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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.

[→ Events](#)

June 17

[Madison NOW to Host and Evening of Chocolate and Champagne, Madison](#)

7:30 PM, Metropolitan Place, 360 W. Washington Ave. #710. Free guest parking available upon request. Current and prospective members as well as supporters are invited to attend this free event. For more info, [click here](#).

June 25

[Planned Parenthood's 4th Friday @ 4, Madison and Bay View](#)

4:00 PM-7:00 PM. Join Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin starting at 4pm on the 4th Friday of each month at a different Milwaukee & Madison location to socialize with friends, meet Planned Parenthood staff, and grow the pro-choice movement! These events are free and open to supporters of Planned Parenthood. Milwaukee location: Tonic, 2335 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Bay View. Madison location: TBA. For More Info: [PPAWI](#).

July 10, 17, 24 and 31



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Free Caregiver Training, Waunakee

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Waunakee Senior Center, 333 S Madison St.
Many people become caregivers overnight without having the basic skills to safely care for their spouses, parents or other older adults who return home from a few weeks or months in a nursing home rehabilitation facility. The free, four-week session provides comprehensive hands-on training that teaches caregivers practical skills that make them better caregivers. For details and to register, visit www.ccmadison.org or contact WWN member Diane Walder, 442-7248; diane.walder@att.net.

➔ News and Views

Women and Aging

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. For more information on elder abuse, visit the Administration on Aging's [National Center on Elder Abuse](#) and the [National Committee to Prevent Elder Abuse](#).

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

FDA panel to weigh a longer-working alternative to 'morning-after pill'

A French drug company is hoping to offer American women something their European counterparts already have: a pill that works long after "the morning after." The drug, dubbed ella, would be sold as a contraceptive -- one that could prevent pregnancy for as many as five days following unprotected sex. But the new drug is a close chemical relative of the abortion pill RU-486, raising the possibility that it could theoretically be used to induce abortion by making the womb inhospitable for an embryo. The controversy sparked by that ambiguity will force a panel of federal advisers scheduled to consider endorsing the drug to grapple with a host of thorny issues.

Abortion Drugs Given in Iowa via Video Link

Efforts to provide medical services by videoconference, a notion known as telemedicine, are expanding into all sorts of realms, but these clinics in Iowa are the first in the nation, and so far the only ones, experts say, to provide abortions this way.

Plan Would Allow Abortions at Military Hospitals

In a vote that advocates of abortion rights sought beforehand to keep quiet, the Senate Armed Services Committee passed a provision on May 27 to allow privately financed abortions at military hospitals and bases. Current law bans abortions in most cases at military facilities, even if women pay themselves, meaning they must go outside to private hospitals and clinics - an impossibility for many of the estimated 100,000 American servicewomen in foreign countries, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Women in the Military

Badger Honor Flight Boasts Group Of Women Veterans

More than 250,000 women served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II -- 9,000 of them from Wisconsin. A recent Badger Honor Flight hosted nearly a dozen women who were taken from their homes to see some of the national memorials in Washington, D.C. Annette Howards was one of those women. Known as "Betty," Howards was one of 20,000 U.S. women who joined the U.S. Marines. In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill allowing women to enter the Army, Coast Guard, Marine and Naval Reserves.

Economic and Workplace Equity

A Toolkit for Women Seeking a Raise

Even now, when women represent half the work force, they're still paid considerably less than men - and part of that pay gap may be a result of what happens at the salary negotiation table. That's assuming that women make it to the table, since research shows that they are less likely to ask for raises. Even when they do, their requests may be perceived as overly demanding or less agreeable. A new study concludes that women need to take a different approach than men. Women, it suggests, should frame their requests in more nuanced ways to avoid undermining their relationship with their boss.

Report Warned Wal-Mart of Risks Before Bias Suit

More than six years before the biggest sex discrimination lawsuit in history was filed against Wal-Mart Stores, the company hired a prominent law firm to examine its vulnerability to just such a suit. The law firm found widespread gender disparities in pay and promotion at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores and urged the company to take basic steps - like posting every job opening and creating specific goals to promote women and minorities - to avoid liability. The 1995 report said that women employed by Wal-Mart earned less than men in numerous job categories, with men in salaried jobs earning 19 percent more than women. By one measure, the law firm found, men were five and a half times as likely as women to be promoted into salaried, management positions. In 2001, seven women filed a class-action suit on behalf of all women working at the company. They complained of a general pattern of discrimination in pay and promotions.

Marquette University, O'Brien reach settlement

Marquette University announced on Wednesday that it had reached what it called a "mutually acceptable resolution" with Seattle University professor Jodi O'Brien regarding a decision to rescind an offer to be dean of the school's College of Arts and Sciences. Marquette offered the deanship to O'Brien, a lesbian who has written scholarly works on gender and sexual orientation, but withdrew the offer in early May, saying that some of O'Brien's writings "relating to Catholic mission and identity" made her an unacceptable candidate. The withdrawal was criticized by more

than 100 faculty members at Marquette and hundreds of students.

International Women

Child Brides Escape Marriage, but Not Lash

The ordeal of Afghanistan's child brides illustrates an uncomfortable truth. What in most countries would be considered a criminal offense is in many parts of Afghanistan a cultural norm, one which the government has been either unable or unwilling to challenge effectively. According to a Unicef study, from 2000 to 2008, the brides in 43 percent of Afghan marriages were under 18. Although the Afghan Constitution forbids the marriage of girls under the age of 16, tribal customs often condone marriage once puberty is reached, or even earlier.

UN lauds South African travel industry's signing of code denouncing sex tourism

South Africa's travel and hotel industries have signed a code of conduct designed to protect children against sex tourism. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) praises the ethical guide as an enduring legacy of the 2010 World Cup.

The Problem of Working With Men

In the fishing hamlets and agricultural communities that dot south India, men often seem less like partners, and more like obstacles, in the desperate quest to provide for impoverished families. In the 1990s, it became popular to talk about "engendering development." The stated goal was to include more women in the development process, to right historical gender inequalities and make sure that aid money flowed equally to both sexes. But what often goes unspoken in the practice of engendered development is that aid agencies want to work with women not just because they have traditionally been excluded, but also because men are harder to work with.

Women hold UN events to chart progress on female participation in peacebuilding

Women in countries affected by past or ongoing conflict concluded a week of events organized by the United Nations to explore ways of strengthening women's participation in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. The "Global Open Days for Women and Peace," were intended to raise awareness and take stock of progress made since the Security Council passed resolution 1325 10 years ago that put women's experiences of conflict on the international peace and security agenda.



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,

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