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## Retired State Senator to Present History of Women in Politics

**June 15, 2023** -- Retired State Senator Judy Robson will present a historical perspective and narrative on the amazing and challenging journey of women in politics and in the State Legislature at 1 p.m. Monday, June 19 at Grinnell Hall Senior Center.

Robson will weave examples and stories from her 21 years in the legislature where she served as both the first Democrat woman Senate Majority Leader and Minority Leader.

On this historical journey, Judy will review the early struggles of women political leaders, gender contradictions and obstacles. She will discuss their impact - both positive and negative - on politics and the legislature in a time when both parties got along. Senator Robson will pull back the velvet legislative curtains to provide a behind the scenes peak at legislative intrigues, campaigns and stories.

Robson, RN, is a graduate of St. John College, Cleveland, Ohio. She received her Master's Degree at UW-Madison and was a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. She served in the State Assembly from 1987 to 1998 and the State Senate 1998-2011. Robson has three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and lives in Beloit.

Robson received many awards and recognitions including the Beloit Dally News HEADLINER AWARD; City of Beloit public recognition proclamation; American Heart Association: Heart saver award; Wisconsin Council of Senior Citizens.

This program is free and open to the public. Please register for the program by calling Grinnell Hall at 608-364-2875. Grinnell Hall is located at 631 Bluff St. Beloit, WI 53511.