December 2019

The Time is Now
for Generation Equality and
the end of violence against
women.

Bring some friends and join us
for our local GCC initiative and
largest fundraiser of the year:

Walk With Us

A community walk to support
UN Women programs to end violence.

Click here to Register For The Walk
WALK WITH US
Support Initiatives to End Violence Against Women

UN Women USA Gulf Coast Chapter
Community Walk to Eliminate Violence Against Women

Saturday, February 1, 2020, from 9-10:30 am
Sarasota Payne Park, 2050 Adams Lane

Register at https://unwomenusa.rallybound.org/gccwinterwalk
Virtual walkers welcome!
For more information, contact Debby Jennings at debbyjennings@msn.com.

Help create a world where women are free from discrimination and violence.

All proceeds benefit UN Women USA, an independent, non-profit, 501c3 organization that supports programs which promote social, political and economic equality for women and girls spanning countries around the globe.

Walkers please join us at 9 am for a short walk followed by a brief program at Café in the Park. Food and drink will be available for sale.

For more information about the UN Women USA Gulf Coast Chapter, visit unwomenusa.org/gcc

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March 6, 7 and 8

- For our 21st year, TWE kicks-off with an Opening Night Party March 6 at Burns Court Cinema followed by two days of films at Regal Hollywood 11 Cinemas on Main Street, Sarasota.
- TWE is thrilled to introduce a new Emerging Filmmakers Showcase on Saturday night, March 7. In post-film panel discussions, filmmakers will share their experiences.
- Celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) Sunday, March 8, along with our Fabulous Filmmakers’ Reception, this year with an awards ceremony. IWD, celebrated globally for more than 100 years, highlights the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women - a perfect complement to our filmmakers’ reception and panel discussion. Locally, GCC is one of the only organizations to celebrate IWD.
- And for our long-time Through Women's Eyes supporters...YES! We have a new logo that is as dynamic and contemporary as our film festival.
Each year, TWE has a fantastic showing with **sold-out** films, a growing and enthusiastic fan base, and incredible support from the community and local media. YOUR support helps GCC and UN Women make cities more livable, encourages women to achieve economic freedom, builds political leadership skills, and ends violence against women and girls.

**Tickets and Information:** [THROUGHWOMENSEYESES](#)

A sneak peak at two of our films:

"Driving Lessons"

According to the laws of Iran, Bahareh must have her traditional, chauvinistic husband accompany her to driving lessons so she and her instructor will not be alone.
"Cargo"

On 26 August 2015, a human trafficker convoy transports 71 refugees in a truck through Hungary and lets them suffocate to death. The true story is based on the cell phone protocols of the human traffickers published in 2017.
GCC is Teaming Up With Second Chance Last Opportunity!

Donate now to support dads - and HeForShe - here in Sarasota

GCC and Second Chance Last Opportunity (SCLO) are hosting a HeForShe dinner dance, a program encouraging men - fathers, uncles, stepfathers, brothers - to support the aspirations and gender equality of the young women in their lives.

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This February dinner/dance will engage SCLO community members to be supportive male role models and advocate for gender equality as well as celebrate the aspirations of young women. To learn more about SCLO: secondchancelastopportunity.org

We need your help. Our effort is modest but, with your help, our impact will be huge! Get HeForShe moving by supporting this important Sarasota event!

Support: For Information/To Donate

GCC 2019-2020 SEASON
Upcoming Events at GCC WEBSITE

January 26, Sunday:
Community Conversation on the Environment and Gender
2 p.m. at Bookstore1, Sarasota
Register for this FREE event: BOOKSTORE1

February 1, Saturday:
Walk With Us
Community walk to raise awareness about violence against women and girls
9 a.m. at Payne Park, Sarasota
Click here: REGISTER FOR WALK

February 29, Saturday:
A HeForShe Community Event with Second Chance Last Opportunity

March 6,7,8, Weekend:
Through Women's Eyes International Film Festival
International Women's Day Celebration
Ticket packages now available: THROUGHWOMENSEYES.COM

Gulf Coast Chapter Book Club
This active book club meets every second Monday at the Sarasota North County Library from 2:30 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Leita Kaldi Davis, Lkaldi@hotmail.com.

Book Selections:
January  Laila Lalami. "The Other Americans" (Morocco/USA)
February  Olga Tokarczuk, "Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead" (Nobel Prize recipient, 2019)

About Your Donations
UN WOMEN is the UN organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide.

UN Women supports global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programs and services needed to implement these standards.

UN Women stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life, focusing on five priority areas:

- increasing women's leadership and participation
- ending violence against women
- engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes
- enhancing women's economic empowerment
- making gender equality central to national development planning and budgeting

Your Gulf Coast Chapter
For more information, click here:
Gulf Coast Chapter Website

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For membership, contact Cathy Berna at 941-923-1050  cadberna@msn.com

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