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## National Women's History Alliance

SEPTEMBER 2024

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GET OUT THE VOTE**

Dear NWHA Community,

As we transition from August into September, our focus shifts to the crucial task of getting out the vote. Following the momentum of our Women's Equality Day webinar, we're now turning our attention to the upcoming elections. Voter engagement is more important than ever as we work to ensure that every voice is heard and every vote is counted. Our collective participation can influence key issues such as gender equality, healthcare, and education, making a significant impact on our future.

In this newsletter, you'll find important updates on our ongoing initiatives, including the announcement of the 2025 Women's History Month theme. We are excited to share this with you as it will guide our programming and outreach efforts in the coming year. Additionally, we've included resources to help you get involved in voter outreach. We encourage you to join us in this vital effort to empower our communities and uphold the values of equality and justice.

Let us take this opportunity to recommit ourselves to the essential work of equality, inclusion, and civic participation.

In solidarity,  
Jill Kracov Zinckgraf  
Interim Executive Director, NWHA

**OCTOBER 5TH**

# Silent Sentinels Will Take to the Streets

On October 5, 2024, one month before the pivotal November elections, voting rights groups across the nation will channel the spirit of the 1917 Silent Sentinels—suffragists who bravely picketed the White House for women's right to vote. Inspired by the courageous actions of these historical figures, volunteers will take to the streets in their communities, holding signs that simply say "Vote" to emphasize the critical importance of voter participation.



This non-partisan event, organized entirely by volunteers, aims to remind citizens of the hard-fought right to vote and its essential role in sustaining democracy.

Voter engagement is essential, especially as we approach the upcoming elections, because every vote has the power to influence critical issues such as gender equality, healthcare, and education. Women's participation in voting is particularly impactful, as it ensures that their voices are heard on matters that directly affect their lives and communities. However, challenges such as voter suppression tactics continue to pose significant barriers. By actively participating in the electoral process, women can counter these efforts and help protect their rights, making it vital for everyone to engage and ensure that democracy truly represents all citizens.

To read full article (published in Ms. Magazine), please visit [HERE](#).

Original article written by Diana Carpenter-Madoshi (pictured on the right), NWA Advisory Committee Member, and Rosita Stevens-Holsey (not shown), NWA Executive Vice President of the Board of Directors. "Silent Sentinels Take to the Streets on October 5." Ms. Magazine, 28 Aug. 2024, <https://msmagazine.com/2024/08/28/october-5-silent-sentinels-suffrage-women-vote/>.

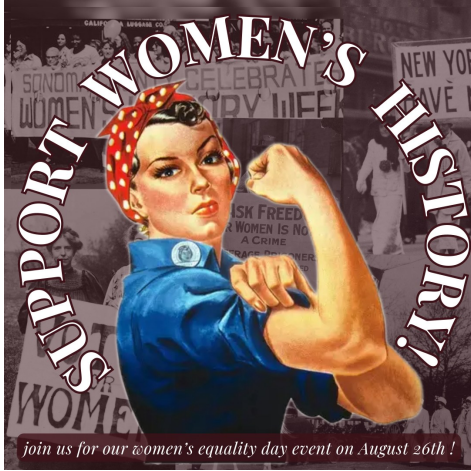
## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY WEBINAR



*August 26, 2024*

**Available to watch.**

Don't miss the opportunity to watch our impactful Women's Equality Day webinar! This event featured



thought-provoking discussions and inspiring messages that celebrate the strides women have made toward equality and address the ongoing challenges we face.

Click **7:00PM EDT** or **7:00PM PDT** to view the recording and share in the conversations that are shaping the future of women's rights. This is your chance to engage with the content at your own pace and stay connected with the mission of advancing gender equality.

## 2025 WOMEN'S HISTORY THEME ANNOUNCED



For 2025, the National Women's History Alliance (NWAH) proudly presents the theme "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations." This theme celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. Through their efforts, they have served as an inspiration for all generations — both past and present.

### IMPORTANCE & RELEVANCE

Throughout history, the process of information sharing has been a powerful catalyst for change. An honest, open examination of new insights and knowledge can create a framework for collaboration.

This, in turn, promotes the well-being of groups, businesses, communities, and society as a whole. From classrooms to boardrooms, and from grassroots movements to global initiatives, women educators and leaders have played a pivotal role in nurturing minds and inspiring transformative action.

Our 2025 theme spotlights the contributions women have made to the American educational system, the free marketplace of ideas, and the very fabric of our democracy.

### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Honor: Recognize the achievements and contributions of women educators, mentors, and leaders.
- Inspire: Motivate all generations to pursue education and leadership roles.
- Educate: Raise awareness about the unheralded legacies of women from every walk of life, highlighting their unique contributions and diverse backgrounds, including socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, culture, abilities, and personal experiences.
- Unite: Bring together communities to explore, share, and celebrate women's history and achievements.
- Envision: Create a blueprint for the future that honors our foremothers and builds bridges for the next generation of women.

Discover how you can use this theme to inspire and educate in your own circles. Download your 2025 Theme Overview [HERE](#).

Women's History Toolkit:

Explore our comprehensive toolkit designed to help you integrate women's history into your educational and community programs. Download your toolkit [HERE](#).

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## SEPTEMBER IN HISTORY

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### **September 12, 1910:**

Alice Stebbins Wells was appointed as the first female police officer with arrest powers in Los Angeles, California, marking a significant milestone in women's roles in law enforcement.



(1910) Alice Stebbins Wells. Los Angeles, California, 1910. [Photograph] Retrieved from Wikipedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice\\_Stebbins\\_Wells](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Stebbins_Wells).

#### **September 25, 1981:**

Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, breaking the gender barrier in the nation's highest court.

#### **September 28, 1988:**

Stacy Allison became the first American woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest, symbolizing the breaking of barriers and the pursuit of challenging goals by women.

## NWHA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE NEWS



"Women Wear White at the DNC to Honor Suffragettes." Los Angeles Times, 22 Aug. 2024,  
<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2024-08-22/women-white-dnc-suffragettes-kamala-harris>.

### Why Women Are Wearing All White?

In a powerful display of unity and homage, women at the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago donned white clothing to honor the legacy of the suffragettes who fought tirelessly for women's right to vote.

Among these women were NWA Advisory Committee member Diana Madoshi. This symbolic act coincided with the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, reflecting the ongoing struggle for women's rights and highlighting the significance of Kamala Harris's nomination as the first Black and Indian American woman for the presidency.

To learn more about this impactful moment and the continued fight for women's rights, read the full article in the **Los Angeles Times**.

## JOIN US: Become a Member & Be Part of Our Community!

Join us at the National Women's History Alliance and become part of a vibrant community dedicated to celebrating and promoting women's history.

**Regular Membership** (\$60.00/year)

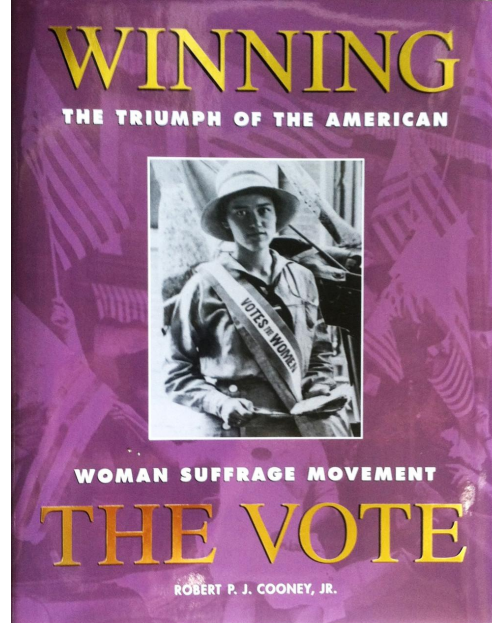
Benefits:

- 15% discount on NWAH store purchases.
- Access to members-only webinars.
- Eligibility to nominate a Women's History Month theme each year.

**Supporter Membership** (\$100.00/year)

Benefits:

- All benefits of the Regular Membership.
- Recognition on the NWAH website.
- Winning The Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement by Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr.



**Advocate Membership** (\$500.00/year)

Benefits:

- All benefits of the Supporter Membership
- Special recognition in the NWAH annual report.
- Exclusive access to a yearly Advocate members-only webinar.

If You Cannot Afford Membership: We believe in the importance of inclusivity and want everyone to be part of our organization, regardless of their financial situation. If you are passionate about our mission but cannot afford the membership fee, please contact [Jill Zinckgraf](#). We are committed to finding a way for you to join and contribute to our community.

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

### VOTE. RUN. LEAD



Our partner is dedicated to training women to run for office and win, impacting over 55,000 women nationwide. Their alumni hold positions on city councils, county boards, state legislatures, supreme courts, and even in Congress. By empowering women as voters, candidates, and leaders, they are unleashing the political power of women to create and sustain a truly equitable democracy.

Learn more at [Vote Run Lead](#)

## Customized Presentations for Your Women's History Event



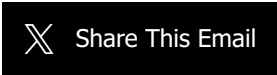
Alliance is excited to offer tailored presentations for your next women's history event.

Whether you're organizing a school assembly, a community gathering, or another special event, we can customize our presentations to meet the unique needs of your audience. Our team is dedicated to bringing engaging and informative content that highlights the vital contributions of women throughout history.

We are available to collaborate with you to ensure your event is both meaningful and impactful, and we would be honored to be a part of your celebration.

join your next event, contact us [HERE](#).

If you are interested in having us



National Women's History Alliance is a non-partisan, non-profit registered 501(c)(3) whose mission is dedicated to advancing women's history in education, fostering empowerment, championing equality, and promoting inclusion.

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