

# THRIVE TALKS

## HOT TOPICS TO ENRICH YOUR LIFE

Hosted by Thrive Counseling Center

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Oak Park Public Main Library, Veterans Room  
834 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301

**Thursday, February 6th, 2020**

### ***Violence against Women: The Hidden Trauma Which Impacts Us All***

*with Colleen M. Sutkus, ICDVP, Marian Sassetti, MD, FAAFP and Ave Zuccarino*

**Violence against women affects all of us whether we are young, old, male, female or non-binary. We often feel helpless to confront violence against women in all its forms: intimidation, gender discrimination, sexual harassment, domestic violence, date rape. This talk, with two leading experts in the field of domestic violence, will show how gender-based violence affects all of us and how each of us can play a role preventing it.**

*Colleen M. Sutkus has been the director of Training and Education at Sarah's Inn since 2009 and currently oversees all internal and external training, including curriculum development and evaluation, training and outreach. Ms. Sutkus is an Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional with 30 years of experience in the domestic and sexual violence and child welfare fields.*

*Marian Sassetti, MD is a family physician and has lived and worked in the Oak Park community for more than 30 years. She is an assistant professor of Family Medicine at Rush Medical School. Dr. Sassetti is an expert in violence against women and teaches health care providers across the country how to recognize and to minister to victims of violence. She has developed curricula and published articles on violence against women. Currently, she serves as a content expert for the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians' program on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Healthcare.*

*Ave Zuccarino is a landscape design specialist who owns her own business in Oak Park. She has agreed to share her story of domestic violence as a part of this talk. Ave will remind us that violence against women and its devastating effects cut across all racial, socioeconomic and class lines.*

**All THRIVE TALKS are open to the public and free of charge.**

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