

Saturday

Washington Area Women's Center, Inc.

August 5, 1972

EXTRA!!! EXTRA!!!

The next General Assembly meeting will be held on August 10th at 7:30pm (on time) 2nd floor of the Community Bookstore--2028 "P" St., N.W. We have many important matters to discuss and decide. The last G.A. and Coordinating Council meetings unanimously approved the acceptance of the 18 room house located at 1736 "R" St., N.W. (formerly Quicksilver Collective).

We must discuss:

- 1.) Provisions for women living in the Center and their relation to the Women's Center
  - 2.) A schedule for moving in and cleaning up duties
  - 3.) Discussion of space needs for different projects
  - 4.) Paid staff; how many; how much; their roles (last G.A. meeting made a commitment for paid staff)
  - 5.) How do we enforce our decision-making policies once we move in (re: the Women's Center not endorsing any actions as a group)
- .....and so on...everyone's ideas are needed!

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Proposal: a very lengthy proposal was drawn up discussing the functions of our Women's Center and its specific projects. It is being revised now by Gaitha Hessel den and will be turned into the Meyer Foundation this week. We are requesting \$20,000. for one-year operating costs for the Center. Keep your feminist fingers CROSSED!

CONCERT COMMITTEE (i.e., more \$\$\$\$\$\$)

There will be a meeting held on Friday August 11th from 7 to 8:30 pm at Kathie Garner's (3155 Adams Mill Road, N.W.-232-1461. It is important for the Women's Center Benefit to grow in participation. The Concert is scheduled for Oct. 6th and much, much preparation is needed. We are asking women to work on skit writing, dancing, poetry, music, and publicity. All help, talent, and energy will be loved in sisterhood. Please come. This will be our biggest fund-raiser yet if we pull together!!!!

Sustainers: We are now collecting \$350 a month from the sustainers. Now that we have a house with rent and utilities--i.e., responsibilities, we are hoping that we can start receiving at least \$600 a month to cover these costs. For those women who haven't been sending in monthly sustainers for lack of something concrete to finance, we now have it. Mail your nicely enclosed sustainer today to Carol Vance, 2025 Eye St., N.W. #811, D.C. 20006 (223-3252).

SISTERS SUPPORT EACHOTHER!

COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT -- July 31st, 1972

1. Bev Fisher will represent the Women's Center on the newly formed advisory council of WETA-Metro Media which plans a series of women's shows.
2. Women should take note that the movie Prime Cut demeans women and capitalizes on women's victimization. If you want to leaflet this film call Marie or Chris at 522-3497.



C.C. Report continued:

3. Women are requested to write or call WETA-TV in support of Feminist Forum which is in danger of being taken over by the male dominated station. For further information call Sharon Campbell at 755-1374.

4. Re: The House--The council enthusiastically approved the rental of the house at 1736 "R" St., N.W. Gayle Peabody investigated zoning and found the house zoned RC5 which means we will have no problem qualifying as a "social club." We will not be able to sell anything but have a kitchen, can make coffee and take donations for it, etc.

5. C.C. (and G.A.) affirmed Washington Women's Art Professionals as members of the Center. They will have a representative on the council.

6. In a budget report Bev Fisher stated that the request to the Meyer Foundation is being submitted this week and is being increased to include 2 paid staff positions.

7. The next Coordinating Council meeting will be held on August 17 at 7:30pm in the Women's Center (1736 "R" St., N.W.). Please be on time. The meeting will deal with allocation of space (rooms) in the Center.

HAPPENINGS

CITY COUNCIL STILL TRYING TO BLOCK WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CONTROL HER OWN BODY!

Rhoda Ruttenberg is concerned about D.C. City Council's recent ruling to institute an additional 24 hr. waiting period before women can have the operation in D.C. clinics. This will cause out-of-town women all kinds of hassles and may even prevent them from getting abortions. Rhoda is willing to coordinate housing, transportation, and communications--If you can provide a place to stay overnite, a ride to the clinic, or both, please contact Rhoda at 587-4620.

"FREE VALERIE SOLANIS"... and more LEGAL stuff.....

--Women's Legal Defense Fund/National Organization for Women vs. WRC-TV  
Cooperating women's groups in the Washington Area are preparing a license challenge against a local T.V. station, W.L.D.F. President Gladys Kessler will be prosecuting attorney. Whitney Adams, Co-ordinator needs volunteers to complete this huge effort. Call Whitney-983-9062, Marj Chigan-297-7717, Joyce Latham-723-6706.

--Next Legal Project Meeting--August 21st, 8:00 pm in the Women's Lounge at the George Washington Law School.

--Employment Discrimination Counseling Group meets August 28th, 8:00 pm at 2209 Hall Place, N.W.

--Business Meeting for W.L.D.F., August 29th, 8:00 pm--tentatively scheduled to be held at Women's Center.

--Domestic Relations Group meets August 22nd at 7:30 pm--tentatively scheduled to be held at Women's Center.

--There is a FUNDING PROPOSAL by the Legal Project under consideration to the National Paralegal Institute for paralegal training.

MORE, MORE, MORE!!!

FEMINIST COUNSELING COLLECTIVE--As a result of the open rap sessions at Georgetown University, from which three ongoing therapy groups have been formed, the



Feminist Counseling Collective will continue the sessions through August. Anyone interested in individual counselling, group counselling, or later, Consciousness Raising Groups--come to the Music Lounge, Harbin Hall, Georgetown University on Tuesdays, Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7:30pm. Please contact Liz Lilbrandt at 654-1760 for information and clarification of meeting times and/or spaces.

### RAPE CRISIS CENTER

We have a 45 page pamphlet on how to start a Rape Crisis Center, and is also excellent for general ideas on organizing groups or projects. The pamphlet should be printed and ready for selling by August 18th. If interested in obtaining a copy call 333-RAPE or write to:

RAPE CRISIS CENTER

P.O. BOX 20015

Washington, D.C. 20009

(Also, let us know if you're interested in being on our mailing list and receiving our JUNE/JULY Newsletter.)

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Some women are interested in working with other groups (mental health, health, etc.) concerning childbirth crises. This would entail talking with women who have had miscarriages, retarded children, or bad experiences with abortions. If you are interested please contact Glenna at 338-9212 (h) or 686-2114 (w).

The Washington Women's Art Professionals grew out of a conference--Women in the Visual Arts--and wants to be a part of the Women's Center. They are willing to do posters and other artsy/craftsy things from a feminist perspective. Phone in your talent and interest to Floise at 652-3811.

### INAUGURAL BALL!!!

To celebrate August 26th and the opening of the Women's Center lets all get together at an open house and party to start at 8pm (1736 "R" St., N.W.) All women invited. Bring your own booze and dancing shoes. (Clean up day the following Sunday, i.e. more togetherness in our new home).

### HELP BUILD THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

#### Newsletter and Propaganda Committee

An established committee is being formed to take responsibilities for getting out announcements and provide an open forum for political discussions concerning the Women's Center. Being the only regular means of communication among ourselves, the newsletter should become more than just a calendar of meetings and reports. We want to stir enthusiasm into tired bodies, stimulate feminist-oriented minds and provide political direction. Sounds great? It is! We need more input. If interested, please come to the next General Assembly meeting to stand up and be counted. (Or leave a message at the Women's Phone--there is now a recorded answering service.)

We love you, Shulamith!

SPEAKERS BUREAU (Bet you didn't know we had one! Well, we don't!) We must take ourselves and what we do as women seriously. A speaker's bureau can be an effective means of communication to people and groups who don't know what the Women's Center is doing. We all have a skill of speaking--one of the few things allotted to women--and we should use it constructively. We need to get our politics and information out, if we are to bring women in--plus have another form of



income (\$\$\$\$) to the Women's Center. We desperately need some women to help coordinate speakers on certain subjects, to get out publicity, and set speaking engagements. Marie Koury has offered to collect names of all who eagerly want to work on this. Help spread feminism--call Marie at 522-3497.

Also: We are allocating space for communication projects like the Newsletter Committee and the Speaker's Bureau, so we are really serious about these groups getting off the ground.

### COFFEEHOUSE

The Women's Center has a big dining room and connecting kitchen for a coffee house. A Coffeehouse is really important as a place to go for relaxation with women away from the daily harassments of male supremacy. Help create a sisterly atmosphere by setting up the Coffeehouse. Come to the meeting, Tues. Aug 15th, at 7:30pm - 2134 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.) For more information call Sharon at 333-3085.

### FANTASTIC FEMINIST POEM

FOR CONNIE, A ROLLINGSTONE

if there is a cosmic beauty  
then your face holds it  
if there is human understanding  
then your soul is capable of it  
if a mind ever thought of freedom  
yours has flown to where freedom  
lives and has drifted back  
here to tell your body about it  
and you long for it

i can see it in your eyes  
aquarius sister-love  
i can see it . . . you  
must know that one  
day we will all

be  
FREE

by erika huggins

"Controlled, directed, but nonetheless passionate, anger moves from the personal to the political and becomes a force for shaping a new destiny."  
Getting Angry, by Susi Kaplow; Notes From the Third Year

For a helping hand, look to the end of your own arm!

THIS IS OUR BEGINNING THIS IS OUR BEGINNING THIS IS OUR BEGINNING THIS IS OURS



# WASHINGTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER, INC.

## ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO JUNE 16 REVISION OF MAILING LIST

Saturday - August 5, 1972

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<b><u>A D D I T I O N S</u></b>				
Mary Kay Ball		5408 Mohican Rd., N.W., D.C. 20016		229-6971
Liz Borzomati		3923 South 6th St., Arl., Va. 22204		
Belle Bosshard		3006 Rose Valley Dr., Oxon Hill, Md. 20022		248-3019
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Peggy Cleveland		6209 Nebraska Ave., N.W., D.C. 20016		244-2594
Elaine Confalone		3404 Nimitz Rd., Kensington, Md. 20795		946-6390
Mary Jo Croddock		27 Wesley Pl., Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401		
Carol Cybulski		3940 Penderbrook Dr., Fairfax, Va.		
Christine Duewel		4121 Oliver St., Hyattsville, Md.		927-5312
Patricia Edwards		221 N. 17th St., Wetherville, Iowa 51334		363-8842
Lucy Galliher		4608 Butterworth Pl., N.W., D.C. 20016		587-1853
Rosemary Halpin		8035 Eastern Ave. #T-2, Silver Sp., Md. 20910		
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	Office of Gov. Of Puerto Rico			483-1660(w)
Jane Kniffin		616 E. Capitol St., N.E., D.C. 20003		547-4680
Deborah Kzirian		4307 Stanford St., Chevy Chase, Md. 20015		654-0706
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Eloise Linger		1514 17th St., N.W., Apt. 108, D.C. 20036		232-0838
Winnie Lowe		Box 70, Apt. 11 Valley Manor, Pine Grove, West Va., 26419		
Alison Martin		3726 Livingston St., N.W., D.C. 20015		
Clare McManus		3801 Conn. Ave., N.W., D.C. 20008 (#614)		244-0297
Adelaide Miller		905 25th St., N.W., D.C. 20037		965-3912
Christine Muma		3224 Wis. Ave., N.W., D.C. 20016		362-9772
Anne Ossman		4242 East-West Hwy, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015		
Joan Passek		1906 35th Pl., N.W., D.C. 20007		333-1350
	Dept. of Commerce-Women's Committee			
Sue Polansky		2837 Northhampton St., N.W. D.C.		
Mary Anne Rafferty		4528 Van Ness, N.W., D.C. 20016		686-9113
Pam Reaves		2120 Huidekoper Pl., N.W., D.C. 20007		338-9246
P.J. Schimmel		1721 P St., N.W., D.C. 20036		667-4830
	Lesbian Off., Coffeehouse, Liberation Courses			
Regina Scott		7118 Richland Dr., Lynchburg, Va. 24502		
Beth Sherman		3821 39th St., N.W. Apt. B-92, D.C. 20016		
		Health, Mental Health		



Vicki Smith	#307 - 4520 MacArthur Blvd., N.W., D.C. 20007	337-7332
Federal City College		
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Mrs. Elaine Troubaugh	Rt. 2 Box 99A Elkton, Va. 22827	462-2449
Liz Vantrease	3606 16th St., N.W., D.C. 20010	
Claire Wilson	1511 - 22nd St., N.W., D.C.	
 <u>C H A N G E S</u>		
Lin Clements	9727 Mt. Pisgah Rd., Apt. 701, Silver Sp., Md. 20903	439-0910
Sharon Cochran	2134 Wis. Ave., N.W., D.C. 20007 Coffeehouse, Rape	333-3085
Kae Huskey	C/o Rosenhaus, 17 Hibiscus Dr., Hibiscus Is. Miami Beach, Fla.	
Birdie Lewis	116-6th St., N.E., D.C. Apt. 101	546-5115
Ruth Pancoast	1836 Metzert Rd., Apt. 901, Adelphi, Md. Mental Health	431-6750
Gayle Peabody	3155 Adams Mill Rd., N.W., D.C. 20010 Office, Health, Legal Project	232-1461(h) 225-7515(w)
Caroline Raschick	Same Address	667-4830
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Reference Librarian		

NOTE: If you have further additions and/or corrections to mailing list, please contact Marie at 522-3497--if she's not there, leave a message.

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The Washington Area WOMEN'S CENTER

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Checks should be made payable to Washington Area Women's Center  
P.O. Box 13098, T Street Station, Washington, D.C. 20009

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