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NEWSLETTER OF THE MSU WOMEN'S CENTER

MARCH 2009

March is:

Women's History Month 2009

- **Wednesday, March 4th, noon-1 p.m., SUB 168**
Teach a Woman to Fish: Women as Agents for Progress
In celebration of International Women's Day, this panel of international women will present on women's standards of living, roles, rights, and activism in their countries.
- **Thursday, March 5th, 5:30 p.m. Gallatin Valley Cinemas**
A POWERFUL NOISE live,
Come see this film documenting the lives and activism of three women around the world: Hahn, a Vietnamese HIV-positive widow, Nada, a survivor of the Bosnian War, and Jacqueline, an activist fighting forced labor practices in the slums of Mali. Film screening at the Gallatin Valley Cinemas @ 5:30 p.m. one day only. Find out more about this event and how to purchase tickets @ www.apowerfulnoise.org/live.html
- **Tuesday, March 24th, 4:00 p.m., SUB 168**
The Uniqueness of Eleanor Roosevelt as First Lady
Join Dr. Joan Hoff, research professor of History and author of the book *Without Precedent: The Life and Career of Eleanor Roosevelt*, for this discussion about Eleanor Roosevelt and why no first lady should try to fill her shoes. Roosevelt's record as first lady still remains unprecedented, even when considering modern presidential wives such as Hillary Clinton and Michelle Obama.
- **Wednesday, March 25th, noon – 1 p.m., SUB 168**
Making Herstory: Promoting Diversity in the Sciences
Join us for this panel discussion about an MSU program that enhances diversity in the science and engineering fields by offering research opportunities to highly qualified undergraduate female students. Learn more about young women making history as they change the face of science and engineering!
- **Thursday, March 26th, 5:30 p.m. Alumni Building**
Women's History Month Reception and Student of Achievement Awards
Join us for the seventeenth annual Women's History Month reception and award ceremony co-sponsored with our friends in the Office for Alumni Affairs where we will announce our Student of Achievement Award winners!

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: Test Your Knowledge of Herstory

You've probably (or *hopefully* have) heard of Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and Marie Curie, BUT, have you ever heard of 1) Virginia Apgar? 2) Elizabeth Blackwell? 3) Lydia Barrington Darragh? 4) Philippa Duke Schuyler? 5) Nettie Maria Stevens? Or 6) Cornelia Sorabji?

If not, try your hand at this quiz and match the description of the historical figure with one of these names:

- A. This woman made history by being the first female to practice law in India. She was the first female student at Decca College in Poona, India and planned to attend a British University using the scholarship money she received for being the #1 student in her class. After the money was withdrawn solely on the basis of her gender, she won a fellowship at a prestigious Indian College and was the beneficiary of a special decree enabling her to practice law despite her gender.
- B. This American surgeon is best known for devising the Newborn Scoring System which evaluates general health within one minute of birth which she developed in 1952. She was the director of anesthesiology at Columbia-Presbyterian and established the specialty as an academic department at Columbia.
- C. This American spy listened through the keyhole to British soldiers occupying her home in Philadelphia who were plotting an attack against Washington's army in the Revolutionary War. Unbeknownst to the soldiers, she listened carefully, memorized the details of their plan, and sped to the American general's position at Whitemarsh to alert him thus saving the American soldiers who were then ready for the "sneak" attack!
- D. When told of her female friend's discomfort at being examined by a male doctor, this American decided to pursue a career in medicine. After completing her studies and residency, she became America's first female physician and established a practice in New York City in 1851. Her one room clinic became the New York Infirmary for Women and Children and is still in operation today.
- E. This woman was a major child prodigy as a pianist. When she was five years old, she played Mozart for audiences and joined the National Association of Composers and Conductors at age 10. She was biracial and rejected by white audiences causing her to flee the country in hopes of finding more accepting audiences abroad. Her career and life were cut very short when she died prematurely in an helicopter crash in her 30's.
- F. This historical figure was the first to connect the number of chromosomes with the sex of an organ. She attended Stanford as a 35-year-old freshman and received her doctorate at Bryn Mawr in Biology. She documented the differences between male and female chromosomes, thus leading her to her revolutionary results. Her untimely death from breast cancer in 1912 no doubt left a wide gap in the world of biology.

* Information found in *Extraordinary Women*, edited by Catherine M. Edmonson

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- Find us at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwwomen/>

LUNAFEST™ BRINGS AWARD-WINNING FILMS TO BOZEMAN

Team LUNA Chix announces the Bozeman screening of LUNAFEST, the only national touring festival featuring films by, for, and about women. The event will take place at the Emerson



Theatre on Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. A reception with no-host beverages and appetizers takes place @ 6:30 in the Emerson Lobby. Tickets are \$10.00 and \$8.00 for students and are available in advance at Chalet Sports in Bozeman or at the door. The festival is sponsored by Chalet Sports and Bozeman Perio with all proceeds benefiting the Breast Cancer Fund and The Wellness Community Montana.

LUNAFEST, produced by LUNA®, the whole nutrition bar for women™, provides a national platform for emerging women filmmakers to share their stories. The films range from animated shorts to fictional drama, and cover topics such as women's health, body image, spirituality, relationships, and cultural diversity.

The program will include nine winning films selected from more than 200 national submissions, as well as a local film, *Some Day Flowers Bloom* by Mai Heiselmann.

Did you know?

Historically, Filipino women have held powerful societal roles; two of the fourteen presidents of the Philippines have been women. "Kuna Ni Nanang (My Mother Said)" is an experimental documentary that features 99 year old Elena Bautista. As she sits in her church, she sings a sad Filipino folk song about a mother who has to tell her young children that she is going to die soon. Later, Elena dances a Filipino folk dance as she reflects on her long life, her mother's death and her own impending death, which she faces fearlessly.

Did you know?

Women's Wrestling was the only new sport introduced in the 2004 Olympics. Ladies are making their way into one of the world's oldest sports-and even taking on the guys. *Grappling Girls* is living proof that a woman does not have to possess the same strength as a male in order to defend herself. With proper training, the average female can defeat a male.

Did you know?

Social Anxiety Disorder, which affects 6.8% of the US population, is characterized by an intense, persistent, and chronic fear of being watched and judged by others. In "Sarah in the Dark", the little voice in Sarah's head has been let loose for too long and now it's running the show. Pushed to her breaking point, Sarah battles her not-so-inner demon and realizes that all she needs is her own voice.

Women's Center Staff:

Director: Betsy Danforth

Assistants: Kelsey Joronen & Jessica DeSarno

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Looking for help to fund your college education?

The Women's Center has the forms for two new scholarships. The first scholarship is being offered by Business and Professional Women/ USA. This scholarship is an Educational Scholarship for Career Advancement for the 2009-10 academic year. It is offered to provide financial assistance to qualified women (ages 25+) seeking to further their education. Awards range from \$500-\$1000 and the application deadline is March 15, 2009. The second scholarship is the Kay March Memorial Scholarship offered by the Chapter BP, P.E.O. Award will be a \$1000, and applications are due April 15, 2009. Stop by The Women's Center in SUB 372 for any additional information, and to pick up application forms.

Quiz Answers: 1: B, 2: D, 3: C, 4: E, 5: F, 6: A

On Thursday, March 5, 2009, **A POWERFUL NOISE Live** will appear in 450 movie theatres across the United States. This one-night event will feature the acclaimed documentary followed by a town hall discussion broadcast live from New York City to each theatre.

A POWERFUL NOISE Live begins at 7:30pmET/6:30pmCT
5:30pmMT/8pmPT (taped).



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