

**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
MAMMOGRAPHY ROUNDTABLE
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA
JANUARY 22, 1995**

TALKING POINTS

[Acknowledgements: Ann Garvin, President of Church Women United, will be in the audience and should be recognized].

INTRODUCTION

* Nearly every family in America is touched at one time or another by breast cancer. We all know someone -- a grandmother, mother, sister, aunt, daughter, niece or, in my case, a mother-in-law -- who has suffered or is suffering from the disease.

* The numbers are shocking: about 1 in 8 women in this country will contract breast cancer during her lifetime. The rates are getting higher every year. And older women are the most vulnerable because the chances of getting breast cancer increase with age.

* While these numbers are distressing, it is equally distressing that many older women who are eligible for breast cancer screenings don't take advantage of them.

* Medicare covers regular screenings for women over 65 and diagnostic screenings whenever a doctor thinks it is medically appropriate. Yet nearly two-thirds of women eligible under Medicare don't get mammograms. Many women don't get mammograms because they think they are safe until a problem arises. In other cases, women don't get screened because their doctors never recommend it. Some women are afraid of mammograms, or embarrassed at the idea of having a breast screening. In fact, mammograms are safe and those administering them are trained professionals.

* Over the past 2 years, many older women have conveyed their concerns about breast cancer to me. Their anxieties and problems in dealing with the disease prompted me to learn more about programs that might help. Through officials at the Department of Health and Human Services, I learned that too

few older women were taking advantage of the Medicare mammography benefit. I hope that my visit to Beth Israel today will help raise awareness about this issue.

THE MEDICARE BENEFIT FOR BREAST SCREENINGS IS AN EXAMPLE OF GOVERNMENT WORKING FOR YOU

* The whole point of government is to make it work for people. Medicare coverage for breast screenings is one of a number of ways the federal government is involved in the fight against breast cancer. Along with research at NIH and other agencies, this program offers a direct benefit to a segment of the population at high risk for a deadly disease.

WE HAVE A PROGRAM IN PLACE THAT CAN SAVE LIVES

* We have a program in place. We have a program that can save lives. Now we have to make sure that patients, doctors, and all health care providers are aware of the importance of regular mammograms, particularly for older women.

THIS PROGRAM IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW PREVENTIVE CARE WORKS

* Over the last two years, we talked a lot about preventive care as part of health care reform. This is a perfect example of how a small investment today can pay off down the road. A mammogram is much less costly -- in dollars and emotions -- than surgery or serious illness. By taking advantage of this Medicare benefit, thousands of older women cannot only be given the hope of life, they can be given a higher quality of life. It's a win-win-win situation -- for patients, providers, and for all of us collectively who prosper from living in a healthier society.

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Date: January 19, 1995
To: Barbara Wooley
From: Nancy Chupp

Per your request I am faxing you a bio of Ann Garvin, President of Church Women United. She is a 62 years-old, African-American women from Topeka, Kansas.

She is honored to be recognized by the First Lady in whatever manner you deem appropriate, but will need to leave the senior center at 4:15 sharp to catch a plane.

I will fax our participant list to you by the end of the day.

one of 6 groups —
only Pres — will be in audience

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ANN BAKER GARVIN

Ann B. Garvin of Topeka, Kansas, Owner/Director of the Mid-West Business Consultants company was installed as National President of Church Women United (1992-1996), Monday, June 29, 1992 at the conclusion of the National Church Women United's Common Council meeting at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

During the middle 1970's, Ann Garvin attended a CWU forum with friends. She liked what she saw, what she experienced. She became an active CWU participant, particularly in ecumenical development work. A member of the St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Topeka, she has been a church steward for 33 years and has been a leader in her own denomination on a regional and national level through the AME Women's Missionary Society.

She has brought flair and AME know-how to her work in CWU on a national scale since 1986 when she first became a member of the national CWU Nominating Committee. This was preceded by work on the Kansas State CWU Board (1979-86). She served also as President of Women In Community Service (WICS) (1989-1991), following five years as a member of the WICS Board.

For 23 years, Garvin was a public high school math teacher. Then she took leave from teaching to seek office in the Kansas House of Representatives. That led to five years of volunteer work in the community and a decision to go into business for herself. In her professional work as a consultant, she deals in the areas of taxes, public relations, conflict resolution, development of positive self-images for her clients. Contracts have ranged

widely, including work with the Kansas State Departments of Education, Human Resources, and the Aging.

A graduate of Kentucky State University in Frankfort, with a degree in Mathematics and Chemistry, she has a Masters Degree in Mathematics from Fisk University in Nashville. In the academic field, as a volunteer, she has also served on the Board of Regents of Washburn University in Topeka (1981-1992).

Ann Garvin brings experience and talent to CWU, having reared a son and a daughter, taught school, been a volunteer extraordinaire in her community -- on the board of the YWCA and YMCA, as an officer of the United Way, on the board of a daycare center, in work for the N.E. Kansas Health Systems Planning Agency. She sees this new volunteer office with CWU this way: "It is a great and creative opportunity to lead women from different churches and denominational backgrounds -- women who are doers -- who want to be successful in action together, touching people's lives in positive ways for the love of God!"

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MAMMOGRAPHY / TALKING POINTS

60-70% of eligible older women don't take adv
of Mcare screenings

Older women most vulnerable to br. cancer - the older
you get, the higher your risk

Many women (85%) no prior risk

The greatest risk factor in getting older
Incidence of older you get

This is abt saving people's lives

Involvement Heard (POTUS + HRC) from so many women

Common concerns abt mammograph

Calling on seniors to talk to docs +
providers to inform patients abt
availability

35% (etc) under 65 - 50% ↓ mortality rates

1800⁴ ~~FOR~~ CANCER - NHT -

1991 when Mcare benefit started

We want govt to work for you -

don't
include

Govt now requires that mammography
equipment shd be certified

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Virginia Kelley - dr. whether had mammograms

- Importance of early detection -
not just extend life but ↑ quality of life

Meane covers reconstructive surgery &
prosthesis

Dr. L.C. refers we talked abt prev. case -
there's an existing benefit for Br. women -
a benefit that works.