

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

CUPE BC Women's Committee

1 1946 Rosalie Silberman Abella, born in a displaced persons camp, a Human Rights activist and lawyer, first Jewish woman to sit on the Canadian Supreme Court.

2 1971 Evelyn Lau, author of best-seller, *Runaway: Diary of a Street Kid*. In 1992 became the youngest poet to be nominated for a Governor General's Award.

3 1927 Thérèse Renaud, author, poet and painter. Best remembered for her memoirs that broke the silence of women's lives in La Belle Province, PQ.

4 1951 Beverly Boys, Canadian championship diver in springboard and platform, won Golds at Commonwealth Games. Canadian Sports Hall of Fame member.

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6 1914 Viola Desmond, beautician, discriminated against when she refused to pay more than white customers at a movie in Halifax. Lobbied for repeal of segregation (1954).

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8 1931 Alice Munro, Canadian author revolutionized short stories, 2013 Nobel prize in Literature, Man Booker International Prize, Governor General's Award.

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11 1949 Liona Boyd, born in England, emigrated to Canada at age six, popularized classical guitar, known for her solo performances with symphony orchestras.

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1950 Barbara Astman, American photographer and multimedia artist in the forefront of post-modern art, mixes technology with various traditional art forms.

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1923 Hélène Brodeur, author, published in both languages, earned Prix Champlain, Prix du Nouvel-Ont and Prix due Droit. Wrote TV script *Les Ontariens*.

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1918 Grace Hartman, social activist and trade unionist, first woman to hold top position in a Canadian union (CUPE national president 1975 - 1983.)

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17 1955 Genevière Cadieux, sculptor and artist who uses large photographic pieces as her medium, represented Canada at three international expositions.

18 1926 Margaret Laurence, Canadian author wrote stories from age 7, beloved and remembered for her works, personal warmth, strength and humour.

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20 1950 Tantoo Cardinal, born in Fort MacMurray, Grammy for "North of 60", won first Rudy Martin Outstanding Achievement by a Native American in film.

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I think women can save civilization.

Emily Murphy 1868 - 1933

Women's rights activist, jurist, author, first female magistrate in Canada and the British Empire

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24 1982 Anna Paquin, born in Winnipeg, 1993 Academy Award in her first film "The Piano", has appeared in 17 movies since her debut, plays piano and cello.

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1905 Grace MacInnis, born in Winnipeg, daughter of J.S. Woodsworth, founder of CCF, social activist, served as B.C. NDP MLA 1941-45 and MP 1965 - 1974.

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1939 Catherine Callbeck, born Central Bedeque, PEI, became premier in 1993, appointed to Senate of Canada in 1997.

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1896 Anne Douglas Savage, born in Montreal, pioneer in teaching children's art taught several rising young Canadian artists, abstract painter in later life.

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1970 Isabelle Brasseur, one of Canada's finest pairs figure skaters (with partner Lloyd Eisler), holds 5 Canadian Championships, 5 Worlds, 2 Olympic Bronze medals.

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1971 Annie Perreault, born Windsor, Quebec, on National Short Track Speed Skating Team, winner of one Olympic Bronze and two Gold medals.

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1949 Alexina Louie, musician and composer who writes for orchestra, chamber music and electronic music, known for a work in memory of Glenn Gould.

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1953 Sylvie Fortier, synchronized swimmer, won 24 National golds, 7 Pan American and Pan Pacific medals, 1976 world champion, Sports Hall of Fame.