
\$\$\$ WOMEN'S GROUP MEETS ONTARIO TREASURER

A meeting between the Treasurer of Ontario, the Honorable Larry Grossman and an ad hoc committee of four women's groups was held on March 26th at Queen's Park. The ad hoc committee's formation and meeting was spearheaded by the Ontario Women's Directorate. Glenna Carr, Elaine Todies and Terry Bisset provided research material, co-ordinated the planning sessions and arranged the meetings with the Treasurer.

The ad hoc committee was formed by the Canadian Association of Women Executives, the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women, the Ontario Status of Women Council and the YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto. Tricia O'Malley, Brigid O'Reilly, Sheila Ward and Ellen Campbell spoke for each of the groups.

Among the issues put to the treasurer were:

-the need for continuing of Employment Support Initiatives program run by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

-the need for further amendments to the Employment Standards Act on the question of equal pay for work of equal value.

- support for many of the initiatives in the Throne Speech that relate to services for women.

The ad hoc committee suggested that the government establish a fund for women's programs similar in its working to the provincial B.I.L.D. program. Another suggestion was increasing the profile of successful affirmative action programs in the private sector to encourage more such programs. Training programs, particularly for women re-entering the labour force, were suggested as were the increasing subsidy to low income families for child care and tax measures to encourage work site child care centres. More positive encouragement of women entrepreneurs, the retraining of women displaced by technology and funds for research on women's issues were also put to Mr. Grossman.

The committee and women's groups will be watching, with interest, for developments in the 1984 provincial budget.

LEAH TAYLOR

REPORT ON THE NAC AGM

The 1984 Annual General Meeting of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women held March 16-19 in Ottawa, was the sight of "Women mobilizing for Power". As the delegate for the OCSW, I participated in the business sessions, workshops and lobby. The conference began Friday evening with from the last year's executive and a panel discussion on Social Services/Federal-Provincial Relations and on Women in Politics, as well as the Business Session. There were many other workshops in progress throughout the day and other OCSW members present, including Lee Grills and Helen

Slater were able to attend some of those. The day was brought to a close with a banquet at which Jill Vickers, a professor in Political Science, spoke on the Politics of Sex and Power. Sunday was filled with more business sessions and the election of the new executives. NAC's president for 1984-5 is Chaviva Hosek. Her direction through the AGM left us all feeling that NAC is definitely in good hands. Kathleen O'Neill, who had been nominated by the OCSW was elected Southern Ontario Representative. The other positions, to many to list, were filled with very competent

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individuals and if the executive is any indication, it looks like NAC will have a very good year.

Monday morning the NAC delegation set out for Parliament Hill. We met with caucus members of all three parties and presented them with our concerns.

They answered our questions as only politicians can, but nevertheless our issues were made clear and we did meet with some success.

Overall the annual general meeting provided a forum for exchange and NAC'S goals for the upcoming year were established. The continued participation of the OCSW and all NAC's member groups will help to see these goals met.

CANADIAN BOOK ON WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

VOICES FROM THE SHADOWS: Women with Disabilities Speak Out

by Gwyneth Matthews

What do most Canadians really know about the lives of the disabled? We see them on the street, in shopping malls, in banks. And we support charities in their behalf. But do we know about the education they receive, the kinds of jobs they have, and how they feel about themselves, their relationships and the society in which they live.

Based on interviews, Voices From The Shadows explores the lives and experiences of disabled women in Canada. Employment,

parenting, education, sexuality, housing accessibility and social and government assistance are all addressed. Written by a woman who is herself disabled, Voices From The Shadows provides a gripping and honest picture that Canadians can no longer ignore.

Introduction by Pat Isreal and OCSW member Cathy McPherson; includes bibliography and referral list; 200 pages; \$8.95 paperback. The Women's Press, 16 Baldwin Street, Toronto, M5T 1L2

KRISTINA POTAPCZYK TRUST FUND

Kristina Potapczyk has filed a complaint of sexual harassment with the Canadian Human Rights Commission in Ottawa against her former employer, M.P. Al McBain.

Toronto labour lawyer Mary Comish has represented Ms. Potapczyk, filing submissions with the Human Rights Commission. After reviewing the submissions of both Ms. Potapczyk and Mr. McBain, the commission substantiated her case and appointed a tribunal in December. A hearing date was set.

A committee has been formed to direct the personal campaign of Kristina Potapczyk because she is a young woman with limited resources. A trust fund is

in place and personal appeals are being made through a mail and publicity campaign.

A trust account in the name of the Kristina Potapczyk Trust Fund is being established at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Donations may be sent to:

Kristina Potapczyk Trust Fund
c/o Box 1060, Station "F"
Toronto, Ontario.
M4Y 2T7

Any inquiries may be addressed to the Director of the Kristina Potapczyk Personal Campaign, Elaine Lomenzo.
(416) 366-7610

 *Congratulations* 

LORNA MARSDEN, a long time member of the OCSW has been named to the Canadian Senate.

CHAVIVA HOSEK, nominated by the OCSW to the presidency of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) was acclaimed as President in March for 1984-5.

KATHLEEN O'NEILL, OCSW's nominee for Ontario Representative to NAC, was elected at the NAC Annual Meeting in March.

YWCA WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

Each year the YWCA of Metro Toronto honors the achievements of Metro women. The salute to the women of Distinction for 1984 is on Tuesday, May 8, at the Royal York Hotel. The Dinner is a Fund Raiser for the YWCA as well as a

time for women and men to honour those who have shown their commitment to women.

TICKETS \$60/person

Reserve a table by calling 961-8100

Hosted this year by TV personality DINI PETTY

Call Heather Reid 961-9331 or 925-2285

Anne Moon 947-7450 or 922-7420

CARELTON WOMEN'S CENTRE

An appeal to OCSW members to comes from a membership group, the Carelton Women's Centre Legal Fund. They were attacked last summer for being "Too Political". They sought legal advice and ran up costs of \$2800. They did not actually

have to resort to legal action as the autonomy of the centre was preserved, but do need donations to defer legal expences. Cheques should be sent to:

CARELTON WOMEN'S CENTRE LEGAL FUND,
CARELTON WOMEN'S CENTRE,

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CARELTON UNIVERSITY, OTTAWA, ONT. K1S 5B6



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