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Black History Month

By History.com Editors

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing “Negro History Week.” By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, “Negro History Week” had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected

accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Today, Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society—from activists and civil rights pioneers such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Rosa Parks to leaders in industry, politics, science, culture and more.



The celebration of Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976.



Barbara Jordan (1936-1996) represented Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1972-78 and was the first African American congresswoman from the Deep South. In 1976, she became the first African American woman to deliver a keynote address at the Democratic National Convention.

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President's Report

By Larry Cooper

Greetings members of Local 211

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the 2024 year.

Powers and Sons had one retirement, Glen Risner and Johns Manville had one retirement as of February 1st, Jocelyn Fernandez. Congratulations.

Johns Manville held their election for Bargaining Committee. John Merriman is their new Chairperson, Brooke Tegenkamp is Vice Chair and Jason Hartman is their recording Secretary. Congratulations.

DFM also held their election for Bargaining Committee. Caleb Witchey is Chairperson, Josh Armstrong is 2nd shift Committeeperson and Ronnie Mason is 3rd shift Committeeperson. Congratulations to all of you and I am looking forward to working with you all.

The Charlie Chatham Scholarship Awards were drawn at the January Executive Board meeting. The five winners for the \$500 Scholarship were Keagan Maynard, Allison Schroeder, Hannah Huddle, Katie Rettig and Callie Seedorf. Congratulations and thank you for participating in this program.

UAW Region 2B Online Academy Spring Session 2024 is now online. This training is web-based, and members can participate on their own time and at their own pace during the 20-day window. There are three workshop series available, each containing multiple courses. For more information, please call the UAW Hall at 419-784-5399.

Local 211 UAW Women's Committee is holding a Self-Defense Class here at the Local Union Hall. This is a free event for members and their immediate family. Two classes will be held on Saturday, March 16th. The first class begins at 10:00 A.M. and the second class begins at 1:00 P.M. Spots are limited to 25 people. If interested please contact the UAW Hall to reserve a spot. The Women's Committee is also selling T-Shirts for Women's History Month. These shirts are \$20 each and order forms can be picked up at the Local 211 UAW Hall or from a member of the Women's Committee.

In Solidarity

Larry Cooper

President Local 211 UAW

**Our sympathy for your loss...
To our bereaved members
and their families, we offer
our condolences for the loss
of their loved ones. We
extend our sincere sympathy
to the families of:**

Grant Muncy – Retired 6/08

Carl Kruse – Retired 6/98

Barry Kuhlman – retired 6/06

James Oglesbee – Retired 9/98

Michael Wagner – Retired 9/90

David Williamson – Retired 10/99

Albert Pratt – Retired 2/93

James H. Tyler – Retired 7/06

James Laguna – Retired 9/06

Larry Sparks – Retired 12/87

Hugh Quinn – Retired 3/08



Starting April 2024, the Education Committee is offering members to receive the UAW Local 211 Newsletter via email instead of mail. If you would like to sign up, contact us at uawlocal211web@gmail.com to be placed on the the email list. At this time this is the only way to sign up. Please allow 7-10 days for notification of receipt of your email.



Carol Moseley Braun (1947-) was elected in 1992 to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate, a seat she held until 1998. She was the first African American woman elected to the Senate.

John Mercer Langston was the first Black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in Ohio in 1854. When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1855 Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America.



Sheila Jackson Lee (1950-), one of the longest serving African American women in Congress, has represented the 18th Congressional District of Texas since 1995.



US Representative Shirley Chisholm of Brooklyn announces her entry for Democratic nomination for the presidency, at the Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York on January 25, 1972.



Spurred by growing racial violence in the early 20th century, and particularly by 1908 race riots in Springfield, Illinois, a group of African American leaders joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).



Susan Rice (1964-), appointed by Barack Obama in 2009, was the first African American women to serve as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Later she became U.S. national security advisor. In 2021, Joe Biden tapped her to run the White House Domestic Policy Council.



Rosa Parks (1913-2005) helped initiate the civil rights movement in the United States and later became one of its primary organizers when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1955.



Fannie Lou Hamer (1917-1977) at the 1964 Democratic National Convention. Hamer was the vice-chairperson of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, as well as a leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee (SNCC), which organized the Freedom Summer voter registration drives.

Women's History Month 2024

By History.com Editors



Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2024 will take place from Friday, March 1 - Sunday, March 31, 2024.

Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to U.S. history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.

The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day, a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women, took place for the first time on March 8, 1911. Many countries around the world celebrate the holiday with demonstrations, educational initiatives and customs such as presenting women with gifts and flowers.

The United Nations has sponsored International Women's Day since 1975. When adopting its resolution on the observance of International Women's Day, the United Nations General Assembly cited the following reasons: "To recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality and development of women; and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security."

Women's History Month Theme 2024

The National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2024 theme celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." This theme recognizes women who understand the need to eliminate bias and discrimination from individuals' lives and institutions.

"Inspiring Quotes for Women's History Month Women are like teabags. We don't know our true strength until we are in hot water." – Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), political figure, diplomat, activist, First Lady.

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity," Amelia Earhart (1897-1937?), aviation pioneer.

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." – Rosa Parks (1913-2005), civil rights activist.

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." – Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005), U.S. Congresswoman.

"My mission in life is not merely to survive but to thrive and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." – Maya Angelou (1928-2014), memoirist, poet, civil rights activist.

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent." – Madeleine Albright (1937-2022), U.S. Secretary of State.

"Champions keep playing until they get it right." – Billie Jean King (1943 -), tennis champion.

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." – Alice Walker (1944 -), novelist, short story writer, poet, social activist.

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world." Malala Yousafzai (1997-), Pakistani female education activist, Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Johns Manville's First Woman Electrician

By Sheri Baker

Jessica Deatruck is Johns Manville's first woman electrician. Jessica began the apprenticeship program in 2019. After five years, the program is completed.

Jessica began at Johns Manville in the Quality department, where she worked for five years. When the apprenticeship program became available she decided to take the test. This was a way for her to better provide for her family. There were some struggles but now that is behind her.

Jessica's father, Alan Deatruck (millwright at GM), was also in the trades. She would follow her father around in the garage watching him fix things. Her mother, Patrica Deatruck worked at GM as well, used the TAP program to further her education and find other employment. Jessica remembers her parents being hard workers.

Jessica believes that having a skilled trade card is a way to have a career, not just a job. You never know what life will hand you and this skill can provide for her family in the future, wherever they may be.

Congratulations Jessica for being the first of hopefully many!

SELF DEFENSE CLASS



THE LOCAL 211, UAW WOMEN'S COMMITTEE IS HAVING A SELF DEFENSE CLASS ON SATURDAY MARCH 16TH AT THE LOCAL 211, UAW HALL. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

THERE WILL BE TWO CLASSES HELD

FIRST CLASS: DOORS WILL OPEN AT 9:30 A.M.
CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.

SECOND CLASS: DOORS WILL OPEN AT 12:45 P.M.
CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE LOCAL 211, UAW HALL AT 419-784-5399.

JACK FOUGHT WILL BE THE INSTRUCTOR FOR THIS CLASS.
PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES AND TENNIS SHOES.

ATTENTION RETIREES

If you would like to be featured in the "Retiree Spotlight" in a future newsletter article, please contact Lisa Rankin @ the UAW Hall (419) 784-5399 or email Tina Cattell @ (uawlocal211web@gmail.com)

Union-Made Easter Dinner

By Union Plus Content Team

Looking for union-made treats to fill your Easter basket and holiday dinner table? Here is a list of union-made in America, quality products for you and your family.

Easter Candy

Cadbury Creme Eggs and other chocolate products



Dum Dums

Gimbal's Gourmet Jelly Beans

Haviland Nonpareils

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Marshmallow Peeps

Mike and Ike

Necco

Smarties

Tootsie Rolls and Pops

Ham or Lamb

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Butterball ham

Cook's ham

Farmland Old Fashioned Pit Ham

Farmland Original Pit Ham

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Egg Dyeing

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Betty Crocker food coloring

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\$9.00 EACH

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MUST PAY IN ADVANCE FOR TICKETS AT THE LOCAL 211, UAW HALL

DEADLINE TO PAY FOR THE TICKETS IS FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024
PLEASE CALL THE UNION HALL BEFORE PICKING UP YOUR TICKETS TO
MAKE SURE THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT

APRIL 13, 2024

AT THE HUNTINGTON CENTER, TOLEDO OHIO

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UAW Local 211 Unit Meetings
Please confirm exact dates and times.

General Motors

Active, Wednesday, April 3 (UAW Hall)

Retiree, Thursday, March 7 (UAW Hall)

Herbert E. Orr

Tuesday, March 5 (Paulding Fire House)

Midwest Community FCU

Wednesday, April 3 (UAW Hall)

Sims Metal Management

Tuesday, March 12 (UAW Hall)

Johns Manville

Tuesday, March 5 (UAW Hall)

Powers & Sons Wednesday, April 10 (Drop Tine Winery & Tap House)

DFM Monday, March 11 (UAW Hall)

Teijin Automotive Technologies Monday, April 8 (USW Hall, Van Wert)

Defiance Area UAW CAP Council Tuesday, March 12

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