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March 10 & 11, 2022

Colorado Women's Day Conference at Marriott Denver West

The global issues of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. Yet, 1.8 billion people only have access to water that is NOT fit for human consumption, and 1,200 young children die every day due to diarrhea caused by contaminated water. In developing and inneed communities, women and children are usually the people tasked daily with finding and hauling water for survival. In addition to the physical damage incurred, the hours spent locating and then carrying water keep women and girls from getting an education, doing work that produces an income, and improving their families' lives.

That is why Colorado Women's Day has an MOU with **Rotary WASH District 5450** to forward the proceeds of its March 10 & 11, 2022 conference to the district for use in building water projects on Native American reservations, and in villages across the globe. Please participate in the 7th Annual Colorado Women's Day to so that more people will have reliable water and we can raise awareness of this terrible problem.

How Can Rotary Members Help?

- **Attend** the conference! Tickets are now on sale at EventBrite: https://tinyurl.com/COWomensDay. Early-bird prices are available until Christmas!
- **Nominate** a friend, colleague, or even yourself for one of the **7 Awards available** recognizing the achievements and hard work of Colorado Women. The easy nomination forms are at: http://coloradowomensday.com/ All finalists are recognized! A great way to gain exposure for the nominee's company or organization.
- **Secure a vendor table** in the Women's Day Marketplace. Save \$25 if booked by Christmas! https://tinyurl.com/COWomensDay.
- **Buy a corporate table!** Ten seats at the event which includes lunch & workshops for \$600. Cost goes up December 1. https://tinyurl.com/COWomensDay
- **Invest in a Corporate Sponsorship** that offers many benefits. Cost goes up December 1. Call 303-277-9520, ext. 310.
- Make a donation to Rotary WASH District 5450 projects at: https://tinyurl.com/COWomensDay.
- Also **Promote your company** by providing gifts for the "swag" bags for each attendee (400), or by donating a **door prize** or **silent auction** item for the conference. Email: Deborah@ixPowerFoundation.org
- If at least two tickets are purchased, you can join the list of businesses with a special Colorado Women's Day offer.

Availability for vendor tables is extremely limited and based on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions about any part of the 7th Annual Colorado Women's Day, call 303-277-9520, ext. 310.













Colorado Women's Day Award Categories:

About the NREL Foundation Award

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory Foundation Outstanding Woman in STEM award will be presented to a Colorado woman for her achievements in a STEM field, either as an inventor, businesswoman, advocate for STEM, or educator. Nominations for the award will be reviewed by a team comprised of NREL Foundation associates and qualified people from the community at large.

The Young Women in STEM Awards

The Outstanding Young Woman in STEM award is presented in two age categories: 18 and under, and age 19 to 25. Judges for these categories are seeking in the candidates a combination of school grades and achievements in schoolwork, plus participation and/or leadership in STEM activities outside of regular schoolwork. Colorado Women's Day is currently seeking a corporate sponsor for both these awards, but they will be presented even if no corporate sponsor comes forth.

Women's Caucus for Art Colorado Chapter Award

The recognition presented by the Women's Caucus for Art Colorado Chapter at Colorado Women's Day will be for the woman that exhibited leadership, dedication to the arts, and hard work either as an artist, teacher, patron, volunteer, or staff member of an arts organization. As with all 7 categories, all finalists for the *Wonderful Woman in the Arts* category will be publicly recognized. The website for the Women's Caucus for Art Colorado Chapter is: https://www.wcaco.org.

Women in Sustainability's Award

The four pillars of Women in Sustainability are Community, Advocacy, Resources, and Education.

The judges from the group, as well as the other community leaders comprising the team reviewing the Woman Who CARES Award, are seeking women who have made a contribution to climate and social justice. Nominees can be an inventor, businesswoman, advocate for climate and social justice, or an educator. The website for Women in Sustainability is: https://womeninsustainability.org.

The Shattered Glass Award

Rosalind "Bee" Harris, founder and editor of The Denver Urban Spectrum newspaper was presented with the Shattered Glass award for 2021. This year, judges are looking for a woman who has also shattered the glass ceiling in a male-dominated field.

The Unsung Heroine Award

Ann McDonald who is a canine psychologist and the president of Thunder Puppy K9 Rehabilitation and Rehoming in Golden, received the Unsung Heroine award for 2021. Ann has selflessly dedicated much of her life, love and income to rehoming huskies and other large dogs. For the 2022 award, judges are seeking another woman who has donated her time to a cause and has yet to be recognized for her service.

The two-day conference, March 10 and 11, 2022, celebrating the 7th Annual Colorado Women's Day for International Women's Day, will offer a variety of workshops and speakers of interest to women in the state. A reception providing an opportunity for attendees to meet candidates running for public office will be held on Friday, March 11. It will be followed by the awards lunch and keynote speaker. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland has been invited to give the keynote talk. There will also be a "Marketplace" with unique vendors of interest to women, a silent auction, door prizes, and gift "swag" bags for all who attend.

The first workshop that is scheduled will be held on Thursday, March 10 from 9am to noon will be presented by Joni Inman, executive director of the Colorado Women's Alliance. "Colorado Women: Does the Community Know Your Name" will engage women in reviewing their place in the community, how to get involved in public policy, how to decide if you want to run for office, and if so, how to execute your goals and objectives. The afternoon workshop will feature a fun exercise into planning your future. This will be presented by Betsy Wiersma, an internationally known artist and leader in women's retreats. Betsy coordinated the popular, annual CampExperience™ event in Colorado for 17 years.

To avoid Eventbrite & credit card fees for tickets, tables, etc., don't pay at our Eventbrite site, make out your check to **IX Power Foundation** and mail or bring it with this completed form to arrive by **December 25**, 2021 to:

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