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Present the 13th Annual Women's Fund Fall Luncheon

Jean Feraca

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When: Friday, November 5, 2010

Where: UW-L Valhalla Hall

Time: 11 a.m. Registration
11:30 a.m. Program

Cost: Tickets $30 until October 15th
Tickets $35 after October 15th

To Order: Call the Women's Fund at 608.780.5710

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"Half the Sky"

Host Jean Feraca is a 27-year veteran of public talk radio in the United States. She brings to her work the unique sensibility of a poet/humanist/journalist, combined with a lively personal style and a sense of adventure, discovery, and delight perfectly suited to creating global on-air community. Jean is Wisconsin Public Radio's Distinguished Senior Broadcaster and has been host and co-producer of the Ideas Network's award-winning call-in news and cultural affairs program, *Conversations with Jean Feraca*, from 1990 to 2003. In 2003, she started her new daily program *Here On Earth*.

Jean's new book, *"I Hear Voices: A Memoir of Love, Death, and the Radio,"* has been selected as the winner of this year's Kingery/Derleth Booklength Nonfiction Award, sponsored by the Council for Wisconsin Writers. It was also named an Outstanding Book by the American Association of School Librarians, and one of the year's Best Books for General Audiences by the Public Library Association. Other books written by Jean include *Conversations with Jean Feraca*, her first book of poems, *South From Rome: Il Mezzogiorno, The Dream Book*, and *Crossing the Great Divide.*

In l996 Jean was named the lead poet in a major public series commissioned by Wisconsin's Dane County Cultural Affairs. She is a member of Poets and Writers, Inc. and is listed in the *International Who's Who in Poetry*, and *Who's Who in American Writers, Editors and Poets*. Also in 1996, she was featured as "A Woman for Lears," in Lears Magazine. Madison Magazine named her one of its "10 Most Talented." Jean was the recipient of The Nation's l975 Discovery Award and was named "one of the most promising poets of her generation."

Jean holds a B.A. cum laude in English from Manhattanville College and M.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan and completed the course work toward her Ph.D. A native of New York, Feraca has lived in Italy and has traveled extensively in Europe, the Mediterranean, Mexico, Canada, the Carribean, and the Amazon. She has two sons and now lives in Madison. Wisconsin.

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