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National Women's Register

National Housewife's Register was a mother's creation,
That morphed into National Women's registration.
This group was formed before decimalisation
To relieve like minded women of their frustration

And give them the opportunity of childless relaxation
To widen the topics of their conversation,
Exchange views and fuel fertile imagination,
When we get together, by prior invitation,
In members' homes to improve our concentration.

Acting as hostess triggers major activation
Cleaning, dusting, touching up the decoration.
Now what's happened to our women's liberation?
We have all sorts of speakers for our education -

Schoolboys explaining to our trepidation
The ups and downs of stock market fluctuation.
We were also told about grape cultivation -
The wine-tasting left a heady sensation!
As well as discussions to improve our contemplation,

Research in chosen subjects is full of explanation,
Sometimes leading to thoughts with provocation.
From chocolate, Vikings and nationalisation
Through Zimbabwe and artificial fertilisation.

Colour themes and poems with their presentation,
Telephone trails and quizzes help links with the nation.
Balloon debates are always full of determination
From the Maries Stopes, Curie and radiation
To Branson and Farraday - **such an oscillation!**

But our heated discussions never lead to aggravation
Sometimes they lead to a bit of indignation
And are usually the reason for the instigation

Of another evening full of rationalisation.

Music and singing nights relieve any irritation.
LO's work with tireless dedication
To assist in area amalgamation
Well travelled members aid Group globalisation

Day group programmes planned with deliberation
Walks and crafts and Christmas delectation
Decoupage with sewing and flower desiccation
Book group study and discuss using notation –
(That's if they can read their own abbreviation!)

Refreshments after meetings with tasty temptation
Can have dire consequences to waist deterioration.
Nothing to do with age - what exaggeration!
Although just for women, don't make the allegation
That we believe in total gender segregation.

Theatre and supper clubs aid spouse association,
Not to mention evenings of mixed sophistication
You are bound to agree with little hesitation
That NWR is the best group in the nation
(We can't all be suffering from mental aberration!)

So lift your glass with us in a libation
We hope you have enjoyed this night of celebration
Maybe in the future you'll arrange a duplication!

Pauline Rhodes September 2001