



C. Health Committee:

1. Commissioner Thomas reported that each hospital is doing a health outreach program limited especially for low income families, with special respect to pre-natal care. Commissioner Thomas will set up a guest speaker on this issue.
2. Teen Pregnancy Task Force - Next meeting is June 2. Concentration will be on strategies to address high-risk girls.

D. Education/Employment Committee:

1. Commissioner Huffman reported on new Legislation, most specifically having to do with reducing gun violence in school campuses and on gender equality.
2. Commissioner Rogalsky raised concerns about what happens to youth who have been expelled for firearms or for other reasons. Where do they go? What happens to them after they are out of the system?
3. Commissioner Thomas noted aspects of the law which require gender equality. School monies for athletics is not equally distributed for girls and boys. Chairperson Weingardt asked Commissioner Thomas to bring figures to our next meeting.

E. Political Appointments Coalition:

1. Commissioner Rogalsky reported that JTPC has Board openings. It is important to put women on this Committee. Air Pollution Control District also has openings.
2. Commissioner Rogalsky shared Talent Bank information and format from NWPC.
3. The Appointments Coalition needs more members from representative organizations to assist with the talent bank process. Chairperson Weingardt urged Commissioners to distribute talent Bank forms in the other organizations to which we belong. Copies of forms will be included in our next packet.

F. Public Relations

1. Commissioner Boncich asked for any articles or pictures which we have from events, ongoing



projects and/or newspaper articles. She is compiling our scrapbook.

2. Law Forum: Chairperson Weingardt reported good participation from other organizations. Chairperson Weingardt is developing the mailer. La Familia, NOW and Supervisor Lacy's office are aggressively promoting the forum, scheduled for June 4 at Sheridan Way school in Ventura. Flyers are in Spanish, as well as English. Attempts are being made to provide Spanish language translators of the event, perhaps as a voice-over on video.
3. Commissioner Siegel has agreed to chair the Salute to Woman again. Potentially it will be held at the Tower Club on October 8. Zonta of Ventura County is offering to co-sponsor. They have pledged \$500.00; 9 Zonta members have signed up to work on the program. Commissioner Siegel moved and Commissioner Rogalsky seconded \$1,500.00 as seed money for the event. Last year, we broke even. Commissioner Siegel asked for committee members from the Commissioner.

#### G. Assembly of Representatives

1. Commissioner Steffey distributed the Women's Calendar of Events and the Women's Directory of Services. Work was donated by Melissa Hall. Chairperson Weingardt announced that Jamie Leigh, through the Coalition Against Domestic Sexual Violence, is developing a data bank of women's resources. Chairperson Weingardt suggested that we fold our own Directory of Services into that effort.
2. Chairperson Weingardt asked Commission to think about the function of the Assembly of Representatives, especially if the Directory is folded into the Coalition data bank. The commission agreed to hold the discussion until after new officers are elected in June.

#### H. Monitors/Liaisons

- a. Legislative - In Commissioner McGrath's absence, Chairperson Weingardt sent around a list of current legislation. At our June meeting, the Commission will discuss the Domestic Partnership Act.
- b. Woman's Shelters - Discussion was held on public housing.



c. Housing - Bonnie Warrington gave a brief overview of Habitat for Humanity's efforts in the Simi area post-earthquake.

d. Child Care - Commissioner Steffey reported on the Child Care Planning Council (April 25) See pink sheet. Commissioner Steffey handed out information on chicken pox, SIDS, County Support Groups, a menopause symposium, and a symposium on circumcision and genital mutilation.

Commissioners discussed a need to distribute health information to parents. Commissioner Steffey will contact Judy Seyles at the County Schools office as a first step.

e. Other CFW's - Commissioner Bysshe reported on Gleanings. Emphasis was on Brown Act, Sweatshops and legislation.

Commissioner Thomas noted NIH's difficulty in securing woman for their study, due to strict requirements. Commissioner Thomas will bring information to the June meeting including information as to whether equally strict requirements are applied in men's studies.

#### 6. Special Presentation - Leadership Skills

Commissioner Harrion and Commissioner Huffman made a presentation on Leadership Skills, which they defined as survival skills in our journey through life. The keypoints were:

Managing our activities within our time Managing our health (physical and mental) Nurturing strategies.

Two tools for successfully doing these require discipline; and all should be handled with humor. Women need to develop the ability to say no, and without guilt. "What you don't do clear the way to do things you want to do." Each of us needs a plan that we stick to, "be consistent in their process." Delegate when we have too many things to do, something has to give... set realistic expectations.

We are rarely given directions in how to deal with conflict and stress. Consider taking a mental position of a neutral, friendly "reporter" when dealing with conflicts in your life.

7. Discussion postponed until after election of new officers.
8. Commissioners comments and announcements.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.