

Facts on Women — Did You Know?

Victoria Claflin Woodhull was the first female U.S. presidential candidate in 1872.

Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii was the first Asian-American female elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, in 1965. She served 24 years.

Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as U.S. Surgeon General, becoming the first woman and first Hispanic to hold that position, in 1990.

Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois became the first African-American female elected to the U.S. Senate, in 1992.

Nancy Pelosi of California became the first female Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, in 2007.

The closing of the wage gap between men and women has been at a rate of about half a penny a year; in 1963, women earned 59% of the wages men earned and 81% in 2005.

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

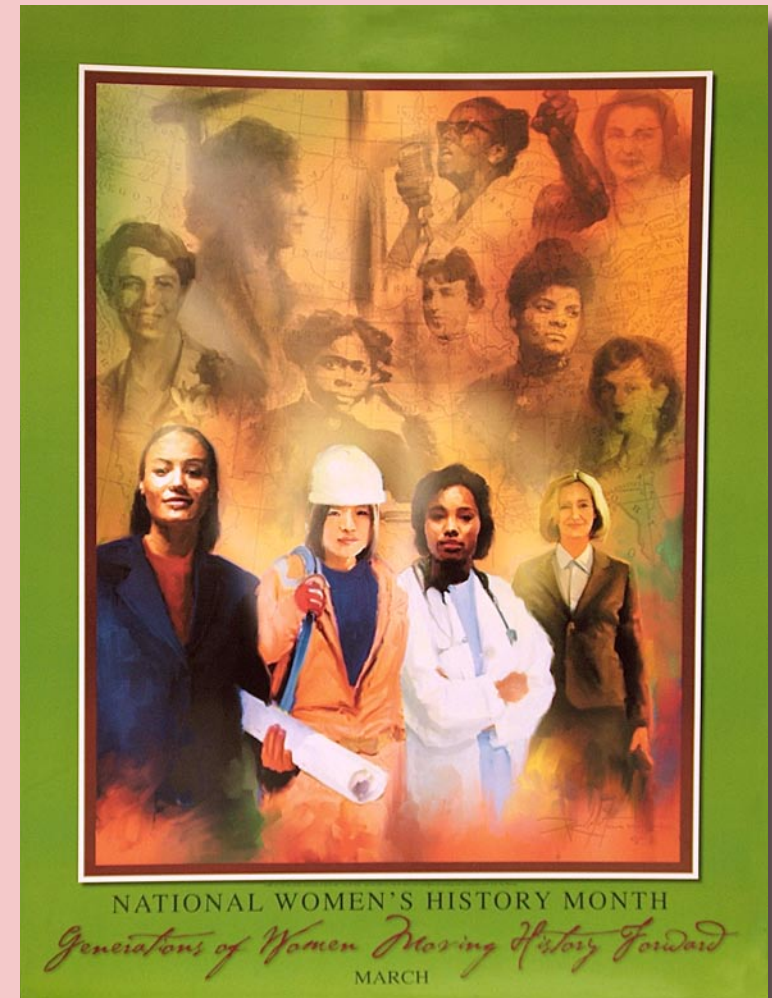
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National Women's History Month



Dr. Donna R. Walton joined DOT's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Office of Civil Rights in 2005 as an Equal Opportunity Specialist, ensuring that transit agencies implement Americans with Disabilities Act regulations to help FTA achieve its mission

of improving public transportation for America's communities. She is also Chair of FTA's Malcolm Baldrige Human Resources Subcommittee, a group that has the unique challenge of assessing how the mode manages its most vital resource – its employees.

At the age of 18, Dr. Walton was diagnosed with a potentially fatal form of bone cancer requiring her left leg to be amputated above the knee. Instead of letting this tragedy limit her life, she decided to use it to inspire and uplift others. In 1996, Dr. Walton created LEGGTalk, Inc., to motivate and empower individuals to conquer their personal limitations, real and perceived, and achieve their visions of success. Her passion is to help others deconstruct and reconstruct their lives to find purpose and fulfillment.

Other accomplishments include being a dynamic award-winning speaker (the U.S. Army, National Council of Negro Women, U.S. Conference on AIDS, and Annual Conference on Disabilities); publisher of numerous articles; creator of an empowerment model to help women live the lives they desire; and now author who is currently writing a book about her life and the lessons she has learned as a cancer survivor and amputee.

Dr. Walton earned her Bachelor's degree from American University, Master's degree in Adult Education from Syracuse University, and Doctoral in Counseling from the George Washington University, where she also served as a faculty member.

DOT National Women's History Month Observance

March 13, 2007

Agenda

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| 10:30 a.m. | Moderator
Aloha T. Ley , Acting Associate Director
<i>Small Community Air Service Development Program
Office of the Secretary</i> |
| 10:35 a.m. | Opening Remarks
Secretary Mary E. Peters |
| 10:40 a.m. | Presentation of President's Call to Service
Volunteer Award
Secretary Mary E. Peters |
| 10:45 a.m. | Musical Selection(s)
Bernard Mavritte |
| 10:55 a.m. | Keynote Speaker
Dr. Donna R. Walton
<i>Federal Transit Administration</i> |
| 11:15 a.m. | Charter Ceremony
DOT FEW Chapter , <i>Women on the Move</i> |
| 11:20 a.m. | Closing Remarks
Carl-Martin Ruiz , Director
<i>Office of Civil Rights
Federal Railroad Administration</i> |
| 11:30 a.m. | Reception
Sponsored by <i>Women on the Move</i> |