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### Vermont History Day

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Spaulding High School in Barre

Working individually or in small groups (up to 5), students in grades 5 through 12 choose a topic related to the National History Day annual theme, which in 2014 is "Rights and Responsibilities in History." Students conduct research and develop projects in the format of their choice: exhibits, web sites, documentaries, performances or papers. Project entries are then judged by local historians, educators, and other professionals at this event. Vermont Commission on Women Commissioner Ruth Finn is a team member judge for the Deborah Pickman Clifford VT Women's History Prize, sponsored by VCW's Education and Research Foundation. More info at Vermont History Day or 802-479-8500.

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Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence's Annual Luncheon  
June 6, 2014; 11:30-2:30, Capital Plaza, Montpelier

Featuring: keynote speaker Kit Gruelle, survivor and advocate featured in the Sundance acclaimed film "Private Violence"; Artist Sally Black and art sale to support the Art for Shelter Project; and the Annual Awards Presentation. More info: 802-223-1302, Click here to facebook or <http://www.vtnetwork.org/>

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Breastfeeding Project of Rutland County & Addison Breastfeeding Coalition

Need some encouragement or help with breastfeeding and live in Rutland or Addison Counties?

La Leche League of Rutland County: Leaders Diane, Liz, and Lisa offer around the clock phone support and Facebook communication to support your goals with nursing your baby. Mother to Mother support starts up again in May at the Breastfeeding Café and Playgroup on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:30-12 in the crib room of Grace Church in Rutland. More info: Diane 483-6820, Liz 483-6296; Lisa 325-2566

Middlebury Playgroup and Nursing Nook: the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9:30-11 am at the Memorial Baptist Church- Join Darcy, a Middlebury DO Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, and get the chance to ask questions about breastfeeding while your other little ones run around and get out their winter-driven energy! For more information, call 388-5741

Peer Place at Mettowee Valley Family Health Center in West Pawlet: third Friday of every month

9:30-10:30 am. Staffed by WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors, free and open to the public. For more information, call Lisa 325-2566

La Leche League of Middlebury: Breastfeeding Café and Playgroup, meets the first Thursday of every month, 10 am, at Junebug in the Star Mill. More info, or call for help via phone: Emily 802-388-0363; Samantha 802-382-1589.

Rutland WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors are working on the Women's and Children's Unit with mother/baby nurses to help support families in the hospital. They are the link to community resources after discharge. For more info, call Jill Corey 786-5111

Postpartum Group at Tapestry in Vergennes: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday's of each month from 1230-2:00 pm. Join them for an informal discussion over tea. Meet other moms and explore a wide range of topics including self-care, postpartum nutrition, adjustments at home, and newborn care. All moms and babies welcome.

Natural Beginnings at the Ilsley Library: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. April topic is "Infant Massage." For more information, call Vicky Kirby at 236-4136

IBCLC walk-in services available to WIC participants at the Middlebury Health Department every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9-3 pm. For more information, call Gillian 388-5741

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Women Business Owners Network Spring Conference  
Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 am – 4 pm  
Essex Resort and Spa

More info: <http://wbon.org/conference>

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Restorative Justice, Responsive Regulation, and Complex Problems Conference  
Davis Center on the University of Vermont campus in Burlington, Vermont  
Tuesday July 15 – Friday, July 18, 2014

The conference, hosted by the University of Vermont, with a range of sponsors and contributors, includes presenters from over 16 states and 12 countries. Early Bird Registration ends May 15<sup>th</sup>. Learn more about the conference <http://www.uvm.edu/conferences/restorativejustice/>

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Vermont Women's Business Center's Business Wisdom Circle  
Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 - 6:30  
Central VT Community Action Campus, 20 Gable Place, Barre

The Business Wisdom Circle is a monthly women business owners peer-to-peer mentoring & networking event where women at any stage of business - just exploring, starting-up, on your way, or

well-established - come together, in the tradition of women's circles everywhere, to share challenges, strategies, feedback, resources, support, and inspiration. This is a distinctly feminine way of doing business: collaborative, heart-centered, practical, and fun. Theme this month: Warm Up to Marketing. Cost: Just \$10.00 with light refreshments provided.

Vermont Women's Business Center: Helping Women to Create & Grow Thriving Businesses  
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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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[Cornucopia Chef/Instructor](#): this rewarding position combines culinary arts instruction for women in transition with senior meals production in the NEK. More info: Michelle Fay, Umbrella, 802-748-1992 x314.

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Equal Pay Day  
9:30 am, Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
State House

Join VCW staff, BPW members and legislators in the Governor's ceremonial office at the State House for the Equal Pay Day proclamation signing on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Please wear some red to symbolize women being "in the red" due to the gender wage gap. More info on pay equity in Vermont [here](#). More info on Equal Pay Day [here](#).

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5th Annual Central Vermont Job Fair  
Barre City Auditorium  
Thursday, April 3, 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

For those seeking jobs and for employers seeking qualified applicants. More information (pull down menus at the top) at the [Job Fair website](#).

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Vermont Family Network Annual Conference

Tuesday, April 1, Hilton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center

Join Vermont Family Network (VFN) for a day filled with workshops and networking opportunities for parents and professionals who care for children with special needs. The focus this year is on empowering parents and caregivers to share their stories and develop advocacy skills for their children with special needs. Keynote speaker is Robert Rummel-Hudson, author and advocate whose 2008 memoir, *Schuyler's Monster: A Father's Journey with His Wordless Daughter* (St. Martin's Press), told the story of raising a little girl with a disability and learning to become the father she needs. More info [here](#).

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League of Women Voters of Central Vermont  
Public Banking Forum  
Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
Room 10 of the State House

League of Women Voters of Central Vermont presents this panel discussion of the pros and cons of a public bank, a topic of current state League study. Moderated by Claudette Sortino, chair of the League's study committee, panelists include: Washington County Senator Anthony Pollina; Vermont State Treasurer Beth Pearce; Gwen Hallsmith, founder of Global Community Initiatives; and Chris D'Elia, President and Treasurer of the Vermont Bankers Association. Senator Pollina is the lead sponsor of Senate Bill S.204 which, if passed, provides Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) with banking authority to accept deposits and make loans. While not creating a state bank as such, it would be a first step toward that end. More info, please see League's [website](#).

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Society of Women Engineers/North Country  
Special screening of the documentary 'Girl Rising'  
Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Roxy Theater Burlington

Join SWE (Society of Women Engineers) / North Country to watch the a special screening of the documentary 'Girl Rising'. A portion of the ticket sales will support multiple non-profits which deliver life-changing services to girls every day, services that help girls go to school and stay there. Everybody is welcome! (The Girl Rising Fund is a 501c3, operated by Tides Foundation) [Link here](#) to reserve tickets. [Link here](#) to watch the movie trailer. [About 'Girl Rising'](#)

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Vermont Works for Women's Step Up to Law Enforcement Program  
Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in Burlington on Monday and Wednesday evenings 6:00 – 8:30 and all day Saturdays from 9:00 – 5:00pm

Step Up to Law Enforcement is an intensive, nine-week job-training program for women interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement. This program, developed through the collaboration of seven local police agencies, the Vermont State Police, the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, the Vermont Department of Corrections, and Vermont Works for Women, prepares qualified female candidates for the State of Vermont's police academy, the State Corrections Academy, and other jobs in law enforcement. [Click on this link](#) to see a short video about the program: contact [Jenny Beaudin at Vermont Works for Women](#) at (802) 622-0400 ext. 150.

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**Women Speak Out Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**  
April 12, 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Franklin Conference Center at the Howe, 1 Scale Avenue, Rutland

The Rutland County Women’s Network and Shelter and the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, Inc. announce an April 12, 2014 symposium in Rutland, VT to address issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Featured guest speakers are Jeanelle Achee, Miss Vermont 2013, and Carmen Tarleton, author of “Overcome: Burned, Blinded and Blessed.” Carmen Blandin Tarleton, the Thetford mother of two whose book “Overcome: Burned, Blinded and Blessed” tells the story of the 2007 attack by her estranged husband that left her with lye burns over 80% of her body and started her on the “incredible journey” of recovery that included a face transplant in 2013. Carmen’s inspirational story is one of courage, perseverance, and forgiveness; she will be signing copies of her book, which will be available for purchase.

Jeanelle Achee, Miss Vermont 2013, will be speaking about her platform for her year-long reign, Stop the Silence, which supports those who have been assaulted and seeks to prevent sexual violence through education. Jeanelle, a nursing student whose career plans focus on becoming a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. She is also the recipient of the 2013 Vermont Truman Scholar scholarship for undergraduate students who are committed to public service, government, education or nonprofits and who show exceptional leadership.

Proceeds will benefit the Rutland County Women’s Network and Shelter and the Miss Vermont Scholarship Foundation. Sponsorship opportunities are also available: call 802-775-6788 ext. 20 for more information about sponsorships or tickets. Tickets for the event, which will include a luncheon, are available for [purchase online](#) at a cost of \$35 per person. More information: [Marianne Kennedy](#), Executive Director, Rutland County Women’s Network & Shelter or 802-775-6788

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March is Women's History Month and the theme for 2014 is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment". Learn more about amazing Vermont women in history [here!](#)

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