



League of Women Voters of Albany County

March 2011

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Souper Supper and a Movie



Wednesday March 16, 2011 5:30 PM

Bethlehem Public Library

451 Delaware Ave. Delmar, NY

Bring soup to share, bring your own bowl and spoon.

Soup 5:30

Movie 6:15-8:15

Discussion 8:15-8:45

IRON JAWED ANGELS

Lead, follow or get out of the way:

A movie about women putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote.

Based on the time leading up to the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Anjelica Huston as Carrie Catt

Hilary Swank as Alice Paul

Francis O'Connor as Lucy Burns

Discussion to follow led by

Dr. Stephanie A. Bennett, Assistant Professor in the School of Sociology/ Women and Gender Studies at the College of St. Rose.



International Women's Day

When: Tuesday 8 March 2011

Where: Everywhere

What: International Women's Day (8 March) is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. In some places like China, Russia, Vietnam and Bulgaria, International Women's Day is a national holiday.

Why: Suffragettes campaigned for women's right to vote. The word 'Suffragette' is derived from the word "suffrage" meaning the right to vote. International Women's Day honours the work of the Suffragettes, celebrates women's success, and reminds of inequities still to be redressed. The first International Women's Day event was run in 1911. 2011 is the Global Centenary Year.

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From the President

March is Women's History Month. This month's bulletin and our program on March 16th, are dedicated to this year's theme: Our History is Our Strength. The lists and articles in this bulletin are taken from various sources especially to recognize and celebrate women and our accomplishments. I hope you will read them and be inspired, take the quiz just for fun, but most of all come on the 16th and see the movie, *Iron Jawed Angels*.

As the foundational documents of our nation were being drafted, Abigail Adams is said to have repeatedly reminded her husband, John, that he and the other men drafting these documents should "remember the ladies." The Declaration of Independence begins "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." it was many years before the ladies were remembered. The first women's rights convention in the United States was held in Seneca Falls, NY, 1848. Many signed the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions that outlines the main goals for the emerging women's rights movement.

As you will learn in the movie, the National American Woman Suffrage Association, which later became the League of Women Voters, focused on passing legislation at the state level which would grant women the right to vote, state by state. Carrie Chapman Catt was one of the leaders of the NAWSA. By 1913, only nine states, all in the west, had granted women the right to vote. On the eve of Pres. Wilson's inauguration, 1913, a Women's Suffrage Parade was held in Washington D.C. promoting voting rights for women. The marchers were attacked, hundreds were injured, no one was arrested. In 1916, Alice Paul and Lucy Burns broke away from the NAWSA and created the Congressional Union for Women Suffrage and the National Women's Party, which actively lobbied the President and Congress. In 1917, New York became the tenth state to grant women the right to vote. Finally, President Wilson gave support to women's enfranchisement in 1918. The 19th Amendment was passed by both houses in a special session during the spring of 1919 and on August 26, 1920, was ratified by the necessary 36 states. Note: Elizabeth Cady Stanton died 1902 and Susan B. Anthony died in 1906.

We to this day still strive for equality of all people. The movie which some members viewed last month, *Made in Dagenham*, concerned equal pay for equal work, an issue the League lobbies on every year. I attended a panel discussion entitled "Great Women, Great Chiefs" by three women who are or were the chief justice of her state. They discussed hurdles they overcame to achieve the highest position of their state's court system. The three became "the first woman..." in many areas, women still breaking barriers today.

Our history is our strength.
Yours in league, Mary

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan citizen organization that promotes the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

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Answers to page 3

1. Mary McLeod Bethune (1875–1955)
2. Toni Morrison (b. 1931)
3. Rosa Parks (. b. 1920)
4. Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927)
5. Jane Addams (1860-1935)
6. Nancy Lopez (b. 1957)
7. Rita Dove (b. 1952)
8. Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)
9. Alice Paul (1885-1977)
10. Shirley Chisholm (b. 1924)
11. Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)
12. March Fong Eu (b. 1929)
13. Nellie Bly (1867-1922), real name Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman
14. Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910)
15. Sojourner Truth (C. 1797-1883)
16. 1923
17. Queen Liliuokalani (1838-1917)
18. Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643)
19. Sarah Winnemucca (1844-1891)
20. Charlie Parkhurst
21. Romana Bañuelos (b. 1925)
22. Sacajawea (c. 1786-1812)
23. Katherine Graham (b. 1917-2001)
24. 1909, New York City
25. 1974
26. Dolores Huerta (b. 1930)
27. 1976
28. Chien-Shiung Wu (1912-1997)
29. Harriet Tubman (c. 1820-1913)
30. Donaldina Cameron (1869-1968)
31. Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784)

Test Your Knowledge of Women's History

(answers on page 2)

1. Who founded Bethune-Cookman College, established the National Council of Negro Women, and served as an advisor on minority affairs to President Franklin D. Roosevelt?
2. What woman was the first African-American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. ?
3. What Black woman refused to give up her seat to a White man, in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955, thus sparking the civil rights movement of the following decade?
4. Who was the first woman to run for President of the United States (1872)?
5. Who opened up social work as a profession for women, and also won the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize for her anti-war organizing work?
6. Which Mexican-American woman has repeatedly been the leading money winner in the Ladies Professional Golf Association?
7. Who was the first woman Poet Laureate of the United States?
8. Who was the first "First Lady" to have developed her own political and media identity?
9. Who wrote the first version of the Equal Rights Amendment, in 1923?
10. Who was the first Black woman elected to Congress?
11. What leading suffragist was arrested and convicted of attempting to vote in the 1872 election?
12. Who was the first Chinese-American woman ever elected to hold a statewide office in the United States?
13. What journalist traveled around the world in 72 days in 1890?
14. What woman was turned down by 29 medical schools before being accepted as a student, graduated at the head of her class, and became the first licensed woman doctor in the U.S.?
15. What former slave was a powerful speaker for the rights of women and Black people?
16. When was the Equal Rights Amendment first introduced into Congress?
17. Who was the last queen of the Hawaiian Islands, deposed because American business interests wanted to annex Hawaii to the U.S.?
18. Which woman was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for holding religious discussion meetings in her home?
19. Who spoke out for the advancement of American Indians' rights from speaker's platforms nationwide and before Congressional committees in the 1880s?
20. Who drove a stagecoach across the roughest part of the West without anyone knowing until she died that she was a woman?
21. Who was the first Hispanic woman to serve as U.S. Treasurer?
22. Who was the Shoshone Indian woman who served as guide and interpreter on the Lewis and Clark expedition?
23. Who was Chair of the Board and publisher of The Washington Post and Newsweek magazine, and also oversaw six broadcasting stations?
24. About 20,000 women shirtwaist workers staged a strike for better working conditions. Their action was called the "Uprising of the 20,000." When and where did his strike occur?
25. When did officials of Little League Baseball announce that they would "defer to the changing social climate" and let girls play on their teams?
26. As vice president of the United Farm Workers, what woman has been vital in speaking for civil and economic rights for farm workers throughout the U.S.?
27. When did Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 go into effect, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded school programs and activities?
28. What woman was invited to teach nuclear physics at Princeton University, even though no female students were allowed to study there?
29. What woman served as a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, freeing hundreds of southern slaves and leading them to safety in the North? A \$40,000 reward was offered for her capture.
30. What woman is credited with helping free more than 2,000 Chinese women and children smuggled into San Francisco to be sold as slaves?
31. Who was the first African-American woman poet to have her works published?

Help Wanted Ads

Nominating committee is looking for officers and board members for next year. Self nominations are very welcome. Call Julie Elson at 482-0981 or email Jelson510@earthlink.net with any suggestions.

We are looking for volunteers to help with web design and to train our members in maintaining our web site. Contact Mary Berry at 439-5679 or maryb424@aol.com.

State League Convention is being held May 20-22 in Albany. Volunteers are needed to help. Come help and also join the Convention activities and business meeting. Contact Marian Schwager at 439-0344 or schwager@nycap.rr.com.

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League Calendar

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>MORE INFO</u>
Tues., Mar 1, 7PM	Board Meeting	St Stephens Church, Delmar	
Mar 14 & 28	Great Issues Discussion	khenriks@nycap.rr.com .	
Wed., Mar 16, 5:30PM	Souper Supper Movie “Iron Jawed Angels” with discussion	Bethlehem Public Library	see page 1
Tues., Apr 5, 7PM	Board Meeting	St Stephens Church, Delmar	
Apr. 11, 5:30 pm	Supper Salads Program on the environment with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	St. Stephens Church, Delmar	
Tues., May 3, 7PM	Board Meeting	St. Stephens Church, Delmar	
May 20-22	LWVNYS Biennial Convention Volunteer Needed	Desmond Hotel Albany	see page 3
June 15	LWVAC Annual dinner	Wolferts Roost	