

*With heartfelt gratitude*

To all who have contributed their

*Time  
Passion  
Intelligence  
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Money  
Talents  
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Connections  
Skills  
Vision  
Expertise  
Guidance  
Energy*

The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is a non-partisan state agency working to advance rights and opportunities for women and girls. Sixteen volunteer commissioners, along with representatives from organizations concerned with women's issues, guide the VCW's public education, coalition building, and advocacy efforts. VCW offers many services to the public, including a toll-free information and referral service at 800-881-1561 and many publications, including The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont handbook.

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Celebrating 50 Years of Progress | 1964 – 2014



**Wednesday, April 9th, 2014**

**4:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Cedar Creek Room, Vermont State House  
Montpelier, Vermont**

*Remarks by:*

VCW Commissioner Marion Milne

VCW Chair Marcia Merrill

Representatives from Our Congressional Delegation

Governor Madeleine Kunin

Governor Peter Shumlin

VCW Executive Director Cary Brown



*"Men of Vermont, beware. The gals are getting organized to get a fair shake at home, on the job, in the courts and in the schools,"* wrote Burlington Free Press legislative beat reporter Vic Maerki back in December of 1964 about the first meeting of our Commission.

Enormous gains for women and girls have been made since then, in all areas: economic equity and security, leadership and public life, health and safety, civil and legal rights, and education and human development.

Vermont has often led the way in the advancement of progress for women and girls, progress which would not have occurred had it not been for people working together, figuring out what needed to be done, how best to do it and then making it happen.

The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) has served as the focal point for those gatherings for 50 years now. Thank you for joining us to celebrate our history, to appreciate those who have contributed to it, and to continue our work together.

*Marcia Merrill, VCW Chair*

## Original Commissioners

Evelyn Bates	Joan Harding	Mrs. Clement Moyse
Helen Beckerhoff	Bette Horton	Mrs. Don Munger
Matthew Burke	Betty-Ann Kelley	Evelyn Patnod
Col. W. J. Burke	Elizabeth Kelley	Sister Rose Rowan
Ruth Colombo	Mrs. Kirtland Keve	Rev. Wallace Short
James Dempsey	Dean Thomas King	Rosemary Stark
Mary Flory	Madeleine Kunin	Mrs. Wallace Turner
Julia Garfield	Mrs. Stanley McKenney	Blair Williams
Stella Hackel	Maureen McNamara	Mrs. Alfred Zeller

## ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS

### Current

- American Association of University Women
- Building Bright Futures
- Castleton State College's Women's and Gender Studies Program
- Central Vermont Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- Division of Maternal and Child Health, Vermont Department of Health
- Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains
- University of Vermont President's Commission on the Status of Women
- Vermont Federation of Business and Professional Women
- Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council
- Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Vermont State Nurses Association
- Vermont Women's Business Center
- Vermont Works for Women
- Voices for Vermont's Children
- Women's Agricultural Network (WAgN)

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

- Karen Kent Robinson | 1973-1974
- Constance Kite | 1975-1978
- Anne Sarcka | 1978-1984
- Lynn Heglund | 1984-1989
- Sara Lee | 1990-1997
- Judith Sutphen | 1997-2003
- Wendy Love | 2003-2012
- Cary Brown | 2012 to present

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- Cary Brown
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- Sen. Margaret Hammond
- Emma Harwood\*
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Evelyn Smith

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Gary Boutin  
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Tammy Fletcher  
Kelley Beckwith Gilmour  
Rep. Maxine Jo Grad (Chair)\*  
Timothy Hayward  
Gary Hazard  
Wanda Hines

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Ann Hagman Cardinal  
Mary Claire Carroll\*

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