



Women Making Moves
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OHIO WOMEN, THEN AND NOW

Tuesday, March 3 at LCCC Margaret Bourke-White – performed by Alisa Riccardi

Thursday, March 13 at Tri-C East doing Eleanor Roosevelt – performed by Kathie Dice

Thursday, March 20 at Tri-C West/Parma doing Victoria Woodhull – performed by Anne McEvoy

Thursday, March 27 at Tri-C Westshore with a closing program overview of women's history presented by Betty Zak to include:

1. Katherine Lee Bates – Educator, Author, Poet - America the Beautiful
2. Annie Oakley - Ohio - Sharp Shooter
3. Victoria Woodhull – Ohio - First Woman to Run for President
4. Amelia Earhart - Aviatrix
5. Marian Anderson – Opera Singer
6. Maya Lin - Ohio - Architect-Designer of the Vietnam Memorial

Biographies:

Alisa Riccardi has been performing as Margaret Bourke-White for Eden Valley for approximately 7 years. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Production and Performance from Youngstown State University. A Berea resident, Alisa and her husband have three children, ages 8, 5, and 4. Her other hobbies include martial arts and singing in her Church choir.

Margaret Bourke-White, famous WWII photo-journalist, was the first accredited female war correspondent. Her career started in Cleveland, Ohio where she took pictures of stately homes for the *Town and Country Club News*, *The Clevelander* (a Chamber of Commerce publication) and Union Trust Company's publication *Trade Winds*. She took pictures of the newly constructed Terminal Tower where she opened her first studio. In 1929 she left Cleveland to take a job with publisher Henry R. Luce to work on his new magazine, *Fortune*. By the time WWII started she was working for *Life* magazine. Margaret eventually published 11 books of photo essays.

Margaret suffered with Parkinson's disease for 19 years, but continued to work for *Life* magazine until 1957. She published her autobiography, *Portrait Of Myself* in 1963. She died in Stamford, Connecticut when she was 67 years old on August 27, 1971.

Kathie Dice is a Writer/Director and Award-winning comedian and actress who finds humor in the rational – and irrational – parts of everyday life. An actress whose range includes TV commercials and films, including *American Splendor*, *Night Owls of Coventry*, and the soon to be released *Freerunner*, Kathy pokes fun at the world around her and can “find the funny” in any situation. As a stand-up comedian, she can induce the kind of deep, penetrating laughter that erases years of stress and toxic buildup! Kathy wrote and performs her solo shows about three of the most fascinating and famous “First Ladies” ever – Eve, the Virgin Mary and Eleanor Roosevelt, and portrays each one in a humanistic way that is informative, fun and entertaining.

What if Eleanor Roosevelt got 'tweets', or text messages? How did she REALLY feel about Franklin's dalliance with HER social secretary? Where was she when Franklin died? Get the answers to these questions and more with this all new first person portrayal of this incredible woman. What would it be like if she "came back from the other side" to tell us her story.

Eleanor was an active public figure for most of her life – and especially as the first lady. She gave press conferences and spoke out for human rights, children's causes and women's issues, working on behalf of the League of Women Voters and traveled across the country, stopping in Ohio more than once. She even had her own newspaper column, "My Day." She also focused on helping the country's poor, stood against racial discrimination and, during World War II, traveled abroad to visit U.S. troops.

If Eve is the first lady of earth, Eleanor certainly is THE first lady of the United States. Never before has one woman done so much for so many. Eleanor was a gutsy woman with a knack for getting her own way with some of the most powerful men on earth while never letting a sense of self-importance get in her way.

Anne McEvoy is a long-time fan of discovering the hidden stories of some of history's fascinating women and is excited share Victoria Woodhull's life and adventures with Eden Valley Enterprises. A member of Women in History, Anne performs 10 different characters for them. A full-time senior writer at American Greetings, playwright and children's book author, Anne's first love is theatre. She most recently performed in *Medea* with Cleveland's new MAMA! Theatre and *Sons of the Prophet* at Dobama. She has also appeared at Actor's Summit, Beck Center, Cleveland Playhouse, Cleveland Public Theatre, Ensemble Theatre, Great Lakes Theatre, Karamu, Lakeland, Ohio Shakespeare Festival, and in the long-running *Flanagan's Wake* at Playhouse Square.

Victoria Woodhull (September 23, 1838-June 10, 1927) is truly a most remarkable character. Coming from a poverty-stricken background in Homer, Ohio and with little education, she managed to become the first woman to publicly address the United States Congress, first woman to run for U.S. president, active suffragist, newspaper editor and stockbroker. She accomplished more than anyone would have expected of her. Except for her spiritualist activities and the fact that she managed to become involved in a number of scandals and "out of the normal" activities, she might well have become one of Ohio's most prominent citizens. It is interesting to note that her "extreme" social and political beliefs have, for the most part, since become reality.

Betty J. Zak (B.S., M.A.) is a musician, presenter, and Lead Faculty-Area Chair for the College of Humanities and Sciences at the University of Phoenix, Cleveland Campus. Betty presents historical perspectives of women leaders throughout the community. She has performed in Severance Hall, Carnegie Hall, and Halls of England and Europe with the Cleveland Orchestra as a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus for 20 years and cantors at her church. Betty has also taught at Tri-C, Case Western Reserve University and Notre Dame College over the years. She has presented papers at international conferences and was granted the YWCA Woman of Professional Excellence Award for her achievements. A recipient of the Outstanding Faculty award for 2007, she was named to Ohio Magazine's Annual College/University Faculty List for Excellence in Education in 2007 and 2010. Betty enjoys sharing her enthusiasm about women leaders with others.