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Focus on Women Resource Fair ~ Supporting Women Twenty-two Years and Counting

By Linda Skjerly

Focus on Women is an annual day of exhibits, workshops and information for women which will be held on Thursday, April 27th from 3:30-8:00 p.m. at the Juneau Community Center. We continue with our mission “to empower women of the area to obtain information and resources that continually help to enrich their quality of life.”

The theme this year, “**Choose Happiness**” will leave women with a new realization that life is meant to be enjoyed during every age and stage of their lives.

There will be 3 presentations with the first beginning at 4:15 p.m. “**Inner Voices-Smart Choices**” is a motivational program that promotes life balance, relationships, communication and stress reduction. Mary Faktor’s blend of humorous anecdotes, thought-provoking poetry and overhead cartoons makes this inspirational and educational workshop unforgettable and life changing!

The second presentation “**Happiness in Every Bite**” begins at 5:30 p.m. which is a fun filled food demonstration by Chef Chasse of the Juneau Community Center. Watch and learn ways to jazz up those comfort foods that bring joy and happiness to your every bite.

The final keynote address, “**The Six Ages of Women**” will leave audience members with plenty of laughs. In Mary Faktor’s one-woman comedy show, her character “Vicki” is always on the telephone with her best friend, Madge. The audience eavesdrops on six phone calls. In the first, Vicki is a teenager excited about a boy who’s asked her out. The second call shows she’s an excited newlywed. Meanwhile, Madge has joined an international travel agency, and from that point forward, Madge’s calls are from exotic parts of the world. The third call reveals Vicki is pregnant with her first child. She plans to be the perfect mother who will never yell at her children, nor will they ever eat sugar. As the performance progresses, it parallels many real life situations with hilarious results. Vicki continues her metamorphosis to stay-at-home mom of toddlers, menopausal career women, and ultimately a happy retiree. The show’s

universal humor appeals to women of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds. Faktor's unique, funny performance leaves audience members with plenty of belly laughs, as well as a new realization that despite our individual challenges, life is meant to be enjoyed.

Mary Faktor, originally from Chicago, is a two-time graduate of the Second City. She is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television & Radio artists. Mary is featured in several films including *American Splendor* (with Paul Giamatti), *The Winner Is* (with Jerry Springer) and *LUX IN TENEBRIS* (with Eric Roberts). She is the owner of Faktor's Talent Network, a variety talent agency for clean-cut entertainers and speakers.

In addition to the presentations, exhibits are available for women to obtain information on health education, services provided by area agencies as well as products and therapies to "pamper" women. Perhaps most importantly, the event serves as an opportunity for women to network, share experiences, and empower each other.

In between the speakers, participants will have the opportunity to visit exhibits and participate in a "Minute to Win It" competition.

The event on Thursday, April 27th runs from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Juneau Community Center and the registration fee of \$10.00 will include a luncheon made by Chef Chanse.

The Focus on Women Resource Day is planned by a collaboration of non-profit agencies and community members, who have a passion in reaching out to members of the community. Some of the organizations involved throughout the years include Beaver Dam Community Hospital, Dodge County Health and Human Services, UW Extension, Moraine Park Technical College, Dodge County Housing, the YMCA of Dodge County, and community members at large.

Registrations for the Focus on Women Resource Fair are required. Registration must include name, phone and email of all persons attending and a \$10.00 non-refundable per person registration fee.

Checks made payable to: BDCH Focus on Women. Mail registrations to: Dodge County Housing Authority, 491 East Center Street, Juneau, WI 53039. For more information, please call Kim at 920-386-2866 or Linda at 920-210-7188.



Mary Faktor