

ONTARIO COMMITTEE

ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

NEWSLETTER

TORONTO, ONTARIO

JUNE 1972

The Ontario Committee on the Status of Women was formed to press for the implementation of the provincial aspects of the recommendations of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women.

The Committee is composed of women from a cross-section of occupations and associations, and is affiliated with the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Progress of Brief requesting a Provincial Implementation Committee.

In April Aideen Nicholson, Wendy Potter and Flora Hogarth met with seventeen interested members of the Conservative Caucus. The purpose was to discuss the formation of an Implementation Committee as recommended by the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. Your letters to Mr. Davis and to your M.P.P. will have a definite impact on whether or not the government will respond favorably. Send your letter now!

"Strategy for Change" Conference.

Members attending the Conference held in Toronto on April 7th to 9th had an opportunity to provide information to delegates concerning the activities of the O.C.S.W. New Status of Women groups will be forming in various centers in the province.

Women in Public Office.

Two of our members are now nominated as Independent women Candidates in the Federal Election. Kay Macpherson (Phone: 485-4268) is running in St. Pauls riding and Aline Gregory (929-5205), in Rosedale riding.

Aideen Nicholson (481-0672) is seeking the Liberal nomination in Trinity riding. Those interested in supporting a woman candidate are urged to become involved in active campaign planning and organizing.

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Presentation to the Toronto School Board.

On May 4th Lynn McDonald and Flora Hogarth, Aideen Nicholson and Lorna Marsden and Brigid O'Reilly appeared before the Toronto School Board. A brief was submitted and a presentation made concerning the need for the promotion of women to administrative positions in schools and at the Board of Education.

A motion prepared by Trustee Graham Scott of Ward 7 and seconded by Trustee Fiona Nelson of Ward 5 was passed which will establish an Advisory Committee to the Board. The Women's Bureau, the Ontario Teachers' Federation and the O.C.S.W. are invited to take part in studying promotion practices, guidance procedures, curriculum, textbooks and ancillary services.

Moira Armour (Phone: 483-5150) will be the O.C.S.W. representative to the Advisory Committee meetings.

May 11th Meeting of O.C.S.W.

(1) Fair Employment Practices Committee.

- The first meeting will be called by Moyra Walker (483-3377). Contact her if you are interested in participating.
- The Committee will meet to discuss areas of action related to salary inequities, promotion practices, and selection for training programs in large companies where the consumer could wield lobbying power.

(2) Integration of University of Toronto Schools.

- The first meeting will be called by Margaret Watson (481-9247).

(3) Media.

- The first meeting will be called by Katie Sweeny (925-9531, Ext. 38). Those interested may also contact Shelia Devilliers (531-4805).
- This committee will concern itself with aspects of the image of women which media projects. Ways of responding to objectionable advertisements, adequacy of newscoverage, means of increasing participation of women in the media will be discussed.

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Any information or ideas which members can contribute will assist these committees in planning strategy and deciding on their initial objectives.

For further information the following people may be contacted:
Lynn McDonald (922-0549); Aline Gregory (929-5205);
Aideen Nicholson (481-0672); Flora Hogarth (486-0159).

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If you have your membership please pass the newsletter on to others.

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Tear off and Mail:

TO: ONTARIO COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
c/o Brigid O'Reilly, Apt. 112, 83 Elm Ave.
Toronto 5, Ontario. (Phone: 921-0564).

I would like to become a member, \$3.00 enclosed.

I am interested in:

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NAME: TEL:.....

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