

# NEWSLETTER

March 2007

March is National Women's  
History Month

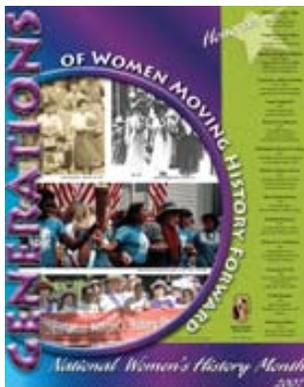
WHEN I STARTED WORKING  
ON WOMEN'S HISTORY  
ABOUT THIRTY YEARS AGO,  
THE FIELD DID NOT EXIST.  
PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK THAT  
WOMEN HAD A HISTORY  
WORTH KNOWING.

—GERDA LERNER, *WOMEN  
AND HISTORY* (1986; 1993)  
<http://www.infoplease.com/>

## United States Celebrates Women's Achievements in March

In 1981, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month, and has since passed such a resolution every year. Congressional action is followed by a U.S. presidential proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month.

Since its founding in 1980, the [National Women's History Project](#) has recognized and celebrated the rich and varied contributions of women to the history and culture of the United States.



The 2007 Women's History Month theme, Generations of Women Moving History Forward, celebrates the wisdom and tenacity of prior and future generations of women and recognizes the power of generations working together.

According to the National Women's History Project, "the year 2007 presents special opportunities to highlight some critically important events in women's history, including the 50th anniversary of the integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and the 30th anniversary of the National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas.

"In 1957, the integration of Central High School helped ignite the Civil Rights Movement, and in 1977, the Houston Conference marked a high point in the influence of the Women's Rights Movement on the formation of government policy."

Recognizing these anniversaries helps "acknowledge and celebrate the courage, determination, and steadfastness of the women who spearheaded these events and in so doing moved history forward," according to the project.

# WOMEN of INFLUENCE



**“Women are the real architects of society.”**

Writer and abolitionist  
**Harriet Beecher Stowe**

In recent years more and more societies all over the world have begun to recognize the vital contributions of women to commerce, their communities, and civic life. Whether it be Afghan women voting in a presidential election or women starting micro-businesses in Ethiopia, the worldwide trend toward greater equality is clear. Yet "the denial of women's basic human rights is persistent and widespread," as a 2005 United Nations Population Fund statement put it.

This publication offers a glimpse at how women in one country — the United States — have helped shape their society. These notable women — from the Native-American Sacagawea, who guided white settlers through a vast wilderness, to Sojourner Truth, who fought for the end of slavery and equal rights for all; to Rosalyn Yalow, winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine for her research into a new technique for measuring substances in the blood — believed that they had a contribution to make and did not shrink from the obstacles in their way. This account of their accomplishments is a reminder that all societies benefit from the talents and expertise of their women.

You can find this publication online at:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/womeninfln/>

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## AMERICAN CORNER SKOPJE MONTHLY PROGRAM – MARCH 2007

Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 14:00 o'clock  
**Summer work and travel program presentation**

Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**Conversation Club \*Please sign in to attend\***

Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**Eroica! A documentary film**

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**"The Role of Women in Law Enforcement & Glimpses from the LA Police Department"**

By Mary Grady, Public Information Officer with the LAPD

Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**Story Hour**

Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 13:00 o'clock  
**Women's History Month Quiz**

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**"How the Republic of China achieved its technical reform and the role U.S. universities played"**

By Mei-Ling L. Liu, Fulbright Scholar in Macedonia

Thursday March 22<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**ART:21 – Art in the twenty-first century – Stories / Loss and Desire**

Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**"Women, Society and the Future"**

By Tara Lynn Trepanier, Peace Corps volunteer from Demir Hisar

Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**"Social Entrepreneurship"**

By Deborah Minor Harvey

Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**Conversation Club**

Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 18:00 o'clock  
**ART:21 – Art in the twenty-first century – Time / Humor**



# Women's History Month

## QUIZ

**The American Corner member who is the first to send all correct answers will receive a prize. The winner will be announced in the following Newsletter!**

1. Which of these women made advancements of astronomical proportions in June 1963, when she became the first woman in space?  
 Sally Ride  Valentina Tereshkova  Eileen Collins
2. In 1910 a pilot's license was granted to a woman for the first time. Who was the recipient?  
 Harriet Quimby  Amelia Earhart  Raymonde de la Roche
3. Which of the following women was the first female U.S. Secretary of State?  
 Madeline Albright  Nancy Pelosi  Condoleezza Rice
4. Which of these singers was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?  
 Janis Joplin  Aretha Franklin  Tina Turner
5. Who was the first woman awarded a Pulitzer Prize for fiction?  
 Edith Wharton  Willa Cather  Pearl S. Buck
6. Who was Lewis and Clark's guide?  
 Mary Crow Dog  Sacajawea  Sanapia

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY 2007 PROGRAMS

### **“When Desegregation Came to Kansas” – February 21, 2007**

On February 21, 2006, the American Corner had the opportunity to host a lecture by Mr. Steven Foulke on the topic of “When Desegregation came to Kansas: Brown Vs. Board of Education”. This lecture was an obvious great success since it was attended by an audience of 34. The audience was intensely diverse and included ordinary members, other Fulbright scholars, Peace Corps volunteers, representatives from various NGO’s such as the Darhija NGO which deals with the rights of Roma people in Macedonia, university professors, even ACM members from countries such as Lithuania. The speaker was presented by Jeanne Clark, Assistant PAO at the US Embassy in Skopje and afterwards the very interesting lecture by Mr. Foulke followed. After the lecture there was a lively discussion with the audience and a small cocktail afterwards.



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### **“Black Women Have Always Worked” – February 23, 2007**



On February 23, 2007, the American Corner hosted our old friend and former Fulbright Scholar in Macedonia, Marry Ellen Schmider. This time, the American Corner had the privilege to hear Marry Ellen Schmider speak about black women and their role in America’s social movements through their volunteer work, church groups and women’s clubs. The lecture was attended by 21 people among whom were Fulbright scholars, university professors and regular members of the American Corner as well as other attendants.

**“Their eyes were watching god” – February 27, 2007**



An audience of 22 members was able to see the movie “Their Eyes Were Watching God” on February 27, 2007. After being presented by Jeanne Clark, Assistant PAO at the US Embassy in Skopje and before the video showing started, Jennifer Semple-Siegel had a brief lecture and review on the main topic, motives and messages of this movie. This movie blended with the other events that the American Corner organized for the African-American History Month. After the brief lecture the audience was able to view the movie and the beautiful Halle Berry starring Janie Crawford. After the movie, there was a

discussion with the audience

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**“Modern Black Women Who Have Made Significant Contributions” – March 1, 2007**

This lecture represents the ideal combination of the African-American History Month and the Women’s History Month. It combined February and March into a lecture about the modern black women and their contribution to American society and indeed to the world as a whole. Myra M. Brown, the Information Resource Officer traveled from Rome in order to give a wonderful lecture in Skopje and present her extraordinary sense of humor to the Macedonians. Her lecture was attended by 34 people. Before the start of the lecture, Myra M. Brown gave an interview for the present media.



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