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Despite a media image of pros-perous older women, one in four American women over 65 is poor. Social Security benefits alone are not enough to keep women out of mental property, yet one in five older wom-en have no other source of income. Young women today are more likely than women in the past to remain single all their lives, mar-y later, or become divorced. Any of these situations, coupled with increasing longevity, means that tomorrow's older women will have been unmarried for more of their lives and thus, potentially, lose economic security. OWL's national agends, set by its members, consists of educa-tional and advocacy issues such as Social Security reform, pension rights, job discrimination, univer-sal access to health care, family casicitives, eradicating violence.

curegivers, eradicating violence, federal budget priorities, housing,

and staying in control to the end of life.

If America's retirement system worked as it should, the limitations of the Social Security system might not be so disastrous for women. For example, Social Security and pensions are not constructed to accommodate the way women work. Women are the traditional family cargivers and that responsibility is still diving the way they work.

They are more likely than men to stay home to care for their children and sick or elderly relatives. The current American retirement system punishes these women instead of supporting or rewarding them.

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OWL is the first and only national, nonprofit, grassroots, membership organization whose sole mission is to address the special concerns and needs of women

as they age. OWL's programs and activities spring from one encom-passing vision: mature women in control of their lives, managing their health, their problems and their needs with dignity, strength, and independence.

their needs with dignity, strength, and independence. You are encouraged to join OWL. If you'd like more information, please call Virginia Nivoll, OWL. Michigan President, at 474-3094, or attend a Farmington OWL chapter meeting. The next one will be an annual Holiday hunch-auction on Sunday, Dec. 3 at Botaford Inn. Watch the Observer Calendar of Events for complete details. Doris Austerberry, has been a Farmington area resident for 13 years, a gerontologist, a member of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Aging and and ternate to the White House Conference on Aging.



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