



NEWSLETTER
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WOMEN'S CAUCUS
of the
Southern Sociological Society

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CO-ORDINATOR'S CONFUSION
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It has been a hard but somewhat productive year for the Women's Caucus of the Southern Sociological Society, Our last meeting in Atlanta did not give specific guidelines for the coordination of Caucus goals even though we were reasonably clear in identifying those goals. Basically they were to:

- a) increase women's participation in the next annual meeting of the Southern Society
- b) strengthen Caucus membership
- c) establish a communication mechanism for the Caucus
- d) move towards an effective organizational structure

I will address these goals as I report on the year's activities.

The most successful efforts have been toward increasing women's participation in the next SSS meeting. For those who may not know, that meeting will be in Washington, D.C., April 9-12. As carried in the Southern Sociologist, the number of sessions focusing on women and/or minorities has increased as has the involvement of women in SSS sessions overall. This success is most directly attributable to the hard work of Marjorie Chowning, Marguerite Howie, and Pat Martin. When you see them' in Washington remember to say a small "Thanx!!"

Everyone should make it a point to attend as many of these sessions as possible. And encourage others to attend. Not only are they informative sessions, dealing with issues of sociological concern, but the Caucus can succeed in making women a permanent- and integral part of SSS meetings to the degree that participation is active and visible. So go to those sessions! ! !

Sessions:

Sex Roles in Modern Society - Paula Goldsmid

Marriage and the Family - Marguerite Howie

Sociology of Religion - Barbara Hargrove

Gerontology - Ruth Albrecht

The Black Community - Jualynne Dodson

Women and Minorities - Alan Bayer

Work on strengthening Caucus membership was part and parcel of our communications goal for the year. We felt that if we were able to disseminate an effective newsletter to a large number of SSS women then we would increase Caucus membership rolls. The newsletter project is only partially successful and that success is due primarily to the efforts of Marguerite Howie. Very much on her own, Marguerite produced and distributed the first edition of our Newsletter. Were it not for the tardiness of this Coordinator, Marguerite would have had this second edition in your hand a month ago. Be sure to thank Marguerite twice! ! !

At the Atlanta meeting, the Caucus agreed upon a loosely structured arrangement to carry out the identified goals. Early in the year we found out that those persons with specific Caucus' tasks would have to get together. Thus far, that has not happened although we have limped along using letters and a conference call to accomplish our work. This will not substitute for structure-however arranged-and the entire organizational issue will be high on the agenda for the Washington Caucus meeting.

The Caucus will convene on Friday, April 1 lth at 8:30 p.m. in the room assigned to us. Please pass the word and we'll try to put up posters!!!

Those persons who have carried out Caucus' tasks for the year, meet on Friday morning, 8:00 a.m., April 10th in Patricia Martin's room at the Hilton. And if I can't confirm this with Pat, we'll meet in front of her room and go from there!!!

FROM THE DESK OF SUE HESSELBART
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SPACE FOR WOMEN'S CAUCUS AT THE SOUTHERN MEETINGS

We have space reserved for us at the April meetings of the Southern Sociological Society of 1975. We will have the same room everyday for the late afternoon and evenings. The room will be large enough to hold at least 30-50 people. Dr. Jennie McIntyre of the University of Maryland is the individual of the SSS in charge of space arrangements and will be in touch with us to give us more details. We're trying for a room that is centrally located and the chances seem good.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF SOCIOLOGISTS

The Florida Conference of Sociologists was an opportunity for Florida Sociologists to get together and exchange ideas. Sessions were on the informal side. This year, the conference was held on the afternoon of February 21 (Friday) and the morning of Saturday, February 22, and were jointly sponsored by Florida State University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee. We held sessions on the role of women and minorities in Sociology, unionization and collective bargaining, the role of Sociology in social change and other goodies.

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From those present at the brainstorming caucus at the SSS meeting in '74, \$57 was collected to provide working funds for the year. Editor Marguerite Howie absorbed the cost of the first newsletter. She has been advanced \$10 toward the second newsletter. The account cost \$2.67 to open leaving a current balance of \$44.33.

Come to the '75 meeting armed with ideas about the most fruitful ways to use the funds we do raise. Other organizations that I belong to use tote bags, bumper stickers (can be used as wall decorations), pins, jewelry, dinner dances, garage sales, etc. Perhaps none of these is appropriate for a professional organization, but they are set forth for your consideration. Therefore, use some of the powerful mental energy you usually use to help your students to solve their problems to help your professional sisters' problems.

SOCIOLOGISTS FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY

Susan Damell, former coordinator of the Women's Caucus is currently serving on the SSS's Committee on the Status of Women. Susan has communicated to Jualynne her willingness to take Caucus concerns back to the Committee, so don't gripe in private!!! Let the Caucus hear from you, we may be able to help!!!

SPECIAL PANEL

On April 10th at 7:30 p.m. the Committee on the Status of Women will sponsor a special panel dealing with the professional publications of women. This year, Jean Harris, A.S.A. Executive Specialist for Women and Minorities, will be participating. Everyone is urged to attend.

POSITION CHANGE

Dr. Paula L. Goldsmid is now a Dean at Oberlin University in Ohio. She has resigned the Chair of the SSS Committee on the Status of Women, though she has expressed the desire to remain active in the Southern Society.

NAME CHANGE

Marjorie. C. Chowning to Marjorie Jane Chandley. She reports that though it is not expected, in some jurisdictions one can, with some investment in time and persuasion, change one's name legally without hiring an attorney.

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR LITERATURE TABLE AT SSS MEETING

One of the suggestions made during the Womens' Caucus in 1974 was that we should have a literature table in our own room during the Meetings. Such a table, theoretically, would have things on it for perusal, browsing, information, and in some cases, for taking home.

The call is out now for materials for the literature table. Everyone is asked to contribute something, for the education of us all.

Suggestions for materials we are seeking include:

- 1) Syllabi for Women's Studies Courses or other courses relevant to women
- 2) Bibliographies, books, and book reviews relevant to Women's Studies
- 3) Materials on women in Academia
- 4) Pamphlets, materials on topics relevant to women in general: child care, rape, etc.
- 5) Anything else you think relevant!

If you have something you would like to display or contribute, please drop a brief line to Chris Rasche, coordinator of this effort, who will be arranging the space. She needs to know what you have, how much, whether you want to lend it for display only or are donating it, etc.

Please help-if each of us contributes one syllabus or one book or any other one idea, we all will be tremendously more informed!

Send ideas to: Chris Rasche
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The Statler-Hilton
April 9, 1975

Questionnaire to be sent or given to Marguerite Howie or Jualynne Dodson at the SSS, Statler-Hilton, Washington, D.C., April 10, 1975.

1. Identification:

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Department, Box, Apartment Number, etc. _____

College/University, Street Address _____

City State Zip Code

2. Proposed Membership Fees for the Women's Caucus of the Southern Sociological Society:

- \$1 _____ Student (Approve _____; Disapprove _____; Suggest _____)
- \$2 _____ Inst., Asst. Prof. (Approve _____; Disapprove _____; Suggest _____)
- \$3 _____ Assoc. Prof., Prof. (Approve _____; Disapprove _____; Suggest _____)
- \$1 _____ Non-Academic (Approve _____; Disapprove _____; Suggest _____)
- \$2 _____ Newsletter only - libraries (Approve _____; Disapprove _____; Suggest _____)

3. The Coordinator and Newsletter Editor of the Women's Caucus of the Southern Sociological Society request the following information from all members to be used internally in documenting patterns of occupational discrimination among our membership. Providing the requested information is voluntary and will be a nucleus for reporting in the Spring at the annual meeting.

If you are currently enrolled as a student:

Institution where enrolled _____

Degree currently sought and expected date _____

If you are currently employed or engaged in professional activity:

Position or rank (title) _____

Name of Department (if any) _____

Length of time at this employ (in years) _____

Work full time or part time _____

Education: Yr. rec'd Major field Institution

B.A. () _____

M.A. () _____

Ph.D. () _____

Total graduate semester credit hours: _____

Areas of specialty in Sociology

List up to three _____

Publications:

Number of articles _____

Number of monographs _____

Number of books _____

Do you presently have tenure? _____

Year of birth _____

Marital status _____

Number of children _____

Departmental Committees chaired by you: _____

College/University Committees chaired by you: _____
