

Someone We Should All Know

BY HOLLY JOSEPH

This article is taken largely from a paper written by Barbara Babcock, *Belva Lockwood: For Peace, Justice, and President*, in 1997, as she started law school. Were you aware that Belva Lockwood was the second female candidate for President of the United States, but the first to be on the ballot? She was on the ballot in 1884 and again in 1888, though she could not vote for herself or anyone else.

Born in upstate New York, she was married to a farmer at 18 and became a mother the next year. Before her daughter was four years old, her husband died. In order to provide for her child, Lura, Belva went to school, against the notions of the time: "I was isolated from my family and friends, all of whom had strenuously objected to my taking the college courses," she later wrote. Using her training, Belva headed a school in New York where she introduced athletics and public speaking for girls. It was at this time that she developed an admiration for Susan B. Anthony when they collaborated at teachers' conventions. Of particular interest to her was the education of girls. It was at this time that she also spoke out on equal pay, noting the disparity of pay between male and female teachers.

Belva arrived in the District of Columbia in 1866, and by 1867 had become vice president of the Universal Franchise Association, part of the suffrage movement, and by 1872 she realized a major legislative achievement with the passage of equal pay for equal work among civil service employees in Congress.

At age 38, Belva married Ezekiel Lockwood, 65, a former Baptist minister and dentist, and sought admission to law school. She was turned down by Georgetown and Howard Universities, and Columbian College advised her that her attendance "would be likely to distract the attention of the young men." Nonetheless, she began studying at the new National University Law School (predecessor to George Washington University) with 14 female students, with only two of them to finish. No wonder, when the women were required to perform their recitations separately and were denied access to lectures. They were not permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony or receive a diploma.

Belva Lockwood eventually was the only woman to receive a diploma, but only after importuning the school's *ex officio* president, U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant: "Sir, You are, or are you not, President of the National University Law

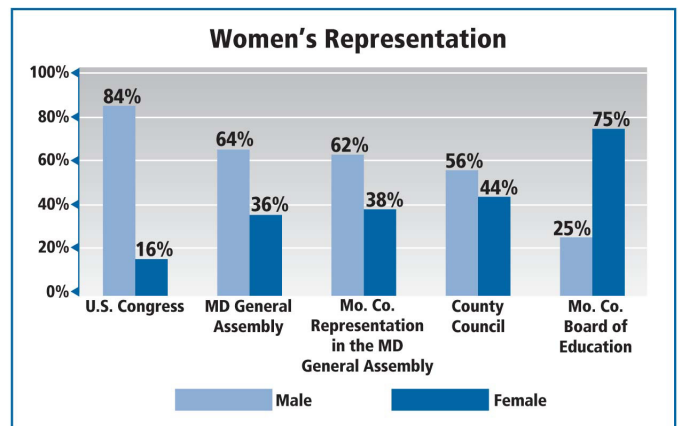
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Women and Politics

In 2005 and 2006, Maryland had the highest percentage of women serving in the state legislature of any state in the nation. Since the release of the 1997 Report, the number of women in the Maryland legislature had increased by 6 percent, from 56 (30%) to 67 (36%) women of the 188 members of the Maryland General Assembly. However, the 2006 elections reduced the number of women in the state legislature by almost 10 percent; 62 women now occupy state seats. As a result, Maryland dropped from first to sixth in the ranking of states with the highest percentage of women serving in the state legislature.

While fewer women than men sought elected office in Montgomery County, women consistently had a higher election success rate, winning 79% of their races. The number of women on the County Council increased from two to four as a result of the November 2006 elections. Women are the overwhelming majority on the Montgomery County Board of Education.

County data show women are more likely than men to register and vote, yet women remain under-represented in elected offices. They represent only 35 percent of elected officials in Montgomery County.



Women Running for Office

In the 2006 election, of the 133 candidates running for local and state offices on the Montgomery County ballot, 36 (27%) were women. Among the women candidates, 64 percent were elected while 43 percent of the male candidates won the office they sought.

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MC NOW President's Message

FOR WOMEN, POSSIBLY SOME OF THE BEST OF TIMES AND THE WORST OF TIMES

Women, and our country, are living in what are possibly the best of times and the worst of times (or, at least, not very wonderful times). For the first time in the history of the USA, a woman is being seriously considered electable for the US President.

Although other countries have had women at the top of the leadership ladder -notably England, India, Afghanistan, Israel, Norway, Sweden - the USA is now beginning to catch up a bit. No matter what your individual political leanings or preferences are, it is an exciting time for women, feminist women and men, and our country to experience the exhilaration of a woman even having a real possibility of becoming the chief executive of the USA.

This possibility makes for living in the best of times. Other positive events are the higher percent of women entering—and practicing professionally—in the medical, legal, and political arenas. Women being in leadership positions has increased overall. Political leadership has become more balanced, with more women taking positions in highly responsible roles.

The current Speaker of the House is a woman, and several women have served in top cabinet positions in the White House. The Supreme Court, though not nearly as open to women leadership as would be desirable, is certainly not devoid of women's representation.

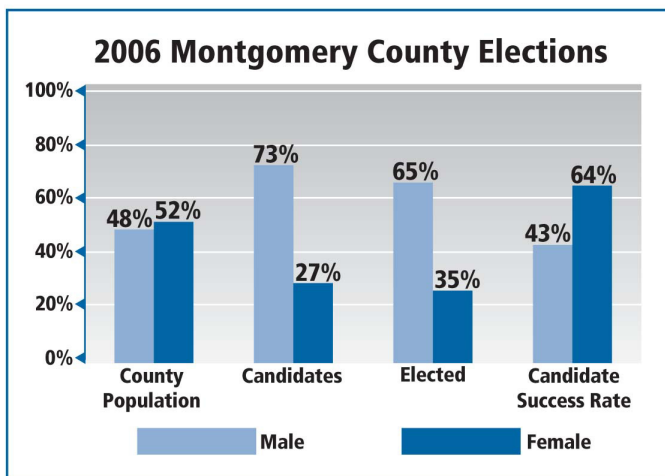
What is not so wonderful is the very fact that we still need to oppose and monitor the sexualization of girls and fight for healthier, more productive images and roles for girls and women. Women have not yet been completely absorbed into the work and professional world; and while equal pay for equal work is increasing, it still has not achieved its goal. Management is still highly selective in terms of women having leadership positions, there being far more clerks and far too few managers. There has not yet been the passage of a much-needed nationwide Equal Rights Amendment. There has never been a woman Secretary-General of the United Nations. The ecclesiastical hierarchy has dragged its feet far too long, not recognizing nor promoting women to top positions, such as senior clergy, bishops, and archbishops. In fact, some ecclesial denominations boast of greater purity for their male patriarchy when their promotional ladders and gender relationships have segregated the genders. One outstanding deficiency for women in the workforce has been lack of sufficient childcare provisions.

Much work needs to be done for girls, women, and our country to optimally use the talents and skills of all of its citizens. Yes, we have come a long way, but we still have a way to go! With womankind and the strength of feminist women and men, we CAN make it happen. Let's go the whole way and fight the good fight of equality, equity, and creative productivity for women, gender-fair men, and our country.

Carole Rayburn

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A higher percentage of women ran for county offices than for state offices. There were 43 candidates for local offices and 14 (33%) were women. Of the 91 candidates vying for state offices, 22 (24%) were women. Women consistently had a higher election success rate, with a larger percentage of women winning their races than men. Fifty-five percent of the women running for state and federal offices (Lt. Governor, Comptroller, U.S. Senator, State Senator, and House of Delegates) won their race. Men had a success rate of 41 percent in the same races. Seventy-nine percent of the women running for county offices (including County Council, Court Judge, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Board of Education) won; men had a success rate of 48 percent in their campaigns for county offices.



Women Elected

Women won 23 (35%) of the 65 elected offices on the county ballot in the 2006 election. Of the 32-member Montgomery County delegation to the Maryland General Assembly, 12 (38%) are women. (It was 50% before this election.) Women won four of the nine seats on the County Council, doubling the number from the previous term.

Three of the six Council Committees are chaired by women, including the Management and Fiscal Policy Committee, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee and the Transportation and Environment Committee. In 2007, the president of the County Council is a woman, The Honorable Marilyn Praisner.

Women represent three-quarters of the members of the Montgomery County Board of Education (six of the eight seats including the appointed student member).

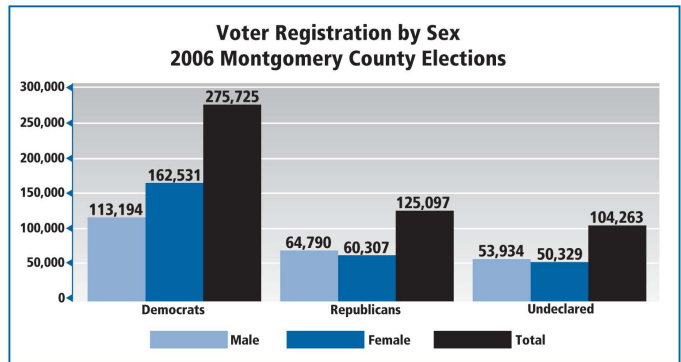
Registered Voters and Turnout

In 2006, women represented 52 percent of the population and 54 percent of the registered voters, a proportion unchanged since 1996. There were 40,823 more women registered voters than men in the 2006 elections. The majority (59%) of women in the county are registered

Democrats, 18 percent are registered as Republicans, 18 percent are Undeclared and the remaining women are registered under another party. Registered male voters in the county were 48 percent Democrat, 28 percent Republican, 23 percent Undeclared and less than 1 percent under another party. Over the past 10 years the proportion of women registered as Republicans dropped 10 percent and the proportion of men registered as Republicans decreased by 6 percent. The proportion of male and female registered Democrats has remained the same or slightly increased over the same period of time. There are close to 38,000 more registered women Democrats than there are total registered Republicans.

Of the 508,511 registered voters, 300,198 (60%) county residents voted in the 2006 elections. Fifty-four percent of the voters were women. This means 21,732 more women than men voted in Montgomery County in the 2006 elections.

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School,” she wrote. “If you are its president, I desire to say to you that I have passed through the curriculum of study in this school, and am entitled to, and demand my diploma. If you are not its President, then I ask that you take your name from its papers, and not hold out to the world to be what you are not.”

Lockwood’s legal specialty was handling claims against the government that eventually brought her a respectable and successful career. But she was greatly impeded by not being able to obtain admission to practice before the federal courts, particularly the U.S. Court of Claims. The court refused her request, stating that not only was a woman “without legal capacity to take the office of attorney,” but also warning that liability for all the problems that a female attorney might encounter would be visited on her husband.

Similarly, Lockwood was turned down for admission to the U.S. Supreme Court bar because there was no precedent for women to practice either in this country or in older English law. She replied that the nine justices had inadequate knowledge of English precedents and that “it was the glory of each generation to make its own precedents.”

In 1888, a bill passed the House of Representatives allowing any woman who had been a member in good standing before the bar of the highest court of any state or territory for three years to be admitted to practice before the Supreme Court. The measure fared less well in the Senate because of its phrase “no obstacle of law whatever to the admission of women to practice in those courts” appeared to favor women. The bill passed, 39-20, when the wording was changed to “no person shall be excluded from practicing as an attorney and counselor of law from any court in the United States on account of sex.”

Wasting little time, Belva Lockwood was the first woman admitted to practice before the Supreme Court on March 3, 1879, surrounded by admiring friends and onlookers, and three days later she was admitted to the U.S. Court of Claims. She was 48 years old. Her legal career in the federal courts lasted until her death in 1917.

Lockwood attended the Republican National Conventions in 1880 and 1884 where she urged inclusion of a woman suffrage plank in the party platform. In her frustration over these appeals being rejected, she opined, in a letter to the editor of the *Woman’s Herald of Industry*, Marietta Stow, that “It is quite time we had our own party; our own platform, and our own nominees. We shall never have equal rights until we take them, nor respect until we command it.”

In response to this letter, Lockwood received a telegram that the convention of the Equal Rights Party had nominated her for President. Taking the honor with utmost sincerity, she found out only later that the convention was in actuality only Marietta Stow, who became her running mate. She spoke

wherever she could and made campaign appearances.

Suffrage leaders, among them Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Abigail Duniway, criticized her for bringing ridicule to the suffrage movement and for the extent to which she benefited from her position as candidate. However, *The Suffragist* noted at her death that “the candidacy of such a woman served brilliantly to bring the federal amendment for suffrage before the country as it has never been brought before.” Her platform included the following issues: equal political rights, the federalization of family law, civil service reform, protection of public lands, temperance, pensions, and Native Americans.

It is reported that there were 4,149 votes cast for her in 1884, and her candidacy in 1888 – with a male vice-presidential running mate – garnered far fewer votes. While the suffrage movement disagreed with her candidacy, Lockwood was able to use the platform of presidential candidate for women’s issues. She also involved herself with a complicated Utah women’s suffrage movement from which the national suffrage movement distanced itself, further distancing her as well. Increasingly, her focus included the peace movement.

Belva Lockwood’s sense of equality led her to sponsor Samuel Lowery, the first African American lawyer to be admitted to the Supreme Court, just a year after her own admission. In representing Native Americans who had lost their land in the Trail of Tears, she argued before the Supreme Court and negotiated the largest settlement up to that time for Native Americans.

It must be emphasized what a formidable character Lockwood was in the District of Columbia during her tenure there. Her mode of transportation – a tricycle – singled her out as a no-nonsense type. In addition to a successful law practice – well into her eighties – she took in boarders to her house at 619 F Street and raised a grandson after her only child, Lura, died.

She extended her activities to all that advanced the equality of those in the world in which she lived.

Would you like to make a contribution toward free mammograms and other worthy causes without diminishing your checkbook or personal funds? A daily click on tabs on the Hunger Site — www.thehungersite.com - awards the following benefits: food, mammograms, healthcare for children, books, protection of the habitat, and food and shelter to animals in need. You can start your day with a contribution – at minimal cost to you! Listing the site makes it even easier to log on to the site. (This is not an advertisement, but a suggestion!)

“The Play’s the Thing...” or Not

The Domestic Violence Forum Goes Theatrical

BY FRAN PORTER

The idea was good: Demonstrating with a play what happens in a case of domestic violence. Some of the actors were in their real-life roles; policemen played policemen, a judge played a judge, and lawyers played lawyers. But a few things went wrong at the Domestic Violence Public Forum held at Gaithersburg High School auditorium on October 17.

Sponsored by the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s office, the forum started well. Tables in the foyer outside the auditorium were staffed by representatives of various organizations associated with issues of domestic violence, including the Sheriff’s office, the Crisis Center of the county Health and Human Services office; the Abused Persons Program and the House of Ruth. They passed out a great many handsome brochures.

Donna Rismiller, a lawyer and a member of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, presided. She stressed the urgency of getting out the message to victims of domestic violence that help is available. She noted that 54 persons were killed in the state of Maryland last year. Evidently not many people got the message—only about 100 people attended the forum.

Duchy Trachtenberg, County Council member and former president of MC NOW, spoke about the extent of domestic violence. She said, “We all know someone who is in an abusive relationship.”

The only way to overcome the violence, she said, is to provide an adequate community response. Providing adequate housing is one of the most difficult problems faced by those helping victims of domestic violence. Lack of it is one of the things that keeps women in abusive relationships.

Duchy stressed that the effort to help must not be local alone; state laws need to be changed. Two bills that have been before the Maryland General Assembly several times before were proposed again this year: One was a bill to extend the period a protective order is in effect. The other was to change the evidentiary standard; a woman should not have to provide convincing proof of abuse; a preponderance of the evidence should be sufficient. Neither bill passed.

Then the main event of the evening, the play, started, and things began to go wrong. On the stage a young couple got into an argument over the wife’s use of a cell phone, and her husband pushed and slapped her. She instructed her teenage daughter to call 911. The police came.

Then the action stopped. The police were polite and one of them discussed what the wife’s rights were and what was going to happen. However, the sound system did not work, and no one could hear his long explanation.

The officers took the husband away, and other scenes followed: The husband conferred with his court-appointed

lawyer, the wife with the prosecuting attorney—a great deal of talk, and very little of it could be heard.

Finally, Ms. Rismiller, the emcee, moved the actors to the front of the stage and brought another microphone, so the scenes in the courtroom could be heard.

After brief applause, several questions from the audience were answered by a pair of lawyers who took over from the actors. Door prizes were passed out.

It was a noble effort in a good cause, and many people went to a great deal of trouble. Perhaps with publicity to get people in, and a better script and sound system for the play, it could have been a more effective program.

ACT LOCALLY! Protect a Woman’s Right to Choose!

The Washington Area Clinic Defense Task Force is an all-volunteer, non-violent group founded in the 1980s to promote peaceful and safe access to women’s health clinics in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

We provide escorts to ensure a peaceful and reassuring presence for patients, their companions, and staff, at several local clinics.

Many anti-Choice protesters still try to intimidate or harass anyone who provides or uses services at reproductive health clinics. WACDTF helps counter these protesters’ acts of harassment, picketing, and vandalism at clinics so that they remain open and accessible for all women. We escort at the invitation of clinic owners and in cooperation with local law enforcement.

Escorts are generally needed each Saturday, rain or shine, between 7-11 a.m., depending on the clinic. And of course, we mobilize on the days surrounding the January anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, when thousands of anti-Choice protesters are in town each year.

We hold monthly trainings for people to learn how to become clinic escorts. It is easy, and generally takes only 1½ hours to learn the techniques we use to defuse potential problems with clinic protesters. Volunteer escorting is an important way to take a peaceful, proactive stance against the religious right, which wants to control women’s options. Come and help us prevent that from happening locally on the front lines of this insidious movement against women’s rights.

Act Today!

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National Wal-Mart Action Day

Mark the beginning of the holiday shopping season on November 17 by raising awareness of discrimination against women who work at Wal-Mart. Even after the truth about wages and benefits (or lack thereof)

came out and some successes were won, women workers still earn less than men and are disproportionately stuck in low-wage, hourly positions.

What Can I Do? This season, purchase local produce, meats, and other foods to prepare holiday meals; buy presents from local artisans and at independent stores; and show your friends and family (and yourself!) why not to shop at Wal-Mart. It is bad for the women and men who earn low wages as well as their families they need to support, the contract workers exploited abroad for producing goods in factories, and for local business owners who cannot compete with "always low prices." Low prices have human costs, which are both priceless and exorbitant.

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JOIN the International Call to Action Against Wal-Mart and Big Box Stores

Saturday, November 17, 2007

NOW's focus, as part of the International Day of Action is to demand Wal-Mart live up to its promise that "Customers will receive their prescriptions or OTC products in stores 'without discrimination (no harassment or lectures),' 'without delay' and 'without judgment.' It has promised to stock emergency contraception in every store where 'one or more customers request the product' and, should emergency contraception not be in stock in a particular store, take steps to help customers obtain it."

Join in solidarity with activists around the world to say "enough is enough" and to let shoppers know that every dime spent at Wal-Mart hurts a woman somewhere in this world.

To find out what you can do, visit <http://www.now.org/issues/wfw/wal-mart.html>.



School Board Candidate Filing Deadline Approaches

The Board of Elections notes that the deadline for School Board candidates to file for the 2008 Primary Election is Monday, December 3 at 9 p.m.

Candidates for all other offices on the 2008 Primary ballot should contact the Maryland State Board of Elections for deadlines and filing locations.

The office will be open to accept Montgomery County School Board candidate filings on Monday, December 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Primary Election is Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

Election Judges are still needed – for information call 240-777-8533.

Field Trip WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution National Museum of Women in the Arts

1250 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC
Through December 16, 2007



WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution is the first comprehensive exhibition to explore the formation, development, and impact of feminism in post-war contemporary art from 1965 to 1980 and will include artists from around the globe.

It is the largest exhibition in NMWA's 20-year history and will:

- Showcase nearly 300 works by 118 artists including painting, sculpture, photography, film, video and performance art;
- Include work produced by artists in the U.S., the U.K., western and central Europe, Australia, and Canada as well as India, Japan, China and South and Central America;
- Offer a major re-thinking of feminist art, add depth to the historical record and create interest in feminism as a vital force for a whole new generation.

Fighting the Sexualization of Girls: How Committed is MCPS?

In mid-August, MC NOW sent the superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) as well as each member of the Board of Education a packet of material on the sexualization of girls which included the articles which had been in our newsletter, summarized from the report of the American Psychological Association. We invite your evaluation of the response from MCPS:

September 25, 2007

Ms. Mary Bailey, Newsletter Co-Editor
Ms. Carole Rayburn, President
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Dear Ms. Bailey and Ms. Rayburn:

I am in receipt of your letter detailing the final review of the American Psychological Association's report, "The Sexualization of Girls." The implications in the synopsis you provided are compelling and clearly indicate the deleterious impact of sexualization of girls in our culture.

I plan to share this information with school psychologists, school counselors, and public personnel workers in the Montgomery County Public Schools. This will increase their awareness of the problem and provide a forum for improving our skill, knowledge, and preparedness to respond proactively to this critical issue.

Respectfully,
Matthew J. Kamins
Supervisor, Psychological Services

Copy to:

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On October 11, President Carole Rayburn addressed the Montgomery County Board of Education (MCBoE), at a public forum seeking the school system's action. There was no response to her testimony (the School Board President Nancy Navarro having explained that the full agenda did not allow any response during the hearing), and there has been no subsequent further action. We invite your thoughts for keeping this issue from being "shelved" and for getting the attention it warrants.

Where Are The Witches of Yore?

"When it comes to Halloween costumes, boys can still be ninjas, doctors and mad scientists. A box of popcorn, even," writes Brigid Schultz in a front-page story of The Washington Post on October 30, 2007. What did costume stores such as Party Depot and Party City offer preteen girls for Halloween trick-or-treating?



"Playboy Racy Referee" — spandex top with black laces tying the open sides.

"Sexy Super Girl" — super short miniskirt.

"Aqua Fairy" — ripped shirt, fishnet tights and bustier.

"Funky Punk Pirate" — bare midriff and off-shoulder blouse.

"Fairy-Licious Purrfect Kitty Pre-Teen" — lacy bodice and sassy skirt.

"Major Flirt" — in army green.

"Devilicious" — bare space for bellybutton.

"French Maid" — miniskirt and pink feather duster.

"Hot Flash," — a nurse with thigh-high garters.

Also: "Sexy Cop," "Prisoner," "Bar Wench," "Cocktail Honey," "Naughty & Nice," and a miniskirted "Raggedy Ann."

Why is this happening now? The Post article quoted a 16-year-old girl blaming the trend on the teen movie, "Mean Girls." One line from the film: "Halloween is the one night of the year when girls can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it." According to Joe Thaler of TransWorld Exhibits, who manages an annual Halloween Expo for retailers, suggestive costumes for little girls became a big item about three years ago, so big, in fact, that he created a separate show just for these preteen costumes. "They're just good sellers," he said. [Maybe so, yet the lineage of the mainstream sexualization of girls extends farther back in time, when magazines such as Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler routinely carried cartoons depicting little girls in sexual situations.]

Schultz reports that psychologists and academics are busy writing books with titles such as "So Sexy So Soon" and "From Barbie to Britney: The Sexualization of Childhood." We can hope that there will be many more such titles, following the way books opposing wars in Iraq and Iran now dominate our bookstore shelves.

**Anne Spiegel Snyder
July 2, 1930 – September 15, 2007**

Paying tribute to Anne Spiegel Snyder (MC NOW President, 1984-85) brings to my mind those turbulent, heady days in 1981-82 of almost getting passed the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution and additionally, the ensuing actions in which NOW participated solidifying our refusal to be defeated in this fight. I was MC NOW President at that time being followed in the presidency by Marie McGlone, Anne Snyder's predecessor. Together, with the strong support of NOW members, we made a number of gains but it seemed with each step forward there was, inevitably, two steps back. During the "Reagan years" we lost a great deal of ground which only increased our determination to achieve our goals.

Anne and her dedicated husband, Monroe, seemed to live, eat and breathe the ERA. Their combination of knowledge, zeal for the struggle, and loyalty to the principles of equality for all was uplifting and inspiring to all with whom they came in contact. That is, "uplifting" to those of us with the same ideals and threatening to our opposition. I say "threatening" because Anne and Monroe left no stone unturned in their resolve to overcome any obstacle in our path. Their combined determination was especially remarkable in the face of Anne's disability which made her mobility increasingly difficult. What an inspiration she and Monroe were to us all.

With the knowledge of recent and current gains made in so many areas for women, for men, and for families, I know that if it had not been for the dedication of Anne and countless other women like her we would not be where we are today. We would not have now the possibilities and opportunities which were denied us in the past while always acknowledging that we still have a ways to go. I add my accolades and appreciation previously given by other MC NOW presidents and many others to Anne Spiegel Snyder for her part in advancing our cause. My life was enriched by having known and worked with her.

Betty H. Feldmann
MC NOW President, 1981-82

Urgent Call for Volunteers To Work With Victims of Sexual Assault

There is an urgent need for volunteers to assist sexual assault victims and their families through the Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Interviews are currently being conducted for the next training session, which will begin January 2008.

Volunteers provide 24-hour crisis counseling and companion services at Montgomery County hospitals and police stations for victims of rape and sexual assault. There is a special need for volunteers to cover day and early morning shifts. Bi-lingual volunteers are encouraged to apply.

All potential volunteers must attend a training program, which covers crisis intervention skills and the specialized knowledge of the emotional, medical and legal issues that victims face. Volunteers must commit to serve for one year, in an on-call capacity, for one 12-hour shift or two six hour shifts per week. All volunteers must have a valid driver's license and immediate access to transportation.

To receive more information or to arrange an interview, call the Montgomery County Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program at 240-777-1355.



To Let You Know Why Our Watchful Eye is Not Watching This Month

If you notice that this issue of *From NOW On* looks and feels a bit different, it is because our fearless co-editor Mary Bailey is taking a short break from the newsletter. We hope that she will soon be back – after a well-deserved break of editing our Chapter newsletter for ever so many years.

Why is it that someone has to be missing to be missed? It seems as though the newsletter appears routinely and effortlessly. It doesn't; it just seems that way due to the supreme efforts of Mary and Liz Callihan, who continues as layout editor. Then the membership chair – last year Amy Swann and this year Jeannette Feldner – sees that it actually gets emailed to Chapter members.

MC NOW Calendar of Events

Chapter Meetings generally take place on the first or second Monday of each month. All members are welcome.

NOVEMBER

- 8 11 am – 12:30 PM. Clea Koff: The Bone Woman. Montgomery College Theatre Arts Building Arena, Rockville Campus. Presentation and book signing by Clea Koff, a forensic anthropologist who searched for the truth in the mass graves of Rwanda, Bosnia, Croatia, and Kosovo. For more information, please contact 240-567-7481 or 240-567-7483.
- 9 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM. Preventing Sexual Violence on College Campuses. University of Maryland University College, Inn and Conference Center, College Park. A statewide conference for college staff and other professionals who work collectively to prevent sexual violence and respond to the needs of victims on campus. Presented by Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA). For more information, call MCASA at 410-974-4507, email jphill@mcasa.org, or visit www.mcasa.org.
- 11 1:30-4:00 pm. Opening Doors: Women in Art 1972-2007, a forum to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Feminist Art Movement. American University's Katzen Arts Center, Abramson Family Recital Hall, Ward Circle at Nebraska and Mass Ave., NW, DC. Event is FREE; parking is FREE. For more information, contact Barbara Wolanin at bwolanin@comcast.net; www.arttable.org, www.american.edu/museum.
- 27-28 National Leadership Workshop on Mentoring Women in Biomedical Careers NIH Campus, Natcher Conference Center, Bethesda. NIH and the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) are pleased to open registration for this workshop which will discuss leadership strategies for successful mentoring in the global biomedical research environment and provide attendees with opportunities to develop new mechanisms to improve or initiate effective mentoring programs in their institutions or organizations. For more information, please visit womeninscience.nih.gov/mentoring.

DECEMBER

- 3 7 PM. MCNOW BOARD MEETING. Mid-County Regional Center, 2424 Reedy Dr, Wheaton. First Floor Conference Rm. All members and interested parties are invited. For directions, call 240-777-8100 or contact info@mcmdnow.org.

MC NOW has scheduled two programs for Chapter members and to the public

Two programs of interest are planned for the first Monday of odd months. On January 7, Dr. Mihee Kwun will speak about women's health, and on Monday, March 3, Linda Berg, formerly with National NOW, will speak about her reflections on working there. Both presentations will be at 7:45pm, so you are welcome to come for the Board meeting at 7 to stay through or come after the Board meeting for the program at 7:45. The meetings will be held at the Wheaton Government Center, at 2424 Reedy Drive, near the Wheaton Metro stop, at Georgia Avenue. Public parking is across Reedy Drive.

As ever, thanks so much for this protracted edition. I certainly wish my expertise had been sufficient to make this run more smoothly. We'll appreciate Mary all the more!



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