



# Wisconsin Women's Network

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## → Events from Our Members

March 2

**Communiversy: Navigating the Resources, Finding the Best Grant Opportunities, Madison**

5:15 PM, 1800 Engineering Hall, 1415 Johnson Drive. Nikki Busch, Grants Research Librarian, will provide a live demonstration on how to effectively use the most popular grant-seeking databases. Specifically, this session will look at: resources available at the GIC; things to consider before researching grants; and effective approaches to researching potential funders. To register, [click here](#).

March 2-April 6

**Make Your Money Talk/Personal Money Management Series, Madison**

6-8:30pm Mondays, Financial Education Center, 2300 South Park Street, Suite 22. This series is designed as a guide to personal money management, covering such topics as creating a personal budget, developing a savings plan that works for you, and dealing with past and future credit. All Dane County class participants who complete the full series will receive a \$50 savings bond to kick off or add to your savings plan! Fee: Free. To register or for more information, call (608) 257-5450.

March 7

**Zonta Zing Fundraiser, Middleton**

Doors open at 7pm with music from 7:30-9:30pm. Westside Club on Hwy M in Middleton (south of Mineral Point Rd). Musical entertainment with Harmonious Wails, substantial appetizers, and silent auction/raffles to benefit programs aimed at reducing violence against women with the main recipient being Domestic Abuse Interventions Services (DAIS). Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained at Borders East and West and Orange Tree Imports on Monroe Street. For More Info: [Zonta of Madison](#)

[For a complete events calendar, click here.](#)



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## [→ News](#)

### Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

#### [Report: Contraception Counts Wisconsin](#)

A report from the Guttmacher Institute rates Wisconsin 23rd overall in service availability, laws and policy, and public funding for contraceptive services.

#### [After a Devastating Birth Injury, Hope](#)

Fistulas, internal wounds that leave women incontinent and soaked in urine, affect two million women and girls worldwide.

#### [Lawmakers Join Push to Close Maternal Health Gaps](#)

Advocates say a focus on maternal health is a critical component of any meaningful health care reform. Addressing deep racial disparities in maternal death rates remains an urgent priority in national reforms that promote women's wellbeing.

### Economic Equity

#### [Expert says women can boost economy](#)

Women can lead the U.S. out of the current fiscal crisis. Women who are business owners, that is. That's what Nell Merlino told about 50 business, government and economic development officials in Madison recently. Merlino was in town to publicize the 2009 Make Mine a Million \$ Business Race, also known as the M3 Race, a yearlong program aimed at female entrepreneurs, developed by the New York nonprofit group Count Me In for Women's Economic Independence, along with OPEN, a small-business support program of American Express. Merlino, who helped start Take Our Daughters to Work Day, founded Count Me In in 1999.

### Women and Democracy

#### [Female Pols in Ghana Reflect on Recent Power Drain](#)

Two female parliamentarians in Ghana reflect on how much harder it is for women to win political campaigns than be appointed to office. Money, inexperience and social bias can all stand in the way.

### Violence Against Women

#### [Violence Funds not Sheltered from Budget Cuts](#)

A study on shelters finds they help survivors meet a wide range of needs and advocates are lobbying for more funds to run them. But they worry that shelters and anti-violence programs won't be spared from recession-related spending cuts in Congress.

#### [Opinion: The Invisible War](#)

For years now, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, marauding bands of soldiers and militias have been waging a war of rape and destruction against women. Perhaps we've heard so little about them because the crimes are so unspeakable, the evil so profound.

#### [Women and Aging](#)

##### [Opinion: Now Is the Time to Invest in America's Caregivers](#)

The economic stimulus package allows states to use work-force development funds to improve training for direct-care workers. This is a good step, says Karen Kahn, but this vital part of the work force needs more help now.

##### [Stressed to death? Financial and caretaker concerns take a toll on the health of older women](#)

Worrying can kill you. Or at least make you very sick. That appears to be the conclusion of recent research examining the effect of financial strain on mortality. The research also shows that the effects of stress can be particularly acute for older women. Last year the Journal of Gerontology reported that women between the ages of 70 and 79 who reported that money was a problem "were almost 60% more likely to die within 5 years their counterparts who did not." Race, education, absolute income and health insurance status made no difference.

#### [International Women](#)

##### [Starting at Home, Iran's Women Fight for Rights](#)

Women's rights advocates say Iranian women are displaying a growing determination to achieve equal status in this conservative Muslim theocracy, where male supremacy is still enshrined in the legal code.

##### [Iraq's War Widows Face Dire Need With Little Aid](#)

The number of Iraqi war widows has swelled significantly, posing a threat to the country's tenuous social structures.

### [Ads Pressure Hong Kong Women to Whiten Up](#)

Hong Kong's public transit is plastered with cosmetics ads promoting a beauty ideal influenced by Western women. Skin-bleaching creams are top sellers in cosmetics shops and media ads promote such things as laser treatments to melt the fat away.

### [In Quest for Equal Rights, Muslim Women's Meeting Turns to Islam's Tenets](#)

Frustrations with religious edicts, such as bans on yoga and styles of dress, drew several hundred Muslim women to a conference in Malaysia earlier this month.



## Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

### Job Opportunities

Org: Benedict Center

Position: Grant Developer

Location: Milwaukee

Description: Write for a vital cause. Justice. Activist interfaith criminal justice agency searching for a prolific part-time grant developer with excellent writing and research skills, and demonstrated success in fund development. Pro-rated benefits.

Deadline: 2/27

To apply: Send cover letter with resume and writing sample to Grant Developer, Benedict Center, 135 W. Wells St., Suite 700, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Org: Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois

Position: Chief Executive Officer

Description: Reporting to the Council's Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer will bring vision, courage, confidence and character to lead in the development of a unified Council. The successful candidate will lead the integration of the newly formed Council, developing a sense of community and providing leadership to bring seamless service to the membership through and after realignment. The Chief Executive Officer will promote Girl Scout visibility and be an ambassador of Girl Scouting in the communities served by the Council. The ability to instill a sense of belonging,

morale and trust with staff and volunteers is paramount. A significant amount of travel is envisioned as challenges are addressed in areas of membership development/ retention, resource development/ management, as well as community relations. This new CEO is expected to start in May 2009 to guide the councils through the process of realignment.

To apply: please email your cover letter and resume, along with salary requirements to: Robert Perodeau, Principal, Evergreen Executive Source, LLC, P.O. Box 412 Haddonfield, NJ 08033-0412, evergreen.source@att.net

Org: Wisconsin Nonprofits Association

Position: Executive Director

Location: Madison

Description: The Executive Director is responsible for the organization's achievement of its mission and financial objectives and reports to the Board of Directors. Responsibilities include: overall organizational leadership and management; Resource Development; Financial management; Nonprofit Sector Representation and Advocacy.

Deadline: 3/13

For more info and to apply: [WNA](#)

Org: WCADV

Position: Community Response and Prevention (CRP) Coordinator

Locations: Madison

Description: This 40 hr/wk position is responsible to assist local efforts to improve coordination of systems in order to improve protection and safety for victims and their children, hold perpetrators accountable and establish strategies to prevent domestic abuse. In keeping with the WCADV strategic plan, the CRP Coordinator manages technical assistance and consultation for established and emerging local Coordinated Community Response groups. The CRP Coordinator works closely with the Prevention Project Coordinator, to organize, implement and evaluate primary and secondary prevention strategies.

Deadline: 3/2

For more info and to apply: [WCADV](#)

### 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](mailto:madisonsos@yahoo.com)

**For Equality,**

Johanna Hatch, Administrator  
Wisconsin Women's Network

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