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MAY 12, 13 AND 14 VFA REUNION AND MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

We Honor Twelve Heroes

We celebrate our second birthday by honoring twelve great feminists - Betty Friedan, the one most responsible for reviving and vitalizing the feminist movement; former Congresswoman Martha Griffiths, whose clever political maneuvers put the word "sex" into Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 giving us a legal right to demand equal rights and opportunities in employment; former suffragist, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas; two active nonagenarians, independent feminist Ida Davidoff; NOW leader Nan Wood; Hermine Tobolowsky "the mother of the ERA in Texas; three founders of NOW Gene Boyer, Dorothy Haener and Phineas Indritz; NOW leader Toni Carabillo; and two who worked from government positions, Virginia Allan, and Evelyn Cunningham.

Thursday at 5 PM there will be an informal reception *for members only* at the Sewall- Belmont House hosted by the Woman's Party Corporation in honor of the honorees. The formal reception and medal of honor ceremony is from 6 to 8 PM next door at the Senate Hart Building.

Friday, at the Quality Hotel across the river in Arlington, Virginia will be a day of informal gatherings, tours to feminist landmarks and the 6 P.M. banquet.

Saturday morning we'll discuss our future. **All truly interested in seeing that the VFA thrives are urged to be there.** If you have the inclination, time and energy to serve on the board, please make yourself known! This will not be a "pay your own expenses traveling board as in times past. We'll use computers, faxes, and conference calls. If we do decide to meet, it'll be where it's warm in winter, and cool in summer.

Your invitation is this newsletter. Clip the return "card" and send ASAP. Last minute changes delayed invitations and newsletter. To save money only founders and committee members received separate invitations; for most of us this newsletter and the emergency card you received last month, is your invitation.

Some of our representatives in senate and congress will present their constituent with the medal of honor (this late decision is one cause of the delays) so expect to see Senators Feinstein, Kassebaum and others there.

Hope to see you there.

-Jacqui

December 15 Ceremony in New York City

Almost 100 came to honor Flo Kennedy on December 15. Yet it was an intimate affair, with friends of many years seated at tables encircling Flo's up-front center table in the holiday-decorated great hall of the Armory in New York City. As guests took the open mike and told how they'd been influenced, moved, amused by Flo, Flo would respond "Hear, hear, Amen". Among those sharing an experience with Flo were Bella Abzug, Emily Jane Goodman, Diane Shutler, Abrams, Phyllis Chesler, Irene Davall, Mary Vasiliades, Judy O'Neil, Susan Maurer, Dell Williams, Bob Abrams and her landlord, Ralph Elychar, who recalled that years ago Flo had formed a tenant's organization to fight him, — thus began their deep friendship. Gloria Steinem, who had lectured with her around the country regaled us with a few Floisms. —Loserism is when oppressed peoples sit around and think up reasons why they can't do something. Well, just do it. Thinking up reasons why you can't is the Establishment's job." When Gloria placed the Medal of Honor about her neck we cheered and gave her flowers. Flo's talk was brief and to the point — "Hear, Hear, Amen and thank you!"

BETTY FRIEDAN

In 1963 we were mesmerized and galvanized by the *The Feminine Mystique*. When she responded to the pleas of many to start "an NAACP for women", Betty Friedan gave us the vehicle to drive ourselves over the rough roads to justice, equality and freedom.

She *could* have rested on her laurels, traded on her fame by accepting powerful positions —honorary professorships or presidencies (she loves academia); edited magazines (she might have started her own, one of her dreams), run for political office (politics fascinated her) or continued writing and lecturing. In fact she was already in Washington to do research for her next book.

That book never got written. Catherine East cornered her and with Mary Eastwood, Pauli Murray, Sonia Fuentes and others, convinced her to start a feminist organization.

Even Betty didn't realize what she'd started. Emboldened and impatient and full of anger, at first hundreds, then thousands of women poured into NOW — women of diverse backgrounds, interests and talents.

When radical groups sprang up and mistrust arose between them and "establishment" feminists, she united us all in the Strike for Equality, and on that day, August 26, 1970 we became a movement!

The time was ripe and women were ready — but the world wasn't. It took her chutzpah, vision, brilliance and unstoppable determination to lead a movement that would crash down age-old barriers and open the world for women and men alike.

She's called the mother of the movement. Yes, she could be impatient and demanding — but her kind of "mothering" not only produced our movement, it sustained and urged it on until it was strong enough to go it alone.

And we, the veterans of that epic era -- and all future generations owe her our eternal gratitude.



Mailbox

...Right on! There are many ex-catalysts who are veterans but still in the trenches ...with scars to prove it. I'm on an advisory committee for the Harvard Business School's Network of Women Alumnae. In a year it's grown to 460 members in NYC alone! Even they hit the glass ceiling *Betsy Jaffe* —

(Jaffe was the first director of Catalysts Corporate Board Resources and today is president of Career Continuum in New York City).

April, '93 —...The network is a lovely, timely idea.....I could not concur more with the view that Catherine East is an unsung heroine of the early feminist movement....I first met her at the founding meeting of NOW, then worked with her on one of the early committees in the Dept of Labor, and again in connection with the IWY Commission...*Alice Rossi*

Sociologist Rossi in 1963 shook up academia when she presented a paper at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences conference on "Equality Between the Sexes: An Immodest Proposal."

Editorial Box

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NEWS ITEMS

Jo Freeman (Joreen) — who published the first women's liberation newsletter, *The Voice of Women's Liberation* out of Chicago in 1968, received the Mary Lepper Award for political activism and scholarship. "Her scholarship revolutionized the study of women and politics." Jo is currently involved in politics in Brooklyn, NY.

RADICAL FEMINISTS ARCHIVES PROJECT has released a catalog of pamphlets, journals, position papers, broadsides, etc. focusing on the 1960's rebirth years of the Women's Liberation Movement. Kathie Sarachild a founding member of New York Radical Women and Redstockings, is directing the project. The catalog is available for \$1 (checks payable to Redstockings, Inc.) Redstockings, 290 Ninth Av, Rm 2G, NY, NY 10001

THE WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN SCHOOL with the cooperation of the Yale University School of Management is seeking funds for a school to prepare women for the realities of campaigns. Andree Aelion Brooks is President of the WCS — Write for info 15 Hitchcock Rd, Westport, Ct 06880 or telefax - 203/226-0814

COALITION FOR FAMILY JUSTICE —If you and others around you have been burned by a divorce — pass this on. CFJ aims to empower, educate and provide support to families who have been victimized by the legal system and impoverished by divorce and other domestic relations matters. Founder - Monica Getz — For info — 821 North Broadway, Irvington, NY 10533 (914) 591-5753.

ERA NEWS.....*Ratification has now been introduced in the Illinois Legislature (it is on calendar for Virginia session in '95 -had a hearing in this year's session) and our next ERA Summit meeting in D.C. is May 23. I must also go to D.C. for National Women's Conference Board Meeting and Beijing Conference planning on April 29th, so I can't make another trip at this time. Please report my activities and congratulations to the honorees. -Allie Hixson*

CHAPTER NEWS

DALLAS

.....*We've had lots of reunions and conversations. The enclosed VFA button is a memento of our most recent event, a reception honoring Veteran Feminists at the Dallas Public Library. Gertrude Miller, collected feminist memorabilia from the late '60's through the late '70's for a display honoring Women's History Month.....We are videotaping prominent women at "herstory" meetings. Since Roe v Wade emanated from Dallas, we have fascinating stories about that topic alone. - Bonnie Wheeler*

For cheerful green on white button of VETERAN FEMINISTS OF AMERICA, send \$2. to Bonnie Wheeler, 3425 University Blvd, Dallas, Tx 75205

NEW YORK CITY --

.....*Please announce in next newsletter: NYC AREA VFA MEETING, TUESDAY MAY 3, 6 PM AT NOW NYC OFFICE 22 W 21 ST, 7TH FLOOR. -Jane Case Einbender*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

...*We need a VFA leader here in California to help make VFA truly representative of the whole country...We, too could come together as you are doing on the east coast.....Lorraine Rothman (LR invented the device lay women use to extract their periods, and, with Carol Downer, developed the menstrual extraction method and started the women's self-help movement. — 2460 Balfour Av, Fullerton, Ca 92631 - ph/fx —(714) 680-4356*

LONG ISLAND VFA

- Grace Welch -(convener —67 scotch Pine Drive, Islandia NY 11722 - (518) - 348 - 7199) She's developed a packet to send to perspective members. A founder and officer of several feminist groups, since 1980 she's planned business and educational seminars for women. She also teaches yoga and belongs to the Live Poet's Society of Long Island.

1994 HONOREES

Before Betty's *The Feminine Mystique*, an underground movement existed. And long before there were the suffragists who, realizing the vote wasn't enough were working for the Equal Rights Amendment. Then there were the independent women who refused to "toe the line" and created careers for themselves. Our honorees this year fit into two or all of these groups. These bios barely touch the surface of what they've accomplished.

MARTHA GRIFFITHS of Detroit, Michigan. Born Martha Wright in Pier City, Missouri and a graduate of the University of Michigan law school, Martha Griffiths says she "was 'dragged into law school and then pushed into politics' by her husband. In Congress from 1955 to 1975 she immediately began to work for women's rights. Of her many successes probably the most dramatic was her brilliant political maneuver which got the word "sex" added to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawing discrimination against minorities in employment and now made discrimination on account of sex illegal as well. She got the ERA out of Committee where it had sat for 40 years and succeeded in getting government pensions, then payable only to the surviving wife, payable to the surviving spouse. She's responsible for making a woman's heirs eligible for her social security benefits as was a man's heirs. Fearless, straightforward with a quick wit and caustic humor. She worked harder in Congress for women than anyone had ever before. Among her many honors are 29 honorary PH.D's and she's been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Three who date from the suffragist movement and remain active today

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS of Coconut Grove, Florida, a veteran of the suffragist movement received our nation's highest honor this year—the Medal of Freedom—for her crusade to save the Everglades. Douglas has fought for all groups, particularly for women, since the early 19th century. A reporter for the Miami Herald in 1917 she and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan pleaded before the Florida Legislature for women's right to vote. She participated in ERA marches, and was Honorary Chair of The Conference on the World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet at age 102. The author of many books, her most famous is *The Everglades, River of Grass* written in the 1930's and still a best seller. 104 year-old Douglas is hard of hearing and tires easily, but her mind is as strong as ever.

IDA DAVIDOFF -of New Caanan, Ct. - At a time when traditional wives and mothers were expected to become traditional grandmothers Ida Fisher Davidoff handled the "empty-nest" syndrome by returning to college to prepare for another career. Accepted into a new program on marriage counseling at the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Psychiatry, Division of the Family), by age 58 she'd received a doctorate from Columbia University in education, become an associate professor of psychiatry and psychology at Albert Einstein University and opened her own practice in family counseling. Particularly interested in women in transition, she founded "A Woman's Place" to provide them with training and support. At 90 she fights stereotypes of age

with her writings, lectures and her life itself. She spends 32 hours a week counseling, several hours writing her book, *Youth a Gift of Nature, Age A Work of Art*, takes voice lessons, plays piano duets with friends, pumps iron, swims, gardens and travels. Older women seek her advice on how to live fruitfully and happily in "old age". "If you are looking for shade and comfort, she says, you don't go to a tender sapling."

NAN WOOD - Valpariaso, Ind. Born in 1904 Nan wood remembers her youth on a Missouri farm, where her parents treated her and her brothers equally. She debated women's right to vote and marched with the suffragists in high school, then went on to study math and physics. A high school math and physics teacher with five children when World War II was declared she was called to teach accelerated math to navy men in Chicago, then later to the University of Chicago to work on the atom bomb project. After the war she was in charge of the radiation counter laboratory at the Enrico Fermi Institute for Nuclear Studies, and in 1949 established her own laboratory to build radiation counters for the space program. A founder of Chicago NOW she was secretary on the national board for years, where her quiet, non-judgemental presence and talent for listening was an inspiring and stabilizing influence. She recently turned over management of her laboratory to her daughter, but keeps an eye on the business, and is still active in several environmental groups.

They worked from government positions at state and national level

VIRGINIA ALLAN — of Michigan, Washington, DC, now of Sarasota, Florida has been an educator, business woman, civic leader and stateswoman. The only delegate named to three world conferences, including the Mexico City International Conference on Women in '75, she served also as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and co-chaired the Economic Cooperation and Development Meeting on the Role of Women in the Economy for the Institute of Personnel Management in London. In 1974 she was US representative at the NATO Conference of Information Officers. It was as chair of President Nixon's Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities that Catherine East met and worked with her. "She has a genius for seeing in everyone some talent and then pushes them forward... She is truly an unsung hero"! Allan also helped Griffiths, with the help of BPW and NAWL get elected to Congress. Today she is president of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and recently helped found a Florida chapter.

EVELYN CUNNINGHAM — New York, NY —After 25 years as reporter, columnist and editor of The Pittsburgh Courier and 5 years as radio commentator, Evelyn Cunningham was special assistant to New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller and director of the Women's Unit. During this period she organized a state women's political conference and cooperated with NOW and other women's organizations to create a receptive climate for feminism. In 1975 she served on President Nixon's Committee on the Rights and Responsibilities of Women and helped

write the groundbreaking report "A Matter of Simple Justice". A founder of The Coalition of 100 Black Women Cunningham has helped forge coalitions of women of all ethnic and racial backgrounds. She is actively involved with several organizations including the Citizen's Committee of New York, The New York State Theater Institute, Jazzmobile, Contemporary Dance Companies, Resources for Midlife and Older Women, Richard Allen's Center of Culture & Arts, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre and, "no kidding", she says, Tapping Seniors. — This perhaps best describes what may be her greatest contribution to the feminist movement — her ability to impart her love and enjoyment of life.

As an independent lawyer, she crashed down the barricades in her native Texas

HERMINE TOBOLOWSKY of Dallas became involved in women's issues in the 1940's when studying law opened her eyes to the inequities between women and men. Once out of law school she dedicated her life to equal legal rights. For over three decades she led the fight for the Equal Legal Rights Amendment which Texas passed in 1972. Her work for the ERA nationally went on simultaneously, and she helped repel two rescission attempts in Texas. All this has earned her the title of "Mother of the ERA in Texas". Active in many civic organizations, she was president of the BPW of Dallas and of Texas and served as legal advisor for the Dallas section of the National Council of Jewish Women. She secured passage of an amendment to the Texas Constitution extending Homestead rights to singles and requiring consent of both spouses to abandon the homestead. The Women's Law Caucus of the University of Texas School of Law established an award bearing her name, and she was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

Alone and/or with women's organizations, they worked at state and national level to start and build a women's civil rights organization

GENE BOYER—Beaver Dam, Wisconsin— A successful business owner and community organizer since the early 1960's Gene Boyer became a feminist activist when the executive director of the Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce cautioned her to stay away from meetings because *it would make the men uncomfortable to have a woman there*. She was in Washington at the Status of Women Commissions Conference in June of 1966 and with Betty Friedan and others founded NOW and from 1968 on served as national treasurer and financial development officer. Later she moved to the board of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund where she served until 1993, including one term as president. President of the National Women's Conference Center since 1981, an organization spawned by the '77 Houston Conference, she is currently involved in planning for the Non-Governmental Organizations Forum '95 at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing, China. Ever networking, organizing, encouraging and helping other feminists, her first love continues to be promoting equality for women in business and helping build state-wide advocacy networks around the country.

1994 HONOREES (Cont.)

DOROTHY HAENER of Detroit began her professional career in various jobs in the automobile industry. She joined the United Auto Workers in 1941 and in 1942 went into defense work at the Ford Motor Company Bomber plant. Her union activity always involved the equal participation of women in the union as well as in the plants. In 1966 she attended the Status of Women Commissions conference in Washington, D.C. where she hatched plans with Friedan and others to form a civil rights organization for women. In 1969 Dorothy served on President Nixon's Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities. She was a founder of WEAL and is a life member of the NAACP. Recently retired from the International UAW, Dorothy now serves on the National UAW Retirees Advisory Council. The Harriet Tubman award was given to her and the Michigan Senate gave her a special tribute for "her outstanding work in labor unions, civic and political organizations and the feminist movement."

PHINEAS INDRITZ of Silver Spring, Maryland — "An unsung hero of the movement for social justice and equal treatment under law" — was how the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund presented him with a pro bono award in 1993. A respected attorney, Phineas gave generously of his times and talents in writing appellate court briefs in women's rights cases. He authored the Pregnancy Disability Act of 1978 and additional Maryland legislation prohibiting discrimination against women. Behind the scenes in Washington, he worked with Catherine East, Mary Eastwood, Marguerite Rawalt and others to motivate the founding of NOW. He authored much of the civil rights legislation that later became law.

As soon as NOW was formed a strong force of feminists devoted their lives to building it and the movement.

TONI CARABILLO of Los Angeles was a writer and graphic designer for a large corporation when her full-time commitment to feminism began. Dismissed from her position following her involvement in an unauthorized survey of women employees which revealed sex discrimination, she helped found California chapters and was president of L. A. NOW from 1968 to 1970. A pillar of NOW she was on the national board for years, serving twice as vice-president. She designed NOW's emblem, co-edited the NOW newsletter and the national NOW TIMES and chaired NOW's National Advisory Committee. She's spearheaded many major actions, including the "Last Walk for the ERA" in 1981 when 10,000 marched on the Avenue of the Stars and raised more than \$300,000 for the countdown campaign, then later directed the NOW ERA countdown office and raised another half million. She's produced two video tapes on abortion and today is vice-president of The Fund for the Feminist Majority, an organization co-founded with Ellie Smeal and Peg Yorkin. With Judith Meuli and June Bundy Csida she compiled the recently published *Feminist Chronicles* a chronology of the movement (see books).

In Memory Of...

Kathryn F. Clarenbach

October 7, 1920 - March 4, 1994

Awarded the Veteran Feminists of America's Medal of Honor in February of this year, Kay Clarenbach a major figure of the new feminist movement died on March 4 at her home in Madison, Wisconsin of complications from emphysema. A professor of political science and economics at the University of Wisconsin, Kay had long spoken out for women's rights. Head of the Wisconsin Commission on the Status of Women she was in Washington, DC, June 1966 for the S.W. C. conference and recognizing it would do nothing for women threw her full force into forming NOW. As chairperson of the board she worked closely with Betty Friedan until it was firmly established. Kay's feminist work continued long after she gave up NOW leadership. In 1977 she put together the Houston conference. "She was a powerful organizer and networker, a key force in the 20th century movement," said historian Gerda Lerner.

Six weeks before Kay's death she was told that we were giving her our Medal of Honor and when asked if she'd like it sent to her she responded in a strong voice "Send it please". It was mailed on February 1. Her reply on the 25th said, *This is a heartfelt thank you for your lovely letter transmitting the VFA's Medal of Honor. It is indeed an honor to receive the award. We have hung it in the living room where I can see it every day. Though I will not be able to attend the awards ceremony, I will certainly be there in spirit! Many thanks for remembering me in such a meaningful way.*

Sincerely,

Kay

A week later, she left us. We sent a basket of chrysanthemums with a large banner inscribed *We'll always love you Kay* Veteran Feminists of America

Concerned that the New York Times (All the News That's Fit to Print) and the Washington Post didn't consider Kay Clarenbach important enough to merit a mention we got busy. The New York Times obituary editor was disinterested. "We have no files on her", he said. After receiving faxes of articles from three Wisconsin newspapers and a letter from the VFA, a 5-paragraph obituary appeared the next day. In D.C., thanks to Catherine East, Judy Mann's beautiful article "A Mother of Women's Rights" was in the Washington Post.

Books

The Chalice and the Blade — Riane Eisler. According to Jennifer Macleod of Princeton Junction, NJ — "This is the greatest feminist work since *The Feminine Mystique*". It gives new information about medieval civilizations. Riane Eisler a lawyer, archeologist, is a true renaissance woman. "

New Women of the New South - The Leaders of the Woman Suffragist Movement in the Southern States - Marjorie Spruill Wheeler - Oxford U. Press - For Southerners, like yours truly, it's a relief to hear that there were feminists in the old south - if southern suffragists were feminists, and not trying to counter black voting strength. This is the story of eleven steel magnolias working for suffrage and the relationship of mutual influence between the Northern and Southern leaders.

Feminist Chronicles - Toni Carabillo * Judith Meuli * June Bundy Csida. The last forty years of U.S. feminist history written in timeline form. Carabillo and Meuli, leaders in the movement since the late 60's with longtime NOW activist June Bundy Csida have compiled the landmarks, events, stories and photographs to make up a panoramic look of modern feminist history. "A reference book par excellence" says Eleanor Smeal, past NOW president and president of the Fund for the Feminist Majority. — Order from the Feminist Majority Foundation, 8105 W Third, # 1, Los Angeles, Ca 90048 — Softcover - \$24.95, Hardcover - \$34.95; 10 books or more \$14.95 each./ Add \$2.00 for shipping. Special orders call: 213/651-0495.

Price of Honor - Muslim Women Lift the Veil of Silence on the Islamic World Jan GoodwinThe subjection of Muslim women is not decreed by the Koran, but by men who interpret it and make the laws.... "There's a movement among Muslim women to fight back. The message they're sending out is that women should learn the Koran, learn the laws themselves and fight." (Didn't we all know that one day feminists would have to help women in every part of the world in their fight for freedom?)

NEW EDITIONS: —

Overcoming Math Anxiety - Sheila Tobias ; "The new edition retains the author's pungent analysis of what makes math "hard" for otherwise successful people, and how women, more than men, become victims of a gendered view of math.

The Dialectics of Sex - Shulamith Firestone — Shulie's brilliant book still stuns and inspires. A classic.

Women in Law—Cynthia Fuchs Epstein -- University of Illinois Press, P.O. Box 4856..Hampden Post Office* Baltimore, Md 21211. Awarded the 1982 American Bar Association's Certificate of Merit and the Annual Scribes Book Award, this new paperback edition is updated through the Anita Hill/Thomas hearings...Cynthia Fuchs Epstein is Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and author of one of the first books analyzing women's exclusion from the professions: *Women's Place*, and a founder of NY NOW.

BEAUTIFUL SCARF WITH SIGNATURES OF 250 FEMINISTS from Catherine East medal of honor banquet. A great gift for your children! Lovely 30" square, blue-grey shade, signatures in navy, border proclaims — May 26, 1993 Catherine East Medal of Honor Ceremony — price \$35.00 includes mailing... Profits help finance VFA. - Order now! IF you were there, your signature is on the scarf... Make check out to VFA and mail to 510 W. Mariposa St., Phoenix, Az. 85013.

.....I spoke to my daughter last night — she received the scarf and likes it. Said she and her boyfriend had a good time looking for my name and those of others she knows personally. Sonia Fuentes, Washington, DC

..... The scarf is distinctive and elegant. I love the grey! I'd like another to give to a niece... -Mary Eastwood, South Wayne, Wi.

BOOTHS

There will be booths at Quality Hotel Conference to sell books, the May 26, 1993 signature scarf, and VFA pins. If you want to sell your books, feminist memorabilia, business services, contact Karen Mulhauser for cost and more info. - 202 463 - 0180.

WIN -- Women's Information Network will help at the ceremonial reception Thursday 6 to 8 PM and all Friday and Saturday at the conference and banquet. They'll also be escorts to our honorees. They want to know if, in forty years (!), they'll be eligible to join the VFA..!

* — *By-laws include a clause that would extend membership to those who served in later battles — just as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars included men who served in later wars.*

THE BIAS-FREE WORDFINDER

A Dictionary of Non-discriminatory Language by Rosalie Maggio

MATRON — warden, attendant, police officer, deputy sheriff, bailiff, guard-prison/jail/custodial guard, superintendent, supervisor, overseer, principal, chief, director, head, manager. In its narrow legal sense "matron" must be used until a nonsexist legal term is developed. In the sense of a middle-aged woman, replace "matron" with words that more precisely describe the person. Patron has a widely different status and meaning than the word "matron."

MATRONLY - replace this vague word with precise, inclusive terms: dignified, gracious, ponderous, heavy-set, established, grave, comfortable-looking, serene, slow-moving, well-dressed, mature, sedate, etc. There is no such word as "patronly".

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c/o Karen Mulhauser - 1730 Rhode Island Av NW, Washington. D.C. 20036

I enclose \$ _____ for _____ persons for May 12 reception ceremony.

\$ _____ for _____ persons for May 13 banquet

\$ _____ to invite a veteran feminist and to support VFA.

I cannot attend but here is my contribution \$ _____.

TOTAL \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Your cancelled check is your receipt & your name is listed at door . RSVP by May 6

SCHEDULE FOR CONFERENCE - MAY 12, 13, 14

THURSDAY, MAY 12

5 PM — Women's Party Corporation invites members only to an informal reception at the historic home of the National Women's Party, the Sewall-Belmont House 144 Constitution Av NW - FREE

6 TO 8 PM — Medal of Honor Reception — Hart Senate Office Building, Room 902 — Constitution Av between 1st and 2nd Streets NE (next door to Sewall-Belmont House) \$30.00 to members and their guests.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Quality Hotel, 1200 N Courthouse Rd, Arlington, Va. (Hotel is 1 mile from Constitution Avenue, 3 blocks to Metro, 4 miles to National Airport. Off route 50 at North Courthouse Rd. Convenient access to Capital Beltway via Interstate 395 and the George Washington Parkway.) Registration — Friday 7 AM on — \$10.00

8 AM — Breakfast — KC's Dining Emporium - (We'll have a section for veterans, but breakfast is on your own)

10 to 12 AM — Tours being arranged to Smithsonian, Women's Museum or Sewall -Belmont House. Regional Reunions — We 'll room-hop.. Room numbers will be posted.

NOON — Lunch - KC's Dining Emporium (Lunch prices \$6.95 up) - Meet for drinks (cash bar) at KC's Lounge..

2 to 4 PM — More tours Informal reunions (details at registry)

5 PM — Cocktails — cash bar. (Location given at registry)

6PM — Banquet- Jefferson Room - \$50.00 members and their guests.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8 AM on — Breakfast - same arrangement as Thursday

10 to 12 — Meeting — Chaired by Mary Jean Tully. We'll discuss future of VFA, amend and approve goals, by-laws, guidelines and elect officers . Please let registrars know if you wish to serve as an officer or on the board.

NOON — Goodbye luncheon — KC Lounge. Catherine East remembers some who are no longer with us. Again, you're on your own...but seating will be together...AFTERNOON TOURS will be arranged for those who stay awhile longer.

RSVP BY MAY 6

\$50.00
6 PM Dinner
5 PM Cash Bar

1200 Courthouse Avenue
Arlington, VA

Friday, May 13
Quality Hotel
Jefferson Room

HONOREES' BANQUET

Who will be presented with the VFA Medal of Honor Thursday, May 12, 1994
Hart Senate Building, Room 902
Constitution Avenue between 1st and 2nd Streets NE,
6 TO 8 PM - RECEPTION
\$30.00

HERMINE TOBOLOWSKY NAN WOOD
MARTHA GRIFFITHS DOROTHY HAENER PHINEAS INDRITZ
EVELYN CUNNINGHAM IDA DAVIDOFF MARJORIE STONEMAN DOUGLAS
VIRGINIA ALLAN GENE BOYER TONI CARABILLO

BETTY FRIEDAN

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The VFA is an organization for those who actively participated in the women's movement until 1975. Goals are to rekindle the spark and spirit of the feminist revolution, through reunions and newsletters, to document and preserve our accomplishments, honor our heroes, and act as "keeper of the flame" so that the original commitment to the ideals of feminism continues to reverberate and influence others.