



2017 DWCF CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

DWCF Regions VII & VIII are proud to be the sponsors of the 61st Annual Convention on September 7-10, 2017. The convention theme is “**Determined, Diligent, Dynamic...Women Who Dare**” in honor of the outstanding women of the past and present; the women who you know of through history and through today’s media. Plus, the women like you who do what they can to make our country a better place for everyone to live. And to **RESIST** what they cannot change.

We think you will be pleased with our convention hotel, the lovely **Hyatt Regency Sarasota**, where every room has a view of the Gulf and has recently been redesigned. We want to show you some of the beauty of Sarasota which was selected this year as the best tourist city in Florida. We can take you on tours to **Selby Botanical Gardens** with its famous orchid room and the **Ringling Compound** where John Ringling lived and has both an Art Museum and a Circus Museum.

Thursday evening after you register, we invite you to join us for our **Reception by the hotel pool** where you can hang out with your friends and fellow DWCF members from our 50+ DWCs.

Friday AM our Business meeting will begin bright & early with roll call and interesting reports. We’ll stop for lunch and special speakers and then have interactive workshops in the afternoon. Members often get a little dressed up for our dinner with inspiring presenters. We’ll have the second half of our business meeting **Saturday morning**, followed by DWCF Elections, another great lunch and a panel discussion that you’ll want to hear.

Then we’ll have a lively **Live Auction** and the end of our **Silent Auction** before going our different ways to meetings and workshops. Later we’ll have a little music, line up for the **Banner Parade**, and have our **Banquet Dinner** in which our new officers will be sworn in, awards will be given and our special guest speaker will put the perfect cap on the evening. You don’t want to miss it!

Please look at the following forms for more information. If you have any questions, email either **Convention Chair Mary Duda** at mcmduda@aol.com or **Convention Vice-Chair Susie Johnson** at sjohnson4808@comcast.net. We want to make this convention special for You!