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## ON A MISSION: AN UPDATE FOR YWCA SUPPORTERS

YWCA MOUNT DESERT ISLAND



Fall 2017



Pictured left to right are Girl of the Year **Megan Moore**, Woman of the Year **Gail Leiser**, and Anna **Durand** accepting on behalf of her daughter (pictured on cell phone), Young Woman of the Year **Phoebe Durand-McDonnell**.

### Current Events

#### Woman of the Year Celebration: Trailblazers 2017

YWCA MDI's Woman of the Year celebration was held at Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The women who received this award embody outstanding leadership, enthusiastic community involvement, performance of a great service or deed for humankind, and demonstration of a life in accordance with the YWCA mission of "Peace, justice, freedom and

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**Gail Leiser** was honored as Woman of the Year for her outstanding volunteer work for the MDI community. Gail is co-owner of Galyn's Restaurant with her husband Rick. She is a member of St. Saviour's Episcopal Church where she served on the vestry, was president of the Bar Harbor Food Pantry Board, and a member of the Bar Harbor YB's, which successfully ran the Carol Dyer Luminary Night to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research for the past 15 years. Over the past year she has started working with Indivisible MDI to address concerns regarding the current government and the health of our society.

**Phoebe Durand-McDonnell** was honored as Young Woman of the Year. Phoebe has been a creative force for Indivisible MDI while home on summer break from the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. She made a presentation to staffers at Sen. Collins office about healthcare (talking about her type 1 diabetes), and organized the Indivisible table at the Bar Harbor Pride Festival. She created labyrinths with signage with relevant quotes for both the Charlottesville vigil and the Unite Against Hate vigil. Phoebe is an accomplished harpist and was featured on the National Public Radio program, From the Top.

MDI High School student **Megan Moore** was honored as Girl of the Year. Megan is a member and current president of MDIHS Interact Club. She volunteers at the SPCA in Trenton, has led a toy drive for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, held a local event to educate the public about human trafficking, and helps organize an annual prom for clients of Downeast Horizons. Megan is also a leader on the MDIHS volleyball team.

We are grateful to our sponsors for helping to make this great event possible, including Machias Savings Bank; Bar Harbor Bank and Trust; Bar Harbor Savings and Loan; Darling's Agency; The Swan Agency; Anchorspace; Compusult; First National Bank; Horton, McFarland and Veysey; Mountain Sea Properties; Paradis True Value; Wilderness Pines Campground, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; Bar Harbor Publications; Smith, Collier & Fahey, P.A; Lynam Insurance and Lynam Real Estate.

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## "Founding Principles" Civics Series

Our 5-week "Founding Principles" civics series began Sept. 13 and continues Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:30 pm through Oct. 11. Guest moderators include Maine State Rep. Brian Hubbell, former Maine State Rep. Jill Goldthwait, COA professor Jamie McKown, attorney A.J. Greif, and MDIHS history teacher Beth Blugerman. A partnership between the League of Women Voters – Downeast and YWCA MDI, the program is based on Bowdoin College's "Founding Principles" video series about American government. Admission is free, with refreshments provided. Donations suggested. Info 288-5008.

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Volunteers Miriam Tapia-Torres and Nancy Howland selling homemade pies at YWCA MDI on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Summer Pie Sales Success

This summer 41 generous and talented YWCA volunteers participated in 11 Tuesday pie sales. More than 250 pies were sold and we easily surpassed our \$4,000 funding goal. Pie sale volunteers generated a tremendous amount of community spirit and raised significant funding for YWCA programs benefiting women and families. On Sunday, October 15th, from 1 - 3 pm the YWCA will host a thank-you celebration for our pie sale volunteers at the Town Hill Community Hall. Refreshments will be provided. Info 288-5008.



## Island Arts Association

YWCA of MDI sponsors the Island Arts Association (IAA) as part of its mission to empower women through business opportunities. IAA promotes individual local craftspeople by hosting group shows on MDI. Many artists work alone in their studios, and these shows provide camaraderie, marketing ideas and exposure to new customers. IAA provides significant funding for YWCA programs with proceeds from crafters' table fees. Upcoming IAA shows include Oktoberfest in Downtown Southwest Harbor, October 7, and the two-day Christmas Craft Fair in Bar Harbor, Dec. 1-2. Information: [islandartsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:islandartsassociation@gmail.com)

# WORK FROM HOME SUMMIT

Meet women who started businesses from home, with little to no money.

- Panel Discussion
- Networking
- Information Tables

Saturday, October 21, 9 AM  
@ YWCA MDI  
\$5 non-members/ free members

## **Saturday, Oct. 21, 9:00 - noon: Work From Home Summit**

Meet women who started businesses from home with little or no money, and start networking! YWCA MDI will host a panel discussion about the challenges women face when working from home. Panelists include Jen Harry, Rhonda Farnsworth, Nicole Ouelette, and more to be announced. Saturday, Oct. 21, 9-noon. \$5 donation suggested. Free admission, refreshments provided.

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YWCA Executive Director Jackie Davidson and staff member Nancy Simpson, two of YWCA MDI's many talented pie bakers.

**Tuesday, Nov. 21, 10:00 – 3:00 pm: Thanksgiving Pie Sale**

All of your favorites traditional pies homemade by the YWCA's talented volunteer bakers will be on sale at the YWCA MDI just in time for Thanksgiving. Pies \$20/each. 10 am – 3 pm or until gone.



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Come share a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving dinner lovingly prepared by YWCA volunteers. Food donated by Preceptor Psi Sorority. All are welcome. Please call ahead and reserve, 288-5008.

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## Friday & Saturday, Dec. 1 & 2: IAA Christmas Fair & YWCA Food Table

While shopping for beautiful hand-made crafts made by local IAA artisans, please stop by the YWCA MDI food table for lunch and bring home sweet, homemade holiday treats. Proceeds benefit the YWCA MDI general fund. Atlantic Oceanside Resort, Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-3.

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## Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:00 - noon: Children's Christmas Bazaar

A chance for kids to do their own holiday shopping! On Saturday December 9, children in grades K-4 can come to the YWCA with shopping lists in hand to choose gifts for family members. Donations of new and gently used items needed. Check out [YWCA MDI's Facebook](#) page for details or call 288-5008.

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YWCA resident Marett Clarke with fresh produce donated by Dorcas Corrow and Eva Eicher of Sweet Haven Farm.

All summer long, community volunteers Dorcas Corrow and Eva Eicher generously provided YWCA residents with bushels of fresh organic produce grown at Sweet Haven Farm in Seal Cove. Sweet Haven Farm is involved in the Harvest for Hunger Project and its goal is to supply fresh garden produce to senior and other congregate housing facilities on Mount Desert Island. Thank you so much, Dorcas and Eva!

## Ongoing Events

**Call 288-5008 for info**

**Strong YWomen** low-impact movement classes are held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the gym at 9:00 am, hosted by Cas Dowden. Come move your body and socialize with us!

**Topics in Participatory Democracy** – The League of Women Voters Downeast – Monthly broadcasts of topics in participatory democracy resume every third Friday from 10-11:00 am on WERU-FM. The following Wednesday we hold a community conversation on the same topic with experts

## Resource Links

YWCA of Mount Desert Island  
<http://www.ywcamdi.org>

YWCA USA <http://www.ywca.org>

Downeast League of Women Voters  
<http://www.lwvme.org/Downeast.html>

Senator Susan M. Collins 202-224-2523  
<https://www.collins.senate.gov/>

Senator Angus King 202-224-5344  
<https://www.king.senate.gov/>

Contact Linda Washburn at llw2a@yahoo.com if you would like to receive notices about upcoming radio shows and public conversations.

**Do you have an idea for a program or event?** We would love to hear from you! Call Jackie, Nova, Abby or Annie at 288-5008.

<https://poliquin.house.gov/>

Maine Senator Brian D. Langley  
207-667-0625

<https://legislature.maine.gov/senate/senators/brian-langley/9374>

ME Rep. Brian L. Hubbell 207-288-3947

<https://legislature.maine.gov/house/hsebiobios/hubbbl.htm>



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