

NY Correction History Society
images of NYC DOC

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.

DOC CELEBRATES **Women's** HISTORY MONTH

March 24th, 2011 • 10AM • GMDC Auditorium

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Introduction:
Mistress of Ceremonies Captain Demetria Gives

National Anthem:
Correction Officer Keisha Mayo

Invocation:
Chaplain Aisha Muhammad

Video:
"The Women of DOC"

Welcome:
Commissioner Dora B. Schiro

Moderator:
**Rose Gill Hearn, Commissioner of the NYC
Department of Investigation**

Panelists:

- **Hon. Judith Kaye,**
Chief Judge New York State 1993-2008
- **Marjory Fisher, Esq.,**
Special Victims Chief, Queens District Attorney's Office
- **Mary Civiello**
Former WNBC-TV Reporter and Anchorwoman
- **Assistant Deputy Warden Penny Jones**
Executive Officer, Correction Training Academy
- **Captain Seeta Deochan**
Otis Bantum Correctional Center, Investigations
- **Correction Officer Kenyatta Johnson**
DOC Criminal Justice Bureau
- **Patricia LeGoff**
Assistant Commissioner for Equal Employment Opportunity

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.



Women's HISTORY MONTH

DOC WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IS SUPPORTED BY:

Correction Officers Benevolent Association

Correction Captains Association

Assistant Deputy Wardens/Deputy Wardens Association

Asian Jade Society

Association of Caribbean Americans in Correction

Columbia Association

Correction Officers for Christ

Emerald Society

NYCDOC Hispanic Society

Maccabee Society

Muslims Employed in City Corrections Association, Inc.

NYCDOC Correction Guardians Association



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

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 Pennyne 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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