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Be sure to visit our new and improved website:

www.wiwomensnetwork.org

→ Events from Our Members

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 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 Kelda Helen Roys, 81st Assembly District, will introduce keynote speaker, Genevieve G. McBride, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Cost: \$55. To purchase tickets online, [click here](#). For more info or to receive and invitation: [Johanna Hatch](#), 608-255-9809.

Artful Women 2009

WWN is on Facebook!

Got Facebook? Become a fan of WWN, and join our Cause!

If you are an artist or know of a woman who is an artist, please enter for yourself or call for an application for a friend or colleague to the 23rd Show and Sale of Artful Women, held during the month of November at the University Hospital's Skylight Gallery. For more information or to receive and application, please contact Johanna Hatch, WWN Administrator, at 608-255-9809.

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

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Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

[Opinion: Why Women Need Healthcare Reform](#)

Women fare particularly badly in terms of health, being more likely than men to leave a prescription unfilled; forgo seeing a needed specialist; and skip a medical test, treatment or follow-up. Financially, women are worse off, too, in large part because they earn less money. Despite the fact that they skimp on their care to cut costs, three in five women are still unable to pay their medical bills.

[Abortion Stigma Affects Doctors' Training And Choices](#)

When Devin Miller, leader of the abortion rights group Medical Students for Choice at Virginia Commonwealth University, heard about the slaying of George Tiller, a Kansas physician who performed late abortions, she "took a step back" to ponder her future. The second-year student plans to become an obstetrician-gynecologist or family physician and expects she would sometimes terminate pregnancies. But the May 31 death of Tiller, who was shot in the head at church, allegedly by an antiabortion activist, has left the 23-year-old deeply shaken.

Women Veterans

[Service Women's Action Network helps kick off National Tour to Repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"](#)

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell is the only law that allows a segment of the federal government to actively discriminate against gays and lesbians," said Anuradha Bhagwati, Service Women's Action Network Executive Director and a former Marine captain.

According to a study released by Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), in 2006 and 2007, women were disproportionately impacted by Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT). Women made up nearly 50 percent of the DADT discharges in 2007 despite women making up approximately 15 percent of the armed forces.

Economic Equity

[Fact Sheet: Unemployment Among Single Mother Families](#)

The Institute for Women's Policy Research released a fact sheet showing both a high rate of unemployment among single mothers and substantial growth in their rate of unemployment since April.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, women who maintain families without a spouse present have an unemployment rate of 12.2 percent. This is almost twice the rate for married men or women.

[Action: Urge Your Senators to Support the Paycheck Fairness Act](#)

In every state in the country, women are still earning less than their male counterparts. The Paycheck Fairness Act would strengthen current laws against wage discrimination and provide tools to enable the federal government to be more proactive in the fight. The bill has already passed the House, and now it's pending in the Senate.

International Women

[Women's access to health services boosts gender equality, says UNDP chief](#)

Access to sexual and reproductive health will boost development targets and promote gender equality, the head of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said today, stressing that women have the right to choose for themselves whether or when to have children.

[Gaza: Rescind Religious Dress Code for Girls](#)

Hamas authorities in Gaza should suspend all orders that violate personal freedoms, including imposition of an Islamic dress code for female students, Human Rights Watch said Sept. 4.

[Sexual violence against children now key feature of armed conflict - UN report](#)

The widespread and systematic rape of girls in war zones is increasingly a characteristic of conflict in many parts of the world, a senior United Nations official warned today in an expansive report on children and armed conflict.



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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