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1. LUNAFEST

LUNAFEST was established in 2000 by LUNA, the makers of the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women, to simultaneously promote women filmmakers, raise awareness for women's issues, and support worthy women's nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

LUNAFEST is completely funded by LUNA and run by a small, dedicated group of LUNA employees. 100 percent of all proceeds are donated to charity – 15 percent to the Breast Cancer Fund and the remaining 85 percent of proceeds go directly back to hosting community organizations.

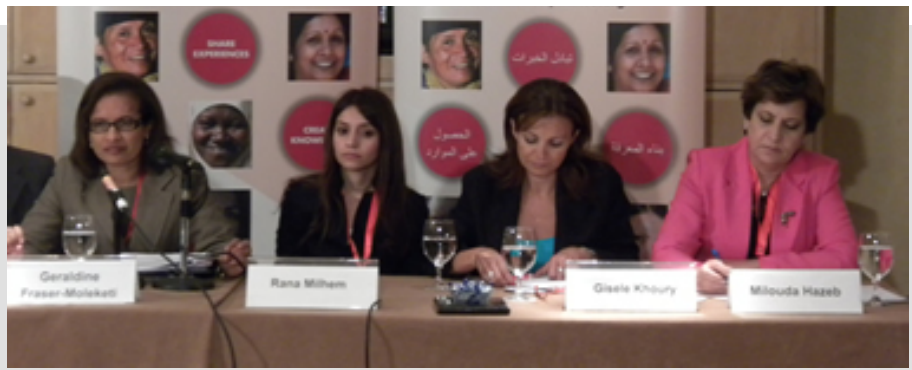
Over the years, as LUNAFEST has grown from a single annual event to more than 140 festivals each season, LUNA's commitment to this worthwhile program has grown as well. We are continually inspired by the individual and collective efforts of women – and we are awed by the results. To date, LUNAFEST has raised over \$250,000 for worthwhile women's organizations, while raising hope and awareness for the stories of women everywhere.

Learn more at the link below.

Link: <http://www.lunafest.org/>

2. iKNOW Politics Launches Arabic Language





iKNOW Politics, an online network dedicated to the advancement of women in politics, launched a new Arabic language version in Amman, Jordan, Oct. 27, opening it up to potentially millions of new users in a region where women are significantly underrepresented politically.

NDI is one of five partner organizations in the project, along with International IDEA, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the UNDP and UNIFEM. iKNOW Politics, which stands for the International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics, www.iknowpolitics.org, began in 2007 and now operates in English, French and Spanish, in addition to Arabic. The Arabic launch was made possible through the generous support of the United Nations Democracy Fund and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Please visit the link below to learn more.

Link: http://www.ndi.org/iKNOW_Politics_Partners_Launch_Arabic_Language_Website

3. Who is Meg Whitman?

One afternoon in late October, Whitman, 53, was pulling all the jingles out, like clubs from a golf bag. It was the sort of performance that the former CEO of eBay—and newcomer to the whirlpool known as electoral politics—has become almost slick at delivering. She was standing on a platform, microphone in hand, at the edge of a beautiful garden in the wealthy desert enclave of Rancho Mirage, a town described as a “hotbed of GOP cash” by an attendee. She is no longer the frumpy corporate mascot who was once photographed in a beige turtleneck and high-waisted slacks, surrounded by a team of

Silicon Valley executives. The new Whitman wears a lean, dark suit with a camisole peeking tastefully out and stylish heels, her face dusted with a California glow.

"Let me tell you about my mother," she said, not for the first time that week. She talked about Margaret Whitman Sr.'s daring service as an airplane and truck mechanic for the Red Cross in New Guinea during World War II and how it motivated the younger Meg. She rattled off her own accomplishments—college at Princeton followed by Harvard Business School, her move to San Francisco with her neurosurgeon husband, her transformation of eBay from a midsize start-up into a high-tech powerhouse while raising two boys, her postretirement role as an adviser to Mitt Romney and later Senator John McCain during his presidential campaign. "They inspired me to think beyond a career in business," Whitman said.

Read the rest of the article at the link below or read more about [Meg Whitman here](#).

Link: <http://www.sanfranciscosentinel.com/?p=51419>

4. HERS Institutes Applications

APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 HERS Institutes. Curriculum changes have been made and now all three HERS Institutes - the HERS Bryn Mawr Summer Institute, HERS Denver Institute, and HERS Wellesley Institute - will provide a 12-day curriculum formatted in different ways at all three sites. More information about the 2010-2011 HERS Institutes follows.

HERS Bryn Mawr Summer Institute 2010 NEW TWO WEEK FORMAT! 12-day core curriculum

June 18 - July 2, 2010

Tuition: \$4400

Optional Residential Package: \$1200 additional Tuition +

Optional Residential Package = \$5600

Application Deadline: March 1, 2010

For more information: <http://www.hersnet.org/>

[HERSHigherEducationResourceServices.htm#sihtm.asp](http://www.hersnet.org/HERSHigherEducationResourceServices.htm#sihtm.asp)

HERS Institute at the University of Denver Six-day residency with two three-day return sessions August 1-7, September 9-11, & October 21-23, 2010

Tuition: \$4400

Optional Residential Package: \$1200

additional Tuition + Optional Residential Package = \$5600

Application Deadline: April 1, 2010

For more information: <http://www.hersnet.org/HERSHigherEducationResourceServices.midenvergeneralinformationhtm.asp>

HERS Institute at Wellesley College 2010-2011

Four three-day sessions across the academic year

October 7-9, November 11-13, 2010;

February 3-5, March 10-12, 2011

Tuition: \$4400

Wellesley Institute Hotel Rate Available at approximately \$135/night, plus tax (rates may vary)

Application Deadline: May 1, 2010

For more information: <http://www.hersnet.org/HERSWellesley.asp>

Link: <http://www.hersnet.org>

5. Book Review:When Everything Changed

By Amy bloom for the New York Times:

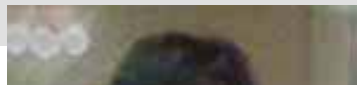
Book Review: WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED - The Amazing Journey of American Women From 1960 to the Present by Gail Collins

Collins, a columnist for the New York Times Op-Ed page, begins "When Everything Changed" with the best summary of American women's social and political history that I've read. Rolling forward from a quick vignette in 1960 in which a secretary, Lois Rabinowitz, went to court to pay her boss's speeding ticket, Collins makes it clear that whether it's 1960 or 2009, secretaries have to do unpleasant things for their bosses. But the nature of those tasks has changed quite a bit. Rabinowitz was rebuked by the judge for wearing slacks. Rebuked, hell. He sent her home to change her clothes, instructed her husband to use a tighter rein and told reporters that it upset him to see "women tearing themselves down from this pedestal."

You must read more of this wonderful review at the link below.

Link: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/18/books/review/Bloom-t.html>

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