



# OWL

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## Older Women's League

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### FALL KICK-OFF OWL MEETING

Sept. 11, 1988, 2-4 p.m., Woman's Hospital

"How the Texas Legislature Controls Your Social Security," is the topic of the talk being given by Gloria DeYoung, who is running for the Texas House of Representatives. Two issues of primary concern to her are: 1) the need to insure long term financial planning in the Texas Legislature and 2) increasing the voice of women in the State Legislature which currently is comprised of only 9% women.

We invite you to come join us and bring a friend so that together we may learn and grow.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Included in this newsletter and for your study is a sheet, "Issues for '88: An OWL Agenda." As OWLs we need to inform ourselves about our issues, become more focused and, therefore, more effective about getting the results we want in the elections. Women vote differently than men and experts predict that 10 million more women than men will go to the polls, so we can make a difference.

The Houston Area Chapter OWL (and the newly forming Texas OWL chapter) are now in the process of voter registration. Won't you help us? It's easy and fun and gives opportunity for OWL involvement. Call us to say yes.

Of course, as you work on voter registration, please be reminded that OWL as a non-profit organization, cannot directly or indirectly support or oppose any federal, state, or local candidate for elective office. However, as individuals, members of OWL are, of course, free to engage in

partisan activities. The bottom line is "to use good common sense."

#### HOUSTON AREA OWLS

- \*\* Marjorie Rice has taped a video on older women for the Houston Area Chapter OWLs. A big thanks to you Marjorie. It is in the chapter's program plans for the near future.
- \*\* Mattie Perry is the new OWL representative to the Silver Haired Legislature.
- \*\* Jo Taylor and Coreen Norton did OWL voter registration with the Healthy Hearts Club at Memorial City Mall.
- \*\* Best wishes to Mary Jane Hurlbert, OWL member, and Al Sevcik, to be married on Sept. 16th.
- \*\* Mattie Perry is doing OWL voter registration on a continuing basis at Gulf Coast Community Senior Services.
- \*\* Harriet Morford and Mildred Love are sending an S.O.S. for getting out the newsletter. Won't you call the office and say you'll help, even a "little?"

#### NEW OWL CHAPTER

An OWL chapter, as yet nameless, is about to be born! On Sept. 7, 1988 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the YWCA, 1370 N. Millbend, The Woodlands, TX, 77380, there will be an organizational meeting to introduce the community to OWL. There will be a free salad buffet and everyone (men and women of any age, who have the power to enrich the lives of older women) is invited. Houston Area OWLs are needed too. RSVP 292-8844 or 292-6503.

#### YOUR VOICES MUST BE HEARD

The Family and Medical Leave Act will be before both the House and Senate in September. It is entirely possible that an amendment may be offered to the House bill (H.R. 925) which would eliminate the provision of leave in order to care for a parent. The Senate bill, S. 2488, contains no elder care provisions. OWL members need to inform their congressmen of the importance of job-protected leave to care for parents.

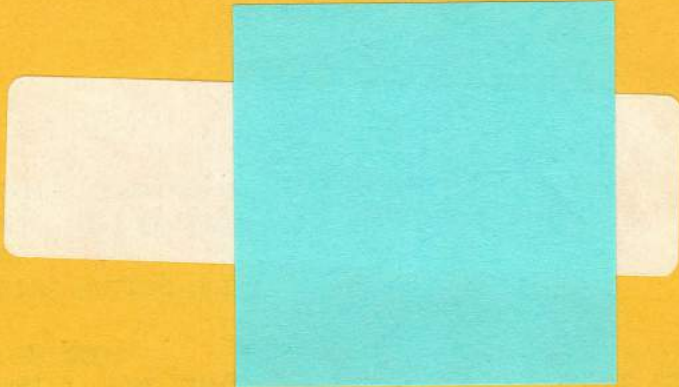
Minimum Wage --ready for House and Senate floor action in September. Opposition to the bill by the business community has been fierce. Both chambers would be considering minimum wage bills that would raise the wage floor from its current \$3.35 an hour to \$4.55 over a three-year period. The president has said he would favor a dollar increase, but is opposed to raising the minimum to \$4.55.

OWL members, please urge your representatives and senators to support this modest increase in the minimum wage.

#### POTPOURRI

This is a new newsletter feature of announcements concerning other women's groups of interest to our diverse OWL membership.

- Women's group -- First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore, meets every Suncay. It's a forum for women from all backgrounds to share ideas and experiences -- no particular ideology required, no dues, casual dress.
- Texas Reproductive Rights Conference-- A Day of Workshops on the Political, Technological and Psychological Aspects of Choice -- Sept. 24, 1988; 8:30-4:00 p.m., University of Houston, University Center, Sponsored by National Organization for Women (N.O.W.)
- Directory of Services for Older Adults  
Call City of Houston  
HHS Dept. Office on Aging, 794-9000.  
Free, very comprehensive
- L.O.A.F. ( Lesbians Over Age Fifty) is a social networking group for senior women that meets the 3rd Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m. at Autry House, 6265 S. Main. For information, call 661-1482 or write P.O.Box 980601, Houston, TX. 77098-0601.
- Pacesetters -- First United Methodist Church  
1320 Main at Clay  
Call Mildred Beaschler, Director  
Seminars, luncheons, book reviews, travel.



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