February 2020

**Through Women’s Eyes 2020 International Film Festival**

**Groundbreaking Films By and About Women**

March 6-8, 2020
- Directors Panels
- Emerging Filmmakers Showcase
- Filmmakers Reception on International Women’s Day

Tickets/packages on sale now at throughwomenseyes.com

SEE TICKETS INFO AND TRAILERS HERE
March 6, 7 and 8

- For our 21st year, TWE kicks off with an Opening Night Party Friday, 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 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 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. International dress is encouraged.

Here are two of our 37 films:
QUEEN OF HEARTS - Documentary Feature
Saturday, March 7, 4:45 p.m.
Director: Deborah Shaffer, Rachel Reichman
USA/ 75 Min
Feminist, rebel, mother, sculptor, teacher, and famed artist Audrey Flack's 40-year career evolved from abstract expressionism in the 1950s to photorealism in the 1970s. One of the first women ever included in the famed Janson's History of Art, Audrey, at 88, is still creating, exploring, and inspiring with her unique style and indomitable spirit.

https://youtu.be/QGFRTwNPVUg
Fans of Heather Booth, a TWE exclusive two years ago, will love seeing Heather again here in this exploration of the Midwest Access Coalition and Jane, two organizations supporting women as they struggle with barriers to safe abortions.

Trailers also running on Facebook. Click on the FB icon:
Walk With Us: The Power of Community

Each year, this fun event begins early with our always-successful online fundraising campaign. This past Saturday, about 70 people braved the rain to gather in beautiful Payne Park to help raise awareness about Violence Against Women. A number of community groups joined us to support mutual work that benefits women and girls: SPAARC, Planned Parenthood, Zonta, League of Women Voters, Dining for Women, and Moms Demand Action. Proceeds support UN Women programs to eradicate violence against women and girls. Donations still being welcomed: DONATE TO UN WOMEN

Link to SNN News Story

Thank you to Simone Steiff, owner of Cafe in the Park, for her support of our walk each year.
Simone opens her lovely cafe, providing a welcome space for our event and offering our walkers delicious homemade food and beverages.
A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT GENDER EQUALITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

From left: Chris Serio Martin, Debi Osborne, Scott Osborne and Heather O'Leary
Local UN Women USA Partnerships:

GCC is Teaming Up With Second Chance Last Opportunity!

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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.

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
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**

Events at [GCC WEBSITE](#)

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](#)

Saturday, October 17, 2020
Issue-oriented Fall Lunch
Sarasota Yacht Club

**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.

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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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