March is Women’s History Month!
(excerpted from History.com)

Women’s History month is now celebrated annually in the U.S. It grew from a week long celebration of women’s contributions to culture, history, and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California in 1979. In 1981 the U.S. Congress passed a resolution officially making it Women’s History Week. In 1987 the week was expanded into the full month of March.

Each year, the National Women’s History Project selects a theme that highlights achievements by distinguished women in specific fields. This year’s theme “Writing Women Back into History” commemorates the project’s 30th anniversary and recognizes efforts to document women’s accomplishments and experiences in textbooks and other educational materials.

Safeplace Wishlist

According to statistics, one in every four women experiences domestic violence at some point in her lifetime. Safeplace, the local shelter for women and children who have been made the victims of domestic violence, needs certain items depending on the season. The wishlist printed below is Safeplace’s spring list of needs.

If you would like to show your support for ending domestic violence please donate any of the items on the list. Please bring them to the Women’s Center at 663 N. Wood Avenue, Florence. We will be collecting donations for the remainder of the semester and regularly giving them to Safeplace. Thank you so much for your continued support.

*Laundry Detergent
*Toilet tissue
Light Bulbs
(40 & 60 watt)
*Garbage bags
(tall kitchen & large)
Plastic drinking glasses
*Paper towels
Paper plates
Feminine Products
Dish cloths
Diapers (4,5,6)
Umbrellas
Clorox
Phone cards
Bath towels
Dish towels
Pull– ups (boys and girls)
Can openers

*items used alot
Upcoming Events

March 4 – Cancer Caps Sewing Group meets at 6:30 P.M.
“A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer,” Auditions from 3-7 P.M.

March 8 – Safeplace and Hopeline Drive begins

March 11 – Cancer Cap Sewing Group meets at 6:30 P.M.

March 16 – Autumn Brown will speak on the history of the American Red Cross at 12:30 P.M.

March 18 – AAUW’s Green Tea from 3-5 P.M. at UNA’s President’s House
Cancer Cap Sewing Group will meet at 6:30 P.M.

March 22-26 – Spring Break!!!

Women In History

March 31, 1776 – Abigail Adams wrote her famous “Remember the ladies” letter to her husband, John, urging him to include women as he helped construct the U.S. Constitution. He didn’t.

March 1, 1864 – Rebecca Lee of Boston, MA became the first African American woman to earn a medical degree.

March 8, 1908 – First International Women’s Day, founded by the German labor activist Clara Zetkin.

March 4, 1917 – Peace activist and suffragist Jeanette Rankin became the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.


Quotes

• “I decided it is better to scream. Silence is the real crime against humanity.”
  -Nadezhda Mandelstam

• “Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.”
  -Eleanor Roosevelt

• “People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing”
  -Dale Carnegie
A Woman Who Changed the World

Sojourner Truth was a freedom fighter, orator and American original whose legend seems to grow with successive generations—and whose capacity to inspire seems to cross all lines of race and gender. Born into slavery, Truth fled successive masters and fought the system in the courts as well. In 1843, responding to “a command from God,” she took both the name Sojourner Truth and the itinerant preacher’s life it be-spoke. As an African-American woman Truth powerfully embodied the fight for both black and female liberation, refusing to compromise one for the other. Her famous “Ain’t I a Woman?” speech of 1851 was but one of many in which she attacked—in typically electrifying fashion—religious hypocrisy, white privilege and sexism.
Where is the Women’s Center?

If you do not know where the Women’s Center is located, now is your chance to learn. The Women’s Center is a small, tan house located on North Wood Avenue. The Center is situated between the Willingham faculty parking lot and the big, purple University of North Alabama sign. It is located in front of Wesleyan Hall and across the street from the BCM. The street address is 663 North Wood Avenue.

If you still cannot locate the Center, please call (256) 765-6198 or (256) 765-4380 and someone here will gladly guide you to the Center.

Notes from the Coordinator

There’s a lot going on at the Women’s Center this month. There was a large turnout for auditions for Eve Ensler’s A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer. The performances will be on April 14 and 15 in Wesleyan Hall and in the meantime, the center rocks every Sunday night with rehearsals. We’re energizing our Safeplace Wish-list Donation Drive and the Hopeline Phone Drive. We have great speakers talking about everything for gray rape to the history of the Red Cross. We even have a cottage industry blooming in the Women’s Center every Tuesday and Thursday night under the guiding hands of our intern Allison. With a goal of 250 cancer caps this semester for women who have temporarily lost their hair due to treatments, the sewing circle is turning these out by the dozen. The response of volunteers on campus has been better than we ever imagined! Thanks for adding your energy to this important cause. Finally, there is Spring Break from which I expect to find each of you back here, safe, healthy, and ready for classes on March 29th. Have a great vacation!

~Emily~