

D.C. WOMEN'S LIBERATION INFORMATION BULLETIN

March 20, 1970

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN D.C. WOMEN'S LIBERATION:

- Monday, March 23 -- Meeting on women's trip to Cuba - 7:00 (before citywide City-wide meeting, at the office, begins at 7:30 - Discussion groups - (1) Decision-Making in D.C. Women's Liberation, and (2) an introductory discussion for new women.
9:00 - Business meeting
- Tuesday, March 24 -- Takoma Park WAFU course - *8:00 PM, Mont. Jr. College, Rm 202, Administration Building
Topic: "The Family and How We Live" Part 1-Adults
***Coalition meeting with WSP and WILPF cancelled - See April 7 listing.
- Wednesday, March 25 - Planning meeting for a "Speakers Workshop"
7:30 at the office
all speakers and potential speakers welcome
***Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire March 25, 1911, in which 146 factory women were murdered by fire because the factory owners had locked the doors.
- Thursday, March 26 - WAFU course at the Institute for Policy studies cancelled because of holidays.
- Saturday, March 28 - Self Defense classes begin
Beginners - 1:00PM to 3:00PM - \$10. for 10 lessons
Advanced - 3:00 to 5:00 PM - \$15. for 10 lessons
Call Elinore Krell at 363-4143
- Monday, March 30 -- Copy due for next issue of off our backs
Ecology meeting at 7:00 (before citywide)
City-wide meeting at 7:30
Discussion groups: (1) Business & Communication
(2) To be decided
Business Meeting at 9:00
- Tuesday, March 31 - Takoma Park Course (see March 24)
Topic: "The Family and How We Live" Part 2-Children
- Wednesday, April 1 - Meeting of the Planners of the Childcare Project
8:00 at the office
- Thursday, April 2 - WAFU course at the Institute for Policy Studies
1520 New Hampshire NW - 8:00
Topic - The Family - Part 1
- Monday, April 6 -- City-wide meeting at 7:30
Discussion Groups: (1) Day Care Project Group
(2) To be decided
Business meeting at 9:00
- Tuesday, April 7 -- ***Triple Threat Meeting with Women's Strike for Peace and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - 8:00PM, William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Takoma Park Course
Topic: "Quality of Life in our Environment,"
Part 1 - Health
- Thursday, April 9 -- Course at IPS - Topic: The Family - Part 2

NEWS FROM PROJECT GROUPS:

off our backs - issue #2 is now available;

Bulk copies may be obtained at the newspaper office or the Women's Liberation office

Next issue - "Women and Ecology" - Copy due Monday, March 30

Needed: articles on ecology, general news, comment, cartoons, etc.

Fourth issue - History - Copy deadline April 13

The newspaper still needs help, especially good typists

Work to be done everyday, everynight, every weekend.

Call 462-4142 - newspaper office.

More from the Pill Hearings:

We've received hundreds of pill questionnaires and many must still be tabulated. If you can help us, call Joan Biren -270-1125

Reports are that doctors and drug companies are flooding the FDA with letters asking that the pill "inserts" (printed info on side effects to be distributed with all oral contraceptives) not be required or that the inserts be watered down.

Write to: Charles Edward at the FDA -- to demand that the inserts be required and not "watered down"; also that the statistics be made relevant to individual women. Call Judy Spelman 483-8723 for more information.

WITCH:

the WITCH action at the Gridiron Club was canceled due to the large amount of press coverage BEFORE the action!

Abortion:

We gave won an intermediate victory in our legal struggle with D.C. General. A court order has now established that D.C. General must do abortions on eligible women with one letter from a psychiatrist. If you know women who qualify to go to D.C. General for an abortion please call Caroline Nickerson 362-7929 before they go. Broader constitutional issues such as the basic right of women to have abortions on demand, and the question of whether public hospitals can institute restrictions which violate that right, will be argued in the courts in the near future.

We also need additional abortion counselors. Call the abortion counseling number, 483-4632 to volunteer.

Ecology:

We are presently preparing for the April teach-ins. We need both information and help.

Children: On Friday, March 13, at an all day work session on child care, we discussed several directions with regard to day care. Several women are pursuing the possibility of demands for day care at work sites. Several will examine the possibility of community day care. Other men and women are presently working out a project which would both serve our personal needs and provide a model of what we want in child care. Further meetings are scheduled in the calendar.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE OFFICE

MONDAYS: Office open from 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Abortion counseling from 10 to 4
Planning meeting for WAFU course - 10:30AM
Ecology Study Group - 1:30 PM
City-wide meeting - 7:30-Discussion Groups
9:00-Business meeting

TUESDAYS: Office open in the evenings

WEDNESDAYS: Office open from 10 to 4
Abortion counseling from 10 to 4
Children's Playgroup from 12 to 4

THURSDAYS: Office open from 10 to 4
Abortion counseling - evenings from 7-10

FRIDAYS: Office open from 11 to 4
Abortion counseling from 10 to 4

The above happens on a regular basis. We still need someone to answer the phone on Tuesday, all day; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, and on weekends. Call Sharon, 462-5686 to commit yourself for a specific time.

BUSINESS CHORES

At the March 16 City-wide, one of the discussion groups discussed "Business and Communications." We agreed to share responsibility for the ever-growing amount of office work. The following women took responsibility (on at least a temporary basis) for:

- Fund-raising -- Frances Chapman
- Bulletin and Mailing List -- Linda Carcione
- Office Management -- Sharon Wolfson and Dot Jacobson
- Discussion Groups -- Joanne Kovacs
- Literature and Bulletin Boards -- Charlotte Bunch-Weeks
- Finances -- Judy Austin

Please remember that the above women have not volunteered to do all the work, only to make sure that the work is done. We must all help. Call the woman responsible for the task(s) you are willing to help with -- or leave messages at the office.

Judy Spelman and Joanne Kovacs are trying to raise money for an essential mimeograph machine. Any woman -- or man -- who can contribute should call them. We especially need large contributions.

Jan Fenty and Elinore Krell are organizing an initial meeting on a Speakers Workshop.

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