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1. Join Gifts of Speech on Facebook!



Gifts of Speech is now on Facebook! Join us there to see and post links to videos of women's speeches, share links to interesting articles on

women's issues (especially positive news!) and to get to know other GoS readers by starting or joining discussions.

Facebook is a social utility that connects people with friends and others who work, study and live around them. People use Facebook to keep up with friends, upload an unlimited number of photos, share links and videos, and learn more about the people they meet.

Anyone can join Facebook All that's needed to join Facebook is a valid email address. To connect with coworkers or classmates, use your school or work email address to register. Once you register, join a regional network to connect with the people in your area.

Facebook is made up of many networks, each based around a company, region, or school. Join the networks that reflect your real-life communities

to learn more about the people who work, live, or study around you.

If you don't already have a Facebook page, why not join now? It's free and fun. Hope to see you there!

Link: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20539978940>

2. Women's Equality Day 2008

Women's Equality Day is August 26, 2008. This year marks the 88th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

From the National Organization for Women's website:

"Sign this petition to the prospective 2008 presidential candidates -- urge them to make women's equality a major component of their campaigns."

Please take a look at the petition, and if you agree with it, sign on to add your voice, at the link below.

Link: <http://www.now.org/issues/election/equality-day-petition.html/>

3. Women for John McCain





[Women for John McCain](#) is a satirical, humorous website which undercuts John McCain's presidential campaign while seeming at first glance to support him.

The site is particularly notable for its slick professional appearance and the insistence of its editors on reporting only factual incidents.

From the site:

John McCain is the candidate with years, and years, and years of experience taking positions on women - and when it comes to women's issues, no candidate has as many issues with women as John McCain!

Join the victory effort! Email us at victory@womenforjohnmccain.com with your news tips and facts on John McCain's positions on women's issues and other news women voters will want to know about John McCain! **But please, make sure to include links to valid news articles and other references to verify the truthiness of any submissions - here at Women for John McCain, our mission is to disseminate the facts about John McCain, not make up stories - with John McCain's impressive record on women's issues, there's simply no need.**

Read their About page at the link

below.

Link: http://www.womenforjohnmccain.com/?page_id=22

4. Bill Bolsters Tribal Power To Prosecute

The Justice Department estimates that 1 in 3 Native American women will be raped in her lifetime, and most victims who do report their assaults describe their attackers as non-Native. Legally, tribal authorities can do little to stop them. Chickasaw Tribal Police Chief Jason O'Neal told NPR in 2007 that "many of the criminals know Indian lands are almost a lawless community that they can do whatever they want." (*From NPR*)

On Wednesday, July 23rd, bills were introduced in the House and Senate that are intended to empower tribal governments to address crimes that take place on their lands, and, among other aims, to "reduce the prevalence of violent crime in tribal communities and to combat violence against Indian and Alaska Native women."

Read the first of the 3-part report on crimes against native women perpetrated by non-native men at the link below.

Link: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=92833011>

5. August Site of the Month

[The Depilex Smileagain Foundation](#)

was conceptualized in 2003 as a support and assistance group for women who are victims of domestic violence with special emphasis in the area of acid and kerosene burns. DSF is at present successfully working and managing the medical/surgical component of this project in Pakistan with the help of its counterpart, Smileagain, Italy. DSF is committed to providing the survivors not only with medical care and assistance but also an adequate chance to become productive, self reliant members of the society that has ostracized them.

DSF provides victims with essential first-aid treatment, appropriate medical attention and reconstructive surgery, psychological/ psychiatric support, shelter and vocational training. They also create social awareness and sensitivity, working towards the complete eradication of this heinous crime.

Read this [CNN article](#) about the ways in which women who survive burnings and acid attacks in Pakistan have been helped by DSF.

Depilex Smileagain's objectives are:

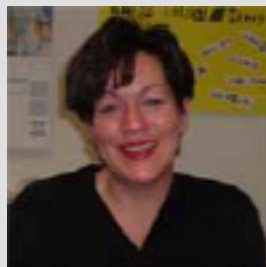
- To educate the public about violence against women with emphasis on acid & kerosene burn victims.
- To voice concern collectively in order to try to put an end to this felony.
- To provide an impetus to the government to implement and

enforce legislation.

- To set up a legal representation cell.
- To provide medical treatment and reconstructive surgery for the survivors.
- To make support available in the form of psychological and psychiatric assistance, in order to facilitate social reintegration of the survivors.
- To set up a rehabilitation centre to house the survivors and provide vocational training to enable them to become self sufficient.
- To create a volunteer workers support group to interact with the victims and help them to be re-absorbed in the mainstream society.
- To help with job placement for the survivors.

Visit Depilex Smileagain at the link below.

Link: <http://www.depilexsmileagain.com/>



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