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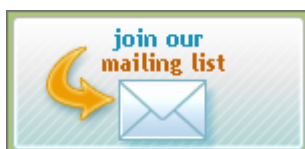
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Dear Elaine,

Wisconsin Women's Network is Hiring

The Wisconsin Women's Network is hiring for the position of Wisconsin Elder Economic Security Initiative (WiEESI) Coordinator. Be a part of this important initiative - apply today! Please see the job description in the "Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities" section below.

For WiEESI documents and media coverage, [click here](#).

→ Events from Our Members

January 29

Raising Women's Voices Speak Out, Wausau

David R. Obey Health Sciences Building, Northcentral Technical College, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. Sponsored by Family Planning Health Services and AAUW. Share your thoughts and experiences of receiving health care. The stories gathered at this event will be shared with elected officials and the public. Assistant Majority Leader Donna Seidel will be in attendance to share her thoughts on the health care reform discussion in Wisconsin. For more information, [FPHS](#), 715-675-9858.

February 12

10 Years of Advancing Women's Health and Leadership, Madison

Sponsored by the UW Center for Women's Health Research. 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Health Sciences Learning Center Atrium. Details to come in January. For more info, or to receive an invitation: judeebell@cwyr.wisc.edu

February 15

18th Annual Susan B. Anthony Birthday Celebration, Milton

715 Campus St. Doors open at 11:00 AM, brunch begins at 11:30 AM.



Please consider giving to the Wisconsin Women's Network through Community Shares of Wisconsin's Workplace Giving Campaign. For more information, visit [Community Shares](#) or contact the [WWN office](#).

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Janesville and the Rock County Women's History Committee. Featuring Dr. Genevieve McBride, Associate Professor of History, UW-Milwaukee. Cost: \$30. RSVP by February 6 to [Carolyn Brandeen](#), 608-754-7004 or Kris Koeffler, 608-868-4229.

[Click here for our full events calendar.](#)

News

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

For Privacy's Sake, Taking Risks to End Pregnancy

According to The New York Times, increasing numbers of Latina and other immigrant women are illegally using the prescription drug misoprostol, along with homemade remedies, to induce abortion. In many cases, women choose such methods over safer procedures in clinics and hospitals due to fear of deportation - or the high cost of abortion procedures, which Medicaid and Medicare don't cover.

Obama Reverses Abortion Funding Policy

President Obama struck down a rule Friday that prohibits U.S. money from funding international family-planning clinics that promote abortion or provide counseling or referrals about abortion services. Obama said in a statement that family planning aid has been used as a "political wedge issue," adding that he had "no desire to continue this stale and fruitless debate."

Action: Support Prevention First for Women and Families

The House has reintroduced Prevention First (H.R. 463), a thoughtful and comprehensive package of health and education measures that will reduce unintended pregnancy and make abortion less necessary. These bills will increase access to publicly funded contraceptive services; call for private health insurance plans to provide parity for prescription contraception; require hospitals to offer emergency contraception to rape victims; increase awareness about emergency contraception; and, fund comprehensive sex education and STD prevention programs.

Women and Democracy

[Visions for Change](#)

Ms. magazine asked readers and feminist leaders, experts and activists to share their visions of what must be done to move forward at this extraordinary time. What follows is a sampling of what's on their minds and in their hearts.

[Clinton: Women's Issues 'Central' to Foreign Policy](#)

As Senator Hillary Clinton said in recent confirmation hearings, "As Secretary of State, I [will] view [women's] issues as central to our foreign policy. Not as adjunct or auxiliary, or in any way lesser than all of the other issues we have to confront."

Economic Equity

[Transition Team Releases Economic Plan Impact Statement with Gender Component](#)

The Obama-Biden transition team's report on their American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan includes examination of its gender impact.

[Justices' Ruling in Discrimination Case May Draw Quick Action by Obama](#)

President-elect Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress are planning swift action to overturn a Supreme Court decision that made it much harder for people to challenge discrimination in employment, education, housing and other fields. The decision, involving a woman named Lilly M. Ledbetter, who had accused her employer of sex-based pay discrimination, was issued in May 2007. Since then, courts around the country have gone far beyond the facts of that case and cited it as a reason for rejecting lawsuits claiming discrimination based on race, sex, age and disability.

Violence Against Women

[UW Receives Grant to Prevent Domestic Violence on Campus](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Violence Against Women granted UW-Madison \$300,000 Thursday to help prevent domestic violence on campus. Other partners from within the university and around the Dane County area will work with the university to help prevent not only domestic

violence, but sexual assault and stalking as well.

LGBT Equality

[Obama to End 'Don't Ask' Policy](#)

President Obama will end the 15-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" policy that has prevented LGBT men and women from serving openly within the U.S. military, his press secretary said. An ABC poll in July found that three-quarters of Americans supported allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military.

Young Women

[A Rise in Efforts to Spot Abuse in Youth Dating](#)

Across the nation, a rise in teen dating violence has prompted many states to expand domestic violence laws to protect teenagers in abusive relationships. According to new research, as many as one in four children between the ages of 11 and 14 has been the victim of violence or harassment from a boyfriend or girlfriend.

[Teens Take Virginity Pledges, and Then Have Sex](#)

Yet more evidence that abstinence-only programs, many of which include virginity pledges, do not work.

International Women

[Afghan Girls, Scarred by Acid, Defy Terror, Embracing School](#)

Even after fourteen students and teachers at a girls' school in Kandahar were sprayed by acid in an attempt to keep girls out of school, all of them - and nearly every other female student in this deeply conservative community - have returned to school.

[Changes in Iraq Election Law Weaken Quota for Women](#)

A little more than two weeks before Iraq's provincial elections, there is widening anger that the published version of the election law has only a weak provision to set aside seats for women. Early versions of the law, which governs the election of Iraq's 18 provincial councils, included a firm guarantee that women would have at least 25 percent of the seats - the same percentage mandated by the Constitution for the numbers of women in Parliament.

[Opinion: Global Warming Solutions Need Women's Wisdom](#)

Women, in short, are the most affected by the disruptions of climate change. But women also have the most experience in coping. Women drive less, consume less and have smaller carbon footprints than men. Women's initiatives are creating green jobs and slowing environmental damage worldwide. Yet women are generally left out of policy deliberations on what to do about global warming.

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Job Opportunities

Org: Wisconsin Women's Network

Location: Madison

Position: WiEESI Coordinator

Description: The WiEESI Coordinator, under the general direction of the Chair of the Board of Directors, is responsible for implementing the Wisconsin Elder Economic Security Initiative (WiEESI). A statewide initiative, the WiEESI seeks to build economic security for older adults through a multi-pronged framework of coalition building, research, education, advocacy and media outreach. The position is a limited-term, part-time appointment, based in Madison, with current funding through December 2009. The WWN Board of Directors has primary responsibility for determining the direction, priorities, policies, and projects of the organization.

For more info: [click here](#)

To apply: send an electronic letter of interest and resume immediately to Eve Galanter, WWN Personnel Committee Chair: galanter71@aol.com. No phone calls, faxes or non-electronic applications please.

Org: Benedict Center

Location: Milwaukee

Position: Development and Communications Director

Description: Challenging, rewarding opportunity for skilled fundraiser to implement holistic development plan for dynamic criminal justice agency supporting gender responsive alternatives to incarceration for women, advocacy for justice reform,

restorative sentencing, and outreach: Jail Chaplain, Jail librarian, Restorative Community Service and street intervention with women involved in prostitution and drugs. Hands on responsibilities for grant writing, appeals, donor development, fund raisers, donor database and related marketing. Hard work, powerful outcomes. To apply: Send or email cover letter and resume to by 1/30: Benedict Center Development, 135 W. Wells St., Suite 700, Milwaukee, WI 53203; justice@benedictcenter.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Posted: 7/9/08

Org: Madison SOS (Speak Out, Sister!)

Activity: event-planning, outreach, facilitation, research, design, and more!

Location: various (in Madison)

When: opportunities available weekdays (daytime and evening) and weekend afternoons

Description: Assist this grassroots, teen-led organization in creating a status report on social justice issues affecting Madison high school young women. Volunteers are needed to help plan and facilitate focus groups with teens across the city on these issues; interview girls on issues affecting their lives; distribute and collect surveys; compile and analyze qualitative and quantitative data; and assist with the design and editing of the report. A wide variety of opportunities available!

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

For Equality,

Johanna Hatch, Administrator
Wisconsin Women's Network

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