

Women's History and Culture Center

November 2024 Newsletter



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Notes from the Editors

November and December are months to connect with our loved ones, give thanks for our blessings, and reach out to those in need in our community. Please support the Salvation Army Bell Ringers as they ring bells from Black Friday November 29 to Christmas. These volunteers are not paid for their service; their reward is your smile when you make a donation.

As with Salvation Army, SafeNest has critical needs at this time of year and are looking for donations of hygiene products and clothing items for all sizes and ages. Their most critical need right now is for plus size clothing. Please note the SafeNest donation drop-off box was recently moved and is now at 526 Commerce Circle, across the street from Star Nursery.

Page 10-11 is the second installment of a series of twelve articles in the newsletter celebrating women who were appointed heads of state in their respective countries in the month they were appointed. The appointments made in November go all the way back to 1979. Next month's issue will highlight women who were appointed head of state in December, and so on through the coming year. Please enjoy!!

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WHCC Event/Class Details for November 2024

WHCC, 225 N. Willow St., Mesquite, NV, Room 18 & Room 23

NOV 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (FRI) 12:30 to 4 PM: *SAMBA Group* / Closed group

NOV 4 (MON) at 2 PM: *Wondering Words Book Club* /

NOV 7 & 21 (THU) 3 PM: *Consciousness Circle* / Terrie McArthur

NOV 8 (FRI) at 10 AM: *Desert Dames Bunco* / Rosealee Lee

NOV 10 (SUN) at 11 AM: *Love, Family Gathering* / Dana Long. To learn more about Love, Family, find them on Facebook or visit lovefamilynv.com for contact information.

NOV 10 (SUN) at 4 PM: *Mesquite Outdoor Group* / Gary Halverson / Closed group

NOV 11 & 18 (MON) at 1 PM: *BUNCO Babes* / Peggy Remaly

NOV 11 (MON) at 4 PM: *WHCC Volunteer Updates* / Reenie McFarland

NOV 13 (WED) at 6 PM: *Search & Rescue Board Meeting* / Larry McFarland

NOV 14 (THU) at 12:30 PM: *P E O Canasta* / Bev Valencia (Room 18)

NOV 19 (TUE) 4 PM: *WHCC Board Meeting* / Jean Watkins (Room 18)

NOV 20 (WED) at 12 PM: *Wip-Its Cross Stitch Club* / Connie Fullmer (Room 18)

NOV 20 (WED) at 2 PM: *Desert Dames Book Club* / Kaye Hermie (Room 18)

NOV 24 (SUN) 11 AM to 1 PM: *Love, Family Board Meeting* / Dana Long

Most classes and groups are on-going each month.

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NOVEMBER 2024 Calendar

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Visit our Website: whccmesquitenv.org
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SUN <small>By Appointment</small>	MON <small>By Appointment</small>	TUE <small>Open Hours 11-3</small>	WED <small>Open Hours 11-3</small>	THU <small>By Appointment</small>	FRI <small>By Appointment</small>	SAT <small>By Appointment</small>
					1 12:30 – 4PM SAMBA Group	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	2 PM Wondering Word Book Club			3 PM Conscious Circle Book Club	10 AM Desert Dames Bunco 12:30 – 4PM SAMBA Group	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
11 AM – 1 PM Love, Family Gathering 4 PM Mesquite Outdoor Group	1 PM – Bunco Babes 4 PM WHCC Volunteer Updates		6 PM Search & Rescue Board Meeting	12:30 PM PEO Canasta	12:30 – 4PM SAMBA Group	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	1 PM – Bunco Babes	4 PM WHCC Board Meeting	12 PM Wip-Its Cross-Stitch Club 2 PM Desert Dames Book Club	3 PM Conscious Circle Book Club	12:30 – 4PM SAMBA Group	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
11 AM - 1 PM Love, Family Board Meeting		Center Closed for Thanksgiving	Center Closed for Thanksgiving	Center Closed for Thanksgiving	12:30 – 4PM SAMBA Group	

Meetings highlighted in red are held in Room 18. All other meetings are in Room 23.

WHCC Greeters and Volunteers meet at 4 PM on the second Monday of the month.

WHCC Board of Directors meet at 4 PM on Tuesday, 8 days after the Volunteer meeting.

Books at Our Center about Notable Women Born in November

Ida Tarbell (November 5, 1857 - 1944)

U.S. Postage Stamp honoring her: 37¢ in 2002

The investigative reporter who wrote the expose on Standard Oil that led to federal investigation and break-up of the company

Citizen Reporters: S.S. McClure, Ida Tarbell, the Magazine That Rewrote America

Abigail Adams (November 11, 1744 - 1818)

U.S. Postage Stamp honoring her: 22¢ in 1985

A politically influential First Lady who was an early advocate for women's rights

Abigail Adams: Girl of Colonial Days

Georgia O'Keeffe (November 15, 1887- 1986)

U.S. Postage Stamps honoring her: 32¢ in 1996 and Forever Stamp in 2013

Innovative painter known for her oversized close-up paintings of flowers and landscapes

Georgia O'Keeffe

Louisa May Alcott (November 29, 1832 - 1888)

U.S. Postage Stamp honoring her: 5¢ in 1940

Author of *Little Women*

Louisa on the Front Lines: Louisa May Alcott in the Civil War

Shirley Chisholm (November 30, 1924 - 2005)

U.S. Postage Stamps honoring her: Forever Stamp in 2014

First African American Congresswoman

First woman and first African American presidential nominee

Shirley Chisholm Dared: The Story of the First Black Woman in Congress
The Good Fight: Shirley Chisholm



Happy Reading!

November Highlights in Women's History

- **November 1, 1848:** The first medical school for women, the New England Female Medical School, opened. In 1874, it merged with Boston University to become one of the world's first co-ed medical schools.
- **November 3, 1992:** Carol Moseley-Braun was the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Senate representing the state of Illinois.
- **November 5, 1992:** Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives, representing the state of New York.
- **November 5, 1872:** Susan B. Anthony voted for the first time in the presidential election. She was arrested, tried without being allowed to testify in her own defense, and found guilty of illegal voting.
- **November 4, 1956:** The first televised presidential debate was held between two women on the CBS program, *Face the Nation*. Democrat Eleanor Roosevelt and Republican Margaret Chase Smith debated as proxies for presidential candidates Adlai Stevenson and Dwight Eisenhower. Four years later John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon had their televised debate, the first between presidential candidates.
- **November 6, 1987:** Tania Aebi completed a solo circumnavigation of the globe in a 26-foot sailboat between the ages of 18 and 21, making her the first American woman and the youngest person to sail around the world.
- **November 7, 1916:** Suffragist Jennifer Rankin was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the state of Montana. Besides being the first woman to win a seat in Congress, she did it four years before women had the right to vote.
- **November 8, 1910:** The state of Washington passed a constitutional amendment to guarantee women's suffrage.
- **November 9, 2023:** Admiral Lisa Franchetti was sworn in as the 33rd Chief of Naval Operations, the highest ranking office of the U.S. Navy. She is also the first woman to serve on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- **November 11, 1993:** The Vietnam Women's Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. after being conceived by former army combat nurse Diane Carlson Evans and sculpted by Glenna Goodacre to honor 265,000 women who voluntarily served during the Vietnam era.
- **November 13, 1938:** Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini was beatified. She was the first American woman citizen to become a saint.
- **November 14, 1889:** Journalist Elizabeth Cochran, aka Nellie Bly, sailed around the world in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds, beating the fictional record set by Phineas Fogg in Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*.
- **November 15, 2023:** Janet Truncale became the first woman to head of a Big Four audit firm when Ernst & Young named her its global chief executive officer,

Upcoming Community Events

NOVEMBER 2024

November	All Month	College of Southern Nevada Fall 2024 Courses Artists Association Christmas Boutique Open Mon-Sat from 10AM-4PM	Continuing from Late August Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite
		Lucky 13 National Small Works Competition (Wall Art Only) Open Mon-Sat from 10AM-4PM	Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite
		Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant Sign Ups	
Nov 2	9 AM	Fire Station #1 Ribbon Cutting & Open House	105 W Mesquite
Sat	10AM-3PM	Moapa Valley Community Resource Fair Information on many resources and services available in the community, including free vaccines	Clark County Fairgrounds Logandale. 702-283-6118 brookesgooddeeds@gmail.com
	7 PM	Tribute to the Blues – Dealt A Straight “I’ve Got the Blues”	Mesquite Community Theater 150 N Yucca
Nov 2-3	All Day	Moapa Valley Arts Guild Pomegranate and Art Festival	Clark County Fairgrounds Logandale
Nov 4	Noon	Lunch and Learn – Beehive Homes Presentation	Mesquite Senior Center 102 W Old Mill
Nov 6	11:30 AM	Take a Veterans to Lunch Event Hosted by Mesquite Chamber of Commerce	Casablanca, 950 W Mesquite Reservations: 702-346-2902
Nov 7	7 PM	A L’il West O’ Here, Long Road Home Local Country Western Sci-Fi Movie Premiere	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 N Yucca
Nov 8	Fri 5 PM	Ladies Night Out at Ace Hardware	102 W Mesquite
Nov 9	7:45 AM	Veterans Memorial Service	Veterans Park, 501 Hillside Drive
Sat	10 AM	Veterans Day Parade	Mesquite Blvd & Arrowhead
	2 PM	A Country Western Jamboree 5 th Annual Veterans Party hosted by Daughters of American Revolution and Mesquite Poker Boys	Virgin River Event Tent 100 Pioneer
Nov 10	11 AM	Cornhole Tournament Responder Benefit for Honor Guard and Police	Eureka Casino, 275 Mesa VIP Parking Lot
	5:30 PM	USMC 249th Birthday Celebration Reservations: rah4446@gmail.com	1880 Grill, 1499 Falcon Ridge Sun City
Nov 11	Mon	Salute to Veterans Featuring the TAPPS musicians from Las Vegas	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 N Yucca
Nov 11-16	Mon-Sat	1,000 Flags Over Mesquite Sponsored by the Exchange Club 6 PM: Mon Nov 11 – Opening Ceremony. 2 PM: Sat Nov 16 – Closing Ceremony	Mesquite Rec Center West Field
Nov 12	Tue	Storytelling and Poetry Featuring Ashley Vargas, 2025 Clark County Poet Laureate	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
Nov 13	11 AM	Steppin’ Out with Dazzling Dames Fashion Show and Luncheon	Casablanca 950 W Mesquite
Nov 23	7:30 AM	Pink Warrior’s’ Christmas – Scramble Golf Tournament	Scotty’s, 1024 Normandy Lane Falcon Ridge Course
Sat	10 AM – 2 PM	Family Fun Afternoon	
	5:30 PM	Dinner Honoring this year’s 5 Cancer Recipients	Scotty’s, 1024 Normandy Lane
Nov 27	11 AM-	Community Thanksgiving Dinner	Mesquite Senior Center
Wed	3PM	Options: In-door dining, take out or drive through	102 W Old Mill
	TBA	Lucky 13 National Small Works Reception	Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery

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Nov 29 & 30 Fri & Sat	7 PM	LIGHTS ON! A White Christmas in Mesquite	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 N Yucca
Nov 30 Sat	All Day	Small Business Saturday – Sign up at Mesquite Chamber of Commerce	Various Locations

DECEMBER 2024

December	All Month	Artists Association Christmas Boutique Open Mon-Sat from 10AM-4PM	Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite
		Lucky 13 National Small Works Competition (Wall Art Only) Open Mon-Sat from 10AM-4PM	Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite
		Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant Sign Ups Sign up period runs through December	
Dec TBA	9 AM	Jingle Bell Dash – 5K and Fun Run	Rec Center West Feld
Dec 4 & 5 Wed & Thu	4 – 7 PM	Open Auditions Anne of Green Gables Show	Mesquite Community Theater 150 N Yucca
Dec 5 Thu	8 AM	What's Happening Mesquite Reservations required 702-346-2902	Elks Lodge 545 Riverside
Dec 6 Fri	5:30 PM	Parade of Lights – 2024 Theme: Winter Wonderland Food drive for Salvation Army	Staging at 100 Arrowhead
	Followed by	Photos with Santa & Mrs. Clause	At City Hall - 10 E Mesquite
Dec 6 & 7 Fri & Sat	1 PM	Mesquite Toes “’Tis the Season” Christmas Show”	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 N Yucca
Dec 7 Sat	5-7:30 PM	Friends of Gold Butte 8th Annual Celebration & Auction	Fgb.betterworld.org On-line bidding starts Nov 22.
Dec 13 Fri	12-2 PM	Mingle & Jingle Holiday Luncheon	Casablanca 950 W Mesquite 702-346-2902
Dec 19 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Reception and Award Ceremony	Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite

JANUARY 2025

Jan 8 Wed	5:30 PM	Best of Mesquite Award Dinner Mesquite Chamber 702-346-2902	Eureka Casino Ballroom 275 Mesa Blvd
Jan 16 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Award Ceremony Theme for the Month: Casting Shadows	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
Jan 17-19	Fri-Sun	Mesquite Motor Mania	Casablanca, 950 W Mesquite
Jan 24-26	Fri-Sun	Hot Air Balloon Festival	Casablanca, 950 W Mesquite
Jan 27 Mon	Noon - 1 PM	Suffrage in Clark County, Past and Present Presentation by WHCC Staff	Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite

FEBRUARY 2025

Feb	TBA	Kids for Sports Charity Golf Tournament Shotgun Start	Wolf Creek Golf Club Shanna 702-345-6707
Feb 14 Fri	AM PM	Mesa View Heart Walk Denim and Diamonds Dinner Dance benefitting the Mesquite Showgirls	Rec Center, 10 W Old Mill Rd TBA
Feb 20 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Award Ceremony Theme for the Month: Touch of Red	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
Feb 21 & 22	Fri 7 PM Sat 1 & 7 PM	18th Annual Western Roundup Cowboy Poets	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 N Yucca

Feb 24 Mon	Noon - 1 PM	History of Women Firefighters in Nevada Presentation by WHCC Staff	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
MARCH 2025			
March	All Month	Decorate Saxon the Suffrage Cat Contest Sign up period runs to May Mesquite Senior Games Spring Season Poker, Bowling, Pickleball, Basketball, Tennis, Track & Field	Women's History and Culture Center 225 N Willow #23 Mesquiteseniorgames.org 702-345-3347
Mar TBA	Sat	Mesquite Showgirls Bingo Bash Fundraiser Reservations: 801-699-9947 or 702-420-4494	Elks Lodge 545 Riverside
Mar 3 & 5 Mon & Wed	9 AM	Beginning Line Dance New class starts	Mesquite Rec Center Dance Room
Mar 15 Sat	8 AM	What's Happening Mesquite Reservations required 702-346-2902	Elks Lodge 545 Riverside
Mar 6 Thu	8:30 AM	March Against Cancer Walk starts at 9 AM	Rec Center Outdoor field 100 W Old Mill
Mar 20 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Award Ceremony Theme for the Month: Naturally Beautiful	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
APRIL 2025			
April	All Month	Decorate Saxon the Suffrage Cat Contest Sign up period runs to May Mesquite Senior Games Spring Season Poker, Bowling, Pickleball, Basketball, Tennis, Track & Field Artists Association Grand Bazaar	Women's History and Culture Center 225 N Willow #23 Mesquiteseniorgames.org 702-345-3347 Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W Mesquite
Apr TBA	2 PM	Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant	Community Theatre, 150 N Yucca
Apr 4 & 5 Fri & Sat	1 PM	"Salute to America" Mesquite Toes Spring Spectacular	Community Theatre, 150 N Yucca
Apr 17 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Reception Theme for the Month: Grand Bazaar	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
MAY 2025			
May 15 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Award Ceremony Theme for the Month: Places To Remember	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
JUNE 2025			
Jun 19 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Award Ceremony Theme for the Month: Life Is Music	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
JULY 2025			
Jul 17 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Award Ceremony Theme for the Month: Chasing the Sun	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
AUGUST 2025			
Aug 21 Thu	4-6 PM	Fine Arts Center Award Ceremony Theme for the Month: The American West	Fine Arts Gallery Classroom 15 W Mesquite
Aug 26 Tue	5 PM	Proclamation making August 26 "Women's Equality Day in Mesquite"	City Council Chambers 2 nd Floor, 10 E Mesquite
Aug 27 Wed	TBA	Women's History Museum Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting	225 N Willow #18

Monthly Meetings & Ongoing Community Events

MONDAY

2 nd Mon	6PM	Ham Radio Club	Airport Fire Station #2
3 rd Mon	11AM	Artists Association Monthly Meeting	Fine Arts Center Classroom

TUESDAY

1 st Tue	Noon	Brown Bag Cultural Series	Fine Arts Classroom, 15 W Mesquite
1 st & 3 rd Tue	2:30PM	City Council Technical Review	Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor, City Hall
1 st Tue	5:30PM	Arts Council	Fine Arts Classroom, 15 W Mesquite
2 nd Tue	10AM	Conservative Club	Veterans Center, 840 Hafén
2 nd Tue	5:30PM	Cancer Peer-Led Discussion	Mesquite Library Community Room
2 nd Tue	5:30PM	MFA Photographic Society	Fine Arts Classroom, 15 W Mesquite
2 nd & 4 th Tue	Noon	Exchange Club	Veterans Center, 840 Hafén
2 nd & 4 th Tue	5PM	City Council	Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor, City Hall
3 rd Tue	PM	Amateur Radio Club 801-643-4952	Airport Fire Station
3 rd Tue	6:30PM	VFW Meeting (Veterans of Foreign Wars)	Veterans Center, 840 Hafén

WEDNESDAY

Every Wed	5:30PM	Rotary Weekly Meeting	Usually at the Mesquite Library
1 st Wed	4 – 6 PM	Desert Dames Hump Day – Open event	Call 209-993-6907 for details
2 nd Wed	11:30 AM	Chamber of Commerce Luncheon	Various Locations
2 nd Wed	5 PM	Republican Women	Veterans Center, 840 Hafén

THURSDAY

1 st Thu	10AM	Mesquite Public Arts Commission	Council Chambers, 2 nd Floor, City Hall
1 st Thu	6PM	Elks Lodge #2811	545 Riverside Rd, 702-345-2811
1 st & 3 rd Thu	11:30AM	Lions Club	Veterans Center, 840 Hafén
1 st & 3 rd Thu	5PM	Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant	Women's Center, 225 N Willow, #23
2 nd Thu	2PM	Mesquite Caregivers Support Group	Mesquite Library Learning Center
2 nd Thu	6PM	Desert Fox Flyers Radio Control Club	Beaver Dam Fire Station #1
2 nd Thu	9 AM – 1PM	Rotary Mesquite Reads Book Sale	College of So. NV, 140 N Yucca
2 nd Thu	Noon-5PM	Blood Drive www.redcrossblood.org	Rec Center
4 th Thu	12-1PM	Toastmasters	First Baptist Church, 830 E Hafén

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Every Sat	9AM	Desert Fox Flyers Radio Control Club	
1 st Sat	9-11AM	We Care For Animals Pet Adoptions	150 N Yucca, #1
3 rd Sat	5PM	RAISE Mesquite	Women's Center, 225 N Willow, #23

SUNDAY

Every Sun	3-4PM	Al-Anon Family Weekly Meeting	Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside #A
2 nd Sun	11AM	Love, Family Gathering	Women's Center, 225 N Willow, #23

WOMEN IN MALE DOMINATED FIELDS – POLITICAL LEADERS SERIES

#2: WOMEN APPOINTED HEAD OF STATE IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Note: Many current and former women presidents and prime ministers are members of the Council of Women World Leaders, an international network whose mission is to mobilize the highest-level women leaders globally for collective action on issues of critical importance to women and equitable development.

November 16, **1979: Angela Merkel**

8th Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, serving from 2005 to 2021, the first female Chancellor. During her chancellorship, Merkel was referred to as the *de facto* leader of the European Union and the most powerful woman in the world. Beginning in 2016, Merkel was often described as the leader of the free world. She has a doctorate in quantum chemistry and worked as a research scientist before entering politics at age 39.

November 16, **1979: Lidia Gueiler Tejada**

56th President of Bolivia, serving from 2019 to 2020.

Gueiler was a life-long campaigner for human rights and against military regimes that blighted not only Bolivia but most of Latin America through much of her life. Her term as the first female president of Bolivian was only eight months long, sandwiched between two of her nation's traditional coups d'état. Gueiler was the second female to serve as president in the western hemisphere, preceded five years earlier by Argentina's Isabel Peron, who broke the mold. In 1979 Gueiler was named United Nations Woman of the Year.

November 3, **1990: Gro Harlem Brundtland**

29th Prime Minister of Norway, serving her third term from 1990 to 1996.

Brundtland started her first term as Prime Minister in 1981 and her second term in 1986. Gro was a physician and scientist in the Norwegian public health system and served as Director-General of the World Health Organization from 1998 to 2003. She served as U.N. Special Envoy on Climate Change from 2007 to 2010.

November 12, **1994: Chandrika Kumaratunga**

5th President of Sri Lanka, serving from 1994 to 2005.

Chandrika was Sri Lanka's first female president, elected in the largest landslide victory in Sri Lankan history, with 62% of the votes cast. She was also Sri Lanka's 11th Prime Minister in 1994, the second female Sri Lanka prime minister. Chandrika's mother, Sirimavo, became the world's first female Prime Minister in 1960 when she was elected Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. Sirimavo returned for a third time as Prime Minister in 1994 to support her daughter's term as President.

November 14, **1994: Sirimavo Bandaranaike**

6th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, serving three terms from 1994 to 2005, 1970 to 1977 and 1960 to 1965.

Sirimavo was the world's first female Prime Minister. She oversaw the formation of the Sri Lankan republic, formerly called Ceylon, separating it from the British Empire and establishing its political independence as a republic. In 2010, on the 50th anniversary of Bandaranaike's election as the world's first female prime minister, Sri Lanka Parliamentarian Rosy Senanayake reported Sri Lanka had not made significant progress towards gender equality in politics with only 4.5% of parliamentarians being women. In 2016 the Sri Lanka Legislature established a quota to achieve better gender representation, reserving 25% of all legislative seats for women.

November 7, **1995: Claudette Werleigh**

7th Prime Minister of Haiti, serving from 1995 to 1996, Haiti's first female Prime Minister.

Claudette has had a long career in fields of adult literacy and humanitarian relief. She helped found the League for Women's Empowerment to promote women's participation in politics and bridge the gulf separating different worlds. She believes women are the backbone of society and have a great capacity for peace making.

#2: WOMEN APPOINTED HEAD OF STATE IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 16, **2015: Beata Szydlo**

16th Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, serving from 2015 to 2017, the third woman to hold that office after Hanna Suchocka (5th) and her immediate predecessor Ewa Kpacz (15th).

The daughter of a coal-miner father and book-loving mother, Beata pursued a doctorate, worked in a museum and started her political career at age 35 as mayor of Brzeszcze.

November 30, **2017: Katrin Jakobsdottir**

35th Prime Minister of Iceland, serving from 2017 to 2024, Iceland's second female Prime Minister after Johanna Siguroardottir (31st).

Katrin was a popular politician who worked in education, science and culture positions in the government. In a 2015 poll, 59% of the respondents named her the most trustworthy politician in Iceland. She is retired from politics and just published her first novel, co-written with Ragnar Jonasson, *Reykjavik: A Crime Story*.

November 12, **2019: Jeanine Anez**

66th President of Bolivia, serving from 2019 to 2020, Bolivia's second female President, after Lidia Gueiler Tejada (56th).

The civil unrest in Bolivia in 2019 forced mass resignations by Bolivia's President Evo Morales, Bolivia's Vice President and the Presidents of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. With no constitutional line of succession to the presidency, the Legislative Assembly installed Anez president, with the responsibility of calling a new election. In 2020 Morales, was re-elected president, and Anez was charged with working with police and military figures to orchestrate the coup that overthrew Morales. In 2022 she was sentenced to 10-years in a woman's prison and is currently appealing the sentence. She was also charged in 2023 with orchestrating the genocide during the 2019 protests and faces a possible 30-year prison term, also under appeal.

November 12, **2019: Mary Patricia McAleese**

8th President of Ireland, serving from 1997 to 2011, second female President after Mary Robinson (7th).

McAleese is the first woman in the world to succeed another woman as president. Mary was a popular president who addressed issues concerning justice, social equality, social inclusion, anti-sectarianism and reconciliation, with the theme "Building Bridges."

November 30, **2021: Sandra Mason**

1st President of Barbados, serving from 2021 to today.

Mason was the 8th and final governor-general when Barbados was a constitutional monarchy. When Barbados became a republic on November 30, 2021, Sandra became the first President of Barbados. She was also the first woman member of the Barbados Bar Association and the first woman to serve on the Barbados Supreme Court

November 30, **2021: Magdalena Andersson**

34th Prime Minister of Sweden, serving from 2021 to 2022, Sweden's first female Prime Minister.

In response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, two female Prime Ministers, Magdalena Anderson of Sweden and Sanna Marin of Finland, reversed their countries' 200-year long positions of neutrality. They both applied to join NATO on May 18, 2022. On April 4, 2023 Finland became a NATO member followed by Sweden who became a NATO member on March 7, 2024.