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→ Events

July 22

Madison NOW July Social, Madison

7:30 PM. The Madison Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW)'s next social will take place on the evening of Thursday, July 22nd. All are welcome. This event is free. Here are the details:

Who? Emily Reynolds, President of Wisconsin NOW, Stephanie Wright, President of Madison NOW, as well as other NOW officers, current and prospective members, and supporters of all kinds.

When? 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2010

Where? Michelangelo's Coffeeshop, 114 State Street. Tables will be flagged with the NOW logo.

Why? To socialize, and also to organize the 90th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage Celebration on August 26, 2010.

For more information: [Madison NOW](#) or contact: [Elizabeth Galewski](#), (608) 256-1174.

July 29 & 30

CWAG 33rd Annual Convention, Green Bay

On July 29 and 30, the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups will hold its 33rd Annual Convention at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay. The theme for this convention is "The Future of Health Care: Wisconsin Campaign for Better Care". For a detailed agenda, click [here](#). All registrations are due by July 21st. To register, click [here](#). For more information, please contact Jennifer at CWAG at either (608)221-6139 or (800)366-2990 ext. 346.

August 26

Women's Equality Day, Madison

5:30 PM-7:30 PM, Samba Brazilian Grill, 240 W. Gilman St.

Celebrate The 90th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage. Exactly 90 years after the 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote on August 26, 1920, the Madison Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW), Wisconsin NOW, and the Wisconsin Women's Network (WWN) will be gathering here in the capital of the very first state to ratify it - Wisconsin. Featuring State Rep. Terese Berceau, Emily Reynolds, President of Wisconsin NOW, Eve



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Galanter, Chair of the WWN Board of Directors, and Stephanie Wright, President of Madison NOW. Admission is free. For more info: [WWN](#) and [Wisconsin NOW](#).

News and Views

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

Religious Hospitals Probed for Denying Women Care

A legal commentator analyzes the possible reverberations of a Catholic nun being excommunicated for authorizing an abortion that saved the life of a young woman and the ACLU's decision to act against what they say is a violation of federal law.

FDA 'Ella' Approval Faces Anti-Choice Pressure

A new form of emergency contraception, effective for five days after unprotected intercourse instead of three, recently pulled through initial FDA hearings. Supporters are worried, however, about continued protest from anti-choice activists and problems of access.

Fish oil linked to lower breast cancer risk

A new study suggests that the supplements may also help women lower their risk of breast cancer. Postmenopausal women between the ages of 50 and 76 who took fish oil were 32 percent less likely to develop certain types of breast cancer than women who didn't, the study found.

Violence Against Women

Court ruling affects Guatemalan women seeking asylum in U.S.

An appeals court ruling has raised the possibility that Guatemalan women will be able to seek asylum in the United States because of the high rates of femicide in that country.

A Guatemalan woman seeking asylum based on her belief that she would not be safe in her native country will have her case reviewed, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday.

Women and Poverty

Marriage Loses Ground as Anti-Poverty Panacea

The Bush administration pushed marriage as a panacea for fighting poverty but a recent government study confirms the view of skeptics who say money problems must be solved first, since they destroy and destabilize relationships.

New Health Law Could Shield Women from Poverty

Medical debts send far more women than men into poverty and keep them there. If health reform is to offer any aid, it will have to provide women not just more health insurance, but comprehensive coverage as well.

LGBT Rights

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The recession is causing the paperwork to pile up. For transgender people this is particularly tough. Every application for work or government assistance contains the possibility of probing and intrusive questions of sexual identity.

Blog: Levin backs 'don't ask' survey, but understands 'resentment'

The full Senate is expected to vote soon on this year's defense spending bill, which includes a repeal of the gay ban as part of bill. Ahead of a final vote, the Pentagon is studying the repeal's potential impact on morale, recruitment, retention and military families and sent a survey last week about the issue to 400,000 active duty and reserve troops.

International Women

In historic move, UN creates single entity to promote women's empowerment

In a bid to accelerate the empowerment of women, the General Assembly voted unanimously to create a dynamic new entity merging four United Nations offices focusing on gender equality, a move hailed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and other senior officials. "The newest member of the UN family has been born today," Mr. Ban told the Assembly after it passed the resolution setting up the new UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, to be known as UN Women.

UN experts review efforts of eight nations to eliminate discrimination against women

A meeting of the United Nations committee on the elimination of discrimination against women opened in New York today to look into the situation of women in eight countries. Violence against women, political participation, discriminatory family law, eliminating gender stereotypes and preventing trafficking will be some of the areas explored by the committee of experts charged with ensuring that governments eliminate discrimination against women.



Job and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Opportunities

Planned Parenthood seeks Community Educator and Government Grant Administrator

The Community Educator will educate community members - including teens, parents, caregivers, educators, youth workers and others - via culturally-sensitive and research-based comprehensive sexuality education. The educator will contribute to furthering the

organization's mission of creating sexually-healthier communities with a focus on reducing the rates of teen and unintended pregnancies as well as sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV. The Community Educator will also be responsible for managing a group of volunteer health promoters and conducting sexual and reproductive health outreach to diverse, historically underserved, and/or marginalized communities. For a more detailed description of the position, visit [Planned Parenthood Wisconsin](#)

The Government Grant Administrator oversees and administers Title X, Title V and government grant programs ensuring agency compliance. For a complete description of the position, visit [Planned Parenthood Wisconsin](#)

To apply for either position: please send your cover letter, resume, salary requirements and the position you are applying in a Microsoft Word format to the Human Resources department by email or US mail.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Inc.
c/o Human Resources
302 North Jackson Street
P.O. Box 514006
Milwaukee, WI 53202
EMAIL: careers@ppwi.org
(No phone calls please.)

American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin seeks Development Director

The ACLU/WIF is seeking a Development Director, a senior management position reporting to the Executive Director, to manage programs which raise funds for the ACLU and strengthen the links between the ACLU and its supporters. The Development Director will be part of a team of senior professionals. Working closely with the Executive Director, the Development Director is responsible for planning, supervising and executing the affiliate's annual giving and major gifts programs and other fundraising strategies. The Development Director, working with other staff and volunteers, will implement a multi-faceted development plan. To apply, please submit a resume, short business writing sample, and a brief cover letter describing your interest in the Development Director position to the address below. Please indicate in your cover letter where you found this job listing. Please, no phone calls. Applications accepted until position is filled, which will not be before July 20, 2010.

ACLU of Wisconsin Foundation
Attn: Development Director
207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 325
Milwaukee, WI 53202-5774
OR
HR-DD@aclu-wi.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice seeks Board/Committee members!

Pro-Choice? Frustrated? Looking for a way to Make a Difference?

The Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice is the place for you! Wisconsin RCRC is looking for dedicated, committed, pro-choice people of faith to join our board of directors and/or join one of our working groups. If you are passionate for social justice and women's rights; if you are frustrated at the current state of reproductive justice in Wisconsin; if your faith compels you to get involved in a meaningful way to effect change; please contact Rabbi Bonnie Margulis at bmargulis@tds.net or Cathy Thompson at wi_rcrc@yahoo.com and find out how you can become a board member and/or join one of our working groups, and become a faithful activist for reproductive justice for Wisconsin!

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 information, contact [Volunteer Services Program Manager](#) at 608-274-7900

For Equality,

Johanna Hatch, Administrator
[Wisconsin Women's Network](#)

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