CAPE ANN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW)

Creator: Cape Ann National Organization for Women, JoeAnn Hart, Secretary

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Biographical Note
The Cape Ann NOW organization began in 1984 as an outgrowth of the Cape Ann Feminists. As part of the National Organization, it received strong support and information for its goals. Locally the chapter concentrated on women’s rights in Afghanistan, welfare reform, violence against women, and campaigning for local women politicians.

Scope and Content of the Collection
The records of the Cape Ann National Organization for Women were donated by JoeAnn Hart, who was the Secretary of the organization for many years. They include organizational rules,
videos on women in Afghanistan, Title IX packet material, and other women’s issues. The NOW material includes the years 1984-1990. Also included is campaign literature for women politicians: Pat Fiero, Regina Villa, Harriet Webster, and Barbara Hildt.

The collection includes:

- Membership lists
- Reports of committee meetings
- Grant proposals

**Series Description**

I. Series I: Organizational rules: National/local
II. Series II: Local material/campaign literature
III. Series III: Addenda

**Container List**

**Box #1, Series I**

Folder 1:
- Organizational rules – Cape Ann N.O.W.
- Organizational rules – National N.O.W.
- Membership and finances
- Facts about N.O.W.

Folder 2:
- Administrative policy manual – NOW
- Materials and resources – NOW
- Video: “The Taliban – Prayer for Hate”
- Video: “Shroud of Silence – Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan”

**Box #2, Series II**

Folder 1:
- Women’s rights – Afghanistan
- Physicians for Human Rights – Afghanistan
- Feminist decals
- NOW newspaper 2002
- Misc. info on women’s rights

Folder 2:
- North Shore Community Action Programs Inc.
- Material on welfare reform
- Women and religion
Folder 3:
- Campaign literature – Pat Fiero
- Cape Ann NOW material on candidates; abortion rights; meetings/agendas
- Revised operation rules
- Membership lists
- Minutes of board meetings 1987-1990
- Cape Ann Now newsletters 1986-1989

Folder 4:
- State/federal budget priorities NOW
- Violence survey for women
- Newspaper accounts: Murder of Ann Natti 1989
- Newspaper articles: women’s rights
- Pamphlet: A community battles the religious right, 1993
- Campaign literature – Regina Villa for State Senate 1992

Folder 5:
- Campaign literature for: Harriet Webster 2001; Barbara Hildt 1992; Pat Fiero 1988
- Listing campaign contributions, fund raising activiteis
- Instruction sheet for political volunteers.

Box #3, Series III

Folder 1: [small black notebook Apr 1985-1988]
- Minutes Cape Ann NOW
- News/Calendar reports. Membership applications
- Correspondence
- Press release “Cape Ann NOW for Sat. May 9, 1987, Women’s March and Candlelight Vigil”
- Cape Ann NOW Operating Rules

Folder 2: [large black notebook Apr 1988-1990]
- 1990 Calendear
- 1989 Minutes. Year Agenda
- 1989/90 Newsletter. Calendar
- 1988 News. Calendar
- 1989 Membership lists

Folder 3:
- 1989 Correspondence
- Cape Ann NOW Operating Rules
- Scholarship applications

Folder 4:
- Misc. articles – Reproductive Rights (Abortion)

Folder 5:
- Financial (Bank) Statements 1989-90
Directory of National Women’s Organizations

Box #4, Series III

Folder 1:
- Cape Ann NOW Priorities
- Material on comparable worth (Pay Equity)
- Events
- Correspondence 1983-84

Folder 2:
- Misc. articles – Feminism
- Misc. Violence against women
- Political action
- Cape Ann Feminist Newsletters, 1983
- Cape Ann NOW Newsletters, 1990-93
- Annual Reports, 1990-92

Folder 3:
- Political action – phone lists
- North Shore NOW Calendar, 1981-86

Folder 4:
- Scholarship Applications, 1992

Folder 5:
- Scholarship Applications, 1993

Folder 6:
- Scholarship Applications, 1994

Box #5, Series III

Folders 1 & 2:
- Misc. Local news clippings 1980s. Women’s Rights