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The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) organized a training program for a group of 19 women activists from the Russian Federation from October 21 to November 11. The program was part of the NIS Exchange and Training Project of the U. S. Agency for International Development, administered by the Academy for Educational Development (AED).

**I. OVERVIEW**

NDI's program was designed to introduce the women activists to the role and activities of political parties and nonpartisan civic organizations in American society. Training activities conducted in Washington, DC, followed by state visits to Minnesota, Missouri and Texas, gave the participants a comprehensive view of the involvement of women in election campaigns, political parties and civic organizations. The program emphasized citizen participation through local action and grassroots organizations as well as the value and effectiveness of coalition-building among different organizations. The program provided the participants with skills and information which they will be able to apply upon their return to Russia.

Following is a description of the training component of the program. Detailed summaries of the individual activities and meetings held in Washington and the states are contained in Section IX of the report. A schedule of the Washington, DC and state programs are attached in the Appendix Section.

**A. Washington Program**

The participants' visit began with an intensive 11-day program in Washington, DC. Orientation activities provided the delegation with a detailed overview of the political system in the United States as well as the state of U.S. politics on the eve of the November 1994 elections. The group met with staff members of the Democratic National Committee to discuss the structure of the Democratic Party and its platform. Later in the week, the National Federation for Republican Women presented the Republican party's structure, platforms and goals for this election cycle. A meeting with the Women's Campaign Fund presented the activities of a nonpartisan political organization that provides training and fundraising solely to women candidates. Finally, the women attended a day-long skills

training seminar covering budgeting and finance issues, message development, field organizing and press outreach.

The participants' visit to Washington coincided with the last two weeks of a closely contested mayoral race in Washington, DC. The group attended a "Women for Carol Schwartz" event and visited the Republican candidate's campaign headquarters. The director of the Democratic Party's Coordinated Campaign in the District of Columbia explained the role of the coordinated campaign and outlined the Democrats' strategy for the last 10 days of the election campaign.

During their stay in Washington, the Russian women met with several nonpartisan, non-profit organizations that work through their respective issue-based local constituencies to affect the political process (by endorsing candidates) and to affect the legislative process (through grassroots lobbying efforts). The American Association of University Women, the Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters described their involvement in the political and legislative process.

At a meeting with the director of the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues, the delegation discussed the legislative activities of elected officials and how caucus members build coalitions to pass legislation.

Attending a live production of 'Meet the Press' whose guests included George Stephanopoulos, William Kristol, David Broder, Robert Teeter, Peter Hart, Robert Novak, Elizabeth Drew and Tim Russert, the delegation observed the format and substance of interaction between administration officials and members of the press.

#### **B. Regional Programs : Minnesota, Missouri and Texas**

In Minnesota, Missouri and Texas the participants went door-to-door with candidates and observed the interaction with American voters. The women visitors observed phone banks, volunteer and Get-Out-The-Vote activities and met with election officials to discuss the method of ballot counting and security. Additionally, the teams met with nonpartisan organizations to learn about their policy interests, advocacy programs, and community activities.

Each state program featured different opportunities to view women's involvement in public life. In Minnesota, the women had a tour of a police station. They visited a city council in Burnsville, MN just outside of St. Paul. A meeting of the Minneapolis women's consortium

brought together a diverse group of women who engaged their Russian counterparts in a discussion of the obstacles facing women in politics.

In Missouri, the group visited a women's health clinic. A meeting with the St. Louis Mayor Bosley's women's team brought to light the activities of the mayor's office on behalf of issues that effect women.

In Texas the women observed a closely contended and nationally prominent gubernatorial election campaign, attended meetings at the headquarters for each candidate and met both Governor Richards and challenger George Bush, Jr. The women visited a private rehabilitation facility for criminal offenders sponsored by the Texas Parents Anonymous program. On the way to Houston, the women stopped at La Grange, Texas where they were greeted by the mayor and members of the city council and discussed the functioning of a small city government.

## **II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM**

The 19 women were and are highly motivated individuals and had definite particular concerns and issues that they would have liked to have had addressed. Each member of the group had expectations to meet with practitioners in their particular field which was not always possible. However, after the program, they felt that the skills and information gathered during the program be applicable to their work in Russia.

Training activities focused on political parties, candidates and the empowerment of women and women leaders. Although changes were made in the schedule to try to adjust the meetings in response to the individual interests expressed by the participants, not all could be satisfied. However, in response to some specific requests of the women, NDI scheduled meetings with Alcoholics Anonymous, National Inter-Religious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors and a tour of the Washington Post facilities.

### **III. PARTICIPANT ATTITUDES**

#### **A. Attitude Towards the United States**

Most of the participants had never been to the United States and were eager to meet and talk with their American counterparts. They commented several times on the breadth of social issues that motivated people to organize and get involved in the political process here and expressed surprise over the extent to which organizations outside of the political parties affect the legislative process in America. Several participants expressed amazement over the diversity of organizations -- some single issue, some multi-issued -- that exist, raise funds and work on behalf of women and other socially disadvantaged groups. Additionally, the group was greatly interested in the diversity of organizations (and policy issues) that motivate political participation of women. Participants took note of the leadership role assumed by women to promote and coordinate citizen action to affect societal change.

The attitudes of the participants towards the United States changed dramatically during the program. They no longer view the United States as a monolithic mass of wealthy people, and instead see a country of citizens confronting a spectrum of problems and social ills analogous to the struggles and that the Russians are experiencing. The meetings where they had an opportunity to talk with women involved in similar fields demonstrated that Americans have come far in dealing with many social inequalities and problems, but that they still must and do struggle to make the situation better and stable. This was important in forming bonds and identifying some common goals.

On an individual level, participants appreciated insight gleaned from learning how many people here live with low incomes, how much each person pays in taxes, how much a house or apartment costs and the cost of food, and the types of services provided by government at local and federal levels.

#### **B. Attitude Towards the Program**

The women were pleased at the ethnic and age diversity of the presenters. In the evaluation session, the women indicated the program provided them an opportunity to understand more clearly the differences between the two major American political parties.

#### **IV. LOGISTICS**

##### **A. Washington Program**

In Washington, the women were at the Carlyle Suites Hotel. Equipped with kitchens and near a supermarket, the hotel was also easily accessible to points of interest by both the subway and the bus system. For transportation, a bus was provided on a daily basis to take them to and from meetings that were not held at the NDI offices.

##### **B. Regional Programs: Minnesota, Missouri, Texas**

NDI arranged for air and ground transportation for all three groups. In Minnesota, the group stayed at an hotel in downtown St. Paul and used a van and driver to get to and from meetings within the city and outside. The Missouri group was based primarily in St. Louis but also went to Jefferson City and Kansas City over the weekend. In Texas, the women moved between Austin and Houston. In all cities, a van and driver were hired and worked with the group for the full 8 days.

#### **V. PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS**

Attached is a list of presenters in Washington and in the states who worked with the women (See Appendices). This list was given to the Russian women for their future reference. Additionally, on their request, information was provided on the following organizations: the National Organization for Women; the National Women's Political Caucus; the Center for Women policy Studies; Center for Policy Alternatives; Center for Law and Social Policy; National Black Women's Health Project; the National Urban League; Children's Rights Council; and Special Olympics.

In Minnesota, Missouri and Texas, the women met with representative of various social assistance groups as well as women in government.

## **VI. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

### **A. Methods Used to Monitor and Evaluate the Program**

Throughout the three weeks, the Russian women were accompanied by two NDI staff persons to assist them. Before the women departed for the states, an informal meeting was held and a second meeting took place the day after the women arrived back from Minnesota, Missouri and Texas.

### **B. Results of the Evaluations**

#### **1. Washington Program**

Participants criticized the lack of information made available to them, prior to departing Moscow, concerning their travel plans and the change of dates for arrival to and from Washington. Several of them had family members coming to pick them up or had flight reservations and had not been informed of the travel change.

The delegation commented favorably on the Washington program and the diversity of the programming, noting that the balance of cultural events, programming and free time was well conceived. They all recommended that Washington translators be sent out with the groups as the quality is higher and more professional.

The participants agreed that the discussions were generally interesting and stimulated new ideas. Many of the presentation were similar (particularly on fundraising), but this repetition underscored common approaches and obstacles confronted by different organizations and reinforced the idea that fundraising is a difficult and on-going process. All recognized that some of the tools used by the organizations they visited could be easily applied to their situation in Russia, citing specifically, direct mail, telephone banks and other means of fundraising. The campaign training day was considered very useful.

Participants praised the balance of the program and appreciated the exposure provided to both parties.



## **2. Regional Program: Minnesota, Missouri, Texas**

The regional programs in Minnesota, Missouri and Texas highly valued for being very constructive, informative and "hands-on". The delegation praised the diversity of the meetings, the number of campaigns visited and the cultural events.

## **VII. FOLLOW-ON NEEDS**

Several of the women with whom NDI has worked closely in the past have indicated their strong interest in creating an organization in Moscow to assist women in preparing to run for office and govern. The group is eager for more information on other women's organizations in the United States and the West generally. Several participants urged that future training address how to apply for Western grants and how to build ties with Western organizations to take advantage of their knowledge and experience.

## **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING**

Several participants asked that the AED requirement that they attend all scheduled programs be less stringent. Several recommended that there be a choice of meetings for each time slot in the schedule so they could choose what they wanted to attend. They felt that working in groups of 5-8 people was more useful, noting that meetings for a group of 19 did not allow for meaningful discussion.

The final recommendation was that the Washington program enabled participants to see some of the organizations in action, i.e. attend staff meetings, visit a foster parent, watch the preparation of a fundraising event. This aspect of the regional program was highly valued and was encouraged to replace the more theoretical orientation of the Washington program.

## **IX. SUMMARY OF INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

### **A. Washington Program**

***Monday, October 24***

*Overview of the American Political System*

*Speaker: William Kimberling, Federal Election Commission*

An energetic and entertaining speaker, Mr. Kimberling presented a clear and concise speech on the structures, relationships and responsibilities of government from the federal level to the local county and city. His ability to intersperse amusing illustrative examples to emphasize his point is very effective. His presentation included the history of the party systems in the United States, the development of the two legislative houses and the separation of powers.

***Tuesday, October 25***

*The Democratic Party of the United States*

*Speakers: James Brady, President, Association of State Democratic Chairs*

*Rick Boylan, Director, Party Affairs*

*Don Sweitzer, Political Director, Democratic National Committee*

The discussion covered the history of the Democratic Party and included discussion of the party's prospects in the upcoming elections. The structure, role and responsibilities of the national committee and the state committees were presented.

*Voter Education and Nonpartisan Efforts of the League of Women Voters*

*Speakers: Lynda Flowers, Coordinator, Health Care Project*

*Nancy DiGiulian, Program Manager*

*Betsy Lawson, Senior Lobbyist*

*Dorothy Nieweg, Manager of Organizational Services*

The League of Women Voters focused on encouraging women to run for office and engaging young voters in the political process. The League has used various methods to increase voter participation and works with other organizations to reach new voters in their late teens and

early 20s. Lynda Flowers led a session on coalition and consensus building. The Russian women were asked to identify the major problem in Russia and worked to develop an action plan to influence legislative policy on that issue.

*The History of Women Activism in America*

*Speaker: Mary Gereau*

The Sewall Belmont House, the headquarters for the National Women's Party, is a historic landmark commemorating the women's suffragette movement. The presentation covered the movement from its inception. The presenter discussed various aspects of the women's legislation pending and passed in the United States Congress. Following the meeting, the women were given a tour of the house exhibitions.

*Wednesday, October 26*

*Women's Issues and the Congress*

*Speaker: Leslie Primmer, Director, Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues*

The caucus was founded in 1977 and is a bipartisan group formed to support women's issues in the Congress. The caucus serves as an information clearinghouse for its members and works to promote and pass legislation that would assist women. Specific legislative case studies were presented to the women to demonstrate the role and functions of the caucus.

*Children and American Politics*

*Speaker: Karabelle Pizzigati, Director, Public Policy  
Child Welfare League of America*

The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that advocates on behalf of children's rights on the local, state and national level. The discussion covered areas of legislative priority for the League and how the three levels of the organization coordinate their activities to pass legislation protecting children. The League prepares a yearly child welfare report card recording how members of Congress vote on issues that concern children. The report card is made available to its member organizations.

*Empowering Women in the Political Process*

*Speaker: Amy Conroy, Executive Director, Womens' Campaign Fund*

The Womens' Campaign Fund (WCF) is a bipartisan organization that supports pro-choice women candidates. The Fund provides campaign training and funds to candidates who have been approved by the WCF Board of Directors. The delegation was given an example of the application form that women candidates must fill out in order to begin to be considered for WCF assistance. Ms. Conroy explained the ways in which the WCF raises money, describing in detail the direct mail program, personal high dollar solicitations, and special events.

*Campaign Event: Women for Carol*

*Speaker: Carol Schwartz, Republican candidate for Mayor of the District of Columbia*

The event offered the Russian women direct exposure to a woman candidate and to women in the community who supported her. Several women who spoke Russian were present, allowing the group to discuss why even some women who had supported her opponent in the past had shifted their support to Ms. Schwartz.

*Thursday, October 27*

*The Republican Party in the United States: Women and the Republican Party*

*Speakers: Charlotte Mousel, President  
Holley Barkely, Business Manager  
Mary Ramey, Membership Director  
Tracie Flyod, Director of Finances  
Elly Seng, Director of Communications and Public Affairs  
April Syring, Director, Campaign Management Seminars*

The National Federation for Republican Women (NFRW) provided a brief overview of the Republican party, its history, structure and then focused the remainder of the meeting on the NFRW. To achieve its goal of attracting more Republican women to politics and elected office, the organization runs an aggressive fundraising and educational program.

*The Politics of a Capitol City: DC Governing Structure and the Democratic Race for Mayor*  
Speaker: Ted Gay, Director, Democratic Coordinated Campaign, District of Columbia

The structure of the District of Columbia, its governing rights and its relationship to the Congress were discussed at length; to offer points of comparison Ted Gay talked about the functioning of a city government not overseen by the federal government. Turning to the current elections, Mr. Gay described the history of the coordinated campaign strategy and gave an overview of the candidates and the position for which he/she was running.

*Twelve Days Before Election: A Campaign Manager's Strategy*  
Speaker: Ed Morgan, Campaign Manager, Carol Schwartz for Mayor

The campaign manager shared his campaign plan for the last two weeks of the campaign with the group. He discussed how and why they made certain decisions, why they had successes and what had caused their failures. A tour of the headquarters gave the Russians the opportunity to ask questions of the volunteers and to observe the GOTV and campaign visibility effort.

**Friday, October 28**

*Training Session IA: Media Relations*  
Speaker: Joyce Carrier, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Treasury

Ms. Carrier enumerated the four main points of good campaign media relations: developing a press office, event planning, obtaining free media and the importance of advance. She then outlined the structure of a campaign, pointing out the crucial task of coordination between the different campaign offices. In addition, Ms. Carrier went through the organization and various functions of a press office. She explained that one of the main functions of a press office was to keep the media focused on the message of a candidate.

*Training Session IB: Strategic Planning and Daily Management*  
Speaker: Mike Matthews, The November Group

The session focused on strategic planning and daily management of a campaign. Matthews emphasized the basics of knowing the candidate's voter support and sketched a continuum outlining the voting base to illustrate his point. He asserted that the key to a successful election is persuading the 10-20 percent of the voting population that was undecided.

Matthews outlined the basics of election preparation and management. In formulating the campaign plan, Matthews emphasized the following: the voting base, the resources and the budget. Within the budget, the following three categories must be designated: voter contact, public relations and communications.

Matthews stressed the importance of communication in the campaign and divided into two main categories-- the media plan, consisting of advertising on television and radio, and the field plan, which involves going door to door, phone banking, direct mail and outreach to community organizations through special committees.

*Training Session IIA: Designing Effective Campaign Literature and Direct Mail*

*Speakers: Hal Malchow and Mike Matthews, The November Group*

*Training Session IIB: Budget & Finance*

*Speaker: David Nummy, International Republican Institute*

David Nummy spoke to participants about managing the budget and finances of a campaign. He emphasized the importance of reading the campaign plan before allocating the resources. After the plan has been read, Nummy suggested that the primary financial staff member compile the budget. A second approach would involve budgeting by department.

Nummy suggested that the elements of a successful and efficient campaign budget could be detailed as follows:

1. Administration/ Overhead (10%)
2. Personnel (10%)
3. Research (10%)
4. Fundraising (20%)
5. Voter Contact (50%)

Nummy also noted that knowledge of campaign finance laws is critical to successful fundraising. He stressed that the fundraising goals should be established before the campaign begins and outlined the best ways to raise and maximize funds, including efforts by the candidate and supporters in eliminating unnecessary expenses.

*Training Session IIIA: Communications*

*Speaker: Greg Minjack, Beckel-Cowan*

Minjack argued that in order to win gain the support of the electorate, a candidate needs to communicate simple and all-encompassing ideas. Good communication, he argued, is as an important a resource as money, people, and time.

Together with the staff, a candidate must honestly assess his/her own strengths and weaknesses, and through this, develop the message the candidate will communicate. He described this process, leading the group through an exercise to examine the facts and perceptions of a candidate, anticipate the questions, and develop answers.

*Training Session IIIB: Voter Contact and Field Operations*

*Speaker: Sarah Farnsworth, NDI*

Sarah Farnsworth discussed the importance and strategy behind voter contact. She emphasized the need for expanding the campaign message exponentially through direct contact with individual citizens. Farnsworth outlined the three most effective forms of voter contact as door-to-door, identifying community leaders and community organizations, and direct mail. She also described the phases of voter contact activity, describing the steps of introduction, targeting support, persuading undecided voters and finally GOTV efforts. She also explained the need for direct contact with the media in order to expand and support voter contact.

*Sunday, October 30*

*Meet the Press*

*Speaker: Collette Rhooney*

'Meet the Press' was filmed with George Stephanopolous, William Kristol, Robert Novak, David Broder, Robert Teeter, Peter Hart and Tim Russert just 10 days out from the elections. The women observed the interaction between representatives of the administration, the Republican party, journalists and pollsters.

*The Environment and Politics*

*Speaker: Dan Weiss, Political Director, Sierra Club*

Dan Weiss described how the Sierra Club develops, builds and maintains its membership, and how that membership is mobilized on the local, state and national level to affect legislation. He noted that the Sierra Club is a grassroots organization founded and sustained by groups of people who work on local and state issues. As with other organizations, the Sierra Club rates legislators and then provides the information to its membership as a voting guide. The Sierra Club also assists candidates that it views as sympathetic to environmental protection supporting them through volunteer time, money and media exposure.

*Monday, October 31*

*Women, Education and the Legislative Process*

*Speakers: April Osajimi, Senior Program Associate  
Nancy Zirkin, Assistant Director for Government Relations  
American Association of University Women*

The American Association of University Women is a national organization of 150,000 women with college degrees. The presenters explained how the Association functions as a lobbying organization, the scholarships it has available and the advocacy work it does in discrimination cases. Results from several case studies outlined the problems girls and women face in the educational and occupational fields.

*Tuesday, November 1*

*How to Build a Advocacy Coalition*

*Speakers: David Cohen, Co-Director, The Advocacy Institute  
Kathleen Sheekey, Co-Director, The Advocacy Institute*

Kathleen Sheekey spoke to the group about the Advocacy Institute's goals as an organization dedicated to maintaining and strengthening the citizens' relationship to the government. She outlined her goals for the session as advancing the understanding of advocacy, examining one method of advocacy and answering advocacy-related questions. David Cohen outlined one method of advocacy as a joint effort through coalition work. The group also participated in a creative exercise to foster a better understanding of coalition work. After breaking down into their smaller groups, Sheekey reconvened the delegation to develop a seven-step approach for creating a coalition around a new issue.



## **B. Minnesota Program**

***Wednesday, November 2***

### ***Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL)***

***Speakers: Ellen Stankiewicz, President, DFL College Democrats  
Judy Shermer, President, DFL Feminist Caucus  
Janet Ryan, Director, Small Donor Fundraising and Phone Banking***

The DFL Feminist Caucus supports women candidates by raising money for their campaigns, running phone banks and literature drops, providing them with volunteers and helping them to draft literature. Other work involves organizing political support for issues such as equal rights for women, equal pay for equal work, anti-discrimination laws, birth control research, developing child care services, food and affordable housing for all. During the current electoral campaign, the DFL Coordinated Campaign in Minnesota has organized literature drops, phone banks, door-to-door canvassing and organized transportation to get voter aged people to the polls.

### ***Ann Wynia for U.S. Senate Campaign Headquarters***

Volunteers were busy making get-out-the-vote phone calls, preparing yard signs for visibility, and preparing promotion packets. The participants were impressed at how well everything was coordinated and commented on the positive, almost festive atmosphere in which the volunteers were working.

### ***University of Minnesota - John Marty Rally***

The participants observed the College Democrats organizing a rally for John Marty, Democratic candidate for state representative. Approximately 200 students attended the campus event.

### ***Tour of the State Capitol and House Chambers***

***Speaker: Carol Molnau, State Representative***

Following a tour of the State Capitol building, the group met with State Representative Carol Molnau for a visit to the House chambers. Ms. Molnau demonstrated the House's system of voting, taking roll, calling pages and asking for permission to speak. She also discussed how bills were created, brought to the floor through committee, and passed or rejected.

*Meetings with Representatives from Independent-Republican Party*

*Speakers: Sharon Clark, Vice President, Independent-Republican Party (IRP)  
Scott Simmons, Researcher, IRP  
Linda Ronbeck, State Senator, IRP*

The IRP agenda and focus is to support the identification and election of Republican candidates for state and federal office. In 1994, IRP sponsored three candidate schools to help prepare candidates for elections and, once elected, the tasks of governance.

State Senator Linda Ronbeck described the party's positions on the issues of health care reform, property tax reform, crime and government reform.

*Thursday, November 3*

*Community Action Council (CAC)*

*Speakers: Mary Ajax, Executive Director  
Cathi Benson, Transitional Housing Coordinator  
Michele Robson, Family Support Worker Program Coordinator  
Laura Brandys, Child Care Resource and Referral Coordinator  
Maggie Clements, Intervention Project/Outreach Coordinator  
Jill Schulz, Transportation Assistant/Driver  
Angie Dickson, Help Line Coordinator  
Deb Hasbargen, Volunteer Coordinator  
Carolyn Rodriguez, Family Loan Coordinator*

The executive director described how the CAC was founded and what its goals and functions are. Michelle Robson talked about working with students and families at risk in the Burnsville School District and how CAC's outreach workers assist to bridge the gap from home to schools, provide support in the areas of domestic violence, and mediate in the school to obtain needed services for the children and their families. Laura Brandys gave an overview of the Resource and Referral program, which every county in the U.S.A. is required to have, how it is funded and how it helps families who have children with disabilities. Maggie Clements talked about CAC's 24-hour hot line, battered women's shelters, counseling services, childcare programs. She described how CAC had assisted Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone write a bill that would provide greater protection for women and children affected by domestic violence. Jill Schulz talked about how CAC provides information about resources within the service area. Cathi Benson discussed the

problem of homelessness in Minnesota and how CAC attempts to address it through its outreach

program. Deb Hasbargen spoke on the community spirit of volunteerism and how it helps CAC function. Of all work accomplished at CAC 85 percent is done by volunteers. By using volunteers they are able to pass most of the money that they receive on to the people who need it. She talked about the reasons that people volunteer, how volunteers are found and how CAC trains their volunteers.

#### *Burnsville City Offices*

*Speaker: Greg Konat, City Manager*

The city manager gave an overview of the Burnsville City Government, explained how and when a local unit of government is created and how a community selects a type a government through ratification of a city charter.

#### *Tour of Burnsville City Police Department*

The group toured the police department and spoke with several police officers. Participants inquired as to how many arrests take place a year, what are the most prevalent types of crime and often police draw their weapons. The women were taken on a tour of the holding cells, visited the processing areas, and rode in a SWAT truck and cruiser.

#### *Mike Stone Campaign and Phone Bank*

*Speaker: Mike Stone, Democratic Candidate, State Representative*

*Carol Stone*

*Susan Estielle, Campaign Manager*

Ms. Estielle summarized the demographics of Burnsville and how this has shaped Mr. Stone's campaign. Mr. Stone talked to the group about who he is, why he is running and then showed a 30-second campaign ad that explained his background. The candidate held a mock GOTV training with the group which was very effective in helping to understand what door-to-door campaigning was like.

#### *Ann Wynia Phone Bank*

In the Communications Workers Building nine people were making phone calls on behalf of Ann Wynia, the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate. The average call took less than 30 seconds and the purpose of this phone bank was to remind people to vote on Tuesday and to tell them where their polling station is located.

*Friday, November 4*

*Round Table with Members of the Minnesota Women's Consortium*

*Participants: Mollie Hoben, Editor of Minnesota's "Women's Press"*

*Rita Beliakovskaia, Cinematographer and Representative of the Independent Women's Forum*

*Tamara Poutchkina, Deputy Chairman of Novisibirsk Regional Branch of "Russian Children's Fund"*

*Olga Sarafanova, Editor of "Knowledge - Power" Magazine in Moscow*

*Shirley Nelson, Director, Women's Candidate Development Coalition*

*Carol Haydon, Women's Campaign Fund*

*Bonnie Watkins, Minnesota Commission on the Economic Status of Women*

*Natasha Abubikirova, Co-Chair, Women's Alternative Center in Moscow*

*Marina Regentova, Co-Chair, Women's Alternative Center in Moscow*

*Loubov Chtyleva, Doctor of Education and Professor in Murmansk*

*Kay Erickson, President, League of Women Voters in Minnesota*

*Grace Norris, Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association*

*Carolyn Rodriguez, Representative of Minnesota Women's Political Caucus, Co-Chairman of the Minnesota Women's Consortium*

*Irina Neklioudova, a Founder of the Russian Union of Shareholders*

*Dede Wolfson, Republican Party's Women's Caucus*

*Alexander Ramsey House Museum*

This museum offered historical perspective on life in Minnesota during the late 19th century, a period when this territory became a state. The tour included commentary on Mr. Ramsey's role in public life.

*Project for Pride and Living (PPL)*

*Speakers: Joe Selvaggio, Executive Director*

*Jim Fournrer, Director of Volunteer Services*

*Laura Klein, Community Initiatives Director*

This session described the founding of Project for Pride and Living (PPL) 23 years ago. Their slogan is "Give me a fish and I'll eat for a day; teach me to fish and I'll eat for a lifetime" which works to empower their clients. The goal of PPL is to build trust so that they can empower these people and teach them needed skills. Additionally, PPL has rehabilitated, renovated or built 800 houses and apartments in the last 23 years. Four hundred and forty have been turned over to

private ownership and 360 homes and apartments are run by PPL. Following the meeting, the women took a tour of some of the neighborhoods, stores and properties that PPL owns or

operates. The buildings are drug-free and clean.

*Saturday, November 5*

*Minnesota Retail Merchants Association*

*Speakers: Judy Cook, President  
Mary Hirschboeck, Director of Member Services  
Annette Henkel, Director of Public Affairs  
Gretchen Himsl, Administrative Assistant*

The Minnesota Retail Merchants Association (MRMA) is a trade association that represents the retail stores of Minnesota. The primary work of MRMA is to lobby at the state level on issues that affect the retail industry. Member retailers pay dues to MRMA to cover the cost of its work on issues that affect retailer members (sales taxes, health care and shoplifting) and to inform the association membership of its activities. MRMA is run by the four staff in the office and a 45 member board of directors from around the state who meet twice a year to decide the policy of the organization.

*Sunday, November 6*

*Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party in Duluth*

*Speaker: Mike Jaros, a DFL candidate for State Representative*

Mr. Jaros discussed his experience in politics since 1972, and offered his perspective on how politics has changed over the last 20 years. He noted that his current bid for office is based in what he sees as the need for social and economic justice.

After meeting with Mr. Jaros, the delegation broke into small groups and observed the candidate and of the Duluth DFL door-to-door campaigning. The participants enjoyed meeting local people and asking their opinions on the elections and politics in general.

*Duluth Housing Authority*

*Speaker: Joe Laromee*

A Native American, Mr. Laromee represents all racial minorities on the Duluth Housing Board. He works to provide affordable housing for minorities and to integrate them into all areas of the city.

*Monday, November 7*

*Public Strategies Group*

*Speakers: Gary Warrington, Executive Director, Student Services  
Lourie Omann, Vice President*

The Public Strategies Group is a private consulting firm that is managing Minneapolis public schools, 44,000 students at 80 different sites. Several challenges confront the Strategic Group, including resistance to private management of public education facilities, how to meet federal integration mandates besides unpopular and inefficient system of cross-town busing, and so-called "mainstreaming" children with special needs into regular classrooms.

One of the organization's new projects is to bring social services into the schools, which the group believes will benefit the teachers and the students, and reduce costs of service delivery to other public authorities.

*North Star Primary School*

*Speakers: Robert Monson, Principal  
Ann Kaari, Chairperson, Minneapolis School Board  
Farzaneh Kia, Site Coordinator*

The group observed a breakfast program for low income students and the children at work in their classrooms. Robert Monson addressed participants' questions regarding teacher pay, unions, schedules, retirement, role of a teacher, parent conferences and health insurance. Ann Kaari explained how the school board works with the schools, the parents and citizens of Minneapolis to find compromise in the school system and budget issues. Farzaneh Kia talked of the health clinic being built at this school to provide needed services to improve student health and therefore student attendance. They will also work to connect parents with other social services agencies.

*Russian Presentation at the University of Minnesota*

This discussion was presented by the Russian participants to a group of professors, administrators and students of the Women in Public Policy Department as well as some people from the community. Natalia Abubikrova, Liubov Chtyleva, Rita Beliakovskaya and Marina Regentova presented their views on the role of women in politics in Russia. Because of the large number of political parties in Russia and the diversity of views among women, there is little progress, they stated, in forming a women's party. Women in Russia are now forming many independent "women's" organizations as a vehicle for political participation and organized involvement in public life. Such organizations support the professional development of women and encourage mentoring and assistance to young girls who become involved in politics.

*Tuesday, November 8*      *ELECTION DAY*

Joan Growe, Secretary of State, met with the group at the State Office Building to explain how the votes are received, compiled and then given to the media. The Chief Judge gave a step-by-step explanation of the voting procedure, information about the training that is needed to work at a polling place, information on absentee ballots and efforts by the state administration to encourage voter participation. The delegation visited two polling stations and observed GOTV activities on street corners downtown.

## C. Missouri Program

*Tuesday, November 1*

*League of Women Voters*

*Speaker: Susan Trice, President*

Discussion concerned the development and management of the League's volunteer staff and the importance of forming coalitions to better address their multi-issued agenda. They also discussed the importance of remaining nonpartisan and how this helps them better interact with legislators in order to achieve their issues.

*Wednesday, November 2*

*St. Louis Visitors Center*

*Tour Guide: Jean Ryan*

Private tour of St. Louis, scenic sights and history. Visit to new cathedral, botanical gardens, and residential areas.

*The Role of a Newspaper*

*Speakers: Joe Mannies, political correspondent, St. Louis Post Dispatch  
Phil Dyne, political editor, St. Louis Post Dispatch*

After an introduction by the political editor, Mannies spoke about her experience as the Post-Dispatch political correspondent. She discussed the importance of learning about the campaigns, yet remaining completely objective and unbiased when composing a story. Remaining nonpartisan allows her to inform the public about the candidates and their views.

The delegation discussed the difficulties experienced by of Russian reporters and the dangers associated with journalism in Russia today, making it "nearly impossible" for women to advance to senior positions in the profession.

The group was given a brief tour of the news floor and introduced to various women who hold ranking positions at The Post.



*Thursday, November 3*

*Politics in Missouri and Individual Action*

*University of Missouri, St. Louis, Alumni House*

*Speakers: Paul DeGregorio, Director of Outreach Development  
Betty Van Uum, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs  
Liz Clayton, Professor of Economics and Russian-American Relations*

This breakfast meeting proved a wonderful forum for a roundtable discussion of political views by Democratic and Republican activists as well as an exchange of views on Russian-American relations.

Betty Van Uum discussed her involvement in the civil rights and women's movements in the 1960's and her efforts to obtain the Equal Rights Amendment. Dr. Clayton spoke of her career in connecting economics and women's issues, and her expertise in Russian studies. She stated that women's salaries grow at a slower rate due to domestic burdens that limit their involvement in activities crucial for professional advancement. Paul DeGregorio is a staunch Republican who believes the Democrats are too liberal. The group discussed the 1993 parliamentary elections in Russia and the prospects for Russia's future.

*Observation of Canvassing*

*Speaker: Barbara O'Mara, Republican candidate for State House*

Paul DeGregorio escorted the delegation to a meeting with Republican candidate for the state legislature, Barbara O'Mara at her home/campaign headquarters. She discussed her campaign and the beliefs on which she bases her platform. She had never been a candidate before, and had previously held the position of president of Missouri's largest pro-life organization. She spoke about negative campaign strategies and the demanding schedule of running a campaign. The candidate invited the women to observe her canvassing and interacting with individual voters. They watched her go to each house leaving literature and answering questions put to her by the people she met.

*Citizens for Missouri's Children*

*Speakers: Beth Griffin, Executive Director  
Melissa Hensley, Social Worker/Public Affairs*

Citizens for Missouri's Children is an advocacy group that promotes child welfare issues within the state legislature. Its most recent priorities included legislation regarding foster childcare and the Family Preservation Plan, which allows children to remain at home under monitored conditions. During the meeting with the delegation, the Center's representative discussed issues

of adolescent pregnancy and youth violence and what can be done to protect kids who live in poverty. The organization is not allowed to endorse a candidate. It works to mobilize people to get involved. In addition, the Center sponsors major research projects and organizes outreach programs to inform the public and elected officials of its findings.

*Television News: Ethics in Journalism*

*Speaker: Mike Shipley, Political Correspondent, Channel 5 News*

At Channel 5's studio, Mike Shipley spoke about the responsibilities of a TV journalist and the code of ethics that shapes news coverage. He also discussed the tension between reporting honest news and commercial demands to maintain high ratings by providing entertainment. The women raised question regarding the station's reliance on the polling and involvement in sponsoring political debates. They also discussed the protection against libel suits and the process by which reporters verify information provided by anonymous sources.

*Friday, November 4                      Jefferson City*

*Advocating the Governor's Agenda*

*Speaker: Beth Wheeler, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor Carnahan's Office*

Former State Representative Beth Wheeler is Governor Carnahan's liaison with the Missouri state legislature. She spoke with the group on the current political situation in Missouri.

The discussion then turned to ethics in politics, and the Russian women told Ms. Wheeler about the rampant problem of corruption in the executive branch. Ms. Wheeler described the role of the media as a "political watchdog" in the United States that shines a "spot light of scrutiny" on the activities of elected and appointed government officials.

*The Democrats in '94*

*Speakers: Richard Martin, Chairman, Missouri State Democratic Party  
                    Jason Schwartz*

The group was given a tour of the party headquarters and then met with the leadership to discuss the party's role in identifying candidates and targeting resources to the promising electoral contests. The chairman explained the information base that is necessary to run a campaign, and then described how the party raises money to support its candidate. He also discussed the role of political action committees and local organizations that provide monetary and in-kind support to candidates. The chairman responded to participants' questions on the state party's interaction with the national party, and more specific questions on budgeting.

*The Republicans in '94*

*Speaker: Bill Paylen, Republican State Headquarters*

Mr. Paylen briefly explained the philosophy of the Republican Party and then led a discussion on the strategy of the party for 1994 and what role the "Contract With America" has played in the election cycle.

*Saturday, November 5*

*Planned Parenthood of Kansas City*

*Speakers: Patty Brous, Executive Director  
John Rich, Director of Operations  
Erika Fox, Director of Public Affairs  
Ellen Brown*

The group was given a tour of the building and the clinic facilities. During the tour, questions were asked concerning medical procedures and legal challenges to the services provide to clients of the clinic. The delegation discussed the broad objectives of Planned Parenthood, resulting in an explanation of the organization's role in influencing public policy on issues relating to women's health. The clinic's representatives described the legal and political means used to advocate its positions and how Planned Parenthood has raised money for its advocacy efforts. Discussion ranged from issues of women's rights, to legal fights, and fundraising.

*Karen McCarthy for U.S. Congress Campaign Headquarters*

*Speakers: Volunteers and staff*

The group went on a tour of the office and then spoke with volunteer coordinators and staff members about their roles and activities in the campaign. The group viewed the candidate's most recent commercials and then discussed how the content of the advertisements had been developed and how it responded to ads aired by the opposing candidate.

*American Royal Rodeo*

This example of distinctly American culture was extremely well received by the Russian delegation. In addition to observing the rodeo, the group attended a concert by the band Restless Heart.

*Sunday, November 6*

*Tour of Truman Museum and House  
Independence, Missouri*

*The Status of Women in Russia and America: Citizen Participation  
University of Missouri, Kansas City*

*Speakers: Dr. Kristen Esterberg, Department of Sociology and Women's Studies  
Ruth Margalin  
Carol Caylor*

During the roundtable meeting, Russian and American women shared perspectives regarding the movement of women in the public life of their respective countries. The Russian women were very impressed with the status of women in the United States and were told that equal rights is an ongoing battle.

*Monday, November 7*

*Women in the Executive Branch: St. Louis City Hall*

*Speakers: Elaine Spearman, Director of Human Services  
Sharon Carpenter, Recorder of Deeds  
Laura Cohen, Mayor's Liaison*

The Russian women spoke with three senior women in St. Louis government. The discussion covered areas of welfare, child protection and specific issues St. Louis has recently confronted with regard to women's issues and racial tensions.

*Tuesday, November 8*

**ELECTION DAY**

*Polling and American Politics*

*Speaker: Terry Jones, Pollster, Professor, University of Missouri, St. Louis*

The discussion revolved around campaign strategy and technology. Using recent polling research, the professor was able to demonstrate to the group various ways to interpret the data and its implications for electoral strategy. He divided up men and women into various demographic categories conforming to sex and age and projected the likely voting behavior of the different segmented groups identified.

*Election Day Polling Observation*

*Speakers: Dorothy Cameron, Democratic Representative, Missouri Election Commission*

Following an introduction to the mechanics of the electoral process, the group visited polling stations in both affluent and low-income areas of St. Louis. At both stations the group observed people voting and learned how election officials at polling sites were recruited, trained, and monitored.

*Alan Wheat for U.S. Senate Campaign Office*

*Speaker: Martin Kerns*

Mr. Kerns spoke about the campaign's final days and the emphasis on voter targeting and get out the vote efforts, including phone banks. Additionally, he described the recruitment and training of volunteers who would be tasked with taking elderly or handicapped people to vote.

*St. Louis Elections Commission*

*Speakers: Dorothy Cameron  
Representatives to the Election Commission Designated by the Democratic and  
Republican Parties*

The group returned to the Elections Commission to watch the closing of the polls and the beginning of ballot counting. After touring the building, the group witnessed absentee counting and the actual computer tally of returned ballot boxes.

*Election Night Watch: John Ashcroft for Governor (Republican)  
Alan Wheat Campaign for U.S. Senate (Democrat)*

*Wednesday, November 9*

*Return to Washington, D.C.*

## **D. Texas Program**

*Wednesday, November 2*

### *The Role of Volunteers and Grassroots Politics in an Election*

*Ann Richards Travis County Headquarters*

*Speaker: Jay Maguire, Volunteer Coordinator*

The participants visited Ann Richards' Travis County Volunteer Headquarters for a meeting with one of the volunteer coordinators, Jay Maguire, who spoke to the group about the importance of the volunteer effort. Maguire explained the voter registration process, including a brief overview of the newly implemented Motor Voter bill. He explained the process of identifying Democratic voters through voter lists and primary election results. He also briefly addressed the problem of voter turnout in a non-presidential election.

### *The Role of the Texas Democratic Party in Midterm Elections*

*Speakers: Bob Slagle, Chairman, Texas Democratic Party*

*Cynthia Offerdal, Fundraising Chairman, Texas Democratic Party*

Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party Bob Slagle emphasized the role of get-out-the-vote efforts (particularly phone banks and direct mail) and media contact as effective ways to promote Democratic candidates. He spoke about the party's use of polling research to assess the party's prospects. In addition, he talked about the party's function as a resource center for all Democratic races in Texas and discussed the decision-making process in allocating funds and resources for closely contested races. Cynthia Offerdal, fundraising chairperson for the Texas Democratic Party, spoke about the importance of recognizing each donor for their contributions. Offerdal explained that, as fundraising chair, she was primarily responsible for raising large donations. She accomplished this by making contacts with prominent individuals in the community and holding fundraising events with political candidates. She also engaged in a role-playing game to demonstrate to participants a typical fundraising phone call.

### *The Role of the Republican Party in the Midterm Elections*

*Speakers: Gary Bruner, executive director, Texas Republican Party*

*Barbara Jackson, Office Manager and member of the Republican*

*Executive Committee, Texas Republican Party*

The executive director of the Republican Party outlined the structure of the state party and briefly discussed the gubernatorial and senatorial races. He traced the history of the Texas Republican Party and explained some of the Party's goals for the upcoming election, citing as a priority the objective of attracting minority voters away from the Democrats. Bruner also introduced the

group to the concept of gerrymandering, a term that was unfamiliar to them but crucial to understanding American politics. Bruner also asked the participants about their involvement in Russian politics and their perceptions of the present and future leadership of Russia. Barbara Jackson spoke to the group about her involvement in the Republican Party and described how she rose to a leadership position on the Executive Committee through her work at the local and county levels.

### *Dinner Reception with Community Leaders and Directors of Children's Organizations*

Susan Stevens, director of the Austin non-profit agency Parents Anonymous, arranged a reception for the participants. She invited community leaders, directors of various children's organizations, and other interested parties to discuss shared interests and problems, make contacts and work on problem-solving issues. Among the individuals present at the reception: Journalist Harold Klein from the Austin American Statesman, District Attorney Ronnie Earle, Sandra Martin of the Children's Advocacy Center, and others. Participants broke into small groups for discussions. Translation assistance was provided by graduate students from the Slavic Languages Department at the University of Texas.

The participants found the reception one of the most beneficial parts of the program because their individual interests were met. Many opportunities, possibilities for joint ventures, correspondence and contacts between agencies were established. For example, Nadejda Lissitsina and District Attorney Ronnie Earle (one of the founding members of Parents Anonymous) agreed to pursue a training program at Lissitsina's center in Novgorod. Lissitsina and Rimma Feodotova also agreed to exchange information with the Children's Advocacy Center in Austin.

Following the reception, the participants were escorted by Susan Stevens to the New West Country and Western Club to experience Texas culture--cowboys, the "Texas two step" and country and western music.

### *Thursday, November 3*

#### *Non-Governmental Organizations: Function and Funding*

##### *Texas Council on Family Violence*

*Speakers: Judy Reeves, Program Services Director  
Cynthia Perkins, Development Director*

Judy Reeves outlined the shelter program for battered women and children as well as the rehabilitation programs for violent offenders. She stated that the TCFV acts as an umbrella organization that encompasses all shelters in Texas and works with allied professional groups (doctors, nurses, Emergency Medical Technicians) and the criminal justice system (judges, district

attorneys, law enforcement officials) in addressing common problems. Cyndy Perkins spoke about her various projects as Development Director, including a national toll-free hotline for battered and abused women.

*Media Strategy in a Closely Contested Campaign*

*Ann Richards for Governor Campaign Headquarters*

*Speakers: Bill Cryer, Press Secretary  
Peter Silverman, Communications Staff  
Jason Stanford, Communications Staff*

Participants met with several members of Ann Richards' press and communications office to discuss media strategy in a close campaign. Peter Silverman and Jason Stanford outlined the media markets in Texas, the differences in campaign advertising sent out to various regions, and gave an example of the candidate's campaign schedule. Bill Cryer spoke to the group about developing a media strategy for the candidate, the use of focus groups to determine standing with the electorate and strategies to capture the swing vote. Participants also discussed the use and prevalence of negative advertising.

*The Austin League's Area of Interest: Education and Employment in Austin*

*Speaker: Frances MacIntyre, President, League of Women Voters*

The League president and several members spoke to the group about their local study entitled, Education and Employment in Austin. They spoke about the importance of work by committees and the problems of retaining an active membership. The League members also spoke about their role as a nonpartisan organization providing unbiased, accurate information to voters about potential candidates.

*Observation of the Early Voting Process*

*Speaker: Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir*

Participants travelled to Highland Mall to observe the early voting process. They were greeted by Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir who explained the rationale for early voting and the three step voting process to the group, including qualifications of the voter, signing in at the voting station and selecting a ballot. Participants were then invited to watch a member of DeBeauvoir's staff go through the voting process.



*The National Organization for Women as an Instrument of Politics, Social Change and Coalition-Building*

*Speaker: Hannah Riddering, President, Austin Chapter, National Organization for Women (NOW)*

Hannah Riddering, described some of the issues NOW addresses on a regular basis, including sexual harassment in the workplace, inequalities in education and career opportunities for women, domestic violence, and reproductive rights. Riddering explained that NOW accomplishes its goals through lobbying efforts, protests and demonstrations.

*Friday, November 4*

*The New Visions Therapeutic Community as an Alternative Penal Institution*

*Speaker: Jackie Noles, Warden, New Visions Therapeutic Community*

Warden Jackie Noles spoke to the group about the New Visions rehabilitation program, created as part of Ann Richards' anti-crime initiatives. She explained that New Visions is a privately owned facility, and outlined the steps and goals of the treatment program in rehabilitating prisoners from the state prison system before sending them back into society. After speaking with the warden, the group was given a comprehensive tour of the facility.

*Governing at a Local Level: The Town Community*

*La Grange City Hall*

*Speakers: David Nowack, Utilities Manager  
Violet Zubrovnik, City Secretary*

David Nowack explained the guidelines for overseeing cities with less than 5000 inhabitants. He explained the council-manager form of government, the city budget, and outlined the daily responsibilities of key city officials.

*Saturday, November 5*

*Managing a Local Campaign in the Last Few Days Before Election*

*Speaker: Chris Corcoran, campaign staff, Vince Ryan for County Judge Headquarters*

Vince Ryan was the Democratic candidate for the office of Harris County Judge. Chris Corcoran explained that the position of Harris County Judge was a legal position in title only. He stated that in smaller counties, the position has both executive and judicial powers, but in larger counties the responsibilities were mainly executive. Corcoran briefly outlined Ryan's platform of reform on crime, ethics and monetary policy. He gave a brief overview of the Republican and Libertarian

candidates as well. He discussed the problem of fundraising (Ryan had raised approximately \$300,000, while his Republican opponent had raised more than \$900,000), and showed the participants a geographic, color-coded representation of the voting populace in Harris County. Corcoran also explained his responsibilities as a paid staffer, contrasting this role to that of a campaign volunteer.

*Observation of GOTV and Volunteer Efforts in the Last Few Days Before Election  
George W. Bush For Governor Houston Headquarters*

Participants were given full access to George W. Bush Houston Headquarters as well as the neighboring phone bank. They observed volunteers at the phone bank as well as detailed preparations for the following day's rally.

*Sunday, November 6*

*Organization of a Newspaper and Covering an Election Campaign*

*Speaker: Ernie Williamson, Executive Editor, News Department, Houston Post*

Ernie Williamson spoke to participants about the competition of newspapers in a large media market as well as the paper's and editors' roles in covering an election campaign. Williamson described Houston Post's readership, area of circulation and the different departments and sections of the newspaper. He stressed the importance of the advertising department and stated that it was crucial to the success of the paper. He described his responsibilities as executive editor of the news department, namely to assign news stories and publish them in a factually based, objective manner.

He emphasized the importance of objectivity in covering an election campaign. He reiterated that his job was to cover the campaign, not endorse any particular candidate. Williamson explained that the decision to endorse candidates was made independently by the paper's owner and editorial board. He stated that the paper did not have a particular political affiliation, preferring to endorse candidates based on their platforms and not on their party. He explained that reporter's political beliefs were not a factor in the hiring process, although a journalist's ability to write objectively about politics was a necessary qualification.

Williamson also touched briefly on the issue of libel and other legal actions taken against the paper. He noted that libel cases against newspapers were difficult to win because according to U.S. laws, malicious intent must be proven.

### *Home Visit with the Wische Family*

Participants were given the opportunity to visit the home of an American family. The Wisches have lived in Houston for almost twenty five years. Jerry Wische is the executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Houston. Margaret Wische is a Spanish teacher at Saint Agnes Academy School for Girls. Abigail Wische is a junior at a public high school. Naomi Wische is a program assistant at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.

In addition to observing a typical American household, the group was particularly interested in hearing about Mrs. Wische's career as a teacher and about the American education system in general. They asked about the differences between public and private education (the size of classes, the quality of education, the subjects taught, future opportunities for students in public versus private schools, uniforms, and the advantages and disadvantages of co-educational versus single sex schools).

### *Monday, November 7*

#### *Women in Local Government*

*Speaker: Eleanor Tinsley, Houston City Councilwoman*

Eleanor Tinsley has been a member of the Houston City Council for 15 years. She spoke to the group about the structure and workings of the City Council as well as her background as an elected official.

#### *Observation of Pre-Election Campaign Rally*

*George W. Bush Campaign Rally*

The group observed a pre-election rally held for gubernatorial Republican candidate George W. Bush, Jr. at a Houston hotel. The Bush supporters numbered about 250, and state and national television, radio and print journalists covered the event. Prominent local and national Republicans, including former Houston Rocket Robert Reid, Harris County Commissioner Steve Radack, Senator Phil Gramm, and former President and First Lady Barbara Bush spoke to the crowd about the need for change in government, the need for change in Texas and George W. Bush as the instrument of that change. The speakers also thanked the campaign volunteers and other Republican candidates for their support. George W. Bush spoke briefly to the crowd, highlighting key campaign issues such as education, juvenile justice and welfare.

**Tuesday, November 8**      **ELECTION DAY**

*Non-Governmental Organizations Reaching the Community*

*Speakers: Mary Reid, community affairs manager, Planned Parenthood  
Dottie Curry, community outreach manager, Planned Parenthood*

Mary Reid spoke to the group about the goals and functions of Planned Parenthood as a non-profit organization dedicated to the principle of choice and family planning. She outlined the four components of Planned Parenthood's program as education, community outreach, community affairs and health care services. Dottie Curry, discussed the various community outreach projects, including AIDS education and prevention for teens and adults, particularly those in the minority communities.

*Observation of the Voting Process and Poll Watching*

*Speaker: Jim Obercrom, Election Judge*

Participants were given the opportunity to observe the voting process inside the actual voting precinct. Election Judge Jim Obercrom explained the voting process and the responsibilities of the election judge. He talked about voter registration and the operation of the voting station.

Obercrom explained the restrictions of party pollwatchers and photography by anyone other than the press. For that reason, the Russian women were not allowed to speak to voters within one hundred feet of the precinct or take pictures.

*Observation of Ballot Counting*

*Palmer Civic Auditorium*

Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir arranged for participants to have full access to observe the process of ballot counting. After receiving full credentials as election observers, participants were free to walk around and ask questions of the election judges. They observed the strict regulations not only in guarding the ballot boxes, but also in verifying signatures on ballot and limiting the influence and contamination of pollwatchers and television election returns. The election judge explained the operation of the ballot counting machines and the steps necessary to count an incomplete or mismarked ballot.

*Victory and Defeat: Ann Richards and George W. Bush Campaign Parties*

Participants were invited to the Democratic and Republican campaign celebrations by officials from both parties. The group visited Ann Richards' party at the Hyatt Regency in Austin. Despite indications that the Democrats would suffer heavy losses in the elections, the mood was quietly upbeat and positive.

The George W. Bush celebration at the downtown Hyatt was much more festive, complete with balloons, streamers and confetti. Bush and other Republican supporters were overjoyed at the numerous Republican gains in government and confident about the progress to be made as a result of the victories.

*Wednesday, November 9*

*Departure for Washington, D.C.*

## **APPENDICES**

## **1. Washington Program Schedule and Contact List**



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### SCHEDULE: WASHINGTON, DC

**HOTEL:** Carlyle Suites Hotel  
1731 New Hampshire Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
202/234-3200

#### Friday, October 21

4:10P	Arrival of delegation to Washington Flight Number: Delta 61 Met By: Meg Brook, Joanna Schemm
TBD	Hotel Check-In
TBD	Walking Tour of Area Around the Hotel and Dinner





**Saturday, 22 October**

10:00

Depart Hotel for Metro

Union Station

**LUNCH**

Walking Tour of the Mall/Museums

**DINNER**

**Sunday, 23 October**

9:30-12:30 Depart Hotel for Bus Tour of Washington

12:30-1:45 LUNCH  
SITE: OLD POST OFFICE

2:30-5:00 Mall Excursion  
Museum Tours

5:15 Depart for Hotel  
Dinner: No Formal Plans

7:00 OPTIONAL Cultural Event

**Monday, 24 October**

8:45 Meet in Hotel Lobby  
Proceed to NDI  
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Suite 500

9:00-10:30 Breakfast  
Introduction to NDI  
Site: Conference Room  
Speaker: Ken Wollack, President

10:30-2:00 Group Meeting to Discuss Schedule  
Individual Meetings to Discuss Personal Needs  
Bank Trip for Traveler's Cheques

**LUNCH (INFORMAL)**

2:00-4:30 Overview of the Political System  
Site: NDI Conference Room 5th Floor  
Speaker: William Kimberling  
Federal Election Commission

4:45 Depart for Hotel

**DINNER**

7:00 **OPTIONAL** Cultural Event

**Tuesday, 25 October**

8:30

Meet in Hotel Lobby  
Depart for Democratic National Committee  
430 South Capitol Street, SW

9:00

Breakfast and informal discussion

9:30-12:00

The Democratic Party in the United States  
-The History of the party  
-The Organizational Structure of the Party  
-Membership of the Party  
-The National Party and the '94 Elections

Site: DNC First Floor Conference Room  
Speakers: Jim Brady, President, Association of State Democratic  
Chairs  
Rick Boylan, Director, Party Affairs  
Don Schweitzer, Deputy Political Director, DNC

12:00-1:30

**LUNCH**  
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, SE RESTAURANT STRIP

1:30

Depart by Bus

2:00-4:00

Voter Education Programme  
League of Women Voters  
1730 M Street, NW 10th Floor  
202/429-1965x266

Depart by Bus to Sewell Bellmont House

4:30-6:00

Sewell Bellmont House  
144 Constitution Avenue, NE  
202/546-3989  
Contact: Mary Gereau  
Tour: Women Activism in the United States  
Depart for Hotel

6:00

7:00      **OPTIONAL** Cultural Event

**Wednesday, 26 October**

- 8:30 Meet in Hotel Lobby. Depart for US Capitol
- 9:00-10:00 Tour of the US Capitol  
Site: Capitol Rotunda  
Guideservice  
202/225-6827
- 10:30-12:00 Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues  
Site: Rayburn 2471  
Speaker: Leslie Primmer  
225-6740  
225-2593 (f)
- 12:00-1:30 LUNCH/US CAPITOL  
LONGWORTH CAFETERIA
- 2:00 -4:00 Child Welfare League of America  
440 First Street, NW 310  
Washington, DC 20001  
202/638-2952  
202/638-4004 (f)  
Kara Belle Pizzigati, director, public policy
- 4:00 Depart CWLA
- 4:30-6:00 Afternoon Training Programme: Fundraising  
Womens' Campaign Fund  
Mott House  
122 Maryland Avenue, NE  
Trainers: Amy Conroy, executive director
- 6:30-8:30 'Women for Carol'  
Campaign Event for Carol Schwartz for Mayor  
Washington Hilton Hotel

**Thursday, 27 October**

8:00 Meet in Lobby

9:00-11:30 The Republican Party in the United States  
-The History of the party  
-The Organizational Structure of the Party  
-Membership of the Party  
-The National Party and the '94 Elections  
Site: The National Federation for Republican Women  
124 N. Alfred Street Alexandria  
703/548-9688

12:00 LUNCH Old Town Alexandria

1:30-3:00 District of Columbia: The Politics of the Capitol City  
Site: 1101 F Street, NW 4th Floor  
Entrance on 11th Street  
Speaker: Ted Gay, director, District of Columbia  
Democratic Coordinated Campaigns  
202/393-7213

3:30-4:15 Carol Schwartz for Mayor Campaign  
1604 K Street, NW  
202/452-8300  
Speaker: Ed Morgan, campaign manager

6:00 DINNER

7:00 OPTIONAL Cultural Event

**Friday, 28 October**

**TRAINING SEMINAR  
(NDI)**

**Saturday, 29 October**

10:00

Bus Departs Hotel for Potomac Mills

3:00

Bus Departs Potomac Mills for Hotel

**DINNER**

**OPTIONAL Cultural Event**



**Sunday, 30 October**

- 8:45 Meet in the Lobby. Depart for NBC.
- 9:15-11:00 View Taping of Political Talk Show  
Meet the Press/NBC Studios  
Colette Rhoney, Producer  
202/885-4136
- 11:10-11:50 Informal Discussion  
NBC Conference Room  
Media and Political Coverage  
Speakers: Colette Rhoney
- 12:00 Depart for Sierra Club
- 12:30-2:00 Environment and the Political Process  
Dan Weiss, Political Director  
Sierra Club  
408 C Street, NE  
202/675-6275 (d)  
202/547-1141(o)  
202/547-6009(f)

**FREE AFTERNOON/PERSONAL MEETINGS**

Evening **OPTIONAL** Cultural Programme

**Monday, 31 October**

**9:30-10:30**

**Women and Education  
American Association Of University Women  
1111 16th Street, NW  
April Osajima  
Senior Program Associate  
202/785-7722  
202/872-1425 (f)**

**AFTERNOON FOR PERSONAL APPOINTMENTS/MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, 1 November**

9:00 Depart Hotel

9:30-11:30 Advocacy Institute Training  
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Suite 600  
Kathleen Sheekey, co-director  
202/659-8475  
202/659-8484 (f)  
Site: NDI

12:00 LUNCH  
DUPONT CIRCLE

3:00 Bus Departs NDI for National Airport

4:35 American Airlines 235  
Austin

American Airlines 235  
Minneapolis

4:40 TWA 439  
St. Louis

**Wednesday 9 November**

3:00                   Arrival at Washington National Airport

3:55                   American Airlines 1510  
Minneapolis

4:41                   TWA 700  
St. Louis

4:46                   American Airlines 1256  
Austin

5:30                   Arrive at Hotel

DINNER

**Thursday, 10 November**

9:30 -1:30            De-briefing Meeting  
                         Carlyle Suites Hotel  
                         The Sheffield Room

**FREE TIME/DOWN TIME**

7:00                    Pick-up at Carlyle Suites Hotel

7:30                    Farewell Dinner at Music City Roadhouse  
                         1050 30th Street, NW  
                         202/337-4444

9:30                    Return to Hotel

**Friday, 11 November**      Depart for Moscow

10:00                      Meeting for Ella Poliakova with Raymond Toney  
1612 K Street, NW  
202/293-3220

Others: Morning Free Time/Packing

12 Noon                   Meeting with Marcia Babb  
Academy for Educational Development

Check out of the Hotel

Depart for Pentagon City

3:30                        Depart Pentagon City for Dulles Airport

7:20                        Delta Flight 60 for Frankfurt and then to Moscow

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October 21-November 11, 1994

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## **2. Minnesota Program Schedule and Contact List**

MINNESOTA

Dates: November 1 - November 9, 1994

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Hotel: Sheraton Inn Midway  
400 N. Hamline AVE  
St. Paul MN 55104  
Tel: 612/642-1234 Fax: 612/642-1126

Tuesday - November 1

8:15 pm Arrive in City  
Check-in to hotel

Wednesday - November 2

9:00 - 10:30

Speakers:

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL)  
Gail Huntley, Associate Chairman DFL  
Paula Bradford, DFL Party Services Coordinator  
Janet Ryan, Director Phone Bank  
Judy Shermer, Feminist Caucus  
Ellen Stankiewicz, Chairman of College Democrats of MN

Meeting Place:

DFL Headquarters  
352 Wacouta ST  
St. Paul MN 55101

Contacts:

Gail Huntley, Vice Chairman DFL (Home Tel: 218/724-6568)  
Tel: 612/293-1200 Fax: 612/293-0706  
Ellen Stankiewicz College Democrats of MN  
Tel: 612/641-0062

10:45 - 11:15

Ann Wynia Campaign Headquarters

11:15 - 12:00

Lunch at University of Minnesota with DFL Staff

12:00 - 1:00

John Marty GOTV Rally at University MN

1:30 - 2:45

Meeting Place:

Tour of State Capitol/History of Minnesota.  
Lobby of Capitol Building

3:00 - 5:00

Speakers:

Meeting with Republican Party representatives.  
Sharon Clark, Vice Chairman of Independent-Republicans of Minnesota  
Senator Linda Runbeck  
Representative Carol Molnau  
Scott Simons, Researcher/Attorney

Meeting Place:

State Office Building Room 272

Contact:

Carol Molnau, State Representative (Home Tel: 612/448-3513)  
Tel: 612/296-8872 Fax: 612/296-3949

Thursday - November 3

8:30 Leave hotel for Burnsville

9:30 - 11:30

Speakers:

Community Action Council overview and tour of facilities.  
Mary Ajax, Executive Director Community Action Council  
Carolyn Rodriguez, Family Loan Coordinator  
Deb Hasbargen, Volunteer Coordinator  
Angie Dickson, Help Line Coordinator  
Jill Schulz, Transportation Assistant  
Maggie Clements, Intervention project/Outreach Coordinator  
Michele Robson, Family Support Worker Program Coordinator  
Cathi Benson, Transitional Housing Coordinator  
Shannon Bailey, Director of Programs and Services  
Laura Brandys, Child Care Coordinator

11:30 - 12:30

Meeting Place:

Pot luck lunch with staff of CAC

Community Action Council

15025 Glazier AVE

Apple Valley MN 55124

Contacts:

Carolyn Rodriguez (Home Tel: 612/431-1835)

Megan Allen

Tel: 612/431-2112 Fax: 612/431-2683

1:00 - 2:00

Speaker:

Overview of Burnsville City Government

Greg Konat, Burnsville City Manager

Meeting Place:

Burnsville City Hall

100 Civic Center PKY

Burnsville MN 55337

Contact:

Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Administrative Assistant

Tel: 612/895-4473 Fax: 612/895-4404

2:00 - 2:30

Tour of Burnsville City Hall and Police Department

3:00 - 3:45

Meeting Place:

Heartleaf Craft Gallery and Store

170 Cobblestone LN

Burnsville MN 55337

Contact:

Pam

Tel: 612/892-0123

4:00 - 5:00

Meeting Place:

Dinner

Old Country Buffet

14150 Nicollet AVE South

Burnsville MN 55337

Contact:

612/435-5831

5:30 - 6:30

Speakers:

Mike Stone Phone Bank

Mike Stone, Democratic candidate for the State House of  
Representatives

Susan Estiel, Campaign Manager

Meeting Place:

Harvy Hanson Reality Office

Contact:

14551 County Road 11  
Susan Estiel, Campaign Manager  
1817 Keller Lake DR  
Burnsville MN 55306  
Tel: 612/432-2665

7:00 - 8:00

Speaker:

Anne Wynia Phone Bank in Southeast MNPLS.

Cara Letofsky

Meeting Place:

Communication Workers Local 7200

3521 East Lake ST (tel: 722-7200)

Contact:

Cara Letofsky

Tel: 612/646-6510 Fax: 612/646-6944

Friday - November 4

9:30 - 11:30

Speakers:

Roundtable  
Gloria Griffin, Minnesota Women's Consortium  
Mollie Hoben, Minnesota Women's Press  
Shirléy Nelson, Women's Candidate Development Coalition  
Bonnie Watkins, Economic Status of Women  
Grace Norris, Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association  
Carolyn Rodriguez, Minnesota Women's Educational Council  
Dede Wolfson, GOP Feminist Caucus  
Carol Hayden, Minnesota Women's Campaign Fund  
Kay Erickson, League of Women Voters

Meeting Place:

Minnesota Women's Consortium  
550 Rice ST  
St. Paul MN 55103

Contact:

Tel: 612/228-0338 Fax: 612/292-9417  
Grace Norris (Home: 612/473-2373)  
Tel: 612/341-1177 Fax: 612/341-4356

Lunch

Downtowner Cafe  
253 W 7th ST  
St. Paul  
612/228-1221

1:00 - 2:00

Meeting Place:

Alexander Ramsey House Museum. First Governor of MN (1860's)  
265 S Exchange ST  
St. Paul MN 55102

Contact:

Janet Budack, Manager  
Tel: 612/296-8719

3:00 - 3:45

Speakers:

Project for Pride and Living, Inc. (PPL)  
Joe Selvaggio, Executive Director and Founder of PPL  
Jim Fournrer, Volunteer Coordinator  
Laura Klein, Community Initiatives for PPL

Meeting Place:

Project for Pride and Living  
2516 Chicago AVE  
Minneapolis MN 55404

Contact:

Laura Klein  
Tel: 612/874-8511 Fax: 612/874-6444

3:45 - 4:30

Speakers:

Visits to volunteer sites.  
Jim Fournrer, Volunteer Coordinator for PPL  
Vista and Americore volunteers

Saturday - November 5

10:00 - 11:00

Speakers:

Minnesota Retail Merchants Association (MRMA)  
Judy Cook, President of MRMA  
Mary Hirschboeck, Director of Member Services  
Annette Henkel, Director of Public Affairs  
Gretchen Himsl, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Place:

Sheraton Inn Midway

Contact:

Judy Cook, President MNRMA  
Tel: 612/227-6631 Fax: 612/297-6418

11:00

Leave for the "MALL OF AMERICA." The world's biggest mall!

11:30

Meet with Al Baetzel (on the board of MNRMA) of Al's Farm Toys.

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch at "Mall of America"

1:00 - 4:00

Tour of "Mall of America" and free time.



Sunday - November 6

8:00	Leave Hotel for Duluth, Minnesota
10:00 - 12:00	Observe Casino's in Hinkley, Minnesota Buffet Lunch
1:00 - 1:30	Overview of Mike Jaros Campaign and Duluth DFL
2:00 - 3:00	Door Knocking with Mike Jaros
3:00 - 3:30	Duluth Housing Authority
<u>Speaker:</u>	Joe Laramee
3:30 - 4:30	Tour/history of Duluth
4:30 - 5:00	Natasha's Birthday Party!
5:00	Return to St. Paul

Monday - November 7

7:45 - 9:15 Breakfast meeting with Public Strategies Group and members of Minneapolis school system.

Speakers: Lorie Omman, Vice President of Public Strategies Group  
Gary Warrington, Executive Director for Student Services

Meeting Place: Sheraton Inn Midway  
400 N. Hamline AVE  
St. Paul MN 55104  
Tel: 612/642-1234 Fax: 612/642-1126

Contact: Laurie Ohmman  
Tel: 612/227-9774 Fax: 612/292-1482

9:30 - 10:00 Observation of Breakfast Program at North Star Contemporary School  
10:00 - 10:45 Meetings at North Star Contemporary School

Speakers: Robert Monson, Principal  
Gary Warrington, Executive Director for Student Services  
Farzaneh Kia, Site Coordinator for Human Services Clinic  
Ann Kaari, Chairwomen of Minneapolis School Board

Meeting Place: Northstar Elementary School

Contact: Laurie Ohmman  
Tel: 612/227-9774 Fax: 612/292-1482

11:30 - 1:00 Annual Lecture Series for the Women in Public Policy Department.  
Russians will be presenting.

1:30 - 2:30 Lunch with professors from the Women and Public Policy Department.

Meeting Place: Hubert Humphrey Center  
Wilkins Room (#215)  
301-19th AVE South

Contacts: Claire Gravon  
Tel: 612/625-4335 Fax: 612/625-3513  
Sharon Ladin  
Tel: 612/625-5340

3:00 - 5:00 Free time in downtown Minneapolis

5:00 St. Paul's Cathedral (Optional mass 5:15-5:45)

Meeting Place: St. Paul's Cathedral  
239 Selby AVE  
St. Paul MN  
Tel: 612/228-1766

Tuesday - November 8

10:00 - 11:00 Observe Ann Wynia GOTV work

11:00 - 12:00 Walker Art Museum.

Meeting Place: 725 Vineland PL

Contact: 612/375-7600

2:00 - 3:00 Secretary of State Joan Growe

Meeting Place: Office of Secretary of State

180 State Office BLDG

100 Constitution AVE

St. Paul MN 55155

Contacts: Joan Growe, Secretary of State

Elaine Voss, Deputy of Secretary of State

Richard Pietz, Assistant

Tel: 612/296-2079 Fax: 612/296-9073

3:00 - 5:00 Visits to 2 Polling Stations

9:00 DFL Party

11:00 State Office Building - Election results with Secretary of State Joan Growe

12:00am - 1:30am DFL party - Ann Wynia Concession Speech

Wednesday - November 9

9:00

Depart for airport (AA 696 Departs 11:15)

## MINNESOTA CONTACT LIST

### Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (DFL)

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Janet Ryan, Small Donor Fundraising  
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### Duluth - DFL

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107 State Office BLDG  
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### **3. Missouri Program Schedule and Contact List**

## MISSOURI

### Tuesday, November 1

- 6:10 PM Arrive St. Louis Airport
- 6:30-7:30 Get settled into hotel  
Holiday Inn-Downtown  
4th and Pine Street  
Tel # (314) 621-8200  
Interpreter will meet us at the hotel, Natalie Sukhodolsky
- 8:00-10:00 PM Introduction Speaker- Susan Trice, President  
League of Women Voters  
6665 Delmar  
Tel # (314) 727-8683  
Fax # (314) 727-8653



Wednesday, November 2

- 9:45-1:00 PM      Private Tour, Jean Ryan  
St. Louis Visitors Center (meet in hotel lobby)  
308 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63102  
Tel # (314) 241-1764
- 3:00-5:00         Joe Mannies, woman-political correspondent  
St. Louis Post Dispatch  
900 N. Tucker Blvd.  
Tel # (314) 340-8000  
Fax # (314) 340-3050
- 6:00                Dinner, Riverboat McDonalds

Thursday, November 3

8:00 AM-Noon

Paul DeGregorio, Betty Van Uum, Liz Clayton  
Breakfast at University of Missouri  
Alumni House, 7956 Natural Bridge Road  
Seminar discussion on MO politics  
Meet with Barabara O'Mara,  
Republican state candidate, follow her campaign  
Tel # (314) 553-6179  
Fax # (314) 553-6439

2:00-4:00 PM

Melissa Hensley, Beth Griffin  
Citizens for Missouri's Children  
2717 Sutton Blvd.  
Tel # (314) 647-2003  
Fax # (314) 644-5437

6:45-8:00 PM

Mike Shipley, Channel 5 News  
contact: Pier Patterson  
Tel # (314) 444-5297  
Dinner Date,

Friday, November 4

7:00 AM check out of St. Louis hotel

7:45 AM TRAVEL to Jefferson City (2.5 hour trip)

10:00-10:30 AM Tour of State Capital  
Capital & High Street  
Tel. # (314) 751-2000

11:00 Governor Carnahan's office  
Beth Wheeler, senior policy advisor  
Tel # (314) 751-5086  
Fax # (314) 751-1495

1:30 PM Jason Schwartz, Richard Martin  
Democratic State Headquarters  
419 E. High Street  
Tel. # (314) 636-5241

3:00 Bill Paylen  
Republican State Headquarters  
204 E. Dunklin Street  
Tel. # (314) 636-3146

5:00 PM TRAVEL to Kansas City (3.5 hour trip)

check into Marriott KC downtown  
200 West 12th Street  
Tel. # (816) 421-6800  
Fax. # (816) 855-4418

Saturday, November 5

9:30-11:30 AM Ellen Brown, John Rich, Patty Brous, Erika Fox  
Planned Parenthood of Kansas City  
1001 E. 47th Street  
Tel # (816) 756-2277  
Fax # (816) 931-6670

Noon Parade for Karen McCarthy

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4:00 PM Beth Gottstein, Karen McCarthy for Congress  
4049 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Tel # (816) 753-1994  
Fax # (816) 753-4939

7:30 PM American Royal RODEO, then "Restless Heart"  
Camper Arena  
ticket office: 1-800-821-5857  
14\$/ person, (need to order tickets)

Sunday, November 6

- 10:00 AM            Travel to Independence, MO  
                      Harry Truman library and home  
                      History of Western trails, interpretive center
- 3:00-4:30 PM        University of MO, Kansas City  
                      Dept. of Women Studies, Kristen Esterberg  
                      Round table discussion  
                      Tel # (816) 235-2514  
                      Fax # (816) 235-5191
- 5:00 PM             TRAVEL to St. Louis (261 miles, 5 hour trip)
- check back into St. Louis Holiday Inn  
                          4th and Pine

Monday, November 7

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM St. Louis City Hall  
Elaine Spearman, Laura Cohen, Sharon Carpenter  
contact: Linda Russell  
Tel # (314) 622-4068

3:00 PM St. Louis Old Courthouse  
contact: tour reservations  
Tel # (314) 425-4465

4:00 PM Gateway Arch Museum

6:00 PM Dinner

Tuesday, November 8

9:30-10:30 AM Terry Jones, Pollster  
University of Missouri, St. Louis  
Tel (314) 553-5501

11:30 Lunch

1:00 PM St. Louis Elections Commission  
202 S. Tucker  
Dorothy Cameron  
Polls, voting etc...  
Tel # (314) 622-4201

3:00 PM Alan Wheat Campaign office  
6528 Manchester  
contact: Elsie Jeffe  
Tel # (314) 647-9494

4:30 Visit phone banks

5:30 Dinner

7:00 PM St. Louis Elections Commission  
counting of votes  
contact: Dorothy Cameron  
Tel # (314) 622-4201

8:30 PM Ashcroft for Senate party watch  
Ritz-Carlton  
100 Carondelet Plaza  
Tel. # (Ashcroft) (314) 721-2274

8:30 PM Wheat for Senate party watch  
contact: Will Rava  
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## MISSOURI CONTACT LIST

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Betty Van Uum, assistant to the Chancellor  
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**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**

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**ST. LOUIS ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

Dorothy Cameron, democrat head

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#### **4. Texas Program Schedule and Contact List**

## SCHEDULE- TEXAS

**Staff:** Naomi Wische

**Group Members:** Rimma Fedotova  
Galina Iliassova  
Elena Kardach  
Nadejda Lissitsina  
Ekaterina Lioubarova  
Anna Maiants

**Interpreters:** Marina Moyer, Mariana Sidoryanskaya

**Transportation:** CAREY bus

**Tuesday, November 1st**

Depart	Washington National AA 235 4:35p.m.
Arrive	Austin AA 1641 9:32pm
Hotel	Best Western Atrium 7928 Guessner Drive Austin, Texas 78753 (512) 339-7311

**Wednesday, November 2nd**

- 9:00            Tour of Austin (State Capitol)
- 10:30           Visit to Team Travis (Ann Richards Volunteer Center)  
                  707 West Avenue  
                  Suite 203  
                  Austin, TX 78701  
                  (512) 469-7944  
                  Contact: Glen Maxie
- 12:00           Lunch
- 1:30            Meeting and tour of the Texas Democratic Party  
                  815 Brazos  
                  Suite 200  
                  Austin, TX 78701  
                  (512) 478-8746  
                  Contact: Cindy
- 3:00            Meeting and tour of the Texas Republican Party  
                  211 East 7th Street  
                  Suite 620  
                  Austin, TX 78701  
                  (512) 477-9821  
                  Contact: Chris Ward
- 6:30            Dinner Reception with directors of children's agencies  
                  The Austin Club  
                  110 East 9th Street  
                  Austin, Texas  
                  (512) 450-0573  
                  Contact: Susan Stevens
- 8:30            Visit to Antone's to hear the Texas blues (optional)

**Thursday, November 3rd**

- 9:00 Visit to Texas Council on Family Violence  
8701 N. MoPac  
Suite 450  
Austin, TX 78759  
(512) 794-1133  
Contact: Cyndy Perkins
- 11:00 Tour of Ann Richards Campaign Headquarters  
(512) 476-5151  
Contact: Cecile Richards, Peter Silverman
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Visit to Austin chapter of League of Women Voters  
1011 West 31st Street  
Austin, TX 78759  
(512) 346-1080  
Contact: Frances MacIntyre
- 3:00 Visit with Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir  
Highland Mall  
6100 Airport Blvd.  
(Triangle intersection between I-35, 290 and Airport Blvd.)  
Near JC Penney  
Contact: Dana DeBeauvoir
- 4:30 Cocktail reception and briefing  
600 Congress Avenue  
One American Center  
Metropolitan Club, 13th floor
- 7:00 Visit with Austin chapter of NOW  
Peace Building  
217 Congress  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 448-5684  
Contact: Hannah Riddering

**Friday, November 4th**

- 9:00            Visit to Parents Anonymous  
                 7801 North Lamar  
                 Suite F12  
                 Austin, TX 78759  
                 (512) 459-5490 (office)  
                 (512) 450-0573 (home)  
                 Contact: Susan Stevens
- 12:00           Depart Austin for Houston
- 1:00            Stop in LaGrange for meeting with mayor, brief tour of the city and lunch  
                 La Grange City Hall  
                 155 East Colorado  
                 La Grange, Texas 78945  
                 (409) 968-5805  
                 Contact: Violet Zubrovnik, Dave Nowack
- 6:00            Arrive Houston  
                 Hotel Radisson Suite Houston  
                 1400 Old Spanish Trail  
                 Houston, TX 77054  
                 (713) 796-1000

**Saturday, November 5th**

- 9:00            Tour of Houston
- 11:30           Visit to the Vince Ryan for County Judge Campaign  
Block walking, etc.  
Beechnut at 610 Loop  
Houston, TX  
(713) 660-0094  
Contact: Cynthia Miller, Chris
- 12:30           Lunch
- 1:30            Visit to George W. Bush Houston headquarters  
2400 West Loop South  
Suite 102  
Houston, TX  
(713) 963-0582 (o)  
(713) 667-8037 (h)  
Contact: Katy Plotkin
- 3:00            Free time (shopping, etc.)



**Sunday, November 6th**

- 9:00            Tour and visit to the Houston Post  
                  Houston Post  
                  4747 Southwest Freeway  
                  Houston, Texas 77027
- 11:00           Lunch
- 1:00            Tour of NASA (Space Center Houston)
- 8:00            Dinner at the Wische household  
                  7606 Rollingbrook  
                  Houston, TX 77071  
                  (713) 772-2266

**Monday, November 7th**

- 10:00          **Tour of City Hall**  
  
                         **Contact: Neil, Sonia**  
                         **(713) 227-3395**
- 11:00          **Meeting with Council Woman Eleanor Tinsley**  
                         **900 Bagby**  
                         **First Floor**  
                         **Contact: Anna Sedillo**  
                         **(713) 247-2013**  
                         **Parking: City Hall Annex Building**  
                         **(in between Walker and McKinney Streets)**
- 12:00          **Visit to George W. Bush campaign rally**  
                         **Downtown Hyatt Hotel**  
                         **Exhibition Hall**  
                         **1200 Louisiana**
- 1:30            **Lunch**
- 2:30            **Depart Houston for Austin**
- 6:30            **Arrive Austin**
- 8:00            **Dinner at the Oasis (optional)**  
                         **6550 Comanche Trail (20 minutes outside of Austin)**

**Tuesday, November 8th**

- 7:00            Poll watching  
                  (512) 473-9188  
                  Contact: Dana DeBeauvoir
- 10:30           Meeting with Planned Parenthood  
                  302 West 13th Street  
                  Austin, Texas 78701  
                  Contact: Fiona Rose  
                  (512) 476-4610
- 1:00            Lunch
- 2:00            Visit to Visit to Team Travis (Ann Richards Volunteer Center)  
                  707 West Avenue  
                  Suite 203  
                  Austin, TX 78701  
                  (512) 469-7944  
                  Contact: Glen Maxie
- 4:00            Poll watching  
                  (512) 473-9188  
                  Contact: Dana DeBeauvoir
- 7:00            Watch counting of the ballots  
                  Palmer Civic Auditorium  
                  400 Bouldin Avenue  
                  Austin, TX 78704  
                  (512) 473-9188  
                  Contact: Dana Debeauvoir
- 8:30            Attend Ann Richards campaign party  
                  Hyatt Regency  
                  Contact: Open to the public

**Wednesday, November 9th**

10:00      Depart Austin for Washington D.C.  
                 AA 810

4:45      Arrive Washington National Airport  
                 AA 1256