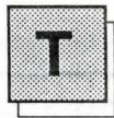


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VCCW Issues

Commission to hold forum on Women in Agriculture



The unique problems of women in agriculture in Ventura County will be the focus of an all-day workshop sponsored this month by the Education Task Force of the Ventura County Commission for Women.

The Commission's first educational workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 31 in the U-V Building at Ventura College. The public forum will focus on women in agriculture in the county.

The main goal of the forum is to increase public awareness and the visibility of women in agriculture. Issues to be addressed include the history of women agricultural workers in Ventura County, hiring practices, job retraining needs, fundings for such retraining, the effect of pesticides on agricultural workers, and the special problems created by cyclical employment.

The forum will consist of a panel of speakers who will address the audience as a whole, and will also employ the use of small roundtable discussion groups in which the entire audience may participate. Speakers are expected to represent a broad spectrum of interests and expertise in the area of agriculture and/or women. English/Spanish translators will be provided.

Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch, although there are many restaurants in the immediate vicinity of the college campus.

For further information, contact Martha Baskerville at the Commission office at (805) 652-6411 or (805) 652-7611 after May 19.

VCCW News

Awards nominations now open

Nominations are now open for the fifth annual "Salute to Women" awards. The purpose of the awards is to honor women who have made outstanding contributions to improving the quality of life in Ventura County. The Commission seeks to salute a diverse group of women each fall who can serve as role models to others in the county.

The nomination categories this year are as follows:

- The Arts;
- Business/Labor;
- Business/Management;
- Community Service /Professional;
- Community Service /Volunteer;
- Education;
- Entrepreneurial;
- Law/Law Enforcement;
- Media;
- Philanthropy;
- Science/Health;
- Senior Citizenship;
- Sports;
- Young Woman (21 and under).

Nomination forms are being distributed through libraries, school districts, women's organizations, etc., as well as in this newsletter. They may also be picked up at the Commission for Women office or requested by calling (805) 652-7611 through May 19.

Completed forms should be postmarked no later than June 15 and mailed to the Commission at 3161 Loma Vista Road, Ventura, CA 93003 until May 19 or 505 Poli St., Ventura, CA 93001 after May 19.

For further information, contact Martha Baskerville at the Commission office, or Awards Selection Co-chairs Martha White (805) 984-1796 or Alicia Ramirez-Brewer (805) 524-2343.

Where to find help

Can't find affordable child care? Don't know where to look for licensed child care providers? Call the Child Care Resource and Referral Center at 487-0784 or 659-1413.

For low-cost or free legal services, contact:

Ventura - Lawyer's Referral Service - 653-5252 or 983-6667

Oxnard - Channel Counties Legal Services - 487-6531

Thousand Oaks - Thousand Oaks Legal Clinic - 497-3575

Simi Valley - Simi Legal Clinic - 522-3733

Looking for affordable housing? For rental subsidy programs and other information, contact:

Ventura - Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura - 648-5008

Oxnard - Oxnard Housing Authority - 984-4629

Remaining areas of Ventura County - 482-2791, 529-2126, 644-8459

Have you been the victim of physical or emotional abuse in your home? Are you afraid you might be? To talk about it, call the Domestic Violence Services of Interface Children, Family Services, 498-6643, 529-0975, 647-7855 or the Coalition Against Household Violence, 656-1111.

If you're pregnant or have children under five years old and are finding it tough to make ends meet, call the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) voucher nutrition program, a food program for low income women, infants and children, 652-5932, 656-1500, Ext. 5932.

(Editor's note: The above information provided by Interface, courtesy Paula Shain, director of information and referral).

CALENDAR

May 3 and 10

- Women of California lecture series, UC Irvine. This series will emphasize the history of California as it affected women's lives and as it has been shaped by women's contributions.

May 12

- Joy Picus, Los Angeles City Councilwoman, will talk on comparable worth at Los Nogales School, 1558 Kendall Ave., Camarillo. Sponsored by AAUW, Camarillo Branch, 7:30 p.m.

May 14

- Commission for Women's Housing Task Force meeting, 7 p.m., 92220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo.

May 17

- Commission for Women monthly meeting, 9 a.m. - noon, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo. Open to the public.

May 19

- New Commission for Women office opens, 505 Poll St., Ventura, CA 93001.

May 20

- Friends of the VCCW, board of directors, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, 7:30 p.m.

Notice: a new address

The Ventura County Commission for Women is moving. Our new address will be 505 Poll St., Ventura, CA 93001. The new office will open May 19. The building is located on the fifth floor of the five-story building immediately behind the San Buenaventura City Hall. The new phone number is (805) 652-7611. Please do not use this number before May 19.

VCCW News

Task force report: comparable worth

The California Comparable Worth Task Force completed its operations last year and submitted its final report to the legislature. Established in 1983 by a joint legislative resolution (ACR-37, Tanner), the task force was created to propose and evaluate solutions to remedy pay inequities for California's women workers. The report contains an overview of sex-based discrimination in the workforce and includes findings and recommendations regarding the implementation of comparable worth in California's public (state and local) and private sectors. A limited number of copies of this report are available from the office of the Ventura County Commission for Women.

Human Concerns also moves

The Commission on Human Concerns has a new address and phone number. The office is now located at 621 Richmond St., Oxnard, CA 93030, (805) 486-4725. The Commission on Human Concerns serves low-income persons countywide, senior citizens and disabled persons. The office has programs to provide assistance with weatherization, Fair Housing, legal assistance, tax service, vocational training and information, and referral for basic needs.

Divorced Women's Task Force to meet

The Divorced Women's Task Force will meet on Monday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Arleen Rosenfield in Ventura. Focus will be on the development of a "wish list" for the Child Support Division of the Ventura County District Attorney's office.

All those planning to attend should contact Commissioner Rosenfield at (805) 642-3707 days or (805) 642-8053 evenings.

NACW Region IX conference update

Commissioner Arleen Rosenfield of Ventura represented the Commission at the National Association of Commissions for Women at their annual conference held April 12-14 in Sacramento.

There are currently 42 Commissions for Women in Region IX. Of the 42 Commissions, 25 are NACW members. Approximately 22 of those member Commissions attended the conference.

One day was devoted to expert information in the areas of women and credit, education, health, employment, child care and the lobbying process. Maureen Reagan was guest speaker at lunch and Dr. Lenore Weitzman was guest speaker at dinner. Both offered informative presentations.

"The highlight, in my opinion, was the updates by each Commission," Ms. Rosenfield said. "A lot of the Commissions have similar focuses and the opportunity to network was terrific. The conference was a huge success."

Date set for fifth annual "Salute to "Women"

The Ventura County Commission for Women will hold its fifth annual awards banquet on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at the Westlake Plaza Hotel in Westlake Village. No-host cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner and the awards ceremony to follow.

Carolyn Leavens, president of American Women for Agriculture in Ventura, will be the mistress of ceremonies. The awards banquet honors women in Ventura County chosen for having made outstanding contributions in various categories.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ventura County Commission for Women, the banquet is the primary fund raising event of the year for the Commission for Women. Registration information will be available at a later date, but mark your calendars now!

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"SALUTE TO WOMEN" AWARD

Nomination Form

Check ONE Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Law/Law Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service/Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service/Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizenship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurial | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Woman (21 and under) |

1. Name of Nominee: _____ Home phone: _____

2. Address (include city & zip) _____

3. Current or most recent employment: _____
(include position/title, company, agency, city) _____

4. Ventura County resident for _____ years.

5. Please attach a letter of recommendation (two page maximum).
See back of this page for guidelines.

6. Your name: _____ Home phone: _____

Your address: _____ Work phone: _____

Describe your personal and/or professional relationship to this nominee.
Include length of time you have known her. _____

7. Give two other references:

Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Work phone: _____

Name : _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Work phone: _____

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: June 15, 1986.

Return the completed form and letter of recommendation to the Ventura
County Commission for Women. The current address is: 3161 Loma Vista Rd.,
Ventura, CA 93003.

If the nomination form is mailed after May 17, mail to: Ventura County
Commission for Women, 505 Poli St., Ventura, CA 93001.

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

3161 Loma Vista Road

Ventura, California 93003

PLEASE NOTE: Nominations mailed after May 17, 1986 should be mailed to the Commission's new address: 505 Poli St., Ventura, CA 93001.

"SALUTE TO WOMEN" AWARDS

The Ventura County Commission for Women is pleased to open nominations for the fifth annual "Salute To Women" Awards. The Commission will recognize up to fourteen women, each of whom has made an outstanding contribution to improving the quality of life here in Ventura County. The woman selected in each category will be honored by the Commission, Friends of the Commission, community members and personal guests at a banquet to be held on October 29, 1986.

The nomination form itself is a reflection of the candidate being proposed. The manner in which you complete it, therefore, can either help or hinder your nominee's chances of being selected for an award. Follow directions carefully. Type or print neatly in ink, and give careful consideration to the letter you attach.

Remember that many outstanding women are nominated for these awards; the letter of recommendation should outline why this nominee should be singled out for special recognition. Explain, in concrete terms, what your nominee has done to better the status of women and/or to benefit the community. Note active membership in local organizations and include any positions held. Consider leadership characteristics and community experience (both past and present). How many people have been impacted by your nominee's work? Why is her work or contributions of particular significance? Determine the depth and span of her contribution in terms of time and degree of commitment. Finally, assess the degree of challenge your nominee faced in successfully accomplishing her goals and how she overcame that challenge. Any additional information you can provide - such as nominee's age, cultural background, disabilities, etc. - would be appreciated.

Attach your letter to the completed nomination form and mail to the Ventura County Commission for Women at the above address. All forms must be received or postmarked no later than June 15, 1986. Please note that current Commissioners and board members serving the Friends of the Commission are not eligible for these awards. Also note that awards are given at the discretion of the Commission Selection Committee and may not necessarily be granted in every category.

We thank you for your participation in the "Salute To Women" Awards and for your continued support of the Commission. The Commission exists for us all and the Awards are, in fact, a salute to all the women of Ventura County who contribute so much and so well.

See the back of this page for the nomination form.

REMEMBER: NOMINATIONS MAILED AFTER MAY 17 SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN'S NEW ADDRESS:
505 POLI STREET
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA 93001

Social Service directory available

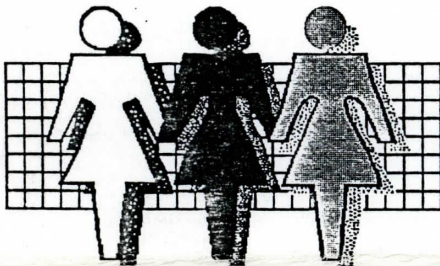
The 1986 edition of the Social Service Resource Directory, published by Interface, is now available. The 150-page directory has over 100 changes from last year's edition. Also available are the pocket-sized "Mini-Guide" and a social service rolodex.

To order, or for more information, call Interface from Thousand Oaks, (805) 498-6643; from Simi Valley, (805) 529-0975 or from Ventura or Oxnard, (805) 647-7855.

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