Systers Meetup
Who was Anita Borg?

In 1987, computer scientist Anita Borg started a digital community to connect women working in computing fields.

She called it Systers.

Her goal was to help these women feel like they were part of something bigger.

A community, she believed, would encourage more women to pursue careers in technology and make them more inclined to stay in the field.

View Anita Borg’s documentary
where we’ve been


ANITA BORG STARTS SYSTERS
ANITA BORG FOUNDS THE INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN IN COMPUTING (IWT)
IWT IS RENAMED: ANITA BORG INSTITUTE (ABI)
GRACE HOPPER CELEBRATION TRANSITIONS TO ANNUAL EVENT / AUDIENCES GROW
ABI BEGINS TOP COMPANY: ANNOUNCES METRICS, BENCHMARKING
GRACE HOPPER U.S. MOVES TO LARGER VENUE; ATTENDANCE GROWS 42%; GH INDIA GROWS 2X

ANITA BORG & TELLE WHITNEY HOLD FIRST GRACE HOPPER CELEBRATION
TELLE WHITNEY NAMED CEO OF IWT
ABI LAUNCHES WOMEN OF VISION
ABI LAUNCHES FIRST LARGE-SCALE STUDY. # OF PARTNERS DOUBLE / REVENUE SPIKES
GOOGLE MAKES LARGE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN ABI
GRACE HOPPER ATTRACTS ATTENDEES FROM 42 COUNTRIES

Her Systers’ Keeper
Rose Robinson
How do we support women?

• Communities
  – Systers Email List 26th year
  – Pass-It-On Awards
  – Best of Systers Blog
  – Google Summer of Code

• Research

• Programs
  – Grace Hopper Celebration conference
  – Top Company Workshop
  – Women of Vision

• Strategic Partnerships
  – Academic (National Labs)
  – Software Companies
  – Exploring regional hubs
Who was Grace Hopper?

- Dec 9, 1906 – Jan 1, 1992
- Vassar, Harvard
- Mark I Harvard
- First Compiler
- COBOL
- “Bug”
- Rear Admiral Navy

- Systers at Grace Hopper’s Birthday Celebration
- David Letterman Interview
Grace Hopper Celebration

- Conference held Wed – Fri
- Open Source Day on Saturday
- 2013 Minneapolis
- More than 4,600+ attendees
- Academia, Industry, Government
- 2013 Theme: Think Big. Drive Forward.
- **2014: Phoenix, AZ Oct 8-11**

http://gracehopper.org
Call-To-Action

Systers meetup
- You determine frequency
- Meetup type
- Resources
- Everyone bring another +1 woman

• Grace Hopper Birthday Dec 9
• CS EdWeek
  - Always during Grace Hopper’s birthday
• Anita Borg’s Birthday Jan 17
  - +1 man
Q & A

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