ATHENIAN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY DIALOGUE

Anyone is welcome to register. There is a maximum of 30 participants, a minimum of 10.

Date: April 27, 2018
Location: Bryan Justice Center (Municipal Court Second Courtroom), 401 S. Tabor Ave., Bryan, TX 77803
Cost: No registration cost (lunch will be provided)
Dialogue Facilitator: IIMC Past President and Athenian Fellow Mary Lynne Stratta, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary, Bryan

This Dialogue has been preapproved for three IIMC CMC or MMC education points with the satisfactory, timely completion of a learning assessment. Participation in the dialogue along with satisfactory completion of the learning assessment can also be used toward recertification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk.


Attendees are required to read the book prior to the dialogue.

Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.

Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Originally relegated to teaching math in the South’s segregated public schools, they were called into service during the labor shortages of World War II, when America’s aeronautics industry was in dire need of anyone who had the right stuff. Suddenly, these overlooked math whizzes had a shot at jobs worthy of their skills, and they answered Uncle Sam’s call, moving to Hampton, Virginia, and the fascinating, high-energy world of the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory.

Even as Virginia’s Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley’s all-black “West Computing” group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most: a decisive victory over the Soviet Union in the Cold War, and complete domination of the heavens.

Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement and the Space Race, Hidden Figures follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA’s greatest successes. It chronicles their careers over nearly three decades as they faced challenges, forged alliances and used their intellect to change their own lives, and their country’s future.

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SUBMIT SO LUNCH CAN BE ORDERED ACCORDINGLY

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