

 **Alexandria Celebrates Women**

 **FEBRUARY 2022 Newsletter**

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**“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”**

 ***- 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution***

 **Welcome** to the February 2022 issue of the Alexandria Celebrates Women (ACW) newsletter.

Join us March 8, 2022 for the Little Theatre of Alexandria production of “Blue Stockings!”

 **TICKETS NOW ON SALE** 

**Join ACW March 8** for a great evening celebrating women at the Little Theatre of Alexandria's production of “Blue Stockings.” The production chronicles the story of four women fighting for an education in 1896 at Cambridge University.  Click here for more information and to purchase tickets  <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blue-stockings-at-the-little-theatre-of-alexandria-tickets-256561270667>
We hope you will join us -- funds raised will benefit the Alexandria Domestic Violence Program Safehouse.  If you cannot attend, a donation to this important program would be welcome.

The March 8, 2022 performance is a limited seating engagement (144 seats). Please visit [2021\_22 Season - LTA (thelittletheatre.com)](http://thelittletheatre.com/2019_20-season/) for Covid guidelines.

  

The short month of February is filled with holidays and other national observances: In addition to being Black History Month, Feb. is also American Heart Month (Feb. 4 is National Wear Red Day). We will await the annual, seasonal word from the groundhog Feb. 2, while we celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The 4th also marks Rosa Parks Day. The Super Bowl occurs Feb. 6 this year. The 11th is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Please see the story regarding girls and STEM in our News section below). Feb. 14 is of course, Valentine’s Day. Feb. 15 recognizes Susan B Anthony on her birthday, followed two days later by National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Presidents Day occurs Feb. 21 (American women have helped to put U.S. presidents in office for more than 100-years: **Feb. 27, 1922** **marks the day** **the** **U.S. Supreme Court upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote!).**

ACW has continued its tradition of bringing you history information, including the milestones in the fight for women’s suffrage, in our newsletters this year. You can find information regarding Alexandria’s women of the *past, present and future* in the ACW monthly *Alexandria Times* column and on the ACW Website [Alexandria Celebrates Women](https://alexandriacelebrateswomen.com/) – and speaking of Websites -- **ACW is looking for a Webmaster. If you or someone you know is interested and would like to learn more regarding the position, please contact Pat Miller at** pmiller1806@comcast,net .

We hope that you, your family and friends are well and safe during this time and we hope the educational links and stories that follow can serve as a part of a plan to encourage your family’s enthusiasm for American women’s history.

  **Events & Items of Interest**

**Women Impacted by Pandemic Need Your Help**

The Alexandria Domestic Violence Safehouse – a place of refuge for many women impacted by the pandemic – needs your help. When women and their families are able to leave the shelter, there is a **need for housewares -- silverware, pots and pans, dishes.  You can assist by clicking here** <http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/effb54910b8145f2ba507c26a79eb5a6>

**New Alexandria Women’s History Walk**

Discover where Alexandria’s women of the past and present have lived, worked and made history on Alexandria Celebrates Women’s new Women’s History Walk! The extensive self-guided journey is designed to enable history seekers to explore *as little or as much as you like at your own pace.* The new Walk includes an optional extended tour. ACW will post the route soon! If you would like a free guided tour, please contact Gayle Converse at AlexandriaCelebratesWomen@gmail.com

**Replay of Celebrate Women Awards**

Alexandria Celebrates Women was proud to host the first *Celebrate Women Awards* March 29, 2021.The virtual event honored women who have had a hand in caring for all Alexandrians during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Awards show benefited the Alexandria Domestic Violence Safehouse. A replay of the Awards show can be found at [Alexandria Celebrates Women](https://alexandriacelebrateswomen.com/).

**From the National Women’s History Museum (NWHM)**

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Enjoy the NWHM free virtual museum at [www.womenshistory.org](https://click.everyaction.com/k/31733035/293584819/-1447255758?refcode=NWHM_EM_TY_1MO_210701_1_1&refcode2=d859415a-87da-eb11-a7ad-501ac57b8fa7&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwNy8xLzkwNTYxIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImQ4NTk0MTVhLTg3ZGEtZWIxMS1hN2FkLTUwMWFjNTdiOGZhNyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAiZ2Nwcm9kQGJlbGxzb3V0aC5uZXQiDQp9&hmac=13KeBiFkmjlF9t4zpeP82YGosXbOxOENZp88MRjGu5U=&emci=ccbf312f-86da-eb11-a7ad-501ac57b8fa7&emdi=d859415a-87da-eb11-a7ad-501ac57b8fa7&ceid=13040861)

 **History**

**From the National Women’s History Alliance**

[Home - National Women's History Alliance (nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org)](https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/)

* **February 1, 1978** – First postage stamp to honor a black woman, Harriet Tubman, is issued in Washington, DC
* **February 4, 1987** – First “National Women in Sports Day” is celebrated by Presidential Proclamation
* **February 12, 1869** – The Utah Territorial Legislature passes a bill allowing women to vote
* **February 15, 1921** – The Suffrage Monument, depicting Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott, sculpted by Adelaide Johnson, is dedicated at the U.S. Capitol
* **February 17, 1870** – Esther Hobart Morris in Wyoming became the first American woman Justice of the Peace
* **February 24, 1912** – Henrietta Szold founds Hadassah, the largest Jewish organization in American history, focusing on healthcare and education in the Israel and the U.S.
* **February 24, 1967** – Jocelyn Bell Burnell makes the first discovery of a pulsar, a rapidly rotating neutron star
* **February 27, 1922** – **U.S. Supreme Court upholds the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote**

 **NEWS**

***Alexandria Times*, January 20, 2022 – “Blue Stockings: Women Fight for the Right to Education”** [AlexFull.pdf (alextimes.com)](https://alextimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/AlexFull.pdf) Page 19

***Alexandria Times,* Jan. 20, 2022 –** “ACPS receives STEM funding for middle school girls” [AlexFull.pdf (alextimes.com)](https://alextimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/AlexFull.pdf) Page 14

**NPR: Jan. 23, 2022** -- “This Virginia high schooler is pushing to see more women of color in their curriculum” [This Virginia high schooler is pushing to see more women of color in their curriculum : NPR](https://www.npr.org/2022/01/23/1075168679/this-virginia-high-schooler-is-pushing-to-see-more-women-of-color-in-their-curri)



**From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office on Women’s Health**

From the beginning, the mission of the Office on Women’s Health (OWH) has involved connecting women and girls with up-to-date, actionable health information. Today, the OWH continues that tradition using a variety of digital platforms. We invite you to explore the OWH website ([womenshealth.gov](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA5MzAuNDY3MjA2NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b21lbnNoZWFsdGguZ292Lz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.7W2etzXRftaIvB024i46sWbOZHPNNHncT_wz_pVBh7E/s/1190608154/br/113192388422-l)), Twitter ([@womenshealth](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA5MzAuNDY3MjA2NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3R3aXR0ZXIuY29tL3dvbWVuc2hlYWx0aD9yZWZfc3JjPXR3c3JjJTVFdGZ3JTdDdHdjYW1wJTVFZW1iZWRkZWR0aW1lbGluZSU3Q3R3dGVybSU1RXByb2ZpbGUlM0F3b21lbnNoZWFsdGgmcmVmX3VybD1odHRwcyUzQSUyRiUyRnd3dy53b21lbnNoZWFsdGguZ292JTJGbm9kZSUyRjEyMzQlM0Z1dG1fbWVkaXVtJTNEZW1haWwlMjZ1dG1fc291cmNlJTNEZ292ZGVsaXZlcnkmdXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.3az1JqnzLOTkRTtObX866b3V16QrPbyOCxgs18RBYBc/s/1190608154/br/113192388422-l)), or sign up to receive the [OWH blog](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA5MzAuNDY3MjA2NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53b21lbnNoZWFsdGguZ292L2Jsb2c_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.4hWPk8au5MqkOAOvqZd_GU57ZU8HLsLLD6od_6Og3_Y/s/1190608154/br/113192388422-l) for the latest news, updates and health guidelines.

**COVID-19**

**For the latest COVID-19 guidelines, please visit:**

[Office on Women's Health | womenshealth.gov](https://www.womenshealth.gov/office-womens-health)

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html)

[Choosing Safer Activities | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html)

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 **Career**

**Most** **essential** workers in the United States are *women*. If you are experiencing changes in your routine – whether currently working from home or being asked to return to your workplace, you might be worrying about finances and quarantine fatigue. Additional worry about mental health and risk of exposure to COVID-19 have affected most of us.

We salute those of you who work in essential industries, including cleaning services, grocery and drug stores, farmer’s markets, transportation, federal, state and local government, active-duty U.S. Military and Reserves, teaching, U.S. Post Office, and other delivery businesses. We thank the region’s brave first responders and their equally brave families: medical personnel, firefighters, law enforcement, and City and County maintenance crews and volunteers – everyone!

**If you are looking for employment:** The City of Alexandria's Workforce Development Center (WDC), a partner of the American Job Center network, offers staffing solutions that provide businesses with employees who are skilled and ready to work. As a certified One Stop Center, WDC serves a variety of skill levels from those with advanced degrees and years of experience to those with limited education and experience. It provides services and resources for job seekers including access to the WDC Career Center, career readiness workshops, career assessments and customized hiring events. <https://www.alexandriava.gov/WorkforceDevelopment> <https://www.vec.virginia.gov/alexandria>

**If you are a business looking for employees:** The WDC provides a range of business services at no cost to businesses, including job placement, recruitment, labor market information and certified Business Services Specialists to assist in workforce planning. WDC operates the Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) Program, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA - Adult Employment, Dislocated Worker and Youth and Young Adult), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment Training (SNAPET), TeensWork! (public and private programs), Refugee Employment Program, Disability Employment and Veteran Services. <https://www.vec.virginia.gov/alexandria>

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/WorkforceDevelopment>

**Child Care:** The Alexandria Emergency Child Care Collaborative supports all families in need of child care and works to match them with open providers. [COVID-19 Emergency Child Care: Information for Parents and Providers | City of Alexandria, VA](https://www.alexandriava.gov/dchs/childrenfamily/default.aspx?id=115165)

 **The Basics**

The **19th Amendment to the United States Constitution** (Amendment XIX – often referred to an the “Susan B. Anthony Amendment”) granted American women the right to vote, a right known as women’s suffrage. The Amendment prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the [right to vote](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suffrage) to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. When the Amendment was ratified August 18, 1920, it ended almost a century of protest. <https://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/19th-amendment-1>

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 ***National* Key Dates:**

* **1848:** **Seneca Falls Convention – National-level launch of the movement for women’s rights**
* Following the Convention, the demand for the vote became a centerpiece of the women’s rights movement. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, along with Susan B. Anthony and other activists, raised public awareness and lobbied the government to grant voting rights to women.
* **August 18, 1920: Tennessee legislature ratifies 19th Amendment**
* Tennessee becomes the last of the necessary 36 states to secure ratification.
* **August 26, 1920: 19th Amendment officially certified by the U.S. Secretary of State**
* U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby **certified** the 19th Amendment and made the adoption of the Amendment official. Every year on this date, we celebrate ***Women’s Equality Day*** in commemoration.

 ***Virginia* Key Dates**

* **November 27, 1909** - A group of women, including Ellen Glasgow, Mary Johnston, Kate Langley Bosher, Adèle Clark, Nora Houston, Kate Waller Barrett, and Lila Meade Valentine, found the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia.
* **1917-- Women suffragists force fed at the “Occoquan” Workhouse**
* **November 23, 1917 -- Suffragist prisoners released from Workhouse to attend hearing in Federal Court in Alexandria, VA** Judge ruled those women protesters had been unlawfully imprisoned at Workhouse
* **August 1920** - Virginia women gain the right to vote after the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution becomes law.
* **1924** - Kate Waller Barrett of Alexandria serves as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.
* **February 21, 1952** - The Virginia General Assembly ratifies the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, thirty-two years after it became law.

 **Resources**

* **Virginia Museum of History and Culture** [https://www.virginiahistory.org/what-you-can-see/story-virginia/explore-story-virginia/1876-1924/virginia-and-women’s-suffrage](https://www.virginiahistory.org/what-you-can-see/story-virginia/explore-story-virginia/1876-1924/virginia-and-women%E2%80%99s-suffrage)
* **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association** <https://suffragistmemorial.org/suffragist-memorial-site-surroundings/>
* **Women’s Suffrage Museum (Lucy Burns Museum)** **“From the White House to the Workhouse to the Franchise”** <https://workhousemuseums.org/history/importance-of-womens-suffrage/>
* **Encyclopedia Virginia** “**Woman Suffrage in Virginia”** <https://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Woman_Suffrage_in_Virginia>
* **William & Mary (W&M) Women's Law Society “**[**Women's Suffrage in Virginia”**](http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/wmws/womenssuffrageinvirginia) <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/wmws/womenssuffrageinvirginia>
* **League of Women Voters of Fairfax Area (LWVFA)** <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/>
* **League of Women Voters Centennial** <http://www.lwvnca.org/Centennial.html>
* **The National Women’s History Museum** “Crusade for the Vote: Suffrage Resource Center”

 https://[www.crusadeforthevote.org/educational-resources](http://www.crusadeforthevote.org/educational-resources)

 https://[www.crusadeforthevote.org/partners](http://www.crusadeforthevote.org/partners)

 <https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>

 <https://www.womenshistory.org/exhibits/creating-female-political-culture>

* [**Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cconverse%5CDocuments%5CAdobe%5CWomen%27s%20Suffrage%20Centennial%20Commission) <https://www.womensvote100.org/about>
* **Suffrage Sisters***media@womensvote100.org*
* **General inquiries** | staff@womensvote100.org
* **Virginia History** <https://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/wmws/womenssuffrageinvirginia>
* **Western States Voting Rights** <https://wyomingllcattorney.com/Blog/Womens-Suffrage-and-Voting-Rights-in-Wyoming> **(Thank you to 6th grader Haillie for sending this link –Hailey has chosen to write about women’s suffrage for her social studies class!**

*Alexandria Celebrates Women (ACW) recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of Alexandria, Virginia’s women of the past, present and future. The volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization acknowledges the distinguished history of Alexandria’s heroines while celebrating the empowerment of Alexandria’s modern woman.* [*https://alexandriacelebrateswomen.com/*](https://alexandriacelebrateswomen.com/)

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