

**INAUGURAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
LUNCHEON AND PRESENTATION
MARCH 30, 2015**

On March 30, 2015, the SDWV Clerk's Office held the inaugural Women's History Month luncheon and presentation. Meg Kirk hosted the celebration and coordinated the luncheon. The presentation gave an overview of the origin of Women's History Month and focused on some very important women in the judicial system: past and present female Supreme Court Justices. Contributions of women throughout history, specifically in the judicial system, have been significant and Clerk's Office leadership felt it was important to celebrate those women and their accomplishments.



Women's History Month started out in 1981 as a national celebration when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28. Pub. L. 97-28 authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." In the following years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week."

In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to designate the month of March as "Women's History Month" and Pub. L. 100-9 was passed. Congress continued to pass additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."



Information on the four female Supreme Court Justices had been placed throughout the luncheon space. Short biographies and important facts about Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan were available to view while participants enjoyed a barbecue picnic-style lunch. After lunch, Ms. Kirk held a round of trivia on the information presented and award prizes for correct answers. The first Women's History Luncheon was informative, fun and a great team building exercise for Clerk's Office staff.

**Do You Know the Women of
the United States Supreme Court?**

- 1.) How many U. S. Supreme Court Justices attended Harvard Law School? **Two**
- 2.) What year did the first woman U. S. Supreme Court Justice take her seat? **1981**
- 3.) Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice was the Dean of Harvard Law School? **Elena Kagan**
- 4.) Which woman Supreme Court Justice was awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, in 2009?
- 5.) Who was the first Hispanic woman appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court? **Sandra Day O'Connor**
- 6.) Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice helped initiate the Women's Rights Project of the ACLU? **Sonia Sotomayor**
- 7.) How many woman have been appointed to the U.S. Supreme court during President Obama's terms in office? **Two**
- 8.) How many women are currently sitting as U.S. Supreme Court Justices? **Three**
- 9.) Who is the youngest woman to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court? **Elena Kagan**

BONUS!!

- 10.) Who is the first woman Clerk of Court for the U. S. District Court for Southern District of West Virginia?
TERESA DEPPNER!

