ALA issues in the past. It helped to develop new networks of communication nationwide which can be used again as other issues arise.

If you worked in your area on the recent ALA mail ballot issue, please send a brief report to the Coalition. Include how many people were involved and how much money was spent. The Coalition needs to know what the total effort on this issue was. A detailed report will be released in the near future. Coalition, P.O. Box 247, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562.

NINE CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY THE TASK FORCE ON WOMEN FOR ALA COUNCIL

At the Task Force on Women's meeting at ALA Midwinter, it endorsed the following candidates for ALA Council: Linda Bretz, Ellen Gay Detlefsen, Barbara Ford, Cynthia Johanson, Diane Kadanoff, Joan Marshall, Regina Minudri, Pat Schuman and Ilse Moon. As in the past the Task Force recommends bullet voting which means that the most effective way of voting is to vote for a small number of candidates whom you know well and want to win. Voting for a small number of candidates means you can weight the vote more heavily in their favor.

TASK FORCE RAPS AMERICAN LIBRARIES

Karen Jackson, coordinator of The Task Force on Women, wrote Art Plotnik, editor of AMERICAN LIBRARIES, after ALA Midwinter to protest the blatant sexism in an article in the December 1978 issue of AMERICAN LIBRARIES entitled "Naked Came the Reader". Mr. Plotnik in his response said he did not agree with her point of view. He said the lead of his article was designed to "spur interest in the story ... and thereby to communicate." The lead

was as follows: "Oh, the poor, unsuspecting reader! As she (she is more likely to be a she) passes her days picking up a library book here, buying a bestseller there, and curling up for a juicy read in the privacy of her bedroom - we know just what she's up to!" He went on to say in his letter to Ms. Jackson that he believes that AMERICAN LIBRARIES to be "pro-women" and that he believes AL's coverage of women in the profession and women's issues in the Association is a balanced one. What do you think? Please write WOMEN IN LIBRARIES and Art Plotnik with your comments.

WORKSHOP ON SEXISM PLANNED

The LAMA/PAS Sexism and Racism Awareness Training Committee is sponsoring a two day workshop on sexism and sex role stereotyping on June 23 and 24 at the ALA conference in Dallas. Application deadline is May 15, 1979. Apply to Mary A. Hall, Prince George's County Memorial Library, 6532 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville, Md. 20782. (Please encourage men in the profession to attend too!)

WOMEN'S STUDIES POSITION OPEN

Applications are presently being accepted for the Librarian-At-Large For Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin System. Letters of application, vita and the names of three references should be directed to; Librarian-at-Large Search Committee, Office of Academic Affairs, 1620 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706. Application deadline is April 9, 1979.

ILLINOIS WLW GROUP FORMED

A new chapter of Women Library Workers was started at the University of Illinois in February. One goal of the chapter that is especially appropriate in light of Illinois' failure to ratify the ERA is the formation of an action group to act as a liaison between the newly formed Coalition and the state of Illinois. Another goal is to help channel WLW input from Illinois to the 1979 Midwest Federation of Library Associations meeting. A local goal is to improve the collection of literature on women in librarianship in the Library Science Library at the University of Illinois. Methods proposed for filling the gaps include putting pressure on the library to buy important items relating to women and raising money to buy the books if library channels fail.

TITLE IX RESOURCE MATERIALS

RUNNING, a quarterly newsletter on sex equity in sports, published by WEAL Fund, 805 15th St., NW, Washington, DC 20005 is available free.

The WEAL Fund Sports Kit is available from WEAL for \$4.00.

"Cracking the Glass Slipper: PEER's Guide to Ending Sex Bias in Your Schools", is available from PEER, 1029 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20005.

THE UNENFORCED LAW: TITLE IX ACTIVITY BY FEDERAL AGENCIES OTHER THAN HEW is a report developed by the National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs. It investigates 24 Federal departments and agencies. The report is free from the National Advisory Council, 1832 M St., NW, Suite 821, Washington, D.C. 20036.

TITLE IX NEWS is an independent bi-weekly newsletter on sex discrimination and civil rights compliance in schools. It is available from Capitol Publications, Inc., Suite G-12, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20037 for \$87 a year.

For questions about discrimination in sports, or compliance with Title IX, call SPRINT, the national clearinghouse for sex equity in sports, toll free - 800 - 424 - 5162.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The International Women's Writing Guild has announced their seventh Annual Women's Writing Conference/Retreat, to be held at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY July 27 to August 3. In conjunction with the Retreat, the Guild and Skidmore College will be hosting Hemispheres: an International Women's Theater Festival - a showcase of world drama by women artists. For information and registration materials contact: Hannelore Hahn, Executive Director IWWG, Box 810, Gracie Station, New York, NY 10028 (212) 737-7536.

The Women's Equity Action League has announced its 1979 Action Training Conference, to be held at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C., May 3-6. The conference coordinators plan to cover a wide range of topics: ERA, career preparation and planning, women as small business owners, climbing the career ladder, role models and mentors, developing a successful political campaign, lobbying techniques, and EEO regulations. For more information contact WEAL, 805 15th St., NW, Suite 802, Washington, D, C. 20005 (202) 638-4560.

The First Annual Women in Crisis Conference is aimed at formulating programs and policies to help women the 1977 Houston Women's Conference called "the doubly discriminated," because in addition to sex discrimination, they suffer the onus of an association with drugs, alcohol, mental illness or crime. Jointly sponsored by the Project Return Foundation and the School for Social Welfare of SUNY at Stony Brook, the Conference will be held in New York City at the Hotel Americana, May 17-19. For information, contact

Women in Crisis, 444 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016
(212) 686-1942.

The General Services Administration of Boston University's School of Management is sponsoring a two-day Women and Business Conference on May 4 and 5, 1979, at the Sheraton-Boston, Boston, Massachusetts.

The conference will be designed for women contemplating getting into business, current women business owners, and women entering or moving up in the world of management. For further information, contact JOHN W. McCORMACK, P.O. 8 COURTHOUSE, BOSTON, MA. 02109 (617) 223-2868.

"How to Write Fundable Grants and Proposals for Women's Educational Equity Projects," a series of 2-day, cost-free workshops sponsored by the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development, will be held in cities across the country from April to July. To find out when and where, contact Nancy B. Dannenberg, Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development, 1855 Folsom St., San Francisco CA 94103 (415) 565-3173.

The Women's Employment Options Conference, serving as East Coast area from Boston to Atlanta, will be held on Saturday, May 5th, 1979. Coordinated by the Executive Women's Network of Baltimore New Directions for Women, Inc., the conference will offer a comprehensive view of the job options open to women and provide them with the opportunity to assess their qualifications in relation to the job market. It will provide employers with a forum for explaining their companies' function and employment needs and will bring together women who wish to maximize their potential in the labor market - at entry, supervisory, non-traditional or management level. The Conference will also give Business and Professional organizations the opportunity to tell women about themselves and the services they provide. For further information, write New Directions for Women, 2517 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218 (301) 366-8570.

Bryn Mawr College and HERS Mid-Atlantic announce the fourth annual SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION to be held July 1 through July 26, 1979 on the campus of Bryn Mawr College. A residential program offering women faculty and administrators intensive training in educational administration and management skills.

The program will focus on institutional governance and planning on finance and budgeting, personnel management, government relations and administrative computer applications. Attention will be given to career planning with emphasis on the development of professional networks, mentor relations, and other support systems.

Participation is limited. The cost for the Institute, including tuition, room and board will be \$1500, and in addition a \$75 non-refundable application fee.

For further information write to:

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE/HERS MID-ATLANTIC SUMMER INSTITUTE, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010.

NEW SERVICE CRITIQUES FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS

Professional help in the writing of funding proposals is now available to women's groups across the country through the Women's Action Alliance, Inc., the national non-profit center for women's issues and programs.

Women's groups may send their proposals to the Alliance who will submit them to volunteers from Women and Foundations/Corporate Philanthropy, a national group of professional foundation staff members. Proposals will receive a written evaluation and will be returned via the Alliance within three weeks.

There is a \$5.00 fee for postage and handling.

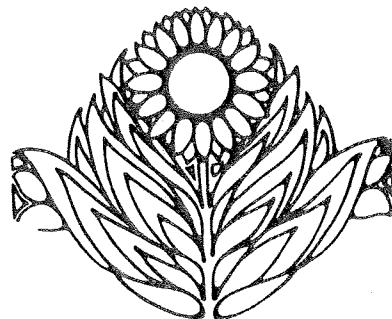
Groups interested should write to Proposal Critique Service, Women's Action Alliance, Inc., 370 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

BPW FOUNDATION OFFERS STUDENT LOANS TO WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

Women in undergraduate or graduate engineering studies can get financial assistance from the Business and Professional Women's Foundation through a special loan fund expected to total more than \$80,000 this year. Available to either full- or part-time students, loans are made for tuition, fees and for related expenses such as child care or transportation.

To be eligible for the BPW Foundation loan program, you must have written acceptance for study in a program accredited by the Engineers Council for Professional Development, be a U.S. citizen, show financial need and carry at least six semester hours during the term for which the loan is requested. Both work experience and academic achievement will be considered.

Completed applications for the fall 1979 semester are due by May 15, 1979. For applications and/or further information, write to Loan Fund for Women in Engineering Studies, BPW Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.



BOOKS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN

BOOKS FOR TODAY'S CHILDREN; AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF NON-STEREOTYPED PICTURE BOOKS, compiled by Jeanne Bracken and Sharon Wigutoff (Feminist Press, \$1.50). An annotated bibliography arranged in four categories from highly recommended to not recommended. Title, author and subject indexes are included. A useful publication.

A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION is a tool designed to help teachers, students and parents. Activities, techniques and resources are included. Supplements available annually. \$25.00. Planned Parenthood Assn. of Kent County, 425 Cherry S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

SEX DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE includes information on sex discrimination in employment, the development of personnel procedures that are not sexually discriminatory, women in the labor force and affirmative action. This work is available from the Center for Compliance Information, Aspen Systems Corp., 20010 Century Blvd., Germantown, MD 20767 for \$29.75.

An essay by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, SOLITUDE OF SELF, with a 1978 AFTERWORD by Doris M. Ladd, is available for \$1.50 (plus 30 cents postage) from Jane Wilkins Pultz, Press Pacifica, Box 47, Kailua, HI 96734. Ms. Pultz is donating all proceeds from this book beyond printing and mailing costs to the ERA campaign.

CONTEMPORARY WOMEN POETS: AN ANTHOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA POETS, eds. Jennifer McDowell and M. Loventhals, includes the work of new poets, local poets and nationally known ones. 183 poems, representing the work of 126 poets, were selected for this anthology. Available for \$7.95 paper or \$9.95 cloth from Merlin Press, P.O. Box 5602, San Jose, CA 95150.

The fourth edition of SISTER HEATHENSPINSTER'S LUNATION CALENDAR covering the period March 28, 1979-April 14, 1980 is now available. The calendars are \$2.40 (and 75% postage). Order from Sister Heathenspinster, Michelle Brody, 809 Maggard, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.

PERIODS OF STRESS, poems by Irena Klepfisz, (available from Ms. Klepfisz, P. O. Box 56, Van Brunt Station, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215, \$2.00 plus 55¢ postage). Ms. Klepfisz writes in a stream of consciousness style about the feelings of women trapped by war, by convention and by other human beings. She writes about women alone, and women relating to other women. Her imagery is strong and direct causing one to stop and think and then reread her powerful poetry.

RIGHTS AND WRONGS; WOMEN'S STRUGGLE FOR LEGAL EQUALITY by Susan Cary Nicholas, Alice M. Price and Rachel Rubin (Feminist Press and McGraw-Hill, 1979). This is another of the Women's Lives Women's Work series. This book about the legal status of women discusses

four areas of concern to women: constitutional law, marriage and divorce, employment and the right to control over their bodies. It is a very readable work which will find a wide audience.

TEACHING HUMAN DIGNITY by Miriam Wolf-Wasserman and Linda Hutchinson is a book about alternative education. There are articles on ecology, people's history, Third World and women's studies and many other topics. Sketches of classroom experiences, simulation games, bibliographies of materials and lists of source persons and organizations are included. The book may be ordered from Education Exploration Center, P.O. Box 7339, Powderhorn Station, Minneapolis MN 55407. \$7.95 paperback and \$14.95 hardcover (\$1 per book for postage and handling). The authors are available for workshops and speaking engagements in the upper Midwest and in the Bay Area.

SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN THE WEST POINT WAY offers women an overview of practical and proven techniques of self-defense. (Simon & Schuster \$9.95)

Kraus Reprint Co. has several books on women's suffrage available. All are reprints from the early twentieth century. They include: Emmeline Pankhurst's MY OWN STORY, Anna H. Shaw's THE STORY OF A PIONEER and the National American Woman Suffrage Association's WOMAN SUFFRAGE; ARGUMENTS AND RESULTS. For a complete list write Kraus Reprint Co., Route 100, Millwood, N.Y. 10546.

PUBLICATIONS TO NOTE

The American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) has published a career guide, WOMEN ON THE JOB: CAREERS IN BROADCASTING, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor. It describes jobs available in the industry, training or background required and lists colleges offering broadcasting courses or degrees. To obtain a copy, write AWRT, 1321 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

New Women's Bureau publications are: SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE IN RECRUITING WOMEN FOR APPRENTICESHIP AND SKILLED NONTRADITIONAL BLUE-COLLAR WORK, a publication prepared to assist employers in recruiting women applicants and to help women locate programs which can help them find jobs or training opportunities; EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC ISSUES OF LOW INCOME WOMEN: REPORT OF A PROJECT, a report on an 18-month project to identify and discuss solutions to the difficulties experienced by low-income women when they attempt to enter the labor market and become economically self-sufficient; and YOUNG WOMEN AND EMPLOYMENT: WHAT WE KNOW AND NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITION, a Women's Bureau conference report. All are available from the Women's Bureau, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210 free of charge.

A new pamphlet "Women and the U.S. Small Business Administration," describes the kinds of help SBA gives to women who want to start a new business or expand an existing one. The pamphlet is from SBA offices or by calling (800) 433-7212.

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

PAID MY DUES: JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND MUSIC is now being published from Chicago. Institutional subscriptions are \$12/year. Checks should be made payable to Calliope Publishing Inc. and sent to P.O. Box 6517, Chicago, IL 60680.

The entire text of "Toward Equal Educational Opportunity: Affirmative Admissions Programs at Law and Medical Schools" may be obtained by writing to the Publications Division, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1121 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20425.

The University of Michigan Women's Studies Program publishes a series of Papers in Women's Studies. For further information on the series, write Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan, 1058 L.S.A. Building, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109.

The National Women's Health Network publishes a monthly newsletter providing updated information on health policy decisions, articles and other information. Health policy packets are planned on various topics. For more information, contact National Women's Health Network, 1302 18th Street, NW, Suite 203, Washington, DC 20036.

The International Center for Research on Women now publishes a newsletter focusing on the changing roles of women. To receive copies, write the Center at 2000 P St., NW, Suite 403, Washington, DC 20036.

The National Council of Teachers of English have published "Guidelines for Nonsexist Use of Language in NCTE Publications". Single copies are free from NCTE, 1111 Kenyon Rd., Urbana, IL 61801. Ask for Stock No. 19719.

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