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Across the generations

History of the women's movement told

TEA WILL BE served — turn of the century style — when Dianne Little comes to Farmington Community Center dressed in the fashion of that day to tell some not-too-well-known facts of the women's movement from 1872 to the present.

Her one-woman program, called "Women: Across the Generations" begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 13.

"I fill in the gaps that history books don't tell," Little said. "History books portray men at war and in politics. But a history of women is a social history of what life was like for the everyday person."

As an example, she says "Most people know that during the Civil War the women did their husbands' jobs while the men went off to fight. But not many realize that these women were sent back to their homes when the war was over."

"The women held this country together, raising families, farming and working in the factories. It's ironic that after proving themselves suitable for the workplace, there was no job for them there when their men returned from the battle."

It is her hope that those attending the tea will leave with a new appreciation of women's history and the sacrifices women made for their country. Some of the highlights of her presentation concern women in the fight for suffrage and those in the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

LITTLE is a quilter, a spinner, a weaver, an authority on historic

American textiles and has a deep appreciation of Early American crafts, which all led up to her becoming a recognized authority on American women's history.

The Livonia resident has lectured extensively throughout the metro area, notably Greenfield Village and Oakland University, on quilts, their design and color, on weaving, spinning and textiles for about 10 years.

She has been presenting "Women: Across the Generations" for about two years.

But for a long time before that, she would squeeze as much information on Early American culture as she could squeeze into the elementary classrooms where she substituted for the Livonia Public School District. She was asked to teach the teachers so they could incorporate her knowledge of early American culture into their curriculums.

Little draws heavily for her presentation from accounts recorded by Catherine Beecher (Harriet Beecher Stowe's sister), Caroline Kirkland, Elizabeth Blackwell, and her favorite author, Marietta Holley.

"Nobody recognizes the name of Marietta Holley," Little says. "But she's given us one of the best pictures we have of the life of women in her time. She wrote continuously from 1872 to about 1915."

LITTLE OWNS 10 of Holley's how-to-get books, and shares some of Holley's thoughts with her audience.

Prepaid reservations for the afternoon are \$10, made in the center at 24705 Farmington Road.



ART EMANUEL/start photographer

Dianne Little wears turn-of-the-century dress while she's giving her presentation and shows other historical fashions to illustrate some of the stories she tells.

All about women quiz

Test your knowledge of women's history. Answers are on Page 2B.

1. Whose refusal to go to the back of the bus in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955 sparked the Civil Rights Movement of the decade that followed?
2. Who won the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize for her work with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom?
3. Which Hispanic woman has repeatedly been the leading money winner in the Ladies Professional Golf Association?
4. What woman, married to a U.S. President, developed her own solid reputation as a tireless campaigner for world peace and equality?
5. What Cree Indian woman has written and recorded many albums of songs focusing on the situation of Native Americans in this country?
6. What leading suffragist was arrested and convicted of attempting to vote in the 1872 national election?
7. What journalist traveled around the world in 72 days in 1890?
8. What woman was turned down by 29 medical schools before being accepted as a student, graduated at the head of her class, and became the first licensed woman doctor in the U.S.?
9. What former slave was a powerful speaker for the rights of women and blacks?
10. When was the Equal Rights Amendment first introduced into Congress?
11. Which dancer revolutionized dance with her progressive ideas in the early 1900s?
12. Who is chair of the board and publisher of the Washington Post and Newsweek magazine and also oversees six broadcasting stations?
13. Who broke two Olympic records in 1932 for javelin throw and hurdles, won basketball titles and was a national baseball champion who pitched against the Philadelphia Athletics?
14. When did Title IX of the Education Amendments (1972) go into effect, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in school programs, activities and hiring practices?
15. What woman served as a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, freeing hundreds of southern slaves and leading them to safety in the North?
16. Who was the Shoshone Indian woman who served as guide and interpreter on the Lewis and Clark expedition?
17. What woman wrote the poem "Battle Hymn of the Republic" that was later set to the tune of "John Brown's Body"?
18. What member of the House of Representatives — who later received the National Motherhood Award — claims to be the only person to take the Congressional oath while clutching a handbag filled with disposable diapers?

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TOM ARNETT

Multiplying Easter gifts

Hair designers in Robert Arthur's Hair Salon, 31130 Haggerty, are using ribbons and bows, bunnies, chicks and ducks of all colors and consistencies with a variety of toys and treats to create Easter baskets in a "Best Designed Basket" contest. Vicki Johnston used sprays of wheat as the finishing touch

to her entry. Clients are being asked to vote for their favorite, and some are even donating creations of their own. Nearby merchants are also creating baskets, all of which will be given to children in the Sarah Fisher Home. The contest closes March 30.

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