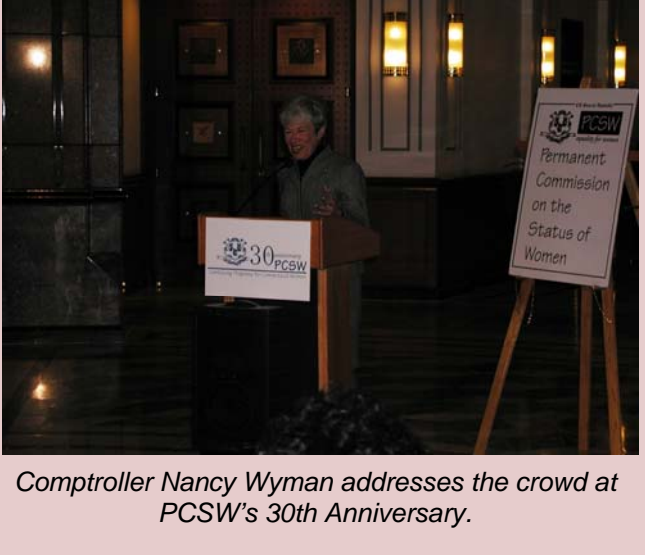


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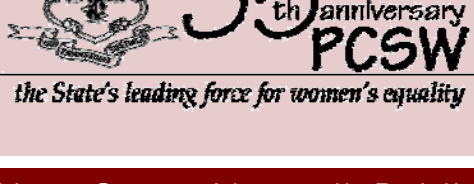
## PCSW Celebrates 35 Years!

The year 2008 marks PCSW's 35th year as **the State's leading force for women's equality!** There will be many opportunities throughout the year for you to join us in celebration. Mark your calendars today for these upcoming events, and keep an eye out for additional details in future newsletters and on our website:



Comptroller Nancy Wyman addresses the crowd at PCSW's 30th Anniversary.

- January 23, 2008 [Public Hearing: Getting to a Better Tomorrow](#)
- February 21, 2008 [Making Women Visible Day](#)
- February 29, 2008 [Women in the Trades Networking Event](#)
- March 1-31, 2008 Women's History Month (details to come on our website)
- April 22, 2008 Pay Equity Day (information below)



## Share Your Story—Norwalk Public Hearing

PCSW's next **Public Hearing will be January 23, 2008 at Norwalk Community College from 6:00- 8:00 PM.** Join us and tell us **YOUR** story. If you can't attend the hearing we'd still like to hear from you. Instructions for submitting written testimony can be found on the second page of our event flyer. We hope to hear from you soon!

[View the event flyer.](#)

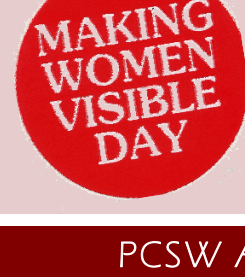
## Making Women Visible Day 2008

Dig out your red blazer and join us! PCSW will host its 15th Annual Making Women Visible Day on Thursday, February 21, 2008. This year our theme is "Building Towards a Better Tomorrow." We will start the day with our traditional press conference and release of our legislative agenda. We are excited this year to be joined by keynote speaker Stacey Tisdale, an on air financial journalist and writer of the book, *The True Cost of Happiness: The Real Story Behind Managing Your Money.*



Making Women Visible Day  
 Thursday, February 21, 2008  
 10:00AM—12:00PM  
 Legislative Office Building Room 1D

If you can't attend our Hartford event, we encourage you to wear red in your workplace, home, and community in support of Making Women Visible Day.



- [Read Stacey Tisdale's Bio.](#)
- [Download the Save the Date flyer.](#)

## PCSW Announces its 2008 Legislative Agenda

As the State's leading force for women's equality, the PCSW provides information, research and analysis to elected officials and the public regarding issues affecting the status of women. The bills we testify on are representative of our priority issues. This year our priority issues include:

- Economic and financial security;
- Health and safety

[Read PCSW's 2008 Legislative Priorities.](#)

[Visit PCSW's Legislative webpage.](#)



In addition, the Young Women's Leadership Program (YWLP) has identified its own legislative priority issues for the year. Keeping with PCSW's focus on economic and financial security, discrimination, and health and safety, the YWLP's priorities pay particular attention to those issues as they affect women between the ages of 18 and 35.

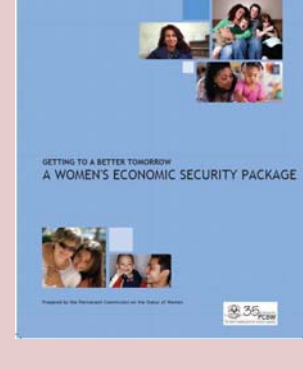


[View the YWLP's Legislative Priorities.](#)

[Learn more about the Young Women's Leadership Program.](#)

## Getting to A Better Tomorrow: A Women's Economic Security Package

Following the release of the full report of "Overlooked and Undercounted: Where Connecticut Stands" last month, we are excited to release our economic security package, accompanied by the Executive Summary of the report. The package contains three parts:



- Workforce development and education
- Business, economic and asset development
- Income, work supports and good workplaces

This package lays the framework for improving the lives of women and making Connecticut a greater economic force.

[Read the package.](#)

## A Message for Our Talent Bank Members

As you may know, the PCSW has been working hard this past year to convert our Talent Bank listings into a searchable, online database with access made available to the Governor and legislative leaders. The new electronic database will provide these appointing authorities improved information about qualified candidates in our Talent Bank. We are hoping it will be an enhanced tool for promoting equity in representation on state boards and commissions.

The database is scheduled for release to the legislative appointing authorities and the Governor this month! However, we are still missing important information from many of you. If we do not have all the required information from you, our work study student, Erin, will contact you soon. Please keep in mind that although you have provided us with similar information in the past, we are now looking for even greater detail about you.

After receiving feedback directly from the appointing authorities, we know what type of information they need when considering potential candidates, and we'd like to provide them all information necessary to help you get appointed.

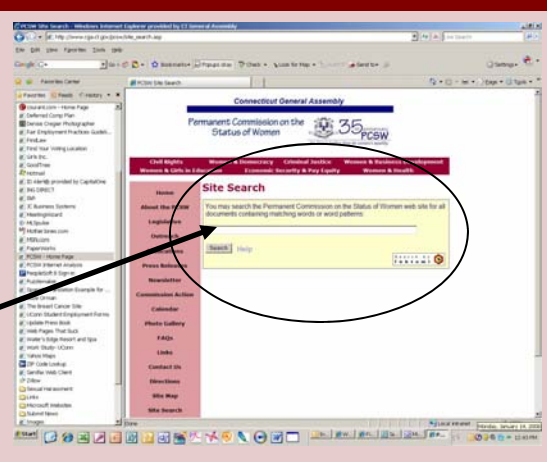
Thank you for being patient with us as we update our records. We are committed to promoting consideration of qualified women to all levels of government positions and know that the new database will be an excellent tool in achieving this goal.

Not a member yet? [Join now.](#)

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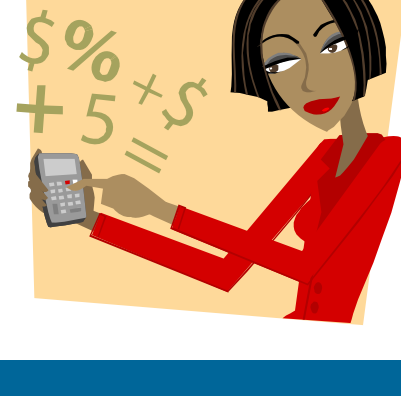
## New Feature on PCSW's Website

In our ever-improving efforts to be the best resource for information on women's equality in Connecticut, PCSW's website is now **searchable!** Combined with our detailed navigation and drop down menus, our newest feature will help you find exactly what you're looking for.



Try it out now! [Search our website.](#)

## Pay Equity Day



Mark your calendars! **Tuesday, April 22, 2008 is Pay Equity Day.** As part of its focus on women's economic and financial security, the PCSW is planning statewide events around the issue. Look for a special feature outlining all the events for Pay Equity Day in the March edition of PCSW News!

The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) was established by the State Legislature in 1973. Thirteen appointed volunteer Commissioners and four legislative members join a staff and volunteers to work to eliminate sex discrimination in Connecticut. They are to inform leaders about the nature and scope of discrimination, to serve as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women, to promote consideration of women for governmental positions, and to work with state agencies to access programs and practices as they affect women.

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