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## Happy New Year

As we welcome 2010, the Wisconsin Women's Network warmly thanks outgoing board members, **Gail Shea** and **Elizabeth Tryon**, and especially Chair **Sharyn Wisniewski**, for their leadership and contributions to advancing the status of women in Wisconsin.

We are very pleased to present the members of the 2010 Board of Directors who will continue our work to improve the status of Wisconsin women in the home, workplace, and community through communication, education, and advocacy:

Chair, **Eve Galanter**

Vice Chair/Chair Elect, **Ronnie Hess**

Secretary/Treasurer, **Judy Taylor**

Vice Chair - Communications, **Patricia Eldred**

Vice Chair - Public Policy, **Lon Newman**

Members-at-Large

**Margaret McEntire, Keeley Crowley, Tanya Atkinson, and Vanika Mock**

Please visit our updated website:

[www.wiwomensnetwork.org](http://www.wiwomensnetwork.org)

## → From Our Members

### Free Caregiver Training Series

[Catholic Charities Aging Services](#) is offering free comprehensive caregiver training throughout 2010 to teach caregivers practical skills that make them better caregivers. The hands-on training includes falls prevention, lifting and positioning, skin care, medication safety, toileting and dressing, bathing and shower safety, and dealing with incontinence and much more. Jean Mueller, a registered nurse and member of the Dane County Caregiver Alliance, teaches the workshops and has more than 30 years of caregiving experience, both professionally and personally.

Register now for the following Workshops:

Saturdays, Jan 9, 16, 23 and 30 · 9am - 1pm

Auditorium 2, Capitol Lakes Retirement Community,  
333 W. Main Street, Madison

Saturdays, Feb. 20, 27, March 6 and 13 · 9am - 1pm

Meriter Health Services, 2180 W. Beltline Highway, Madison

Get [details and registration information here](#) or contact [Diane Walder](#) at (608) 442-7249.

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Announcing a brand new website! Find out about legislative efforts, public education work, current litigation docket, and ways to follow [ACLU of Wisconsin](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). You can also get news and opinion from their [blog](#).

## News and Views

### WI Elder Economic Security Initiative

[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.

### [Senior citizen discount to be preserved](#)

Congress will approve a measure that would preserve the discount privilege of the elderly which was said to have been eroded by the value-added tax.

### Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

#### [Scientists study car safety for pregnant women](#)

Researchers at the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest University School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences are working to develop a computer-aided model of pregnant drivers and passengers so they can develop better crash protection systems.

### Women's Legal Rights

#### [Opinion: We must stand up for victims of domestic violence](#)

Dane County has experienced the harsh lesson in the past two weeks that domestic violence is too often lethal. Two young women and two young children are dead, while another two young children and their mother recover from gunshot wounds. In all of our neighborhoods there are thousands of other women and children who live in fear

### Women's Economic Issues

#### [Career Article: The Most Secure Jobs for 2010](#)

Thinking of embarking on a new career in 2010, but not sure where to begin? How about with a job that not only pays well but offers considerable stability? After all, a handsome paycheck isn't worth much if it's in a field that's expected to become the next recession casualty.

### [Metro Commute Card Program](#)

Whether your organization has one, ten or 1,000 employees, the Metro Commute Card can make a difference. The Metro Commute Card is an annual unlimited ride pass available to businesses in early 2010. The Commute Card provides organizations with a way to offer an attractive employee/member benefit to lessen the demand for on-site parking and to help sustain the environment.

Contact Peg Anthony with at 608-266-6545 or visit [Metro's Commute](#)

[Card Program](#) for more information.

### Women in the Military

[Article: A Peril in War Zones: Sexual Abuse by Fellow G.I.'s](#)

Sexual harassment and sexual assault, which the military now defines broadly to include not only rape but also crimes like groping and stalking, continue to afflict the ranks, and by some measures are rising. While tens of thousands of women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, often in combat, often with distinction, the integration of men and women in places has forced to the surface issues that commanders rarely, if ever confronted before. The military - belatedly, critics say - has radically changed the way it handles sexual abuse in particular, expanding access to treatment and toughening rules for prosecution. In the hardships of war, though, the effects of the changes remain unclear.



## Job and Volunteer Opportunities

### Job Opportunities

Posted 12/18/09

[Winnebago Mental Health Institute](#)

(WMHI), located in Winnebago, WI

Position: **Power Plant Operator-Sr.**

Description: This is responsible work in the operation of a complex power plant that utilizes coal, gas, and oil as fuel sources for the boilers. Responsible for operation of all auxiliary equipment including a bag-house, a turbine-driven electrical generator that co-generates with the local utility, and a diesel-driven emergency generator. This position will function as a boiler operator when scheduled on a shift. When not scheduled on shift, this position will function in a maintenance capacity performing power plant maintenance and housekeeping. This position works all shifts.

Apply: At [wisc.jobs](#), keywords: "Power Plant Operator-Senior"

Job Announcement Code is 0902451.

Deadline to apply is January 11, 2010.

Posted 12/11/09

[Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin](#)

Planned Parenthood is hiring **Public Affairs Organizers** in both Milwaukee and Madison.

With 180,000 patient visits annually in 27 health centers statewide, Planned Parenthood is a leader in family planning. In 2010, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Become a member of this organization dedicated to the mission of empowering all individuals to manage their sexual and reproductive health through patient services, education and advocacy. The Public Affairs team is always charged up to protect access to reproductive freedoms and promote reproductive justice.

The Public Affairs Organizers will work to create a climate where

reproductive and sexual health is protected and promoted and advocacy and visibility are increased on the local, state and federal level. NOTE: this is a limited term full-time position through December 31, 2010. Full details and how to apply are [posted online](#).

Posted 12/08/2009

#### [2010 Census](#)

The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced that 48,000 people are being recruited across the State of Wisconsin to work as **Census Takers** for the [2010 Census](#) between December, 2009, and June, 2010. Tests for the positions, which pay between \$11.50 and \$15 per hour, are taking place through January at locations throughout the state. Testing times and locations across Wisconsin are available by calling, toll free, 1-866-861-2010. More information about the positions, including application forms and a practice test, are available at the [2010 Census website](#) or [press release](#).

### 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](#)  
[Wisconsin Women's Network](#)

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