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News & Resources

Commissioners Charlotte Dennett of Cambridge and Kerry Secret of Brattleboro have been reappointed!

Governor Peter Shumlin has [reappointed](#) Charlotte Dennett of Cambridge and Kerry Secret of Brattleboro to serve on the Vermont Commission on Women (VCW).

Both will serve additional four-year terms.

Jessica Nordhaus joined the Change The Story team!

We are excited to share that Jessica Nordhaus, owner of Gear Shift Consulting, LCC, has joined the Change The Story team as a Consultant for Strategy & Partnerships. Jessica's firm focuses on education, politics and policy, and systems change. [Learn more about Jessica.](#)

The Vermont State Nurses Association (VSBA) becomes ANA-Vermont

In September 2015, the Vermont State Nurses Association (VSNA) voted unanimously to change its longstanding name from VSNA to ANA-Vermont. The roll-out of the new name begins this month. Learn more at www.ANA-Vermont.org.

1000 Girls, 1000 Futures now accepting Student Applications

This international [program](#) pairs motivated, enthusiastic, female mentors with smart, STEM-focused high school women and gives them access to innovative programming that will help them develop essential 21st century skills. Students who identify as female, are interested in and passionate about one or more STEM areas, have access to one device with the internet capabilities, are able to communicate comfortably in English, are between the ages of 13 and 19, and are excited about having a STEM mentor can [apply online](#) until October 7th.

Early Childhood Superheroes: Let's Grow Kids Recognizes Dana Anderson of Middlebury, Betsy Bailey of Lyndonville, Kristy Haapala of Braintree and Rachel Hunter of Springfield

These unsung [Early Childhood Superheroes](#) have powers that create positive, lasting change for children helping them reach their full potential.

\$3 Million to support creation Affordable Housing in Vermont

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds to Vermont Housing and Conservation Board will support the creation of rental housing for families below the federal poverty line. . [Read more.](#)

CLASP interviewed Vermont's own Jen Kimmich

Jen Kimmich is co-owner of The Alchemist brewery, and [CLASP interviewed her](#) about her support for public policies to improve job quality.

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Women's Health Resource Center released its Fall 2016 Programs calendar

The Women's Health Resource Center offers a variety of classes and support groups at the WHRC in Lebanon, NH. Some classes are free, and many insurance plans offer refunds to their subscribers for classes with fees. [Learn more, view their calendar, and register online.](#)

Vermont Driver Restoration Program

From September 1 to November 30, Vermonters can resolve old civil traffic fines incurred before July 2012 (excludes DUIs) for \$30 per ticket. Judgements for civil fines owed prior to 1990 will be dismissed automatically. Repayment plans can be arranged for tickets issued after July 2012, and Vermonters can ask traffic courts to consider income when setting fines. [Learn more about the program.](#)

Employment Opportunities

Vermont Works for Women is hiring a Director of Community Relations

They seek a dynamic and experienced development professional with outstanding writing and communication skills who can provide leadership and set the strategic vision for all fundraising, marketing, and public communications. Review the [job description](#) and apply by *September 19*.

ACLU of Vermont is hiring a Policy Director

The American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont (ACLU-VT) seeks a sophisticated and experienced policy advocate to advance its civil liberties and civil rights agenda. [Read the job description here](#) and apply by *October 3rd*.

Vermont Humanities Council is hiring a Director of Literacy Programs

The Vermont Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit organization headquartered in Montpelier, seeks a Director of Literacy Programs to develop and implement the Council's humanities-based literacy programs. Read the [job description here](#).

Upcoming Events

Manage Your Money! (Don't Let it Manage You)

Thursdays, September 8 – October 6 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Capstone Community Action, Barre

Want to set a financial goal and accomplish that goal? Are you motivated to understand where your money goes? Are you curious about your credit score? Do you dream of retirement someday? Topics include Budgeting and Building a Spending Plan, All about Credit, and Future Planning. Walk-ins welcome, [RSVP](#)

[appreciated.](#)

Cookies and Cocktails

Thursday, September 15 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Burlington International Airport

Join the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains and hear from Change The Story's Tiff Bluemle at this upcoming fundraiser featuring your favorite Girl Scout Cookies with local bartenders creating and serving one-of-a kind specialty cocktails. Must be 21 or older to attend. [Tickets cost \\$25.00.](#)

Emerge Gallery Reception & Silent Auction with Governor Madeline Kunin & Senator Becca Balint

Monday, September 19 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Catherine Dianich Gallery, Brattleboro

Join Emerge Vermont Leaders for an [Informal Discussion about Women in Elected Office](#). Light Refreshments served. Free Event, RSVP appreciated.

Re-Imagining Justice

Wednesday, September 21 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, Bennington

The public is invited to a [community conversation](#) about criminal justice in Vermont—what it looks like, its challenges and successes, and the alternatives to mass incarceration. The event includes an overview of who is in prison in Vermont and why, short video clips of formerly incarcerated Vt. men and women or their family members, excerpts from inmates' letters, and a panel discussion. Panelists include Meg McCarthy (whose husband is currently incarcerated), Vt. State Rep. Kiah Morris, Bradley Myerson (attorney), and Michael Washington (advocate, with direct experience of incarceration). The event is co-sponsored by Vermonters for

Criminal Justice Reform, a Burlington-based non-profit, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bennington.

Heart, Sole & Laughter: A Night Out with the Vermont Comedy Divas

Friday, September 23 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., FlynnSpace, Burlington

An evening of deep belly laughs, cash bar, and amazing raffle prizes expected at the first-ever Girls on the Run Vermont (GOTRVT) Benefit. Headlined by local comedy troupe, The Vermont Comedy Divas, the event is a fundraiser for GOTRVT's Every Girl Fund, the organization's main initiative to ensure that every girl in the program may receive financial assistance if needed. [Tickets are \\$30.](#)

2016 Symposium on Women in the Arts Highlights American Women Artists' Mission to Educate and Encourage

Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the Bennington

The American Women Artists' mission are committed to bringing educational opportunities to our members and all artists that encourage and support growth both professionally and creatively. Their [annual symposium](#) is one such opportunity, and this years' program will explore relevant topics from both an historical and contemporary perspective, while giving a glimpse of the future of women in art. The symposium will conclude with a panel discussion highlighting the professional artists' interaction with curators, media, gallery owners, collectors and each other. The event is open and free to the public.

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont's Prevention Works: Vermont's Renewed Commitment

September 29 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont hosts this [all-day conference](#) to celebrate their 40th

anniversary; to recognize Vermont's success in producing excellent outcomes for our children, families, and communities; and to renew commitment to a strong prevention focus moving into the future.

Lessons Learned for Effective Evaluation of Girl-Serving CS Programming Webinar

Thursday, September 29 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., online

Interested in hearing from girl-serving programs about what they learned from participating in the Computer Science Outreach Program Evaluation Network (CS OPEN) led by Google and NGCP? Twelve computer science programs focused on serving girls engaged in in a year-long community of learning and left with both theoretical and practical skills. Join for this [informational webinar](#) that will focus on exemplary practices in non-profit program surveying and evaluation.

Women's Health Care Forum Presented by Physicians at Rutland Women's Healthcare

Thursdays, October 6, 13 and 20, at 6:00 p.m., Rutland Regional Medical Center

Topics for discussion include:

October 6: Long-Acting Contraception, Dr. Robin Leight
Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding, Dr. Sarah Decker

October 13: Perimenopause, Dr. Thusitha Cotter
Menopause, Dr. Mary Beerworth

October 20: STDs and Gardasil, Dr. Kira Fiset
Flu in Pregnancy, Dr. Thusitha Cotter

Join the Rutland Women's Healthcare physicians for this [three-night event](#) that

takes an in depth look into some of the important, current issues in women's healthcare. All discussions, which are free and open to the public, will begin at 6pm with light refreshments available. Registration is required.

Feather Your Nest: Nurturing Your Business for Successful Growth Conference and Economic Development Summit

October 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Castleton University

The Rutland Region's newest and most exciting economic initiative will officially launch in October, 2016 with the debut of the ["Feather Your Nest" Conference and Economic Development Summit](#). Presented by Evolve Rutland and Integrity Wealth Management (a Financial Advisory Team from UBS Financial Service's Vermont Branch) this one-day event is a high-level, future-focused conference and networking opportunity, designed for visionary entrepreneurs and business leaders who are serious about doing business, attracting business, and building a sustainable business climate in the Rutland region. Registration is \$125.

Vermont Women in Higher Education Annual Dinner

Tuesday, October 11 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

St. Michael's College, Dion Family Student Center, Burlington

Celebrate the achievements of women working in higher education at the [2016 Fall Dinner](#) hosted by Vermont Women in Higher Education! Keynote speaker is Naila Baloch, associate chaplain at Middlebury College's Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life. Congratulate the three 2016 award winners, Mary Beth Doyle, Cynthia Gerstl-Pepin, and Tolya Syril Stonorov, and catch up with colleagues from across the state. Tickets cost \$40.

18th Annual Women Can Do!

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Vermont Tech, Randolph Center

[Women Can Do!](#) is a one-day career immersion experience for 9-12th grade girls from across Vermont. It features dozens of hands-on workshops and action stations highlighting careers in the skilled trades and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. Hands-on workshops are led mostly by women who are professionals in the skilled trades or science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Urge students you know to take part! Students register through their school.

Women Business Owners Network's Fall 2016 Conference: Telling Your Story

Wednesday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Vermont State House and Vermont Historical Museum

Don't miss the [32nd Annual WBON Fall Conference!](#) This year's theme is "Telling Your Story". The workshops and roundtable discussions at this conference will help all women business owners find their voice and tell their story, be it from a public speaking context, from the branding and marketing perspective, or targeted to public policy. The morning portion features a keynote address from Change The Story's Tiffany Bluemle, with Pat Heffernan, Laura Lind-Blum, and VCW's Cary Brown, marking the official release of CTS' new report on women-owned businesses in Vermont.

Lunch with locally-sourced ingredients will be served by women-owned Susanna's in the Snelling Room at Vermont History Museum, and the afternoon will be filled with interactive seminars designed to expound on the morning's theme of Telling Your Story. Participants will come away with cutting-edge ideas and practical, easily implemented tools. The day winds up with an after-party at women-owned North Branch Cafe, including a special wine tasting from women-owned wine makers, and teas from a women owned project promoting sustainable living for tea farmers in Nepal. In addition to the inspiring lineup of speakers, presenters and workshops, there will be plenty of time for networking and socializing, all in support and celebration of women-owned businesses in Vermont.



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