

WOMEN'S LIBERATION BULLETIN

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Greenbelt Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Northern Virginia Discussion Group

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Extra volunteers to help are always welcome. Call the office or drop in during office hours. We need hands and heads to help answer mail, etc.

ORIENTATION FORUMS FOR NEW WOMEN

Orientation programs for new women will be held on two Wednesdays in August, August 4th at St. Mark's Church, 3rd and A, S. E., and August 18th at Garrett Park Town Hall, Garrett Park. The meetings are for women only, and child care will be provided for those who wish it. For further information, call Louise Brown, 229-4387.

INTERESTED IN DISCUSSION?

New discussion groups are being formed by Magic Quilt this summer. The initial meetings will be held on Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m. at the WL Office. All interested women are welcome!

27 July--NW Area

3 August--SW, SE, NE

10 August--Virginia

17 August--NW Area

24 August--SW, SE, NE

For further information, contact Louise Brown, 229-4387.

SECRET PREGNANCY TEST

The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company has been giving urine pregnancy tests to all female job applicants for the past fifteen months without telling them. The applicants do not know that they are being tested at the time of their physical examinations. Those who are pregnant are not hired. Dr. Lawrence A. Pyle, Jr., the company's medical director, stated in recent newspaper articles that (a) the legal opinion he got said that the rights of the applicants were not infringed upon if pregnancy tests were made without their knowledge, and (b) he has received no negative responses to the program. Why is this sexist program being perpetuated? Because it's a 'money-saver.' Why not write and let him know what YOU think of the program?

Dr. Lawrence A. Pyle, Jr.

The Chesapeake & Potomac

Telephone Company

725 13th Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C. 20005

Anyone with ideas for direct action, call Jill, 534-1632.

STRIKE!!!

A women's Strike Coalition Committee will be meeting this Saturday, July 25th, at George Washington University, New Student Center, Fourth Floor, at 10:00 a.m. Plans will be made then for the proposed strike on August 26th, the date of the 50th anniversary of Women's Suffrage. It will be important for discussion groups to commit themselves to roles on August 26th, i. e., selling literature, conducting workshops, and initiating action. Try to come to this planning session!

Our WL Strike Committee has tentatively made plans for a rally on August 26th. Sisters will meet at Dupont Circle at 11:00 a.m. on that date. Details in next newsletter. Participate! Contact Pam Quinn, 223-1472.

IMPORTANT--WL OFFICE NEWS

Magic Quilt is discussing just how it should be conducted. One suggestion was to have every fourth meeting a city-wide business meeting, with only representatives of project or discussion groups at the other meetings. Discuss this in your groups, and have your representative speak for you. Magic Quilt can be what we make it!

Finances--Our thanks to one of our sisters who contributed \$300.00 to WL to help pay ongoing bills such as rent, utilities, mailings, etc. We need more contributions for this purpose. Can each of us help out? There's a box in the office for pledges and donations; let's fill it!

Critical Need--Up to now a small number of sisters has carried the burden of handling all the finances necessary to keep WL in operation. People are badly needed to help out. The formation of two committees to handle this work has been suggested, one to be responsible for ordering our literature and checking our supplies, the second to take care of the financial aspects--paying bills, depositing money, etc. Volunteers are badly needed for both committees to form. Ideally you should have time and live near the office to assume these responsibilities. Call Sharon at 462-5686.

Questions, Questions--This new bulletin has only been sent to our new mailing list--those who sent our recent questionnaire back to us and checked the box asking to be on the mailing list. In order to make use of the information contained on these forms, volunteers are needed to help sort through the forms and to coordinate and take action on the information, etc. Please contact Kay McNett at 587-5193.

Speaker Needed--Anyone interested in participating in the WL Speakers' Bureau, contact Karen at 248-1374.

UNCLASSIFIEDS

Apartment for Rent--Two-bedroom apartment for rent at 1862 Mintwood, around the corner from WL Office. Rent \$130, avail. 1 Aug. Contact Joan or Sharon, 462, 5686.

Dogs to Adopt--Two gentle and lively dogs (1 male, 1 female) from the same litter (10 months old) are now in need of a good home since their present owners are moving to a smaller house. The dogs are mixed collie, shepard, and unidentifiable other influences and are inseparable playmates. Call Janet at (304) 535-2274.

STUDENTS' RIGHTS

The Student Rights Organization will hold an organizational meeting of high school students interested in students' rights and the adequacy of the educational process. The meeting will be held on Saturday, 8 August, at the University of Maryland, at the University Duck Pond at 1:00 p.m. Other topics of national and international interest will be discussed as well. The resulting coalition of students will work within their own schools and in conjunction with other high schools as necessary. There will be a band afterward. For further information, call Ann at 422-8822, Margaret at 270-1850, or Jim at 927-1696.

HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN

A high school Women's Liberation group is now meeting on Monday evenings with several WL resource sisters. After seeing the Media Show at the first meeting, the women rapped about their own experiences and decided to get together regularly. The meetings are held at the Sycamore Street House. Any high school girls interested in attending or in forming high school groups, call 270-5345, or Glenda Robinson at 362-5380.

SOCIALIST SUMMER SCHOOL

A special education weekend on Women's Liberation and Socialism will be part of the Socialist Summer School organized by the Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party. The WL sessions will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 2 August, both at 2:00 p.m. The lecturer will be Mary Alice Waters, staff writer for the MILITANT and National Committee Member of the Socialist Workers Party. Readings for the lectures are CENTURY OF STRUGGLE, by Eleanore Flexner, and PROBLEMS OF WOMEN'S LIBERATION, by Evelyn Reed. The lectures will be held at the New Student Center (21st Street between H and I Streets), Room 415, at George Washington University. 'Tuition' is 50 cents per session. All are invited. For further information, call 638-0610 or 965-1943.

KARATE, ANYONE?

Alan Nader has been practicing Shoin Ryu karate for eight years and has a black belt. Nader will be conducting classes made up of both men and women, to be held in Beltsville on Route 1, at dues of \$15.00 per month. Contact Nader at 422-7970.

PALESTINE LIBERATION STRUGGLE

A group of twenty people who are wary of the coverage of the Palestine Liberation Struggle in the established media is planning a fact-finding and observation tour of the Middle East to begin on August 14th. Two or three people from Washington will be going, only one of whom is male. We are particularly interested in observing the revolution made by Arab women, whose traditional social role was one of total submission. Funds are needed very badly, as transportation alone will be \$300.00 per person. If you can help, call or write Cathy Tackner, 532-1376, 709 Berry Street, Falls Church, Virginia. Also, please call or write if you will want a speaker after the group returns on September 14th.

WL BULLETIN

The Northern Virginia Discussion Group will be editing this bulletin for the next several issues. The next issue will be out on August 13th; deadline for all material for inclusion is August 6th. To submit items, date them and place them in the envelope on the office bulletin board or call the North Virginia sisters when they are in the WL Office on Thursdays.

OFF OUR BACKS

The next issue of OFF OUR BACKS will be published the first week in September. Tentative theme is 'Child Care.'

COME TO THE PICNIC

The Greenbelt Group is sponsoring a picnic on Sunday, August 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. Location will be Greenbelt Lake. Take Beltway Exit #28--N. Kennilworth Avenue, turn right at first light onto Crescent Avenue, go $\frac{1}{2}$ block. Bring your family, friends, food--and yourself. Let's get together! Any questions, call Carol Housman at 459-1219.

HOUSE IN MT. PLEASANT

Moving to commune - vacating lovely family house at the end of August. Now paying \$175 rent for large living area downstairs, 3 bedrooms upstairs. Located at Brown St. NW (3 WL sisters are moving nearby to a new commune on Park Rd.) Anyone interested should call Linda or Sam Carcione at 483-8981.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Sister Joan Bird, after a year and a half in jail, has been freed. Much of the money and effort used to free this Black Panther sister was from the Women's Liberation Movement. The motto; "100,000 women free one...One woman frees 100,000. They, we, everyone will not be liberated until all are liberated." Right on!

SUFFRAGE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

THE U.S. Post Office will issue a 6¢ Women's suffrage 50th anniversary commemorative stamp on August 26. First day of issue envelopes may be obtained from the U.S. Post Office in Adams, Mass. 01220.

NEW WOMEN'S MAGAZINE

A revolutionary literary magazine, by and for the literary woman, has recently been started. The magazine was named Aphra in honor of Aphra Behn (1640-1689) said to be the first woman professional writer. Aphra has a no-advertisements policy and publishes work by women on the basis of literary value. Subscriptions are \$3.50 for 4 issues. Further information may be obtained from Box 355, Springfield Pa. 18081.

WOMEN IN ANOTHER HOUSE

The Federal Government has had a system of Congressional pages since 1827. Since that time, only high school males have been permitted to become pages. The House Rules Committee has now voted to replace these high school boys with college-age youth of both sexes. In order for this to go into effect, the Legislative Reorganization Act must be passed in both Houses of Congress. Make your position known.