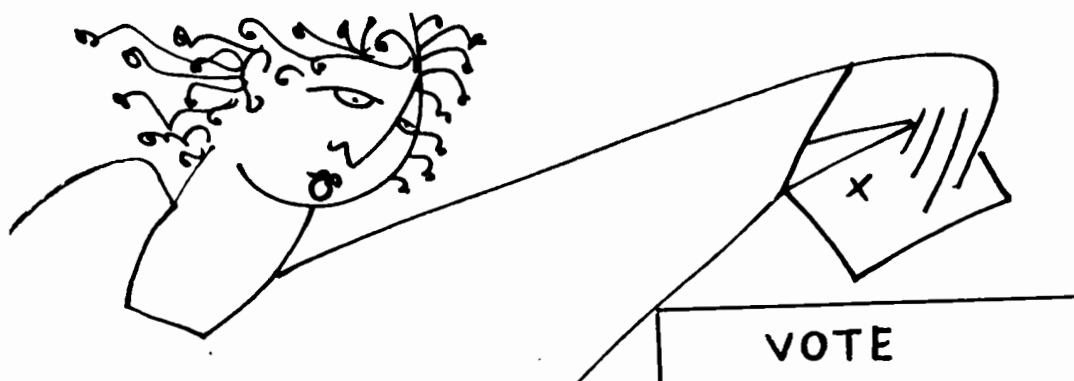


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D.C. Women's Center OCT. 76



PRES. CANDIDATES PROFILE

Regardless of your political affiliation, or personal convictions on any given issue - we are all affected in some way by legislative actions or the lack of them. Whether our leaders have or can influence our jobs, health care, child care, home or personal lives - the fact remains that we have the power to change and reform the government through the simple, effortless action of voting.

But before we vote, we must be aware of the issues - what we want from our government, and we must be aware of where the presidential candidates stand in regard to those issues. If our votes are to be powerful weapons in electing the proper

officials, we must prepare and reinforce ourselves in order to wield them more effectively.

We at the Women's Center have long been aware of the importance of making vital information and referral services available to women in the community. We want to help women in this election, in a non-partisan capacity, to recognize the issues that effect us most as citizens and as women, and to identify which candidates have made our issues important in their platforms. We realize that often magazines, newspapers and other media shade or hide the issues we are interested in, and it makes it difficult to decide who is for us, and who is against. We have chosen then,

five candidates and researched their own literature plus various articles from reliable, nationally known sources to find where they stand on issues pertaining to us particularly as women. Although there are more candidates than those we have included, information was either unavailable or limited to such an extent as to make it of little value to readers. If you desire more information on candidates not mentioned in our newsletter, please call us and we will attempt to aid you, if possible, in gathering information.

YOUR VOTE- YOUR VOICE

	DO YOU SUPPORT THE ERA?	WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON THE SUPREME COURT ABORTION DECISION?	DO YOU SUPPORT FEDERAL SPENDING FOR CHILD-CARE SERVICES?	WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT?	WHAT EFFORT WOULD YOU MAKE IN PLACING QUALIFIED WOMEN INTO TOP POLICY-MAKING POSITIONS?	WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON GAY RIGHTS?	DO YOU APPROVE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE?	WHAT ARE YOUR FEELINGS REGARDING WELFARE REFORM?	WHAT MEASURES WOULD YOU TAKE TO SECURE CONSUMER PROTECTION?	HOW WILL YOU CHANGE OUR ECONOMIC STRUCTURE?
C A M E R O	The struggle of women for the right to safe, legal abortions and to get the Equal Rights Amendment adopted and implemented should be supported to help achieve equality in all spheres of life.	Women must have the right to decide whether or not to give birth to children. This includes the right to abortion and contraception on demand as well as protection from forced sterilization.	In order to assure economic independence for women, government-financed free child care centers should be established. Maternity leaves with full pay should be provided.	It is an obligation of society to guarantee steady work for everyone. This can be done by the following: -Emergency public works programs should be launched to provide jobs thru construction of housing, mass transportation, hospitals, and other social necessities. -Sum necessary to pay for these programs should come from eliminating the smooth war budget and from a 100% tax on war profits.	Preferential hiring and upgrading are necessary to help achieve equality on the job. Employers must not be allowed to use layoff to reduce the proportion of minority and women workers.	Democratic and human rights should be applied to prisoners, O.G.s, gays, foreign born workers, and young people. Repressive legislation must be abolished, along with all cruel and unusual punishment including the death penalty.	Money on war budget should go to social services to provide steady work for everyone, as well as decent housing.	All pensions, Social Security benefits, unemployment, welfare and veterans benefits should be raised to union wage scales and protected with cost-of-living escalator provisions.	Workers have a right to insist that things they produce will be safe and durable and production will be for social needs rather than private profits. When monopolies like the utilities or postal service cry bankruptcy, charge exorbitant rates, or refuse services to those who can't pay their rates, they should be nationalized and operated under the control of workers.	To acquire the needed information and resources for economic planning, the entire banking system will have to be taken over, open to workers' committees, and placed under their control. Such a national economic plan would divert the colossal sums now spent for military purposes to social needs. It would end the threat of worldwide famine and war.
C A R T E R	Carter supports the ERA. "I am firmly committed to equality between women and men and in promoting a partnership concept in all aspects of life." He says that as President he would support strict enforcement of laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, advancement, education credit, and housing.	Carter says he does not support constitutional amendments to overturn the Supreme Court ruling on abortion. However, "I personally disapprove of abortion. I do not believe government should encourage abortion. The efforts of government should be directed toward eliminating abortions."	Thinks "a comprehensive child development bill to provide quality, non-profit child care" is a major national priority. Advocates full subsidy for low-income, and partial subsidy for low-to-moderate income level families.	Carter says his position is the same now as when he ran for governor in 1970. "I told the labor representatives from Georgia that any time the repeal of the right-to-work law could be passed by the legislature, then I would sign it. I would do the same as President."	"I would make a special effort to place more qualified women into top policy-making roles...in many ways it would be a plus to have a woman as a running mate."	Spokesman Unavailable.	Carter supports a direct federal subsidy of new housing for low and middle income people. The federal government, Carter says, should build and maintain the low-income housing. He favors a larger role for realtors in land use planning, a steady supply of credit to decrease boom and bust in the housing industry, and attention to restoration and conservation of neighborhoods.	He feels we should provide a guaranteed income. "One basic necessity of life for those who cannot work full-time." He says it should come from state and federal revenues. By consolidating welfare programs he would eliminate the food stamp program. If a job is offered and not accepted, benefits should be terminated.	"I would like to be known as the foremost protector of consumers." He favors establishment of a strong federal consumer protection agency, which "could research information for all government hearings presenting evidence supporting the voice of the consumer." He would also like to see the establishment of "formal machinery to permit class actions by consumers."	Carter says the most serious economic problem is unemployment and his "major domestic thrust would be to reduce the unemployment rate." It can be reduced significantly--from 7.5% to 4.4-5% without runaway inflation, he says. "If we put a major emphasis on employment...the inflation rate would increase very slightly...but I would place a major emphasis on employment and take my chances with inflation."
F O R D	He voted for the Amendment when a Congressman. Former Congressman Martha Griffiths (D-Mich.) credits him with lining up 15 of the last 16 signatures on the discharge petition to get the Amendment before the House in 1970.	He thinks that the Court decision went too far. On the other hand, he does not agree that a Constitutional Amendment is the proper remedy. He feels there are instances when abortion should be permitted--illness, rape, or any of the other unfortunate things that might happen.	He believes that primary responsibility for child care rests with the family, but supportive actions by the state and federal government are important and proper. In April he vetoed the \$125 million Child Care Standards Act on the grounds that states rather than the federal government should set standards for facilities.	Ford feels we should alleviate economic hardship for those unemployed by extending unemployment insurance coverage to 12,000 additional workers & temporarily extend time period they may receive benefits from 39 to 65 weeks and stimulate economic activity in the private sector.	He stated that despite increases among women serving in government "we have a long way to go, and...I will continue...to nominate more and more women." Administration reports 65 of appointments requiring Senate confirmation have been women.	He sees this as a new & very serious problem in our society. He says he has always tried to be an understanding person as far as people who are different than myself. That doesn't mean that I agree or concur in what is done by them or their position in society. It is a problem that we have to face up to. I would be dishonest to say there is a pat answer.	Ford has proposed additional housing assistance for 500,000 families through HUD programs. Subsidies would be provided for low-income families under a rental housing program & mortgage subsidies will be approved for moderate income families during FY 1977 in his plan to assist them in purchasing newly-built or rehabilitated homes.	Ford has not followed the lead of his predecessor in proposing sweeping welfare reform. In 1971, while in the House, he voted for a family assistance plan which provided a work incentive. He felt we could build from that structure, get rid of all programs we have started with a single plan that will give the needy what they deserve & need.	In Nov. 1975, Ford directed every agency of the Executive Branch to develop consumer action plans. He opposes a separate consumer protection agency as "another layer" of bureaucracy.	His record as a Congressman & President demonstrate that Ford is strongly aligned with the traditional conservative Republican stance on economic issues, favoring the goal of a balanced budget, supporting tax incentives for business & generalities desiring a minimal amount of government interference in the private sector.
M C C A R T H Y	He was the principal sponsor in the Senate. "I have spoken throughout many states in support of the ERA. I have held a stronger standpoint for a longer length of time than any other candidates running."	McCarthy feels that the question of abortion is essentially one for the individual's moral decision. The state ought not to interfere, except within the limits of the 1973 Supreme Court decision.	A spokesman for McCarthy stated that McCarthy was definitely supportive of child-care services.	He states we must redistribute work by shortening the work year in the form of a 48 week year instead of a 50 week year, or shortening the work week. We can use tax incentives for industry to spread unemployment in this way.	A McCarthy administration will have women in positions of responsibility and power. He has mentioned women in positions possibly for Secretary of Interior, Secretary of State or Supreme Court Justice, and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.	He feels that individuals should have protection of personal freedom from government interference.	"Housing should be a function of the family--without artificial support, controlled prices, or rent control. In the interim, loans and underwriting grants to cities will be necessary."	McCarthy recommends that the program should be financed principally by the federal government. It should be set on a national standard, so as to avoid or discourage conditions of inequality of support which encourage unnecessary movement of welfare recipients & concentration in cities.	"The worst thing the oil companies did to us was provide too much cheap oil & gasoline over too long a period of time. They got us hooked on it." He also says cars are too big & heavy. Selective excise taxes & regulation of size, etc. can help reduce the great waste of money & life caused by the automobile.	McCarthy feels we should have limited and conditional wage/price controls, should have selective excise taxes to discourage wasteful production and consumption and we should reduce spending in some other areas, such as the space program and the highway-building program.
M A D D O X	He opposes the Equal Rights Amendment.	He is against Abortion. He feels we should not have relatively easy abortions.	Spokesman Unavailable	Spokesman Unavailable	Spokesman Unavailable	Spokesman Unavailable	Spokesman Unavailable	While in office as the Georgian Governor, welfare services expanded. In a news item he states that he is for the poor people.	He is in favor for less government involvement.	Spokesman Unavailable

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Announcements

First of all we want to extend a hearty congratulations to the W.A.W.C. Softball team for taking first place in the "B" League! YAY TEAM!

Second of all we want to welcome the D.C. Rape Crisis Center to the Summer School Basement. They moved in 9/15.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN is a new coalition of women and women's organizations which have come together for the purpose of providing shelter and resources for abused women in D.C. WHW now has a shelter for abused women at 459 Mass. Ave, NW (House of Ruth). The number there is 347-9689. The shelter is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Women in need are welcome at all times.

The shelter of WHW is new, and very much in need of contributions of all kinds: food, toys, clothing, books and magazines, furniture, etc.

In conjunction with the above, the Women's Center has set aside a space to collect donations for the House of Ruth in the Hallway of the Basement. Drop off your contributions and the Center staff will see that they are delivered.

ARTISTS & CRAFTSWOMEN: Beginning 10/1 the W.A.W.C. will be rededicating its resources to the DC women's community. If you are a craftswoman, photographer or fine artist interested in displaying and selling your works contact Vicki Woodal at 232-0737 for more info.

NOTICE: Does anyone know the address or phone number for Monica S. McKig? Please leave info at Center 347-5078.

The WOMEN'S LEGAL DEFENSE FUND does some of its work thru counseling committees for women; there are committees on credit discrimination, name change, wife & child abuse, employment discrimination & domestic relations (e.g. grounds for divorce). They handle information requests & make referrals where appropriate. In cases of credit & employment discrimination the committees can represent women in the hearings and administrative procedures. Members of the committees are both lawyers & non-lawyers. WLDF holds training sessions as the need arises. If you would like to work with them, give a call & then will let you know about upcoming sessions. Contact: WLDF, Nancy Owens-Cierley, 232-5293.

Seen an art exhibit lately? No?--Stop by the Wash. Women's Arts Center at 1821 Q Street, NW (332-2121) and check out their on-going fall/winter exhibits. Exhibit Schedule: "One to One" 9/1 - 10/24; Photography Show 10/26 - 11/28; Visual-Verbal Show 11/30 - 1/9.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE: WAWC plans a craft sale in November. All craftswomen wishing to participate call the Center or Sandy Black (533-7842) for more details. (Projected for 11/20)

POETRY SERIES: Wash. Women's Arts Center presents Emily Otis & Nancy Garruba on 10/1 at 8 PM. 1821 Q St, NW - call 332-2121 for more info.

GROWTH GROUP FOR GAY WOMEN & MEN: 7-9PM, Thursday nites beginning 10/14. Call JoAnne Thompson at 753-6249 for more info. Ten 2 hour sessions. Objectives are increased self awareness, connection making, expression of difficulties and exploring options for going beyond the stressful space \$60 for full course.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND III: 10/8-10/10 at Crymca Camp (near Stillwater, NJ). \$16.50 adults \$5.00 for children over 3, includes you in the fun: workshops, music, boating & swimming. Write WWIII, c/o Marcia Lyons, 6412 Lochnest Road, Baltimore, MD 21239 for more info and reservations.

Been to a good movie lately? Check out UNION MAIDS and GROWING UP FEMALE. Presented by Magic Lantern Theatre at 8 PM 10/22, 17th & M Sts, NW Summer school Basement. Both shows for \$1.50.

ANGRY WOMEN! (Aren't We All?) Looking for a safe space to be MAD. A sound-proof, damage proof room for a HIT & SCREAM CENTER. Maybe space for before and after meditation. Rooms in Summer School Basement being considered. Women with collective spirit, space, equipment, money or suggestions call: Lee Cox - home: 462-3722 or work: 381-5397.

Stop by **FIRST THINGS FIRST** at 2334 Ontario Road, NW & pick up a free copy of their new catalog supplement with a list of New Fall Books from Diana Press and Daughters Press, or call 234-2722 & have one sent. Hours are Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri/Sat 11 AM - 5 PM



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NOW CHAPTER MEETINGS:

NORTHERN VIRGINIA NOW: 10/4 at 8 PM - Call Mary Ann Bridge at 532-2095 for details.

ALEXANDRIA NOW: 10/23 at 10 AM - Call Sandy Rangel at 683-4458 for details.

ARLINGTON NOW: Call Cinda Caruso at 532-6641 for date/time and place. Also of interest, they are starting politically oriented consciousness raising groups. Non-members welcome. Call Cinda on this also.

NOW SEXUALITY TASK FORCE MTG: 10/10 at 2 PM in the Towne House, 506 8th Street, SE. Call Arlene Ross at 543-1512

Other NOW Chapter numbers: (we couldn't get their mtg. schedules)

NOW ACTION CENTER: 347-2279

CAPITOL HILL NOW: 543-8525

DC NOW: 387-6895

MONTGOMER CO. NOW: 299-7640

P.G. CO. NOW (North): 779-2068

P.G. CO. NOW (South): 449-6560

Save your pennies for QUEST AUCTION in November. Details will be in next newsletter.

FUND RAISING BOOKSALE: WAWC is holding a booksale Sat. 10/16 from 12 noon to 4 PM. You can drop off book donations at the Center Daily from 1-3 PM (call first to make sure someone is there) or Monday nights from 6-8PM up to the day of the sale. Pass the word - come by and browse and select a few volumes for your library.

DANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: WAWC is holding a meeting 10/4/76 at 7:30 PM in the Center to discuss the upcoming dance. All women interested in HELP-ING (set up, decorations, sell beer, take money, clean up) please come. SEE YOU THERE.

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP - Is starting and is to be held in the MD University Women's Center. If you're interested, call Abbie Gurber at 454-4389 or Mona Thompson at 445-0096

DC FEMINIST IAW COLLECTIVE opened its doors 9/17/76. The Women of the collective are Nan Hunter, Carol Openheimer, Nancy Polikoff, Gigi Goldfrank, & Judith Holmes. Their office is located at 509 C Street, NE - 543-2770.

SELF DEFENSE & KARATE FOR WOMEN: WAWC & Rape Crisis Center are cosponsoring a self defense class for all women beginning the 1st week in November. Classes will be held from 7-8:30 PM two nights a week; Instructor: Delaplaine; Fee: \$25 for 6 week course. The nights have not been decided as yet. Call Women's Center or Angie (537-7842) to pre-register.

BASEMENT RUMMAGE SALE: Osh Gosh, Magic Lantern, Rape Crisis and WAWC are co-sponsoring a rummage sale to be held in the parking lot at 18th and Columbia Road, NW from 9 AM to 4 PM. Drop off your donations at the basement or bring them to the sale. All proceeds go to the basement organizations.

MUSIC NIGHT AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER: WAWC would like to hold a weekly music night for local women to join together and jam. Do you think there would be support to such a gathering? If you would like us to give this idea a try-call the Center and let us hear your "YES". All women musicians interested in participating call the center and leave your name and number.

Need new life in your apartment or home? Drop by **ANGIE'S NEW LEAF** & give a plant a home! Located at 1521 17th St, NW - 232-6889.



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