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Dear Elaine,



Happy Women's Equality Day!

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment went into effect, giving women in the United States the right to vote. For more on the history of Women's Equality Day, [click here](#). To test your knowledge of Women's Equality Day and women gaining the right to vote, [click here!](#)

Be sure to visit our new and improved website:

www.wiwomensnetwork.org

→ Events from Our Members

August 26

Northeast WI Women Speak Out for Health Care, Sturgeon Bay
 5:30-8:00 PM, Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center, 107 N. 1st Street. Sponsored by the Wellness Center of Door County. Grassroots women will share their personal stories about how America's health care system is failing them and their families. Health policy experts will engage with participants to link these stories to needed policy reforms and compile an action agenda for change. Congressman Steve Kagen, Senators Russ Feingold & Herb Kohl and our state legislators Dave Hansen, Gary Bies and Alan Lasee have been invited to attend. Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton has confirmed her participation. This event is free, but pre-registration is required. For more info and to pre-register: [click here](#).

September 22

Get Fiscally FIT!, Madison

10:00 AM-12:00 noon. Washburn Heritage Room, Regina Hall, Edgewood College. Flex your financial muscles, stretch your wealth, kick off your debt, and race towards a secure retirement! Learn the skills you need to be financially savvy as you enter the

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workforce at this free workshop. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is requested to [Johanna Hatch](#), 608-255-9809. Sponsored by the Human Issues Department, Wisconsin Women's Network, Wider Opportunities for Women, and the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement.

September 24

Do it Yourself: Remodel Your Financial Future, Milwaukee
11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Second floor conference room, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative, 2745 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Learn the skills you need to build a solid financial future and remodel your retirement, no matter where you are in the workforce! Special information for small business owners will be provided as well. A light lunch will be provided. There is no cost, but pre-registration is requested to [Johanna Hatch](#), 608-255-809. Sponsored by WWBIC, Wisconsin Women's Network, Wider Opportunities for Women, and the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement.

October 18

SAVE THE DATE! Stateswoman of the Year Celebration, Madison
11:00 AM-1:00 PM, Monona Terrace, 1 John Nolen Drive. Members of the Wisconsin Women's Network and everyone interested in celebrating women and supporting women's issues are invited to meet previous SWOTY awardees and learn about the contributions these dedicated and determined women, past and present, have made to advance the status of women in Wisconsin. Representative Helen Kelda Roys, 81st Assembly District, will introduce keynote speaker, Genevieve G. McBride, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Cost: \$55. For more info or to receive and invitation: [Johanna Hatch](#), 608-255-9809.

[For a complete events calendar, click here.](#)

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[Women's Health and Reproductive Rights](#)

[Oklahoma Court Blocks Enforcement of Host of Abortion Restrictions](#)

A state district court judge in Oklahoma blocked enforcement of a state law that would have imposed numerous restrictions related to abortion. The court ruled that the bill passed by the legislature addressed too many disparate topics and therefore violated the Oklahoma Constitution's "single-subject" requirement. One of the restrictions, an ultrasound provision, would have prohibited a woman from getting an abortion unless she first had an ultrasound and listened to her doctor describe the image in detail, even if she objected.

[LGBT Rights](#)

[Doyle picks Madison attorney Pines to represent state in domestic partner lawsuit](#)

Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen, a Republican, declined Friday to represent the state since he said the state's new domestic partner registry violates the state's constitutional ban on gay marriage and civil unions. Doyle today appointed in Van Hollen's place Lester Pines of Madison.

Women Veterans

[G.I. Jane Breaks the Combat Barrier](#)

Women are barred from joining combat branches like the infantry, armor, Special Forces and most field artillery units and from doing support jobs while living with those smaller units. Women can lead some male troops into combat as officers, but they cannot serve with them in battle. Their success, widely known in the military, remains largely hidden from public view. In part, this is because their most challenging work is often the result of a quiet circumvention of military policy. This quiet change has not come seamlessly - and it has altered military culture on the battlefield in ways large and small. Women face sexual discrimination and rape, and counselors and rape kits are now common in war zones. Nonetheless, as soldiers in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, women have done nearly as much in battle as their male counterparts.

[Living and Fighting Alongside Men, and Fitting In](#)

Opponents of integrating women in combat zones long feared that sex would mean the end of American military prowess. But now birth control is available - the PX at Warhorse even sold out of condoms one day recently - reflecting a widely accepted reality that soldiers have sex at outposts across Iraq. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are the first in which tens of thousands of American military women have lived, worked and fought with men for prolonged periods. They have changed the way the United States military goes to war. They have reshaped life on bases across Iraq and Afghanistan. They have cultivated a new generation of women with a warrior's ethos - and combat experience - that for millennia was almost exclusively the preserve of men. And they have done so without the disruption of discipline and unit cohesion that some feared would unfold.

Economic Equity

[What Mancession?](#)

Women have suffered fewer job losses than men, but overall they still earn only 78 cents for every dollar a man makes, according to Center for American Progress. Much of their work is concentrated in lower-paid industries such as retail, hospitality, education, nonprofits and health care. The jobs that women are holding on to typically lack benefits, retirement savings plans, or pensions.

International Women

[Nigeria agency pushes marriage to fight HIV](#)

A local government program in Nigeria encourages marriages between HIV-positive women and men, so-called "HIV-marriages", in the hope of preventing the virus from spreading. According to the United Nations, Nigeria has the third-largest HIV population in

the world, with about 3.1 percent of its 148 million people infected.

[For Afghan Women, Rights Again at Risk](#)

When the United States and its allies went to war against the Taliban after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, "liberating the women of Afghanistan" was often cited as one of the reasons to seek "regime change." More than seven years later, however, the situation for Afghan women remains dire.

[Clinton Puts Spotlight On Women's Issues](#)

Clinton's just-concluded 11-day trip to Africa has sent the clearest signal yet that she intends to make women's rights one of her signature issues and a higher priority than ever before in American diplomacy.



Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Openings

Posted: 7/23/09

Org: Hope House

Location: Baraboo

Position: Therapist

Description: Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) preferred, but will consider candidates who need supervised hours. Certification in AODA or SAC desired. Provide individual and group services including assessments, education, treatment planning, case review and follow up. Qualified candidates will be highly motivated and self-directed, have excellent oral and written communications skills and good organizational skills. Experience working with survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse from diverse backgrounds. Bilingual (English-Spanish) preferred.

To apply: Send letter of application, current resume and a one-page description of your understanding of domestic and sexual violence to: Hope House, 910 8th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913.

Posted: 7/23/09

Org: Hope House

Location: Baraboo

Position: Domestic Violence Advocate

Description: The Domestic Violence Advocate provides direct client services to increase safety, explore options and resources, and encourage self-sufficiency among program participants. The DV advocate provides community awareness and education on issues pertinent to domestic and sexual violence. This position provides shelter coverage and participates in the on-call rotation every 4-6 weeks. A combination of education, knowledge, skills and abilities equivalent to bachelor's degree and one year of professionally supervised experience providing direct services to

individuals and families. Bilingual (English-Spanish) preferred.

To apply: Send letter of application, current resume and a one-page description of your understanding of domestic and sexual violence to: Hope House, 910 8th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913.

Volunteer Opportunities

Posted: 8/26/09

Org: Wisconsin Women's Network

Activity: Board of Directors, Director at Large

The Wisconsin Women's Network currently has a Director-at-large opening on its Board of Directors to fill a vacancy. This is a mid-term position that expires in December 2009, and may be renewed for a new two-year term. We particularly encourage applications from representatives of member organizations in WWN, but the positions are also open to individual members of WWN. This is an opportunity to see if membership on the 10-member Board of the Wisconsin Women's Network, working on issues important to women and families, is a good fit for you.

For More Info: [Johanna Hatch](#), administrator, 608-255-9809

Posted: 7/1/09

Org: Independent Living

Activity: Independent Living, Inc. is looking for volunteers to help keep seniors and people with disabilities independent and in the home of their choice. We offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Opportunities include:

Chore Corps: Help an older or disabled adult with running errands, grocery shopping, meal preparation or light housekeeping. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

Evening Meals on Wheels: Deliver hot, nutritious meals to the home of frail or homebound older adults or people with disabilities. Routes start between 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and generally take about an hour to complete. Delivering meals make a great group or family activity.

Friendly Visiting: Help prevent social isolation by offering weekly companionship to an older adult in their home or on an outing. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

Kitchen Volunteers: Assist our professional chef in preparing and packaging meals for our Evening Meals on Wheels clients.

Reception Volunteer: Assist with answering the telephone, greeting visitors and general office projects. 3-4 hours per week. Shifts are available at the Independent Living Headquarters, 815 Forward Drive, or The Gardens, 602 N. Segoe Road, both in Madison.

Telephone Reassurance: Make daily calls to provide a safety check, medication reminder or companionship for an older adult in our community.

For more info: [Teri Barr](#), Volunteer Services Program Manager at 608-274-7900

Posted: 6/17/09

Org: Madison SOS (Speak Out, Sister!)

Activity: research and survey design, writing and editing,

community outreach, event-planning, mentoring, policy advocacy, and more

Location: various (in Madison)

When: opportunities available weekdays (daytime and evening) and weekend afternoons; very flexible scheduling

Description: Assist this grassroots, teen-led organization with several exciting summer initiatives: the creation of a Platform for Action and related policy advocacy on several key social justice issues affecting Madison high school young women, including community-based research on issues like sexual violence and sexual harassment, reproductive health, education, mental health, and more; the creation of a resource guide for young women interested in taking action locally to affect change; the development of an interactive website connecting girls interested in discussing and taking action on local issues; and the development of a workshop series to empower girls as social change agents.

More info/sign up: Email madisonsos@yahoo.com

For Equality,

Johanna Hatch, Administrator
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