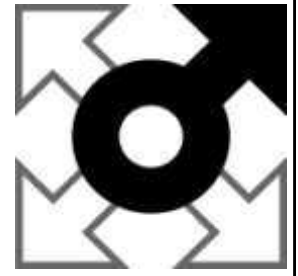


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"The Duality Principle"

By Tim Goldich

I believe that, within ordinary human experience, there is an essential duality. In all things there is light and shadow, gain and loss, positive and negative.

Feminism has eyes like an eagle when it comes to spotting the positives within the male experience and the negatives within the female experience. But it's blind as a bat when it comes to the opposite: the positives within the female experience and the negatives within the male experience. A feminist sees Man's power, but not his victimization, and sees Woman's victimization, but not her power.

Beauty is "burden;" motherhood is "sacrifice." Reading feminism, it can seem as if, nothing in women's lot in life is positive—

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President's Report

By Harry Crouch

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Transitions*. The all volunteer staff under the leadership of Tim Goldich works hard to bring you what you see.

In this issue, psychic Peter Allemano again channels into Ms. Dwumbell's wacky persona.

Mr. Manners is here too with some advice for the challenged.

There's another outstanding book review by Steven Svoboda, Esq.

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Choir Equality

By David Shackleton

Every year I go to Blue Skies music festival in Ontario, and most years I sing in the choir that forms, just for the weekend, from interested participants. We learn six songs, in four part harmony, in about four practice sessions, and perform them on the main stage on Sunday evening. It's an intense experience, with about eighty singers striving to master challenging harmonies, timing and even lyrics in other languages. We work hard, we have inspired and dedicated choir leaders, and we have a lot of fun. And by the end of the weekend, we put on a magnificent show for the 3,000 strong audience.

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nothing at all. But you know what? It just doesn't work that way.

The I Ching tells us that in *all* things there are positives and there are negatives, gifts and burdens. Thus good and bad come to us in bonded pairs. The I Ching divides all elemental opposites into Yin and Yang, and teaches that they are *inseparable*. It is, I think, even a kind of law in the metaphysics of human reality, which is why I refer to it as the Duality Principle.



The concept is expressed in this most ancient and universal-ly recognized symbol. *Compton's Encyclo-pedia* states that "Together the yin and yang are depicted as a circle, one half dark and the other half light. Within the dark half there is a small light circle, and within the light half there is a small dark one. This suggests that, though opposites, there is a necessary relationship between the two. Neither exists in and of itself alone." Acclaimed modern philosopher Eckhart Tolle calls it "the law of opposites. This simply means that you cannot have good without bad." And you cannot have bad without good.

If "There's no such thing as a free lunch," then there's no such thing as a positive without an accompanying negative. If "Every dark cloud has a silver lining," then every negative comes with an accompanying positive. This is not to say that positives cannot outweigh negatives or that negatives cannot outweigh positives but, given that every human reality is subject to reframing, it does make assessing a reality for good and for bad a trickier and more slippery business than is generally recognized.

Look again at the symbol above and note how the yin and the yang appear to be swirling one into the other. This symbolizes the way one may beget the other. The Lost Horse, a Chinese folk tale often attributed to Taoist philosopher Liu An (179-122 B.C.), expresses this principle in a parable: and the other half light. Within the dark half there is a small light circle, and within the light half there is a small dark one. This suggests that, though opposites, there is a necessary relationship between the two. Neither exists in

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A man who lived on the northern frontier of China was skilled in interpreting events. One day for no reason, his horse ran away to the nomads across the border. Everyone tried to console him, but his father said, "What makes you so sure this isn't a blessing?" Some months later his horse returned, bringing a splendid nomad stallion, everyone congratulated him, but his father said, "What makes you so sure this isn't a disaster?" Their household was richer by a fine horse, which the son loved to ride. One day he fell and broke his hip. Everyone tried to console him, but his father said, "What makes you so sure this isn't a blessing?" A year later the nomads came in force across the border, and every able-bodied man took his bow and went into battle. The Chinese frontiersmen lost nine of every ten men. Only because the son was lame did father and son survive to take care of each other. Truly, blessing turns to disaster, and disaster to blessing: the changes have no end, nor can the mystery be fathomed.

How, with certainty, can we tell good from bad, bad from good, when one may so readily transform into the other?

When a feminist examines a female reality and declares it *all* bad, then examines a male reality and declares it *all* good, it is the product of self-serving thinking. Within ordinary human experience, every reality is like a magnet with two poles, one positive and the other negative. Because *every* human reality contains negatives, a feminist can

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Summary of Richard Doyle's presentation at the Doha International Family Institute in Qatar April 2014, for the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family.

By Richard Doyle

The wisely-chosen subtitle of this conference is 'Men in Families.' In examining that issue, it is advisable to consider cultural and other factors in family disintegration — from a global perspective. Many of today's problems even beyond the family result from a clash of cultures, clashing intellectually and morally as well as geographically. While cultural *politics*, heavily disputed worldwide, are beyond the purview of this conference, some observations on *sociological* conditions are in order here. Unfortunate prejudices in all cultures adversely affect families.

We might all agree that the purpose of life is to reproduce itself, and that the best engine of that reproduction is the family. It is generally believed that families should center on children, and that broken families and single parent arrangements are harmful to children, and are demonstrably the greatest drivers of numerous social ills, including poverty. Heartbreak and misfortune can plague these erstwhile "families" for generations, resulting in growing numbers of non-productive or minimally productive persons.

To realistically empower families, it is advisable for this conference to concentrate on the *doable* and eschew the merely theoretical. Observations and assessments expressed herein may not be politically correct and implied recommendations may not be easily doable. However, I submit, it is imperative they be seriously considered if we are to achieve the desired results. Most of these observations will relate to 1st World countries, and are drawn from my extensively documented book, "Doyle's War, Save the Males."

Both Eastern and Western cultures are demonstrably deficient regarding gender rights and privileges. Western marriages are patently plagued by pervasive anti-male prejudice both in government and society. Alimony, child custody preference and support, together with other redistribution of wealth schemes, namely welfare, make divorce a viable option for Western women aspiring to shed husbands. It is axiomatic that the more a condition, e.g., divorce and poverty, is subsidized the more it develops.

Consequently, in "Westernized" countries, most Divorces are initiated by women. Some avoid entering marriage altogether. Single mothers are elevated almost to the status of sainthood, and generously subsidized. Single motherhood, be it a result of divorce or avoidance of marriage, has had perverse effects, including ghettoization and a literal crime wave among fatherless boys. Fatherless girls have their own set of problems. Indiscriminate chivalry, appearing in both liberal and conservative realms, is probably the ultimate cause of these ill-advised conditions and circumstances.

Additional sociological factors and "progressive" influences, utterly contrary to common sense — I call them fads — have had an unhealthy acceptance primarily in the West. Lacking time to elaborate on these largely youthful (so-called because many, if not most marriages are both contracted and dissolved by the immature), leftist-inspired fads and their corollaries, I will merely mention them here: reliance on governments, lowering of moral standards, negative images of men, manhood and ladyhood, and melding of the sexes. I created a separate handout to elaborate on them.

My familiarity with Eastern, Mid-eastern and Southern culture and marriages is limited, although I believe they may be less prone to failure. While the West arguably deifies women, the East patently deifies men. It would seem logical, therefore, that gross anti-female practices in the East would cause smoldering resentment to arise, as does the gross anti-male practices in the West. The damage that both of these cultural prejudices, reinforced by political demagogues and hypocrites, do to marriages has a demonstrably corrosive effect on the family, and consequently on all of society. Lack of education is equally inimical, particularly in 3rd world countries.

In closing, I want to thank the Doha International Family Institute for initiating and sponsoring this important conference. Let us bear in mind that Mid-Eastern influence is responsible for much of the wisdom permeating today's civilization, worldwide. One of my favorite philosophers, Omar Khayyam, was an ancient Mid-Easterner. Currently, one must appreciate the professionalism and objectivism of the recently formed and well-funded TV news channel, Al Jazeera America, whose senior affiliate is headquartered right here in Doha. In some respects, I think it is superior to Western news networks. END

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This year, something unexpected happened for me. We were in a practice session and our choir leader was speaking to us about the differences between male and female voices, and achieving balance between them, and suddenly a lot of emotion welled up in me and I found myself tearing up. I knew what it was about. The choir represents a vision of real gender equality in action, without baggage, without judgment, exactly how I wish it was in the outside world. Let me explain.

In the choir, male and female voices are different, but both are equally valued, both add a vital dimension to the sound of the music, and the two in harmony is truly glorious. There is no sense in which one group is suspect, or blamed, or distrusted. The deeper male voice, the higher female voice are good, are both already perfect. The task for each group, for female sopranos and altos and for male tenors and bases, is to strive to bring their best to the joint project, and we do. We work together to build a worthy mutual creation, and we succeed every year. We enjoy each other, we enjoy and appreciate the differences, and we have a huge amount of fun. The equality, the equal worth of the male and female contribution is a given from the start, it is never in question. That is real gender equality, that is what it looks and feels like, and I love it. My emotion when that equality came to my attention was an expression of how much I love it, and how much I wish we could do gender work that way in the wider world.

Instead, we have concocted a story of historical oppression that poisons the relationship between women and men. Instead of an inspiring vision of mutual cooperation and valuing of difference, instead of an attitude of appreciation for the historical legacy of men and of women, instead of trust and mutual goodwill we have created a climate of distrust, resentment and enforcement. We have destroyed so much in this way, so much of the potential for creativity and fun and mutual trust. We have told ourselves that it was necessary – but I think that we were mistaken. I think that we projected our own dysfunctions onto something beautiful, and I am so sorry that we did. We have wounded ourselves where we could have been celebrating each other even as we worked together toward a joint vision of crafting something new, a greater balance between the roles of men and women.

Is it too late? For the wider world of public space, corporations and institutions, I think that it is. We have crafted so many gender polarized laws and policies that the very sense of equality has been deeply undermined.

We made the error that outer is better than inner, that overt power is greater than covert, direct more valuable than indirect. We have focused so much on women as victims and men as perpetrators that we have lost sight of our essential equality. We are so intent on fixing things that we fail to see that many of them aren't actually broken. We will need to somehow recognize our errors and grieve the losses before we can come to a better space. But in small groups, in workshops and courses, we can aspire to give ourselves what I will call the choir experience, where we celebrate and value the differences between men and women and let go of our distrust and suspicion of ulterior motives. That is what we strive for in Take2Now workshops – and when we achieve it, the result is a glorious affirmation of our gendered differences, we make beautiful music together. If we can give ourselves such an inspiring joint achievement, a powerful recognition of our inherent equality, I suspect that that experience, more than anything else, can lead us toward our vision of more balanced roles for women and men.

David Shackleton

Editor's note: For many years David Shackleton presided over two prominent journals, Every Man and G.R.I.P. (Gender Relations In Progress). He is now working on a book; excerpts of which will appear in future editions of Transitions.

NCFM Carolinas Report The Power of Understatement

By Unnamed Chapter President

"We don't have that much to report. We are working on trying to get a college men's group established at a prominent university in our state (slow going). We contacted our congressional representatives to voice our opposition to the affirmative consent language that DOE was considering using during their Clery reporting rulemaking sessions recently. This language was removed from the committee's final recommendations. We are working on building coalitions with other groups in the region. That's all for now. Thanks.

NCFM NOTE: Check out the website . Good stuff. Well done. Intended to be a repository for factual information about the misandric ruination of higher education : <http://www.ncfmc Carolinas.com/>

Mr. Manners

Mr. Manners is submitted by Bruce Kanter who claims he is a friend of Mr. Manners, although the two have never been seen together.

Dear Mr. Manners:

In the book "Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men" co-author James Sterba says that the 1975 study of domestic violence which showed "equal battering" among the sexes means that the end of protecting men's battering of women would have had to have changed overnight. Clearly he is making the mind-boggling assertion that until recently, men hitting women was more acceptable than the reverse.

I was born in the 1950's and it was common wisdom in my youth that you were never to hit a girl. I wonder if Sterba is unaware of what the very person behind "The Violence Against Women Act" (your friend Sexist Joe Biden), said about his own childhood: "It was a nuclear sanction, if under any circumstances, for any reason, no matter how justified, even self-defense, if you ever touched our sister." Mr. Biden doesn't look like someone who grew up in the early 1970's to me. Having listened to stories about men hit by women, one of the reasons it is frequent is because the women realize the men won't retaliate. Biden's story about his sister is an example.

Obviously it is men assaulting women which has been taboo. That is the reason Jimmy Cagney pushing a grapefruit in the face of women in the 1931 movie "The Public Enemy" drew public protests. This is in contrast to the generally placid reaction to the numerous acts of violence against men in Cagney's movies. For the same reason, the phrase "have you stopped beating your wife" has long been used as the example of the implied false statement used to destroy someone's reputation.

Those straining to find a sitcom that found men hitting a women go back to the oft repeated example 1950's show the "Honeymooners and Ralph Kramden's famous line "one of these day's Alice right in the kisser." But, of course, he never hits her. In fact his other repeated line "baby

you're the greatest" more accurately represents Ralph's attitude toward Alice.

But Sterba needs to only go back two years before the 1975 study he cites to find two examples of men hitting women in popular fiction. One occurred in the television show "Maude" on the episode about alcoholism. On this program Maude agreed with her extremely contrite drunk husband that he did a "hateful thing", he hit a woman." The other example is Kurt Vonnegut's 1973 #1 bestselling novel "Breakfast of Champions", where a main character expresses the long accepted attitude "never hit a women right" before striking a female he believes is a machine.

This Sterba character is spewing nonsense. Why does Notre Dame's allow its professor's to practice such shoddy scholarship? And why doesn't Notre Dame's football team have to compete in a conference like other teams? On another issue, if when leaving a plane you are deplaning, why isn't getting on a plane called planeing?

Sincerely,

Pacifist Irish.

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Dear Irene:

Good questions all. However, I have better ways of spending my time than answering the urgent questions of my adoring fans. As far as the grapefruit, I think you're under-rating the damage of fruit related violence.

Also, you claim that Joe Biden is my friend. Apparently you are basing it on my July-August 2009 *Transitions* column, in which a Senator, named Joe, from Delaware, talked about advocating "The Violence Against Women Act" and also like Biden, claimed he had been in the top half of his law school class. Clearly you are indulging in wild conjecture. The real names of my letter writers are confidential. Furthermore, the last time I talked to him he told me he prefers to be called just Sexist Joe, not Sexist Joe Biden.

Dear Mannerless:

The March 2, 1998 cover of *Sports Illustrated* had former University of Tennessee Volunteers women's basketball coach on its cover with the caption; "Is Pat Summit the best basketball coach since John Wooden?" Coach Gino Auriemma's University of Connecticut Huskies outperformed her teams head to head, have a higher winning percentage and have as many championships in ten less seasons. With the way they are playing this year by the time you read this letter they might have one more championship than Tennessee.

Plus Auriemma's team broke John Wooden's record 88 consecutive winning streak. When do you think he will be on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* with the caption, "Was John Wooden the greatest coach since Gino Auriemma?" Isn't it obvious that they have not done this because he is a man? If you choose to dodge the question and instead answer in silly wordplay remember, puns are the lowest form of humor and who do you think you are to ignore my question?

Sincerely,

I WON'T BE A SPORT AND SAY I'M A MANNERS FAN

Dear Sport:

Great to hear from such a big fan. Who am I? Mr. Manners is Kantering along on that answer. I think...

YOU are CONNING me. If the University of Connecticut coach is not treated like a big man, why is he known as the HUSKIE coach? And what's the big deal about Connecticut winning all those games in a row? It's not like they are the first college students to go on a LONG STREAK. Have you forgotten the 1970's? True, U Conn was able to REBOUND and win last year's championship. Still it sounds to me like you just can't STAND PAT. It is Summit that wasn't paid enough. She won all those games, yet she remained a VOLUNTEER. It is she not Aureimma who was the SUMMIT of her profession. Don't be surprised if *Sports Illustrated* COVERS her again.

Mr. Manners

By Bruce Kantor

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ON SATURDAY, MAY 31 2014, INTEGRITY 4 MAINE, A GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG ORGANIZATION, IS HOLDING A PROTEST AND PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE STEPS OF MAINE'S 7TH DISTRICT COURTHOUSE, JUST FEET AWAY FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

[Click here for background on this event.](#)

NCFM Member and Brain Child of a Voice For Men Paul Elam will be at the event with other MRA's. If you can make it please do, this is an important effort to help Maine clean up it's misandric judicial system. Better yet, we actually have a very good chance of doing so, especially with your support.

<https://www.facebook.com/integrity4maine?ref=stream>

- David Shackleton's shares a heartfelt article, *Choir Equality*, about singing sour and the gender divide which left me with hopeful regret.
- NCFM Advisor Richard Doyle's article, *Empowering Families*, summarizes his upcoming presentation at the [Doha International Family Institute](#). Mr. Doyle is the invited moderator for a panel "Men in Families."
- See also what one form of continuous and determined activism looks like by reading the Twin Cities Chapter report.
- And, of course our commensurate editor Tim Goldich persuades that It All Balances Out.

We need a couple of good satirists (aside from Ms. Dwumbell who thinks she's real) and a cartoonist or two. Please send them our way.

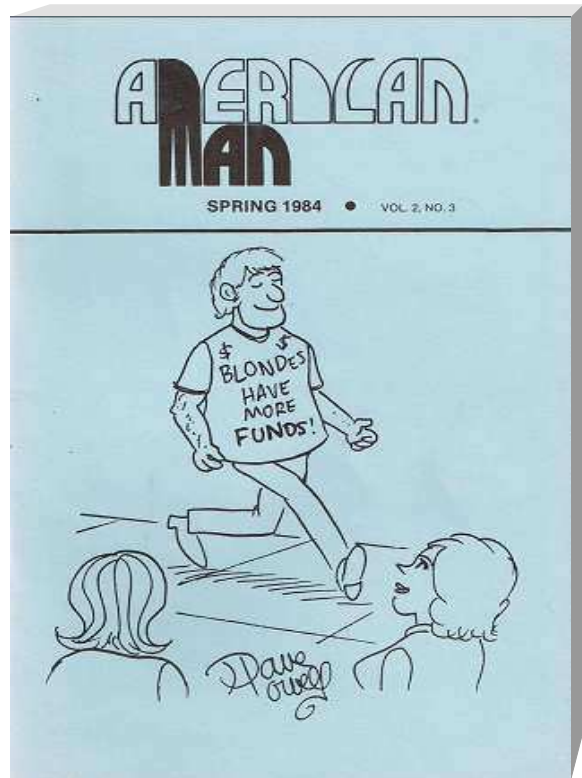
AND, find in this issue information about our upcoming biennial, three day, "Face2Face" board meeting this September in Chicago! All NCFM members are invited and encouraged to attend RSVP. Longtime

NCFM member and outspoken Men's Rights pioneer Roy Schenk, author of the controversial book [The Other Side of the Coin: Causes and Consequences of Male Oppression](#), (1982) will present *The Men's Movement, Past, Present and Future*. There will be two to three others speaking salient topics.

All who attend will have the opportunity to network with like minded activists, influence our board members, and help guide NCFM into the future. Stay in touch with NCFM for more details about the Face2Face agenda.

Last year the lower court dismissed our case [NCFM v. Selective Service System](#) as "not ripe" because the military had not implemented its new policy of allowing women in combat. NCFM VP Marc Angelucci, Esq. appealed to the 9th Circuit

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Montana Report

Montana is NCFM on steroids. There's NCFM Montana Chapter and NCFM Montana State University at Bozeman. Chris Thompson is the President of NCFM Montana and his wonderful wife Nevada is President of the student organization. Chris is also one of our College Ambassadors along with Jonathan Taylor of a Voice for Male Students.

Chris and Nevada had a preliminary screening of Divorce Corp. at the local library with the introduction by the state senator leading family law reform in Montana, a lively discussion ensued, and a second showing has been scheduled for June 2, 2014.

They have also been monitoring the implementation of new sexual assault policies and procedures at the University of Montana while raising awareness at Montana State through tabling events via NCFM-MSU.

The monitoring includes working with one of Montana's U.S. Senators and M of U at Bozeman staff to procure documents associated with the \$300,000 Federal Grant.

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[Tickets for International Conference on Men's Issues Now on Sale](#)

As promised, the tickets are now on sale for AVFM's first International Conference on Men's Issues in June of this year in the great city of Detroit, Michigan. Come one, come all, this is going to be one hell of a show and party.

Warren Farrell, Erin Pizzey, Robert Franklin, Esq., Dr. Miles Groth, Barbara Kay, Karen Straughan, Carnell Smith, Paul Elam, Sen. Anne Cools, Dr. Paul Nathanson, Dr. Tara Palmatier, PsyD, Tom Golden, LCSW, Vladek Filler

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Thank you,
Deborah Watkins, Treasurer

Why Dads Leave: Insights & Resources for When Partners Become Parents

By Meryn G. Callander; Contributions by Jack W. Travis, M.D. Mullumbimby, New South Wales, Australia: Akasha Publications, 2012. www.whydadsleave.com. US \$19.95. 335 pages.



Review by **J. Steven Svoboda**

Australian social worker and wellness expert Meryn Callander has written a truly fascinating and valuable book. *Why Dads Leave: Insights & Resources for When Partners Become Parents* stemmed from an original idea by Callander's long-term ex-partner, Jack W. Travis. (Full disclosure: Travis and I are both activists in the same non-profit cause and have been colleagues in this work for well over a decade.) Callander and Travis were two of the principal cofounders of the Alliance for Transforming the Lives of Children (ATLC), and through ATLC as well as through the wellness center they created together, they worked hard to make the world a better place as well as to effectively and lovingly co-parent their daughter together.

Many things can be said about *Why Dads Leave*. On the positive side, the book is jampacked with ideas, analyses, and insights I don't ever remember seeing elsewhere. There must be easily five books' worth of openhearted, original thinking about gender and family issues in this book. The book opens with an initial discussion of the reasons why fathers leave their families that in itself is powerful enough to fill a book. Jack Travis contributes a number of passages courageously and with admirable honesty recounting his own participation and limitations, warts and all.

As happens with many fathers, the arrival of the child signaled the transfer of much of Meryn's attention and affections away from Jack to their child, resulting in depression for Jack. Jack also notes that a child's arrival can often be painful for the father as he is forced to confront the sad fact of what he did not receive when he was a child. The "father's primal pain" can often lead to him rejecting his family and leaving.

This discussion leads in to an extremely helpful explanation that I am sure I have never seen in print before about the importance of nurturing a romantic partnership following the birth of a child. The difficulty of this task is heightened, the author points out, by the fragmentation of society into nuclear families rather than multiple generations living under one roof. This often results in new parents being forced to "seek from their partners the emotional connection and sense of belonging that earlier generations got from the immediate presence of an extended family and community."

The need for fathers to be present in their children's life is explained passionately and learnedly. "Mother and father," Callander notes, "contribute in *unique* and *complementary* ways to their children's wellbeing, and children thrive when they experience these different styles throughout all developmental stages" [italics in original]. The many elevated risks—early sexual activity, behavioral and emotional problems, sexual abuse, and so on--suffered by children growing up without a father present in the house are spelled out. Three fascinating primary indicators of involved fathers are explained: a man's experience of the fathering he himself received, a man's satisfaction in his relationship, and his

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partner's attitudes and expectations about fathering. Regarding the last factor, a mother who even inadvertently acts as "gatekeeper" of the father's interactions with his children, for example by repeatedly correcting his fathering, can chill the father's participation level and can eventually promote his departure. Two key factors affecting the woman's ability to support her partner's fathering are her own fathering and her relationship with her partner.

I always find it enthralling to read books—rare though they sadly are--not penned by men's rights activists that nevertheless, through simple intellectual rigor and the old-fashioned value of fairness, reach many of the same conclusions to which we have come.

Ultimately, rather than proving a magisterial success, as it might have done, *Why Dads Leave* ends up being one of those books that is an absolute must read for the strength of its positives while simultaneously trying too hard to do too many things. The book's title only accurately describes the first 100 pages and by the time we reach the end of the book, seems to be a quite misleading summation of the work.

A third of the way into the book, the author deviates from its title topic into an analysis of marriage, childbirth, and adapting to the presence of the new, supremely needy family member. There are definitely interesting parts of the discussion, as when the author provocatively mentions that "becoming a father will be most men's first experience of sexism.... he may be ignored in the prenatal clinic and matronized [I love it!] in the prenatal class." For all its arguably overblown rhetoric, I greatly appreciated a simple suggestion that a lot of our ability to experience love stems from our openness to it: "We can attune to the frequency of love, like tuning to the frequency of a radio station. When you feel unlovable, imagine adjusting the dial back to the frequency of love."

But more typical are comments that are hardly likely to be new to most readers such as, "Drugs interfere with, or destroy, nature's exquisitely composed orchestration of a natural birth." Alarming, even some of the holistically oriented experts quoted in this section such as Michael Odent suggest that men's presence in the delivery room is typically negative and that "labour can only progress well after the husband/partner has left the room." A useful suggestion is made that the father has a support person present as a resource in case it is needed.

Then two thirds of the way through the book, it veers away from gender issues and delves into a whole range of loosely connected topics and therapeutic options. Coincidentally, I happen to be familiar with some of these—for example, re-evaluation counseling (RC)--but many readers will be lost at this stage especially as Callander does not explain RC! Still I thank the author for arguing forcefully, contrary to much convenient popular wisdom these days, that "good enough" and even fairly conflictual marriages are better for the child than divorce. "Those [children] from an unhappy marriage that stayed together brought more guarded hopes and expectations. They may have had a hard time deciding to marry, but they also had experienced a model of people who stayed together 'through thick and thin' to protect their children."

I also appreciated the light-hearted yet serious attempt given to analyze relationship conflict. "By far the most dominant [pattern of conflict] is the Protest Polka, wherein one partner becomes critical and

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look at *every* female reality and see negatives *everywhere* she looks. Because every human reality contains positives, she can look at every male reality and see positives *everywhere*.

Our MalePower/Female Victimization belief system is sustained through a narrow focus on the positive end of every male reality and the negative end of every female reality. Moreover, it is this duality that allows the feminist and the masculist worldviews to coexist simultaneously.

Feminism Is Pessimism: In short, it works like this: Feminism looks at female ownership of beauty, sifts through it, ignores the positives, gathers and compiles all the negatives, then declares the gift *nothing* but a burden. So, beauty equals "sex-object." Beauty means not being taken seriously. The seeking after and maintaining of beauty is framed as "the tyranny of beauty." In her best-selling book *The Beauty Myth: How Images of Beauty Are Used Against Women*, feminist author Naomi Wolf argues that beauty is nothing more than a patriarchal plot to subjugate women.

The feminist looks at beauty and sees negatives *everywhere*. And it's true. Woman's glass truly *is* half empty and beauty really *is* a curse (*truly*), if that's how Woman chooses to look at it. With his equal-opposite bias, the masculist looks at female beauty and sees positives *everywhere*. He sees the *powers* and the *privileges* of beauty that the feminist denies. And he sees the equal-opposite male financial burdens that she reframes as "male power."

Feminism takes a similar look at the gift of motherhood and declares it "sacrifice." Motherhood equals the "sacrifice" of career, the "sacrifice" of personal identity. It is the menial role of "slave" and nothing more. The *powers* and *privileges* of motherhood, the primacy in parenting, the ownership of the children that motherhood implies, are overlooked and denied. The equal-opposite male burdens of being loved second best and the very real possibility of having his children taken from him are either ignored or reframed. The Duality Principle guarantees that *every* negative experience can be reframed into a positive. Thus, even the cruelty of losing his connection to his children may be reframed as his being "relieved" of the "burden" of his children. This is how a feminist can look at the world and see *only* positives for men, no negatives; and see *only* negatives for women, no positives.

Feminism looks at women's power to "marry up," and sees only "financial dependence." It looks at

women's exemption from the battlefield and sees only "exclusion." For women, the glass is always half-empty, never half-full. Christina Hoff Sommers: "Sandra Bartky, an expert on something she calls the 'phenomenology of feminist consciousness,' puts it succinctly. 'Feminist consciousness is consciousness of victimization . . . to come to see oneself as a victim' (her emphasis)." Feminism willfully and methodically frames each and every female experience in the negative in order to maximize female discontent and thus maximize the emotional fuel (anger) needed to propel the active protest through which feminism maintains and maximizes its own political power.

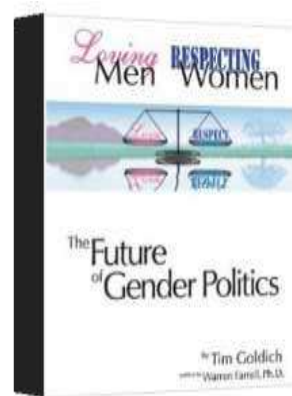
Given such a feminist-induced mindset, women are apt to dismiss their gifts when they discover that these gifts come with burdens attached. Feminism identifies Man as the culprit to blame because every female positive is indeed plagued by a negative (thus Woman manipulates Man into pouring from his glass half "full" into her glass half "empty"). But it is not "patriarchy" that imposes the toll; it is the basic physics of human reality.

No one can benefit from extra help without the liability of extra dependence. No one can enjoy extra sympathy without suffering extra condescension. No one can enjoy extra protection without suffering the infantilizing effects that come of being protected. Woman cannot own beauty without being an "object" of desire. Woman cannot take ownership of parenting and still have equal time and energy left over with which to climb all the way to the top of the "success" pyramid. Woman cannot have a "free lunch." Why? Because there's no such thing.

Not even Woman can have her cake and eat it too.

Thanks for reading – Tim Goldich

Author of - [*Loving Men, Respecting Women: The Future of Gender Politics*](#)



Farrell Calls Men Society's "Disposable Sex"

With John Macchietto
 Editor, *Transitions*

Editor's note: The following is an edited transcript from an interview with Warren Farrell, Ph.D., author of *The Liberated Man* and *Why Men Are The Way They Are, (aka) Why Men Are The Way They Are* is a national best-seller, published in over 25 countries in seven languages. It is now in paperback (Hardy, \$4.95). NCFM has endorsed the book in the past with the NCFM Award for Outstanding Achievement in Men's Issues. NCFM continues to endorse it as a basic men's studies text.



Warren Farrell is author of two best-selling books, *The Liberated Man* and *Why Men Are The Way They Are*. *Why Men Are The Way They Are* has been published in over 25 countries and seven languages. He is presently working on his new book, *The Ten Close Male Abuse Men*, reported to be available in the Fall of 1992 from Prentice Hall Press.



John Macchietto has been active in the men's movement since 1982. He joined the NCFM in 1985 and is presently serving the South area on the Board of Directors of NCFM. He is presently a Consulting Psychologist and director of the Student Counseling Center at Jackson State University in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Farrell is presently working on *The Ten Close Male Abuse Men* (to be published by Prentice Hall Press in Jan. 1991).

MACCHIETTO: When you wrote *The Liberated Man* in 1974, you had been on the Board of Directors of the National Organization for Women in New York City and the book was strongly feminist in orientation. Today, if you were a radical feminist who had never heard of feminism and were presenting men's issues to the public in a manner as one of balance as in the feminist approach, what would you be saying?

FARRELL: Okay, let's see... I might call my book *The Disposable Sex* and start not appealing to fathers who had been deprived of children after divorce just as the women's movement started not appealing to women who didn't have equal access to money after divorce. That's what I'm saying something like that...

only interested in men who would do for her. It was really I got a woman's line and he was a killer. Women -- especially the beautiful ones -- seduced as only if we were better and then disappointed when we killed our men. They wanted a better before marriage, a protector after marriage. It wouldn't have been enough to compare this in the right where dichotomy?

"The fair maiden was never interested in the sensitive man who said, 'I am not sensitive to childbirth.' The beautiful women rejected the sensitive man and then complained when men were insensitive."

since class -- or at least second-class citizens -- we would only do it to a group we have to a class that is disposable."

MACCHIETTO: Why have men just up with this -- even reluctant to fight in war?

FARRELL: We have been told for millions of years we would not be loved unless we were willing to dispose of ourselves -- to sacrifice our lives -- for love (for women and love). We have internalized our disposability -- we self-hated. It is part of the male collective unconscious.

"For millions of years, men have been the disposable sex. A woman wouldn't mate with a man unless he proved we were willing to die to protect her. Thousands of men had to be willing to die to get off the dragons that would devour her life. The one man who survived and killed the dragon got the fair maiden. The fair maiden was

MACCHIETTO: Then, do you think men are all the disposable sex today?

FARRELL: I'd say, "Yes. For example, if President Bush said, 'From now on, only Jews will be drafted,' there wouldn't be any Jews volunteering to be next campaign. If he said, 'only Arabs will be drafted,' we would know he had courage for blacks -- even the Klu Klux Klan wouldn't have the nerve to suggest that. And if he said, 'From now on, only women will be drafted,' it would be his last day in office. Every one intuitively knows that to single out any one group for the draft is to label that group as a

MACCHIETTO: Then, who would you say about war needs, honor and other special needs?

FARRELL: There are all male tribes -- known for men to dispose of themselves.

MACCHIETTO: Aside from the draft, what are other ways men are the disposable sex?

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FARRELL: Men are 88% of the sex most lucrative jobs -- construction, lumberjacks, firefighters, truckers and so on. These are the "black professions." Overall, few women are in these professions because women don't need to make themselves disposable to earn their lives. Few gay men are in these professions because gay

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aggressive, the other defensive and distant."

"The facts of a fight aren't the real issue. The issue is the strength of a couple's emotional bond. It's about accessibility, responsiveness, and emotional engagement." I read with interest the discussion of five kinds of shame that men experience, and what women can do to help reduce shame in men. Many conflicts are in the end not truly resolvable but how we respond to them is much more important than the literal issue the conflict is supposedly about.

There is much that is very, very good about this book, and no reader should miss it. It may be disorganized; it may pack in more diverse topics than any one volume can coherently hold. But this stems from the author's ambition and dedication, and the same qualities shine through in the numerous pearls of wisdom provided by *Why Men Leave*. Highly recommended.

J. Steven Svoboda

If you are a current member of NCFM you can read the rest of the June 1990 article above through your online membership account. You will find the rest of the interview with Dr. Warren Farrell only in *Transitions*.

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NCFM Twin Cities Report

By Will Hageman

In November 2013 on International Men's Day, the Twin Cities Chapter had a table in the student union at Saint Cloud State University. Many students passing our table were surprised to learn that there is an International Men's Day, and they took literature on a range of men's human-rights issues.

In December we had a table in the student union at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls. More students stopped by to take literature and discuss men's issues.

In January 2014 we had a table in the student union at Hamline University in Saint Paul. A number of curious students took literature and NCFM wristbands. During the lunch hour some students tried to argue that men have all of the power and privilege in this society and that women are oppressed, arguments which we countered with facts. These students seemed surprised and annoyed that anyone would challenge their arguments, and they dismissed facts as irrelevant. Some of the students complained to the student union administration, claiming that our literature said that rape victims are responsible for being raped (something that our literature has never said or implied), and the administration told us that we had to leave because we violated university policy. When we asked to be shown the offending literature that we supposedly distributed, the administration did not even attempt to produce it, and were unable to state specifically what this literature said.

As far as they were concerned, the accusation was sufficient to establish that we had violated their policy. Those who had disagreed with us were clearly losing the argument, so they shut down the debate. Clearly, diversity of opinion is not welcome at Hamline University.

In February we had a booth at a volunteer expo in the Mall of America in Bloomington. We had a number of interesting conversations with people who visited the booth, and we had a long talk with a woman who is very sympathetic to us on the issues of child support and circumcision. We also had a booth at a baby and kids expo in Mankato, where we educated parents-to-be about the harm caused by circumcision. Several people thanked us for being there, and two of them gave us high-fives. END

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By Richard Doyle

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Andrea Dwumbell



OVERCOMING ANTI-FEMALE BIAS IN ACADEMIA: AT LAST, A BREAKTHROUGH! A COMMUNIQUÉ FROM ANDREA DWUMBELL

(Transcribed by **Peter Allemano**)

Note from Peter: Soon after matriculating at Ding Dong University, my “inner female,” Andrea Dwumbell, sued the institution, claiming that it was engaging in disability-based discrimination against her. She dictated to me the following report about her situation

This is Andrea Dwumbell speaking. Here was the problem. Ding Dong University would not accommodate my Motivation Deficit Disorder and therefore imposed upon me a cruel and unreasonable expectation: that I attend classes and complete assignments in order to receive credit. Initially, the University balked, attempting to claim that Motivation Deficit Disorder constituted apocryphal nonsense and that I was merely “lazy.” But then I enlisted the aid of my spiritual mentor, Deeptalk Choptank, to come to campus and ~~stir up trouble~~ enlighten fellow students. In a series of lectures — underwritten, naturally, by withdrawals from the University’s own endowment — Choptank reminded students that their primary purpose for enrolling in college was not to fritter away their time attending classes and studying, but to organize protest marches and sit-ins. The anti-administration disruption that followed, in support of my suit, quickly enabled Ding Dong University to recognize its insensitivity and to make amends for its moral wrongdoing. The “final straw” came its way via an anonymous note that threatened detonation, on campus, of the world’s first vagina-shaped bomb. Midst the worry and confusion of trying to figure out what that would look like, administrators could only conclude that the safest course of action would be to concede defeat.

In an out-of-court settlement, not only was I granted a Ph.D., but I was given a fully-tenured,

full-time staff position in the Women’s Studies Department.

At a press conference celebrating my extraordinary accomplishment — I was the first woman ever to embark upon an undergraduate college education and, by the end of her first semester, to complete the transition to full professorship — I cautioned an admiring throng: “While this constitutes a significant step in the right direction for women — up out of our oppression — we still have far to go. In a just society, any woman who wants a full professorship not only should be granted it immediately, of course, but she should *also* be provided with a paid-in-full series of manicures at the nearest salon. How come? An attractive set of beautiful nails is an absolute ‘must’ for any grrl who selflessly devotes her life to a noble career in ~~ideological finger-wagging~~ teaching Women’s Studies.”

Listening to my speech was one reporter representing The Patriarchy: a melanin-deficient P.W.T. (Person With Testes). So during the Q&A session, it was completely understandable that this blot on the landscape, of all people, would be the one to present me with a query that was as frivolous as it was asinine. What he asked was this: “You speak of your accomplishment as a breakthrough for women, but it was actually something that arose out of a disability. Does this mean that the status of being female, in and of itself, constitutes a disability, or does this mean that only women — and not men — ever suffer from Motivation Deficit Disorder?”

“Today,” I replied, “it means that the status of being female, in and of itself constitutes a disability. The reason is self-evident: after eons of barely getting by in life — because we have been prostrate, with our faces pressed into the mud of the earth by the hobnailed boot of The Patriarchy — the female sex has lost its ability to stick up for itself. Consequently, the Women’s Studies Department here at Ding Dong University will deserve to receive multi-million-dollar research grants to investigate the problem.”

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At this point, I paused, coughed lightly to clear my throat and then continued: “Once those funds have been deposited to our account, the meaning will change, and the very suggestion that the status of being female could possibly constitutes a disability will become irrefutable proof of the thinker’s misogynistic condescension and sexist inability to grasp the documented fact that the female sex is actually superior to the male sex in every respect. The funds will then be re-directed — to test treatment options for Motivation Deficit Disorder — yes, now to be officially designated a uniquely female problem. We will begin with the construction of a ~~beauty parlor and recreation center~~ Women’s Institute of Self-Esteem Improvement & Stress Management on Kalakaua Avenue, overlooking Waikiki Bay. Women afflicted with MDD will be flown to Honolulu and provided with accommodations ~~at the 5-star Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa~~ in an appropriately supportive group environment equipped to answer women’s special needs.”

Here is how I described some of Ding Dong University’s projects for its satellite facility, far out in the Pacific Ocean: “We will seek answers to specific questions that — we believe, in Women’s Studies — show promise to help us begin to understand and eventually alleviate MDD: For example: (1) Does daily ~~sunbathing on the beach~~ daytime soft-surface outdoor repose ameliorate MDD, or does it exacerbate MDD? (2) While undergoing spa treatments, *e.g.*, aromatherapy, can results be maximized if, simultaneously, subjects consume ~~chocolate nut fudge sundaes~~ nutrient- and calorie-dense comestibles? (3) Then there is the issue of ~~sightseeing~~ handling stress in unfamiliar environments. Can excursions to these places stimulate women who suffer with MDD, or will such excursions merely exhaust afflicted women, causing them to have to retreat to their ~~suites~~ rooms at the end of the day and ~~watch TV~~ meditate with an audiovisual research apparatus?”

Because our investigational protocols are designed to meet the highest standards of scholarly rigor and intellectual probity, it is anticipated that a rush of new funding will result. Global expansion of the programs of the Ding Dong Women’s Institute of Self-Esteem Improvement & Stress Management will likely occur within 2 to 3 years. Net result: At long last, gender justice in academia!

Kisses and winks,

Dr. Andrea Dwumbell

NCFM’s Media Project Digitizing a Terabyte of Audio and Video regarding Men’s Issues

In early 2009, NCFM launched its Media Project, under the leadership of NCFM Public Relations Director J. Steven Svoboda. Steven has been gathering men’s rights-related VHS videotapes, Betamax videotapes, DVD’s, YouTube videos, and videos in other formats, has archived and stored them with backups, and has organized them all for NCFM’s use and for donation to Michigan State’s Changing Men Collection. The collection currently includes several hundred video segments a terabyte of information.

At the moment Steven is immersed in the audio phase of the project, with an anticipated conclusion by the end of this year. Several hundred audio files are being generated, mostly from cassettes provided by Tom Williamson, Jack Kammer, Warren Farrell, and others. The tapes, dating back to the seventies in some cases, are mostly still audible, though a number of tapes have broken and will need repair, with a few needing more advanced audio processing work. In the end, we will have over a terabyte of digitized audio and video, with the total number of files coming to around 800 audio and video files.

NCFM thanks Dr. Warren Farrell, former NCFM President Tom Williamson, former NCFM Vice-President Pradeep Ramanathan, current NCFM Vice-President Marc Angelucci, current NCFM President Harry Crouch, NCFM member Gary Costanza, NCFM Board Member Tim Goldich, longtime activist Kammer, Steven, and others for their generous donations or loans of material to help make the NCFM Media Project as comprehensive as possible.



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NCFM Northern Cal Report

J. Steven Svoboda of NCFM, Marty Weiler of NCFM, and Jeanne Falla of the Bay Area Fathers Rights Support Group (BAFRSG) are very pleased to announce the creation of what promises to eventually become a new NCFM chapter, the Northern California Chapter.

Approximately a dozen years after the demise of the former Bay Area Chapter of NCFM that he cofounded, Steven is back to more troublemaking, in which he is joined by two very able collaborators, Marty and Jeanne. Starting in January, we have been holding monthly NCFM meetings the last Sunday of each month to which BAFRSG members are invited from 1:00 to 2:45 at the Bay Leaf Café at 2123 Pacheco Street, Concord, followed by BAFRSG meetings that NCFM members also attend at the Concord Public Library from 3 PM to 4:30 PM at 2900 Salvio Street in Concord. These meetings will be continuing at least through Sunday, August 31, 2014.

Back on January 10, the National Parents Organization (NPO), the national parent organization for BAFRSG and NCFM kicked off the New Year by co-organizing a gathering to view the release of the thought-provoking new documentary film, "*Divorce Corp.*" This event took place at the Emery Bay Stadium 10 Theater in Emeryville, California in San Francisco's Bay Area. A trickle of attendees arriving more than one hour before to the 7pm show time swelled to over forty audience members. We wholeheartedly agree with the website description of this film www.divorcecorp.com as,

*"A shocking exposé of the inner workings of the \$50 billion a year U.S. family law industry, **Divorce Corp** shines a bright light on the appalling waste, and shameless collusive practices seen daily in family courts. It is a stunning documentary film that anyone considering marriage or divorce must see."*

DivorceCorp presents the stark contrast between the American legal system and those of Iceland and Sweden, where the divorce process is free and simple, and typically followed by attempts at

reconciliation and co-parenting to minimize overt conflict.

A lengthy panel discussion inviting audience feedback followed the movie. The panelists were attorney Casey Ann Hatton of WeVorce.com, a collaborative divorce process, and law professor Katherine Porter of the University of California at Irvine Law School.

The rally that came afterwards proved a smashing success, with over thirty people participating. NCFM brochures and wristbands were distributed, the latter which read "Save the Males." NPO representatives and BAFRSG representatives together unfurled and displayed a banner that read "Bay Area Fathers' Rights." The Bay Leaf NCFM meetings have had good turnouts and have been complemented by a web-based simulcast for those members who are interested in participating but live too far away to come to Concord in person. Topics discussed include NCFM's college men's groups' initiative and abuses and mismanagement at the California Department of Child Support. Time is also left for hanging out and for personal chit chat. The Concord Library's BAFRSG meetings that follow have also addressed a number of interesting topics including (1) plans by the Divorce Corp filmmakers to host a family law reform conference in late 2014; (2) plans for a Fatherless Day rally about which NCFM may issue a press release for June 13, 2014 at San Francisco City Hall; (3) deliberations on possible BAFRSG adoption of a gender-neutral name change.

The future Northern California NCFM chapter is alive and roaring! We hope to see you in Concord on the last Sunday of the month (except April's meetings will be held on Saturday April 19)!

Editor's Note: This exciting news about the future Northern California NCFM Chapter is attributed to the diligent organizing efforts of BAFRSG member and NCFM supporter Jeanne Falla, NCFM member Marty Weiler, and NCFM Public Relations Director member Steven Svoboda. All three are to be congratulated for their excellent teamwork in spearheading what will be a collaborative future working relationship between BAFRSG and NCFM.

Court. Marc recently reported that our opening appellate brief was due April 10, 2014. But there was some confusion about how to designate a "Clerk's Transcript" (the documents filed by both sides leading up to the order) to make it into the appellate court record. Federal rules are not clear. So the 9th Circuit granted our motion for more time. Marc filed a document describing what he wanted in the record and the court clerk had until 4/28/14 to prepare it. Our opening brief is due June 27, 2014.

We are moving forward with our NCFM College Chapter Men's Discussion Group Initiative. NCFM Carolinas is in the process of filing for a student organization at one of their chapter's targeted universities. We now have a member law student at Appalachian School of Law who the Dean helped word an email to the Student Body President requesting an application for an official student organization for a men's discussion group. NCFM College Ambassador Chris Thompson and *keep-Chris-in-check* wife Nevada have arranged a viewing of Divorce Corp at a Bozeman, Montana library. They plan on other showings and also have a tabling event planned at the M of U Bozeman. Check out NCFM Carolinas' great website which is primarily committed to protecting men in higher education. We have a new College Ambassador, Jonathan Taylor, the creator and administrator of A Voice for Male Students where you can find out more about the NCFM collage men's discussion group initiative. Will Hageman, President of our Twin Cities Chapter, reached out to local college student interested in helping organize another discussion group. And, after numerous revisions, teleconferences, meetings, and one major overhaul, our proposal for San Diego university groups is ready for use.

NCFM Kenya Liaison and Intactivist Kennedy Owino reported the defeat of a bill to make circumcision mandatory for all males regardless of age in Siaya County. Nice work Mr. Owino, you helped save the lives of many.

Our San Francisco Chapter (once our "Northern California Chapter") is revitalizing under the leadership of Steven Svoboda and Jeanne Falla. They are holding regular monthly meetings, planning to broaden their reach by offering teleconferences, and are coordinating activities with other groups with common interests. Jeanne has arranged for Steven to be a panelist in the *Changing Roles of the Sexes Panel Discussion* at the new Federal Building this July. The other panelist will be a well known women studies professor.

One of our Advisors recently met in Washington D.C. with Senate staffers concerning national paternity fraud legislation, including presenting the staffers with model legislation. There was interest and the information was sent for legal analysis. The legislation is being shaped for states use too. We need as many stories of paternity fraud as possible. So, if you know of any please forward them to us at ncfm@ncfm.org.

As you know, there has been incredible pressure from Congress and the White House to revamp sexual assault policies, especially in our schools and military. Efforts surfaced in California through Senate Bill 967. We sent a letter to every California legislator and a subsequent and another to California Senators only, which you can read here: <http://ncfm.org/2014/03/action/ncfm-letter-to-california-state-senators-regarding-senate-bill-967-war-against-men-continues/>.

Big shout out to NCFM members Teri Stoddard (for SAVE) and Dianna Thompson (for SAFE) who testified against SB 967 at the Appropriation Committee meeting.

Unfortunately, by the time you read this SB 967 may have already left the various committees for a floor vote. As of this writing it was pending approval by Appropriations. Regardless, please voice your concerns to your legislators too. There are other related articles at www.ncfmm.org

Please send Carolyn Bell, our Membership Coordinator, an email if you have questions regarding your membership: [membership @ ncfm.org](mailto:membership@ncfm.org). Special thanks to Carolyn and Member

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Jeff Perwin for his work setting up, improving, and maintaining our online membership system.

We receive hundreds of calls and emails from people and organizations needing assistance. Please remember that NCFM is an all volunteer organization. We pay for office rent, supplies, telecommunications, insurance, bookkeeping, and financial audits; webhosting, website maintenance, and technical support for our computers and internet mailing systems; and, we produce and distribute outreach, education, and promotional materials all of which are expensive. We are entirely supported by donations. Please show your support by donating, becoming a member or renewing your membership, at www.ncfm.org. You can now setup monthly annual contributions. And, thank all of you who have and do support NCFM financially since 1977. We must be doing something right...

Once again, if I've forgotten to mention the good work of others please forgive me. Regardless, each and all of us are making the world a better place for all of us; and, thank you all, it's a pleasure knowing you...

Respectfully,

Harry Crouch

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September 5, 6, & 7 (Friday-Sunday), 2014 -- NCFM "Face2Face" Board Meeting and Get Together.

At the [Kuempel Men's Center](#) (1900 W Fulton), owned by ManKind Project, just North of "The Loop," with easy access to public transit.

The building has a large meeting room, audio/visual equipment, several rooms which can accommodate people with sleeping bags and air-mattresses, a fully equipped kitchen, a men's and a women's bathroom, a shower, and an outdoor fire pit.

If staying at the Center it's \$50 for one night, \$90 for two nights, and \$125 for all three. If you choose to come an evening earlier (Thursday) or stay an evening later (Sunday) it's another \$40 per night. Bring a sleeping bag. If one chooses to stay elsewhere there's \$50 charge to cover food, beverages, and incidentals at the center. Meals outside the center are not provided by NCFM.

Within easy walking distance are several restaurants and transit stops. The transit system reportedly connects the airport to a nearby transit stop. Cabs are roughly \$50 from the airport to the center one way. There's ample free parking at the center for those who come by car.

A few nearby hotels:

[House of Two Urns B&B](#), 2.6 miles

[Crown Plaza Chicago Metro](#), 1.8 miles

[Chicago Marriott at Medical Center](#), 1.3 miles

[Dewitt Place](#), 3.7 (reasonable, good rating, kitchens)

RSVP required.

NCFM membership must be current.

Send check or money order to NCFM, 932 C Street, Suite B, San Diego, CA 92101 ATTN "Face-to-face."

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Switchboard for Men:

An Exploratory Concept Paper

By an Anonymous NCFM Member and Donor

Overview

The Internet has played a critical and instrumental role in the modern day men's movement, particularly in the dissemination of information leading to the consciousness shift that's now underway among both men and women. This proposal expands new men's movement communication tools available via the Internet, and gives National Coalition For Men (NCFM) both a unique offering with which to bring attention to the plight of American men, and a mechanism that can generate additional Internet web site traffic.

This brief concept paper describes a new service that could be inexpensively offered by the NCFM via its web site. In a nutshell, the service would provide a free self-service scheduling system that brings together young men who are confused and desiring advice, and older men who wish to be mentors, men who are knowledgeable not only about women and life, but also feminism, men's legal rights, and men's typical life trajectories in America. So far as the author of this memo is aware, no such service currently exists.

This is the first article about the "Switchboard" -- which is what the author is calling the new web based scheduling service -- and the thoughts contained herein are therefore preliminary, incomplete, and exploratory in nature. The reader's comments, suggestions, criticisms, corrections, and/or inspired ideas related to the Switchboard are both solicited and welcome. These should be directed to Harry Crouch, Director of NCFM (details about what needs to be done and contact information are at the end of this article).

Problems Addressed

Modern women have for a long time disapproved of spaces where men congregate with other men, without the presence of women. For example, coffee houses were banned in 1676 by the King of England, because the King (obviously an early version of the "white knight") bowed to pressure from women who didn't like the fact that men were congregating therein without women. Sandman has a very interesting YouTube video called "Destroying Male Spaces - MGTOW" which documents the efforts by American women to institute Prohibition in the period 1920-1933, as a way to prevent men from congregating in bars, which were at that time most often exclusively male spaces. More recently, we see something similar in the way that radical feminists have targeted the all-male Augusta National Golf Club, claiming that it must open its doors to women. Similarly, those of us who have been married, or perhaps are still married, know that many wives try to cut off their husbands from their friends, so that the wives can have greater power over their husbands. Again we see women trying to stop men from talking to other men. Why is this? This author believes women are afraid that when men privately talk to other men, they will share their observations about women, relationships with women, what a bad deal marriage is for men, etc. Women want men to be kept in the dark about the way the current social, legal, moral, and sexual marketplace system is rigged against men. So long as men are kept away from honestly talking with other men (perhaps via over-the-top excessive concerns about homophobia), then women's tricks, such as using their sexuality to induce a man to marry them, are likely to remain effective.

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Whether or not the reader agrees with the author's analysis in the prior paragraph, all readers will probably agree that young men in America today often suffer from under-fathering or absent fathering. For example, Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) is often used by mothers with custody of children to prevent fathers from gaining any access to their children. Even without PAS, divorce accompanied by unsympathetic family courts, as well as single mother family structures, often prevent many boys from seeing their fathers as often as they would like. Incarceration, military assignments overseas, work related travel, work assignments in far-away cities, a heavy work schedule, death, and other problems prevent boys from spending time with their fathers. The disintegration of tight and geographically-concentrated family structures in America has also meant that uncles and other close male relatives are much less frequently available to step in and play the role of father these days. Fatherless boys in particular are in serious trouble, and there are clear statistical correlations between fatherlessness and involvement in serious crime, drugs, and school drop decisions. Many American young men desperately need more fathering, and this author suggests that it would be best if they were fathered by older men who knew the score about gender relations, what feminism has done to the family, how feminism has changed the laws surrounding divorce, etc. The proposed Switchboard service is sort of like the Big Brother system, except it is intended to be of service to 20-something men, not boys.

At the same time that American young men need additional fathering (and here I am not talking about "manning-up" and living up to women's expectations or society's expectations), there are many older men who would like to help out younger guys, but they don't know how they might make a difference in younger guys' lives. Perhaps through a men's group they could influence a younger man, but younger men don't often

find themselves in men's groups (only later do many young men realize that they are up against a lot of myths and disinformation, such as the myth of romantic love, which holds that there is only one true mate for each man). The use of older men who are in the men's movement, men who may not necessarily be playing any current active role with NCFM, allows some of this awareness raising work to be off-loaded onto new people, limiting the burn-out of those who are now actively participating with the NCFM organization. Older men, who may not necessarily even show up for a NCFM chapter meeting, may still be willing to give a few hours a month to being a virtual mentor.



**If you want to learn
more about
"Switchboard" you can
read the entire concept
paper on our website:
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