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PLANS FOR JULY ALA

The annual Task Force on Women program will take place on Sunday, July 18, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Eleanor Association in downtown Chicago. The theme of this program will be looking at the Task Force on Women - where we are going, how we will operate in relation to the planned standing Committee on the Status of Women, goals of the Task Force, etc. Lunch will be provided. Look for program details and a registration form in the June Women in Libraries.

An exchange of materials on women is planned for the Sunday program as well as for other events during the week. If your library has developed a bibliography on women, sponsored a program on women or any related activities, the planning committee would like to hear about them. If you've no printed information, write up a one page description of your program. Send the information to Linda Crowe, 1356 Scott Ave., Winetka, Ill. 60093, as soon as possible.

The Task Force business meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. The Task Force is also planning to have a table with the materials submitted by libraries at the picnic in Grant Park scheduled for Wednesday evening of ALA.

The Newcott-Caldebery dinner will also be held at the Grant Park picnic.

TASK FORCE BUSINESS MEETING REPORT - MIDWINTER 1976

On Tuesday, January 20, the Task Force on Women met at the Eleanor Association. Linda Crowe, Task Force coordinator, chaired the meeting.

Kathy Leide, a University of Wisconsin Library School student, is doing an author and subject index for the Women in Librarianship bibliography. If you know of any additional items for the bibliography, send them to Kathy at the University of Wisconsin Library School, Box 160, 600 N. Park, Madison, Wis. 53706.

Liz Dickinson reported on the establishment of an ALA Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship by action of the

ALA Executive Board with members of the committee being appointed by Mrs. Martin, ALA President. Committee members are Clara Jackson, Karen Jackson, Beth Marshall, Linda Crowe, Margaret Myers and Liz Dickinson, chairperson. Strategy for getting a permanent Committee established was discussed.

Plans for the annual Sunday Task Force program at ALA were discussed. The members present felt we should look at ourselves as women in ALA and evaluate our situation. Members of the Task Force who are on ALA committees could be invited to come and discuss common concerns. The group expressed a need for information on ALA committees and how to get involved.

A MIDWINTER MEETING WITH ALA COUNCIL

The Task Force on Women invited members of ALA Council to meet with them on Sunday evening, January 18, to discuss ways we can get resolutions through Council and effect change within ALA. A small number of Councilors came to this meeting. The meeting was chaired by Liz Futas who explained the purpose of the meeting and fielded questions and comments.

Dorothy Broderick suggested that we work through state library associations and get chapter councilors committed to resolutions in advance. Ed Holley said that we must learn to lobby committees and get them to submit our resolutions since they get the first slots on the agenda. Dorothy Broderick noted that "there is no committee in ALA which deals with human problems." Gerald Shields suggested we send resolutions to division boards for discussion before Council meetings. A suggestion was made that the Task Force set up a network to keep in touch with Council members during the year.

In keeping with the spirit of International Women's Year, Alice Ihrig suggested that we introduce a resolution supporting the IWY platform which ALA could then discuss with the major political parties.

There was a discussion of the function of the new ad-hoc Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship and what the permanent committee would do.

DISCUSSION GROUP FOR WOMEN ADMINISTRATORS PLANNED

A discussion group for women administrators will meet for the first time at the July ALA meeting in Chicago. The meeting will be on Thursday, July 22, at 2 p.m. All interested women are invited to attend.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE NEEDS FEEDBACK

At the January 21, 1976 meeting of the ALA Council, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship in the U.S.A. was charged with drafting general guidelines toward the establishment

of a Standing Committee of Council on the Status of Women in Librarianship.

It is expected that a Standing Committee will be charged with the responsibilities of collecting research and investigating issues of concern to women in librarianship; disseminating the information collected to the appropriate ALA unit and to any other appropriate body; serving as a clearinghouse for women's concerns which are the responsibility of various units of the American Library Association; and making specific recommendations for action to the Council.

The Ad Hoc Committee would especially appreciate comments from the Task Force on Women since they would be naturally aligned with the Standing Committee and have urged its establishment. Please send your comments to Liz Dickinson, Technical Services Division, Hennepin County Public Library, 7001 York Ave. S., Edina, Minn. 55435.

GET LISTED IN SHARE

There's still time to get listed in the new SHARE Directory. The deadline for sending in information has been extended to April 1, 1976. To get in the directory, send a 3 x 5 card with your name, your home and business addresses, your home and business telephone numbers and your interests or talents or information you'd be willing to share. For example, you might list that you can provide a place for a visiting librarian to stay, that you have affirmative action experience or union experience, that you have skills in crafts, music, etc., that you have specific job skills or contacts, etc. Send your information with \$1 for production costs to WLW/SHARE, 555 29th St., San Francisco, CA. 94131. SHARE is being published by Women Library Workers.

PRECONFERENCE TAPES DISTRIBUTED

Renee Feinberg reports that the following libraries and library schools have been supplied copies of the 1974 Task Force on Women preconference: Pawtucket Public Library (Rhode Island), Xerox Co. (Rochester, N.Y.), UCLA Library (Calif.), SUNY at Albany (New York), University of South Carolina Library, Pratt Institute Library (N.Y.), Odegard Undergraduate Library Media Center of the University of Washington Libraries, Penfield Library of the State University College (Oswego, N.Y.), School of Library Service of the University of Iowa, Emory University Division of Librarianship (Ga.), Montclair Public Library (N.J.), University of Wisconsin Library, Texas Women's University, University of Rhode Island, Drexel Library School (Pa.), Graduate School of Librarianship of the University of Denver, Graduate Library School of Indiana University.

WOMEN LIBRARIANS IN MICHIGAN

Women in Michigan libraries have planned a workshop on April 20 in Lansing. The keynote speaker will be Sherrie Bergman. The group has also established a newsletter. To receive this newsletter, send \$3 to Barbe Rising, 2861 Lanergan Dr., Troy, MI 48084.

WOMEN'S INFORMATION SERVICES NETWORK FORMED

Representatives of ten major sources of information about the women's movement met at Wellesley College in December 1975 to form an informal association, Women's Information Services Network. Groups represented at this first meeting included Catalyst, Barnard Women's Center, Federation of Organizations for Professional Women, Women's Action Alliance, Eleanor Association, Wellesley College Library, Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College, WEAL, Business and Professional Women's Foundation and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The objectives of the new group include - the collection and dissemination of information about agencies providing information services relating to women's issues. These will include research centers, libraries and special collections which will share information and resources to avoid unnecessary duplication of their activities. The network will promote and assist in the development and improvement of information services related to women's issues. For further information, contact Jenrose Felmley, chairperson and librarian for the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

BICENTENNIAL WOMEN'S CENTER

There will be a Bicentennial Women's Center at 112 S. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102 from April 1 to October 31, 1976. This center plans to provide information and educational material on women, display historic, artistic and contemporary material through slide shows, films and exhibits, sponsor feminist tours in Philadelphia, offer skills workshops and other special programs.

WOMEN IN FRENCH LIBRARIES

The LJ Hot Line noted that the UNESCO Bulletin for Libraries has reported an increase of women on library staffs in France. But "says Genevieve Boisard of the Bibliotheque Nationale, the reason for the increase in women in libraries could be due to women being more concerned with working conditions and less with money, and because women are often content to play second fiddle. She hopes the men will start coming back, because a profession identified as feminine 'is often down-graded'."

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS SHIFTED TO ERA STATES

The League of Women Voters, WEAL and the American Association of University Women have all shifted their annual conventions to states that have ratified the ERA.

PUBLICATIONS WORTH NOTING

Woman Kit, a Collection of Ideas and Material to be used by Women's Discussion Groups is available for \$3.50 per copy plus 10¢ from the Grailville Bookstore, Loveland, Ohio 45140. The kit contains pamphlets, poetry, a bibliography, role playing materials and other materials for use with discussion groups. There is also

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a. slide show on women available for a rental fee of \$3.50 plus 50¢ postage from Maria Duivenvoorden, 303 Western Row Road, Mason, Ohio 45050.

The Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars has published two issues dealing with Asian women (vol. 7 nos. 1 & 4, Jan.-Mar. 1975 and Oct.-Dec. 1975). The cost of each issue is \$2 and is available from Jon Livingston, Bay Area Institute, 604 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105.

The April issue of Ms. Magazine will include a 16 page handbook, "How to Start Your Own Business", created by guest editors, Heide Fiske and Karen Zehring. It is a business guide for everywoman - whatever her product, shop or service.

Women's Studies Abstracts is a quarterly abstracting service now entering its fifth year of publication. Each issue includes 200 abstracts in such areas as education and socialization, sex roles, employment, sexuality, history, literature and art, etc. as well as a listing of 750 additional articles. WSA provides an index to approximately 3500-4000 articles a year about women and the feminist press. Subscription rates are \$12 for individuals and \$10 for students. The address is P.O. Box 1, Rush, N.Y. 14543.

The Guide to Non-Sexist Early Childhood Education has been prepared by the Women's Action Alliance (370 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017). The book, a user-tested resource for those interested in nonsexist curriculum, not only gives basic philosophy and outlines new curriculums, but also suggests ways to expand traditional curriculum units and involve parents in education attempts. This softcover guide is available for \$3.25 from Citation Press, a division of Scholastic Magazines, Inc.

Fighting Woman News is a periodical devoted to women's martial arts, self defense and combative sports. Subscriptions are \$5 for individuals and \$10 for institutions. To subscribe to this publication, write to Fighting Woman News, 9 East 48th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Atlantis, a women's studies journal, is a new addition to the field from Canada. The first issue contained a number of interesting articles on feminist literary criticism, sexism and higher education, the early English and Canadian suffrage movements and sex roles. A number of lengthy book reviews are included. Atlantis will be published twice a year. Subscriptions are available for \$5 per year for individuals and \$9.50 for institutions. The address is Box 294, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

The Redstockings have published a 200 page paperback to sum up their last eight years of experience and that of the movement as a whole. Feminist Revolution is available for \$3 (or \$2 each for more than 10 copies) from P.O. Box 413, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561. Make checks payable to Redstockings.

Feminist Art Journal is a quarterly publication dealing with women in the arts. Its bicentennial issue (Winter, 1975-76) is dedicated to American Women in the arts. For further information about this publication, contact Cindy Nemser, 41 Montgomery Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215.

The Special Libraries Association has just published a pamphlet entitled "Equal Pay for Equal Work: Women in Special Libraries." One to five copies are free.

Adult Leadership, a publication of the Adult Education Ass. of the U.S.A., devoted their December 1975 to "Women and Adult Education Toward the Twenty-First Century". Articles in this issue discussed continuing education for women, women's resource centers and women in China, Australia and New Zealand. A.E.A. is located at 410 18th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

D. Pat Mattie (Pat Tether) has published a collection of poetry entitled No Lies No More Not Now. Copies may be ordered by sending \$2 plus 25¢ postage to D. Pat Mattie, 61 Diamond St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

The First National City Bank of New York has issued a booklet entitled "Borrowing Basics for Women". This publication offers guidelines for establishing credit and includes information on recent laws that give women new rights in borrowing from financial institutions. It's available free from the Public Affairs Dept., First National City Bank, 399 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

The Library of Congress has devoted its October issue of its Quarterly Journal to the "Age of Woman". The issue is available for \$1.65 from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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