

March 8, 2018



Dear **YWCA** Members and Friends,

As we recognize International Women's Day we acknowledge that there are varying points of view and would like to offer a variety of ways to participate today.

What IS International Women's Day?

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action.

The theme for 2018 is Press for Progress. How will you use YOUR sphere of influence to press for progress today?

Apply to serve on the YWCA Darien/Norwalk Board of Directors. Our dedicated volunteer board members serve two-year terms and help advance our Mission of Empowering Women and Eliminating Racism. This is an excellent opportunity to have a voice in the future direction of YOUR YWCA! Click [here](#) to access the nomination form.

Celebrate the contribution and achievement of women by **becoming a sponsor**, [donating](#) in support of our Young Woman of Distinction Scholarship or **volunteering** to help with our **2018 Women of Distinction** luncheon on Thursday, May 10th. To volunteer, send an email to wod@ywcadn.org. WOD 2018 sponsorship information may be accessed [here](#).

Support female owned/operated businesses! Below is a sampling compiled from the Darien Chamber of Commerce local directory from a few select categories.

- Aquarius
- Beadz Boutique
- Darien Sport Shop
- Everything is Rosey
- Good Goods
- Grieb's Pharmacy
- Helen Ainson
- Kirby & Company
- Life Solutions Center
- Morley Darien
- NEAT
- Spree, Inc.
- The Dock Shop
- The Goose
- Tina Dragone
- Town House Finds + Designs

Be our guest for Letters to Our Daughters at the Westport Playhouse tonight - 3 tickets available. This is open to current YWCA members only! If you are interested email exec@ywcadn.org

[Purchase tickets](#) to the Darien Arts Center **ALL FEMALE production of Cabaret!** This is the first-ever production of it's kind.

Take a moment and [watch this video](#) from the ERA Education Project - women DO NOT currently have equal rights under the law.

Register to vote and/or contact your elected official. This [common cause site](#) will help you identify your elected official. Click [here](#) to register online! Here are some of the YWCA's Advocacy priorities:

- [Quality Healthcare for Women and Girls](#)
- [Improve Women's Economic Security](#)
- [Support Survivors of Gender Based Violence](#)

Don't limit yourself to International Women's Day to celebrate woman and take action. The more we take action, the bigger the difference we can make!

Warmest Regards,

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