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RE: VISIT TO EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL, J. Donley

Linda Davies with Megan and I spoke to the fifth form class at EGGS on the invitation of Hayley Ireland.

About 15 present. Showed Carolyn's home birth film. Good response. We got back a number of letters which are summarised as follows:

Those addressed to Linda:

- We now all know about home birth. We really benefited from your comments and loved your baby. Tania Groves
- We all gained a great deal of knowledge from talking and listening to you and J.D. Jayne Lindsay
- ...learnt some valuable information Raewyn Squires
- We all benefited from the video tape May Wilson
- * I have decided from your answers to our questions and Joan's informative speech to have a home birth if possible. Your baby daughter Megan is adorable!!! You have helped to make me very interested in experiencing home birth Erica Zemke

Those addressed to me:

- ..interesting video tape and I found out much as I watched it. I never realised how closed and personal home births were compared to hospital births and also how safe it is and better for both the mother and child. Evonne Lee
- I learnt a lot, Homebirth is a subject which I have rarely crossed before and I would like to learn more about it. Your talk was extremely enlightening and enjoyable Emma Reid
- ..previous to your talk I had never considered having a home birth. Now I find myself weighing the pros and cons - not that I'm in the position where a decision is needed! Lavlene Kingston
- ..enlightened on several facts I was not aware of. I did not realise there was such a high percentage of women having homebirths. Also I did not know what was involved in having a child at home. Whenever people talk about having a child I've always assumed that they would have it in hospital. I personally will consider the possibility of a home birth when the time comes. Stephanie Thomas
- ..I have never really thought of having a home birth. If or when I ever needed to, the only place I really thought of having a baby was in hospital, but your talk made me feel as though I would like to have a baby at home. Rhonda Barnett or Bennett

These were all letters thanking us, but only included the comments.

SOME FURTHER THOUGHTS/SUGGESTIONS RE
CONFERENCE

- will NEED sound system

shorthand recorder

Distribute/sell How to Make Your Health Services Work for You

To stimulate political consciousness, kick off second afternoon with a speech on why political action is necessary and what HBA has accomplished to this point - might incorporate items from reports the previous day. Stress the importance of communication and collection and analysis of stats.

Display our mailing/skills filing system (David Lampitt)

Can we have our publication re HB ready for Conf - Need analysis of stats - DERYN, WHERE ARE YOU?

Consider if Publication should be subsidised by advts eg Red Seal, Kempthorn, Wholefoods, Real Foods, Healtheries, Homeopathic Scty, Broadsheet, Uni Book Shop, acupuncturists, naturopaths, Blackmores, LLL, Parents Centres!!! (with Bonhan's approval) Penguin books, Above could also be asked to provide display/sale stalls esp for those out of town

As a guideline here are North Isld advts in recent Soil & Health:

Kiwi Foot Clinic, P.O. Box 444, Te Puke
Blackmores

Moon Calendar, (Gretchen Lawler) Box 46-113, Ak
Penguin Books

Natural Health Centre, Hurstmere Rd, T/puna

Life Force International, P.O. Box 1, Temple View Hamilton (reverse osmosis water purification systems)

'Peloha' Health Home, Box 92, Havelock North

Derek Briggs, homeopath, 199 Blockhouse Rd, Ak 7

Radiant Living Books, Box 82 Havelock North

Meadowcroft, The Supplement Specialists, Healtheries of N.Z. Ltd,
P.O. Box 11-201, Ak 5

Red Seal Laboratories, Box 13-349, Onehunga.

N Z Homeopathic Scty, P.O. Box 2939, Ak 1

also B.K. Moore Pharmacy Ltd, Lincoln Rd, Henderson

Centre for Continuing Education, c/ Uni Ak, Private Bag, Ak 1

Re REPORTS - 1st day - also report from DMS

Re FILES (for skills) - each Support Group do a telephone canvas of members to find skills: typists, shorthand, art, screen printing, researchers, xerox, lawyers, ~~xxxx~~ access to schools etc.

Hierarchical structure. ready for Conf. Deryn. Need committee?

ASK delegates to come prepared to discuss. formulate guidelines on
① my standards & training (ref NAPSAC - 5 standards)
② role, functions, expectations of new Health Bds in relation to ① Can we obtain info from Health Dept?