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Women Who Led the Way

Thank you for joining us as we celebrated our 20th year of Women in Leadership today. Here is the list of Woman Icons that were highlighted at each table.

Enjoy!



- **Grace Hopper** (1906-1992): Mathematician, computer scientist, computer programming pioneer, and US Navy rear admiral.



- **Rosa Parks** (1913-2005): Civil Rights activist since 1945; best known for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus in 1955.



- **Amelia Earhart** (1897-1937): Aviation pioneer, author, and first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic



- **France Cordova** (1947-): Astrophysicist, NASA chief scientist, Purdue University President, and 14th director of the National Science Foundation.



- **Jane Austen** (1775-1817): Literary pioneer and novelist whose novel explored the dependence of women on marriage for security and standing.



- **Marie Curie** (1867-1934): Polish-French physicist and chemist known for pioneering research on radioactivity; first woman to win Nobel Prize.



- **Katherine Johnson** (1918-2020): Mathematician; one of the 1st Black women to work as NASA scientist; calculations were critical to first spaceflights.



- **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** (1933-2020): American lawyer and jurist: Second woman on Supreme Court (1993-2020); advocate for gender equality.



- **Malala Yousafzai** (1997-): Pakistani women's education activist; Shot by Taliban 2012, Nobel Peace Prize in 2014



- **Sally Ride** (1951-2012): American astronaut and physicist; First American woman in space.



- **Junko Tabei** (1939-2016): Japanese mountaineer and first woman to reach to top of Mount Everest



- **Johnetta Betsch-Cole** (1936-): American educator & anthropologist; first female Black president of Spelman College 1987-1997.



- **MacKenzie Scott** – (1970-): Philanthropist and former wife of Jeff Bezos; Pledged to give half of wealth to charity; donated 5.8 billion in 2020. Founder of Bystander Revolution.



- **Babe Didrikson** (1911-1956): American athlete who won two 1932 Olympic gold medals in track & field and 10 LPGA championships as pro golfer.



- **Admiral Lisa Franchetti** (1964-): USA Navy admiral (second female four-star admiral) and current acting Chief of Naval Operations



- **Julia Child** (1912-2004): American chef, author, and TV personality; brought French cooking to American audiences.



- **Frida Kahlo** (1907-1954): Mexican painter known as magical realist; explored Mexican identity, gender, class, race, and her own chronic pain.



- **Shirley Chisholm** (1924-2005): American politician, civil rights activist, and first Black woman elected to US Congress; Served 7 terms.



- **Maya Angelou** (1928-2014): American poet, author, and civil rights leader; Multiple awards & honorary degrees; poet at Clinton's inauguration.



- **Ella Fitzgerald** (1918-1996): American singer known as "Queen of Jazz"; career began in Harlem & crossed genres and audiences over 65 years.



- **Muriel Siebert** (1928-2013): American businesswoman & first woman to own a seat on the NY Stock Exchange. Joined 1365 male members in 1967.



- **Betty Friedan** (1921-2006): American feminist and author; wrote The Feminine Mystique in 1966; co-founder & 1st president of NOW.



- **Jane Goodall** (1934-): English primatologist and anthropologist; has studied chimpanzees in the wild for 60 year.



- **Antonio Antonia Novello** (1944-): Puerto Rican physician; served as first woman Surgeon General from 1990 to 1993.