

Women's conference in Kings Beach

Rayona Sharpnack will be the keynote speaker at the inaugural Women as Change Makers: Leading and Thriving in the 21st Century conference in October.

Zawadisha, a Tahoe-based global women's empowerment organization, is putting on the Oct. 3 event.

Sharpnack is the CEO of the Institute for Women's Leadership. She has facilitated women's leadership trainings for Fortune 500 companies such as Microsoft, Charles Schwab, and Hewlett Packard. She has also spoken about her trademarked approach to audiences at Harvard University, Stanford University School of Business, and UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

"Women as Change Makers will bring together some of the most passionate, driven, and successful women in the Reno/Tahoe/Truckee area," Sharpnack said in a statement. "It will create opportunities and provide resources for women to develop a deeper understanding of how to create breakthrough change with our money, time, and talent. The conversations we generate will change the way women think about their leadership, and enable them to scale their passion and skills beyond what they could have imagined, while simultaneously reconnecting with their inner needs."

In addition to Sharpnack, the event will feature some of the most accomplished women entrepreneurs in the region as facilitators and speakers. Discussion topics will include Developing Transformational Leadership: Strategies To Enrich the Personal and Professional, and Creating Balance Through Health and Wellness.

The conference is from 8:30am-6pm at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach. Tickets may be purchased .