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Newsletter of the Women's Center
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WINTER 1985

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS

CONFERENCE

ALLIANCE AGAINST WOMEN'S OPPRESSION
Boston Affiliate Chapter, P.O. Box 1091,
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
"Voices of Struggle...Voices of Freedom"
Somos Hermanas and the Alliance Against
Women's Oppression invite you to partici-
pate in a half day conference celebrating
International Women's Day, 1985. Spea-
kers will include Ivy Matoeso from the
African National Congress of South Africa
and a representative of AMES of El Sal-
vador. The conference will be held on
Sunday, March 3 from 12:30 - 5:30 at
Roxbury Community College, Room 307 of
the Kennedy Building, 625 Huntington Ave.,
Boston. Childcare provided. Bilingual
Spanish/English. Wheelchair accessible.
\$5 (sliding scale).
Information: 364-5938

SOJOURNEYS WITH BLACK WOMEN

"CLAIMING POWER: UNITING FOR CHANGE"
Margaret Burnam, lawyer and Sandra
Graham, Mass. State Legislature
Friday March 8 7PM Cambridge YWCA
A workshop follows Sat. March 9 10AM-1PM
Donation of \$3 - \$5 is requested

WOMEN'S VIDEO FESTIVAL

March 8,9 on Boston Cable TV ch 3 6-11PM
Entertainment, documentaries, with Shane
Snowden, editor Sojourner, Hyatt Iman,
Elizabeth Stone House, Donna Finn, and
other community activists and local en-
tertainers.

March 24 at SOMEWHERE 4-11PM

24 HOUR RADIO PROGRAM

WMBR - MIT 88.1
Sat. March 9 Midnight until midnight
March 10. Lots of music (women in jazz,
gospel, Libana), discussions, news,
and more! Schedule will be posted
around town.

"WOMEN WHO DARE"

**DORCHESTER INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION**
Saturday March 9 at the Grover Cleve-
land School (directly across from
Fields Corner subway stop - Ashmont Red
Line cars) Registration 9:30AM; work-
shops 10:30AM; Celebration (skits, sing-
ers, speakers) 2PM. (Ends at 3:30PM)

KAY GARDNER AND THE MISCHIEF MIMES

A Benefit Concert Saturday March 9 8PM
at Boston College Theatre (end of B.C.
green line) Presentd by Women of Power
Magazine Advance Tickets: \$6.50 at
Glad Day, Shambala, New Words and Body-
works Gym

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

PRESENTS:

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

DANCE

SATURDAY MARCH 9

8PM - 1AM

AT THE BOSTON YWCA

140 CLARENDON

CHILD CARE

REFRESHMENTS

INCEST RESOURCES

Incest Resources is a non-profit counseling and educational organization committed to promoting public information about incest and adequate services for incest victims and survivors. We were founded in January of 1981 by women with incest histories and are an affiliate of the Cambridge Women's Center.

Our current activities include a monthly drop-in discussion group, referral services for individual and group therapy, consultation and training, public speaking, and the distribution of literature written by our members and others.

Drop-in discussion groups meet 7:30 - 9:30pm on the third Thursday of every month at the Women's Center. Upcoming topics include: March 21 - Confrontation; April 18 - Relationships; May 16 - Mothers; and June 20 - Support/Endings. There will be a break for July and August and discussions will resume in September. For more information please call (617) 492-1818.

WOMEN'S SCHOOL

The Women's School's 15th annual spring term will begin in the middle of March. Classes and workshops include: visual images, self-defense, Southern Africa, Demystifying the Middle East, Breast Conditions, Down-Under Feminism, Graffiti, and many more. Watch for brochure at the end of February, or call the Women's Center at 354-8807.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Center is seeking a coordinator. 30 hours per week, \$7 per hour, and benefits. We are looking for a strong feminist committed to the liberation of all women, including women of color, older women, lesbians, poor and working class women, and differently-abled women. The position includes coordinating volunteer staff, contacting community groups, updating referrals, and crisis intervention. We are looking for a woman who has a long history of working for social change. Women of color and/or poor and working class women are especially encouraged to apply. For more information call 354-8807, or send letter of interest to: Hiring Committee, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge MA 02139. Deadline for letters is Friday, March 8.

SOJOURNER'S BACK!

SOJOURNER is publishing again! They have raised the money needed. We are so glad to have the paper back, and encourage everyone who reads and values it to subscribe. 1 year is \$15, to Sojourner, 143 Albany St., Cambridge, MA 02139. They need our support!

MATCHING GRANTS

The Center has been awarded \$9,875 in matching grants from foundations and corporations with the stipulation that we raise dollar-for-dollar matching contributions from the general public. To date, these public donations total just over \$2,000.

Money from matching grants is very crucial to the Center's survival, since it is used to cover operating expenses. We really need your help. Every dollar brings us closer to our goal and is very much appreciated. Please give all you can. Make your checks payable to: Women's Educational Center, 46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

VOLUNTEER

Many Women's Center groups need new members. Staff: 4hr day slots (10 - 2, 2 - 6), evenings (6-8, 8-10), as well as assisting with updating and expanding referrals, typing, etc. Introductory, Maintenance, Library, Newsletter, Battered Women's Directory, Fundraising Committee, to name a few. For more info call 354-8807.

AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WOMEN'S GROUP

7:30 - 9PM every Monday

INTRODUCTORY MEETINGS

8 - 10PM every Wednesday

LESBIAN MOTHERS GROUP

8 - 10PM every other Wednesday

INCEST RESOURCES

7:30 - 9:30 3rd Thurs. every month

LESBIAN FAT LIBERATION

7:30 - 9PM last Tues. every month

LESBIAN LIBERATION

8 - 10PM every Thursday

JEWISH WOMEN'S OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP

7PM first Friday of every month

Potluck dinner, space for informal discussion. \$1.50 donation apprec.

Next meeting March 1

OUR THANKS TO ANDREA

Andrea Rogers, our Staff Coordinator for the past 6½ years, will be leaving the position the end of February.

Andrea started staffing here as an intern from Suffolk University and then became Staff Coordinator a year later.

She has contributed a great deal to the Center, a deep commitment to all women and to the Center and the Women's Movement.

She has been instrumental in creating a cohesive volunteer staff, expanding the referral system, and assisting literally thousands of women.

We will all miss her energy, dedication and sparkling sense of humor and wish her the best of luck!

RAPE CRISIS CENTER

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center has been providing services to rape survivors, their friends and families and to the public at large for over 12 years. Our goal has always been to offer the best possible direct services combined with prevention and education programs. We serve the Greater Boston area and often receive calls from places all over the state and country.

The Center provides crisis intervention, a 24-hour hotline, counseling over the phone as well as in person, support groups, a referral network, personal support and advocacy through the legal process if necessary, public education to any groups who want to learn about rape, inservice training for professionals and agency consultation.

We have just finished our annual training of new volunteer counselors, and look forward to adding their energy to the group. We have also started a new structure for the group, involving a steering committee to expedite business. It is a time of upheaval for the group, as we try to find ways of dealing with the increased demand for our services, both for counseling and for public education.

We rely primarily on community and individual support for our survival. Our funding, from the Dept. of Public Health, is currently in jeopardy, and we are sorely in need of financial help. You can help through your interest and involvement in the form of written or spoken support of our program and/or a contribution to our organization. We welcome calls from people who are interested in being associated with us.

INTRODUCTORY

An open discussion group meeting every Wednesday at 8PM at the Women's Center. Upcoming topics: Feb. 27-Abortion; March 6-Money; March 13-Rape*; March 20-Anger*; March 27-Women at 30; April 3-Herpes and VD; April 10-Independence in Relationships; April 17-Incest; April 24-Sexual Harassment; May 1-Choosing Children; May 8-Women in the romantic novel; May 15-Food and fat issues; May 22-Ending relationships; May 29-Bisexuality.
*may be leaderless groups.

Introductory is looking for new members to facilitate groups. If you're interested in helping, please call Isreal at 491-5065.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

A women's group of N.A. has started meeting at the Women's Center. It is composed of women who have stopped taking drugs and stopped drinking (a day at a time) and are trying to put their lives back together. The meeting is designed to help people regain their dignity and then go about putting their lives in order. Any woman who thinks she may have a drug or alcohol problem is welcome to attend. Meetings are every Monday, 7:30-9PM

WOMEN'S PENTAGON ACTION

The women of Women's Pentagon Action are presently reexamining our political priorities and redefining our goals. We are beginning by looking at our own views about feminism, women's liberation, racism and economics. Please join us in redirecting our selves.

MENOPAUSE COLLECTIVE

OPEN HOUSE/DISCUSSION OF MENOPAUSE
7 - 9pm April 10, 1985
at the
Women's Center

Come share your questions and feelings about menopause. For info. call 354-6015.

OLDER WOMEN'S LIBERATION

OWL is holding another CR group on aging currently at the Women's Center. Each group meets for 5 sessions. Each group defines its own topics. Examples of topics are: work, retirement, body changes, attitudes towards death, attitudes about aging.

WOMEN FACING CHALLENGES

Radcliffe Women's Film Series

FACING PHYSICAL CHALLENGES March 3

"Miles To Go"

ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE March 17

"How We Got The Vote" "A Woman's Place Is In The House" "Women's Voices: The Gender Gap Movie"

Science Center B, Harvard U. \$2

CONFERENCE ON BISEXUALITY

Saturday March 2, 9:00 AM at 1151 Mass. Ave. (Old Cambridge Baptist Church).

For information call 864-9054

MUSICIANS/PERFORMERS

The New England Women's Musical Retreat (NEWMR), to be held Labor Day weekend 1985, is seeking women from the north-east who are interested in performing on the Day Stage. Women of color, third world women, differently-abled women, and women of varying ages and ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to contact us. For information on audition procedures send name, address and phone number to:

Kim Kimber

NEWMR Day Stage Coordinator

PO Box 728

W. Hartford, CT 06107

BOSTON WOMEN'S THEATRE FESTIVAL '85

March 27-31, 1985 at the Boston Shakespeare Company 52 St. Botolph Street in Boston (behind Copley Place).

The plays will be written and directed by women from across the country. There will be panels with women playwrights, directors, theatre administrators, designers and technicians. To participate, contact: Sophie Parker, Festival Director, BWF '85 '64 Wyman Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 (617) 524-0971.

A CALL TO ACTION

PROTEST IN WASHINGTON DC, APRIL 19-22

Throughout history there have been times when it was necessary for people to gather to proclaim their vision of a just and peaceful nation. This is again such a time. As Reagan and his administration enter a second term, we call upon people from every corner of our country to join us in four days of protest and witness.

This action is being sponsored by many groups, both local and national. For more information call (617) 491-4214.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

For women of color

and everyone is invited.

Exhibitions, buffet, poetry, history, readings

7PM February 24 \$2 donation

10PM - 1AM DANCING (Tita Gray)

at Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St.

UPCOMING

AND WHEN I WAS HUNGRY

Series sponsored by the Women's Theological Center (277-1330) March 17, 24:

Access to justice: Women Incarcerated

April 14, 21: Feminization of Poverty:

Women Struggling to Survive

CONFERENCE

A Conference on Battering For Mental Health Professionals Friday, March 29, 1985 8:15am - 5:00pm

A conference on battered women is being sponsored by Transition House, Respond, Waltham Battered Women Support Committee, and Help for Abused Women and Their Children. Each of these programs provides a safe and supportive environment, using the self help model, for hundreds of women fleeing violent home situations. The full day conference will consist of an opening address, several workshops, a wrap-up session, audio-visual displays (films, slideshows, etc.), and tables with literature from battered women's programs.

For more information, please call 354-2676

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

BOSTON AFFILIATE During the past year, Boston R2N2 joined with several other Massachusetts organizations to form The Coalition for Choice, a network dedicated to defeating any attempts to restrict or outlaw abortion rights in this state. The main focus of the Coalition's work over the next two years will be to block a proposed "human life" amendment to our state constitution. This amendment could appear on the 1986 ballot as a referendum question. If passed, the amendment would immediately eliminate state Medicaid funding of abortion and potentially outlaw abortions in Massachusetts should federal laws change. R2N2 is a member of the steering committee of the Coalition for Choice and has launched several activities to support and expand the work of the Coalition. For more information please contact: R2N2 924-0271