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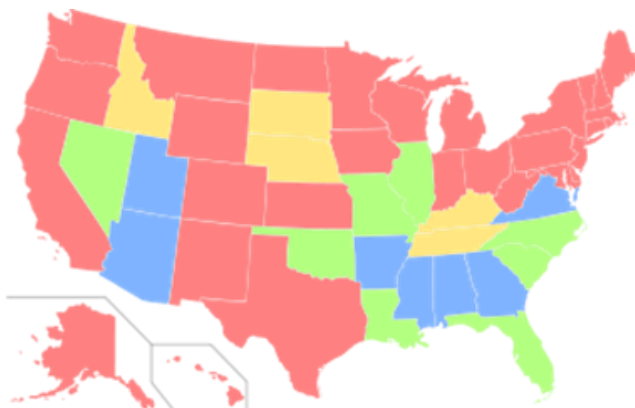
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While creating a 'plan of attack' for this year, I knew that I wanted to have themed newsletters for each month. I find writing to a theme a little bit easier and I also think it makes for a fun and interesting read. I also knew that I wanted to celebrate Women's Equality Day for two reasons.

One, acknowledging and celebrating success is a vital step in forward progress. It was a 72 year battle for women to achieve the right to vote. Then the 19th amendment was added to the constitution in 1920 and women had their first mention in the United States Constitution as something other than chattel.

Not resting on their laurels, and understanding human nature, Alice Paul drafted the Equal Rights amendment in 1923. It finally passed both houses of Congress in 1972 and was sent to the states for ratification. The map below shows the result of that.



- Ratified
- Ratified, then rescinded
- Not ratified, but approved by one house of state legislature
- Not ratified

The second reason I wanted to focus on women's equality is that we need to find ways to remind ourselves and our governments (local, state, and national) that the continued unfair treatment of women has to stop. We deserve equal pay, equal opportunity, and equal treatment under the law. That is all we are asking for and that is not wrong. I would like to ask for your help in composing letters to have on our website that can be personalized and sent to our state congress reminding them that women are not treated fairly and that there is already a solution in place that just needs to be finalized. As we are able to move forward, I would like to have more letters in place on the website for our members to use in communication with politicians. We are an advocacy organization and need to have the tools for that advocacy available. I know that many of you are more skilled than I at composing that type of document so please help our organization to live to its full potential. Thank you! Tressy



## **What is Women's Equality Day?**

At the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day."

The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women's Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities.

## **Joint Resolution of Congress, 1971**

### **Designating August 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day**

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have been treated as second-class citizens and have not been entitled the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to all citizens equally regardless of sex; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, as symbol of the continued fight for equal rights: and

WHEREAS, the women of United States are to be commended and supported in their organizations and activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that August 26th of each year is designated as Women's Equality Day, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation annually in commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America were first given the right to vote, and that day in 1970, on which a nationwide demonstration for women's rights took place.

Tue 26th Aug, 2014 will be..



## Women's Equality Day

**Women's Equality Day** commemorates 26th August 1920 when votes to women officially became part of the US constitution. This day marks a turning point in the history of the struggle for equal treatment of women and women's rights.

In 1920, the day stood for the result of 72 years of campaigning by a huge civil rights movement for women. Prior to movements like these, even respected thinkers such as Rousseau and Kant believed that woman's inferior status in society was completely logical and reasonable; women were 'beautiful' and 'not fit for serious employment'.

Over the last century, great women have proved these views wrong as the world has witnessed just what women are capable of achieving, from the likes of Rosa Parks and Eleanor Roosevelt fighting for civil rights and equality to great scientists such as Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin and Jane Goodall. The last century has shown more than ever what both women and men are capable of achieving, given the opportunity.

Today, women's equality has grown to mean much more than just sharing the right to the vote. Organizations such as Equality Now and Womankind Worldwide continue to work to provide women across the globe with equal opportunities to education and employment, pushing against suppression and violence towards women and against the discrimination and stereotyping which still occur in every society.

So on **Women's Equality Day**, let the men do the dishes and the women do the DIY, think about supporting women's empowerment projects in developing countries, stop thinking about men and women as separate beings with separate roles and start thinking about treating people as equals.



# Women's Equality Day Quiz!

1. August 26th is celebrated as Women's Equality Day to commemorate

- a. the work women did during the Second World War
- b. the anniversary of women winning the right to vote
- c. the flappers of the 1920's
- d. the contemporary women's rights movement

2. In what year did Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduce legislation to ensure that this important American anniversary would be celebrated?

- a. 1992
- b. 1984
- c. 1971
- d. 1965

3. In what year did women in the United States win the right to vote?

- a. 1776
- b. 1848
- c. 1920
- d. 1946

4. How many years did it take for women to win the right to vote in the United States?

- a. 72 years
- b. 120 years
- c. 20 years
- d. 51 years

5. Women in most of the western states won the right to vote years before the Federal Amendment was secured. 2010 is the 100th anniversary of women in Washington State winning the vote. California will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women winning the vote in 2011. Oregon will celebrate the 100th anniversary in 2012. What other state will celebrate the 100th anniversary of women in this state winning the right to vote in 2012?

- a. New York
- b. Florida
- c. Maine
- d. Arizona

6. What was the name given to the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which guaranteed women's right to vote in the United States.

- a. Abigail Adams Amendment
- b. Sojourner Truth Amendment
- c. Susan B. Anthony Amendment
- d. Gloria Steinem Amendment

7. Women who worked for women's right to vote were called

- a. radical
- b. immoral
- c. suffragist
- d. all of the above

8. The term suffragist is derived from

- a. one who suffers
- b. a voting tablet in ancient times
- c. the Constitution
- d. the Bill of Rights

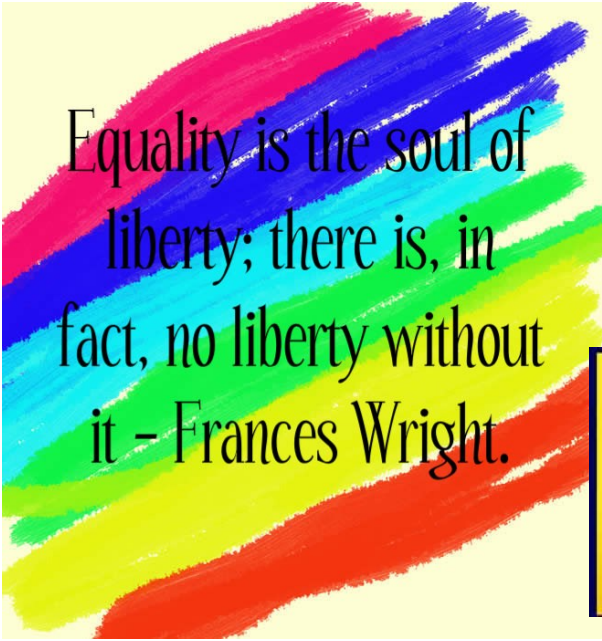
9. How many other countries had already guaranteed women's right to vote before the campaign was won in the United States?

- a. 6
- b. 2
- c. 1
- d. 16

10. What was the first country that granted women the right to vote?

- a. Canada
- b. Germany
- c. New Zealand
- d. United Kingdom

Answers: 1. b 2. c 3. c  
4. a (from the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848 to 1920)  
5. d 6. c 7. d 8. b  
9. d (New Zealand (1893), Australia (1902), Finland (1906), Norway (1913), Denmark (1915), USSR (1917), Canada (1918), Germany (1918), Poland (1918), Austria (1919), Belgium (1919), Great Britain (1919), Ireland (1919), Luxembourg (1919), the Netherlands (1919), Sweden (1919))  
10. c (1893)



Equality is the soul of  
liberty; there is, in  
fact, no liberty without  
it - Frances Wright.

## Equality Day

### Thoughts to share



When I sat in front of my computer trying to write an article about Women's Equality Day that was due Friday, my mind played tricks on me as I tried to focus—which isn't unusual. I decided the best thing to do was to make sure my ideals about Women's Equality were clear before I could complete this already late article. So I did what any good college professor is supposed to do, I did some research and I decided to share my research with the Business and Professional Women who read the Achiever. I thought there just might be some women out there who might enjoy a brief walk down memory lane.

Women's Equality Day evolved from a demonstration that took place in 1970 on August 26<sup>th</sup>, which would have been the 50 year anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to our constitution in 1920. I had just completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 1970 and would be entering high school. The women's movement was huge and as a young impressionable girl, I was captivated by the issues. I could not understand how things could still be so difficult for women 50 years later. Sometimes, I'm still concerned that things are still difficult for women, almost 94 years later.

The women's movement actually began several years prior to 1920 when the first women were granted the right to vote in the colony of New Jersey in 1790. It's amazing that it took another 120 years for the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. That seems to be a common trend for effecting change for women in our country which is probably what provoked the demonstrations in 1970. It also probably explains why we still need a proclamation for an Equal Pay Day to bring awareness to the inequity in pay between women and men even though this should not be an issue as the Equal Pay Act was approved in 1963. Instead of a proclamation to call attention to an issue, we need enforced legislation that will prevent such issues.

While we can take encouragement in that famous Virginian Slims slogan "you've come a long way baby to get where you got to today", we still need to remember and recognize the efforts women have taken to get us where we are today. We need to be reminded that there are still issues and it's our responsibility as women of the 21<sup>st</sup> century to carry the mantle that will make things better for future generations. We must educate our young women so that they too will feel the need to carry on. So my article is a challenge to each of us to get involved and make a difference.



Sheree S.



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**NOTHING CHANGES  
IF  
NOTHING CHANGES**

**The embattled gates to equal rights  
indeed opened up for modern  
women, but I sometimes think to  
myself; that is not what I meant by  
freedom, it is only social progress.**

*Helene Deutsch*

**I believe the equal  
rights amendment is a  
necessity of life for all  
citizens. The cabinet  
sometimes felt that I  
shouldn't be so  
outspoken.**

*Betty Ford*



***Please make these revisions to the Roster & Calendar***

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**June 5–6, 2015 BPW/TN Convention, Site TBD**



# 2014 Fall



## Region Planning Meetings

### REGION I



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The Region I will be meeting on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the Campbell County Chamber of Commerce building, 1016 Main Street, Jacksboro, TN 37757 (423) 566-0329. It is 2.6 miles from exit 134 off of I-75.

Here's a link to their page <http://www.campbellcountychamber.com/>.

Registration \$15.00 - Mail to Region I Director or register on line BPWTN.org

Meet and greet will begin at 9:30.

The meeting agenda will begin at 10:00 am.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm and the program speaker will follow.



### REGION II



Region II  
Director  
Ann Poag

Lawrenceburg BPW would like to invite you to attend the September 2014 meeting which will serve as the **Fall Region 2 Gathering**.

Refreshments will be provided and we will be discussing news from the State and plans for the future.

Place: Scout Cabin, Lawrenceburg, TN

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: September 16, 2014



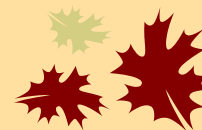
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### REGION III



Region III  
Director  
Carolyn Beverly

The Region III planning meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, **September 20** at a local restaurant in Jackson. The time and place will be finalized soon and the details will be printed in the September Achiever.



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Healthy Thought – Every 35 days your skin replaces itself. Your liver about a month. Your body makes these new cells from the food you eat. What you eat, literally becomes you. You have a choice in what you're made of. You are what you eat.

**NOTE:** *Deadline to submit material for Achiever is the 25th of each month.*

**Send to :**  
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*Articles received after the 25th will be in the next months issue.*

**Upcoming Monthly Highlights**

**September** ID & ALT

**October** NBWW

**November**  
I. Board & Women Vets

**December**  
Parliamentary Procedure



This is the only time you see this phenomenon in your life.

## Calendar August 2014

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August, 2014, will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens only once

every 823 years. The Chinese call it 'Silver pockets full. '

So: send this message to your friends and in four days the money will surprise you. Based on Chinese Feng Shui. Whoever does not transmit the message .... may find themselves clueless .... This is not fun at all ....

*Thought for the Month:*  
*Gender equality is more than a goal in itself. It is a precondition for meeting the challenge of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance.*

Kofi Annan

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