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SURPRISE, SURPRISE.....All you members who haven't gotten around to renewing your membership! We are back by popular demand and many notices to get out to you. We are going into hiding until Sept.

Hot ^{News} FLASH

CAREER EXPLORATION for WOMEN -

This course will be starting in Sept. and is designed for women who have been at home raising a family and who now wish to re-enter the labor force.

It will run for approximately 8 weeks/5 days a week and will be C.E.C sponsored - which means a small weekly allowance -

For more information call Janet Greenberg at 863-6510



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AWA BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MAY 30, 1984

1. Fifteen Board members attended.
2. An application has been submitted to Canada Manpower; if approved it will be possible to hire a full time assistant at the Womens Centre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS - Betty MacLean

AWA Brochures have been printed with the summer hours and the new membership fees. These have been palced with the local Tourist Bureau.

We have been busy preparing posters, etc. for the downtown Mall to be held during Highland Games Week.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE - TRICIA Mifflin

Tricia will continue to line up volunteers for the Center (to run films, help at mall booth, etc.).

This is one of the most difficult of committees and Tricia has worked hard and kept the Center open while we were waiting for the Grant to arrive (IT HAS!).

The Board would also like to thank all those who did come in for a day or so and those who have contributed in other ways.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE - Diane MacInnes

We continue to put out Newsletter. The other eager bright-eyed reporters are Pat Alpert, Tom Wilson and Nancy Cullen.

FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE- Phil Campbell

At the moment the committee is busy getting ready for the Main Street Mall. They shall also be having raffles and are hoping to sponser a Cabaret-like concert with Rita MacNeil, this Fall or Winter.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE - Clementine Bijl

Breast and Pelvic care kits are on order through Ortho Novum and should be in soon. The Menopause kit has arrived at the Centre so anyone interested come and have a look. Barb MacDonald brought in some new books from Halifax. Angela Miles also donated some books. THANKS Rev. MacDonnell who is a Commissioner with the Canadian Human Rights Committee is donating all the wire service clippings he receives. Many clippings deal with sex discrimination cases. WE NEED SOME HELP

sorting them out. A big box of clippings is in the office so if you have a minute and would like to go through them we would be grateful..

Social Action Committee

The social action committee has been meeting weekly from 5:30-7:30 at the library. We have been working mainly on pornography for the past few months. In May we presented a brief on pornography to the Fraser Commission. Since then we've been doing follow-up on the issue. We've sent the brief to about 45 people and agencies in Antigonish and have invited them to a showing of THIS IS NOT A LOVE STORY, (the NFB's controversial movie on porn), and a discussion. We hope that the film will stimulate discussion and allow us to share information and the, no doubt, varied views on whether the growth and changes in content of pornography are harmful developments. We've planned a public showing and discussion of "Not a Love Story" as well. We have also put a lot of time into discussion of approaches to action on social issues. We are unanimous in thinking that public education and community involvement around women's issues are most appropriate in our community and most effective in the long term.

Long Range Funding Committee

This month the Funding Committee has prepared two proposals for the CEIC. One proposal is for the Voluntary Initiatives Program (VIP). If approved, this will enable us to hire a worker for the summer months to help supplement our staff who are both now on half time.

The other proposal is to secure an outreach worker who would take CEIC information out to women's groups in town and county. If approved this will start September first.

The next task is to identify foundations and corporations to secure full-time permanent funding for the center.

LETTER NIGHT

When you write a letter to your representatives to show concern about an issue, they estimate that there are 300 more voters out there who feel the same as you do. One letter is multiplied by three hundred! Politicians respond to pressure from voters. The only reason that we are in the constitution of our country at all is because women put pressure on the government. A campaign of letter writing, lobbying individual MP's, conferences, and demonstrations culminated in the resignation of Lloyd Axworthy, the minister responsible for the Status of Women, and the inclusion of section 28 in the Charter of Rights. So-letter writing can be an effective way of making democracy work for us. We can't blame politicians for what they do or don't do if we sit like lumps and expect them to read our minds. We would like to have a letter writing night once a month at the center. We could keep each other up to date on issues of concern, educate each other, get encouragement and get something done at the same time. If you would like to participate please come to the center on Wednesday night, July 18th, from 7:30 til 9:30.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Mary Lou MacDonald.

Membership fees are slowly coming in - too slowly. Mary Lou is trying hard to reach old and prospective members. Drop into the centre or mail your dues in. See back page of this newsletter for YOUR Membership form.



Here are two addresses to write to and express your opinion about pornography:

Dr. M. Gillis
Government House
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Ms. Robin Jamieson
Special Committee on Prostitution and
Pornography
C.P. Box 48720
Bentall Centre
Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1A6

If you haven't picked up your copy of the brief prepared by the Social Action there are still some copies at the Resource Center.

FLY ON THE WALL

Wouldn't you know - just when I'm really getting into this reporting - I find out this is the last Newsletter till the Fall. Oh well, fame never comes easily.

Finally, the funds have arrived for the Centre and things are getting back on track. Patricia and her volunteers did an excellent job keeping the place open and functioning.

Movies have been lined up for every second Wednesday from July 11 to Sept. 26. Also, it's nice to see an emphasis on "social" things this summer - 2 pot lucks and a big family picnic.

Anyway, it's too hot to be working like this so I'll say "Have a Good Summer" and I'll watch over things!

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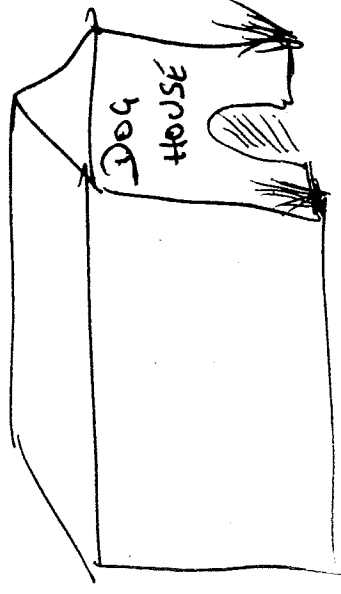
*****MEETING WITH WOMEN FROM AROUND THE WORLD*****

The Coady International Institute is hosting an international consultation on WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT: STARTING WITH THE ECONOMIC, from July 23-August 1st. Approximately twenty women involved in women's development all over the world will present papers and work on 1) identifying personal, collective, institutional and cultural obstacles to development that women face; 2) comparing approaches to overcoming those obstacles through collective economic activity and, 3) evaluating how well various programs assist disadvantaged women to meet their needs and begin societal reform.

While that consultation is not open to the public, the Coady Institutewants the women participating in the consultation to meet local women during their stay. In a meeting with area women's organizations it was decided to hold a workshop/meeting withthe visitors and interested Coady students. The session will be from 10:00--4:00 on Saturday, July, 28th, at the St. James United Chrch Hall. The registration fee is Lunch For Two; beverages will be provided but women from here will share a box lunch with one of the visiting women.

This session is for all interested women; women who've participated in co-ops or dreamed of economic co-ops, who've seen the need for economic development and for those who want to extend their links with women around the world because they see that we are working towards the same goals internationally.

If your committee reports
are not submitted in time
your name will grace
our dog house!



STARTING NEXT ISSUE.

*"A little of what you
fancy does you
good."*

Marie Lloyd
Entertainer

calendar

July

Friday
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MOVIE AND DISCUSSION: THIS IS NOT A LOVE STORY
Controversial movie on pornography from NFB.
7:30 at the Continuing Education Building, co-
sponsored by the Continuing Education Department
of St. F.X.

July 10-11--Main St. Mall--

IMPORTANT * IMPORTANT * IMPORTANT *
* ILLEGALLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE
Contributions may be left at the center for
craft items, career counseling, etc.
Call dates are July 10-11.

JULY 11: MOVIE: "Post Partum Depression" - A film which sensitively
profiles two women with post-partum depression, and
explores its profound effects on their relationships
with their husbands, their children, and themselves.
They are able to find help and support during this crisis
through a unique counselling and self-help group. Noon & 7:30 WRC

July 18: Letter night at the Women's Resource Center
7:30-9:30. See story in this issue of AWARE.

July 21: FLEA MARKET: Lochaber United Church Basement, 10-2:00

JULY 25: MOVIE: "The Business of Aging" - This is a sobering look
at the living and working conditions that exist in many
Canadian nursing homes. Noon & 7:30 WRC

July 26: Pot-Luck Supper: Crystal Cliffs; with the Consulta-
tion women and Coady Women Students. Starts at
5:30 PM. For information re: food and cars, etc.,
phone the Center.

July 28: Women's Work Around the World: Information Sharing and
Merry Meeting. Saturday 10:00-4:00 at St. James United
Church Hall. Please RSVP to the center if you plan -
to go.



August

AUGUST 1: MOVIE: "The Way It Is", a film about families and divorce,
focuses on 12-year old Helen Murray whose parents, to
her grief, have been separated for two years. Noon & 7:30 WRC

DON'T FORGET ***** August 10 - Crystal Cliffs picnic
contact Center if you are planning to attend.

AUGUST 15: MOVIE: "A Question of Rape" - This thought-provoking film
provides an insight into the law and how it works re-
garding the question of consent in a rape case. Noon & 7:30 WRC

AUGUST 29: MOVIE: "Being Male" - One effect of the women's movement
has been the realization by men that they, too, have
become trapped by sexual stereotyping. Being Male focuses
on a group of adolescent boys who talk about what they
think about male images, myths, roles and what they think
it all means. Noon & 7:30 WRC.



For her 43rd birthday Annie
Edson Taylor treats herself
to a rocky barrel ride over
Niagara Falls--and survives.
She is the 1st person ever to
attempt the feat.

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Dear Members:

We have discovered that our membership fee does not cover the costs of printing and mailing the Newsletter. New rates have been set.

Associate Member - \$7.00
Regular Member - \$12.00
Sustaining Member - any amount

The Associate membership fee will cover the cost of 10 newsletters a year with a bit left over. The Regular membership fee will help run the organization, which is non-profit and must become self-supporting.

The new membership year began with the Annual General Meeting on May 9 but many people have only recently joined. We will be happy to honor your \$3.00 membership but hope that many of you will want to pay the new fee.

Membership Form: (Cut out and mail to: Antigonish Women's Association,
General Delivery, Antigonish, Nova Scotia)

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____

(Work) _____

Fee _____

Associate _____

Regular _____

Sustaining _____

Would you like to be active on a committee? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like to take part in a neighborhood
pot-luck supper membership party? Yes _____ No _____

What would you like to see AWA doing? List projects, functions, activities
below.

Interests _____

Hobbies _____

Volunteer Skills _____

Issues of Concern _____