



Wednesday, April 9th, 2014

4:30 – 6:30 pm

**Cedar Creek Room, Vermont State House
Montpelier, Vermont**

Remarks by:

VCW Commissioner Marion Milne

VCW Chair Marcia Merrill

Representatives from Our Congressional Delegation

Governor Madeleine Kunin

Governor Peter Shumlin

VCW Executive Director Cary Brown



"Men of Vermont, beware. The gals are getting organized to get a fair shake at home, on the job, in the courts and in the schools,"

wrote Burlington Free Press legislative beat reporter Vic Maerki back in December of 1964 about the first meeting of our Commission.

Enormous gains for women and girls have been made since then, in all areas: economic equity and security, leadership and public life, health and safety, civil and legal rights, and education and human development.

Vermont has often led the way in the advancement of progress for women and girls, progress which would not have occurred had it not been for people working together, figuring out what needed to be done, how best to do it and then making it happen.

The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) has served as the focal point for those gatherings for 50 years now. Thank you for joining us to celebrate our history, to appreciate those who have contributed to it, and to continue our work together.

Marcia Merrill, VCW Chair

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Building Bright Futures

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Central Vermont Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Division of Maternal and Child Health, Vermont Department of Health

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

League of Women Voters of Vermont

University of Vermont President's Commission on the Status of Women

Vermont Federation of Business and Professional Women

Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council

Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Vermont State Nurses Association

Vermont Women's Business Center

Vermont Works for Women

Voices for Vermont's Children

Women's Agricultural Network (WAgN)

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With heartfelt gratitude

To all who have contributed their

Time
Passion
Intelligence
Humor
Money
Talents
Direction
Support
Connections
Skills
Vision
Expertise
Guidance
Energy

The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is a non-partisan state agency working to advance rights and opportunities for women and girls. Sixteen volunteer commissioners, along with representatives from organizations concerned with women's issues, guide the VCW's public education, coalition building, and advocacy efforts. VCW offers many services to the public, including a toll-free information and referral service at 800-881-1561 and many publications, including *The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont* handbook.

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