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ON A MISSION: AN UPDATE FOR YWCA SUPPORTERS

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YWCA Mount Desert Island Newsletter

Current Events

YWCA of MDI in Washington D.C.

YWCA MDI was represented at the National Convention of YWCA USA in June in Washington, D.C. by two members of the staff and a member of the Board of Directors. On "Capitol Hill Day" we visited with aides in the offices of Sen. Angus King and Rep. Bruce Poliquin, and Sen. Susan Collins took time out to meet with us. Our discussions focused on the upcoming Federal budget and the proposed cuts in social services programs.

YWCA MDI Summer Pie Sales Tuesdays 10-Noon

This summer 32 talented YWCA volunteers have banded together to bake scrumptious pies for our pie sales that benefit the General Fund. Pie sales are held every Tuesday from 10-12 noon through September 12th. Please help us reach our \$4,000 funding goal & Stop by, buy a pie, and tell all your friends!



Upcoming Events

August 10: 6:00 pm Midwifery Talk with Victoria Yeboah from Ghana

Special guest Victoria Yeboah will speak at the YWCA MDI on Thursday, August 10 about midwifery in Ghana. Talk will be followed by a discussion with midwives and doulas from the local area. Call 288-5008 for details.

August 22: Women's Equality Day Talk 6:00 – 7:30 pm



August 26, 2017 marks the 97th Anniversary of women in the United States winning the right to vote. Women's Equality Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the many benefits of true equality and the role of women in public life. Posie Cowan of Brooksville, Maine will talk with us Tuesday, August 22 about her suffrage lineage and the group Equal Rights Maine she founded to advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment.

YWCA MDI will also celebrate Women's Equality Day at the August 22 pie sale by naming each pie for a Trailblazing Woman. For more info on how The National Women's History Project is honoring outstanding women and champions of equality, visit www.nwhp.org.

September 13: Civics Series



Our new 5-week Civics Series begins Tuesday, September 13 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. A partnership between the League of Women Voters - Downeast and YWCA MDI, the series is based on Bowdoin College's "Founding Principles" educational video series which provides an introductory overview and basic understanding of American government. The series is free to the public with donations suggested. Light dinner will be provided. Call 288-5008 to register. For more info about Bowdoin's "Founding Principles," visit <http://www.bowdoin.edu/founding-principles>

September 29: Trailblazing Women 2017: Woman of the Year Awards

Our 2017 Woman of the Year Awards will be held Tuesday, September 29th at Kebo Valley Golf Club. Tickets are \$15 and include light refreshments. Do you know someone who exemplifies the YWCA's state mission of "Eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all"? See our [website](#) for nomination information or call 288-5008.



This month's Volunteer Spotlight is focused on Bar Harbor's Gail Leiser, owner of **Galyn's Restaurant**, and Linda Parker, owner of **Mt. Desert Island Ice Cream**. Gail and Linda both hosted wonderful "Sweets for Safe Housing" fundraisers at their locations, where customers could enjoy delicious desserts and donate to the YWCA at the same time.

Proceeds benefit the YWCA Women's Residence program. Thank you so much, Gail and Linda!

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!

Divorced & Separated Women's Group meets every Monday in the Chambers Room at the YWCA at 5:30 pm.

Topics in Participatory Democracy The League of Women Voters Downeast – Monthly broadcasts of topics in participatory democracy resume every third Friday beginning September 15th, 10-11:00 am on WERU-FM. The following Wednesday we hold a community conversation on the same topic with experts from the community and you, moderated by Ann Luther, League of Women Voters Maine. Contact Linda Washburn (llw2a@yahoo.com, 244-5895) if you would like to receive notices about upcoming radio shows and public conversations.

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/>

Senator Bruce Poliquin 202-225-6306
<https://poliquin.house.gov/>

Maine Senator Brian D. Langley 207-667-0625
<https://legislature.maine.gov/senate/senator-brian-langley/9374>

ME Rep. Brian L. Hubbell 207-288-3947
<https://legislature.maine.gov/house/hsebios/hubbbl.htm>



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