Syllabus: Inspiring Women Leaders
<mark>**OCTOBER 5, 2023 Presentation Schedule Update**</mark>

What we hope to do
In keeping with the promise that we made in the catalog, **Inspiring Women Leaders** is a course designed to sharpen our definition of leadership by examining leadership qualities through a lens of women who have inspired us. How does leadership differ from heroism? What about a flawed leader or a leader who has experienced a serious leadership defeat? Are there disqualifying characteristics? As the weeks go by, we will construct our list of qualities or characteristics for true leadership as we see them through our deep dive into the lives of inspiring women.

An Invitation to Participate
Each week we will discuss two topics, including individual women of note or a group of women who have led the call for change or innovation in a specific area. We ask the session leader to provide information about the lives of these women, the circumstances that brought them into leadership, and their impact on the world around them.

The session leader then leads a discussion about the leadership qualities we witnessed or wondered about.

For the first class, we will invite participants to name an inspiring woman leader, perhaps someone not yet included in the syllabus and to list their own characteristics of an inspiring woman leader.

Class Format:
- This is a Zoom video conferencing class. Presentations through screen sharing are welcomed but not necessary. We can provide technology assistance/backup if requested.
- Discussion leaders/presenters select one or more of the women listed for their date/hour.
- Each session allows about 50 minutes for presentation and discussion. There are two sessions per class.
- A discussion leader may substitute another woman if s/he finds someone MORE inspiring under the given category.
- Note that some fields (government, human rights) were large enough for us to devote two classes to them.
- You are invited to lead more than one session. This "bonus" presentation may include a duet or a panel of leaders.
- The coordinators will update and distribute the schedule below until all presentations have been spoken for. First come, first served, of course.
- Unless announced in advance, THERE IS NO HOMEWORK!

Having said that there is usually no homework, here's an **optional** homework assignment to complete before the first class: **See the movie, "Barbie."**

For a bonus credit, ask a young person what s/he thought of it.

OCTOBER 10 UPDATE OF THE PRESENTATION SCHEDULE
All classes take place on Monday at 1 pm

Class	Hour 1	Hour 2
#1 **Sept 18**	**Introductions and course overview** **By Margaret Lawrence and Sidney Okashige** Characteristics of women leaders	Topic: RUTH HANDLER, who "gave birth" to Barbie and later to Ken. **By Margaret Lawrence**
#2 **Oct 2**	**Women as Scientists THEN** Rachel Carson **By Barbara August**	**Women as Scientists NOW** Gladys McGarey **By Diane Greenwald**
#3 **Oct 9** **Hr 2**	**Women Advocating for Women THEN** Margaret Sanger **By Laura Nordstrom**	**Women Advocating for Women NOW** Me Too Movement **By Margaret Lawrence**
#4 **Oct 16**	**Women in Government THEN – Hr 1** Golda Meir **by Phil Weinstein**	**Women in Government THEN – Hr 2** Ruth Bader Ginsberg **by Elsa Grieder**
#5 **Oct 23**	**Women in Government NOW** The young prime ministers: Julia Gillard (Australia), Jacinda Arden (New Zealand), Sanna Marin (Finland) PM **by Ellen Fingeret**	**Women in Government NOW** Nancy Pelosi **By Jan Brodie**
#6 **Oct 30** **Hr 2**	**Women Advocating for Humanity and Human Rights THEN - Hr 1** Elizabeth Eckford By **Cheryl Campbell**	**Women Advocating for Humanity and Human Rights NOW - Hr 2** Wilma Mankiller
#7 **Nov 6**	**Inspiring Women Leadership** What is It? By ALL of us	**Women in Business NOW** Estee Lauder **By Rose Gergel**
#8 **Nov 13** **Hr 1**	**Women in the Sports World THEN** Billie Jean King **By Kathryn McGovern**	**Women in the Sports World NOW** Simone Byles **By Suzanne Craig**
#9 **Nov 20** **Hr 1**	**Women in Higher Education THEN** Anne Jardim and Margaret Hennig (Simmons School of Management)	**Women in Higher Education NOW One Finale Choice** Ruth Simons **By Judy Nudelman**

	By Sidney Okashige	