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Vermont Commission on Women's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Wednesday, April 9th, 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
Cedar Creek Room, Vermont State House

Enjoy delicious food, drink and good company as we hear from keynote speaker Governor Madeleine Kunin, Governor Shumlin and VCW's Executive Director, Cary Brown. RSVPs appreciated but not required to [vcwanniversary.eventbrite.com](http://vcwanniversary.eventbrite.com) For more information, to RSVP via email or phone, or to request accommodations such as seating, interpreting, etc. for this event, please contact [Claire.Greene@state.vt.us](mailto:Claire.Greene@state.vt.us) | [802-828-2852](tel:802-828-2852)

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Women Business Owners Network Networking Event  
Thursday, March 13, 5:30-7:30 pm  
SPACE Gallery, 266 Pine Street, Suite 105, Burlington, Vermont

Turn off your computers, put down your technology for a night and join WBON for some face to face interaction. Join them for a night to network and mingle with women business owners, women in business, friends, peers or some fresh new faces. Cash bar will be available. Food will be available for purchase. This event is free to attend. Please [RSVP by registering now!](#) [WBON](#) | P.O. Box 173 | Williston | VT | 05495

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February 15 is the last date to select a plan for March 1 health coverage through [vermonthhealthconnect.gov](http://vermonthhealthconnect.gov)  
[Facebook](#)  
[Twitter](#)

Toll-free 1-855-899-9600

Additional dates of note:

March 15 - Last day to enroll for coverage starting April 1

March 31 - Last day to enroll in open enrollment, coverage starting May 1

If you miss the March 31 deadline, you can still enroll due to a qualifying event. Trained navigators are available to meet in person at many organizations statewide, including [Planned Parenthood of Northern New England](#), 1-866-476-1321.

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Vermont Women In The Arts Panel Discussion  
Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:00  
Auditorium in the Pavilion Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier  
Reception to follow in the Vermont History Museum (upstairs)

March is Women's History Month, an annual worldwide celebration highlighting the contributions of women in history and society. Once again the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Commission on Women will present a program, part of our ongoing series of discussions celebrating

Women's History Month and sharing the thoughts, perspectives and stories of accomplished Vermont women.

This year's program theme is Vermont Women in the Arts. The event's goal is to share the accomplishments and perspectives of talented and creative women working in Vermont in a variety of visual media, and to reflect on how their experiences have changed as the role of women has changed in the last half century, particularly in Vermont. The panel moderator is Mara Williams, the Curator of the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center. Panelists will include Alisa Dworsky a fiber/installation artist, Susan Leader a potter among others. This is a free event and open to the public. Food and drink are prohibited in the auditorium but a reception in the Vermont History Museum will follow with desserts and beverages. RSVPs appreciated at [Amanda.Gustin@state.vt.us](mailto:Amanda.Gustin@state.vt.us) questions/concerns to 802-828-2180. Special thanks to our event sponsors: Vermont College of Fine Arts and co-sponsor, Clute Wealth Management.

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League of Women Voters of Central Vermont presents the documentary Park Avenue: Money, Power & The American Dream

Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Aldrich Public Library, Milne Community Room, 134 Mill Street, Barre

The League of Women Voters of Central Vermont (LWV-CV) is hosting a free screening of the documentary, Park Avenue: Money, Power & The American Dream. Description: In this gripping 2012 documentary, Academy-award winner Alex Gibney highlights the unfair division of wealth in the United States. 740 Park Avenue, on New York City's Upper East Side, is home to the highest concentration of billionaires in the USA. In stark contrast, Park Avenue in the South Bronx, less than five miles to the north, is America's poorest congressional district with almost 50% of its population living below the poverty line and chronic high-unemployment a persistent problem. Following the film, the League will host a discussion. Light refreshments will be served. For information, contact Kate Rader, 802.229.4737.

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2014 [Girls on the Run Vermont](#)

5k Dates

Southern/Brattleboro

Saturday, May 17th at Brattleboro Union High School

Central/Rutland

Saturday, May 31st at the Vermont State Fairgrounds

Northern/Essex Junction

Saturday, June 7th at the Champlain Valley Expo

If you'd like to participate yourself or be a 5k volunteer, please contact [leslie@girlsontherunvermont.org](mailto:leslie@girlsontherunvermont.org)

[Girls on the Run](#) expects to have over 3,000 girls participating in the Girls on the Run program this year, which represents a quarter of the approximately 12,000 Girls-on-the-Run-age girls in Vermont. Go Girls!!

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## Women's Job Growth Halts in January Men Have Regained 81 Percent of Jobs Lost in the Recession

According to an [Institute for Women's Policy Research](#) (IWPR) [analysis](#) of the February employment report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), women lost 51,000 jobs on nonfarm payrolls in January, while men gained 164,000 for a net increase of 113,000 jobs. As of January, women have more than recovered all their jobs lost in the recession, while men have regained 81 percent (4.9 million) of the jobs they lost.

In January, women's employment growth was weakest in Government (30,000 jobs lost by women) and Professional and Business Services (14,000 jobs lost by women). In what had been a growing sector for women, Education and Health Services saw women's job losses for a second consecutive month (3,000 jobs lost for women in January and 2,000 in December). Among single mothers, the unemployment rate increased from 8.7 percent in December to 9.1 percent in January, indicating continued difficulty for these women in finding jobs. There has been no improvement over the past year in the average number of weeks spent unemployed and looking for work, which was 35.4 weeks in both January 2013 and January 2014.

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## League of Women Voters Vermont Legislative Day Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Join the League of Women Voters for a day at the State House on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Coffee will be available in the State House Cafeteria beginning at 8 AM. There will be a welcome and orientation to the workings of the Legislature in the Ethan Allen Room (off the cafeteria) at 9 AM. This orientation includes a briefing on legislative activities and a discussion of the proposed State Bank legislation from different points of view by Senators Pollina and Ashe. The House session begins at 10 AM and they plan to be in the gallery. In the afternoon, observe the Senate Session and Committee meetings and meet briefly with the Governor. More info [here](#).

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## Disability Awareness Day at the Statehouse Empower People with Disabilities: It's Only Right(s) Wednesday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights

### Schedule:

9 to 10: Coffee and pastries in Room 10. Come register, grab a cup of joe, connect with your peers and plan your day.

9:30 to 4: Attend workshops to get updates and talking points from VCDR members on hot topics.

11: Attend a press conference in the Cedar Creek room about employment for people with disabilities.

Noon: Make an appointment to have lunch with your legislator. Pizza will be served in Room 10 from 1 to 2 p.m.

1: Disability Awareness Day will be announced on the House floor.

4:30 to 6:30: VCDR will be serving appetizers in the cafeteria. Keynote and panel discussion about empowering people with disabilities. Key Note Speaker: Chester Finn of Albany is a Special Assistant in the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, and was appointed to serve on the National Council on Disability by President Obama in 2010. In 2008, Mr. Finn, who is blind

and has a developmental disability, co-founded Community Empowerment Programs Incorporated, which provides community services and educational programming for people with disabilities. For more information, and to register, please contact [Stefanie Monte](#) at 802-224-1820.

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20th Anniversary of Early Childhood Day at the Legislature  
Wednesday, March 12, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Vermont State House and Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier

Join hundreds of early childhood professionals, parents, employers, and policymakers to:  
Meet with legislators about early childhood issues  
Network with colleagues and friends

Be inspired by guest speakers  
Engage in community discussions  
Celebrate two decades of early childhood advocacy

Learn more and [register](#).

Those who attend and those who'd like to but are unable can still [Keep the Promise](#): Share a personal experience by your child or family about access to quality programs and services in an area of early care, health, and education, safety and prevention, nutrition or economic security. The Alliance will share your "Keep the Promise" story with legislators at Early Childhood Day at the Legislature on March 12, 2014, in advocating for early childhood investments. [Click here](#) to submit your story online.

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Financial Fridays: The Tax Edition  
Starts February 14 @ Vermont Women's Business Center [info@vwbc.org](mailto:info@vwbc.org)  
Friday February 14, 2014 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Online/via phone event

"The tax man cometh" and VWBC is offering a series of 5 work parties leading up to tax filing day. So that you can take that big, possibly overwhelming task and break it into small, bite-sized steps, and get lots of support as you work. This 1st session, February 14th, 11-12:30 is FREE [Register Now!](#)  
If you already registered - no need to do so again.

[Vermont Women's Business Center](#)

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