

Origins of International Women’s Day

March 8 was first declared “National Women’s Day” by the U.S. Congress in 1911. In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating March 8 as International Women's Day. The Day is traditionally marked with a message from the Secretary-General.

The purpose of the Day is to recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms requires the active participation, equality and development of women; and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security. For the women of the world, the Day's symbolism has a wider meaning: it is an occasion to review how far they have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilize for meaningful change (www.internationalwomensday.org). The world-wide theme for the 2017 celebration is # **Be Bold for Change**.

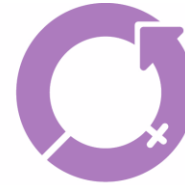
We are pleased that the Maya Angelou Women's Health and Wellness Center and several downtown businesses will honor women in our community with purple lighting and other features, and we hope others will join in "going purple" to commemorate this important day.

We hope each participant in the Day’s activities will be wearing purple. If you were unaware of this tradition, please take one of our purple ribbons and wear it with pride throughout the day.

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Thank you for joining us for our first celebration of International Women’s Day in Winston-Salem.

Our thanks to the Planning Committee for today’s event: Dr. D.E. Lorraine Sterritt, the Reverend Virginia Tobiassen, the Reverend Patricia Garner, Kay Phillips, the Reverend Amy Rio, Susan Foster, Alyson Francisco, Peggy Carter, Liz Venable, Adriana Craver, Lucy Strawsburg, and Daisy Mata.



**International
Women’s Day**

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MARCH 8, 2017

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**Welcome to the Winston-Salem
International Women's Day Celebration**

Noon-1:00 PM—Registration and check-in North Entrance to the Fine Arts Center and the lower level of the Student Center

1:00 – 2:30 PM – Showing of excerpts of the PBS documentary *Half the Sky*, followed by discussion led by Dr. Phil McKinley, Emeritus Associate Professor at Duke University—in Huber Theater in lower level of Student Center

2:45-3:45 PM—Workshop Options

- 1) “Human Trafficking” led by Dr. Elizabeth Jeter, High Point University
- 2) “The Importance of Networking” led by Leslie Mabe Garner, Marketing Coordinator at Hatch Early Learning

4:00 -5:00 PM—Workshop Options

- 1) “Personal and Business Finance for Women” led by Charles Forrest, Director of “Gaining Control Program” at Sunnyside Ministry
- 2) “Health Issues of Women” led by Dr. Linn Parsons, retired OB-Gyn doctor.

5:00-6:30 PM—Dinner

Food will be served in the Refectory and then participants are encouraged to take the elevator to lower level where they are encouraged to sit at tables with other participants (preferably some they do not know) and to participate in discussion of the questions found on the table tents at each table

6:30-7:15—Holy Communion at Home Moravian Church

Participants are invited to join the regular Lenten Communion Service, being held in the Sanctuary of Home Moravian Church

7:30-9:00 PM—**Speaker Panel**—FAC—Shirley Recital Hall
Three speakers using the theme of “**Overcoming Adversity**”

Introductions by Dr. D.E. Lorraine Sterritt

Irasema Rivas-Rangel—Student at Salem College

Denise Terry, Coordinator of the Circles at Green

Street United Methodist Church, part of the Shalom Project

Mary Haglund, Entrepreneur and Owner of

“Mary’s, Of Course” and Founder of “Mary’s Mavens”

6:30 – 9:30 –**Displays of Forsyth County agencies serving women**

will be found in the hallway outside Shirley Recital Hall.

Participants are invited to view the displays before and after the 7:30 program and learn how they can become involved with these agencies:

Cancer Services, Inc.

Crisis Control

Dress for Success

Experiment in Self-Reliance

Family Services, Inc.

Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry

Habitat for Humanity

On Wings of a Dove

Read W-S (formerly Augustine Project for Literacy)

The Shepherd’s Center of Winston-Salem

Smart Start of Forsyth County

Sunnyside Ministry

Unity Women’s Desk of the Moravian Church

We wish to thank Salem Academy and College for their gracious hospitality in hosting the International Women’s Day.

We also want to thank our sponsor, Garner Foods, for “Caring about and wanting to support women.”

