INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 1984

CELEBRATE!

dance!

DOOR PRIZE DANCE CONTEST
music by Julie Coles

Sponsored by WOZA: Women of Color Organizing for Action

Saturday March 10
9pm-1am at the Cambridge Y.W.C.A. 19 Temple Place
in Central Square
Food and non-alcoholic beverages
$3 donation requested

Call for more info. 491-6050

DANCE TO CELEBRATE!

This is a drug and alcohol free event for alcoholic lesbians and their women friends. All women who enjoy a drug and alcohol free space are welcome!

9pm-1am at Hill House, 74 Joy St., (Beacon Hill) Boston. DJ-Claire
$4 (more if you can, less if you can't) Childcare provided

Sponsored by AMETHYST WOMEN

SATURDAY MARCH 10, 4-10pm
A CITY-WIDE WOMEN'S GATHERING
4-6pm Discussions-
To strategize for the future:
-How to build effective coalitions.
-How to diversify: dealing with our differences in class background, race, ethnicity, sexual preference.
6-8pm Potluck dinner and slide shows.
8-10pm Entertainment
Featuring:
• A brief talk by a Palestinian woman
• A report by a woman who recently returned from the coffee brigades in Nicaragua
• A presentation on women in Action in South Africa
• THE GIRLILLAS

At the Church of the Covenant
67 Newbury Street, Boston
(Green line to Arlington station)
Bring your favorite food or beverage (non-alcoholic) to share.
-Childcare provided
-ASL interpreted
-Wheelchair assistance available
Sponsored by the Women's Center and Women's Pentagon Action
ALL WOMEN AND CHILDREN WELCOME!
IN SOLIDARITY...

On Monday March 12 there will be an evening of solidarity with Salvadoran and Nicaraguan Women. This will be held at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave., at 7:30pm. This will feature Silvia Sandoval from A.M.E.S. (The Association of Salvadoran Women) and will present a unique opportunity to work with our sisters in Central America through the Madre-to-Madre material aid campaign. Basta-ya, a slide show on Nicaraguan Women will be shown.

refreshments/ $2 donation requested to cover traveling expenses.
Sponsored by C.A.S.A.

GUATEMALA: THE UNTOLD STORY
Slide show- Beartiz Manz
Thursday April 5, 7pm at the Central Square Library, 45 Pearl St., Cambridge. For more info. call Mobilization for Survival 354-0008

MORE EVENTS

ESPECIALLY FOR THE DORCHESTER COMMUNITY
Dorchester's Annual International Women's Day Celebration. This year's theme: "Women organizing Women: Making Herstory"
9:30am-4:30pm at the Grover Cleveland School, 11 Charles St. (Field's Corner) March 10, 1984
Speakers, skits, etc., etc., for more info. call Gerry Wickie at 265-8195

WMER FM 88.1 Sunday March 11
24 hours of International Women's Day Programing!

A highlight:
10:30-11:30pm Sampling of original tunes by ten New England based jazz groups which are led by women.

An International Women's Day event is planned to show our support and solidarity with Central American Women. It's an evening to celebrate women's accomplishments and to look ahead to our future in the U.S. and internationally.

The main speaker is a sister from Casa Nicaragua, New York, and a member of AMNLAE (Women's Association of Nicaragua, Luisa Amanda Espinosa). Music is by The Rainbow Coalition Band, dance by Denison House Dance Troupe.

This will be held March 10 7:30pm at Roxbury Community College, 625 Huntington Ave., Boston.
Kennedy Building, Room 307.
Suggested donation-$3.50

Sponsored by: Women's Committee to Celebrate International Women's Day and the Alliance Against Women's Oppression.

Childcare provided (call 288-06)
Wheelchair accessible

contra dance

Folk Dance

Taught and called by Cindy Green

Beginners encouraged to come (no partner necessary). All are welcome.
7:30-11pm at the First Congregational Church, 11 Garden St.
Cambridge. $5 donation
Saturday March 10, 1984

Refreshments, tapes, t-shirts on sale.

Live music by LIBANA and friends
Sponsored by LIBANA
DISARM!

DISARMAMENT IN ACTION:
GREENHAM COMMON/SENeca PEACE ENCAMPMENT. Speaker: Sue Bolton Award winning video: Stronger Than Before produced by the Women's Video Collective.
Saturday, March 31 7pm at the church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury Street, Boston (Green line, Arlington Street Station) Donation requested $2.00 Sponsored by MOB and the New England Campaign to Stop the Euromissiles 4926446.

"Save Your Vision"
Month

FREE 15 minute vision assessments throughout the month of March at the Boston Eye Clinic, 472 Commonwealth Ave. (Kenmore Sq.)

To schedule an appointment, call 536-4252

WOMEN AND POVERTY IN MASS:
AN URGENT AGENDA.
Why are Women and children in Massachusetts becoming impoverished? What should be done about it?

A conference, open to all those concerned with these issues, will be held from 9am-5pm on Sat. April 14 at the Harbor Campus of U. Mass. Boston.
- Wheelchair accessible
- Signed for the hearing impaired
- Some workshops will be conducted in spanish

The registration fee is $5 (if you can afford it) and includes lunch. Childcare can be provided if you register by April 7th. To pre-register, send a check payable to U. Mass./Women in Poverty Conference, and your name, address, and phone number to: Women's Studies Program/Women in Poverty Conference, U. Mass Harbor Campus, Boston, MA 02125. Red line (Ashmont train) to JFK U. Mass station, free shuttle bus from there (free parking also).

SAME STRUGGLE/SAME FIGHT
A forum for the gay and straight community on the medical, social and political implications of AIDS as a public health issue.
Thursday, March 15
Old Cambridge Baptist Church
1151 Mass. Ave. (Harvard Sq.)
Sponsored by: Mobilization for Survival, AIDS Action Committee, and Hatian Committee on AIDS.

abortion update

A proposed amendment which, if passed, would allow the State legislature to regulate or prohibit the private or public funding of abortion or the provision of services or facilities thereof, will be voted on by the legislature at a constitutional convention sometime this year. This amendment threatens to discriminate against low income women by eliminating state funding of abortions and is one step closer to allowing the implementation of almost any restriction to abortion access in Mass. The implications of this legislation have an impact on all women.

Protest and let your opposition be heard by: Calling or writing your legislators and attending Voices for Choice Day on March 28. From 12-1pm attend a rally on the Common in front of the State House or call your representative that day to voice your opposition to this amendment.

The Mass. Coalition of Rape Crisis Centers (with representatives from Rape Crisis Centers across the state) are planning a rally around the New Bedford rape trial. Interested women please call Rape Crisis Center (492-RAPE) for further info.
Introductory Meetings
Open discussions Wednesdays at 8pm at the Women's Center
March 14 Roommates
March 21 Food Issues
March 28 Women Against Violence Against Women
April 4 Grief and Bereavement
April 11 Betrayal
April 18 Feminist Therapy
April 25 Addiction

the women's school

Registration for the spring term of the Women's School is happening now! This term's classes and workshops are: Marxism, Women in Revolutionary Societies, Lesbian Images, Women Discovering Herstory, Feminism and Literature, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes? Dance and Creative Movement, Self Defense, Demystifying the Arms Race: A Feminist Perspective, Freeing Our Emotions: Becoming Un-Stuck, American Sign Language Discussion Workshop, Wheelchair Repair, Breast Conditions. Register at the Women's Center; Thursday, March 8, 6-8PM; Friday, March 9, 12-2PM and 6-8PM; Saturday, March 10, 2-4PM. Classes are free, but donations are welcome and appreciated.

THE EMOTIONAL COUNSELING GROUP, a volunteer therapy collective at the Women's Center, is seeking new members willing to volunteer approximately 5 hrs per week. Regular meetings are held Wednesday evenings. Appropriate experience and education are required. We offer supervision, support, and in-service training.

Therapists in practice now who are willing to see low-fee clients, or save one space for a low-fee client, please get in touch with ECG.

Send resume to:
ECG
Cambridge Women's Cntr.
46 Pleasant St.
Cambridge, MA  02139

Celebrate National Women's History Week at the Jackson/Mann Community School
11am-5pm
500 Cambridge St., Allston
783-2770 for info.

Information booths, exhibits, theatre, music, discussions of workplace and political issues.

Childcare and Interpreters for the hearing impaired.
Spring, 1984


ABORTION RIGHTS

PRO-ABORTION, PRO-CHOICE legislative alert (S-1711 of 1982). S-1711 reads: "The General Court (i.e., the legislature) may regulate or prohibit private or public funding of abortion or the provision of services or facilities there for.

On January 4, 1983, the Massachusetts legislature passed the anti-abortion amendment in Constitutional Convention, 113 to 56. The amendment must be approved a second time in Constitutional Convention, called by May 9, 1984, for it to appear on the November ballot. At that time, if a majority of voters approve the measure, it will become law.

What will happen if it becomes law? The General Court or State Legislature could:
- immediately eliminate Medicaid and health insurance coverage for abortion
- ban abortion entirely should federal laws change
- require parental or spouse consent and/or notification
- require a 24-hour waiting period with "informed" consent based on viewing pictures of fetuses
- subject health workers involved in an abortion procedure to criminal penalties

Currently, both the Massachusetts and the U.S. Constitutions protect a woman's fundamental right to abortion. The federal protection takes precedence over any state action. Because of the possibility of changes at the federal level, the Massachusetts protection is important. Beyond that, Massachusetts law requires state funding of abortions for low income women under its Medicaid program; the U.S. Constitution has no such requirements.

What can you do?
-Inform people you know and work with of the serious threat to our right to choose if and when we want to have children
-Join the fight to preserve and strengthen our reproductive rights and specifically to defeat an anti-abortion referendum in 1984. Call the Women's Center at 354-8807 or Planned Parenthood at 492-0518 for more information

Women's Art Fund

Susan Bright, a well known local photographer who has exhibited her work at the Women's Center in the past and is currently exhibiting at the Louisiana Worldwide Exhibition, is planning to have another exhibit at the Women's Center's Art Gallery.

From the exhibit a book of photographs will be published and distributed throughout the greater Boston area. Susan will be donating all of the proceeds from the sale of the book to establish a women's art fund through the Women's Center to help other women artists to exhibit their work.

Any contributions to the WomenArts project would be greatly appreciated and tax deductible.
THE NESTLE BOYCOTT HAS SUCCEEDED!
Consumer activism organized by the Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFAC) has finally forced the multinational Nestle corporation to discontinue its unethical infant formula marketing practices. "It is people out on the streets of Boston who made this happen," said Nancy Cole, Boston Campaign Center Director, who called the victory a "first in consumer activism."

For the next 6 months, INFAC will be monitoring the implementation of the agreement.

MENOPAUSE COLLECTIVE OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday May 9, 5:30-6:30pm

In many aspects of our lives we have been unprepared. Menopause is something we often have little understanding of. There is much interesting information available, and we hope to explore this and our own feelings about menopause.
We invite English and Spanish speaking women of all ages to meet and talk with us at the Center.

WOMEN'S PENTAGON ACTION
Will have a speak out workshop in early May, And an AVCO Action in June. Info: Bonnie Howser at 354-0008.

UPDATE
BATTERED WOMEN'S DIRECTORY PROJECT
You may remember reading our request last December for donations to meet a challenge grant we were offered by the Levi Strauss Foundation. We were raising this money to set up a fund to cover the printing costs of the next edition of the Directory.

Good news! By the end of January we secured the full amount needed to obtain the challenge grant. We have received $760 in individual donations, $500 from the Charles & Sara Goldberg Charitable Trust, $2,500 from the Pittway Foundation and $3000 from the Globe Foundation.

We thank all of you who have supported us in reaching our goal. Your contribution made the difference between failure and success!
HELP!!

ROSIE'S PLACE
Urgently needs volunteers to work on the dinner shift, and to do overnight shifts. Please call 536-4652.

Would you be willing to provide a temporary home for a child or children of women who need a break? A few weeks rest can allow a woman in crisis, with few resources, to cope with her many responsibilities. If interested, please call the Women's Center at 354-8807 and leave a message for Hilary.

BOYCOTT SACK THEATRES
BOYCOTT SACK CONCESSION STANDS
For the past five years the Disabled Peoples Liberation Front has been involved in a struggle to gain equal access for physically challenged people to all Sack theatres. Your support is needed.

You can play a vital part in our struggle:
--by not patronizing any Sack Theatre
--if you choose to go in, by not buying snacks at the concession stand
--by writing to A. Alan Friedburg, Sack Theatres, 141 Tremont Street, Boston, MA, in support of the demands of the Disabled Peoples Liberation Front.

For more info. call 825-7704.

The Center needs your help to match a recent grant of $4,500 received from the Boston Globe in December. In order to get this money we must raise dollar-for-dollar matching contributions from the public. All contributions welcome, no matter how small. Every dollar counts! Checks payable to Women's Educ. Center, 46 Pleasant Street, Camb. MA 02139. Please note at the bottom of the check that it is a matching grant donation.

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center is in serious need of donations at this time because of the Reagan administration's decision to levy Social Security tax on all non-profit organizations. The funding received from Dept. of Public Health covers only the salaries of the three part-time staff. The Center's only other income comes from speaking fees and donations. Contributions are tax deductible, and checks can be made out to: Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, c/o the Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA 02139.
AT THE CENTER

BATTERED WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS
Every Monday at 6:30pm and every Wednesday at 11:30am.

INTRODUCTORY DISCUSSIONS
Wednesdays, 8-10pm, all women welcome. April 25: addiction. Call 354-8807 for upcoming topics or more info.

LESBIAN LIBERATION
Meets every Thursday, 8-10pm.

FAT LIBERATION
Next meetings: April 24, May 29, 7:30-9pm.

JEWISH WOMEN'S OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP
April 27: Yom Ha'Shoah: Holocaust Remembrance Day - an evening of ritual, song and sharing. May 10: Feedback. 7:30 - 10pm. $1.50 donation requested.

INCEST RESOURCES
Open discussion group for women with incest histories, third Thursday of each month, 7:30-9:30pm, childcare provided. Topics: May 17: sexuality; June 21: support.

CROSS-CULTURAL DISCUSSION GROUP
Next meeting, Monday May 21, 7:30-9pm.

COMING OUT GROUP
Mondays, 7-9 pm.

YOUNGER LESBIANS
A support and discussion group for women 22 and younger, meets every Tuesday, 6-8pm.

WOZA - WOMEN OF COLOR ORGANIZING FOR ACTION - has started meeting at the Center. Call for info.

AROUND TOWN

WOMEN OF COLOR CONFERENCE
Saturday, April 28, 9am-6pm, at Mass. College of Art, 640 Huntington Ave., Boston. 445-5900 days.

"FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES"
A conference about AIDS, Sat., April 28, 9:30am-5pm, Don Bosco High, 300 Tremont St., Boston. $5 registration fee. Info: 267-7573.

U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Developing Nations: A Senate Candidates Debate: Senate candidates will engage in a major debate of U.S. foreign policy in Central America, Southern Africa, and the Middle East at Faneuil Hall on May 2 at 7:30pm. For further info call Mobilization for Survival at 354-0008 or Haymarket at 426-1909.

ASIAN SISTERS IN ACTION

ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE IN 1984 invites you to attend a "Litany of Outrage", Saturday May 5, 12-4pm. Speakers, entertainment, food and drink, etc. Location to be announced. Call 266-7100 for info.

RUMMAGE SALE for Mobilization for Survival, Saturday, May 12, 11am-4pm, at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave, Cambridge. Your clothes, toys, appliances, and furniture are needed. To donate items, or volunteer to help, call 354-0008.
ON OUR WAY

Newsletter of the Women's Center
46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
Telephone: (617) 354-8807
TTY AND VOICE

SUMMER, 1984

PEACE MARCH AND RALLY

A march and rally with the theme: Vote No to War - Build Peace and Justice in '84" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22 in Boston. The march will begin by assembling at noon at three different sites - Waterfront Park, Blackstone Park, and Copley Square to gather at the Charles Street side of the Boston Common for a 2:00 p.m. rally, where there will be a program of speakers and entertainers. The demonstration is one of many protests that will happen nationwide.

As women we have borne the brunt of Reagan's policies: basic, hard won struggles resulting in affirmative action program, civil rights legislation, abortion rights, and many other rights fundamental to women have been overturned, dismantled, or threatened. At the same time Reagan's foreign policy, in an effort to stop social progress in the world, has intensified the suffering and oppression of women everywhere, particularly in South Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. One result has been to threaten our very existence, as the danger of nuclear war becomes ever more imminent. Women are paying for this military build-up by being forced to sacrifice basic social and economic programs, including health care, welfare benefits, education, job training programs, and even our jobs.

More than ever women are being acknowledged as a force to be reckoned with. A show of strength on September 22 can represent not only our opposition to Reaganism, but also our unity in demanding that whoever is elected will be accountable to us.

PROJECT MISSING

Show Washington and your fellow voters what you are "missing" because of the current Administration's policies and what you will be "missing" if they are reelected.

BRING an expression of what your, your family, or your community are "missing" to the Boston Common at 2 p.m. on September 22.

All objects will be photographed and cataloged. Catalogues will be mailed to President Reagan.

Your expression will be on display during the rally, but PLEASE be prepared to take your objects home.

Start now to prepare what you will bring!!
For more information call 354-0008.

BENEFIT for the September 22 Rally

Saturday, September 8th, 9pm - 2a., at 939 Boylston St., Boston (across from the Hines Auditorium). "Celebrity Night Dance Party". An evening of music and dancing will include a special appearance by one of Boston's more popular rock and roll bands.

MUST BE 20 YEARS OR OLDER.
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
RECEPTION ON SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2-5pm
Susan Bright will be exhibiting 20
of her black and white prints of
local women SEPT. 9 THROUGH SEPT. 30

BOOK SALE
TO BENEFIT LIBRARY/ARCHIVES
The Women's Center Library - The Archives
of the Contemporary Boston Area Women's
Movement will be having a book sale at
the Center, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd from
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Hundreds of paperbacks,
hardbacks, feminist journals,
records and posters will be on sale!

All donations of saleable items
appreciated - please leave at the
Center for Library Collective.

The Library and Archives, located on
the 3rd floor of the Center, has a
large and varied collection of books,
in addition to periodicals and
literature documenting the history
of the Women's Movement, nationally
and internationally.

The Library Collective is always in
need of more members. Please call
and leave a message for us at the Center.
The Library is open during the
Women's Center hours.

WOMEN'S SCHOOL
THE WOMEN'S SCHOOL fall term begins
the week of October 1. Registration is
Sept. 20, 21, 27, 28, 29. Watch for
brochure last week in August. Some
classes and workshops include: Self-
Defense, Demystifying the Arms Race,
Women who Smoke, A Central America
Primer, Welfare Rights, Bicycle
Repair, Marxism, Wheelchair Repair,
Energy Conservation, Civil Disobedience
Workshop and more.

CHAIRLIFT UPDATE
WE ARE PURCHASING a wheelchair lift
which will hopefully be installed
very soon.

OPEN HOUSE
AT THE WOMEN'S CENTER
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30
1-5pm
All women and your
children welcome

ONGOING GROUPS
Battered Women's Support Group
Introductory Discussions
Lesbian Liberation
Fat Liberation
Jewish Women's Open Discussion Group
Incest Resources
Cross-Cultural Discussion Group
Coming Out Group
Women of Color Organizing for Action
Boston Bisexual Women's Network

DROP-IN
DISCUSSION GROUP
FOR WOMEN
WITH INCEST HISTORIES
Meets 7:30 - 9:30 pm
THIS SERIES WILL INCLUDE:
• September 20th - Ending The Silence
• October 18th - Childhood
• November 15th - Memories
• December 20th - Family
Free childcare is provided.
SURVIVOR'S NEWSLETTER COLLECTIVE

We are a new group at the Women’s Center, with the project of putting out a newsletter called “For Crying Out Loud: A Newsletter for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse”. The newsletter combines personal stories, book reviews, resources, fiction and poetry of and by survivors. We would very much like feedback and support from other feminists. Also, we need help in distributing the newsletter to women who may not yet be aware of the growing resources for women survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Please let us know if you are a part of a group that might help to get the newsletter out. Although we hope to be financed through subscriptions, we would be delighted to provide free copies for battered women’s shelters, etc. (Also, free copies are available at the Women's Center)

WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN LEBANON

Women for Women is a Boston-based group of Arab, Arab-American and American women formed in October of 1982 following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. They support, through fund-raising and informational activities, the efforts of Palestinian and Lebanese women in recovering from the tragedies of war. 354-7001

THE BOSTON BISEXUAL WOMEN'S NETWORK

The Boston Bisexual Women's Network (BBWN) has been warmly welcomed by the local women's community in its first year of operation. It offers ongoing support groups, regular topical discussions, introductory meetings, social events and participation in working on the newsletter, in the feminist study group, the political action group (BiPAC) and the coordinating committee. In just months, BBWN has grown from an original group of 30 women to over 300 women on the mailing list. It is open to all women at no cost, although donations are encouraged through annual membership dues of $10, which are its only source of income.

General meetings are held every other month. The next one will be on September 14 at 7:00 p.m., upstairs at Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin Street, where Bisexuality and Feminism will be discussed. Introductory meetings, also bi-monthly, will be held at the Cambridge Women's Center. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor. For other events or more information on BBWN write to P.O. Box 1534, Jamaica Plain 02130 or call 576-8612.

VOLUNTEER!

THE BATTERED WOMEN’S DIRECTORY PROJECT needs volunteers: to proofread, edit and research. Call Betsy: 492-5630.

VOLUNTEERS needed to join the WOMEN’S RESOURCE DIRECTORY at the Women's Center in Cambridge. The Directory is for women in the Boston area and includes feminist, alternative and traditional resources, in an effort to widen the range of options for women and increase the possibility that needs will be met. To join contact Sharon Donovan at 864-0965.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING to provide a temporary home for a child or children of women who need a break? A few weeks rest can allow a woman in crisis, with few resources, to cope with her many responsibilities. If interested, please call the Women’s Center at 354-8807 and leave a message for Hilary.

TRANSITION HOUSE (a shelter for battered women) is going to be training volunteers in late September. Call 354-2676

NOT IN OUR NAME:

Women's Resistance Action
Sunday & Monday, November 18 & 19, 1984

MEETING SEPT. 18 7:30 pm

CALL FOR WOMEN interested in organizing for the NOT IN OUR NAME feminist resistance action at 7:30 p.m.

Location to be announced, childcare provided and will be in Women's Center accessible space. ASL interpreted if needed (call Julie at 547-2545 eves. before 9/14). CALL THE CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S CENTER FOR DETAILS