ON OUR WAY

The Newsletter Of The Westchester Women's Liberation Coalition

BRUNCH IN THE GARDEN

Sunday, June 13th
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Get acquainted with your sisters in Westchester, enjoy good food, good entertainment and good company.

(For details see pg. 2)
HAPPENINGS

Brunch in the Garden. On Sunday, June 13th, from 11 AM to 2 PM, there will be a brunch at the home of Vera Cotler, 54 Eastern Dr., Ardsley (OW 3-3623). This will be a purely social event that will enable women from the entire County to become acquainted with each other. Besides stimulating conversation, interesting people, a lovely environment and good food, we will also have some unusual entertainment. Six cast members from the forthcoming feminist musical God Bless God -- She Needs It will entertain us with a backers' audition. Admission is $2.50; advance reservations are suggested. See reservation coupon on pg.4.

WWL Coalition meets Monday, June 14th at Good Counsel College in White Plains. The college has offered us the use of Kearney Lounge (lower level) in the Kearney Sports Bldg. to the rear of the College campus. With the growth in membership, treasury, camaraderie and goals, it seems time to take stock of where we stand today. A report on past growth, current development and an assessment of future plans can best be made if representatives from every group are there. EVERYONE is urged to attend this important meeting at 8:01 sharp. Anyone who has any idea, suggestion, or problem to bring up at this meeting, please call Joyce Lippmann 271-3208 who is chairing this meeting. (College is on N.B'way between Crane and Lake Sts. Take exit 6 off Cross-Westchester Expressway.)

Hobnobbing with Feminist Notables. On Sunday evening, May 14th, a group of people gathered in a posh Park Ave. apartment to meet Germaine Greer and Betty Friedan. Betty spoke about the formation of a Women's Caucus to cut across party lines and back feminist candidates. After the food and drink had disappeared & the t.v. crew departed, Ms. Greer signed as many books as were on hand and then addressed the gathering. Betty Friedan introduced her by telling of a press conference of prominent women (non previously affiliated with any feminist endeavor) who have come out in favor of the existing abortion law, among them Florence Kennedy, Shana Alexander and Mary Lindsay, ending with "and hopefully, someday, Happy Rockefeller!" Germaine started by saying she had nothing to say -- and then spoke for 45 minutes! She spoke amusingly on the commercialization of Greer, to which she had agreed as a necessarily evil, in order to spread the word. She was appalled at the price of her book, and gave permission to one and all to reprint it in part without paying her anything. She then discussed the economics of job equality. She feels that the economy will be burdened by an influx of women into the job market. If more are to share, the shares will be smaller. Warren Farrell of NOW took issue with this, believing that more workers make for more prosperity. At this point, members of the cast of the upcoming musical God Bless God -- She Needs It arrived signalling the end of the discussion. They performed several songs from the show and brought the day to a pleasant close.

NOW GALS LIBERATE A LOUNGE

Another semi-sacred cow bit the dust last week, when a small group of NOW women, insisting on their constitutional rights, liberated the Men's Lounge at the Red Coach Grill. After refusing to leave and waiting for about 10 minutes, they were finally waited on. However, the manager of the restaurant refused to see them and at this writing, they are not sure if this policy has been changed or not. They plan to continue their campaign by sending more women for lunch there. If you are interested in participating, call Connie Siegel, 234-7781.
JUNE CALENDAR

Wed. June 2nd
Mid-Westchester Women's Lib (formerly W. Lib. of Scarsdale, Larchmont, Mam'k. N. Rochelle) Monthly meeting for women new to the Movement at Mary Harrison's, 59 Fieldstone Dr., Hartsdale, 8:30 P.M. 949-1768.

Thurs. June 3rd
Public Speaking Workshop. A 7-week workshop new thru July 1 on Thurs. evenings. For info. call 948-0367.

Monday June 7th
W.W.L.C. Steering Committee: Joyce Levin's, 8:00 P.M. 948-0367.

Tuesday June 8th
Greenburgh Women's Lib. Ellen Frankfurst, Health editor for Village Voice will speak on Women and Therapy. Blanche Grieco's, 188 Emerson, Hartsdale, Wh.9-7916.

Wed. June 9th

Friday June 11th
Lunch on Honoring Congresswoman Bella Abzug. Westchester Women for Peace invites you to its annual spring luncheon. Schrafft's Eastchester, 12 noon. RSVP: NE.3-7334. (3.50)

Please reserve _______ places for me at $2.50 each.

Name__________________________________________
Address________________________________________
Amount enclosed______ 4____

--- Liberation Coalition, Box 9, Hartsdale.

Sunday June 13th
Prostitution Forum sponsored by the Feminists, Washington Square Methodist Church, 133 W. 4th St., NYC 3 P.M. (212-344-7750).

Monday June 14th
W.W.L.C. Coalition meeting, Good Counsel College, White Plains. Important evaluation meeting! (See p.2 for more details.)

Wednesday June 16th
Mid-Westchester Women's Lib. General meeting at 8:30 P.M. Beth Buchter, 30 Broadview, N. Rochelle, (235-9157)

Monday June 21st
Newsletter Collective: Eleanor Cason 12 Rudolph Terr., Yonkers. (Gr.6-955) Open to all. Your ideas and help needed!

Monday June 8th
Jogging sisters wanted: Evenings at Ridge Rd. Park, Hartsdale, privacy, Wh.9-7916.

--- Coalition Catchall

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We are selling space for 50¢ a line to advertise anything you want. Call Karen Henes, 725-0928.

For sale: crib, playpen, highchair, etc. Call Joyce Levin, 948-0367.


Resume Service: Partial or complete, 8 yrs. exp. $5pm 877-4466/

Women's Center Wanted: Female carpenters, electricians, plumbers, will renovate any large-sized, reasonably priced space. 948-0367

Consciousness Raising group: starting mornings. For info. call Kay Baldesstome, 725-5348
Germaine Greer, high-priestess of the English feminist movement, has blazed upon the American scene with her provocative book, The Female Eunuch. She was on the cover of Life, featured in the issue, has appeared on TV and made public appearances with well-known American feminists. She seems to have won the respect of Norman Mailer, the self-appointed and powerful defender of traditional maledom. Indeed, she is the hottest personality-theorist on women's liberation probably anywhere in the world today -- and her book is guaranteed not to disappoint! Those who found difficulty in wading through Sexual Politics will not find the same difficulty here. The writing is fluid and direct, and yet packed with thought-provoking ideas (as well as some pretty blunt language!) The quotations below are taken from her book, with her permission.

"The acts of sex are themselves forms of inquiring, as the old euphemism 'carnal knowledge' makes clear: it is exactly the element of quest in her sexuality which the female is taught to deny. She is not only taught to deny it in her sexual contacts, but (for in some subliminal way the connection is understood) in all her contacts, from infancy onward, so that when she becomes aware of her sex the pattern has sufficient force of inertia to prevail over new forms of desire and curiosity. This is the condition which is meant by the term female eunuch." (p.61)

"The banishment of the fantasy of the vaginal orgasms is ultimately a service, but the substitution of the clitoral spasm for genuine gratification may turn out to be a disaster for sexuality. Masters and Johnson's conclusions have produced some unlooked for side-effects.... "Masters and Johnson supplied the blueprint for standard, low-agitation, cool-out monogamy." (p.34)

"Although there is no pattern of female assault on men to parallel their violence to women, there is plenty of evidence of the operation of resentment in bitter, nonphysical sexual conflict, usually enacted as a kind of game, a ritualized situation in which the real issues never emerge." (p.7)

"Sex must be rescued from the traffic between powerful and powerless, masterful and mastered, sexual and neutral, to become a form of communication between potent, gentle, tender people...." (p.8)

"To abdicate one's own moral understanding to tolerate crimes against humanity, to leave everything to someone else, the father-ruler-king-computer, is the only irresponsibility."

"In most cases women are not offered a genuine alternative to repressive duties and responsibilities: most would happily give up unskilled labor in a factory or the tedium of office work for the more 'natural' tedium of a modern household, because their energies are so thwarted by the usual kinds of female work that they imagine even housework would be a preferable alternative." (p.57)

"Nothing is more chilling than a spectacle of unrelenting self-sacrifice." (p.97)

"The women who enter upon marriage and child-bearing with optimism and romantic sentiments are most vociferous in their disappointments, and their children suffer most by their mothers' obsessive interest in them. Child-bearing was never intended by biology as a compensation for neglecting all other forms of fulfillment and achievement." (p.88)

"The family is already broken down: technology has outstripped conservatism. The only way the state-father can deal with its uncontrollable children is to bash and shoot them in the streets or send them to a war, the ultimate chaos." (p.235)
All women are welcome to attend any of the events listed on the Calendar. Just phone for directions to meeting places.

To join the Westchester Women's Liberation Coalition, fill out the form below and mail to Box 9, Hartsdale, N.Y. 10530.

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______ $15 - Patron 1 yr.
______ $25 or more - Sponsor 1 yr.
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