SJDI60 Newsletter

WHETHER 60 SECONDS OR 60 MINUTES, MAKE SOCIAL JUSTICE A PART OF YOUR EVERYDAY

Current Event

EXHIBIT HONORS GREENSBORO WOMEN WHO MADE AN IMPACT

The Ruth Wicker Tribute to Women exhibit has opened after nearly 10 years in the making. The exhibit honors the contributions of women in Greensboro.

The exhibit is named after the late Ruth Wicker who donated $900,000 to the center. The total cost for the center surpassed more than $3 million.

She loved gardening and was a "park champion". The only request she had was to "create and house an exhibit honoring achievements of North Carolina women" (para. 5).

Hundreds of people attended the grand opening, including 17 of the women honored in the exhibit.

Honorees included politicians, educators, activists, police captains, and founders.

Read more about the honorees by clicking the link.

Source: Greensboro News & Record

Current Event

INDIANA PACERS MADE HISTORY BY HIRING NBA’S FIRST FEMALE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Kelly Krauskopf is the National Basketball Association’s first female assistant General Manager in this “era” of basketball. The only other woman to hold the same title was Nancy Leonard in 1976. Krauskopf transitioned to the NBA team after serving 17 years as the general manger for the Indiana Fever, a WNBA team.

Krauskopf encountered much push back in her early years in the field being told “she wasn’t right for the job because women don’t know how to cover sports” (para 9).

In addition to Krauskopf, four other women sit in high-ranking positions for the Pacer franchise in addition to 37% of the 279 full-time employees being women.

Supporters are glad that Pacers are showing action behind their claim to want to be more inclusive.

Read more about the NBA’s Racial and Gender Report Card here.

Source: Indianapolis Star

Current Event

700 AFGHAN WOMEN SEND MESSAGE ABOUT FEARS IN PEACE TREATY WITH TALIBAN

Afghan women are standing up and speaking out regarding the recent peace negotiations between the Afghan government and Taliban. Women are fearful that a peace treaty would result in allowing the Taliban and their strict codes back into the government. Afghan women describe the Taliban codes as “constraining” and shared that they were often violently beaten for breaking codes (para 4).

In a planned event in Kabul, over 700 women showed up to express their concerns. One woman said “You should put killers in prison, not make peace with them!” First Lady of Afghanistan, Rula Ghani, stated “Afghan women have their own voice, and now they’re raising it!” (para 7-12).

Only one woman wore a burqa- the garment women were once required to wear by the Taliban.

In future peace talks, women are demanding a seat at the table.

Source: New York Times
At ‘Paint Your Picket’ we explored the semiotics of art, signs, and publications of the 1960s forged the cause for the Civil Rights Movement, the Women’s Liberation Movement, and the Gay Liberation Movement. Some of the iconic images discussed were the ‘I Am A Man’ signs used by black laborers on strike during the Civil Rights Movement, the Venus symbol used in various platforms for Women’s rights, and the pink triangle. The pink triangle was the symbol assigned to homosexual men in concentration camps in the Holocaust, and the triangle was reclaimed by the community and used in gay rights media for decades (predating the rainbow flag, which didn't debut until the late 1970’s). We then discussed current issues that face society, such as the gender pay gap, trans rights issues, Black Lives Matter, and climate change.

At “This is America” we were able to explore what trying to gain citizenship into America as an immigrant would be like. The program began outside of the clubhouse (country) where participants (dreamers) met in the foyer and were asked to take a citizenship test that they had to obtain an 80% or better on to be allowed entry into the clubhouse (country). Once the participants (new immigrants) had entered into the country, they went through a series of events that further showed their allegiance to the United States. These events included Social injustice connect four, a privilege race and Archie Bunker’s Neighborhood/Real Life Monopoly. We then had a catered dinner from Big Al’s BBQ (a black owned business) where participants were able to discuss their experiences.

Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall hosted “What The Feminism?” with Resident Advisors Kiera, Najalah, Ashley, and Ambrea. A group of students and student leaders attended this workshop with faculty member, Dr. Sarah Colonna, and undergraduate Kaleidoscopes October and Elizabeth. In this workshop, participants learned about the history of feminism in America, along with the employment wage gap, white privilege, and intersectional feminism. Definitions of feminism were shared among the dialogue that engaged everyone, as well as meanings for what feminism meant in everyone’s life. Facilitators challenged the participants to consider what feminism versus womanism meant in their lives and how they showed up. Students left the workshop feeling energized about further researching intersectionality and how to go about creating inclusive, intersectional spaces in the future.

Put It Into Practice

GENDER IDENTITY

Since January, New Jersey is only one of 4 states that allows people to amend their birth certificates and select “non-binary” or ‘undesignated’ as their gender. Read the article here.

In what ways may documents (like birth certificates) or processes (like getting a passport) further harm and discriminate against folks with gender variant identities?