JANUARY

January is **National Poverty Awareness Month** in the United States

**Holidays**
- January 1st: New Year’s Day
- 3rd Monday: Martin Luther King Day

**Symbols**
- January’s birthstone is the garnet.
- January’s birth flower is the carnation or snowdrop

**Dates to Remember**
- January 01, 1863: Official end to the U.S. slave system proclaimed
- January 01, 1990: Victory in Pittston coal miners’ strike
- January 01, 2000: Zapatista rebellion begins in southern Mexico protesting “free trade” policies
- January 02, 1920: Palmer raids begin. Justice Department agents arrest and deport thousands of radical immigrants
- January 03, 1964: Strike by 450,000 public school students in New York strike against substandard, segregated schools
- January 07, 1789: First American presidential election
- January 08, 1790: First State of the Union Address in the U.S. by George Washington
- January 09, 1912: African National Congress founded in South Africa
- January 09, 1939: Southern Tenant Farmers Union begins interracial sit-down strike in Missouri
- January 10, 1901: First great oil discovery in Texas
- January 11, 1912: “Bread and Roses” textile mill strike begins in Lawrence, Massachusetts
- January 11, 1937: Michigan sit-down strike against General Motors Corporation begins
- January 15, 1929: Birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of U.S. civil rights movement
- January 16, 1893: Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii overthrown in U.S. operations
- January 17, 1915: Ralph Chapin writes the anthem *Solidarity Forever* for a hunger march in Chicago
- January 19, 1812: Luddites burn Oatlands Mill in Yorkshire, England
- January 19, 1920: Sugar plantation workers on Oahu, Hawaii strike for better wages, conditions and paid maternity leave. Eight-thousand Filipino and Japanese workers join
- January 20, 1932: First U.S. unemployment compensation law enacted in Wisconsin
- January 21, 1954: *Nautilus* (SSN-571), first atomic submarine launched
- January 22, 1905: Revolution against the Russian Tsar begins in St. Petersburg, Russia
- January 23, 1943: Warsaw Ghetto uprising begins. Seventy-thousand Polish Jews confront Nazi power
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<td>Elizabeth Blackwell, first modern woman physician graduated from Geneva Medical School of Western New York</td>
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<td>January 24, 1848</td>
<td>Gold first discovered in California by settlers</td>
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<td>January 25, 1787</td>
<td>Shays Rebellion. New England farmers take up arms against imprisonment for debt</td>
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<td>January 27, 1990</td>
<td>South African rail strike won</td>
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<td>January 29, 1936</td>
<td>Rubber Workers’ Union sit-down strike in Akron, Ohio. Establishes it as a national union</td>
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