Women’s History Month

Women’s History Month started as the public celebration of women’s history in this country and began in 1978 as “Women’s History Week” in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, International Women’s Day, was selected. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep. Barbara Mikulski co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women’s History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women’s History Month. International Women’s Day is celebrated on March 8th. In its various incarnations, ranging from a communist holiday to a U. N.-sponsored event, International Women’s Day has been celebrated for over 95 years. Inspired by an American commemoration of working women, people from Germany, Austria, Denmark and other European countries held strikes and marches. Russian revolutionary and feminist Aleksandra Kollontai, who helped organize the event, described it as “one seething sea of women.”

The Women’s Center Spring Festival will be a celebration of bringing women and men together in a joyous atmosphere. There will be food and games so please come out and join us on Wednesday, March 14, from 10am until 2pm. Feel free to stop by the women’s center to take our women’s history trivia quizzes, meet our volunteers, receive information on women’s issues or resources. We will be glad to meet you all.

Mark Your Calendars! Bring Your Friends!

Sex Signals
12:00-1:30. GUC, Banquet Hall A.
Monday, March 19
Sponsored by the Women’s Center, Sex Signals is a “real life funny sort-of-improve show about sex & stuff.” It describes the good, the bad, and the ugly sides of the dating scene, and has gotten rave reviews across the country.

Sex Under the Influence
7:00-8:00. GUC, Banquet Halls A-B.
Monday, March 19
Sponsored by Student Life, Sex Under the Influence is a moving and motivational first-person account of the dangers of mixing sex and alcohol.

AAUW of Alabama State Convention

Where:
Holiday Inn Huntsville—Downtown

When:
April 13-15, 2007

More Info:
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The Vagina Monologues took place on February 14th and 15th. The Vagina Monologues was written by Eve Ensler and is produced through arrangements with V-Day. V-Day is the international organization to end violence against women. This year’s V-Day spotlight campaign was women in conflict zones. Ten percent of every The Vagina Monologues productions’ proceeds went to aid women in conflict zones. We were able to raise close to $1300 through ticket sales, merchandise sales, and donations. Target of Florence and Cates and Puckett Construction Co. were our benefactors that covered all production costs. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. held a donation drive in the GUC the week of the show to raise money for Vagina Security. Ben Flippo was our lighting and sound technician. Jessica Cabler was named our 2007 Vagina Warrior. She was presented with the award Wednesday night after the first production.

Upcoming Events

AAUW Green Tea
The Shoals Branch of the Association of University Women invites you to its annual Green Tea.

Where:
At the home of UNA President and Mrs. William Cale, 624 Aderholt Way, Florence.

When:
Thursday, March 15 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m.

Why:
Your contribution to the AAUW Educational Foundation supports scholarships for women at UNA, post-graduate fellowships, and research on issues of importance to women and girls.

Walk a Mile For a Child
Help stop child abuse and domestic violence. Sponsored by Safeplace, Inc.

When and Where:
Saturday, March 31, 2007 Lauderdale County.

More Info:
Safeplace: 256-767-3076

Women’s Conference University of Montevallo
Women in Alabama: Yesterday and Today

When:
March 29, 2007

Where:
University of Montevallo. College of Arts and Sciences.
http://www.montevallo.edu

Upcoming Events

The Center still provides free, confidential HIV testing on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and by appointment.

The Women’s Center, as always, provides access to free prophylactics. The center carries both male and female condoms.

For those who are interested in someone to listen, those of us at the Women’s Center will be glad to provide that.

The center also offers a library filled with books and videos on women’s issues.

The library also carries books dealing with issues of sexuality, and sexual orientation.

The volunteers at the center are trained to assist anyone in need of information, and to refer them to the appropriate crisis organizations.