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MARCH
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

GEIA celebrates women this month who have made a difference in Ireland's history, in the United States and around the world in the fields of art, culture, customs, and science, and in the pursuit of peace and justice.

Isabella Bourke Robinson

"Sing unto all human beings songs to the glory of your creation and teach them to celebrate its grace forever."

Civil rights pioneer Isabella Bourke Robinson (1922-2020) was a native of Savannah, Georgia, to a family with roots in the city's history. Her mother's lineage, in 1790, at the age of 12, was the first African American child to attend Savannah's white-only public schools. In an elite Atlanta Negro high school, Robinson was a standout student, a gifted singer, and a talented pianist who was offered a scholarship to Spelman College to study voice after African American applicants became organized and vocal.

In February 1942, Robinson became the first African American woman ever to land a seat in Georgia's State Assembly. She was the first woman elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1962 and was the first African American and the first woman of the segregated Jim Crow South since Reconstruction. In 1965, Robinson was one of the civil rights leaders who met the famous Freedom Marchers at the Georgia state line and led them into Atlanta. In 1968, she was the second Black woman, after Shirley Chisholm, to run for President of the United States. She was a longtime supporter of the Civil Rights Movement and a strong supporter of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In 1992, Robinson co-founded the Georgia Coalition for Peace and Reconciliation, and has received worldwide recognition for her service and for her work for peace, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize, and the Gandhi Peace Award.

The recipient of many honors, Robinson received the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award in 1988 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002.

Gloria Carrasquillo

"With the strength with us this morning, we can do anything."

Co-founder of the United Farm Workers Association, Gloria Carrasquillo (1929-2020) was a multicultural labor activist and community organizer who helped the Chicano civil rights movement.

In 1965 Carrasquillo began work as an archive clerk on a Goodyear tire factory in the United Rubber Workers International Union (URWIU). Her work organization drives and negotiations for Hispanics. She co-founded the Agricultural Workers Association and in 1966 was appointed by the URWIU to help the United Farm Workers organize the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. In 1968, Carrasquillo was the first Latina to be appointed to the executive board of the Illinois State Federation of Labor. She was a founding California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which provided farmworkers with the right to form a union. She was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention for 1976 and 1980. She was a member of the United Farm workers' negotiation representation. During the 1980 and 1990s, she worked with Cesar Chavez and was a strong supporter of the Delano Grape Strike and Boycott.

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Gloria Steinem

"Without hope of transformation, it is impossible to sustain the struggle for peace and possibilities. Dreaming, which is the ability to see what is not, is essential."

Gloria has fourfold little childhood, spent in her father's Toledo, Ohio, home, and one of the most prominent feminists of the 20th century. Steinem's accomplishments are many: Co-founder of Ms. magazine, Co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus, Co-founder of the Women's Media Center, Co-founder of the Feminist Majority Foundation, Co-founder of the Ms. Foundation for Women, a 1972 Democratic delegate, and 1972 candidate for President of Pacifica, the highest union honor, the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Ms. Foundation for Women's Gloria Steinem Leadership Award, and Feminist Studies.

More information here.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

GENDER, PEACE & SECURITY SPEAKER SERIES

International Women of Korea (IWK), Beating Bea Baxtrom, Google's Jigsaw, Hackers

Monday March 8, 2021 - 2:00pm - 3:45pm ET
Join the Conversation Monday, March 8 at 2:00 pm ET as celebrated International Women's Day in conversation with Beatrice Bea Baxtrom, Jigsaw's Tech Policy Fellow, Hackers, and Jigsaw's Tech Policy Fellow, Hackers, and Jigsaw's Tech Policy Fellow, Hackers, and