

**So Many Women/So Few Days: 31 Days of Women's History Month-March 2014**

1-My month opened at an exuberant SRO event, with my keynote proclaiming, Dr. Virginia Apgar, Meliva Einstein, JoAnn Robinson, Emily Roebling, Nettie Stevens, et. al., as local women scholarship winners and leaders were honored with special recognition, appreciation, and applause: [www.lakecountywomen.org](http://www.lakecountywomen.org)

2-Visit the National Women's History Museum, currently HOMELESS in D.C., but with lots to offer online: <http://nwhm.org/>

3-Review my PPT presentations to find the one just right for your event:  
<http://www.nwhp.org/whm/authorspresenters.php>

4-Visit all the women in the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY or online: [www.greatwomen.org/](http://www.greatwomen.org/)

5-Read one of my columns and then another each week for 52 weeks, one year, until next March. Click on CountHerhistory at: <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

6-An International Women's Day breakfast at Maggiano's/Oak Brook compliments of Zonta International Business Women's Organization: <http://zonta.org/>.

7-An International Women's Day event with the International Trade Club of Chicago at the Union League Club: <http://www.chicagowomensday.org>

8-Happy International Women's Day! EveryWoman-EveryWhere-EveryYear since 1911! WOW! WHY? BECAUSE:) <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/files/2013/04/Mar2008.pdf>

9-A TITLE IX day to remember since 1972, boys and girls (finally) have equal access to after school activities previously excluding girls - sex discrimination previously supported with tax dollars of the women denied access:  
<https://www.womenssportsfoundation.org>

10-The United Nations' 2014 theme, "Equality for Women is Progress for All!" truly underscores that a better world for women is simply a better world for everyone. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon: <http://www.unwomen-usnc.org/>

11-Honor our women in uniform, remembering those of our past who served when women were quite unwelcome but still women served: <http://womensmemorial.org/>

12-In 1912, Juliette Low registered the first troop of 18 Girl Scouts always accepting girls with disabilities. In 2011, appointed their first chief executive of color, Mexican-American Anna Maria Chavez: <https://www.girlscouts.org>

13-Take a virtual visit to the National Museum of Women in the Arts and plan a real visit on a future trip to DC: <http://www.nmwa.org>

14-Remember Rachel Carson and her seminal work jump starting the environmental movement: [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Rachel\\_Carson/about/rachelcarson.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Rachel_Carson/about/rachelcarson.html)

15-Happy Birthday to a lawyer refused her first judicial clerkship position because she was not a he, who went on to argue six landmark cases on gender equality before the high court on which she now sits, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, second female U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1993): <http://www.biography.com/people/ruth-bader-ginsburg-9312041>

16-On this date in 1970, Newsweek's WOMEN IN REVOLT cover story about the new Women's Movement hit the stands. That day, 46 young women employed at Newsweek announced they were filing an EEOC complaint charging management with "systematic discrimination" against them in hiring and promotion. It was the first by women journalists; other's quickly followed suit. READ ALL ABOUT IT: [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/02/business/good-girls-tells-of-womens-fight-for-rights-at-newsweek.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/02/business/good-girls-tells-of-womens-fight-for-rights-at-newsweek.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

17-If you raise a lager St. Patrick's day, if it is a Dos Equis, remember Nettie Stevens whose chromosome research defined the two XX's that determine a girl not a boy at birth: <http://www.dnaftb.org/9/bio.html>

18-Three weeks away, April 8 commemorates Equal Pay Day, the day women must work to earn pay men earned the previous New Year's Eve day: <http://www.aauw.org/tag/equal-pay/>

19-Celebrate the "sexy" Nineteenth as an amendment which does not "give" women the vote, but prohibits "denial" of the right to vote because of sex. The Amendment decries, citizens (mostly male) may no longer deny voting rights of other citizens (all female). Sexy Words! Right Here: <http://law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/nineteenth.htm>

20-Meet ten historic businesswomen successful in the fields of finance, fashion, food, wellness, beauty, architecture, and more, in my NEW presentation at Town House Books today, i.e., the first female American bank owner, Maggie Lena Walker: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBuDSLrRKBU>

21-Draft this day remembering Julia Morgan: First woman to graduate Berkeley with a civil engineering degree; First woman to study architecture at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris; and First licensed female architect in CA who designed and constructed the Hearst Castle and 28 buildings for the YWCA incorporating designs to R-E-S-P-E-C-T the minimum-wage earning women residents: [www.ywca.org/](http://www.ywca.org/)

22-A moment to consider the role of men in the equality quest of men and women seems to be a moment worth 17 minutes and 11 seconds of your time as in this TED video:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tedtalks/watch-this-woman-has-a-po\\_b\\_5000882.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tedtalks/watch-this-woman-has-a-po_b_5000882.html)

23-If thinking of warmer places, think of Mary Blair, the iconic female illustrator of famous Disney animated characters, being honored at the Walt Disney Family Museum/Orlando:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/03/22/the-world-of-mary-blair\\_n\\_5003658.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/03/22/the-world-of-mary-blair_n_5003658.html)

24-In the wake of March Primary Elections, a look at gender balance, or not, in our law makers is worthy of reflections prior to November elections. From 1776 to present, 2,734 U.S. governors held office: 2,698 men/36 women. From 1789 to present, 1,946 senators served: 1,902 men/44 women; and 10,814 House Reps served: 10,614 men/200 women. The heavily watched 2014 Texas Gubernatorial Primary win of Wendy Davis highlights just one case where citizens can vote to balance, or not, the historic U.S. legislative gender imbalance: <http://www.politicususa.com/2014/03/21/women-screwed-republican-greg-abbott-pays-minorities-whites.html>

25-Happy 80th Birthday to she who said: "We've demonstrated that women can do what men do, but not yet that men can do what women do. That's why most women have two jobs—one inside the home and one outside it—which is impossible. The truth is that women can't be equal outside the home until men are equal in it." Gloria!

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/03/25/ways-gloria-steinem-taught-us-to-be-better-women\\_n\\_5022031.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/03/25/ways-gloria-steinem-taught-us-to-be-better-women_n_5022031.html)

26-Happy Birthday to Sandra Day O'Connor, first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice. With a Stanford law degree but few opportunities for 1952 women lawyers, she worked free for California's San Mateo County just to get her foot in the door, subsequently on the floor of the high court, often the swing vote:

<http://www.biography.com/people/sandra-day-oconnor-9426834?page=2>

27-An American Reflection: Before 1800, abortion prior to quickening was considered legal and acceptable in most states. Newspapers advertised pills. etc. A birthrate decline in WASP elite, but not poor immigrant, family size became evident. Abortion became a crime in Connecticut in 1860. By 1910 in every state but one it was a felony. The 1960s legal reforms in 14 states leading to Roe v Wade (1973), were little more than a return to the legal status of abortions a century earlier.

Fact Check at: <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/files/2013/04/Feb2006.pdf>

28-SO many women/HOW many women's orgs? Many! Take a look at a few to join, to follow, or just to know about: [http://www.wrei.org/Links\\_WomensOrganizations.htm](http://www.wrei.org/Links_WomensOrganizations.htm)

29-Happy Birthday and thanks to Joan Kelly founder of the first M.A. in Women's Studies program in 1979 with Gerda Lerner who in 1963 taught the very first women's history course in the world then created the first PhD. program in 1980. Globally, 19 Ph.D. programs exist, all in the U.S., with 35 M.A.s. In 1997 the masters program in which I received my M.A. began at Roosevelt University/Chicago:

<http://www.roosevelt.edu/CAS/Programs/WGS.aspx>

30-As Women's History Month comes to it close, continue reading women's news every day re: political parity, CEDAW, immigrants, accomplishments, etc. with free e-mails from Women's eNews at: <http://womensenews.org>

31-This date Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, "Remember the ladies..." Closing an exuberant month of Women's History. Until next March always "Remember the ladies..." via any and all of the links above:)