

Provincial Grits sponsor women's issues meeting

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WOMEN'S

PERSPECTIVES '83
On Saturday, the 14th May, 1983, the Ontario Liberal Women's Perspective Advisory Committee is sponsoring a Conference, "Women's Perspectives '83", the theme of which is "Look at the Past - Plan for the Future".

The Conference is open to all, and will be held in the Concert Hall at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. While it is sponsored by an Ontario Liberal Committee, every effort has been made - in inviting guest speakers and panelists - to keep the Conference as non-partisan as possible. The objective is to provide a forum for debate and discussion, led by experts in various fields.

Registration fee for the Conference is \$25 (including luncheon), \$30 after the 6th May, and forms are available from my office.

Guest speakers at the Conference are Monica Townson, economist and author of "The Canadian Woman's Guide to Money", Linda Silver Dranoff, Lawyer, Writer and Activist - who some of you will recognize from the "Ask a Lawyer" section of "Chatelaine", and David Peterson, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.

Monica Townson will speak at 10 a.m., Linda Silver Dranoff at luncheon, and David Peterson will wrap up the formal part of the proceedings at 4 p.m. This will be followed by an informal reception.

There are to be five workshops, lasting 90 minutes, morning and afternoon, with participants given the opportunity to participate in two, since the workshops are repeated.

The workshops are as follows:

WORK: The potential and problems of the workplace for today's woman include - equal pay and opportunity - sexual harassment - day care - micro-technology. Based upon a wide-ranging questionnaire, participants will set the tone and tempo of this workshop, led by expert panelists.

BARRIERS: The barriers to greater liberation and success for women are many and

varied, tangible and intangible - psychological - societal - traditional - educational. Real or imagined, external or self-imposed - how can these barriers be overcome?

INDEPENDENCE: For the woman who has had independence thrust upon her - the divorcee or widow of any age - the mother struggling to raise her children alone - the woman whose children have "grown and flown" who wishes to expand her horizons. Panelists will offer guidance on financial, emotional, career and social-lifestyle needs.

VIOLENCE: Almost daily, we hear tragic and horrifying accounts of - domestic abuse of women and children - sexual assault and "street violence" - proliferation of pornography which has elements of hatred and cruelty. What can be done? What must be done? What can WE do?

SURVIVAL: Are we sabotaging our environment and health beyond repair? What is happening to - our air - our food - our water - our world? Panelists with environmental expertise will discuss, and answer questions about, developments which affect our very survival.

WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Women's Perspective Advisory Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Liberal Caucus Room at Queen's Park. Presentations and briefs are welcome, and arrangements for such submissions can be made by contacting the Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Room 116, Legislative Buildings, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2, (416) 965-1676.

What are the goals of the committee?

- to bring a woman's perspective to all issues
- to monitor and "assist" progress on issues of particular interest to women
- to bring certain issues to the attention of the Liberal Caucus and Party, and to the attention of women
- to serve as a resource group
- to encourage greater participation of women at all levels of the political process

to establish a network of contacts throughout the province.

Women who are not "card carrying Liberals" are already valuable members of the Committee, and we wish to encourage this in the future and in other areas of the province.

If you would like more information on either the Conference or the Women's Perspective Advisory Committee, please let me know.



FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS

A combined meeting of the Milton, Acton and Georgetown fall fair boards met Wednesday night for a chat about co-ordinating their resources for an even better fall fair for each of the communities. Meeting at the Georgetown Optimist Hall were (left side, front to back) Jim Livock, Milton; Jim McPhail, Milton; Bill Lasby, Acton, Norm Shea, Acton; Brian Evans, Acton; George Gosling, Georgetown; Mona Milne, Georgetown; Ian MacCallum, Georgetown; (right side, front to back), Danny Charles, Georgetown; Doris Lindsay, Georgetown; Keith Aitken, Acton; Claren Brown, Erin; David Leitch, Erin; Craig Switzer, Erin.

(Photo by Harald Bransch)

Talks on rights

Everyone is invited to a special event with Guatemalan human rights lawyer this Tuesday April 26 starting at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church on Guelph St.

Frank Larue recently returned from the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva and is touring 10 Ontario communities to speak for "10 Days for World Development" groups. Free admission, refreshments afterwards.

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- May 31 Australia/New Zealand
- June 28 Canadian Rockies

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