

Tahoe residents to take part in One Billion Rising

On Feb. 14, V-Day South Lake Tahoe and the Zawadisha Fund will join with activists around the world for One Billion Rising, the largest day of action in the history of V-Day, the global activist movement to end violence against women and girls.

One Billion Rising began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at 7 billion, this adds up to more than 1 billion women and girls.

On Feb.14, V-Day's 15th anniversary, V-Day South Lake Tahoe and the Zawadisha Fund will join activists, writers, thinkers, celebrities, and women and men across the world to express outrage, demand change, strike, dance, and rise in defiance of the injustices women suffer, demanding an end at last to violence against women.

Jen Gurecki of the Zawadisha Fund will kick off One Billion Rising by asking the people of Nairobi, "What are you doing to rise-up against violence?" As the day comes to an end in East Africa and begins in Lake Tahoe the cast of "The Vagina Monologues" will hit the streets and ask Tahoe, "What are you doing to rise-up against violence?"

Prepare for the social media blitz that will ensue as pictures hit the web via Facebook and Instagram. As each person is asked how they will rise up, we'll snap a photo of them and their answer and include in the frenetic celebration to end violence across the globe via words, song, and dance. Follow Zawadisha and V-Day South Lake Tahoe on Facebook and Instagram and be a part of the One Billion Rising.