

NWHP Women's History November Calendar

November Highlights in US Women's History

Nov 1, 1848 - First medical school for women, the New England Female Medical School, opens; in 1874 it merges with Boston University to become one of the world's first coed medical schools.

Nov 8, 1910 - The state of Washington passes a constitutional amendment to permit woman suffrage.

Nov 8, 1984 - Dr. Anna L. Fisher, a physician, launches into space as the first American mother and third American woman to fly into space on the shuttle Discovery.

Nov 11, 1979 - Bethune Museum and Archives opens in Washington D.C. D.C. as a center for African-American women's history, honoring Mary McLeod Bethune.

Nov 11, 1993 - The Vietnam Women's Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. Conceived by former army combat nurse Diane Carlson Evans and sculpted by Glenna Goodacre, it honors the 265,000 women who voluntarily served during the Vietnam era.

Nov 13, 1938 - Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini is beatified. She is the first American woman citizen to become a saint.

Nov 14, 1889 - Journalist Elizabeth Cochran, aka Nellie Bly, sails around the world in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds, beating the fictional record set by Phileas Fogg in Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*.

Nov 14, 1903 - The U.S. Women's Trade Union League is established.

Nov 14, 1946 - Emily Greene Balch, co-founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Nov 28, 1881 - The first organizational meeting is held for the predecessor group to the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

November Birthdays

Nov 5, 1857 (1944) - Ida Tarbell, investigative reporter, wrote expose on Standard Oil that led to federal investigation and break-up of the company.

Nov 8, 1897 (1980) - Dorothy Day, social reformer, cofounded "The Catholic Worker" newspaper; active in the Catholic Worker movement.

Nov 11, 1744 (1818) - Abigail Adams, politically influential First Lady; early advocate for women's rights

Nov 12, 1815 (1902) - Elizabeth Cady Stanton, feminist, suffragist, organized first U.S. women's rights convention in Seneca Falls in 1848, first

president of the National Woman Suffrage Association.

Nov 15, 1887 (1986) - Georgia O'Keefe, innovative painter, known for her paintings of flowers

Nov 18, 1857 (1950) - Rose Knox , one of America's foremost businesswomen, cofounder of Knox Gelatin Co. Following her husband's death, she revolutionized the company, initiating a five-day work week and two-week vacations.

Nov 18, 1945 - Wilma Mankiller, first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation, 1985 to 1995

Nov 20, 1896 (1965) - Rose Pesotta, union organizer and first woman vice president of the International Ladies Garment Worker Union (ILGWU), 1934

Nov 20, 1910 (1985) - Pauli Murray, civil rights lawyer, Episcopal priest, first black person to earn a doctorate at Yale Law School Law School Law School Law School, 1965.

Nov 22, 1943 - Billie Jean King, tennis champion, won 20 Wimbledon titles; first female athlete in any sport to earn \$100,000 (1971).

Nov 24, 1921 (1992) - Yoshiko Uchida, author of more than 30 books dealing with the Japanese-American experience.

Nov 29, 1832 (1888) - Louisa May Alcott, author of Little Women.

Nov 30, 1924 (2005) - Shirley Chisholm, first African-American Congresswoman, (D-NY) 1969-1983, first woman and first African-American presidential Democratic nominee, receiving 151 delegate votes at the Democratic Convention in 1972.