

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

March 4, 2015

Commission Meeting - Minutes

Upcoming Events

March 2 to 15 – Weaving the Stories of Cambridge Women’s Lives (Panel Display), City Hall, First Floor

March 4 - Monthly CCSW Meeting, 6:30pm (6pm dinner)

March 5 - Women&Words, *Street Harassment 101*, City Hall Annex, 7pm

March 6 – Boston Area International Women’s Day Breakfast, Simmons College, 7:30am

March 23 – Women In Cambridge Networking Event, 6-8pm, place TBD

March 24 – *One Woman’s Courage: Empowering Nepal’s Lowest Caste Women*, Cambridge Main Library, 6:30pm

March 26 – Mayor’s Women’s History Month Conversation at CRLS, CRLS Media Lab, 1:30pm

March 21 – WAM! Boston Women’s Film Festival, Brattle Theater

April 1 - Monthly CCSW Meeting, 6:30pm (6pm dinner)

April 14 – Women In Cambridge Networking Event, 6-8pm Ole

April 28 - “The Talk” Realistic Strategies for Promoting the Sexual Safety of Young Children, Cambridge Main Library, 6:30pm

April 27 – *Promtacular*

June 9 – Girls’ Sports Day

International Women’s Day/Women’s History Month Updates

The Boston Area International Women’s Day Breakfast is going to be Friday March 6 at Simmons College. This year’s title is *Making Women’s Rights Real*. The three featured panelists are Lydia Edwards, Attorney and Equal Justice Works Fellow at Greater Boston Legal Services; Sheila Patsy Katzman, Chair, Cities for CEDAW/NYC, President, IAWRT/USA; and Anjali Sakaria, Legislative Director and Legal Counsel, MA Committee on Labor and Workforce Development. If you would like to carpool to the event from Cambridge, please contact Emily.

This year’s Cambridge Women’s Heritage Project Women’s History Month event is going to be March 24. Bishnu Pariyar, a women from Nepal’s “untouchable” caste who went on to found her own non-profit, will be speaking and showing a documentary about her life. This event is at Cambridge Main Library.

The Women's Commission is involved with a number of other upcoming events for Women's History Month in the City including working with the Mayor's Office, Councilor Simmons' GOLD group, and a display at City Hall.

Discussion: commissioner-led and commissioner-supported projects

Lisa is going to be compiling Women's Commission events and sending around a calendar. If any commissioners have events, documentary screenings, job postings, conferences, etc. that may be of interest to other commissioners, please forward to Lisa.

Laura is working with Dana Farber to bring their Mammovan to Cambridge this summer. A number of places were suggested to Laura about where it could be stationed. Commissioners suggested connecting with Health Care for the Homeless, Rindge Towers, the CLC Outreach Workers, and neighborhood groups. Golnaz said she could help people sign up for health insurance if they need it. And Addie and Lisa said they could help find PCPs accepting new patients. Next steps are to get a date, find a place, and organizing a team who will work on this project this summer.