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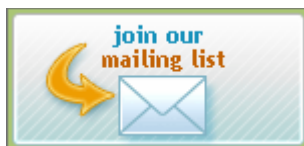
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For the most current news and [events](#), as well as [volunteer opportunities](#) and access to WWN publications such as the [Wisconsin Elder Economic Security Index](#), [Women in Boots Marching Home](#), and [Uncommon Lives of Common Women](#), visit the [WWN website](#).

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[Board of Directors, Vice Chair/Special Events](#)

The Wisconsin Women's Network currently has an opening for Vice Chair/Special Events on its Board of Directors. This position expires in December 2011, and may be renewed for a new two-year term. We particularly encourage applications from representatives of member organizations in WWN, but the position is also open to individual members of WWN. The Vice Chair/Special Events is responsible for the events sponsored by the Wisconsin Women's Network. 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. Please contact [Johanna Hatch](#), administrator, for further information.

[Communications/Special Events and Program/Administration Internships](#)

The Wisconsin Women's Network is currently seeking interns in the areas of Communications and Special Events and Program and Administration for Summer and Fall 2010. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. For more information or to apply, please contact [Johanna Hatch](#), administrator.

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[The pill: 50 years of birth control changed women's lives](#)

By 1965, the pill represented the most popular reversible form of birth control in the USA, thanks to the fact it was discreet and placed the power to prevent pregnancy entirely in women's hands. According to the most recent government data, from 2002, more than eight in 10 American women ages 15 to 44 had taken the pill at some point in their lives. Featuring an interview with Sue Kettner of [Family Planning Health Services](#), a WWN member organization.

News and Views



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WI Elder Economic Security Initiative

Audio: The True Cost of Aging: The WI Elder Economic Security Index

On Saturday, May 15, 2010 "All About Living" with Carol Koby featured an interview with Eve Galanter, WWN Chair, and Johanna Hatch, Administrator & Project Coordinator, on the Wisconsin Elder Economic Security Initiative, one of WWN's 2010 special projects. Listen to learn about the Wisconsin Elder Economic Security Standard Index, a tool that accurately reflects the real cost of aging in place today. Wisconsin was a pilot state for the application of this Elder Index, where decision-makers now have available to them on a county-by-county basis the current costs of housing, health care, food, transportation and other essentials for persons over 65.

Women in Politics

Video: The Difference: Women in Public Life

The Difference: Women in Public Life, a monthly series, focuses on women active in government and engaged in civic life and public service at all levels in Wisconsin. Through features, roundtable discussions and historical segments, The Difference presents a variety of roles and experiences of women in Wisconsin's public life and explores the different ways men and women may look at key issues and public service.

Opinion: The New Normal

The nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to replace Justice John Paul Stevens as an Associate Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court is historic. Never before have three women Justices sat on the Court at the same time, although it's been nearly thirty years since the now-retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor broke through the glass ceiling to become the first woman Justice.

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

Report: Who Decides? The Status of Reproductive Rights in WI
NARAL Pro-Choice America has released updated reports on the status of reproductive rights in the states. Wisconsin received a grade of C-.

Expedited partner therapy bill signed into law

The new law embraces the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) best practices by allowing physicians or advance practice clinicians to prescribe, and pharmacists to dispense, an extra dose of antibiotics to treat the three most common STDs (chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis) for the patient's partner. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has stated that EPT should be the standard of care for treating absent partners in Wisconsin. Twenty-one states currently use EPT as a strategy to decrease STD rates.

International Women

[Afghanistan: Don't Sell Out Women's Rights in DC Talks](#)

Human Rights Watch urged President Hamid Karzai and President Barack Obama to pledge at their meeting in Washington on May 11, 2010, not to sacrifice women's rights in any deals with the Taliban and other insurgent groups. "The Washington meeting is critical for Karzai and Obama to move from words to action on protecting women's rights, getting rid of warlords, and fighting corruption," said Rachel Reid, Afghanistan researcher at Human Rights Watch. "There have been many meetings full of lofty rhetoric about rights, but far too little action. Afghans are impatient for change."

[Belgium considers ban on Islamic face coverings](#)

The latest round in the battle of the burqa kicks off Thursday in Belgium, which could become the first country in Europe to ban face coverings worn by observant Muslim women. Lawmakers are considering a ban in all public places on niqabs, veils that cover the face, as well as burqas, which cover the face and everything else from head to toe.



Job and Volunteer Opportunities

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
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