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A Newsletter of the Women's Network of the Upper Valley

Mission:

"A forum for women in all their roles, both personal and professional, to share their viewpoints and interests."

Please Take Note:

- Fall Reception on Tuesday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m.
- Luncheon on Monday, October 22, at noon (Reservation Form Included)
- Time to Renew Your Membership (Form Included)

Upcoming Network Question for the Fall Reception:

"How does, or how could, the Women's Network enrich your life in the Upper Valley?"

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Women's Network of the Upper Valley (WNUV), I am delighted to invite you to our 2007-2008 program. WNUV activities include monthly evening meetings, a "Remarkable Women" luncheon series, a monthly e-newsletter, and a special Spring event. The Upper Valley is home to a treasure trove of women speakers who generously share their wide-ranging interests and expertise with us. Many of us equally value the rich discussion and networking that takes place at each event. We hope you'll add your perspective to the group!

The WNUV "season" begins at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, with our annual Fall Reception at Sheila Buckley's home (8 Weatherby Road in Hanover). The Reception is a purely networking event (no speaker) in which we reconnect after the summer hiatus and welcome new and potentially new members. **Please** invite your friends! A light buffet supper will be provided. Many thanks go to Sheila for so graciously opening up her home to us again.

Beginning in November, our evening programs are on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The first meeting will be at the Richard W. Black Recreation and Senior Center (across from the Hanover Co-op). Ingrid Moulton, a LEED accredited architect, will talk about "green" building design.

All other evening programs will be held in the Mayer Room of the Howe Library, also at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting includes a program (usually a speaker) and networking time during which we introduce ourselves, make community announcements, or talk about anything on our minds. Often a networking question is posed in advance to stimulate thinking about the program topic, but the networking can and often does go elsewhere!

Past President Judi Colla launched a very popular luncheon program three years ago in collaboration with Dartmouth College's Women's and Gender Studies Program. The first luncheon of the year will be on Monday, October 22. Sienna Craig, Associate Professor of Anthropology, has lived for many years in the Himalaya and Central Asia, and she will speak about her personal development while working with traditional Tibetan Medicine doctors there.

The WNUV also sends out a monthly newsletter that recaps recent programs, announces upcoming events, and passes along other items of general interest that members wish to contribute. We still hope to have a website in the near future, so we invite (beg, actually) web-savvy members to help us move this project along.

Please take a moment now to renew your membership. The annual dues (\$25) help us to publicize events, provide refreshments, and pursue special projects such as a website. Membership gives you access to our membership directory and gets you \$5 discounts for each of our three luncheons and the spring event. Please use the enclosed membership form and mail it, along with your check, to the Membership Chair, Alyssa Smith.

I look forward to seeing you on October 9th.

Sincerely,

Judy Music

Many thanks to last year's speakers:

Margarita Crocker—"A Journey of Transformation: From Physics to Healing Energy"

Antoinette Matlins – "Gems: Mystique and Mistakes"

Faith Beasley – "The Salon Movement in 17th Century France"

Jennifer Loros – "Mapping the Human Genome"

Betsy Morse – "The Windsor Women's Prison"

Jennifer Fluri – "Female Leadership in Afghanistan"

Carla Bailey – "Women's Spirituality and Meditation Disciplines"

Marysa Navarro – "Eva Peron: A Remarkable Woman"

Carol Bellamy – "Shaping the Future: The Need for Global Citizens"

News about and from past speakers:

Malalai Joya, the courageous young Afghanistani activist who spoke in a WNUV co-sponsored event March 2006, has been suspended from the Afghan Parliament for 3 years for openly criticizing fellow members of the Wolisi Jirga. Learn more at www.MalalaiJoya.com.

Joni Cole (co-editor of the day diary book, *This Day in the Life*) and Sarah Stewart Taylor (author of the Sweeney St. George mystery series) were speakers at two separate programs a few years ago, and now they are co-founders of the new Writers Center in White River Junction. Check out their website at www.TheWritersCenterWRJ.com. Congratulations!

Audrey McCollum, long-time member and popular WNUV speaker, has asked to share her insight into the N.H. race for a U.S. Senate seat: "The New Hampshire primary election will offer a tough choice when former Governor Jeanne Shaheen and Dr. Jay Buckey compete to replace John E. Sununu in the U.S. Senate. Although I usually support women as leaders, Shaheen's accomplishments as governor were disappointing. But as an astronaut and medical scientist, Dr. Buckey is experienced in turning concepts into realities. He opposed the Iraq war from the outset and favors a carefully orchestrated withdrawal of our troops. He gives highest priority to curbing global warming, saying in an interview 'All evidence points to very significant consequences' from our outpouring of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. "We're experimenting with the world climate—it's an uncontrolled experiment and we must stop.' He views development of alternative sources of energy, universal health care and economic opportunity for the middle class as urgent matters. Please explore his website (www.buckey08.com) and consider giving him your vote. Audrey McCollum, amccollum@valley.net."

Of interest to our members:

Speaking of elections (and how can we not?), The League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley is sponsoring a public policy forum on Thursday, October 4, at 4:30 p.m. in the Mayer Room of the Howe Library in Hanover. Joe Bafumi, Asst. Professor of Government at Dartmouth, will lead the forum. The topic sounds intriguing and timely: "Tuned In or Turned Off? How Campaigns Influence Our Vote." For more information, go to www.uppervalleyleague.org or email voterinfo@uppervalleyleague.org. (This was submitted by Evelyn Spiegel.)

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Core Changes

I would like to thank Mary Ann O'Connor for her service last year as Membership Chair. The new Membership Chair is Alyssa Smith, who fed us well for years as a member of the Hospitality committee. Welcome to your new position, Alyssa.

Remaining members of the Hospitality committee include Esther Colby and Kathy Sherrieb, who tirelessly tote urns and refreshments to every evening meeting. They would welcome another pair of helping hands for this job, so please consider volunteering. We should also note at this time the end of an era: we're getting a new coffee pot. Esther tells us that the "retiring" urn has been in service to the WNUV since 1979!

We would also like to welcome Polly Kislik to the Core as our new Publicity Chair. Like many of us (myself included), Polly comes from "elsewhere" and quickly found her way to the WNUV. She has simply jumped right in and volunteered her fine mind and energy. Thanks!

The biggest thank you, of course, goes to our outgoing President, Judi Colla. I've had the privilege of working with Judi on WNUV affairs for the past two years. Judi knows how to keep a Core of strong-minded and exuberant (and, yes, ladies, sometimes unfocussed—we know who we are) women on track. This she does with grace, humor, and groundedness (must be the Tai Chi). When she was Vice-President, she conceived of and then implemented the "Remarkable Women" luncheon series, now an important part of our annual programming. Her vision and hard work has, I believe, served the WNUV well, so please join me in giving my good friend many thanks. *Judy Music*

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Evening Programs

October 9

Fall Reception

November 13

“Green Buildings”
Ingrid Moulton

December 11

“Middle Eastern Dance”
Gina Capossela

January 8

TBDD

February 12

TBD

March 11

TBD

April 8

TBD

May

Spring Event
TBD

June

Potluck, Brainstorming, Elections

October 9, 6:00 p.m.

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Sheila Buckley’s home
8 Weatherby Road
Hanover, NH

“Remarkable Women” Luncheons

October 22

“Working with Tibetan Doctors—A Personal
Transformation”
Sienna Craig, Asst. Professor of Anthropology

January 21

“Women and Surrealism”
Katharine Conley, Professor of French

April 21

“Hildegard von Bingen”
Monika Otter, Assoc. Professor of English

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