

TODAY'S CHICAGO WOMAN



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FASHION COUTURE & COCKTAILS

Join the Joffrey Ballet's Women's Board for the fourth annual Couture & Cocktails on Friday, September 25 at the Palmer House Hilton. Guests will mingle with designers over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before Pamela Roland's feature fashion show. \$500/VIP; \$250/Gold tickets. For more information, call 312.386.8921.



Annual Gold Coast Fashion Award show

54TH ANNUAL GOLD COAST FASHION AWARD SHOW
The top fundraising event for The Children's Service Board, an affiliated organization of Children's Memorial Hospital, is on Wednesday, September 9 at the Hilton Chicago. Guests get to vote on their favorite fashions seen in the runway show featuring designers and retailers such as Christian Cota, Romona Keveza, Venexiana, Angel Chang, Dennis Basso, Escada, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and more. The designer with the most votes receives the Gold Coast Fashion Award and presents their fall collection next year.

WINE, WOMEN AND SHOES

Midwest Regional Office of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF hosts the annual Wine, Women and Shoes on Thursday, October 1 at the River East Art Center. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers as you shop designer shoes, handbags and other accessories. Participating boutiques will donate 20 percent of their proceeds to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. \$65/General admission; \$125/Supporter level.
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/69164

FASHION WEEK HIGHLAND PARK

Get your fashion fix during Fashion Week Highland Park happening September 9 through September 16. A seven-day calendar is packed with fashion-friendly events, including a fashion crawl, cocktail parties and a mannequin catwalk. Participating boutiques are having trunk shows, sales and special offers throughout the week. Visit www.downtownhp.com for a full calendar of events and details.

PARKWAYS GARDEN PARTY

Join the Parkways Foundation for their Garden Party, celebrating the unveiling of The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Celebration Garden and the Buckingham Fountain Restoration Project. The annual event, taking place on Thursday, September 10 at Grant Park, is known for its guests' propensity for wearing gorgeous, fashionable hats. So grab your favorite topper before you leave the house. Tickets start at \$225. www.parkways.org

WOMAN

Places to go. Things

23RD ANNUAL ENTREPRENEURIAL WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

The Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) is hosting its annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference on Wednesday, September 16 at Navy Pier. The day starts out with the Women's Forum Breakfast, a discussion from women business owners including Julie Cyra, founder, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Company; Chef Laura "LaLa" Diaz-Brown, chef, author, and founder of SAVORI Catering; Dee Robinson Reid, president and founder, Robinson-Hill Group, Inc.; and Ellen R. Gordon, president, Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. The breakfast will be followed by the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon and Women's Business & Buyers Mart featuring 200 government and corporate buyers committed to supporting women business owners. This year, Penny S. Pritzker is the keynote speaker at the luncheon. \$275 in advance and at the door. Register at www.wbdc.org, or by calling 312.853.3477 x 24.

WOMEN + SPORTS = SUCCESS

According to a MassMutual survey by Catalyst.com, 82 percent of...

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Supermodel Heidi Klum is this year's ambassador for the event.

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