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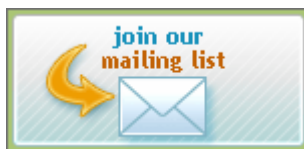
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Be sure to visit our new and improved website:

www.wiwomensnetwork.org

→ Events from Our Members

Through December 4

Artful Women 2009

23rd Annual Art Show and Sale

Skylight Lounge Gallery (C2-5), University of Wisconsin Hospitals
600 Highland Ave., Madison

Artful Women showcases the talents of Wisconsin women artists and is presented by the Wisconsin Women's Network. For more info: contact WWN at 608-255-9809 or by [email](#).

December 8

5:30-6:45

WWN Annual Membership Meeting

122 State Street, Suite 201 conference room, Madison WI

[Complete events calendar](#)

→ News

WI Elder Economic Security Initiative

[Dec. 3 Congressional Call-In Day](#)

[American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging \(AAHSA\)](#)

is organizing a call-in day to Congress on Thursday, December 3 to continue to stress the importance of developing a social long-term care insurance program as part of the final health care reform.

Opinion: Social Security is not enough for seniors

Although Social Security was never intended to be the only source of income for seniors, the frightening fact is that one in five Wisconsin seniors is relying solely on Social Security benefits, and no matter how frugal they may be, there is not enough to meet even basic needs.

["The 2009 Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Wisconsin,"](#)

developed at the University of Massachusetts, looks at the basic cost of living for individuals and couples. The county-by-county study concludes that a large percentage of older people cannot afford to live in Wisconsin.

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

[Opinion: Consent requires accurate information](#)

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cause!

Most women do not have emergency contraception readily available. Most women do not know how it works or how to get it free if they can't afford it. "Informed consent" has no real meaning. Family Planning Health Services will be advertising across the state to provide accurate information about emergency contraception. . The crux of informed conscience and informed consent is information. The shared imperative for this advertising about emergency contraception is to provide accurate medical, scientific and legal information.

[Column: Contraception isn't abortion](#)

The emergency contraception pill (Plan B) does not affect a pregnancy. It does not cause an abortion, as some church leaders have charged. Wisconsin law now even requires Catholic hospital emergency rooms to provide emergency contraception to rape victims. Most women do not have emergency contraception readily available and they do not know when to take it. Most women do not know how it works or how to get it free if they can't afford it. For almost all health care providers, "informed consent" is a central principle for every patient encounter, but many women are uninformed about the risks and benefits of emergency contraception.

[Article: Trying to Explain a Drop in Infant Mortality](#)

In Dane County, Wis., which includes Madison, the implausible has happened: the rate of infant deaths among blacks plummeted between the 1990s and the current decade, from an average of 19 deaths per thousand births to, in recent years, fewer than 5.

[Opinion: Health care reform will help women conquer breast cancer](#)

Great strides have been made in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Mortality rates have declined steadily. Today, if breast cancer is found early, 98 percent will survive. The bad news is that there is a significant gap between insured and uninsured women. Uninsured women tend to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage, have poorer outcomes and die sooner. Less than 40 percent of uninsured women are getting mammograms as recommended.

[Women's Economic Issues](#)

[Recession does not deter women entrepreneurs](#)

Studies have also long shown that companies started by women - as well as businesses owned by minorities - encounter barriers far greater than their white male counterparts, particularly in getting access to capital and government contracts.

[Thirty women entrepreneurs to follow on Twitter](#)

30 women entrepreneurs have excellent Twitter feeds to follow

[The Shriver Report A Woman's Nation Changes Everything](#)

This report describes how a woman's nation changes everything

about how we live and work today. Now for the first time in our nation's history, women are half of all U.S. workers and mothers are the primary breadwinners or co-breadwinners in nearly two-thirds of American families. This is a dramatic shift from just a generation ago (in 1967 women made up only one-third of all workers). It changes how women spend their days and has a ripple effect that reverberates throughout our nation. It fundamentally changes how we all work and live, not just women but also their families, their co-workers, their bosses, their faith institutions, and their communities.

Women in Prison

[Judge blasts medical care at Wisconsin women's prison](#)

A federal judge is ordering trial on a class action lawsuit that seeks to improve medical care at the state's largest women's prison. U.S. District Judge Rudolph Randa rejected the state's request to dismiss the case, which was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of inmates at Taycheedah Correctional Institution.



Job and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Opportunities

Posted: 11/18/09

[Disability Rights Wisconsin](#)

Opening for an Attorney in Madison office of award winning statewide disability rights agency to focus on corrections work. legal representation, and systems advocacy. Litigation experience preferred. For detailed Position Announcement, salary range, and application requirements, visit [Disability Rights Wisconsin](#) or call 608-267-0214. Deadline: 12/4/09. Members of racial/ethnic minority groups and persons with disabilities strongly encouraged to apply. EOE/AA.

Posted 11/24/09

[Wisconsin Veterans Home-King](#)

Currently recruiting to fill Nurse Clinician 2 (Registered Nurse) and Nursing Assistant positions in the Bureau of Nursing Services. Go directly to [Wisc.Jobs](#) to view the job announcement and application instructions: job announcement code [09-03099](#) for Nurse Clinician 2, and job announcement code [09-02208](#) for Nursing Assistant 1 or 2. The Wisconsin Veterans Home-King is committed to increasing employment diversity as an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

Volunteer Opportunities

[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 Fairness,

Judy Karofsky, Interim Administrator
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