

Quarterly Report



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and Neighborhood News

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Thoughts From The President

If you look closely at the newsletter, you can see that some changes have been made. It has a new look! This look is symbolic of the growth of WCA and reflects new beginnings. Though only my first year as Board President, I am excited about working with this organization and about the changes. It's exciting to see a grass roots women's organization grow. Dallas needs it! And WCA has got it!

WCA HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY IN A BIG WAY!

WCA growth is reflected in other ways: one, WCA has done so much for the community, i.e. the fine special events; the quality service of the Resource/Referral Line; and the careful coordinating of resources with needs via the Crisis Intervention Program, that WCA has developed a credible and respected reputation in the community. People expect a lot from WCA.

Two, WCA Membership has risen to 467 and WCA has attracted the attention and commitment of some very key support. Joanne Martin with the Newsletter. Sandy Edmondson, Dee Pennington, Lin Holmes-Ford, and Kim Wallace on the Board of Directors. Hillcrest Financial as a sponsor.

And three, WCA has established a potentially powerful Fundraising Program: Mardi Gras, Avalon Solstice, and the WCA Women's Festival. In addition, two annual special events for panned for Members: the Annual Winter Celebration and the Annual March Membership Meeting and Fun Show at White Rock Lake. At the Holiday Party (December 12), WCA enjoys a traditional feast and collects gifts for elderly women and distributes them to nursing homes.

WCA has contributed to the Community in a big away and will only contribute more as we grow. The larger the Membership, the larger the Financial Base; the more we can do for the women of North Central Texas. If you factor in the \$6000 seed money for all events, WCA only spends \$30,000 annually to pay for its amazing programs; Neighborhood Development, the Communications Link-Newsletter, Telephone, E-mail, and the Web Page (under construction); the Resource/Referral Line; the Crisis Intervention Program, and the Activities Program. These grass roots programs are supported by annual Membership Fees and WCA's three fundraisers. Remember our motto "if everyone does a little, we can do a lot" and join with me in the upcoming year to bring better services to women...become a Member...sponsor a Fundraiser... have some fun and attend a Fundraiser. WCA's purpose is to create a better world for women. And with you, "Sisters, we are doing it!" Good luck to us all.

- Carol West

New Columns

- Household and Other Tips*
- Jobs Wanted - Positions Available*
- Housing Needs and Opportunities*
- Health Tips for Your Life*

Great News!!!- With the new Newsletter Committee in place, there are some new sections being added to the Quarterly Report. Check it out.... If you have suggestions for this section or want to write for the Newsletter, call WCA 214-319-6696

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Solstice Report

The first annual Avalon, a Solstice Festival and Talent Review, benefitting WCA and the Walt Whitman Community School, took place on Midsummer's Eve, June 20. And in spite of the unusually hot temperatures and Father's Day weekend, the event was by all accounts an unequivocal and resounding success.

Avalon was held on the beautiful, sprawling, 1.6-acre lawn of Oak Cliff Area WCA co-coordinator Laney McGriff. There, the estimated 300 attendees were able to mill through colorful booths of handmade jewelry, Native American crafts and gourmet coffees and desserts. One could have one's Tarot cards or stones read by local psychics, relax with an upper body massage from professional massage therapists or visit the M-Cares mobil health unit provided by Texas Woman's University School of Nursing. Children, their faces brightly painted with original designs by local face painters, ran through the grounds amidst volunteers dressed in vivid Medieval costumes. All of this took place behind a stage backdrop with over a dozen music, dance and comedy performances presented by local amateur and professional talent, including Blanche Fury and Deborah Viel. At the event's close, and perhaps what turned out to be the festival's highlight, a traditional and ancient Solstice ritual, aided by the haunting, pagen beat of drummers, was performed.

Avalon was created and sponsored by the Oak Cliff Area WCA. The group had their first official meeting in November of last year, and by March had voted to undertake the fundraising project. "I think it was important to us from the very first to make some kind of impact in our community," said Kim Wallace, co-coordinator for the Oak Cliff group. WCA helped bring this group of women together for support, encouragement, social contact, etc., but after a few monthly meetings we quickly realized we needed something not only fun by meaningful to focus our efforts. The idea for Avalon evolved from an open-air talent show into a woman-focused Medieval festival, bringing in a wonderful mix of amateur and professional talent, as well as women artisans and business owners. Kind of a mini Lillith fair. All of the performers were great, and closing with the Solstice ritual was amazing. The sight of a hundred women dancing arm-in-arm around a bonfire to the sound of those drums is something few of us will ever forget!

We chose Walt Whitman as our co-beneficiary because one of our members had two daughters attending the school which was really struggling financially. We also believed that the school already enjoyed a certain amount of community awareness, and we felt that awareness would not only help make our event successful, but also gain awareness and new membership for WCA as well. Hopefully, it's also created an annual event where we can come together, show off our talents, sell our crafts, promote our businesses and ultimately experience something spiritually together. The whole project served many purposes and everyone involved has profited from it.

We were exhausted but so incredibly excited when the event was over. We immediately began planning for Avalon II. We've voted to adopt Aids Services of Dallas as our 1999 co-beneficiary since the organization is in the Oak Cliff community and one of our members is on the ASD staff. ASD provides housing to families living with AIDS, and over 30% of its residents are women and children. Our group toured three of their four facilities in early August and became even more excited about the opportunities to help. One of the needs is for clothing so we'll be setting up a sort of closet throughout the year to be available for any of the residents when they need it. "We owe our thanks to all the WCA members who volunteered their time, money and support, as well as the students and faculty of the Walt Whitman Community School. If anyone would like to be involved with Avalon II, or would like to help ASD throughout the year, please call Shawn McDonough, our event coordinator, at 214-941-9745."

Check out the
Women's Herstory Quiz at the Festival

THE FINE PRINT

THE NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED QUARTERLY AND IS FREE TO MEMBERS.

DEADLINES:

THE DAY OF THE CHANGING OF THE SEASONS

MARCH 21

JUNE 20

SEPTEMBER 21

DECEMBER 21

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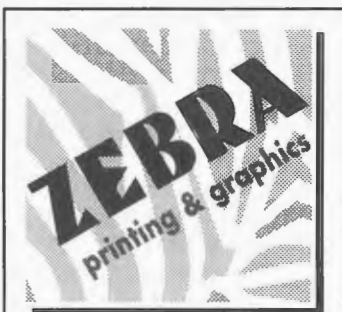
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VISION: A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN.

PURPOSE: WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION CREATING AN INTERCONNECTIVE, GEOGRAPHICS NETWORK THROUGH WHICH WOMEN (ESPECIALLY OLDER WOMEN, WOMEN WHO LIVE ALONE AND LESBIANS) CAN FIND SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND ENRICHMENT.

MISSION: TWO THOUSAND (2000) MEMBERS BY THE YEAR 2000.



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Dear Friends

We have all heard it on the news: voter turnout is at an all time low, voter apathy is at an all time high, and people just don't seem to participate in their communities anymore. While these are characteristics of our modern political culture, they should serve as a warning to us all. Now, more than ever, women need to participate at both the political and community level, maximizing their potential as decision-makers in this country.

The right to vote is the foundation of American political participation. It was only 78 years ago that women were finally granted suffrage under U.S. law. While women struggled for years to win this right, the fight is far from over. It is only by strong voter turnout from women that we can exert the influence that we won so long ago. I urge each of you to exercise your right to vote this November.

Harryette Ehrhardt State Representative Dallas - District 107

September 19 - Requested ballots by mail.

October 4 - Last day to submit a transfer of registration notice

October 5 - Last day a person may register in person to vote in the

November 3, General election. If application is postmarked by

October 5, 1998, it will be valid for the General Election.

October 19 - Early voting by personal appearance begins.

October 26 - 30 - Last week of early voting by personal appearance.

November 3 - ELECTION DAY!

Ladies - Are you ready? Are you ready for the 1998 annual all women sports festival and fun fair (aka WCA Women's Festival)

Saturday October 17, 1998. On your mark, get set, get ready, GO!!!

Mark your calendars for one of the most spectacular athletic, entertaining and fun events of the year. We want all of you to be involved! do what it is you do best: team games, one & two person race events, baking, puzzles, herstory quiz, concessions, tents, set up, break down, children's activities, packing a u-haul, spending your partner's or date's money, or buying wonderful gifts for your partner or date. Walking around taking in the incredible view of this goddess feast, listening to great bands. Laughing, eating great foods...whatever it is that you do well, you are sure to be able to compete for a prize or enjoy the company of other fabulous women doing the same - what a great day to network!

We are looking forward to having great sponsors this year and women, incredible prizes and women, raffles and women, wonderful food and women, vendor's and women, fun and women....and....and....and....lots and lots of wonderful, incredible, beautiful and talented women!!! call now and get your teams and selves signed up. Whose area is the best? let's find out with a little friendly competition coordinator's? how about it? you don't want to miss this one!

Kimberly Truax

Special Events Coordinator
940-321-4853

The Facts

WCA in its four-year history has touched the lives of many women. In East Dallas, a new roof was put on a house for a WCA Member by WCA Members. In Plano, WCA Members worked together to purchase an automobile for a woman isolated, alone (except for her young children) without a job, and without resources. In the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Area, WCA Members raised a \$1000, purchased food and gasoline for a woman who lost her job, had no insurance, and could not collect unemployment. In downtown Dallas, a woman whose automobile was totaled in an accident received needed transportation provided by several East Dallas WCA Members for a few weeks. Other women have been advanced money, loaned money, been provided food, had medicine delivered, and have had various yard work done. What is really exciting about this is that most of the women WCA has helped have returned the favor by becoming WCA Members and/or by providing needed services to others. This is WCA in action....if we each contribute a little, we can do a lot for many.

We provide the means through which women, for the most part, can receive the help or support they need. We provide the opportunity for women to use their skills, talents, energies, and money to directly help our own community. We provide the opportunity for women to feel part of the solution.

For those who have been directly affected by WCA, the purpose of WCA is quite clear. For those involved in the daily work of providing services (answering the Resource and Referral Line, leading groups in the Neighborhoods, identifying and training new leaders, working on Special Events, responding to the needs expressed), WCA goals seem obvious. And yet, while it is clear and obvious, it is almost impossible to express in words, or at least in a few words. To help out with this situation, we are including some helpful information so that you can explain it to others. The following is excerpted from the WCA Information Brochure:

The **WCA Vision** is a better world for women.

The **WCA Purpose** is to create an interconnective, geographic network through which women (especially older women, women living alone, and Lesbians) can find support, resources, and enrichment

The **WCA Mission** is to create a network of two thousand Members (two thousand women helping women) by the year 2000.

The WCA Program

Women's Communities Association focuses on the needs of women who do not have traditional means of support. Because late 20th century society is transient, very few people can count on historically traditional support systems—nuclear families, extended families, or neighborhoods of people who actually knew one another. It is in our best interests to look together at our common needs, the ways to handle future problems, and do it now. WCA is currently crafting a system that is not only addressing the immediate needs of women in North Central Texas by offering services and support opportunities but one that will also act as a network of women helping women in the future. Current activities and programs are designed to be the foundation and basis of support for future programs

The WCA Neighborhood Development Program, is not only enhancing the lives of women now but will also empower us as we face the future together.

WCA is a grass roots organizations whose goal is to make a better world for women. By focusing on the specific needs of women, who are usually overlooked; we, as a community, can create not only a safer place for women but also a safer place for everyone. This cooperative effort unites the skills, the energies, and the resources of individual women as well as community groups. WCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation which was formed in 1995. It is governed by a Board of Directors. It specifically addresses the daily and long term needs of all women especially those who live alone, those who are older, and /or who are Lesbians.

Blanche Fury

Debra Vial

Rayne



Music Throughout The Day
Featuring
Local Women's Bands



Women's Communities Association



Prizes
Trophies
T-Shirts
Surprises

Win The

O'Brien Award

Outstanding Competitor

See CJ

EVENTS

Annual Tournaments

Volleyball
Softball

Jigsaw Puzzle

Skills Competition

Punt, Pass and Kick

Basketball

Soccer

Golf

Pumpkin Carving

Baking Contest

Just for fun

Scrabble

Horseshoes

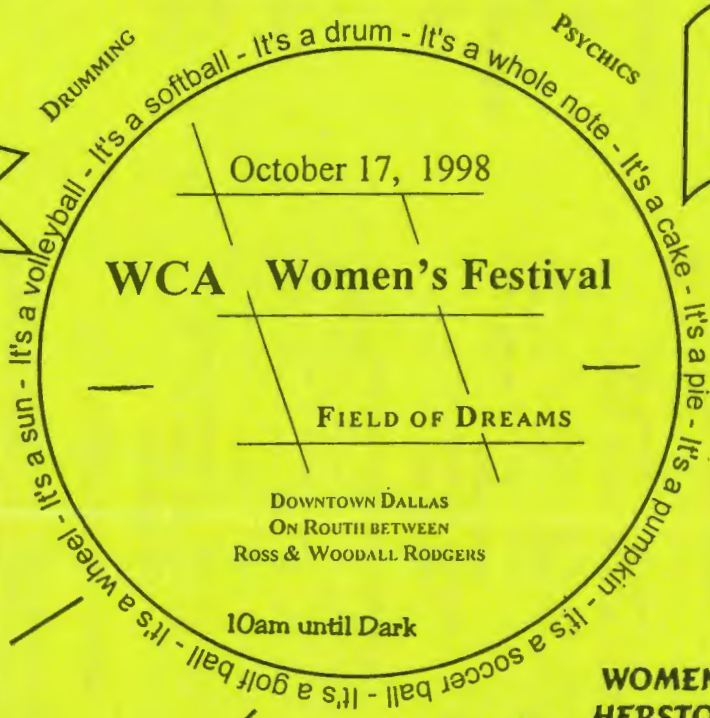
Badminton

WOMEN'S HERSTORY QUIZ

FOOD - FOOD - FOOD

U-Hual Trailer
Packing Competition

FUN!!



October 17, 1998

WCA Women's Festival

FIELD OF DREAMS

DOWNTOWN DALLAS
ON ROUTH BETWEEN
ROSS & WOODALL RODGERS

10am until Dark

Entry Fees

Advanced Spectator Ticket

WCA Members \$2 Others \$4

Advance Player Tickets \$15

CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES

**VENDORS
ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION
ARTS AND CRAFTS**

FOR INFORMATION:

VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL, AND OTHER TEAM REGISTRATIONS

VENDOR, SPONSOR, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Call: WCA 214-319-6696

WCA IS A 501 (c) (3) NON-PROFIT, DEDICATED TO A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN.

\$5 Admission at Gate

LOTS OF VENDORS

Open Mike

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Festival Competition



Individual Skills Competition

- Punt, Pass, & Kick
- Softball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Basketball
- &
- Pumpkin Carving
- Bake Off-Baking Contest



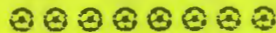
Team Tournaments

- Beach Volleyball
- Softball
- Jigsaw Puzzle



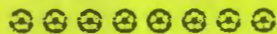
U-Haul Packing Competition

For Teams of Two



Parent/Child Competition

- Sack Races
- Egg Relay
- Baton Relay



Prizes and/or Trophies Will Be Presented to
First and Second Place Winners
Ribbons Will Be Awarded to Children

Call 214 319-6696 for Information: Registration,
Volunteers, Vendors, Sponsors, & * Storm Contingency
Send Pre-Registration forms to
P.O. Box 180777 Dallas, Texas 75218

Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Telephone: _____

Punt, Pass and Kick Soccer Basketball Golf
 Softball Baking Contest Pumpkin Carving

Pre-Registration Teams

VOLLEYBALL

(4 Players and Alternate)

WCA Members \$15 All Others \$20

#1 _____
#2 _____
#3 _____
#4 _____
Alternate _____

(Include Name, Phone, & Indicate Team Captain)

SOFTBALL

10 Players \$10 per player
Teams Limited

Team Captain _____
Address _____
Phone _____

U-HAUL PACKING FOR TWO

WCA Members \$5 All Others \$8

#1 _____
#2 _____

(Include Name and Phone)

PUZZLE OFF

Teams of Four WCA Members \$5 Others \$8

#1 _____
#2 _____
#3 _____
#4 _____

(Include Name, Phone, & Indicate Captain)

Festival Ticket Prices

\$2 WCA Members * \$4 All Others
Children Free with Parents

\$2 Pre-Registration Fees Include \$4
Admission Price

Festivities begin at 10am and last until it's over
Rain or Shine the Festival Will Go On. *Call if stormy.

Pre-Registration Fees

Individual Competition

WCA Members \$5 per event or 4 for \$15
Non Members \$8 per event or 4 for \$20
Grand Champion Fees \$15 Advance

Team

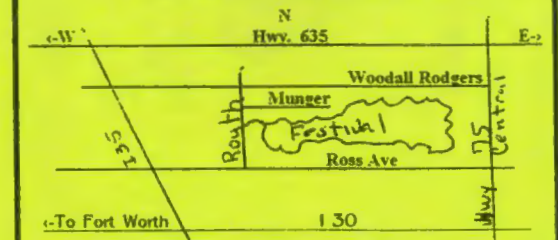
Volleyball and Softball Teams \$100
Jigsaw Puzzle \$20
U-Haul \$10



Registration after September 15

WCA Members \$8 per event or 4 for \$20
Non Members \$10 per event or 4 for \$25
Grand Champion \$20
Volleyball and Softball Teams \$125
Jigsaw Puzzle Team \$25
U-Haul Team \$15

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Women's
Chorus of
Dallas

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The Facts (con't)

The Neighborhood Development Program

While WCA provides social opportunities through its annual events, Mardi Gras in February, Avalon Solstice in June, and the Women's Festival in October; publishes the Quarterly Report and Neighborhood News, produces the Women's Herstory Quiz and other workshops; staffs a Resource/Referral Line; and maintains a Crisis Intervention Program: the primary objective of the WCA is to develop and support small Neighborhood Areas which help nurture the women who live or work in those Areas.

1. The first step is to create networking and socializing opportunities in small neighborhood groups, the areas in which women live or work. While this first step will help end isolation, provide the means to develop local resources, and provides leadership training, it is most important as the foundation for the second stage of the Program.
2. The second step focuses on the future as we plan the ways, identify the resources, and coordinate the efforts to take care of ourselves as we grow older.
3. The third step is to become the eyes and ears of our community. While developing long range plans to care for ourselves, we are also identifying women and providing support for those who might need the immediate help of a community of women.

Looking for Something to Do?


MARDI GRAS
WCA WOMEN'S FESTIVAL
RESOURCE/REFERRAL LINE
NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS
ANNUAL MEETING
CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENT
WOMEN'S HERSTORY QUIZ
AVALON SOLSTICE.....&TALENT SHOW
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SPECIAL EVENTS	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	RESOURCE/REFERRAL	EDUCATION

"The Facts" continuing next quarter

Look here  philosophy room. Call if you have questions.

next quarter for more on the structure, purpose, goals, and of WCA. With so much information this quarter, we ran out of

Garland

News:

Saturday, Aug 29, was another coffee house in Garland with local singer Rayn. This time Rayn performed "unplugged". Attendance was approximately 25 people who all seemed to enjoy this format for listening to the entertainer and having the opportunity to visit outside on the deck and around the food table. Plans will be to have this format again later in the year. Stay in touch with the Garland WCA group if you are interested.

Movie Nights:

More of our members have indicated they would like to meet more frequently for social activities. So, we have scheduled that the second Saturday of the month to be Movie Night. One of our members agrees to provide the house and the movie for the group and then, each person that attends brings whatever they wish to eat and drink. This keeps the monetary burden for entertaining off of the host. We did this last month and had our first Movie Night. The video is the choice of the host. There is no charge for attending Movie Night. We start gathering around 7PM and visit for awhile before starting the video.

Monthly meetings:

4th Sunday of the month 3-6 PM. Usually a potluck after or during the meeting.

Calendar:

Sept 12, Saturday	Movie Night
Sept 27, Sunday	Monthly Meeting
Oct 10, Saturday	Movie Night
Oct 25, Sunday,	Monthly Meeting,

For directions and volunteers for the Festiva, please call Cathy Brock and Judy Danielson @ 972-240-4243 or Carol Currie @ 972-278-5853

New Columns

**"If I Had a Hammer"
Household and Other Tips**

WCA receives 1% of your grocery bill when you choose WCA as your Community Organization WCA #2915

**"Hi-Ho Hi-Ho"
Jobs Wanted /Positions Available**

Collin Oaks Retirement Home Contact Kimberly Truax @ 972-519-0480

**A Place of Your Own
Housing Needs and Opportunities**

Housemate Wanted - Plano TX Call Lisa M. 972-618-4282

**Florence Nightingale Says
Health Tips for Your Life**

To reduce the risk of cancer, - Yams, Carrots, Acorn Squash, Pumpkin, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Rutabagas, Turnips, Lettuse, Peas, Tomatoes, Onions, Garlic, Parsley, Ginger, Asparagus, Mushrooms, Apricots, Peaches, Beef, Echinacea, Dandelions, Saffron, Acidophilus, Uva-ursi, Vitamins C, D, E, Selenium, Calcium

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Area Coordinators
The heart of WCA

Women's Herstory Quiz

There are three days set aside to honor women, aside from Mother's day. They are Women's Equality Day August 26,

International Woman's Day on March 8, and Susan B Anthony's Birthday in February. Today we are celebrating a Woman's Right to Vote. Each year we remember women who have sacrificed much for us by remembering them through a Women's Herstory Quiz, published on August 26. However, we are not presenting it to you at this time because we are doing something really special this year. This year is the 150th Anniversary of the first Women's Conference in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848. We are introducing The Women's Herstory Quiz at the WCA Women's Festival on October 17. The person who answers the most questions correctly will get a fabulous prize. We are working on a trip for two to the Women's Museum in Seneca Falls, NY. If we can't get that, we will come up with something really special. After all, where would be without those women who came before us. The following is an excerpt from previous quizzes:

Match the following:

1. Who said "Do not ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself"
2. When it came to Women's Rights, she said, "Failure is Impossible"
3. WCA Member who is in the Texas House of Representatives
4. WCA Member who played pro football & was selected first Woman Sports Superstar

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| 1. Barbara O'Brien | 2. Harryette Ehrhardt |
| 3. Susan B. Anthony | 4. Eleanor Roosevelt |

So study up, pay your Quiz entry fee at the Festival, and win a trip to New York or something else very special.

- Did you know the muffler was invented by a woman? Eldorado Jones.
- Did you know that besides occupying Lesbos, Amazons founded the ancient cities of Ephesus and Smyrna?
- Did you know that ambrosia (called Supernatural Red Wine or the blood of life) given by Hera, Mother of the Gods and Goddesses, to the ancient Greeks for immortality is actually women's menstrual blood?
- Did you know that Shakespeare's sister probably wrote all those plays? (This is just a little humor and an unknown since I do not even know if Shakespeare had sister.)



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The Resource/Referral Line

The late evening. If it becomes necessary to leave a message (because I am on the other phone, at meetings, working on reports, out to lunch, or otherwise indisposed), telephone calls are returned within 24 hours. As I've mentioned before, the Resource/Referral Line is just one of WCA's Programs which have been created to help end the isolation of women, provide resources, and help when women are in crisis. Over 50 calls to the line are made each week. The needs include information on: attorneys; sports activities; counselors-therapists; doctors; where are the women's bars; where do I meet women; if I like women does that make me a Lesbian; if I find my wife in bed with the woman next door, does that make her a Lesbian: I'm the only Lesbian in Plano, where do I go to meet women; I'm 14 years old, how do I meet women; you are the only telephone line that answers with a real live person, I am a gay male and need someone to talk to; my lover just left me, I need to meet people; it's midnight and I want someone to talk to. If you can think of a question; we answer it.

The Resource/Referral Line is just that. People call us for Resources and we refer them to the all-ready established resources, if they exist. If people have a need that WCA might be able to handle, we make many phone calls seeking a solution to the situation. Phone calls last in duration from 30 seconds to an hour depending upon need. It is truly one of the most important functions of the organization. Your support, through Membership, volunteer efforts, advertising in the Newsletter, attendance at Fundraisers, makes it possible for WCA to reach the women who need help or support.

Look for a description of another WCA program in next Newsletter

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I want to become a member of the Women's Communities Association and make a tax-deductible donation in the following amount:

\$25 \$45 (family) \$120 \$150 \$250 \$500 \$1,000

\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Charge _____ Mastercard _____ Visa Card# _____

Exp. Date _____ \$ _____ for _____ Months

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Acct. Name _____ \$ _____ for _____ Months

Signature _____ (Please attach voided check for bank drafts)

My employer may have matching gifts

I would like to receive information on how to include WCA in my:

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I am making an additional gift of \$ _____
In honor/memory of: (name address) _____

Please send WCA information on the enclosed list of names & addresses.

Please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities.

Wish List & Thank You

In one year WCA sends over 1200 post card size invitations; prepares notebooks for Area Coordinators, Sponsors, Board Members, Committee Chairs; makes flyers, promotional materials, and tickets; prepares reports and brochures; sends over 900 letters a year; keeps records, etc...etc...etc..

White copy paper; white laser printer paper; color paper; card stock of all colors (we use about \$600 worth of paper year on paper.); pens, pencils; folders, presentation packets, notebooks; stamps; money; two easels; flip charts; drums and printer cartridges for a Panasonic Laser printer; drums and cartridges for a Canon Copier; four small canopy tents; one large canopy cover; four card tables, three long tables; ten to twenty folding chairs; five large banners, three small banners. So if you have these or any other item you think an office needs, please call us. We need everything over and over again.

We are beginning the Fall season with some really great new volunteers. Mary Jo Morrison and Joanne Martin are high energy Members of the Newsletter Committee. Lori Pearson, Julie Finley, Dawna Hubert, and Jo Butler are the new Coordinators for Plano. Rosie Criswell is the East Dallas Coordinator. Linda Mechum and Chris Voight are new in Arlington. Sandy Edmondson and Kelli Pickard, former Area Coordinators in Sherman, have just moved to Fort Worth and can help to reorganize there. Maria Hite and Karla Adams are contacts in Sherman. Harriette Edwards and Genevieve Snow are new contacts in McKinney. Sheryl Gato has volunteered to reorganize Hurst-Euless-Bedford. Emelia Menthe is co-coordinating the Oak Lawn/Park Cities Area. And we almost had a new coordinator for Northwest Dallas.

Thanks to Laura Warner who is the Vendor Coordinator for the Women's Festival. Thanks to Brooke Peterson, a young student on her back to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She was important to the Women's Festival Committee this summer. Thanks to the women in Garland for their outstanding Coffeehouses. Poetry and music among friends, can hardly beat it.

Thanks to the Avalon Solstice Committee...Shawn McDonough, Kim Wallace, Dee Pennington, Vanna Parr, Laney McGriff, Michele English. It was spectacular event. Thanks to all the talented women who performed in the Talent Revue. And the drummers..WOW!!!! And a moment of gratitude and respect for the four crones who led the Solstice Ritual. Beautiful!!

We want to wish well and thank everyone who has a hand in making big change this year and who are moving on. Kelli Kirkpatrick in Plano has been inspiring and we will miss her as a Coordinator. But we know she a woman we can count on. Thanks to Judy Norton and Sandy Thompson for their work. Penny Smith is moving to California...we will miss her generosity and good spirit. And we owe much to Mary Jo Madden for her great work on the Neighborhood News. She has done WCA well. Thank you all and may your journeys be blessed. We are grateful.

So as in all things, everything moves. Life is a river...constantly flowing. And that is how WCA is...constantly changing. Moving ahead here; slowing down there. But always...moving forward. We regret the leaving and revel in the new.

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