



The Villages - Evening
Rotary
Club



Evening Edition
March 17, 2021

March is Women's History Month

National Women's History Month traces its roots to March 8, 1857, when women from various New York City factories staged a protest over poor working conditions. The first Women's Day celebration in the United States was in 1909, also in New York City. More than seven decades later, Congress in 1981 established National Women's History Week to be commemorated annually the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month, and every year since has passed a resolution (and proclamation) designating March



the president has issued a Women's History Month.

As we celebrate Women's History on advances women have made

over the last decade. Women have increased their earnings and education, fields of occupation and continued to live longer than men. Below are stats from Census Bureau surveys highlighting how women's employment has changed over the years. We appreciate the public's cooperation in helping us measure America's people, places and economy.

Month 2021, we reflect up-

Did you know?

- 166.6 million, the number of females in the United States as of July 2019. There were 161.7 million males. In 2010, there were 157 million females and 151.8 million males. (Continued on page 2)

Baby Shower

The Rotary Baby Shower is on Friday, April 30th from 9:45 AM to 2:15PM. It will be held at the La Plaza Grande Shopping Center and The Village Carwash on Bischara in Spanish Springs. Your job if you choose to sign up - is to monitor the baby playpens

that will be set up in front of the various businesses in this shopping location. You will ask for donations - requested items which will be posted by each playpen - such as diapers, wipes, baby food, baby clothes, baby lotion and soap. The Rotary Baby

Shower is our way of promoting Rotary International's April focus on maternal and infant health. The items from our shower will be distributed to three organizations that have this focus: Kids Central (upcoming meeting program) (Continued on page 2)

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Women (Continued from page 1)

- 2 to 1 The approximate ratio by which women ages 85 and older outnumbered men in 2019 (4.2 million to 2.4 million) in the United States. In 2010, there were 3.7 million women and 1.8 million men ages 85 and older.
- 33.9% In 2019, the percentage of women 25 and older who had earned bachelor's degrees or higher compared with 32.3% of men. In 2010, 28.5% of men 25 and older had a bachelor's degree or higher while 27.9% of women had completed this level of education.
- 79.2 million The number of females ages 16 and older who participated in the civilian labor force in 2019. This comprises 58.6% of females ages 16 and older. In 2010, 74.1 million or 59.1% of females ages 16 and older participated in the civilian labor force.



Mary Harris Jones was an Irish-born American schoolteacher and dressmaker who became a prominent union organizer, community organizer, and activist.



Margaret Higgins Sanger Sanger popularized the term "birth control", opened the first birth control clinic in the United States, and established organizations that evolved into Planned Parenthood



Jeannette Rankin Brigade organized an anti-war march in Washington, D.C.—the largest march by women since the Woman Suffrage Parade of 1913 and was the only member of Congress to vote against the declaration of war on Japan.

Women in History You May Not Recognize



Elizabeth Blackwell was a British physician, notable as the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States



Frances Perkins was the first woman to hold a federal cabinet post. She promoted the Social Security program and the minimum wage.

Baby Shower (Continued from page 1)

Hope Ministries Bushnell Health Start and Langley Health Services Healthy Start.

This event is being promoted on FaceBook, Village New Online, March 27th Food Drive handout, Instagram, and PSA On Radio.

There are 4 playpens

Each individual playpen has 4 time slots

Two people are required for the time slots - 9:45 AM to 12:00 PM



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You should have received an email from Kate T. with a link to sign up genie which allows you to choose your time to volunteer. There are 16 time slots altogether When you sign up (if you choose to do so) you are signing up for **one time slot for one playpen.**

When you go into the Sign Up Genius email it will open to a page that read Baby Shower Volunteers - Click on View Sign Up - Scroll down to the available times and choose your time slot - Select Sign Up and type in you name next to an available time and playpen. **Most important after you type your name go the the bottom of the cite and SUBMIT and SAVE otherwise it won't save your name.**

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—traditional meal of bacon and cabbage.



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Saint who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur.

Upcoming Projects

Food Drive

On Saturday, March 27th our club, along with other area Rotary clubs will be conducting a food drive. Prior to this date, boxes have been placed in strategic locations for the 27th head-the Vil-Wash



along with members located at select Winn Dixie's. The drive starts at 9:00am and goes until 1:00pm. If you haven't already signed up, contact Sandra Riccardi to volunteer.

Car Wash



Saturday, March 20th the South Sumter High School Interact Club will be holding a car wash from 9am to 1pm at the high school.

This is a great opportunity to not only get your car washed but a chance to meet these kids and help them out.

Global Grant

Our club's grant for two wells at Adventist Hospital in Haiti is alive and well. Currently one well has been completed and is providing 20 gallons per minute. A second well was drilled and provided a good water flow but, unfortunately, the walls kept caving in and cannot be reinforced. The plans are to sink another well sometime in early April with hopes that the project can be completed

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Guests

Notes and Announcement

Food Packing at LovExtension

Great to see new members joining in!



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Until the recreation centers reopen, and we decide to reinstitute in person meetings we will continue Zoom meetings each Wednesday night from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. To make it easier we will use the same **Meeting ID 826 152 7480 and Password 84594**

Meetings

Mar 24th David Scholfield - Hands of Mercy

Committee Meetings

Mar 24th Service Projects

Event

- Mar 20th SSSH Interact Car Wash
- Mar 27th Food Drive 9am to 1pm
- Apr 27th District Assembly
- Apr 30th Baby Shower
- May 15th District Conference