

The Women's Political Appointments Coalition continued efforts to introduce women to opportunities for community service through appointments to government boards and commissions.

The WPAC Chair, VCCFW Commissioner, Jeannette Scovill spoke before the Oxnard Chapter of Soroptimists International at the September, 1992, meeting. The talk entitled, "Don't Be Late For Your Appointment", led to a feature interview on the WPAC and the Commission in the Oxnard Press Courier. Commissioners Weingardt and Scovill were interviewed.

A workshop with panelists was held in November, 1992, at Moorpark College. The Women's Re-entry Center was the co-sponsor for the event. The speakers included Commissioner Scovill as moderator, Former Chair of the Commission Kathy Long speaking on the formation of the WPAC and reviewing the WPAC Talent Bank Application Process, Thousand Oaks City Clerk Nancy Dillion on the role of City Clerks in the Appointments Process, Moorpark Planning Commissioner Christina Mae, Ventura County Transportation Commissioner Nancy Grasmehr, Thousand Oaks Mayor Judy Lazar and Ventura County Supervisor, Vicki Howard. This comprehensive and inclusive group of speakers was able to explain the appointments process at each level of government and cover what might be expected of an appointee. Some appointments were made as a result of this event. Special thanks to former VCCW staff member Bonnie Warrington for her assistance with the event. Also, special recognition of the efforts of Commissioner Weingardt.

Several colleges held Women's Events: Oxnard College in the fall of 1992; California Lutheran's Creative Options on Saturday, March 6, 1993; and Camarillo Women's Day on April 17, 1993. Former VCCW Chair Kathy Long represented the Commission at each of these events. Current VCCW Chair Celeste Weingardt assisted her at Camarillo Women's Day. Kathy Long assisted the National Women's Political Caucus at Creative Options. An information table about VCCW was also available: Commissioners Rogalsky and Bysshe were on hand to answer questions.

WPAC information and talent bank forms were distributed by The League of Women Voters at KBBY'S Women's Day in October, 1992. Commissioner Weingardt, along with Barbara Kern, Ventura City Clerk, spoke before the West County Chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus in February, 1993.

Our first Mentoring event was a presentation by WPAC Chair Jeannette Scovill and Thousand Oaks Mayor Judy Lazar at a California Lutheran College, Women's Re-entry Brown Bag Lunch. We are indebted to Mayor Lazar for her participation in two WPAC events within one working year. The event drew students, instructors and community participants.

Jeannette Scovill, chairperson  
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The Commission for Women continues to monitor Child Care conditions in Ventura County through periodic attendance of seminars and workshops and active membership in the Ventura County Child Care Network. The Network, headed by Debbie Bergevin, the County Child Care Coordinator, is made up of members of the professional child care community and representatives of the individual citys' Child Care Councils.

During the month of April, each of the City Child Care Councils held a "Day in the Park" event to promote community awareness about quality child care and to provide a day of fun and activities for young children and their families. A well-attended Child Care Rally was held at the County Government Center as well.

Other areas of activity in Child Care during the past year include:

- \* Active lobbying by network members for the passage of AB285, (Jack O'Connell) which will allow two additional school-age children in family child care homes. While the bill has already been amended in committee to remain a pilot project for two more years and to be extended only to a couple more counties rather than statewide, the network is still very supportive of this measure.
- \* All of the City Child Care Councils now have current directories except Oxnard, which is in the process of developing one.
- \* The Network is in the process of updating the Child Care Plan for Federal Block Grants.
- \* Hickory-Dickory-Dock, the county's child care center for mildly ill children which is also open to subscribing businesses will remain open, at least for the immediate future. It had been threatened with closure because of proposed budget cuts and a drop in attendance.
- \* Two new head start centers and two new state pre-schools have opened in the county this past year. AMGEN has opened a child care facility for its employees.
- \* Child Care Aware continues their campaign to educate families on quality child care, and Family to Family has had great success with their accreditation courses in Child Development through Oxnard College. (Both programs are part of Child Development Resources, Inc.)
- \* The Simi Valley/Moorpark Child Care Council now offers Infant/Child/Adult CPR and other pertinent child care related classes. The network has been discussing how best to provide