



Women's Caucus

Newsletter

September 2006

2006 Olga Blondheim Lunch

Saturday Noon, October 21 (Provincial Convention October 20-22)

Buffet in the Dinner Theatre, Mayfield Inn

16615 – 109 Avenue, Edmonton

Guest Speaker: Linda Goyette on “Standing Together for Change”

“I will talk about the courage of the 103 Alberta women who wrote for *Standing Together*, and how the rest of us might borrow some of that courage to speak out for democratic change in Alberta.”

Tickets: \$25

\$20 low income

Available from: Starr Curry 453-2854 Marg Brown 468-1636 Provincial Office: 474-2415

Provincial Women’s Caucus AGM will be held **Saturday 7:30 a.m. October 21** in **Room 2205-2207 in the big tower of the Mayfield Inn. Look for direction signs.**

Buns, muffins, tea, coffee and juice will be available.

Positions that need to be filled are: Treasurer, Co-chair (from southern Alberta) and Secretary Memberhip. If you are willing to run or be nominated or know someone you’d like to nominate please email starr.curry@portagecollege.ca

Hedda Zahner of Calgary has generously donated a painting to raise money for the Olga Blondheim Fund. Details will be decided during the WC provincial executive teleconference on September 23, but the painting will be raffled during provincial convention.

“The image is an oil painting of a wild Tiger Lily* taken from a photo I took myself at Indian Graves Campground near Turner Valley.

It is glazed with a flexible coat of MSA varnish, which will help protect it from sun damage and cracking. I make the stretchers (substrate for the canvas) myself from kiln-dried, clear cedar that is glued and screwed to prevent warping, and they are fairly light frames. The canvas is 12 oz. duck that I stretch and prime myself after the raw canvas is attached to the frame. The painting edges are cleanly finished and do not require framing as they are already painted. The painting is about 2.25" deep altogether.”

**Wild Tiger Lilies are edible and make a great garnish or main ingredient in a summer salad. They taste a little sweet.*

Hedda Zahner <http://www.hedarts.homestead.com>.



Please note: Tickets for the lunch and for the picture will be sold at the Women’s Caucus table on Saturday morning of convention.

Edmonton WC Meeting will be held at **Roots Organic Market, 8225 - 112 Street, on Sunday, September 24**

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from **10:00 am to 12:30 pm.** The guest speaker will be announced later.

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from provincial office

Can you help?

One of our delegates to Provincial Convention needs a place to shower and to cook during convention.

Due to severe chemical sensitivities, the home must be chemical free.

This means no:

- * perfumes * scents * air fresheners
- * brand new rugs, painting, or furniture
- * smoking

Cleaning and laundry products, shampoos and soaps must be all natural.

Please contact Chantelle at 780-669-8925 or 1-800-465-6587 if you have or know of such a place. (We have one such place lined up, but it is a fair distance from the convention site.)

from provincial office

Room Booking:

Save the party thousands of dollars by booking a hotel room during convention.

Rooms start at \$107 plus tax and can be booked by calling 1-800-661-9804.

Please book as soon as possible, rooms are going fast!

Can you take a billet or give a ride?

Call Chantelle at 780-669-8925 or 1-800-465-6587.

These resolutions will be brought to Provincial Convention October 20-22, 2006 at the Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

4 Resolutions on Child Care

WHEREAS there is a shortage of regulated child care spaces in Alberta; WA quality, publicly-funded child care would provide children with educational and social programming proven to help overcome economic, social, class and other barriers to full integration into society; WA Canada lags behind all other advanced industrial countries (except for the United States) in building a comprehensive national child care system.

1. Be it resolved that the NDP urge the provincial government to support the Federal Child Care and Early Learning Act introduced by the NDP May 16, 2006, in order to give legislative authority to the principals of quality, accessibility, affordability, and development in the provision of regulated child care for all Canadians.

WHEREAS the current provincial legislation governing child care (the Social Care Facilities Licensing Act with an attached Child Care Regulation) only ensures minimum standards of care; WA the birthright of children is that they be honoured with our best efforts for their nurturance; WA a proposed provincial Child Care Act is in the development stages and may be proclaimed by the fall of 2007,

2. Be it resolved that the Alberta NDP urge the provincial government to establish a Provincial Child Care Act. And furthermore that such an Act should specifically insure: children have access to quality-regulated preschool and quality-regulated child care, child care staff must be paid at levels comparable to other child care professionals working in the field of education (such as those with an equivalent level of training in Early Childhood Development), and that the provincial government bears the responsibility to ensure there

"JUST DESSERTS"

an evening with Susan Scott
discussing her new book "All Our Sisters" and the special needs
of women and children in crisis

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th - 7 p.m.
INDO-CANADIAN CLUB, 826 EDMONTON TRAIL NE, CALGARY

TICKETS

\$15.00 each or 2 for \$25 (sponsor a low income - buy two)

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE OLGA BLONDHEIM FUND SUPPORTING PROVINCIAL WOMEN
CANDIDATES

Tickets/info - ANDP 219-8183 or sscott@albertandp.ca
Beth Wiwchar 282-0463 or bether@shaw.ca
Holly Heffernan 255-0479 or holly50@gmail.com

DESSERTS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Presented by the Calgary ND Women's Caucus



**Women's
Caucus**

Yes, as a member of the NDP, I
important work (membership

want to join the Caucus and support its
includes newsletter subscription).

Name _____

Address _____

City/Postal Code _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

I'd like my newsletter by email post

Please mail to:

ND Women's Caucus c/o I. Mather
10939-148 Street
Edmonton, AB T5N 3H6

Provincial Office Toll Free: 1-800-465-6587
Phone: 780-474-2415 Fax: 780-474-6138

Enclosed:

_____ \$10 Caucus (\$3 seniors or low income)
 New Renewal

I am a member in good standing of
the NDP; **OR**

_____ NDP membership fee (\$20 regular;
\$5 student, PAC or low income)

_____ donation for:

_____ Women's Caucus

_____ Olga Blondheim Fund

\$ _____ **Total enclosed**

Don't forget to renew your membership!!