LOCAL GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Organization For Women

The next NOW meeting will be held Wednesday, January 13th at the Unitarian Fellowship, Bedford Rd., (at 172) Mt. Kisco. NOW's function is to effect social changes in legislative, economic and educational institutions in order to transform the 51% of our population who happen to be women from subservient chattels into responsible and equally-privileged citizens. Westchester NOW does not engage in consciousness raising and is an action-oriented group.

Anyone interested in finding out more about NOW should contact Sally Dennis, President of Westchester NOW at 6 Brandon Dr., Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 10549 (666-4926)

Women's Liberation - Greenburgh (Hartsdale, Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Elmsford, Irvington, Tarrytown)

The next business meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12th at 8:15 at the home of Joyce Lavin, 51 The Colony, Hartsdale (948-0367). Anyone interested in working on the Newsletter in any capacity, please try to attend this meeting, so we hope to establish workable guidelines for future newsletters at this meeting.

PUBLICITY - Sandra Stern (So.J-2409)

If anyone is interested in working on CHILD CARE, EMPLOYMENT, FUND-RAISING OR MEMBERSHIP, please call Joyce Lavin (948-0387) for further information.

CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING (Cont. from pg. 2)

Any group interested in forming a consciousness raising group should contact Sandra Stern, 411 The Colony, Hartsdale (725-0828). We accept lower paying jobs for which we do the same work as men; we never even consider executive positions (we've been brain-washed into thinking we can't handle such a job); we push out of professional schools have a quota system for women; we passively accept the fact that we represent 51% of the population and have less than 3% of the representation on all levels of government. Once started, the realization is impossible to stop, and it packs a daily wallop. It is then impossible to stop the anger that begins to grow. This anger is not directed solely at men but at society and ourselves as well, since we have collaborated in our oppression for many, many years. It is at this point, that we must begin to change our condition - to say NOT NOW! NO! I WILL NOT COLLABORATE IN MY OWN OPPRESSION ANymore! I WILL NOT BE EXPLOITED, USED OR BRAIN-WASHED ANYMORE! IT WILL STOP!!!

Consciousness raising groups are forming everyday all over the country. All that is needed is a few friends and a pot of coffee. For assistance in starting your own group, contact Florence Rush, 120 Elk Ave., New Rochelle (636-4769).

On Our Way

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTCHESTER WOMEN'S LIBERATION COALITION
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IMPORTANT ABORTION MEETING
For All Women

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th, 8:00 P.M.

FREE BABY SITTING - NO ADMISSION CHARGE

Grace Church, Main St., White Plains (across from Macy's - parking available in municipal lots)

See page 2 for further details.

Byline

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Armonk, N.Y.
WESTCHESTER ABORTION PROJECT

The WLC is in the process of putting together a Westchester Abortion Project. This will be similar to the one run by the Women's Center in Manhattan. We will begin by analyzing how County hospitals are providing abortion services. In the near future, we would like to set up an abortion counseling and referral service in this County.

At present, raising the total consciousness that women have about abortions and all the issues that abortion presents is our major goal. An educational meeting has been planned for January 27, Wednesday evening at 8:00 P.M. This will be at the Grace Church on Main St. in White Plains (across from Mac's; parking available in municipal lots). There is no admission charge and free baby sitting service will be provided. The program will touch on issues crucial to abortion: Economic-Profit Motivations, Medical, Psychological, and Political-Legislative. The speakers include a journalist who has done extensive research on the economics of abortion, a woman physician and co-director of an out-patient abortion clinic, a counselor for the Women's Abortion Coalition and health worker, and a member of the Women's Liberation Coalition who is in the process of putting together a newsletter collective.

**VERBAL KARATE FROM SISTERNOSAH IS POWERFUL**

Womans is the Nigger of the World. -- Yoko Ono

The average housewife works a 99.5 hour work week. -- Chase Manhattan Bank

In 1969, of the Americans who earned more than $10,000 a year, only 2% were women.

In 1964 the median male income was $6,233.
In 1964 the median female income was $3,710.

**WESTCHESTER WOMEN'S LIBERATION COALITION**

The Coalition is an umbrella group that focuses on action in Westchester County. Any bonafide group is entitled to representation in the Coalition. The Coalition meets on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on January 4th at 8:30 P.M. at the home of Joyce Levin, 811 The Colony, Hartsdale, N.Y. 10530 (948-0367)

If you are interested in working in any of the following areas, please contact the person listed for further information:

**ABORTION** - Barbara Maggiani (761-3309)

**IMAGE OF WOMEN** - Mallory Edelson (237-7114)

**SPEAKERS COLLECTIVE** - Gail Goldman (428-7822)

The Speakers Collective will hold its first meeting on Monday, January 18th at 8:30 P.M. at the home of Gail Goldman, 8 Ram O'Shanter Dr., Purchase. Anyone interested in speaking to groups about Women's Liberation is invited to attend.

**NEWSLETTER COLLECTIVE** - Joyce Levin (948-0367)

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HELP! HELP! WE WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH "ON OUR WAY" MONTHLY. WE DESPERATELY NEED MONEY TO SURVIVE. IF YOU AGREE WITH OUR GOALS, PLEASE SUPPORT US.

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**CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING: A BEGINNING TO UNDERSTANDING**

Consciousness raising is a new phenomenon - a method, whereby women discuss the concrete experiences of their lives in order to see a pattern. The pattern of oppression of women in our society is that it is not group therapy. The basic assumption of the therapy situation is that there is an ideal feminine nature and that unhappy women are sick. We say our personal problems are POLITICAL and should have POLITICAL SOLUTIONS.

Robin Morgan has written in her recent book SISTERNOSAH IS POWERFUL, "Women's liberation is the first radical movement to have its politics - in fact, create its politics - out of concrete personal experiences. We've learned that those experiences are not our private hang-ups. They are shared by every woman, and are, therefore, political.

If one person or a few people are unemployed, the situation is considered their own personal problem; but when 50% or more of the population is unemployed, it is considered a national political issue. Similarly, experiences every woman has always thought were 'my own problem' are shared by so many others that we are dealing with truly political problems. How, when people are out of the home often enough, becoming exhausted from taking care of the children all day, feeling trapped, feeling guilty when our house is dirty, a general sense of dissatisfaction with our position in life these are really political problems. We are beginning to see that these problems arise out of our situation in life is the first step toward dealing with them collectively.

Consciousness raising is the beginning of liberation, when we see that it is a prerequisite to awareness and a catalyst to action. Through consciousness raising, we begin to see the extent of our own oppression; the sexism rampant in our society becomes more obvious to us. Our husband tells a semi-mean spirited joke, we turn on the radio...