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TOP PRIORITY: A NEW OFFICE

The Women's Resource Center must find a new location by July 1...just a few weeks from now. This is the absolute number one priority project for the WRC, and our next regular meeting, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m., will include a brainstorming session on this subject.

In order to accomodate our growing staff with an efficient workplace, to provide comfortable surroundings for the women who use the Center, and to make the Center easily accessible to women of all ages, we have defined our office space needs as follows:

- a ground floor location
- central and convenient
- at least two rooms
- 800 to 1,000 square feet of floor space
- rent: free or very reasonable

We need your ideas and suggestions, so please be sure to attend this meeting, or call Rande at the center.

NEW ADDITION TO THE CENTER

If you have visited the Center lately you may have noticed a new addition of office equipment. Thanks to Bomar Office Supply, we now have a new two drawer file cabinet. This has been a tremendous help to the further organization of the Center and to the storage of information pertinent to women.

We have also acquired a copy machine. This machine will save the Center money and time in the duplication of new releases.

We would appreciate any donation of office supplies and furniture; ranging from supplies of paper, envelopes, files, to the donation of typewriters, desks and other office machines. These donations will improve the usefulness of the Center to all the women of the Valley.

Any contribution you can make will be appreciated.

SUMMER HOURS

As of June 11th the WRC will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays. We hope the extension in operating time will allow more of you to become actively involved.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING...PASS IT ON!!!

Volunteer Training Workshop

Want to volunteer some of your time to the Center but feel uncertain about what would be expected? The WRC is planning a workshop to answer those questions. The workshop will be conducted Wednesday evening, June 6th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Center. The training will focus on:

- crisis intervention telephone skills
- how to use the community referral system
- program development
- resource development

With the expansion of operating hours and more on-going programs planned, we need all the volunteer help we can get. Please pre-register for this workshop by calling Rande at the Center.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group

Rande Sederstrom and Hilary Doran are planning a six week Women's C-R Group which will be limited to twelve participants. A C-R Group's purpose is to provide an environment for the intimate sharing of feelings, experiences, and issues that touch our day-to-day lives; increase our awareness of ourselves as women; to breakdown the barriers between ourselves and others.

The group will start June 13th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Center. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged or an agreeable amount of volunteer time can be arranged in exchange for the fee. Register with Rande at the Center.

Divorce Support Group

Sherry Larson is offering her divorce support group once again. Sherry's plans are most tentative, but we look for a start-date in June. Sherry's groups have been very successful in the past so be sure you get your names to us early.

Basket Weaving

Nancy Henson, our artist of the month, is planning a Basket Weaving in Artificial Materials Course this summer. The course will run for 8 weeks beginning June 20th, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Center. There will be a \$10.00 fee for this course and materials will run between \$10.00 to \$15.00. Volunteer time can be arranged in exchange for some of the fee. As Nancy is limiting this course to 15 women, early registration is appropriate. Call the Center for more information.

Beginning Drawing

Nancy Henson is also offering a Beginning Drawing course through the Center. The course design indicates a high quality, intensive experience. The start-date is June 9th, 10:00 to 12:00 noon, at the Center. This program will run for 10 weeks and will have a fee of \$15.00 attached. Materials may be purchased for \$10.00 to \$15.00. As the course is limited to 15, early registration is indicated. Call the Center.

MORE...PASS IT ON

Non-Traditional Workshop

Rande Sederstrom, the non-traditional career counselor, is planning an all-day workshop, June 9th, 9:00 to 4:00, to introduce women to the world of non-traditional work through a group experience.

The workshop will address itself to all aspects of job searching resume' writing, interview techniques, identifying interests, programs, and resources available. The workshop will be limited to 12-14 women and a fee of \$3.00 will be charged. For those women unable to afford the fee, an agreeable amount of volunteer time can meet the cost. Register at the Center.

Feminine Sexuality Workshop

JoAnn Dixon will facilitate this workshop for Valley women June 16th. At press time our information was sketchy at best, so please contact the Center for informational up-dates.

WORK/STUDY GROUPS....WHERE ARE YOU??????

There is an urgent need for the work/study groups to act on their areas of interest. You are coming into the 6th month of your six month goal-setting time. Currently only two groups have shown any progress. In January, many of you felt these groups were important; we still feel that way. We need you input if this organization is to live up the all important goal of meeting women's needs. Please contact the Center so we can facilitate your getting together.

BENEFIT DANCE A SUCCESS*

The WRC Benefit Dance was a roaring success with \$306.00 generated for our continued existance. Our sincere thanks to all who participated.

Our special thanks to the following people for donating their time, talents, energy, and gifts.

Moran Sisters	First Avenue West
Christy and Janne	Hide-Out
Dog Water	Potts Rendevous
Michael Townsend	Sharon Davidson
Hide-Out House Band	WRC's Social Events Group

BABY SITTING CO-OP IN BIGFORK

Want to start a babysitting co-op? Mary Kay Myett and friends in Bigfork have put together a very satisfying co-op and are willing to help you get started. Call 837-6824 for details.

NON-TRADITIONAL JOBS UPDATE

"The best man for the job may be a woman" concept continues to gather momentum. Rande Sederstrom, the non-traditional job counselor, reports an overwhelming response from women and the community at large to her newly developed position. Each day two or three more names are added to the roster of women who want to find meaningful employment.

To date, the response from potential employers has been for the most part, encouraging. Rande has encountered only one employment area where a great deal of resistance was displayed. Strangely enough, in that area the employer would be the government. She has followed up with a letter of complaint to the Governor's Office.

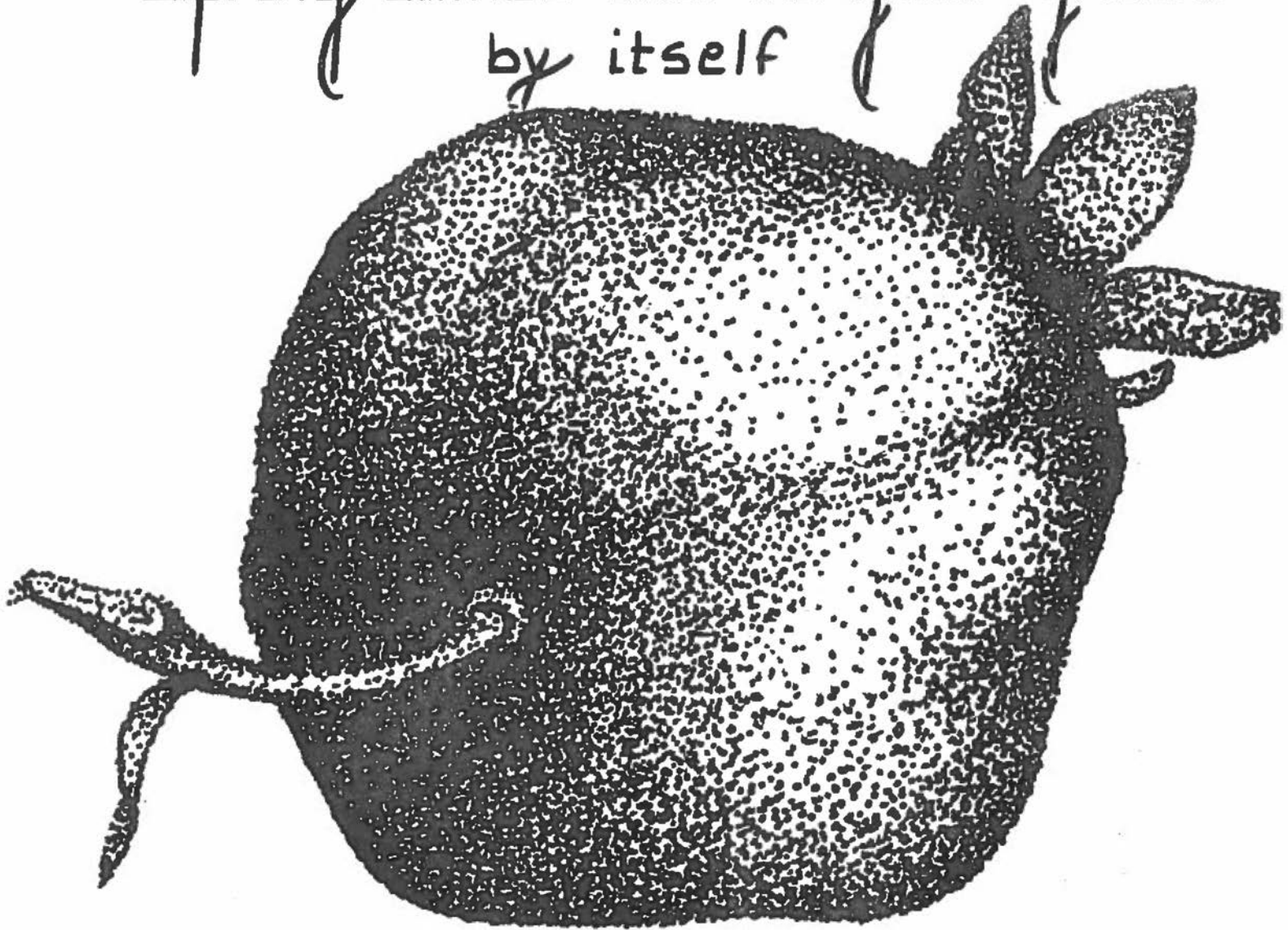
Currently several of the larger employers in the valley are accepting applications, and one union apprenticeship program is open and accepting applications. The most exciting training program currently open is a two week experience in Helena for New Entry applicants in the Construction Laborer's field. Course work will be intensive and allow for "hands-on" experience with a wide array of tools and equipment. Board, tuition, and training fund allowances are available for qualified applicants. This training would provide a woman with the background and skills for employment in the building industry as well as highway construction. It is important for women who are interested to contact Rande immediately. Rande has also put together a mini-library of vocational training school catalogs for women interested in that type of exploration.

For more information regarding job-searching, please contact Rande at the Center.

EQUAL RIGHTS COUNCIL FORMS FLATHEAD CHAPTER

A number of local women interested in maintaining Montana's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment have recently joined to form a Flathead Chapter of the Montana Equal Rights Council. This Helena-based organization, with local chapters throughout the state, promotes the ERA through educational and lobbying programs, and the support of state legislative candidates who are in favor of the ERA. The Flathead Chapter plans to assist our local candidates who have already been targeted for defeat by Stop-ERA. All interested persons are encouraged to send dues of \$3.00 (\$1.00 local, \$2.00 state) or any contributions to treasurer Carol Keedy, 498 Van Sant Road, Kalispell.

sitting quietly
doing nothing
spring comes and the grass grows
by itself



Henson

Artist of the Month.....May we introduce Nancy Henson. Nancy has provided us with the marvelous picture of a pomagranate and shared the Zen saying with us. Nancy's pomogranate was produced through a process called stippling, a painstaking pen and ink technique. Nancy has an associate of Arts degree in art history. She comes to us from California vis-a-vis Boston. Nancy, is going to offer 2 art courses this summer through our Center. We are very fortunate to have an artist of Nancy's caliber available to us and we welcome her to the Fabulous Flathead.

CALENDER

MAY 17.....Brown Bag...Micheal Keedy-Women & Legislation...12-noon W.R.C.
 MAY 22.....Regular Monthly Meeting.....7:00.....W.R.C.
 MAY 24.....Brown Bag...Jessie Schlenger-Foster Parents.....12-noon W.R.C.
 MAY 31.....Brown Bag...Sandi Kaminsky-Fashion & Self Concept...12-noon....
 JUNE 6.....Volunteer Training Workshop.....7:00-12:00.....W.R.C.
 JUNE 9.....Non-traditional Career Workshop....9:00-12:00..1:00-4:00;W.R.C.
 Rande Sederstrom.....
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 Women's Resource Center.....
 JUNE 14....Brown Bag (tentative)...Big Brother/Big Sisters...12-noon W.R.C.
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DATE (Staff use only): Begin:_____ End:_____

NAME:_____ PHONE: Home:_____

ADDRESS:_____ Work:_____

I WANT TO: ___ Pledge; \$_____per month, quarter, year (Please circle your choice)

___ Newsletter subscriber; \$5.00 (more or less as you are able to; barter or trade too)

___ Donor; \$_____, Other goods/services:_____

AREAS I WOULD LIKE TO WORK IN:_____

SKILLS I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:_____