

SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY NOW

FOUNDED 1972

For thirty years SPBC NOW has been a feminist activist presence in our community. This booklet is the record of the first year made for the April 6 2002 celebration. The documents copied here have been placed in the archives at Florida Atlantic University.

The booklet begins with a report dated 11/16/71 from the group that immediately preceded the official NOW chapter. Minutes from the first board meeting 10/26/72 follow with a list of members and potential members who had signed on and paid dues to the convening chapter.

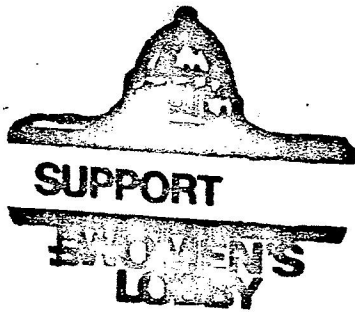
The first newsletter was published 11/10/72. The list of 30 charter members was made on 11/16/72. An announcement of our first holiday party follows; the party was held on 12/16/72.

The newsletter of January 1973 is followed by an invitation to a dinner on 2/1/73 celebrating the granting of our chapter charter. The newsletter of February 1973 is followed by a number of press clips about the ERA and a legislative report.

Newsletters for March, April, May, June, August and September complete the first year. A list of members as of 8/73 is included. The results of the election held in September are marked by hand in that newsletter.

Finally there is a summary of the first year, a copy of the bylaws, a membership and a treasurer's report. Attached is a list of the members from the North Palm Beach chapter (later to become West Palm Beach NOW).

These items are from the files of Margaret Barovich, president of SPBC NOW, 1972-73.



National Organization for Women

VOL 1 NO. 1

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 10 1972

N.O.W. IS THE TIME

Nov. 16: General Meeting

7:30 Business meeting for members. We will ask for approval of the chapter bylaws so we can proceed to become a chapter of National NOW. All of you who have paid dues before this meeting will be listed as Charter members! Call Margaret Barovich (391-6157) if you don't already have a copy of the bylaws. We will also discuss plans to lobby for the Equal Rights Amendment in Tallahassee at the end of November.

8:00 Program on Child Care. Margaret Darden will speak on "Who Will Mind the Baby?" Ms. Darden is secretary to State Rep. Gwen Cherry who plans to introduce a bill on child care in the next session of the legislature. Ms. Darden will explain the bill and how we might give it our support. There will be others present at the meeting who are well-informed on what's happening in the child care area.

Dec. 7: Board Meeting

Tentative time and place - 8: at the new home of Barbara Kaster and Carole Duncan, 645 N.W. 12 Terrace, Boca. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings which will be held each month on first Thurs. evenings. Please call Pres. Margaret Barovich (391-6157) to check time and place. Unfortunately, Carole Duncan is scheduled for surgery this week, so time and place is a little tentative until she gives us the good word.

Dec.

Dee Whittington plans a training session for all those interested in Speakers Bureau, or those who need to learn how better to explain NOW to the uninitiated. Call Dee (390-9342) if you wish to attend and she will see that you are notified of the definite time.

Phone Calendar announcements to Margaret Barovich (391-6157).

BRING A FRIEND TO A
NOW
WINE AND CHEESE PARTY



DATE - Saturday - December 16, 1972
TIME - 8:00 pm till ?

PLACE - Home of Ross and Virginia Snyder
38 So. Swinton Ave.
Delray Beach
(just South of Atlantic Ave.)

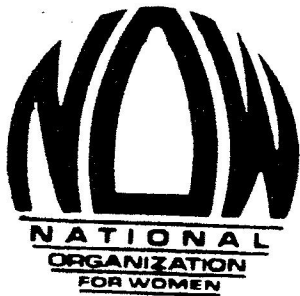
COST - Donation of \$2 per person is requested.
Money raised will go to NOW.
Wine and Cheese will be provided.

Bring your own favorite wine if you wish.

ATMOSPHERE - Friendly, interesting conversations,
Music and games

HOSTS - Ross Snyder (278-9565)
Don Barovich (391-6157)
Call either if you have any questions

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TOMORROW IS NOW

VOL 1 NO. 2

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

JANUARY 1973

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

General Meeting: *1/18/73*

Time: 8:00 p.m. To be held at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, the meeting room is upstairs above the offices of the South County Neighborhood Center. That's at 162 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Everyone is invited, some plan to come a few minutes early, bring your friends, and have a little time to socialize before the program starts. Florida State Representative, William G. James (R) will speak on "Women and Florida State Government-The Challenge and the Opportunity". Mr. James talk should be of special interest to "feminists"; he has expressed concern over the fact that he has supported women's issues, but has not received our support in return. He has also stated that he will give us pointers in lobbying for the ERA. And that is another story....

It was sad, very sad. The Equal Rights Amendment did not pass the November 27th session of the Florida legislature. A flood of anti-ERA letters, lobbyists, and literature was received during the last 45 days before the legislature went into session, confusing even the supporters of the Amendment as to what the women really wanted. Ms. Sally Carter went to Tallahassee for the session and sees a great deal of work to be done before the ERA is reconsidered in the April session of the legislature.

Ms. Carter said there was a great deal of opposition to the ERA, and it is not too soon to start work on ratification in April. AGAIN, let's get those letters going, let them know what we think! If you need addresses to write to various members of the legislature contact Anne Milewski, 391-4307.

Senate President, Mallory Horne, commenting on the emotional outpour against the ERA, said, "...legislators back off to give time for the issue to be heard and for the moderation of extremes." Our group contributed \$8 toward a letter which was sent to all members of legislature.

Conference Deadline:

January 16th is the deadline for registering for the National NOW conference. It is to be held in Washington, D.C., February 17-19. The Theme is "Revolution: Tomorrow is NOW". Some of our members in our local group are already making plans to go, if you lack information contact Margaret Barovich 391-6157. The purpose of the conference will be to determine NOW policy, priorities, and action strategies, elect officers and board members, have fun sharing, and educate the rest of society via special events and press information.

Radical Feminist Conference:

January 26th-28th the Radical Feminist are having a conference in the Tampa area at Camp Brorein. If you wish to attend, contact Radical Feminist Conference, % The Women's Center, P.O. Box 1350, Tampa, Florida 33601. The charge will be \$1 a night for a camp site, (if you wish to camp there on the grounds), and meals will be served. They are asking that you contribute what you can to help defray the most of the food. Activities will include a "meet your sister party", workshops, lessons in self-defense, and general meetings.

Public Hearing:

January 26th the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation will be holding a public hearing from 1-6 p.m., at City Hall, Boca Raton. The purpose of the hearing is to determine, on a direct basis, what legislation the people want. It is *very* important that as many women as possible attend. This is an opportunity to be heard!

Report on the Wine and Cheese Party: The Wine and Cheese Party was a tremendous success, between 40 and 50 people attended and had a very enjoyable evening. A total of \$29.68 profit was realized, which included several mail contributions from people who could not actually attend. What's Happening: A recently adopted City ordinance, in Boca Raton, has revised the scope of the Community Relations Board. The revision charges the Board to deal with the instances of discrimination against women, on a local level. The public hearing on this ordinance was held on Dec. 19th at City Hall with several of our members attending. Ms. Margaret Barovich spoke at the Council meeting explaining that the elimination of discrimination was beneficial not only to women, but to the community in general. The restructuring of the want ads under job content, rather than "male-female" was one example Ms. Barovich used, stating that this helps people understand that jobs are not "male" jobs or "female" jobs, but opportunities for all people. Ms. Sally Carter spoke at the Jan. 4th meeting of the Boca Raton Kiwanis Club on the subject of the Women's Movement. Ms. Carter observed that the audience was very receptive, and several perceptive comments were made. It is hoped that the Kiwanis might provide some scholarship aid to women studying in traditionally "male" fields. State Coordinator: Andrea Westmoreland, of Deland, Florida, has recently assumed the responsibilities of the State Coordinator for the Florida Chapters of NOW. Hopefully, we can look forward to a State Convention. Child Care Facility: There is currently at J.C. Mitchell a Child Care facility which is being under used. Mr. Courtney Cheri, Director of the Community Schools program, has less than 25 children currently participating in the program, and would like to see many more taking advantage of it. Provision is made for after school care for children from kindergarten to third grade. There is a very nominal charge, and there are no restriction on the use of the center; child care is available to any and all who need it. For further information concerning the program, contact Mr. Cheri, after 1 p.m., at J.C. Mitchell school, 395-8233. Or call Sharon Blackwell 395-5897. New Members: We are happy to add two new members to our Roster: Eileen Grindle, 2381 N.E. 6th Ave, Pompano, 941-3960. And Elaine Kleinman, 1365 S.W. 12th St. Boca Raton, 392-0752. Member ship is open to anyone interested in furthering the cause of equal rights for women. An application blank is below.

The Home Front

NOW members even *Participation viewed*

By DIANA EICHLIN
News Woman's Editor

Five Boca Raton women view their participation in the National Organization for Women (NOW) as an investment in the future.

Since they have become involved, they have also become more aware of the problems women face in their day-to-day living.

They want to dissolve the unwritten marriage contract that defines the roles the man and the woman must play in the relationship.

They feel the relationship between human beings should be one of human consideration for one another's needs and desires.

They specifically want men and women to have a choice in the type of life they want to lead, and they feel these choices should not be defined by society as being specifically a man's responsibility or a woman's job.

Participating in the discussion on why they were involved in NOW were Margaret Barovich, president of the Boca Raton Chapter of NOW; Nancy Hamill, Bea Randall, Diane Nicholas and Shirley Hayes.

Margaret and her husband, Donald, live in University Park with their two sons, Mark, 5½; and Glenn, 2½. Bea and her husband, Jim, have two children, Karen, 10½; and Eric, 5½. Diane and her husband, James, have three daughters, Mary, 4; Molly, 2½; and Betsy, 10 months. Both the Randalls and the Nicholas' live in University Park.

Nancy and her husband, James, have four children: Susan, 12; Nancy, 11; Jim, 10; and Paul, 7. Shirley and her husband, Robert, have two children, Scott, 5; and Debbie, 1½. Both couples live in Boca Square.

None of the women are employed in a salaried job.

"At the first NOW meeting you had to tell who you were," Margaret Barovich said. "I'm not a housewife, I'm not employed in a salaried job, and I'm not sure what homemaker means. I'm the other half of an IBM manager. On our income tax form I put I was unemployed."

"I have always had friends interested in NOW, but I didn't particularly see the need for an organization. I didn't have time for it," Margaret continued. "I didn't think too much about the women's movement because I didn't know what my aspirations were."



Bea Randall

*'Women should have
a choice to have a career.'*

Nancy and some of her friends attended a NOW meeting in West Palm Beach simply to hear the speaker who was scheduled to speak at a later date to the Women Democratic Club, an organization in which Nancy has been very active.

"We laughed and joked about us attending a N

aluate involvement as investment in future



Shirley Hayes

'We want more freedom for everyone.'



Nancy Hamill

'I've grown more as an individual.'

more aware."

Citing an example of discrimination in books, Nancy noted that her son came home with a book entitled "The Boys Book of Snakes." "The only one in our house who has a snake is my daughter," Nancy added.

Bea's son, Eric, was reading a book entitled "What Do People Do All Day." The book dealt with camping, and the pictures showed the children playing, the father sleeping in the hammock and the mother in the kitchen working.

The family roles were...

"Why it is so odd when your husband fixes breakfast for you and everyone is so surprised," Margaret added.

The women agreed that the unwritten contract usually stipulates that the inside of the house is the woman's responsibility, and the outside of the house is the man's responsibility. They also agreed these roles were changing. Women enjoy working in the yard alongside their husbands, and the men were pitching in to help with