

WOMEN ENCIRCLED ON AAUW SPRING LUNCHEON PROGRAM 2024

Sacagawea {Sacajawea} – Lemhi Shoshone Native American, interpreter/guide for Lewis and Clark Expedition

Francoise LaDuc – Osage Native American, who equally owned property with husband, contributor to culture and economic foundation of Saint Louis

Eleanor Roosevelt – First Lady of America, human and civil rights activist

Susan Blow – opened first public kindergarten in Saint Louis

Madame C.J. Walter – First Black woman millionaire in USA, pioneer of hair care product for Black women

Linda Godwin – NASA astronaut with four space flights

Virginia Johnson – Member of Masters & Johnson sexuality research team

Rose O'Neill - First published female cartoonist in USA, famous for Kewpies

Becky Sauerbrunn – American professional soccer player, team won gold medal at Olympics and at FIFA Women's World Cup two times

Caroline Thummel – One of two attorneys in Western USA in 1910's, advocated equal opportunities for women in industrial world, humane treatment of criminals, law professor at City College in Saint Louis

Betty Grable – Actress, model, singer, dancer; one of highest paid Hollywood stars in '40's and '50's

Rosa Parks – Activist in civil rights movement, named mother of freedom movement

Jenny Doan – Quilter, author, You Tube star, face of Missouri Star Quilt Company

Helen Stevens – Double Olympic champion in sprint races, a weight lifter, played professional baseball and softball

Martha Gellhorn – Journalist considered one of greatest war correspondents, third wife of Ernest Hemmingway

Dorothy Vaughn – Mathematician, human computer, became supervisor of West Area Computer at Langley Research Center (NASA).

Emily Parsons – Civil War nurse working briefly at Lawson Hospital (STL) and Benton Barricks Hospital, then on hospital steamship traveling down Mississippi River, became hospital administrator and founder of Mount Auburn Hospital in MA.

Oprah Winfrey – talk show host, entrepreneur, author, TV producer, media proprietor, actress, one of first Black billionaires, once named most influential woman in world

Misty Copeland – Ballet dancer for American Ballet Company, first Black principal dancer for the company, public speaker

Josephine Baker – American born French dancer, singer, actress; first Black woman to star in major motion picture, headliner at Folies Berger in Paris

Laura Ingalls Wilder – Author of *Little House on the Prairie* set of children's books

Sheryl Crow – Musician, songwriter, singer using elements of blues, rock, country, pop, and folk music

Maya Angelou – Memoirist, poet, civil rights activist, actor, received Tony and Grammy awards

Ruth Bader Ginsburg – Lawyer and jurist serving as associate justice of US Supreme Court, advocator of gender equality and women's rights

Lucy Ann Delaney – African American seamstress, slave narrator, community leader; subject of freedom lawsuit about which she wrote in *From the Darkness Cometh the Light or Struggles of Freedom*

Doris Hart – Tennis player in '40's and early '50's, winner of career Grand Slam in singles and of Boxed Set of Grand Slam titles

Susan B. Anthony – Social reformer, women's rights activist in women's suffrage movement; co-founder of National Woman Suffrage Association, agent of American Anti-Slavery Society

Annie Malone – Business woman, inventor, philanthropist, founded commercial and educational enterprise centered on cosmetic and hair care products for African American women

Jane Wyman – Dancer, actress, awarded an Academy Award, four Golden Globes, two prime-time Emmys

Ellie Kemper – Actor and comedian, nominated for several different awards

Candace Parker – Professional power forward and center basketball player, regarded as one of greatest WNBA players of all time, won WNBA Finals MVP award, two Olympic medals

Harriet Tubman – Abolitionist, civil rights activist, active in rescuing slaves through Underground Railroad, armed scout and spy and nurse for Union Army, known as icon for courage and freedom

Taylor Swift – Singer, songwriter, known for artistry and entrepreneurship, influencer of pop culture and music industry.

Sza – Singer, songwriter, rapper; accolades include American Music Award, *Billboard* Woman in Music, nominated for 2024 iHeartRadio Music Awards, received three Grammy Awards