



**Important Dates  
and Birthdays  
in Her-Story for  
American Women**



First International Congress of Working Women called by the National Women's Trade Union League  
of America, Washington D.C., Oct. 28, 1919

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Betsy Ross born, 1752	1	2	Lucretia Mott. Quaker minister, abolitionist, suffrage leader, born 1793	3	4	Nellie Taylor Ross becomes the nation's first female governor in Wyoming, 1924	5	Joan of Arc born, 1412	6	Marion Anderson becomes the first black woman singer in the Metropolitan Opera	7
8	Carrie Chapman Catt, suffragist, born 1859 Simone deBeauvoir, author, born 1908	9	Suffrage pickets begin their 18-month vigil in the cold outside the White House, 1917	10	Alice Stokes Paul, founder of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, born 1885	11	12	Charlotte E. Ray, first African- American lawyer, born 1880	13	14	
Abigail Kelley Foster, suffragist and abolitionist, born 1810	15	16	17	Vassar College for Women is founded in 1861	18	19	20	Margaret Brent, Maryland landowner, becomes the first woman in America to ask for the vote and the right to be seated in political office, 1647	21		
22	23	24	Rep. Shirley Chisholm announces her candidacy for the Democratic Party nomination for President, becoming the first Black woman to do so, 1973	25	26	27	Anna Thompson Ickes, served on the Illinois State Legis- lature and worked for the welfare and rights of Native Americans, born 1873	28			
29	Ella Delorea, Sioux Indian linguist and anthropologist, born 1888.	30	31								

# JANUARY

## Arts and Literature

Alcott, Louisa May	1832-1888	Author
Bowen, Catherine Shober	1897-1973	Author
Brooks, Gwendolyn	1917-	Black poet, Pulitzer Prize winner
Buch, Pearl Sydenstricher	1892-1973	Author, Nobel Prize winner
Cassatt, Mary	1845-1926	Artist (painter)
Cather, Willa Sibert	1873-1947	Author, Pulitzer Prize winner
Dickinson, Emily Elizabeth	1830-1886	Poet
Duncan, Isadora	1878-1927	Dancer
Ferber, Edna	1887-1968	Author, Pulitzer Prize winner
Graham, Martha	1894-	Dancer, Choreographer
Hoffman, Malvina	1887-1966	Artist (sculptor)
Hyatt, Anna Vaughn	1876-	Artist (sculptor)
Lowell, Amy	1874-1925	Poet, author, critic
Millay, Edna St. Vincent	1892-1950	Poet, Pulitzer Prize winner
Mitchell, Margaret	1900-1949	Author, Pulitzer Prize winner
Moses, Anna (Grandma")	1860-1961	Artist (primitive painter),
Nin, Anais	1914-1977	Novelist, poet
O'Keeffe, Georgia	1887-	Artist (painter)
Scudder, Janet	1873-1940	Artist (sculptor and painter)
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	1811-1896	Author, social reformer



1	2	Elizbeth Blackwell, <sup>3</sup> first female doctor in U.S., born in England, 1821 Ger- trude Stein born, 1874	4	5	6	7 Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the <i>Little House</i> books, born 1867
8	9 Alice Walker, author of <i>The Color Purple</i> , born 1944	10	11	12	13	14 Anna Howard Shaw, <sup>14</sup> suffragist and first female Methodist min- ister, 1847. She is believed to be the first woman to hold the titles of Rev. and M.D.
15 Susan B. Anthony, abolitionist, born, 1820	16	17	18 Toni Morrison, Pulitzer Prize Winner for her book, "Beloved." Born 1931	19	20 Angelina Grimke, abolitionaist and suffragist, born 1805	21
22	23 Emma Hart Willard, pioneer in female educa- tion, born 1787	24	25	26	27	28 Mary Lyon, founder of Mt. Holyoke College, born 1797
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# FEBRUARY

## Arts and Literature, continued

Tallchief, Maria	1925-	Indian ballet dancer
Tarbell, Ida Minerva	1857-1944	Author, editor
Warren, Mercy Otis	1728-1814	Poet, author
Wheatley, Phillis	1753?-1784	First U.S. black woman poet
Welty, Eudora	1909-	Pulitzer Prize winner
Wong, Jade Snow	1922-	Author, goodwill ambassador
Zenger, Anna Maulin	1704-1751	Editor of first independent newspaper in U.S.

## Athletics

Ederle, Gertrude Caroline	1907-	First woman to swim the English Channel
Gibson, Althea	1927-	Black tennis champion
Joyner-Kersey, Jackie	1962-	Record breaking track and field runner
King, Billie Jean	1943-	Tennis champion
Moody, Helen Wills	1906-	Tennis champion
Rudolph, Wilma Glodean	1940-	Track champion-Olympic Gold winner
Zaharias, Mildred Didrikson	1912/4-1956	Track and field champion, golf champion



1 Frances Perkins becomes the first woman in the U.S. Cabinet, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor, 1933	2 Inez Irwin, World War I Reporter and feminist, born 1873	3 Belva Lockwood, the only woman ever admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court at Washington, 1879	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Eliza Nicholson, first woman newspaper publisher in the South, born 1849	12 Juliette Gordon Low organizes the first troop of Girl Guides (later to be the Girl Scouts of America) in Savannah, GA, 1912	13	14 Lucy B. Hobbs, the first American woman to earn a D.D.S. from a dental school, born 1866
15	16 Ellen Starr, cofounder of the Hull House, Chicago, born 1859	17	18	19	20	21
22 The U.S. Senate passed the Equal Rights Amendment, 84-8, after 102 years of tireless feminist lobbying, 1972	23	24 Matilda Joslyn Gage, formed the Women's National Liberal League in 1878, born 1826	25 Gloria Steinem, women's movement leader and co-founder of <i>MS Magazine</i> , born 1934	26 Sandra Day O'Connor, first female Supreme Court Justice, born 1930	27	28
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# MARCH

## Educators

Barnes, Mary Sheldon	1850-1898	Historian
Bethune, Mary McLeod	1875-1955	Black educator
Cooney, Joan Ganz	1929-	Creator of Sesame Street, educator
Farmer, Fannie Merritt	1857-1915	Home economist, author of famous cook book
Horwich, Frances Rapport	1908-	Educator, TV personality
Lyon, Mary	1797-1849	College founder, president
Palmer, Alice Freeman	1855-1902	Organizer of American Association of University of Women
Sullivan, Annie Macy	1866-1936	Teacher of the blind
Willard, Emma Hart	1787-1870	Girls schools founder
Woolley, Mary Emma	1863-1947	College president

## Performing Arts

Anderson, Marian	1902-	Black singer, author
Baez, Joan	1941-	Mexican folksinger
Bailey, Pearl	1918-	Singer, dancer, actress, comedian, author
Barrymore, Ethel	1879-1959	Actress, stage and screen
Davis, Bette	1908-	Actress, stage and screen
Frederick, Pauline	1885/6-1938	Actress, stage and screen



1	Victoria Woodhull, first female candidate for the U.S. presidency, (National Equal Rights Party) 1938.	2	3	Dorothea Dix, humanitarian and reformer, born 1802	4	5	6	Billie Holiday, leading Jazz singer of the 30's and 40's, born 1915	7
8	9	10	11	12	Eudora Welty, Pulitzer Prize winning author, born 1909	13	14		
15	Mary Mahoney, first black female trained nurse, born 1845	16	17	18	19	20	21	Charlotte Bronte, novelist, author of <i>Jane Eyre</i> , born 1816	
22	23	24	25	Ella Fitzgerald, international singing star, born 1918	26	27	Mary Wollstonecraft, feminist and author of <i>The Vindication of the Rights of Woman</i> , born 1759	28	Coretta Scott King, civil rights leader and peace advocate, born 1927
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APRIL

## Performing Arts, continued

Goldberg, Whoopi	1950-	Black comedian and actress
Hayes, Helen	1900-1992	Actress, stage and screen
Hepburn, Katherine	1909-	Actress, stage and screen
Jackson, Mahalia	1911-1972	Black singer
Price, (May) Leontyne	1927-	Black opera singer
Pickford, Mary Smith	1893-	Actress, motion pictures
Walters, Barbara	1931-	Author, television newscaster, first woman to anchor network news program
Waters, Ethel	1900-	Black actress, stage and screen, author
Winfrey, Oprah	1954-	1989 Humanitarian of the Year Award, popular talk show host and actress

## Philanthropy

Addams, Jane	1860-1935	Social reformer, humanitarian
Barton, Clara	1821-1912	Nurse, founder of American Red Cross
Balch, Emily Greene	1867-1961	Economist, sociologist, Nobel Peace Prize winner
Child, Lydia Maria	1802-1880	Social reformer, author, editor
Dix, Dorothea Lynde	1802-1887	Social reformer
Keller, Helen Adams	1880-1968	Blind and deaf author, lecturer
King, Coretta Scott	1927-	Civil rights leader, author, lecturer



1 Mary Harris "Mother" Jones, fearless union organizer, born 1830.	2	3	4	5 Elizabeth Seaman "Nellie Bly", completed the around the world trip in 72 days, born 1865	6	7
8	9 Belle Boyd, Confederate spy and actress born 1844	10	11 Martha Graham, modern dance innovater, born 1893	12 Florence Nightingale, heroic nurse, born 1820	13	14
15	16 Joan Benoit Samuelson, winner of the first women's Olympic marathon, born 1957	17	18 Mary McLeod Bethune, founded National Council of Negro Women, died 1955	19	20 Amelia Earhart becomes first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, 1932	21 Clara Barton organizes the Red Cross, 1881
22 Mary Cassatt, impressionist artist, born 1844	23 Mary Fuller, intellectual, transcendentalist, born 1810	24	25	26	27 Sally Ride, first woman astronaut, born 1951	28
29	30	31	<b>MAY</b>			

## Philanthropy, continued

Nation, Carrie Amelia	1846-1911	Social reformer
Parks, Rosa Lee	1913-	Social reformer
Roosevelt, (Anna) Eleanor	1884-1962	Humanitarian, lecturer, author
Sanger, Margaret Higgins	1883-1966	Social reformer, lecturer, author
Truth, Sojourner	1797?-1883?	Black social reformer, feminist, abolitionist
Tubman, Harriet Ross	1826-1913	Black social reformer, lecturer

## Politics

Abzug, Bella Savitzky	1920-	Congresswoman, lawyer
Anderson, Eugenie	1909-	U.S. ambassador
Chisholm, Shirley Anita	1924-	Congresswoman, educator
Clark, Septima	1898-1987	Civil Rights organizer
Farenthold, Frances ("Sissy")	1926-	Lawyer, first woman Vice Presidential nominee
Griffit, Martha	1912-	Congresswoman, lawyer
Grasso, Ella Tambussie	1919?-	State governor
Heckler, Margaret	1931-	Congresswoman
Jordan, Barbara	1936-	U.S. Congresswoman, first black woman in state Senate
Luce, Clare Booth	1903-	U.S. ambassador, congresswoman, author
Mink, Patsy Takemoto	1927-	Congresswoman, lawyer



1	2	3 Josephine Baker, dance and vocalist who fought racism, born 1906	4	5	6	7	
8	9 Helen Marot, leader of the first dressmakers strike in 1909, born 1865	10	11 Jeanette Rankin, first woman elected to Congress in 1916, born 1880	12	13	14 Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, born 1812	
15	16	17 Susan LaFlesche Picotte, Omaha Indian Physician, born 1865	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25 Crystal Eastman, suffragist and pacifist who was one of the founders of the American Civil Liberties Union, born 1881	26	27 Emma Goldman, anarchist, first person to publicly advocate the use of contraceptives in America, born 1869	28	
			<b>JUNE</b>				

## Politics, continued

Motley, Constance Baker	1921-	Black judge, state politician
Neuberger, Maurine	1907-	Congresswoman
Perkins, Frances	1882-1965	First woman U.S. cabinet member
Peterson, Esther Eggertsen	1906-	Assistant Secretary of Labor
Rankin, Jeannette	1880-1973	First congresswoman, feminist
Smith, Margaret Chase	1897-	Congresswoman
Uccello, Antonina	n.d.	Mayor, politician

## Professions

Allen, Florence Ellinwood	1884-1966	Judge
Baker, Sara Josephine	1873-1945	Pediatrician, public health worker
Blackwell, Elizabeth	1821-1910	First U.S. woman physician
Brothers, Joyce Diane	1928-	Psychologist, television radio personality, author
Hamilton, Alice	1869-1970	Pioneer industrial physician
Hinkle, Beatrice Moses	1874-1953	Psychiatrist
Mead, Margaret	1901-	Anthropologist, author



1 Twyla Tharp, innovative modern dancer, born 1941	2	3	4	5 Sarah Emma Edmonds, nurse, spy Union soldier and courier, is awarded a pension by Congress, 1884	6	7 Nettie Stevens biologist who discovered the X and Y chromosomes, born 1861
8	9	10 Mary McLeod Bethune, pioneer Black educator, born 1875	11	12	13	14
15	16 Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, insisted on the motherhood, not only the fatherhood of God, born 1821	17	18	19	20	21 Louise Bethune, first American woman architect, born 1856
22 Emma Lazarus, author and poet who wrote the poem on the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired, your poor..." born 1849	23	24 Bella Abzug, first woman elected to Congress on a women's rights/ peace platform, born 1920	25	26	27 Genevieve Cline, first woman Federal Judge, born 1878	28 Ann Hutchinson, born 1591
29	30	31	<b>JULY</b>			



Glimpses at the Freedmen. The Freedmen's Union Industrial School, Richmond, VA/ from a sketch by Jas E. Taylor

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1 Maria Mitchell, American astronomer, born 1818	2	3 Maggie Kuhn, elderly rights activist who founded the Gray Panthers, born 1905	4	5	6	7
8 Majorie Rawling, Pulitzer prize winning author of <i>The Year- ling</i> , born 1896	9	10	11	12	13 Lucy Stone, suffragist, born 1818	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Althea Gibson, first Black woman tennis player to compete at Forest Hills and Wimbeldon, born 1927	26 Geraldine Ferraro, first woman to be nominated for vice president by a major national party (Democrats) born 1935	27	28
29 Mary Godwin, author of <i>Frankenstein</i> , born to feminist Mary Woll- stonecraft, 1779	30	31	<b>AUGUST</b>			

## Science

Blodgett, Katherine Burr	1898-	Physicist
Cannon, Annie Jump	1863-1941	Astronomer
Carson, Rachel Louise	1907-1964	Marine biologist, author
Comstock, Anna Botsford	1854-1930	Naturalist, author
Farr, Wanda	1895-	Biochemist
Gilbreth, Lillian Evelyn	1878-	Industrial Engineer
Hyman, Libbie	1888-	Zoologist, author
Mayer, Maria Goeppert	1906-1972	Physicist, Nobel Peace Prize winner
McClintock, Barbara	1902-1984	Nobel Prize in physiology and medicine
Mitchell, Maria	1818-1889	Astronomer
Pennington, Mary Engle	1872-1952	Bacteriologist, engineer
Ray, Dixy Lee	1914-	Scientist, 1st woman chairperson of Atomic Energy Commission
Richards, Ellen Henrietta	1842-1911	Chemist, sanitary engineer
Sabin, Florence Rena	1871-1953	Anatomist, author, educator
Seibert, Florence	1897-	Biochemist, educator
Stiebeling, Hazel Katherine	1896-	Chemist, government official
Wu, Chien-Shiung	1912-	Physicist



1 Emma and Stella Nutt become the first female telephone operators in 1878	2	3 Prudence Crandall, abolitionist jailed for allowing blacks to attend her school, born 1803	4	5	6 Jane Addams, social reformer and founder of Hull House, Chicago, born 1860	7 Anna Mary "Grandma Moses" primitive artist who painted her pictures after she was 80, born 1860
8	9 Mary Austin, social reformer and author, born 1868	10 Aice Davis, Seminole Indian Chief during legal battles between the U.S. government and Native Americans, born 1852	11	12 Celestia Susannah Parrish worked to make college more accessible to women, born 1853	13	14 Margaret Sanger, born 1883
15 Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell is ordained the first U.S. female minister by the Congregational Church, 1853	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, abolition and temperance advocate, born 1825	25	26	27	28
29	30 Anne Martin, first woman to run for the U.S. Senate (Nevada) born 1875					

# SEPTEMBER

## Women's Rights

Anthony, Susan Brownell	1820-1906	Social reformer, feminist, humanitarian
Catt, Carrie Chapman	1859-1947	Feminist, lecturer
Friedan, Betty	1921-	Feminist, author
Grimke, Angelina Emily	1805-1879	Social reformer, feminist, lecturer
Grimke, Sarah Moore	1792-1873	Social reformer, feminist, author
Lockwood, Belva Ann	1830-1917	Feminist, lawyer
Millet, Kate	1934-	Feminist, author and sculptor
Mott, Lucretia Coffin	1793-1880	Feminist, social reformer
Steinem, Gloria	1936-	Feminist, author
Stone, Lucy	1818-1893	Feminist, social reformer
Truth, Sojourner	1797-1883	Speaker for abolition and women's rights
Willard, Frances Elizabeth	1839-1898	Social reformer, college president
Woodhull, Victoria Claflin	1838-1927	Feminist

## Miscellaneous

Earhart, Amelia	1897-1937?	Pioneer aviatrix
Graham, Katharine	1917-	Publisher, journalist
Hale, Sara Josepha	1788-1879	Editor, author
Hutchinson, Anne Marbury	1591-1643	Religious leader



1	2 Ruth Owen Rhode, first Congresswoman from the deep South (1928-32), born 1885	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Mary Ann Shadd Cary, first Black woman editor in the U.S., born 1823	10	11 Eleanor Roosevelt, born 1884	12	13 Mary Hays McCauley "Molly Pitcher," who earned her nickname on the battle fields of the Revolutionary War, born 1754	14
15	16	17 Sarah Winnemucca, wrote the first book ever published by a Native American woman, died 1891	18	19 Annie Peck, mountain climber, born 1850	20	21
22	23 Gertrude Ederle, first woman to swim the English Channel in 1926, born 1906	24	25	26	27	28
29 Marie Rand, experimental psychologist, born 1886	30	31	<b>OCTOBER</b>			

## Miscellaneous, continued

Landers, Ann	1918-	Columnist
Mock, Jerri	n.d.	Aviatrix, author
Oakley, Annie	1860-1926	Markswoman
Parrish, Essie	1903-1979	American Indian shaman, ethnographer
Sacajawea	1787?-1812?	Indian guide and interpreter
Thompson, Dorothy	1894-1961	Journalist

“Self-reliance is one of the first lessons to be taught. Our daughters; they should be educated with our sons, and equally with them, taught to look forward to some independent means of support, either to one of the professions or the business best fitted to exercise their talents.”

-Matilda Joslyn Gage



1	2	3	4 Anita McGee, physician and founder of the Army Nurse Corps, born 1864	5	6	7 Marie Currie, discoverer of radioactivity and the first person to win two Nobel prizes, (physics and chemistry), born 1867
8	9	10	11 Abigail Adams (who urged her husband John to give power to women in the new government), born 1744	12 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, author of the <i>Seneca Falls Declaration</i> and the <i>Womens Bible</i> , born 1815	13	14
15 Georgia O'Keeffe, artist, born 1887	16	17	18 Wilma Mankiller, Chief of the Cherokee nation, born 1945	19	20	21
22	23 Marie Van Vorst, author and reformer, born 1867	24	25	26 Mary Walker, Civil War surgeon, born 1832	27	28
29 Louisa May Alcott, author of the <i>Little Women</i> , born 1832	30 Shirley Chisholm, first Black congresswoman, born 1924	31	<b>NOVEMBER</b>			



Plateau region women on porch.  
Three elderly women sit on the stairs of a porch. One wears a scarf around her head and the other two wear blankets around their shoulders.

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1	2	3	4	5	6 Patsy Mink, first Japanese-American Congresswoman, born 1927	7 Willa Cather, author, born 1873
8	9 Grace Hopper, who developed the COBOL computer language, born 1906	10	11	12	13	14 Margaret Chase Smith, elected to three terms in the U.S. Senate, born 1897
15	16 Margaret Mead, anthropologist, born 1901	17 Deborah Sampson, Revolutionary War soldier who fought under the name Robert Shurtleff, born 1760	18	19	20	21 Jane Fonda, social activist, born 1937
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# DECEMBER



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