NY Correction History Society
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Women’s History Month event at Rikers Island’s George Motchan Detention Center, March 24, 2011.
The celebration of Women’s History Month by the NYC Dept. of Correction (DOC) was highlighted by a program held March 24, 2011 in the George Motchan Detention Center auditorium on Rikers Island.

It included the showing of *The Women of DOC* video crafted by CO Nishaun McCall Sr., and a discussion by a panel of women who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields: Law, Correction and Journalism.
The front of the printed program displayed a montage of generic women’s history photos and listed the featured participants, the order of their appearance, and their roles in the event.
The back of the printed program, in addition to displaying a montage of generic women’s history photos, also listed the DOC-affiliated organizations who supported DOC’s Women’s History Month celebration.
Correction Officer Keisha Mayo sang the National Anthem.
Chaplain Aisha Muhammad gave both the Invocation and the Benediction.
Audience watched video on drop-down screen as panelists watched TV monitors on sides of stage.
Among those watching from the front row on the left side (as one faces the stage) in the GMDC Auditorium was Commissioner Dora B. Schriro.
Watching from the front row on the right side (as one faces the stage) were (left to right) CO Mayo, Chaplain Muhammad, retired CO Vivian Squires, her friend Ronell Davis, COBA president Norman Seabrook & ADW/DW Assn. president Sidney Schwartzbaum.
NYC DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro delivers welcoming remarks.
Retired CO Vivian Squires, at 89 still going strong, accepts bouquet from Commissioner.
Discussion moderator, NYC Dept. of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn, introduces the panelists.
Marjory Fisher, Queens District Attorney’s Office Special Victims Bureau Chief, spoke of how prosecuting those who have committed crimes against women and children has given her the opportunity to render service to “people who thought they never had a chance” to get justice. “It has been the greatest gift of my life.”
Former WNBC-TV (Ch. 4) reporter & anchor Mary Civiello recalled when media editors assigned reporters by gender, men to cover crime, women to cover “the flower show.” That has changed but she sees Mid-East sex attacks against female reporters as a threat to equality in assignments. She is now a media & presentation trainer for corporate & government execs.
Former (& 1st female) NYS Court of Appeals chief judge Judith Kaye recalled she was 1 of just 10 women in a law school graduating class of 300. She became an attorney “in the male dominated world of 1962” that believed women joined law firms only to find husbands. “I joined a firm & did meet my husband. But that didn’t stop me. We had 3 children, and that didn’t stop me either. And I keep on going even now.”
Asst. Commissioner for Equal Employment Opportunity Patricia LeGoff & CO Kenyatta Johnson of DOC Criminal Justice Bureau spoke of their experiences as women in Correction.
Investigations Captain Seeta Deochan of Otis Bantum Correctional Center & Correction Academy Exec Officer ADW Pennye Jones spoke of their experiences as women in Correction.
Panelists replied to questions from DOCers, including two in the audience: GMDC Warden Joandrea Davis, above left, & GRVC Warden Kathleen Mulvey. DOC held Women’s History Month events in past years, but this is believed the first to use a panel discussion format.
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