

Dear Residents

I am pleased to present this Special Edition of City Highlights focusing on our second annual *Women's Leadership Conference: It IS All About You!* This year, our goal is to expand leadership opportunities for women in West Hollywood during a time when we are all witnessing a sea change in how we define those whom we see as our leaders.

Leadership is a personal and professional quality that is an essential ingredient to success. Strong leadership skills are useful in all aspects of a person's life. The 2008 Women's Leadership Conference recognizes the diverse ways in which women can nurture and expand their leadership ability.

Our first Women's Leadership Conference was a great success, very informative and a lot of fun for everyone who participated. If you are interested in participating in this increasingly popular program, I encourage you to register in advance.

Leadership is an important skill for both our professional and personal lives and is something that each of us can develop. Attending the City's Women's Leadership Conference is an excellent start!

And finally, save the date for the "Gay Men's Forum: The Body and Soul of the Community" on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Plummer Park. Find information about this event on the back page of this issue of Highlights.

Sincerely,
Paul Arevalo,
City Manager

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HIGHLIGHTS

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2008

SPECIAL EDITION

INFORMATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WEST HOLLYWOOD WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

It IS All About You!

Kicks Off on Friday March 21, 2008

In an unprecedented year during these unprecedented times, the City of West Hollywood will sponsor its second annual *Women's Leadership Conference: It IS All About You!* as part of Women's History Month in March. This year's much-anticipated *Women's Leadership Conference: It IS All About You!* is designed to inspire and encourage women who live, work or own a business in West Hollywood to embrace the wide variety of leadership opportunities available in both their professional and personal lives.

The two-day event will kick off with a Power Breakfast co-hosted by Step Up Women's Network on Friday, March 21, 2008 beginning at 8 a.m. at Wolfgang Puck's Red Seven Restaurant at the Pacific Design Center, 8687 Melrose Avenue in West Hollywood. Later that evening, there will be an exclusive screening of the acclaimed documentary "The 11th Hour" at 7 p.m. in the Silver Screen Theater at the Pacific Design Center. A panel discussion and dessert reception will follow the screening.

The 2-day conference will culminate with the all-day Women's Leadership Conference, which will focus on business and career opportunities for women; leadership skills development; and personal development. This year's West Hollywood *Women's Leadership Conference: It IS All About You!* will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hyatt West Hollywood, 8401 Sunset Boulevard. A \$25 registration fee covers the conference and lunch.

"The 11th Hour" is a film about how our daily habits impact the earth's ecosystems and what we can do to change course. Written and directed by Leila Conners Petersen and Nadia Conners, and produced and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, the film features interviews with experts from all over the world, including former Soviet Prime Minister Mikhail Gorbachev,

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Leonardo DiCaprio while filming "The 11th Hour," a Warner Independent Pictures release.

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West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference 2008 It *IS* All About You!

Friday, March 21, 2008

at the Pacific Design Center,
8687 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood

8 A.M.	POWER BREAKFAST WITH STEP UP WOMEN'S NETWORK at Wolfgang Puck's Red Seven Restaurant	Cost: \$15
7 P.M.	CONFERENCE WELCOME & KICK OFF • Film Screening "The 11th Hour" at the Silver Screen Theater • Special Performance by the Hollywood Master Chorale	Free
9 P.M.	PANEL DISCUSSION ON "THE 11TH HOUR"	
9:30 P.M.	DESSERT RECEPTION	

Saturday, March 22, 2008

at the Hyatt West Hollywood,
8401 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood

8 A.M.	CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION	Cost: \$25
8:30 A.M.	EARLY BIRD WORKSHOPS	
9:00 A.M.	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	
9:30 A.M.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION • Welcome from the Mayor and City Council • Global leaders panel of women who are making a difference in the world through their leadership efforts	
11 A.M.	WORKSHOP SESSION A	
12:15 P.M.	LUNCHEON WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS	
2 P.M.	WORKSHOP SESSION B	
3:15 P.M.	WORKSHOP SESSION C	
4:30 P.M.	CONFERENCE CLOSING SESSION Special Performance by <i>Books with Feet</i> hosted by OBJECT	

GENERAL SESSIONS

OPENING SESSION: Profiles in Global Leadership: How Women are Changing our World

LUNCH SESSION: Leadership In Action: In Her Honor — A Call to Service

CLOSING SESSION: It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It (an interactive salon)

WORKSHOP TRACK 1 BIZ & CAREER FOCUS

This workshop track focuses on dynamic business and career opportunities for women.

SESSION A: Women in the Arts: Designing the Creative City of West Hollywood

SESSION B: She's the Boss! Women Entrepreneurs

SESSION C: Getting Bizzy! How To Start Your Business Today

WORKSHOP TRACK 2 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

This workshop track focuses on developing practical leadership skills and the tools needed to be an effective leader.

SESSION A: Leadership Toolkit: How to Get Paid Your Worth and Other Valuable Skills

SESSION B: Leadership Toolkit: Find a Mentor in 10 Minutes or Less!

SESSION C: Leadership Toolkit: Your Pathway Through Volunteerism

WORKSHOP TRACK 3 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

This workshop track focuses on ways to create a personal leadership development plan.

EARLY BIRD: Take The Green Challenge: Easy & Cheap Ways to Do Your Part!

EARLY BIRD: Your Wellness Plan: Get Moving Now!

SESSION A: Your Wellness Plan: Love Your Heart!

SESSION B: Women & Money: Managing Your Finances Through the Phases of Your Life

SESSION C: How to Set and Achieve Your Goals in Your Career and In Your Life

EARLY BIRD WORKSHOPS

EARLY BIRD

Take the Green Challenge: Easy & Cheap Ways to Do Your Part!

Transform your eco-footprint! Simple and accessible ways to incorporate eco-friendly practices into your life and help save the environment.

EARLY BIRD

Your Wellness Plan: Get Moving Now!

An instructor-led workshop designed to help you develop your personal daily wellness plan for optimum health and stress management.

GENERAL SESSIONS

OPENING SESSION

Profiles in Global Leadership: How Women are Changing our World

Women are making a difference in the world through their leadership efforts.

LUNCH GENERAL SESSION

Leadership In Action: In Her Honor — A Call to Service

Women elected officials will candidly discuss why they serve and the importance of supporting other women.

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It

Books with Feet, an interactive salon led by OBJECT, about relationships and sexuality in the workplace.

WORKSHOP TRACK

1

Biz & Career Focus

This workshop track focuses on dynamic business and career opportunities for women.

SESSION A

Women in the Arts: Designing the Creative City of West Hollywood

Lively discussion with several women in the art and design community in West Hollywood and in the region.

SESSION B

She's the Boss! Women Entrepreneurs

Meet women entrepreneurs who have created unique opportunities for themselves in the business world and who will share specific recommendations for women interested in starting a business.

SESSION C

Getting Bizzy! How to Start Your Business Today!

"How to" information to help you overcome fears and make that leap into entrepreneurship.

WORKSHOP TRACK

2

Leadership Development

This workshop track focuses on developing practical leadership skills and the tools needed to be an effective leader.

SESSION A

Leadership Toolkit: How to Get Paid Your Worth and Other Valuable Skills

Learn critical communication and negotiation skills and tips that women need to achieve greater success at work and in business.

SESSION B

Leadership Toolkit: Find a Mentor in 10 Minutes or Less!

Eliminate the intimidation factor and make the connection with several potential mentors in a fun and interactive workshop conducted speed dating style.

SESSION C

Leadership Toolkit: Your Pathway Through Volunteerism

Representatives from several non-profit organizations discuss great leadership and skill development opportunities and how to get the most from your volunteer experience.

WORKSHOP TRACK

3

Personal Development

This workshop track focuses on ways to create a personal leadership development plan.

SESSION A

Your Wellness Plan: Love Your Heart!

Leading women's heart health experts and advocates provide important information you need to know to protect yourself from heart disease, the number one killer of women in the United States.

SESSION B

Women & Money: Managing Your Finances Through the Phases of Your Life

Expert financial planning information to enable you to better control your financial destiny.

SESSION C

How to Set and Achieve Your Goals in Your Career and in Your Life

An interactive trainer-led workshop on goal setting techniques.



**Documentary
“Ten More
Good Years”
to be Screened
on Tuesday,
March 18, 2008
at the Renberg
Theatre**

The City of West Hollywood will host a screening of the documentary film “Ten More Good Years” on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Renberg Theatre in The Village at Ed Gould Plaza located at 1125 North McCadden Place in Los Angeles. A panel discussion with filmmakers Michael Jacoby, Ivy Bottini, John Angelo and Mark Supper will immediately follow the screening. The film “Ten More Good Years” deals with the effects of aging in the Gay and Lesbian community. Admission is free.

For more information, please contact Jeff Book at (323) 848-6471. For the deaf and hard of hearing, please call (323) 848-6496

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renowned scientist Stephen Hawking, and former head of the CIA R. James Woolsey. Admission to “The 11th Hour” screening is free.

For more information and to RSVP to the screening of “The 11th Hour,” please call (323) 848-6840. For more information about the *Women’s Leadership Conference: It IS All About You!*, please call (323) 848-6840 or visit www.weho.org/WLC2008 To register for the Power Breakfast, please call (213) 382-8013 or visit www.suwn.org Advanced registration is required. For the deaf and hard of hearing please call (323) 848-6496.

City to Sponsor “A Gay Men’s Forum: The Body and Soul of the Community” on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Plummer Park

The City of West Hollywood will host “A Gay Men’s Forum: The Body and Soul of the Community” on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood. This day-long event for gay men will include panel discussions featuring a range of perspectives from the Gay community, special performances and interactive workshops. The forum is being held in collaboration with the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, community organizations and the City’s Social Services Division.

For more information, please call (323) 848-6460 or visit www.weho.org For the deaf and hard of hearing, please call (323) 848-6496.

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