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WHERE- SEASONS 52 (160 N Gulph Rd, Suite 101, King of Prussia, PA 19406)

WHEN- FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH, 7:00-9:00PM

TICKETS ARE **\$30.00** AND MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT **FABULOUSHOENIGHT.COM**



SPONSORS NEEDED- PLEASE CONTACT Kathleen Albertson AT KATHYALBERTSON@COMCAST.NET

Enjoy your shoes, enjoy your friends, and enjoy a girl's night out on the town, all while doing some good for your community!

**Join Members of The Women's Center of Montgomery County
for the Women's March on Washington**

There is Still Room on the Bus!

At the request of our members, the WCMC has made arrangements for a bus to take interested members to Washington, DC on Saturday, January 21st so that they can participate in the Women's March on Washington. Per the event's organizers:

"On January 21, 2017 we will unite in Washington, DC for the Women's March on Washington. We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families -- recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.

The rhetoric of the past election cycle has insulted, demonized, and threatened many of us--women, immigrants of all statuses, those with diverse religious faiths particularly Muslim, people who identify as LGBTQIA, Native and Indigenous people, Black and Brown people, people with disabilities, the economically impoverished and survivors of sexual assault. We are confronted with the question of how to move forward in the face of national and international concern and fear.

In the spirit of democracy and honoring the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us, we join in diversity to show our presence in numbers too great to ignore. The Women's March on Washington will send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us.

We support the advocacy and resistance movements that reflect our multiple and intersecting identities. We call on all defenders of human rights to join us. This march is the first step towards unifying our communities, grounded in new relationships, to create change from the grassroots level up. We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all. HEAR OUR VOICE."

Please contact the Elkins Park office by telephone at [215-635-7340](tel:215-635-7340) or by email at mmacaluso@womenscentermc.org as soon as possible if you want to participate through the WCMC. The cost is \$40.00 per person.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

EXTRA, EXTRA; READ ALL ABOUT IT:

One Woman's Powerful Stand Against Domestic Violence

Connecting the Global Epidemic of Human Trafficking to the Domestic Violence Epidemic

She Has No Money, She Will Come Crawling Back. NOT!

The Secret History of Women in the Senate

Do you find the titles of these articles intriguing? Do you want to read more? Do you share a commitment to be informed and empowered? If so, we encourage you to follow the **Women's Center of Montgomery County on Facebook** where, each day we update our links to articles that we believe educate us about our mission and the world in which we carry it out.

Our Facebook page includes articles that span the mission from empowering women and achieving gender equality to understanding the dynamics and impact of violence against women.

In becoming a member of the **Women's Center of Montgomery County** you have demonstrated your commitment to these issues. We hope that by following us on **Facebook** that we reward that commitment with the information and awareness that we all need if we are to affect meaningful and positive social change!

**Visit the Women's Center of Montgomery County
on Facebook!**

www.facebook.com/WomensCenterofMontgomeryCounty/

Board of Directors News

The next meeting of the Women's Center of Montgomery County Board of Directors will be held on **Thursday, January 19th at 6:45 pm** at our Elkins Park office at 8080 Old York Road.

Board meetings are open to current members of the Center.

Also, as a reminder, current members can also join most of our Board committees. If you have an interest on serving on our standing committees – Finance, Special Events, Planning, Governance or Development – please contact our Co-Presidents Amy Stern and Rosie Santulli c/o the Elkins Park office.

PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV)
Executive Director Peg Dierkers to Retire
Effective January 2, 2017



Peg Dierkers, who joined the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) as its Executive Director in October 2008, announced this week that she is retiring and relocating to Cincinnati, where her family lives. Her retirement takes effect Jan. 2.

Dierkers' retirement comes on the heels of PCADV and the state Department of Human Services finalizing a two-and-a-half-year agreement, with two one-year options, that will ensure continued funding and provide the security and stability the coalition's network of 60 local domestic violence centers need to continue their mission of service to all 67 counties in Pennsylvania.

It also finishes one of the coalition's busiest stretches.

PCADV convened a victim commemoration inside the Capitol's Main Rotunda in October to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month and honor the 92 victims who have been killed in domestic violence-related homicides over the last year in the commonwealth. It was the third annual state commemoration, which Dierkers spearheaded and first launched in 2014.

In November, PCADV marked its 40th anniversary with one of its largest bi-annual conferences. Over two and a half days, the conference brought together approximately 300 advocates and community stakeholders for training, networking sessions and featured guest speakers, including internationally renowned activist Gloria Steinem.

Dierkers postponed her retirement until a long-term agreement was in place, and until these hallmark events concluded. Her decision to step down also culminates with the end of the state's two-year legislative session, which concluded in Nov. 30.

Over the last eight years, through collaboration with PCADV members and supporters, Dierkers spearheaded the coalition through a significant transition, even growing the organization during the economic downturn, and now has PCADV heading in a new direction to ensure its local centers remain a community lifeline for Pennsylvania's domestic violence victims and their families. With a new strategic plan in place, along with organizational changes, PCADV will remain the major force of social change in ending domestic violence in Pennsylvania.

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During Dierkers' tenure, PCADV achieved regional, statewide and national recognition for implementations of lethality assessment, economic justice and primary prevention, including its annual our Father's Day celebration, which has raised awareness among men and brought in many new supporters and partners.

PCADV also achieved passage of several major policy reforms in child custody, housing, protection orders, strangulation and soon, homicide prevention. In the final days of Domestic Violence Awareness Month this past October, and just before the end of the two-year legislative session, Gov. Tom Wolf signed into law legislation that will give prosecutors additional tools to protect victims of domestic violence by criminalizing cases of non-fatal strangulation.

PCADV's local domestic violence centers provide shelter, legal assistance, counseling and children's services to more than 90,000 victims per year, helping them find safety, obtain justice and build new lives free of abuse --- and it has for 40 years. Even today, PCADV remains empowered and strong.

Seeking Interested, Committed and Qualified Candidates to Join the Women's Center of Montgomery County Board of Directors

Once again it is that time of year when we are in search of prospective nominees for Board candidacy. If you or someone you know would consider serving our Center at this level, please feel free to discuss with a Committee member or our executive director at our Elkins Park Office (215-635-7340). We are at present seeking persons with expertise/interest in the areas of finance, development and/or strategic planning, as well as connections to local corporations.

Interested potential candidates can also contact our Governance Committee Chair via email at: bethfrubin@msn.com.

Please remember this is YOUR board and its composition and service reflects your interests and concerns. Your input is of great value to those of us currently on Board. We appreciate and honor each of you for all that you do. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Beth Rubin, Chairperson

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Coaching Boys Into Men

As part of our effort to expand our community education and outreach efforts, the Women's Center of Montgomery County has joined part of a national prevention education campaign – Coaching Boys into Men, which is a curriculum developed by Futures Without Violence.

During the fall members of our staff and volunteer workforce participated in a Train the Trainer session conducted by the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Futures Without Violence. Under the direction of our Community Education Specialist, Robin Jordan, we are now launching the prevention education curriculum in partnership with middle and high school athletic programs and community-based sports associations

Some background on the program from Futures Without Violence

Athletic coaches play an extremely influential and unique role in the lives of young men, often serving as a parent or mentor to the boys they coach. Because of these special relationships, coaches are uniquely poised to positively influence how young men think and behave both on, and off, the field.

FUTURES' Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) program facilitates these connections by providing high school athletic coaches with the resources they need to promote respectful behavior among their players and help prevent relationship abuse, harassment, and sexual assault. For more than a decade, the program has been implemented in communities across the U.S. and around the world. From Sacramento and Dallas, to India and South Africa, the program's messages have proven universal.

The CBIM curriculum consists of a series of coach-to-athlete trainings that illustrate ways to model respect and promote healthy relationships. The CBIM card series instructs coaches on how to incorporate themes associated with teamwork, integrity, fair play, and respect into their daily practice and routine.

CBIM first launched in 2001 as a national public service announcement campaign in partnership with the Advertising Council. The television, radio, print, and online ads leveraged over \$123 million in donated media and catalyzed grassroots efforts in communities across the country. CBIM has since grown from a broad awareness and action campaign into a comprehensive violence prevention curriculum for coaches and their athletes.

Please contact Robin at rjordan@womenscentermc.org if you are interested in getting involved with this training initiative as a coach or as a WCMC volunteer trainer!

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

**The SECOND CHANCES SHOPPE,
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