The SCSU Women's Center presents

Hidden Heroes

Honoring and Celebrating Phenomenal Women in Our Communities

National Women's History Month
March 1999

All events are free and open to the public.

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Each March, in conjunction with National Women's History Month, the Women's Center organizes programming to highlight the historical contributions and accomplishments of women. This year, the Women's Center takes notice of the “hidden heroes” of our local and state-wide communities.

Every community has them. They often don’t have impressive titles, name recognition, or many resources with which to engage in their life’s passions and work. Nevertheless, they nourish and sustain our communities, in addition to forcing needed positive change on local and state levels.

We have invited a few such women to honor their contributions and learn about their work. Although the names of women highlighted in this month’s program of events may not be household names, our guest presenters are truly extraordinary women who have committed their lives to bettering the lives of women and their communities.

We invite you, the SCSU and St. Cloud area communities, to join us for a series that captures the spirit, dedication and commitment of the “Hidden Heroes” in our society.
"From Danger to Dignity: The Fight for Safe Abortion"
Thursday, March 4
11:00 a.m.
Herbert-Itasca Room, Atwood

This 57-minute video produced by Dorothy Fadiman weaves together two parallel stories: the evolution of underground networks which helped women find safe abortions outside the law, and the intensive efforts by activists and legislators who dedicated themselves to legalizing abortion.

"In the Company of Women: Voices from the Women's Movement"
Tuesday, March 16
12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
Little Theatre, Atwood

In the Company of Women is a collection of humorous and compelling personal stories told by 83 women, describing how they became feminists and how the women's movement changed forever the way they see themselves and the world around them. Co-author Bonnie Watkins will share stories from this unique oral history that reflects the human faces of the contemporary women's movement in the United States.

Rocking the Boat: A History of Abortion Rights and Family Planning Efforts in St. Cloud and Minnesota
Thursday, March 4
2:00 to 3:15 p.m.
St. Croix Room, Atwood

There is important and rich history of grassroots efforts to support women's reproductive rights. A panel of organizers and activists will discuss their experiences, including the challenges and obstacles they faced in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Heroes Among Us: Multi-Cultural Women's Storytelling
Monday, March 22
6:00 to 7:15 p.m.
South Voyageurs Room, Atwood

This session will include storytellers from various traditions, highlighting the accomplishments and contributions of women from diverse cultures.

Political Women and First Ladies
Tuesday, March 23
7:00 p.m.
Kimberly Ritsche Auditorium

Keynote Speaker: Karlyn Campbell
Organized by the National Communication Association Student Club - St. Cloud Chapter.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
1:00 TO 2:00 P.M.
SOUTH GLACIER ROOM, ATWOOD

Two women will discuss their active roles in providing services to their communities. Lil Graham, Vice President for Target (retired) and current Chairwoman of Hearthstone, will discuss a program for orphans in the Twin Cities area. Jeannette Bineham, Director of Reach Up Inc. - Central Minnesota, will discuss public agency cooperation in Central Minnesota.

HISTORY OF THE BATTERED WOMEN’S MOVEMENT

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
2:00 TO 3:15 P.M.
LITTLE THEATRE, ATWOOD

This panel of activists and advocates have collected more than 50 years of experience in the battered women’s movement. These women have helped to change a culture and stop the war on women.

FOLK TALES REFLECTING THE HEROES HIDDEN IN EACH OF US

TUESDAY, MARCH 30
11:00 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.
SOUTH GLACIER ROOM, ATWOOD

Listening to stories stimulates creativity, recharges the imagination, and connects you to other times, places, and cultures. Julie Goldstein is a professional storyteller who will share vivid folk tales with strong, interesting women characters, as well as starting us on the path to recognizing the stories of our own hidden heroes.

WOMEN’S MONTH

"AMERICAN SOJOURN 1999"
SUNDAYS IN MARCH
5:00 P.M.
KVSC, 88.1 FM

American Sojourn 1999 airs on KVSC 88.1 FM, St. Cloud, each Sunday during March from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., following the Sisters Program. American Sojourn, now in its third year, is created by Judi Gay, currently a graduate student at St. Cloud State University.

This year’s series, featuring the music of Ann Reed, highlights original members of the first National Organization for Women chapter in New Jersey recalling the history of three decades of the women’s movement (1960s to 1990s) through their own stories: how women moved from isolation to solidarity, naming the issues, strategizing to create change, moving into action, and paying the price. Judi’s guests for the series are: Dr. Doris Rothman, Dorothy Losowski, and Dr. Jennifer MacLeod. The interview was conducted at the NOW Conference in Rochester, New York in July, 1998.

Program Topics:
March 7—From Isolation to Solidarity
March 14—And ACTION! Strategies & Solutions:
          Women on the Front Lines
March 21—Women’s Watchfires for Freedom
March 28—Turning the Corner into the New Millennium

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