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National Women's Hall of Fame - 2011 Inductees

In 1848, the first Women's Rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. After two days of discussion and debate, 68 women and 32 men signed a [Declaration of Sentiments](#), based on its more famous sister, The Declaration of Independence, but with words that were probably considered heresy at the time "that all men and women are created equal." Today, the [National Women's Hall of Fame](#) is located at this birthplace of women's rights. Every two years, the Hall holds an induction ceremony, to welcome both historical women and living women who have made significant contributions to our country.

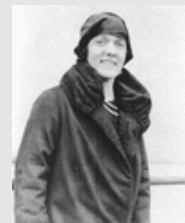
On September 30 - October 1, 2011, eleven women will be inducted, including four nominated by the co-author of *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America*, Jill Tietjen. We'd like to highlight seven of the 2011 inductees who are also profiled in our book: **Katharine Drexel, Dorothy Harrison Eustis, Billie Holiday, Donna Shalala, Coretta Scott King, Abby Kelley Foster, and Kathrine Switzer.**



Abby Kelley Foster

A major figure in the national anti-slavery and women's rights movements, **Abby Kelley Foster** is remembered for her roles as a lecturer, fundraiser, recruiter and organizer. She worked tirelessly for the ratification for the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution and laid the groundwork for the nineteenth. **Sister Mary Katharine Drexel** founded the religious order Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1891. During her lifetime, Saint Drexel opened, staffed, and supported 60 schools, with her crowning achievement, the establishment of Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dog breeder **Dorothy Harrison Eustis** started the Seeing Eye dog school to train dogs to serve blind individuals in 1929. The original dogs were primarily a special strain of German shepherds. Considered by many to be one of the greatest jazz vocalists of all time, **Billie Holiday** forever changed the genres of jazz and pop with her unique style. She began her career as a singer in Harlem nightclubs in 1931, without formal musical training. **K. Switzer** secretly entered the Boston Marathon in 1967. The secrecy was required because at that time women were not allowed to run in that event. When an



official realized that "K" stood for Kathrine, he tried to tear off her number. She avoided him and successfully finished the race. She said "I decided to use this experience to insure that other women who wanted to run would not be subjected to the same treatment. . . . I felt the most important thing I could do for women was to create the forum for their acceptance in sports."



Coretta Scott King

One of the most celebrated champions of human and civil rights, **Coretta Scott King**, in partnership with her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., ignited democracy movements worldwide. For over forty years, King traveled extensively as a messenger of peace, justice and social action. A groundbreaking educator and politician, **Dr. Donna Shalala** has more than twenty-five years of experience as an accomplished scholar, teacher and administrator. She is recognized as the longest serving U. S. Secretary of Health and

Human Services and is the current President of the University of Miami.

During induction weekend, Her Story Media is proud to announce that the play "Mosaic:Voices of Women's Suffrage" will be performed at the First Presbyterian Church in Seneca Falls; Alice Paul introduced the Equal Rights Amendment at that same church.Come to Seneca Falls for induction, for the history and to celebrate the amazing women on whose shoulders we stand!

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