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SOCIAL WORKERS MONTH

The first social work class was taught in 1898 at Columbia University. Social workers address the needs of society and bring issues of social problems to the public's attention. Social workers speak out about civil rights, unemployment insurance, disability pay, Medicaid/Medicare, child abuse, developmental disabilities and treatment of mental illness.

Jane Addams was one of the first women to receive a Nobel Prize, for establishing settlement houses in Chicago for immigrants in the early 1900's.

Frances Perkins, another social worker, was the first woman to be appointed to a Cabinet post by a US President. She served President Franklin Roosevelt as Secretary of Labor.

Political Cartoons of today have their roots in the Italian *Caricaturas* which were quick impressionistic drawings that featured an exaggerated physical element of a person.

First Wisconsin Game Wardens were appointed in 1887 for two-year terms at an annual salary of \$600, with a maximum of \$250 for expenses.

The tape measure was patented by Alvin Fellows on July 14, 1868.

March 16 is Hiccup Day.

Hiccups are sudden, involuntary contractions of the diaphragm muscle. As the muscle contracts repeatedly, the opening between your vocal cords snaps shut to check the inflow of air and makes the hiccup sound.

OH! My Darling Baby Doll!

Raggedy Ann was patented in 1915 by John Gruelle, a political cartoonist who gave his daughter an old rag doll found in the attic.

She loved the doll so much that he patented the doll.

Barbie Dolls were introduced in 1959 at the Toy Fair in New York.

She was created by Ruth Handler who was inspired by a German doll called "Lilli." The dolls are made by Mattel, which had seen sales slide since 2003, but saw a resurgence of the doll in 2006. Barbie Doll Day is March 20.

Sales of American Girl dolls, by Mattel, and including clothing and other retail merchandise, increased 15% \$436.1 million dollars from 2004 to 2005.

