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# VIEW

Vermont Information Exchange for Women

## Newsletter



**March 7th, 2017**

## News & Resources

**March is Women's History Month - Join us for:  
Women & 1970s Counterculture: VCW'S Annual Event in  
Partnership with the Vermont Historical Society**

So much of what now makes modern Vermont culture unique has roots in the counterculture movement of the 1970s: food coops, community health centers, farm-to-table food systems, community gardens, alternative schools, farmer's markets, alternative energy, holistic health care, birth centers, and artist cooperatives. This movement called into question, and even dismissed, the values and expectations of society at that time, and ushered in a wave of feminism that has endured. What drew women to this movement? How did it impact their lives? What about Vermont shaped their experience as a woman in the counterculture? Hear the stories and reflections of women who were there and add your own thoughts and questions. Join us on [Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. at](#)

[Goddard College's Haybarn Theatre in Plainfield.](#)

## **Congratulations to VCW Commissioner Cathy Frey, Recently Elected Chair of the Faculty Senate at Norwich University!**

VCW Commissioner, Cathy Frey, was just elected to be the Chair of the Faculty Senate at Norwich University. She is the first female to serve in this position. The Faculty Senate of Norwich University is the sole governance body of the faculty. Its purview includes, but is not limited to curriculum, academic standards, policies and procedures and any other matters that affect institutional decision making, goal setting and resource allocation.

## **Girls on the Run Announces 18th Season With Call for Coaches and Open Registration for Spring Programs in Northern VT**

Girls on the Run Vermont (GOTRVT) is excited to welcome its 18th season by announcing its final call for coach mentors and open program registration for Northern VT! From now until March 15, parents/guardians can register their girl for the Northern VT spring program via the [GOTRVT website](#). For more info on coaching, please contact Rachel Desautels at [Rachel@girlsontherunvermont.org](mailto:Rachel@girlsontherunvermont.org) or 802-503-7097.

## **The Center for New Leadership at Marlboro College Announces Third Annual Board Leadership Institute and Get On Board Fellows Program**

[The Board Leadership Institute](#) is a collection of workshops that, taken together, introduce board members to the most important knowledge and skills for successful board service. We frequently hear from boards who want help transforming their organizational culture, or that need assistance being effective leaders and champions for the nonprofits they serve. The Get On Board Fellows Program, now in its 5th year, gives young people, ages 22-44, the opportunity to build leadership skills and their personal and professional network while preparing to serve their community.

## **Vermont Treasurer Beth Pearce Launched VermontABLE, a Savings Initiative for Vermonters with Disabilities**

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Vermonters with disabilities can now start saving and investing in tax-advantaged [VermontABLE](#) accounts, that will allow individuals with disabilities the opportunity to save and invest up to \$14,000 per year without being removed from public benefit programs. VermontABLE will also allow eligible Vermonters to receive preferred federal tax treatment as they save for disability related expenses like housing, transportation, employment training, and other important needs. [Learn more or open an account here.](#)

## **Nominations Open for Annual Governor Madeleine Kunin Lifetime Achievement Award**

In honor of Emerge Vermont founder and first female Governor of the State of Vermont, Governor Madeleine M. Kunin, the Board of Directors of Emerge Vermont is pleased to [open nominations](#) for the first Annual Governor Madeleine M. Kunin Lifetime Achievement Award.

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### **Who's on the Commission?**

**Commissioner Cathy Frey** is Professor of Mathematics at Norwich University and serves as Chair of the Faculty Senate. She joined the Norwich faculty in 1985, and in 1991, became the very first woman promoted to Associate Professor in Mathematics, and the first woman ever tenured in the University's Mathematics department. In 2001, she became the first woman promoted to the rank of Professor of Mathematics at Norwich. She served as the first and only female Chair of the Mathematics department from 2002-2006 and as the first and only female Dean of Mathematics and Sciences from 2006-2013. With research interests in the areas of mathematics pedagogy (methods of teaching) and actuarial science (assessing



risk by applying mathematical and statistical methods), she particularly enjoys creating videos and instructional modules for the web. Under her leadership, Norwich began offering a Mathematics major with an Actuarial Concentration in 2014. Commissioner Frey was the recipient of the Vermont Women in Higher Education's Jackie Gribbon Award for leadership in 2008.

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## Upcoming Events

### **International Women's Day Event with WISE UV!**

*Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m., The Skinny Pancake, Hanover*

[An evening of fun and connection](#) featuring local musicians, writers and poets. Sparkly attire encouraged. No cover charge.

### **26th Annual Women's Film Festival**

*Friday, March 10 – Sunday, March 19, New England Youth Theatre, Brattleboro*

The [26th Annual Women's Film Festival](#), a Women's Freedom Center fundraiser, will present 40 films, documentaries, romances, thrillers, and comedies, from around the world directed by, and about women. There is something for everyone films about activism, art, reproductive rights, mothers and daughters, romances, discrimination, aging, gender roles, incarceration, stage fright and synchronized swimming just to name a few! Over the course of two weeks, beginning with the Opening Night Gala on Friday, March 10th and continuing to Sunday, March 19, 2017, 13 documentaries, 10 feature films and 17 shorts will be screened at the New England Youth Theatre.

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## **"Bias, Barriers and Breakthroughs": A Panel Discussion Exploring Challenges and Opportunities for Women and Girls in STEM**

*Tuesday, March 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., [online](#)*

In celebration of Women's History Month, the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau presents this moderated discussion on the critical contributions of women and girls to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) innovation in the United States. The panelists will address both the recruitment, retention and advancement challenges for women and girls pursuing STEM careers and courses of study, as well as the key strategies and promising practices being deployed to ensure success in leveraging the full spectrum of talent available to employers and institutions engaged in advancing STEM technologies and innovations. Panelists include: Dr. Aprille Ericsson, NASA; Lisa Ransom, National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity; Dr. Jessie DeAro, National Science Foundation ADVANCE; and Dr. Bernadette Hence, Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program, U.S. Department of Education.

## **Meet up with the League of Women Voters**

*Tuesday, March 14 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Kellogg Hubbard Library, Montpelier*

The League of Women Voters of Central Vermont is [hosting a meeting](#) to introduce those interested in learning about The League to the organization and its positions. Founded in 1920, the League of Women Voters enjoys an enviable reputation as a nonpartisan political organization. In addition to expanding the voting franchise and engaging all voters, the League is interested in reducing the power of money, reforming immigration, improving healthcare and defending the environment. Its members, comprised of both men and women, are a community of persistent and tenacious activists determined in their drive to secure long-term change.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Early Childhood Day at the Legislature**

*Wednesday, March 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Vermont State House,  
Montpelier*

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Registration is now open for [Early Childhood Day](#) at the Legislature on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. The costs of registration include breakfast, lunch and the full day's agenda: \$30 - \$35. Registration deadline is Friday, March 10, 2017.

## **International Women's Day Celebration**

*Saturday, March 18, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., King Street Center, Burlington*

[International Women's Day celebration](#) on March 18th at the King Street Center in Burlington organized by the Caroline Fund and others. Will feature food and awards.

## **Diastasis Care and Repair**

*Monday, March 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Aldrich Public Library, Barre*

[This class](#) is part of the Birthing Year Early Parenting Classes by Good Beginnings of Central Vermont. Payment is not required; donations are gratefully accepted. Registration is requested.

## **Greater Burlington Women's Forum Lunch - Change The Story VT: Advancing Women, Fueling the Economy**

*Tuesday, March 21 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., Controis Auditorium, Burlington*

[Panelists will present](#) the hot-off-the-press findings about Vermont women in leadership in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. The report examines women's presence as leaders in higher education, public safety, on corporate boards and in senior management, and on state and municipal boards and commissions. Change The Story VT is a multi-year initiative aligning philanthropy, policy, and program to significantly improve women's economic status in Vermont. Change The Story VT is fueled by three statewide organizations: Vermont Women's Fund, Vermont Commission on Women, and Vermont Works for Women.

## **Personal Financial Empowerment**

*Wednesdays March 22 – April 2 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Mercy Connections*

Do you ever wish you knew more about your finances? In [this 6-week class](#)

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[designed for women](#), Mercy Connections will de-mystify personal finance. In a safe and confidential environment, participants will work on financial statements like a spending plan and a net worth statement, learn about retirement, student loans, investments, credit reports and so much more.

## **Accounting for Non-Accountants**

*Thursday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., CWE Vermont, Burlington*

Many entrepreneurs detest the financial piece of their business. But, they don't discount its importance. [Organized by CWE Vermont, this workshop](#) will teach: how to read and understand basic financial statements; how to use the numbers to make well informed operational decisions; and how to read the story the numbers tell. Cost is \$50.

## **Self Defense Essentials**

*Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., St. Johnsbury*

Through classroom discussion and physical practice, students will learn essential behaviors and techniques to stay safe in a variety of situations. Students will practice hand-on self-defense strategies with an instructor in the aggressor suit. Hosted by RecFit, [this class is open to women of all ability levels](#). Facilitator Tina Gilson is a certified RAD self-defense instructor. Cost is \$120.



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