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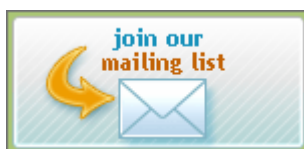
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Be sure to visit our new and improved website:

www.wiwomensnetwork.org

→ Events from Our Members

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

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.

October 10

Rejoice in the Wisdom of Women
1:00 PM-3:00 PM. Presented by the North/Eastside Senior Coalition (NESCO). A unique and innovative event for the purpose of crossing boundaries, building connections and discovering our commonalities. The event begins with "Wearing Our Crowns," a soul-stirring musical that tells the story of six African American women through the hats they wear. The play is based on the hit Broadway show "Crowns" and is directed and performed by Letrice Stanley and the six-woman performance group, Crowned with Grace. After the play, refreshments will be served and attendees are encouraged to exchange their own stories about the women who have inspired their own lives. Don't forget to wear your hats!

WWN is on Facebook!

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

Proceeds fund NESCO's cultural diversity programs. For more info: visit www.nescoinc.org or call 243-5252.

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

[News](#)

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

[Obama Fuels Battle Over Funds for Abortion](#)

Both sides of the abortion debate are heated up over the funding of abortion services under Obama's proposed public health plan. But as the battle heats up, a senator's effort at compromise casts doubt on the public option altogether.

[Egg-as-Person State Law Campaigns Attract New Faces, Old Radicals](#)

The so-called "personhood" movement promoting constitutional rights for fertilized eggs got a fresh shot in the arm in recent days with ballot initiatives gearing up in Florida and renewing efforts in Colorado and Montana. And a host of familiar nationally-known and emerging local activists from hard line anti-abortion groups are leading the new charge to ban abortion, contraception, and other comprehensive reproductive health care

Economic Equity

[Women's Private Health Coverage, Income Decline While Poverty Increases, Census Data Show](#)

This increase in the number of women without coverage stems from the continued erosion of private insurance - primarily through the loss of job-based coverage. The increase would have been even higher if not for growth in public health care coverage such as Medicaid. The number of women living in poverty increased by 800,000 since 2007 to a total of 15.2 million in 2008.

[Report: Hidden Casualties: Trade, Employment Loss & Women Workers](#)

When one thinks of manufacturing job losses, the image is usually of male-oriented industries such as the auto industry. But a look at the actual numbers indicates a less known fact-a surprisingly large number of manufacturing job losses impact women workers.

Women and Democracy

[Study: Women lawmakers outperform men](#)

Are women more effective lawmakers than men? That's the preliminary conclusion of a study conducted by researchers at Stanford University and the University of Chicago, who say that on average, women in Congress introduce more bills, attract more co-sponsors and bring home more money for their districts than their male counterparts do.

International Women

[UN to establish single new agency to deal with rights of women](#)

Four United Nations agencies and offices will be amalgamated to create a new single entity within the Organization to promote the rights and well-being of women worldwide and to work towards gender equality.

[Yemen: UNICEF chief deplores death of 12-year-old bride](#)

The head of UNICEF has stressed that the tragic deaths of a 12-year-old Yemeni child-bride and her baby after three days in labour underscores the urgent need to better protect girls against early marriage.

[Migiro warns that economic turmoil has exacerbated violence against women](#)

The scourge of violence against women has worsened as a result of the global financial downturn over the past year, Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro said today as she urged some of the world's richest countries to lead the way in turning the many international pledges to support women and girls into concrete results.



Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Openings

Posted: 9/16/09

Org: Wisconsin Women's Council

Position: Legislative Intern

Description: The Wisconsin Women's Council, a state agency, is seeking a legislative intern to track state legislation and legislative priorities of women's advocacy organizations, and attend public hearings and meetings. This is an unpaid internship. College (undergraduate or graduate) student based in Madison is preferred. Familiarity with state legislative processes helpful. Hours/schedule is flexible and to be arranged with the successful candidate.

To Apply: Please send a letter of interest and resume to the WI Women's Council at womenscouncil@wisconsin.gov

Volunteer Opportunities

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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