By Joannelle Ouellette

The month of October is Women’s History Month in Canada. Do you know the answer to these questions about women with Ottawa connections?

1. Did you know that the City of Ottawa has declared Nov. 28 to be Dr. Lotta Day in Ottawa? What was her accomplishment?

2. How many women have sat as prime ministers in Canada? If so, come out and sing with us! You’ll meet a warm and friendly group of women from all walks of life and in all different stages of life who share the uncommon joy and wonder of singing in harmony. We don’t all have the same voice, but we learn to perform in the art and technique of singing four-part a-cappella harmonies that make the hair stand up on the back of your neck. Come out and see for yourself. Joining Canadian Showtime Chorus would be a great weekly night out for you. Enjoy the company of new friends, and go home while end of each rehearsal with that great feeling of satisfaction, knowing that you’re a better singer, artist, and performer than you were at the start of the evening. You’ve seen the transformation in our own abilities—it’s even more fun to be part of a group learning to perform and compete at the highest degree of excellence available to the international level.

3. Since the Order of Canada has presented its awards as its National Honours System, how many women have been awarded the Order of Canada?

4. Theodora A. Philpot founded the Canadian Women’s Historical Association in 1945 in Ottawa. She dedicated her life to providing schooling to 400 students; all are women of vision and accomplishment. Theodora A. Philpot founded Elmwood School. It is a private school for girls in Ottawa which later became Elmwood School. It is an all-girls international Baccalaureate World School providing schooling to 400 students.

5. Margaret Anglin is the daughter of Canadian politician Timothy Warren Anglin who was Speaker of the House of Parliament at the time of her birth in 1875.

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Canadian women make history

By Nancy Lambrecht

Ottawa women make history, again and again in all stages of life. Women who were born in Ottawa, or moved to Ottawa at some point in their lives either to work or to study. They all connect to Ottawa, or have an Ottawa connection (i.e., someone exceptional contributions from Canadian women. My blog pro- files women who were born in Ottawa, or moved to Ottawa at some point in their lives either to work or to study. They all connect to some way to Ottawa’s history or institutions, to our country’s development or to Canada’s place on the world stage. Many of them have reached historical mile- stones; all are women of vision and influence—mentors—who led or contributed to something that captured our imagination.

If you know of a woman who has an Ottawa connection and could be included in the “mentors and milestones” blog, email me at joannino@triyana.ca.

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Canadian Showtime Chorus holds regular weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Nepean Creat- ive Arts Centre in Belvior Square, 35 Stafford Road, Ottawa. New members night is Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

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