

Women In Libraries

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ALA/SRRT FEMINIST
TASK FORCE

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THE BIG EASY: HOT STUFF FOR FEMINISTS AT A.L.A. IN NEW ORLEANS

Friday, July 8

8am-6pm

OLPR preconference: Each one, reach one: recruiting
for the profession
SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force

4:30-5:30pm

Saturday, July 9

8-9am

COSWL LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

8-9am

SRRT International Human Rights Task Force

9-11am

EMIERT program: Publishers & minority materials

9-11am

PLA Multilingual Materials & Library Service Comte.

9:30am-12:30pm

ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION PROGRAM

9:30am-12:30pm

ALA Minority Concerns Comte.

11:30am-12:30pm

COSWL (COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP)

11:30am-12:30pm

OLOS Subcomte. on Library Service for American Indian
People / American Indian Lib. Assn.

noon-2pm

Friends of Libraries USA and Baker & Taylor Awards
Luncheon with speaker Rita Mae Brown

12:30-4pm**SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE, ALA COUNCIL, COSWL PROGRAM:
LIBRARIANS AS COLLEAGUES ACROSS RACIAL LINES:
STRATEGIES FOR ACTION (details on page 8)

2-4pm

ALA Pay Equity Comte.

2-4pm

OLPR program: Ethics and workplace relationships:
issues, questions

2-4pm

ALSC Lib. Service to Children with Special Needs

2-4pm

IFRT, IFC, and IFC's of AASL, ALSC, ALTA, PLA, & YASD
program: How to survive the Kill the messenger syndrome

2-4pm

MAGERT WOMEN IN CARTOGRAPHY

2-4pm

RASD Access to Information Comte.

2-4pm

RASD Multilingual Materials Subcomte.

2-4pm

RASD Comte. on Library Services to the Spanish Speaking

4:30-5:30

SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force

8-10pm

ASCLA/LSSPS Prisoners Forum

8-10 pm

REFORMA

8-10pm

SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force

Sunday, July 10

8-9am

SRRT Alternatives in Print Task Force

8-11am

ALSC Selection of Children's Books from Various Cultures

8-11am

ILERT program: Good business, good ethics

9-11am

ASCLA/LSSPS Academic Librarians Assisting the Disabled

9-11am

JMRT Minorities Recruitment

9-11am

PLA/CIS program: Community information & referral
essentials

9-11am SRRT Task Force on the Homeless
 9-11am SRRT International Human Rights Task Force program
 9-11am EMERT program
 9:30-11am PLA Special Comte. on the Recruitment of Public Librarians
 9:30-11am PLA/SMLS Rural Library Services Comte.
 9:30-11am RASD Multilingual Materials Subcomte.
 9:30-11am**SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE: INTRODUCING WOMEN'S GROUPS
 IN THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
 9:30am-12:30pm ALA Comte. on Pay Equity program: Pay equity:
 a national view, action steps for libraries
 9:30am-12:30pm ASCLA/LSSPS program: What's out on aging
 9:30am-12:30pm PLA Multilingual Material & Library Services Comte.
 11:30am-12:30pm**SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE BUSINESS MEETING
 11:30am-12:30pm SRRT International Human Rights Task Force
 11:30am-12:30pm SRRT Library Union Task Force
 2-4pm ACRL Black Studies Discussion Group^{1/2}
 2-4pm ASCLA/LSSPS Library Services to the Blind & Physically
 Handicapped Forum (LSBPHF) program
 2-4pm RASD AFL-CIO/ALA Joint Comte. on Library Service to Labor
 2-5:30pm COSWL (COMTE. ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP)
 2-5:30pm RASD Comte. on Library Services to the Spanish Speaking
 4:30-5:30pm SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force
 4:30-5:30pm SRRT Peace Information Exchange Task Force
 8-10pm REFORMA
 8-10pm RASD Discussion Group on Issues & Ethics

Monday, July 11

8-9am RASD Access to Information Comte.
 8-11am**SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE BUSINESS MEETING
 8am-5:30pm PLA/CIS Education & Training Comte. Professional Ethics
 Task Force
 9-11am YASD Intellectual Freedom Comte program: Building
 bridges over troubled waters
 9:30-11am COSWL & ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION
 9:30am-12:30pm ALA Minority Concerns Comte. program
 9:30am-12:30pm EMERT/PLA Multilingual Materials & Library Services
 Subcomte. program
 9:30am-12:30pm RASD and AFL-CIO/ALA Joint Comte. on Library Service to
 Labor Groups program: Databases and services to the
 labor community
 9:30am-12:30pm SRRT Alternatives in Print Task Force
 11:30am-12:30pm SRRT Library Union Task Force
 2-4pm ASCL Library Standards for Adult Correction Institutions
 2-4pm ASCLA Library Service to the Deaf Forum: Awareness be-
 gins at home
 2-4pm LAMA WOMEN ADMINISTRATORS DISCUSSION GROUP PROGRAM:
 MENTOR/PROTEGEE: LIBRARIANS HELPING LIBRARIANS
 2-4pm OLOS Advisory Comte program: Developing minority
 leadership for the 1990's
 2-5:30pm ALA Pay Equity Comte.
 2-5:30pm LHRT program: The creation of patriarchy (Gerda Lerner,
 speaker)
 2-5:30pm SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force program: Sexual orientation
 and library employment; book award presentation
 8-10pm ALA membership meeting I
 8-10pm OLOS Subcomte. on Library Service for American Indian
 People / American Indian Lib. Assn.

Tuesday, July 12

8-9am	YASD Comte. on Library Services to Young Adults with Special Needs
8:30-11am	ALSC Intellectual Freedom Comte.
8:30-11am	SRRT Task Force on the Homeless
9-11am	PLA/SMLS Rural Library Services Comte. program
9-11am	RASD Comte. on Library Services to the Spanish Speaking
9-11am**	SRRT FEMINIST TASK FORCE
9-11am	SRRT Task Force on Alternatives in Print program: Southern visions...
9am-noon	ASCLA Library Services to the Deaf Forum
9am-12:30pm	EMIERI program
9:30-11am	SRRT Alternatives in Print Task Force
9:30-11am	SRRT Coretta Scott King Award Task Force
11:30am-12:30pm	ALA Minority Concerns Comte.
11:30am-12:30pm	LAMA WOMEN ADMINISTRATORS DISCUSSION GROUP
11:30am-12:30pm	RASD WOMEN'S MATERIALS & WOMEN LIBRARY USERS DISCUSSION GRP.
2-4pm	SRRT Gay & Lesbian Task Force
2-5:30pm	ALA Intellectual Freedom Comte.

DAR LA MANO

Ileana Rodriguez, director of Nicaragua's national library, visited the U.S. in March. Educated in this country but a proud supporter of the Sandanista government, she yearns for resources to offer better service to Nicaraguans. If your library could offer to train one of her staff in its methods, Ileana Rodriguez would be immensely pleased. If you know someone planning to visit Managua and that person is willing, ask her/him to bring supplies and equipment for libraries. Funding is also solicited. For more information, contact Ileana Rodriguez, Directora, Biblioteca Nacional Ruben Dario, Complejo Comunitario Eduardo Contreras, Aptdo. Postal No. 101, Managua, Nicaragua.

MADRE, the women's and children's health campaign, requests help too, especially for the stocking of hospitals; write: MADRE, 121 W. 27th St., room 301, NYC 10001.

SHE'LL BE THERE TO REACH OUT

In February, Sybil Moses became director of ALA's Office of Library Outreach Services. She is a liason and facilitator for SRRT members' concerns. Formerly a librarian in the Community Affairs Division of the New York Public Library, Sybil Moses is a member of the ALA Black Caucus and a doctoral student at the School of Library and Information Services of the University of Illinois.

SH! ELSIE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Library of Congress is experimenting with cooperative projects to establish subject headings. If you desire to make proposals for LCSH, please address them to Mary K.D. Pietris, Chief, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540, and she will provide you with instructions for making formal requests.

...AND SO DOES FTF

Remember, this newsletter will be needing two editors right away. Show some WIL-power and let Polly Thistlethwaite, Bobst Library, NYU, New York, NY 10012, know of your interest. Or perhaps you prefer to develop and show off other skills--a variety of FTF offices will be opening in July. Let it shine!

MORE MEETINGS

The National Association of Women's Centers will hold a July 16-19 conference, "Women at the Center," at Alverno College in Milwaukee. Keynote speakers are Robin Morgan and Angela Davis. You can register now for \$160 (includes room and board). For additional information, write to The Women's Center, 726 N.E. Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186, or call Bobi Presley, 216-348-4220 or Julie De Smith, 414-547-4600.

Keynote speakers at "Explorations in Feminist Ethics: Theory and Practice" are Charlotte Bunch and Sara Ruddick. This conference, sponsored by the Univ. of Minnesota-Duluth Institute for Women's Studies and the Duluth Center for Continuing Education & Extension, will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth on Oct. 7 & 8.

Helen Wheeler, of Womanhood Media, 2701 Surant Ave., Box 14, Berkeley, CA 94704, 415-549-2970, offers workshops in getting published to "(mainly)" women in management and to people in the fields of gerontology and aging.

SERIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Legacy: A Journal of Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers is published twice a year. Subscriptions are \$15 for individuals, \$18 for institutions. Back issues are \$9 each; you may want to send for volume 3, number 2 (Fall 1986), which contains "Did They Never See Anyone Angry Before? The Sexual Politics of Self-Control in Alcott's 'A Whisper in the Dark.'" Dept. of English, Univ. of Mass., Amherst 01003.

Women & Environments is a quarterly from the Centre for Urban and Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2G8. Individual subscriptions cost \$13; institutions pay \$20.. Volume 10, no. 1 (Fall 1987) began with "A Women's Housing Manifesto."

Out/Look is a national lesbian and gay quarterly, \$19 from P.O. Box 146430, San Francisco, CA 94114-6430. Upcoming articles will look at issues of race, culture, politics, religion, and health.

The 1988 Gallerie Annual will be the first issue of Gallerie, a quarterly of women's art. Available in June from 2901 Panorama Dr., North Vancouver, B.C. V7G 2A4, \$12 for the Annual only \$20 for that and the three subsequent issues.

The 1988 Ladyslipper Catalog and Resource Guide of records, tapes, compact discs, and videos for women, girls, and feminist men is available free of charge from P.O. Box 3130, Durham, NC 27705, 1-800-634-6044.

ALL OF THE ABOVE: NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION

No conflict with the ALA convention this time around!--The NWSA tenth annual conference, "Leadership and Power: Women's Alliances for Social Change," will be held at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, June 22-26. The theme focuses on how women of different backgrounds can work together, and participants will explore coalition building by examining culturally diverse leadership models that empower women. Details are available from NWSA '88, Univ. of Minnesota, 217 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Dr. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455.

NOT SO EPHEMERAL: SEND FOR THESE PAMPHLETS

From the Older Women's League: "Questions Women Should Ask for a Healthy Future," "Information Packet: Preparing for the End of Life," "Group Health Insurance Continuation," and others. OWL, 730 11th St. NW, suite 300, Washington, DC 20001, is a non-profit membership organization. An annual membership is \$10.

The New Jewish Agenda, 64 Fulton St., #1100, NYC 10038, 212-227-5885, will send you "Coming Out, Coming Home: Lesbian and Gay Jews and the Jewish Community" (50¢) and "Lesbian and Gay Liberation: A Bibliography for the Jewish Community" (30¢).

Stop the press--late item: OWL has also created the book Women Take Care: the Consequences of Caregiving in Today's Society, by Tish Sommers and Laurie Shields. Excellent. Triad Publishing Co., 1110 NW 8th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601; \$16.95, \$9.95.

GOOD, SWEET, HONEYED, SUGAR-CANDIED READER (Aphra Behn, "An Epistle to the Reader")

Women in LC's Terms: A Thesaurus of Library of Congress Subject Headings Relating to Women, by FTF member Ruth Dickstein and Victoria A. Mills, helps users to locate terms relevant to women's studies but often difficult to find easily with LCSH alone. Oryx, \$28.50. The publisher has also issued Women in Administration and Management: An Information Sourcebook, \$43.50.

The Feminist Press, 311 E. 94th St., NYC 10128, has published a revised edition of Black Foremothers, by Dorothy Sterling, with a new introduction by Barbara Christian. Easy to read but showing its considerable research, this book costs \$9.95.

Thirty-five women have contributed to You Can't Drown the Fire: Latin American Women Writing in Exile, edited by Alicia Partnoy and published by Cleis, Box 8933, Pittsburgh, PA 15221; \$21.95, \$9.95.

The State-by-State Guide to Women's Legal Rights, by N.O.W.'s Legal Defense & Education Fund is \$19.95 hardbound, \$12.95 in paperback from McGraw-Hill.

The American Association of Retired Person, 1909 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20049, makes up to 50 copies of "A Portrait of Older Minorities" available free of charge. Request item D-12404.

For \$1.50, you can have "The Child Care Booklet" from the Business & Professional Women's Foundation, box 5007, Wash., DC 20061, and learn about the cost and availability of daycare in the U.S.A.

Esther D. Rothblum and Ellen Cole have edited Treating Women's Fear of Failure: From Worry to Enlightenment, published by Harrington Park Press and selling for \$9.95. A reprint of volume 6, number 3 of Women and Therapy, this book moves from the chestnut about women fearing success to examine a variety of achievement related fears. Especially interesting are the chapters on the impostor syndrome and on career aspirations of Black college women.

Poetry, prose, criticism, and visual art appear in Chicana Creativity and Criticism: Charting New Frontiers in American Literature, edited by Maria Hererra-Sobek and Helena Maria Viramontes. Mostly in English from Arte Publico Press, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77004; \$10. The story "Andrea," by Roberta Fernandez is a gem.

Dublin, Ireland's Attic Press, 44 East Essex Street, is a feminist publisher currently offering short story collections. Write for their catalog or contact the Inland Book Company for more information.

"Sadomasochism: Not About Condemnation," "Apartheid U.S.A.," "A Burst of Light: Living with Cancer," and other essays make up the contents of A Burst of Light, by poet, critic, and thinker Audre Lorde. Probably everyone will want to read this book; \$16.95 cloth; \$7.95 paper. A Letter to Harvey Milk is a volume of nine stories by Leslea Newman, who writes confirmingly of Jewish lesbian experiences; \$18.95, \$8.95. Fans of cartoonist Alison Bechdel will relish More Dykes to Watch out For, a funny and loving book; \$16.95, \$7.95. Those of Ellen Galford, the picaresque novelist, will enjoy The Fires of Bride as much as they did her earlier chronicle, Moll Cutpurse; \$18.95, \$8.95. All four from Firebrand, 141 The Commons, Ithaca, NY 14850.

The Women's History Center, 6300 Walker St., St. Louis Park, MN 55416, 612-925-3632, advises students and teachers, K-12, on integrating women's history into traditional curricula. The center houses a 10,000-item library and invites tours. In addition, its staff publishes instructional units (readings, AV material, and teachers' guides) about women in many cultures. Send for a catalog.

Women in transition from marriage to the position of heading families on their own may profit from programs offered by guides informed by Discover, a program covering personal development (self-esteem, stress management, assertiveness, etc.), career parachuting (counseling, financial aid, etc.), and problem solving. Developed by the Women's Educational Equity Act Publishing Center, 55 Chapel St., Newton, MA 02160; 1-800-225-3088, the program can be purchased for \$14.

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ANOTHER ENDORSEMENT!

The April issue of WIL did not list Frances McDonald (Monkato State Univ., Minn.) among those endorsed by the Feminist Task Force for ALA Council, although the membership at Midwinter did approve her candidacy. Please do consider her along with the others when you vote. Again, for Council: Marva DeLoach, Salvador Duerena, David Searcy, and Binnie Tate Wilkin. Pat Berger was endorsed for ALA president, Carla Stoffle for treasurer.

PS: Vote, but don't stop there. Join a committee. Run for office. Be an editor.

GROUP PORTRAIT

The origins and development of the Feminist Task Force, formerly the Task Force on Women, are traced by Kay Ann Cassell in the Greenwood Press book Activism in American Librarianship, 1962-1973, edited by Mary Lee Bundy and Frederick J. Stielow.

COMMENT CA VA?

According to Nicknames and sobriquets of U.S. cities, states, and counties, by Joseph Kane and Gerard L. Alexander, New Orleans is known as: America's most hedonistic city, America's most interesting city, The Alexandria of America, The city of charm, The city care forgot, The convention city, The crawfish town, and The Paris of America, among other things.

LIBRARIANS AS COLLEAGUES ACROSS RACIAL LINES: STRATEGIES FOR ACTION is a program scheduled for the ALA New Orleans Conference on Saturday, July 9, from 12:30 to 4:00 in the afternoon. This is to be an action-oriented program focusing on strategies for combatting racism in the profession. All librarians and trustees are encouraged to attend. Prior registration is not required.

Keynote speakers are Aileen Hernandez, former president of the National Organization for Women, and Elizabeth Martinez-Smith, director of the Orange County (CA) Library system. Others on the program are Clara Stanton-Jones and E.J. Josey, former ALA presidents; Susan Hinojosa, University of California at Berkeley; Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, City University of New York; and Vivian Sykes, San Francisco Public Library and discussion group facilitator.

Sponsors are: ACRL, AASL, RASD, ALISE, the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, ALA's Minority Concern's Committee, SRRT Action Council, SRRT Feminist Task Force, Ethnic Materials and Information Exchange Round Table, ALA Black Caucus, REFORMA, Asian/Pacific Librarians Association, and the Chinese American Librarians Association.

For further information, contact Betty-Carol Sellen, Gideonse Library, Brooklyn College, Avenue H & Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210; telephone (718) 780-5618.

Hail and Farewell from your editors...and "a tip 'o the hat" to all who have contributed to our efforts.

We look forward to seeing y'all in New Orleans!

Subscribers--please take note of the new addresses in the next issue, volume 18, number 1 (September 1968).

WOMEN IN LIBRARIES, the Newsletter of the American Library Association's Feminist Task Force, is published five times a year, from September to June. Send articles, comments, or books for review to:

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Women's Night Out

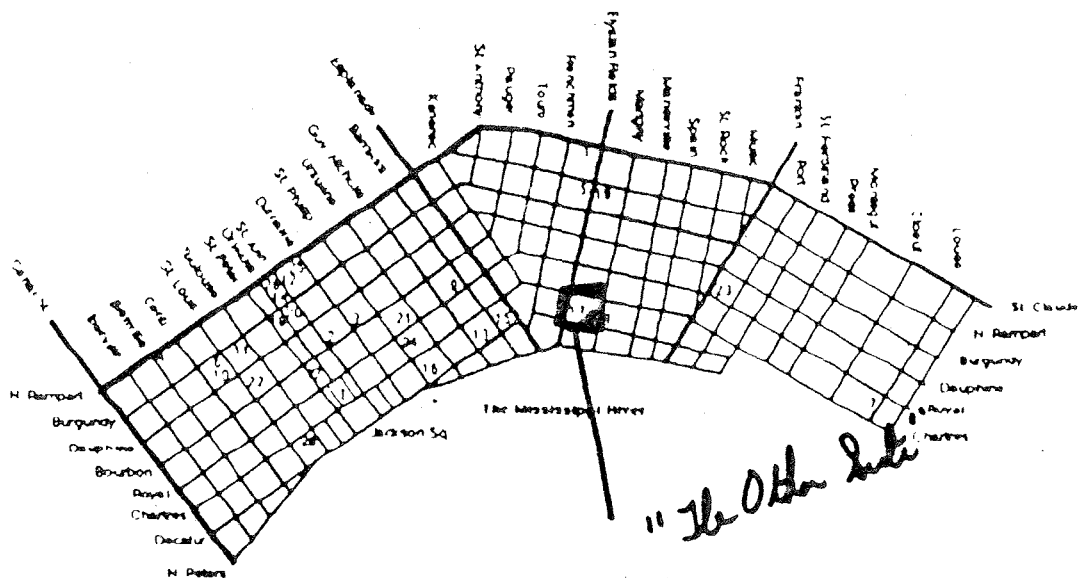
Monday, July 11, 1988

10:00 PM (after the ALA Membership meeting)

Club: "The Other Side"
621 Elysian Fields
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Drinks, Food, Music, Dancing
Room for Conversation

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take a taxi.



**The French Quarter
& Faubourg Marigny**

New Orleans Women's bars:

Charlene's
940 Elysian Fields
945-9328

The Cuckoo's Nest
2128 St. Claude Ave.
949-7853

Legends
409 Decatur
523-9010

The Other Side
621 Elysian Fields
944-9428

NEW ORLEANS

WOMEN'S HISTORY WALKING TOUR

The SRRT Feminist Task Force will sponsor a walking tour on "Women in New Orleans History" Tuesday, July 12 at 11:00 AM. The tour lasts about three hours and includes a stop for beverage and pastry at a French cafe. The tour will begin at the foot of the statue in the center of Jackson Square.

Tour leaders Nancy Ries and Mary Gehman are well-recommended licensed tour guides. They have published a book entitled Women and New Orleans - A History. For additional information contact Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, NY 11210. 718/780-5618.

To participate in the walking tour, return the form below along with a check (\$15 per participant) to Mary Gehman, 7444 St. Charles Ave., Apt. 101, New Orleans, LA 70118.

ALA Feminist Task Force

Women's History Walking Tour Tuesday, July 12 11:00 AM

Name: _____

Home address: _____

Telephone: _____

ALA conference hotel _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ participants (@ \$15 each)

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The rich, vibrant history of New Orleans comes alive through Creole belles, baronesses, slave women, nuns, quadroons and voodoo queens in this comprehensive study. From the arrival of the Ursuline nuns in 1727 to women riverboat captains and Storyville madams to social and political activists the role of femme de la Nouvelle Orleans is explored through two and a half centuries and their many contributions enumerated.

This second edition is an expansion of material found in the 1985 original. **Mary Gehman**, historian and writer, brings new insights to her ongoing women's history research, while professional photographer, **Nancy Ries** adds many new photos and several historic treasures.

About the first edition:

"I enjoyed this book very much and I certainly hope it sets an example for women to do likewise with other cities and regions. It seems strange that it hasn't been done before."

— Donna Allen of *The Directory of Women's Media*

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Also of Interest

Gehman and Ries, who are both licensed tour guides, have developed two very informative walking tours in New Orleans that focus on the role played by women in the city's history. One takes place in the Vieux Carré or French Quarter and the other in the city's historic Garden District; both include complimentary refreshments and are three hours in length.

Gehman and Ries have also compiled a slide show that reflects the many accomplishments of women in New Orleans. With fascinating commentary they present this two hour program to groups of any size.

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NEW ORLEANS WOMEN:

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Baroness Pontalba: built first apartments in U.S. on Jackson Square.

Margaret Haughery: first woman in U.S. to have statue of her erected in her honor.

Eliza P. Nicholson: first woman publisher of a metropolitan daily newspaper.

Myra Clark Gaines: spent a lifetime in court to prove her legitimacy and inheritance.

Blanche Leathers: famous steamboat captain.

Sara Mayo: with seven other women doctors founded and staffed New Orleans Hospital and Dispensary for Women and Children.

Kate and Jean Gordon: championed woman suffrage and other civil rights.

Madame Begue: famous early restaurateur.

Elizebeth Werlein: saved the French Quarter from wrecking ball.

Sophie B. Wright: pioneer in education.

Mother Cabrini: built chapel, orphanage and school for Italian immigrants.

Grace King: southern woman of letters.

Eleanor McMain: early social worker, founded country's first settlement house.

