

# Wonder Women!

Note: At the conference there was a reader for each reading - names have been removed to protect privacy. Each reader introduced themselves and identified their home AAUW branch.

## Introduction

	Reading	<p>Sandra Day O'Connor (First woman Supreme Court Justice)</p> <p>For both men and women the first step in getting power is to become visible to others, and then to put on an impressive show... As women achieve power, the barriers will fall. As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things, and we'll all be better off for it.</p>
3:00	Music	<p><u><a href="#">I am Woman</a></u> by Helen Reddy</p>
	Reading	<p>Susan B. Anthony (Suffragist and pioneer for women's rights)</p> <p>On women's right to vote during the 1872 election:</p> <p>The preamble of the U.S. Constitution says: We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.</p> <p>It was we, the people: not we, the white male citizens: nor we, the white people, who formed the Union. And we formed it, not to give the blessings of liberty, but to secure them: not to the half of ourselves and the half of our posterity, but to the whole people – women as well as men. And it is a downright mockery to talk to women of their enjoyment of the blessings of liberty while they are denied the use of the only means of securing them provided by this democratic-republican government – the ballot.</p>
1:54	Video	<p><u><a href="#">International Women's Day 2018</a></u></p>
	Reading	<p>“Strong Woman”, a Native American Saying</p> <p>A strong woman is one who feels deeply and loves fiercely. Her tears flow just as abundantly as her laughter. A strong woman is both soft and powerful. She is both practical and spiritual. A strong woman in her essence is a gift to the world.</p>
3:02	Music	<p><u><a href="#">Bread &amp; Roses</a></u></p>
	Reading	<p>Amelia Earhart (female aviator, the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to California)</p> <p>Women, like men, should try to do the impossible. And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to others.</p>
	Reading	<p>Gloria Steinem (the voice and the face of feminism in the 1970s as a co-founder of Ms. magazine and the National Women's Political Caucus.) This quote is from her <i>book My Life On The Road</i>, So with a lot of difficulty, I picked up this huge snapping turtle and slowly carried it down the road to the river.</p> <p>Just as I had slipped it into the water and was watching it swim away, my geology professor came up behind me. “You know,” he said quietly, “that turtle has probably spent a month crawling up the dirt path to lay its eggs in the mud on the side of the road – you have just put it back in the river.”</p> <p>I felt terrible. I couldn't believe what I had done, but it was too late. It took me many more years to realize this parable had taught me the first rule of organizing.</p> <p>Always ask the turtle.</p>

3:31	Music	<b><i>Fight Song</i></b> by Rachel Platten (Dope Lyrics version)
	Reading	<p>Eleanor Roosevelt (First Lady, United Nations USA delegate for 7 years during which she helped to write the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Harry Truman described her as the “First Lady of the World”)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.</li> <li>• A woman is like a tea bag: you never know how strong it is until it’s in hot water.</li> <li>• You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with the best you have to give.</li> <li>• What could we accomplish if we knew we could not fail?</li> </ul>
3:30	Video	<b><i>Just do right</i></b> and <b><i>Courage</i></b> by Maya Angelou (10 Rules for Success, 1:04 – 3:42 – 4:27)
<b>Part Two: Courage</b>		
	Reading	<p>Mother Teresa (awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She once traveled through a war zone to rescue 37 children from the front lines. She received numerous awards for all her charity work including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Ronald Reagan.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People are often unreasonable and self-centered...FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY</li> <li>• If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives...BE KIND ANYWAY</li> <li>• If you are honest, people may cheat you...BE HONEST ANYWAY</li> <li>• If you find happiness, people may be jealous...BE HAPPY ANYWAY</li> <li>• The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow...DO GOOD ANYWAY</li> <li>• Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough...GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY</li> <li>• For you see, in the end, it is between you and God...IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.</li> </ul>
3:57	Music	<b><i>Brave</i></b> by Sara Bareilles
	Reading	<p>Malala Yousafzai (youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, which she shared with Kailash Satyarthi for his work against child labor and slavery in India. This address to the UN was made on her 16th birthday.)</p> <p><b>Dear Sisters and Brothers,</b>  We realize the importance of light when we see darkness. We realize the importance of our voices when we are silenced. In the same way, when we were in Swat, the north of Pakistan, we realized the importance of pens and books when we saw guns.  So... here I stand...one girl among many. I speak – not for myself, but for all girls and boys. I raise up my voice – not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. I speak for those who have fought for their rights:  Their right to live in peace.  Their right to be treated with dignity.  Their right to equality of opportunity.  Their right to be <u>educated!</u></p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

	Reading	<p>Dear Sisters it's time to speak up! So today,  We call upon the world leaders to change their strategic policies in favor of peace and prosperity.  We call upon the world leaders that all the peace deals must protect women and children's rights. A deal that goes against the dignity of women and their rights is unacceptable.  We call upon all governments to ensure free compulsory education for every child all over the world.  We call upon the developed nations to support the expansion of educational opportunities for girls in the developing world.  We call upon all communities to be tolerant – to reject prejudice based on cast, creed, sect, religion or gender...to ensure freedom and equality for women so that they can flourish. We cannot succeed when half of us are held back.  We call upon our sisters around the world to be brave...to embrace the strength within.</p>
<b>Intermission</b>		
<b>Part Three: Overcoming Adversity</b>		
	Reading	<p>Senator Tammy Duckworth of Illinois (Army pilot who survived a helicopter crash in Iraq, double amputee, and the first Senator to give birth while serving in office)  “You'll make it out alive completely because of the grit, sacrifice and outright heroism of others. You haven't done anything to be worthy of their sacrifices, but these heroes will give you a second chance at life anyway. And you'll be proud of it all, but as happy as you are to be able to help people, the best part of your second life will be you finally getting to have the family you've always wanted.”</p>
2:33	Music	<b><u>#MeToo</u></b> ISA Lyric Video
	Reading	<p>Diana Nyad (Made four attempts to complete a record breaking swim from Cuba to Florida without a shark cage)  We've all had heartache. And so, my journey now is to find some sort of grace in the face of this defeat. And I can look at the journey...not just the destination. I can feel proud. I can stand here in front of you tonight and say, “I was courageous!”</p>
3:58	Music	<b><u>Unstoppable</u></b> a #MeToo Movement Tribute Song
		<p>“Still I Rise” by Maya Angelou (Writer, Poet, Civil Rights Activist, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings was the first nonfiction best-selling book by an African-American woman. In 1973, she was nominated for a Tony Award for her role in the play Look Away in 1973, taught as a full-time professor at Wake Forest University, and recited her poetry Bill Clinton's 1993 presidential inauguration)</p> <p>You may write me down in history  With your bitter, twisted lies,  You may trod me in the very dirt  But still, like dust, I'll rise.</p> <p>Does my sassiness upset you?  Why are you beset with gloom?  'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  Pumping in my living room.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

	Reading	<p>Just like moons and like suns, With the certainty of tides, Just like hopes springing high, Still I'll rise.</p> <p>Did you want to see me broken? Bowed head and lowered eyes? Shoulders falling down like teardrops, Weakened by my soulful cries?</p> <p>Does my haughtiness offend you? Don't you take it awful hard 'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines Diggin' in my own backyard.</p> <p>You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise.</p> <p>Does my sexiness upset you? Does it come as a surprise That I dance like I've got diamonds At the meeting of my thighs?</p> <p>Out of the huts of history's shame I rise Up from a past that's rooted in pain I rise I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide, Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.</p> <p>Leaving behind nights of terror and fear I rise Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear I rise Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise I rise I rise.</p>
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3:43	Video	<a href="#">Best Inspirational Video for Women</a>
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**Part Four: Celebrating Women**

	Reading	<p>Dilma Rousseff (Brazil's first female President) I hope the fathers and mothers of little girls will look at me and say, "Yes, women can"!</p>
	Reading	<p>Mae C. Jemison (First African American astronaut. She is also a dancer and holds nine honorary doctorates in science and the humanities.) There have been lots of other women who have had the talent and ability before me. This is an affirmation that we are moving ahead. I am just the first in a long line!</p>
4:30	Music	<b><i>Hero</i></b> by Mariah Carey, a tribute to women of the world.

Ain't I a Woman, Sojourner Truth (She went to court to free her son, and won. During the Civil War she recruited black soldiers to fight for the Union, She once met with President Abraham Lincoln and told him the story of her life as a slave. The Mars rover built by NASA was named after her.)

What's all dis here talkin' 'bout?

Dat man ober dar say  
dat womin needs to be helped into carriages,  
and lifted ober ditches,  
and to hab de best place everywhar.  
Nobody eber halps me into carriages,  
or ober mudpuddles,  
or gibbs me any best place!  
And ar'n't I a woman?

Look at me!  
Look at my arm!  
I have ploughed,  
and planted,  
and gathered into barns,  
and no man could head me!  
And ar'n't I a woman?  
I could work as much  
and eat as much as a man --  
when I could get it --  
and bear de lash as well!  
And ar'n't' I a woman?

I have borne thirteen chilern,  
and seen 'em mos' all sold off to slavery,  
and when I cried out with my mother's grief,  
none but Jesus heard me!  
And ar'n't I a woman?

Den dey talks 'bout dis ting in de head;  
what dis dey call it?  
'Intellect,'  
(whispered someone near).  
Dat's it, honey.  
What's dat got to do wid womin's rights  
or nigger's rights?  
If my cup won't hold but a pint,  
and yourn holds a quart,  
wouldn't ye be mean  
not to let me have my little half-measure full?

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	Reading	<p>Den dat little man in black dar,  he say women can't have as much rights as men,  'cause Christ wan't a woman!  Whar did your Christ come from?  Whar did your Christ come from?  From God and a woman!  Man had nothin' to do wid Him.</p> <p>If de fust woman God ever made  was strong enough to turn de world upside down  all alone,  dese women togedder ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again!  And now dey is asking to do it,  de men better let 'em.</p> <p>Bleeged to ye for hearin' on me,  and now ole Sojourner  han't got nothin' more to say.'</p>
2:03	Video	<u>In Honor of Women</u>
	Reading	<p>Hillary Clinton (During high school, she wrote a letter to NASA asking how she could become an astronaut. She got a letter back saying they weren't accepting women into the program. She was the only First Lady to have an office with the president's senior staff in the West Wing of the White House. President Obama appointed her as Secretary of State in 2009, She ran for president in 2008 and 2016.) “Women’s Rights are Human Rights” was given at the 1995 World Conference on Women in Beiiing</p> <p>The great challenge of this conference is to give voice to women everywhere whose experiences go unnoticed, whose words go unheard. Women comprise more than half of the world’s population, 70% of the world’s poor, and two-thirds of those who are not taught to read and write. We are the primary caretakers for most of the world’s children and elderly. Yet much of the work we do is not valued – not by economists, not by historians, not by popular culture, not by government leaders.</p> <p>If there is one message that exhoes forth from this conference, let it be that human rights are women’s rights and women’s rights are human rights once and for all. Let us not forget that among those rights are the right to speak freely – and the right to be heard.</p>
4:28	Music	<b><i><u>Sisters are Doin’ It For Themselves</u></i></b> by The Eurythmics