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cottage industries which are not regarded as serious business. It will be an inspiration to other women.

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## Call for Papers

An international conference dedicated to Simone de Beauvoir entitled "50th Anniversary of the Second Sex" will be held in Paris on January 21, 22 and 23, 1999. Written and oral presentations may be made in French or English. Prospective participants should send the provisional title of their presentation, a 1500 word abstract and a short curriculum vitae before July 15, 1998 to Cinquantenaire du Deuxieme Sexe. All candidates are asked to specify which of the following topics they wish to address: Origins, Impact of the Work, The Difficulties of Translation, The 'Second Sex' Generation, Radically Feminist, From 'them' to 'Us', Commentaries, Analyses, Critiques, and Relevance and Timeliness of the Second Sex.

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### Women Entrepreneurs: Making a Difference Produced by Pixie Bigelow

The focus of this documentary is the unique entrepreneurial qualities that women possess and the spirit with which they face the challenges of their personal and business lives. The four women profiled are Canadian, of different races, cultures and ages, and representing a cross section of businesses. All the women are self made; none have inherited their businesses. Starting with very little, their vision, their wits and their hard work have overcome setbacks and helped them keep going. There is a commonality among these women entrepreneurs in the way they manage their businesses, consider their employees as "family", reward hard work, and integrate their personal values into the corporate culture.

The women are in disparate businesses. One turned a derelict hotel into a first class resort; one exports food to poor countries; one has an international software training company, the last runs a publishing empire from her home. Their businesses gross between one and twenty -seven million dollars. This documentary will dispel the myth that women entrepreneurs operate only small businesses, often in the retail sector, or

## Conferences

### World Conference on Family Violence

A conference entitled "World Conference on Family Violence" will take place in New Delhi, India on september 8-11, 1998. The conference is jointly sponsored by People to People Ambassador Programs and YWCA of the USA. It's goal is to focus on practical, sustainable solutions that can be implemented in different cultures to stem the growing trend of family violence. The World Conference on Family Violence will address the continuum of violence by encompassing the interdependent relationships of child, intimate partner, and elder. Thousands of social workers, elected and government officials, advocates, educators, religious leaders and legal and medical professionals from around the world are expected to attend. Conference attendees will exchange information on the long-term implications of family violence. Most conference work will focus on identifying and developing implementable alternatives to fear and violence in families. Practitioners will exchange information on how to intervene in potentially dangerous situations and provide support for families through courts, workplaces, social networks, schools, churches, support groups, the health care system, and local government.