

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND WOMEN IN MINING



In 1987 Congress designated March as “Women’s History Month.” Along with honoring women and their contributions to society past and present, March is also a time to reflect on gender equality advancements in different industries. Today, women are more active in the mining industry than ever before and thanks to the association Women in Mining (WIM), as well as the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME), females are encouraged to break barriers and dig deep into the ground.

Women in Mining is a nationwide organization comprised of members interested or employed in the mining industry. Founded in 1972, the members continue to educate each other and the public about the mining industry through school programs, professional

development opportunities and efforts like OPERATION RESPECT. This collaboration between WIM and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management promotes respect for miners’ property and equipment with the goal to improve safety in mining communities.

SME Minnesota hosts an annual conference in Duluth, Minnesota, highlighting environmental technologies, industrial minerals, policies, and mining exploration and processing within the state. Women in Mining will host a professional networking lunch during this year’s conference in April aimed to encourage discussion and growth of females in the industry.

Sources:

<http://womenshistorymonth.gov/about.html>

<http://www.womeninmining.org/default.asp>

<http://www.smemnconference.com/index.cfm/for-attendees/calendar-of-events/>