

Victoria Voice of Women

February 1990 Newsletter

This year is the 30th anniversary of VOW birth! A celebration is planned for the fall in Ottawa or Toronto.

The world has changed in 30 years; in the beginning VOW was a clear but lonely voice for global survival; in recent years-thanks to our work, in part- we have had more company.

The last two years have seen great changes in Eastern Europe, the start of change in S. Africa, little change elsewhere. The new situation in the Warsaw countries and major disarmament initiatives confirm the value of our years of work. While the response of Canadians and other NATO citizens has been great welcome and relief, our governments still act with mistrust and fear of change.

There has been no substantial reduction in Canadian military spending, we still have troops in W. Europe, we still support a major armaments industry that supplies Canada and USA military and increasingly exports to the developing world. Canada does not condemn USA military aggression in Central America, we still test Cruise missiles and support NATO low level tests flights over our land and the establishment of a major NATO training base in Labrador.

VOW has much work to do; our goal of a war free of war and violence must be realized. We need to relate the imperative of global militarization by the industrial northern world of the rest of the globe to resource depletion, social oppression and environmental destruction. VOW has the experience and information to relate these issues to our situation locally and nationally as well as in the rest of the world. We need to work for the end of military structures and all that they represent -elitism, inequality, secrecy and threat- and ensure that the military are not given a new facade for domination in the form of the 'war on drugs' or saving the environment. We need to work to create new democratic social movements that will include all citizens in the process of creating a peaceful, just and healthy environment for all the world!

Terry Padgugan

Enclosed is a summary of our activities in 1989- another busy year!

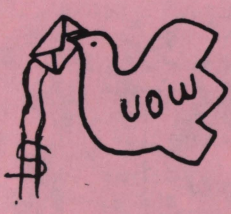
Please help publicize our supper theatre- if you can distribute more posters & flyersor to get your tickets soon....call Terry at 595-7519 (we sold out a week before last time).

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****If you have already paid your membership to BC VOW please call Linda 598-5662 so she can update the local list.

**** Our fees for low income is \$10 (or what you can afford) this barely covers the expense of newsletters-local, B.C. and national but we do not want exclude any woman on financial grounds.....but if you can possibly afford more up to our regular membership of \$25 and a donation we can contribute to the national office and increase local action! We have no other source of operational revenue except our members- and this has been an enduring strength - but we need your economic support to continue to work for a sane, safe and peaceful world!! So please help as much as you can!!!! If you want to work on local programs we d love to hear from you !!!

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January Steering Committee elected: Beth Hill, Betty Brightwell, Freda Knott, Valerie MacDermott, Marya Nyland, Terry Padgham. Leaflet: HUMAN DREAMS. NOT Nightares: printed. Donation to Nicaragua taken by Terry.

FEBRUARY VOW meeting with Honour Griffith "Changing ourselves, Changing the World".

MARCH Vow involved in International Women's Day-organized walk and events. Beth to National VOW board in Toronto. Meeting with Terry talk and slides on Nicaragua & Hanny Turner on Kenya.

APRIL "NATO out of NIASSIN" event Joyce Stewart organized. Terry VOW speaker. Annual Peace Walk- VOW representation & display.

Meeting on El Salvador with Salvadorian woman-human rights worker
MAY Meeting with potluck on Women in Africa.

JUNE Rally re ARENA taking power in El Salv. VOW Speakers.

Marion Dewar -speaker at meeting and potluck. Lydia Sayle meeting. Val's 70th birthday celebrated with treeplantng ceremony & strawberry tea. Rep. at Can. Peace Alliance conference. Maria Abbott joined steering committee & Freda Knott retired. Linda Siegel joined steering committee.

JULY VOW involved in CFUV radio series, also coalition to oppose militarization of Abbotsford airshow. VOW at Sandinista Fiesta.

August Public meeting- talk and slides by Chilean poet & author on Arpilleras, Marjoria Agosin. VOW support for film to be made on Arpilleras by VOW member Robin Hood. Hiroshima events co-sponsored by VOW.

September VOW public meeting & TV show on environment -Guy Dauncy.

October BC VOW conference at Schelt. Beth on organizing committee. Dorothy Livesay 80 birthday celebration there organized by Vic VOW. Also workshops. Maddy Gilchrist, Toronto VOW, guest speaker on "Women for Meaningful Summit".

Peace Wave tour of Japanese peace activists, cosponsored by VOW.

New leaflet on low level test flights prepared. Play "Sanctuary" co-sponsored.

November VOW involved in Global Village Festival. VOW meeting with slide show on Kathe Kollwitz and Freda Knott talking about women and changes in USSR society. Vow helped organize rally against arms meeting at Conference Centre with VOW speaker. Arpillera Exhibit at week of events.

DECEMBER Vow assists in formation of Emergency Aid to El Salvador Coalition -donations made. Anti-Wartoy TV interview, sale of our buttons & leaflet on Wartoys. Co-sponsor meeting on El Salv. VOW annual Christmas party with donations given to Women's Transition House. Mary Cox joins steering committee.

ON-GOING VOW speakers to schools, churches and other groups. Distribution of literature. VOW Representation on - Refugee Network, El Salv. Coalition, Pro-Canada Network, Global Village Network, Peace Walk Committee, BC VOW, International Women's Day Committee.

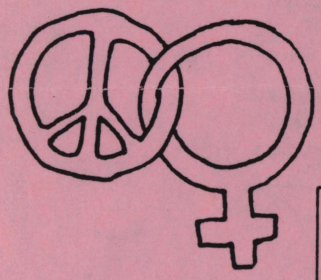
VIDEOS We own a number of videos available for members use. including "First Strike" about a USA woman jailed for damaging a military installation; "The Persons" about Canadian women; Media and Central America; RCMP harrassment; East Timor; Southern Africa; Environment & C. America; Refugee Women; Carmannah Valley. Call Terry 595-7519 to borrow.

FOR SALE our own T-shirts, aprons, shopping bags and sports caps- great gifts or for you and great advertising & fundraisers for VOW.
Resource information, books etc. Call Mary Cox 386-7934 for access.

.....and Coming right up.....

These are events VOW is involved in- get full schedule from SWAG or Everywoman's Books.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 1990



Sunday March 4 2-4pm
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH
Congregate at Centennial Square, Victoria City Hall to hear Gretchen Brewin, Mayor of Victoria; Elizabeth Cull M.L.A. (Oak Bay/Gordon Head); and Susan Brice, Mayor of Oak Bay speak. Terry Padgham will speak on Women's Political Agenda in the 1990's. Anne Preyde and other singers will perform before the march begins. Circle route ending at Centennial Square.
Sponsor: IWD committee
Women and Children welcome

Thursday March 8 6:00 - 10:00pm
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY POTLUCK DINNER
Entertainment includes artistic and other displays, music, Raging Grannies, and the general good fun women have when they get together. Bring something yummy to eat. Coffee and tea supplied.
St. John's Church Hall, 1611 Quadra (at Balmoral)
Childcare available, but bring toys for the tots!
No alcohol; no smoking. Women and Children welcome.
VOW display table
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