

THE BLACK SASH

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Dear Member,

As usual October is a busy time of the year and especially as the Advice Office is under a great deal of pressure. Preparations for the Morning Market on Saturday November 25th are in full swing and I urge you to read Gaby Kane Berman's newsletter which is enclosed, with great care. Gaby is working very hard and needs assistance. It would be impossible for Gaby and her team to telephone all of you to ask for help - so please let her know what you can do. Even if you don't sew, knit, bake or garden, you could help with fetching and carrying say once a week for a few hours. In fact driving help is of assistance to the office too. A call to the office volunteering time would be much appreciated and would relieve Jill Wentzel enormously.

We still need volunteers to help sort files in the office. May we have a few hours of your time?.

We have welcomed several men as associate members since I last wrote and would welcome more.

CROSSROADS : We were able to mount a graphic demonstration of a Crossroads Shack at the P.F.P. fete on September 30th, we hope we have made our point, that families should live together, that a shack is better than a hostel bed, and that a community as natural as that at Crossroads should be helped to upgrade its living standards and not sent back to the poverty and unemployment of the homelands to even worse conditions. The East London squatter demolitions and bannings are shocking and the whole question of squatters is becoming more and more urgent.

We are also deeply concerned about violence in South Africa in every aspect of interpersonal relationships and especially police violence. We welcome assistance in monitoring the press so that we can present a clear picture of the destruction of the moral fibre of our country.

S. S. R. C. TRIAL : This is taking place in Kempton Park. We believe that we should witness political trials. If you can attend a session please telephone Jill Wentzel at 45/7525 for dates and directions as to how to get there. If you could provide a hot lunch for the accused or books, fruit and sweets it would be more than welcome.

TRANSVAAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE : WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH 9.30 A.M at 8 Cowie Road Forest Town. Please come and discuss Transvaal's contribution to National Conference. There are so many major issues at the moment- we need your help and ideas.

ERICA MCNULTY has just run a most successful jumble sale - she made R350, and has been asked to run another before the end of the year. Thank you for all your contributions, and those of you who are sorting out your clothes now that Spring has come, please telephone me at 41/8188 so I can tell you where to deliver jumble.

Yours sincerely,
GITA DYZENHAUS
TRANSVAAL REGIONAL CHAIRMAN.