

# 'Unhappy Hour' publicizes

■ Women still make only 75 percent as much as men

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In 2004, women only made an estimated 75 percent of the money men made; it took

from Jan. 1 until today for women to make up the difference from the past year's pay gap.

To recognize the gap, nine local groups are hosting an organized march on High Street today at 4:15 p.m. beginning at Massulo's Cleaners, said Barbara Evans Fleischauer, a local political activist who will

attend the events.

At the conclusion of the march, Madeleine's Restaurant will host an "Unhappy Hour" from 4:30-7:30 p.m. offering discounts to women.

There are two different aspects as to why men make considerably more than women in a year, one being that for the same job and the

same time worked, men still make more money per hour, Fleischauer said.

The other problem is that women and men traditionally enter certain fields, and female-dominated fields such as teaching, social work and nursing are underpaid, she said.

"The sad part is the pay gap

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is decreasing because women are being encouraged to enter higher-paid careers, but men aren't being encouraged to enter these other fields ... they are too underpaid," Fleischauer said.

Fleischauer said the aforementioned jobs are important, and without people filling the positions, there might

be a strong negative effect, including lower education levels and more cases of child abuse.

Tashia Thompson, owner of Madeline's, said the restaurant will be offering women appetizers for 75 percent of the price, reflecting the wage gap between men and women.

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"Since (women) get paid 27 percent less, everything should be cheaper for us," Fleischauer said. "We really want people to come and we want people to think about how we can change this in West Virginia."

Other political activists, including Morgantown Mayor Ron Justice, will participate in the march.

"I'm going to show support for what they are trying to get across - there is unequal pay between genders," Justice said. "Especially in the Morgantown area, women are a base for economic leadership and development."