

Celebrating Women's History Month

March 2023



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Women who changed our world.

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Jane Austen, the author of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility*, defined an entire literary genre with her shrewd social observations and wit.

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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
– **Anne Frank**

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Happy Birthday, Jackie Joyner-Kersey! The six-time Olympic medalist is considered one of the world's greatest female athletes and holds the world record in the heptathlon.

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Queen Elizabeth I was one of the most successful monarchs in British history, and under her, England became a major European power in politics, commerce, and the arts.

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"Failure is an important part of your growth and developing resilience. Don't be afraid to fail."
– **Michelle Obama**

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DID YOU KNOW? The Oprah Winfrey Show was awarded for being one of the longest-running daytime talk shows ever to have aired, lasting 25 seasons.

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DID YOU KNOW? **Sarah Blakely**, the founder of Spanx, started with only \$5,000, an idea, and pure drive. Today, the brand is sold in more than 50 countries.

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Malala Yousafzai became one of the youngest recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 for speaking out on women's rights to education.

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In 1939, **Hattie McDaniel** won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, becoming the first African American to win an Oscar for her role in *Gone with the Wind*.

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Happy Birthday, Carrie Underwood! Just months after winning American Idol in 2005, Carrie landed her first and only #1 hit on the Billboard Hot 100 list with "Inside Your Heaven."

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Novelist **Nelle Harper Lee** penned the 1960 novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, that won the 1961 Pulitzer Prize.

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In 1989, *Steel Magnolias* came out with an all-women lead cast of talent.

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Danica Patrick is the only woman to win an IndyCar Series race and one of the first women to break the gender barrier in racing.

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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
– **Maya Angelou**

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Happy Birthday to the late Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg! She spent a lifetime flourishing in the face of adversity, successfully fighting gender discrimination and unifying the liberal block of the court.

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Polish-born **Marie Curie** was a pioneering physicist and scientist, who coined the term *radioactivity*, discovered two new elements (radium and polonium), and developed a portable X-ray machine.

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Artist **Georgia O'Keeffe** is best known for her paintings of enlarged flowers, New York skyscrapers, and New Mexico landscapes.

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Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old environmental activist, became famous overnight for leading massive strikes against governments and businesses that fail to act on climate change.

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On this day in 1982, **Joan Jett's** "I Love Rock 'n Roll" hit No. 1 on Billboard charts. Jett is a pioneer for female rock musicians.

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"Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others."
– **Amelia Earhart**

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Jackie MacMullan helped pave the way for women in sports journalism. She's a Hall of Fame basketball writer and former Boston Globe reporter and columnist who won the PEN/ESPN Lifetime Achievement Award for Literary Sports Writing in 2019.

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On this day in 1972, Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment, which granted equal rights to women, but was never ratified by the required number of states.

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On August 11, 1942, Vienna-born American screen legend **Hedy Lamarr** received a patent for "frequency hopping," the technology behind Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and GPS.

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The *Golden Girls* sitcom became famous in 1985, with four leading ladies bringing us to tears of laughter.

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DID YOU KNOW? With a total of 19, **Mariah Carey** holds the Guinness World Record for the most US Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 singles by a female artist.

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Happy Birthday to Sandra Day O'Connor! She became the first female US Supreme Court Justice in 1981.

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23andMe, a DNA testing company, was founded by **Anne Wojcicki** in 2006, making Wojcicki one of the most noteworthy women entrepreneurs of our time.

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Due to the limits of 1960s technology, legendary chef **Julia Child's** show was unedited, causing her blunders to appear in the final version and ultimately lending "authenticity and approachability to television."

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If you've participated in the #MeToo movement, you're supporting the cause that **Tarana Burke** started in 2006. A rape and sexual abuse survivor, she has had a lifelong career as a community organizer and founder.

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DID YOU KNOW? **Allyson Felix** currently holds the title of the most decorated athlete, male or female, in World Athletics Championships history with 20 career medals, seven from individual events and 13 from team relays.

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Sally Ride was the first American woman and the third woman ever to go to space, flying on the Challenger in 1983. She was also immortalized as a Barbie in 2019!