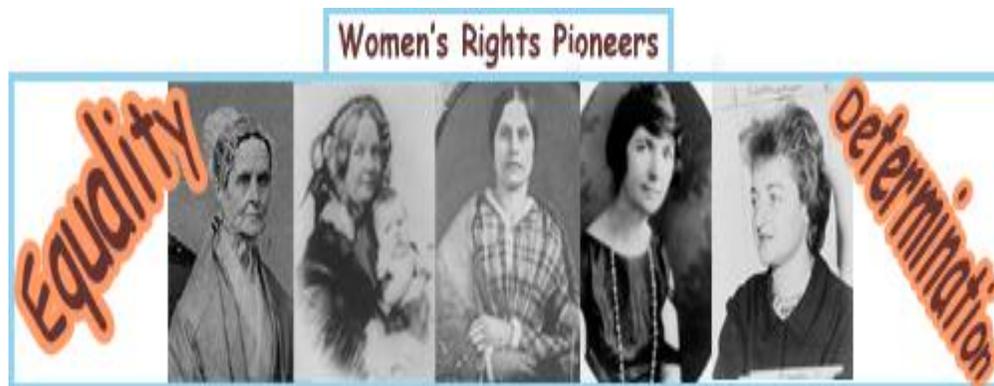


NEWSLETTER

March 2008



National Women's History Month's roots go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it was not until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week during the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the president has issued a proclamation.

Presidential Proclamation on Women's History Month

Throughout our history, the vision and determination of women have strengthened and transformed America. As we celebrate Women's History Month, we recognize the vital contributions women have made to our country.

The strong leadership of extraordinary women has altered our Nation's history. Sojourner Truth, Alice Stone Blackwell, and Julia Ward Howe opened doors for future generations of women by advancing the cause of women's voting rights and helping make America a more equitable place. In 1855, Dr. Mary E. Walker became one of the first female physicians in the country. Dr. Walker volunteered her medical services during the Civil War and became the only woman in United States history to receive the Medal of Honor. Vivian Malone Jones stood her ground in the face of a great injustice and helped integrate the University of Alabama, breaking down racial barriers to higher education and becoming the school's first African-American graduate.

Our Nation is a land of great opportunity, and women are seizing that opportunity and shaping the future of America in all walks of life. A record number of women are serving in the halls of Congress, and the number of women-owned businesses continues to grow. The women of our Armed Forces are making a vital contribution to our Nation's security by serving the cause of freedom and peace around the world. And by giving care and guidance, America's mothers are helping to build the foundation for the success of our Nation's children and strengthening the character of our country. This month, we honor the spirit, leadership, and hard work of American women.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2007 as Women's History Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of American women.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

GEORGE W. BUSH

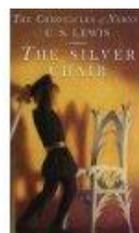
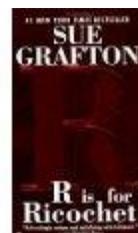
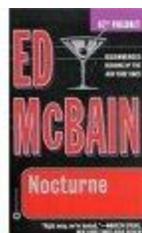
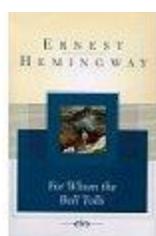
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New Titles at the American Corner Tetovo

- ❖ ***The Hummingbird`s Daughter*** by Luis Alberto Urrea
- ❖ ***Four Major Plays*** by Henrik Ibsen
- ❖ ***Seabiscuit: An American Legend*** by Laura Hillenbrand
- ❖ ***Lord Jim*** by Joseph Conrad
- ❖ ***Nocturne*** by Ed McBain
- ❖ ***For whom the bell tolls*** by Ernest Hemingway
- ❖ ***101 Great American Poems***
- ❖ ***R is for Ricochet*** by Sue Grafton
- ❖ ***Elements of writing*** by Kinneavy and Warriner

Children Books

- ❖ ***Puppy Puzzle*** by Ben M. Baglio
- ❖ ***Rabbit Race*** by Ben M. Baglio
- ❖ ***Under the Cat`s Eye*** by Gillian Rubinstein
- ❖ ***Howliday Inn*** by James Howe
- ❖ ***The Silver Chair*** by C.S.Lewis
- ❖ ***The Last Battle*** by C.S.Lewis
- ❖ ***The Secret of Shadow Ranch*** by Caroly Keene
- ❖ ***The Secret of Red Gate Farm*** by Caroly Keene



A special thanks to US Embassy Officers – Skopje, Emily Foster –Peace Corp Volunteer and Darien Book Aid Plan for donating books to the American Corner Tetovo

MONTHLY PROGRAM 2008

Saturday March 1, 2008, whole week event
Paper show, book display and brochure in honor of Women's History Month
"Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams."

Monday March 3, 2008, at 13:00 o'clock
Workshop: Developing Children's Creativity – with PCV Caitlin Steele

Tuesday March 4, 2008, at 18:00 o'clock
Presentation by U.S Architect Sean Vance
"Universal Design"

Wednesday March 5, 2008, at 18:00 o'clock
Video Showing – Series "About America"- by Ken Burns. Episode 3: "The Congress: the History and Promise of Representative Government"

Thursday March 6, 2008, at 18:30 o'clock
Presentation by Monika Dimitrova, Dime Velkovski and Bruce Feldman-Animal Welfare Research Group
"America's Love of Dogs and the Joys of Dog Ownership"

Tuesday March 11, 2008, at 18:00 o'clock
Conversation Hour – with PCV Ana Schafer- **Please sign in to attend**

Wednesday March 12, 2008, at 18:00 o'clock
Video Showing – Series "About America" – by Ken Burns. Episode 4 "Empire of the Air: the Men who Made Radio"

Thursday March 13, 2008, at 15:00 o'clock
Presentation by US Embassy Officer in Skopje, James Catto
"Work & Travel in USA, 2008"

Saturday March 15, 2008, at 13:00 o'clock
Presentation in honor of Women's History Month - with Peace Corps Volunteers Tara Trepanier, Miranda Carruth and Heather Tomlins
"When Women Organize"- the Power of Women's Social, Business and Political Organizations

Tuesday March 18, 2008, at 18:00 o'clock
Conversation Hour – with PCV Ana Schafer- **Please sign in to attend**

Wednesday March 19, 2008, at 18:00 o'clock
Video Showing – Series "About America" – by Ken Burn. Episode 5 "Thomas Hart Benton: the best painter in America"

MARCH CALENDAR MONTHLY PROGRAM 2008

Thursday March 20, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

Presentation by Fulbright Scholars and Students Cristina Rodriguez, Judy Richardson, Florim Ajdini, with Amy Storrow, Assistant Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy, and Gazmend Ilazi, Educational Affairs Assistant at U.S Embassy in Skopje

"Opportunities for Students in the USA"

Tuesday March 25, 2008, at 18:00 o`clock

Conversation Hour – with PCV Ana Schafer - **Please sign in to attend**

Wednesday February 26, 2008, at 17:00 o'clock

Video Showing – "Iron Jawed Angels" – with Hillary Swank, Margo Martindale and Angelica Huston- **Winner of a Golden Globe Award**

Followed by a discussion with Jennifer Bosworth, political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Skopje

Saturday March 29, 2008, at 13:00 o`clock

Women`s History Month Quiz Contest- with Melissa Hauke

****Please sign in and win a price****

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY PROGRAM



In honor of African – American history month, the American Corner Tetovo hosted a paper show and book display, started on Friday January 1 and would last the following week. The participants would have the opportunity to see a book display with the following books: *"Up from slavery"*, *"Incidents in the life of a slave girl"*; *"Many thousands gone- the first two centuries of slavery in north America"*; *"The souls of black folk"* and *"Open wide the freedom gates"*.

Also were displayed two paper shows *"Portraits of a New Generation: African-American Leaders Living the Legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr."* and *"Africa"*.

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On Tuesday February 5, 2008 American Corner Tetovo hosted a children event. 25 children attended this class with their teacher. The children were on age of 6 and 8 years old and they belong to the Turkish community in Tetovo. The Peace Corps Volunteer **Caitlin Steele** led the storytelling hour and she read two stories *The Mitten* and *Goodnight Moon*. After she read the story, the teachers asked questions to the children related with what they have heard and remember from the stories.

In the end they practiced some new English words and we (the ACT staff) showed the place and informed them about our activities. The teachers were very pleased for the generous welcoming at the Corner.



On Monday February 11, the Peace Corps Volunteer **Melissa Hauke** held a presentation on topic “**Black Americans and their contribution to the World**” in honor of African-American History Month. 12 participants attended the presentation.

Melissa shared information about famous African-Americans and discussed about Civil Right issues through a power point presentation. She mentioned some places that are related to African-Americans and explained how February became African-American History Month. She also prepared handouts for the participants to identify some famous African- Americans and their impact

on a global perspective. The participants shared that this was new information to them and they were surprised that America still struggles with these issues.

She encouraged the participants to Google black history month and to learn more about this topic.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY PROGRAM



On February 14th, in observance of **Valentine`s Day** the American Corner, prepared some poems in order top be read here for this occasion. **Melissa Hauke**, a Peace Corp volunteer, led the poetry reading and 6 participants were reading love poems and other phrases about love, written by famous writers and philosophers. After one poem was read, it started an active discussion about what was the poem about, who it was dedicated to, what was the tone of the poem: cheerful, sad, bitter...



In honor of **President`s Day**, American Corner on Saturday, February 16th, prepared a quiz with facts about different US Presidents. 17 participants took this quiz. They used the *internet* and the literature of the Corner in order to find and learn the facts. They had about one hour to finish the quiz and to answer 10 questions that the American Corner staff had prepared for them. After that, the participants put the quizzes together and we checked up the correct answers. To the person with best answers was given a book

and other publications.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY PROGRAM



On February 21, 2008, the American Corner Tetovo hosted a workshop, on a topic of psychology “**Stress and managing the stress**” with teaching assistant at State University of Tetovo, **Zana Rustemi**.

There were 16 students present at this workshop. What was very interesting they were all students of different faculties, other than psychology. These students were very satisfied for this workshop, because from the beginning of our work, they showed a special interest on psychology issues.

The speaker, first explained some important facts about the stress, how does it affect our lives and how to manage it. During this presentation, the participants joined actively on the discussion and they talked about what was stressful to them. Since they were all students, mostly they get stress during the exam session. The participants got two materials that Zana has prepared for them: “**Stress Inventory Test**” and “**Assess your stress using Hari’s Stress Inventory**”, which supposed to measure the amount of stress we experience in our daily life. It was fun discussing the results.



On Tuesday, February 19, 2008, the American Corner Tetovo hosted the regular session of **conversation hour**. We were positively surprised by the number of 21 participants that attended this hour, which actually was the biggest number ever. Peace Corp Volunteer **Melissa Hauke** led this hour and the participants were very willing to discuss about different social issues that effects people in Macedonia, but also many questions came in order to know how Americans deal with these issues.

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