



Women In Action

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General Assembly of Members -Third Monday of each month, 10 a.m.
Place: Presbyterian Center 41 Oakdale St. (behind 1st Presbyterian Church)

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## April 19 General Assembly Program

10:00 Program Participants: Panel of Representatives from Member Organizations- we are continuing our get-acquainted programs

- Houston Council of B'Nai B'Rith Women.....Barbara Rabinowitz
- Top Ladies of Distinction.....Rosemary McGowan
- Mothers on the Move.....Arenia Edwards
- National Council of Negro Women.....Sara Dickerson
- Jack & Jill of America, Inc.....Erie Calloway
- Sand Dollar, Inc.....Katy Thomas
- Roger La Follette

### OUR NEW OFFICE

We have moved our office a block away to 3217 Montrose room #108. It is in the Houston Metropolitan Ministries building.

Thanks to you who helped us look for a low-priced office, to those who helped us move, to those who washed the walls and woodwork, and to those who set the office to rights ! Come see us; we are pleased with our location and to see our many friends in the building.

### WE PRESENTED TESTIMONY:

Our Teenage Pregnancy Committee Chair, Edna (Tommie) Anderson, received notice of a hearing March 29 from Tex. Rep. Mary Polk, Chair of the Select Committee on Teenage Pregnancy of the Legislature. The purpose was to identify needs and to learn about local programs. We presented ours and learned about others. Dr. Peggy Smith, of the Baylor /JD Goldfarb Clinic is Houston's member of the committee.

### Some testimonies:

Pre-pregnancy testing is needed, but no funds are available, said a UT Medical School professor. Young women can't get on AFDC...we need parent education in the 8th grade, basic elementary education in lower grades... schools need a pregnancy policy for schools (there's one for teachers- they're not fired if they become pregnant)..schools need to become responsible...each crop of babies costs Texas \$8,979,000,000. Each mother and child costs \$7000. The medical cost in Texas estimated for 10 years is \$118 billion. Equipment for preemies costs \$80,000...we need a van going