



WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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A Letter from the WNDC President

Dear Members:

The New Member reception this past month saw great participation (see photo below), and merged into an opening art reception for an emerging talent in our area, Julia Kron. Her oil paintings present fascinating abstract portrayals of a subject often found in the news: petroleum.

March promises to be an exciting month for programs and political activity around the WNDC, and we invite you to join us! Starting on Wednesday, the 2nd, the 2016 Campaign Committee continues to organize over an informal lunch at noon. Please see page 5 for more details. Then, we welcome ambassadors, a bagpiper or two, and the Scottish humanitarian, Olivia Giles, to the Club on March 8th for a stellar evening fundraiser sponsored by the Educational Foundation. Finally, and as my last program "shout-out," I call attention to our March 3rd speaker, Ari Berman, who addresses the struggle over modern day voting rights. In addition, as a senior writer at The Nation magazine, he recently wrote on the subject that is and will remain the most important issue in the 2016 election: the Supreme Court nomination process and the sound of sharpening knives from the Republican-controlled Senate.

So, let us brace ourselves for many of the concluding primaries in March, and not lose sight of the primary election coming up in DC (June 14), MD (April 26), and VA (March 1).

—Anna Fierst

WNDC welcomes its newest members!



(L-R)--Row 1: Gail Gottlieb, Cindy Covell, Emily Goldblatt;
Row 2-Susan Brennan, Linda Wessler-Hughes, Kay Schwartz,
Julia Romano; Row 3- Eric Stubbs, Michael Hughes

Photo taken at Spring New Member Reception
Full list of new members on page 5.

WNDC Website's "Hidden" Treasures



WNDC members often visit our events page but may miss some **great new features** elsewhere on our website. Check out the [PPC News](#) page under Public Policy, where you can now **leave comments** on individual articles and start a conversation. Or visit the Art/Museum pages, filled with beautiful images of our [current exhibition](#), past [exhibitions](#), and our impressive [permanent collection](#).

Under the membership tab on the home page tool bar (select member log-in), you can find **videos** (accessible only to members) of selected past programs, such as the recent talk by Harry Jaffe on his book, *Why Bernie Sanders Matters*. Finally, in the lower left (under WNDC Updates), check out the [Local Events and News](#) page, with new listings every week about local events of interest, as well as links to top recent news articles from around the nation. If you have an event you'd like to add, e-mail it to Liz Joyce (communicationsvp@democraticwoman.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Arena Stage: *The City of Conversation*

Time: 12 pm matinee

Join WNDC members and guests for a matinee performance of Arena Stage's new play, *The City of Conversation*, at a special group rate. Georgetown hostess Hester Ferris (portrayed by **Margaret Colin** from *Independence Day*, *Gossip Girl*, and *As the World Turns*) runs in an elite circle, opening her home for political foes to lay down arms and raise a glass. When her son's formidable, conservative wife comes on the scene, the parlor pleasantries of D.C.'s past descend into entrenched posturing and an ultimatum that could implode the family. Follow the Ferris clan from the end of Carter's presidency through the Reagan era and into Obama's game-changing inauguration. **We are meeting at the Arena Stage.** The theatre is one block from the Greenline Metro Waterfront stop. Due to construction in the area, allow extra time if driving.



Tuesday, March 8, 2016 (Evening)

Raising Funds for the Work of Humanitarian Olivia Giles of Scotland

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Reception /Fundraiser Educational Foundation

Olivia Giles was working as a lawyer in 2002 when she contracted meningitis and had to have her hands and feet amputated to save her life. In 2007, she founded the charity 500 miles, which supplies prosthetic limbs to Malawi, Zambia, and other developing countries. She was awarded an Order of the British Empire in 2010 for her work and in January 2015 was named a winner of the Robert Burns Humanitarian Award. Olivia has received many awards for her service to others. She has also campaigned to raise awareness of meningitis around the world. www.500miles.co.uk



Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Necton D. Mhura of Malawi and H. E. Ambassador David Newman of Botswana

Video conversation about Olivia Giles with Alexander McCall Smith

Price: \$50.00 (tax deductible) with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Thursday, March 3, 2016 (Luncheon)

Ari Berman *Give Us the Ballot*

Countless books have been written about the civil rights movement, but far fewer about the aftermath of the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 and the turbulent forces it unleashed. In his groundbreaking narrative history, *Give Us the Ballot*, Ari Berman charts both the transformation of American democracy under the Act and the counterrevolution that has sought to limit voting rights from 1965 to the present day.



This book has been recognized as a "must read" by Congressman John Lewis and newspapers such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

Ari Berman is a contributing writer for *The Nation* magazine and an Investigative Journalism Fellow at the Nation Institute. He has written extensively about American politics, civil rights and the intersection of money and politics.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, March 10, 2016 (Luncheon)

Dr. David Helms *Getting To Universal Health Care*

Dr. Helms' career has focused on advancing health care improvements through planning, program analysis, and development of new initiatives to expand coverage for the uninsured. He teaches a course on State Healthcare Policy in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and is working with its Institute for Health and Social Policy on a joint Canadian and U.S. project on state health policy capacity and leadership. From 2000 until 2011, he was President of *AcademyHealth*, the national society for the fields of health services research and health policy analysis. From 2011 through 2014, Dr. Helms served as Director of the LMI Center for Health Reform working on the implementation of federal and state health exchanges established under the Affordable Care Act. He received his PhD in economics and public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.



Friday, March 11, 2016 (Luncheon)

Sonia Purnell

Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill



Sonia Purnell is a journalist known for her investigative skills and lively writing style. She began her career at The Economist Intelligence Unit and has since worked for a number of high-profile newspapers, including the Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, Independent on Sunday and the London Evening Standard. Her first book, *Just Boris*, told the story of Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London.

Sonia's latest book, *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Churchill*, presents the inspiring but often ignored story of one of the most important women in modern history.

Sonia Purnell lives in west London with her husband, the journalist Jonathan Prynn, and two sons.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, March 17, 2016 (Luncheon)

William M. LeoGrande

Back Channel to Cuba



William M. LeoGrande is Associate Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs, Professor of Government, and Dean Emeritus of the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. Professor LeoGrande specializes in Comparative Politics and U.S. Foreign Policy. He has written widely in the field of Latin American politics and U.S. policy toward Latin America, with a particular emphasis on Central America and Cuba. Most recently, he co-authored *Back Channel to Cuba: The Hidden History of Negotiations between Washington and Havana*

Challenging the conventional wisdom of perpetual hostility between the United States and Cuba, *Back Channel to Cuba* chronicles a surprising, untold history of bilateral efforts toward rapprochement and reconciliation. The authors describe how serious negotiations have been conducted by every presidential administration since Eisenhower's through secret, back-channel diplomacy. The book illuminates a fascinating passage in U.S.-Cuban relations as it happens.

This book will be available for purchase and signing.

Friday, March 18, 2016

WNDC Political Action:

2016 Campaign

Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm



Patrice Taylor - Democratic National Committee Director of Party Affairs

Laila Mohib - DNC Director of Women's Engagement & Democratic Women's Alliance

Patrice Taylor will demystify the delegate/alternate delegate selection process. There's still time! Patrice's job is to manage the process for the DNC. She works with state Democratic parties across the country to explain exactly how the process works and to ensure it is conducted openly and fairly so every Democrat can make their voices heard. Laila Mohib will give us an update on the primaries and caucuses that have happened so far and the role of women in the 2016 election. She will also answer any queries that you may have!

Price: \$15 (half sandwich, salad, & cookie or bring own brown bag)

For WNDC Members

Thursday, March 24, 2016 (Luncheon)

Nelson Rimensnyder

Why the District of Columbia Has No Vote in Congress and What Can Be Done About It



Noted political historian and WNDC member **Nelson Rimensnyder** will present a talk and call to action on DC voting rights. He will explore the origins of the District of Columbia through the debates of the Constitutional Convention, early related Congressional action, and some reasons why the enfranchisement of residents was not sufficiently addressed. He will also review proposals and attempted action over the last 200 years to mitigate the unique status of District residents, the only citizens of the United States who are taxed without their consent and governed by a Congress to which they elect no voting members. He will conclude with a brief overview of a way in which a bipartisan movement might emerge to bring sustained national attention to this issue. Until that happens, the national media, political parties, Congress, institutions, the business community and influential citizens will not seriously address the plight of DC citizens.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 (Luncheon)

Joanne Bamberger

Love Her, Love Her Not: The Hillary Paradox



As the Democratic primary race tightens, it's time to hear from a journalist who has examined not just the Clinton campaign, but more in particular, the candidate herself. Joanne Bamberger is the author and editor of this recently released No. 1 Amazon bestseller. This fascinating compilation explores the questions behind our conflicted feelings toward one of the most well known and admired women of our time, Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton. (This speaker luncheon book-ends our program in late January on Senator Bernie Sanders.)

A leading network and cable news commentator on the political involvement of women and mothers, Joanne was chosen for the 2014 Forty over 40 "disruptor" list for emphasizing the voices of women for change. Prior to a legal career, she was an award-winning broadcast journalist.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

A Look Inside the Sewall-Belmont House



Meet at WNDC at 10:15; Tour begins at 11:00

The Sewall-Belmont House has stood strong on Capitol Hill for more than two hundred years. Early occupants of the house participated in the formulation of Congress and witnessed the construction of the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court. In 1929, the National Woman's Party (NWP), purchased the house. For more than sixty years, the trail-blazing NWP used the house's strategic location to lobby for women's political, social, and economic equality. Today, the Sewall-Belmont House and Museum tells the compelling story of a community of women who dedicated their lives to the fight for women's rights. It maintains an extensive collection of suffrage banners, archives, and artifacts documenting the continuing effort by women and men of all races, religions and backgrounds to win voting rights and equality women under the law for women.

Price: Tour \$15 members, \$20 non-members.

Thursday, March 31, 2016 (Evening)

WNDC Cabaret Event

Broadway Comes to Whittemore House

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm



Karen Beasley, a Washington, DC native and retired special education teacher, has performed in over 50 theatrical productions, plus assorted concerts and cabarets. She has sung at the Clinton White House and performed for a private party at the Rainbow Room in New York City. Greg Parker began taking piano lessons at age 9. He continued to play through high school and accompanied voice and instrumental majors at JMU. He and Karen began performing together over 15 years ago, and he accompanied Karen at the Rainbow Room in New York.

This event will help you get to know Karen while enjoying numbers from A Chorus Line, Finian's Rainbow, Les Misérables, and more; from Cole Porter to Stephen Schwartz to Leonard Bernstein. Karen and Greg offer some of their favorites from Broadway, from touching to humorous, from the sublime to the ridiculous. Join us for an evening of familiar and not-so-familiar Broadway gems.

Price: \$40 (Dinner Included)

Thursday, April 7, 2016 (Luncheon)

Stephen Hess

America's Political Dynasties



Join longtime presidential historian Stephen Hess in a discussion of his latest book, *America's Political Dynasties*. The book offers an encyclopedic tour of families that have loomed large over America's political history.

Mr. Hess is a senior fellow emeritus in Governance Studies at The Brookings Institution. He served on the White House staff during the Eisenhower and Nixon presidencies and as advisor to Presidents Ford and Carter. Mr. Hess also was distinguished research professor of media and public affairs at George Washington University. His numerous books, now translated into 30 languages, include *The Professor and the President: Daniel Patrick Moynihan in the Nixon White House*.

This book will be available for purchase and signing.

WNDC New Members, September 2015 – February 2016

Ali Holness
Cynthia Covell
David Hoffman
Denis Sgouros
Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness
Emily Goldblatt
Federiga Bindi
Grace Harter
Gretchen Bloom
Jane Doreen Robertson
Jane Ross
Julia Craig Romano
Karen Schwartz
Laura Edison
Michael Hughes and Linda Wiessler-Hughes
Naomi Naierman
Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez
SaraJane Rose
Shelley Tomkin
Suzanne Turner
Terry Ryan

2016 Campaign Committee Formed – Members Welcome

All WNDC members are welcome to join the new 2016 Campaign Committee, led by Karen Pataky, Vice President for Public Policy and Political Action. The purpose is to help organize WNDC's activities for the 2016 elections, regional as well as national—including working with the Democratic National Committee and other organizations on voter registration, get out the vote campaigns, and other actions.

A kick-off meeting was held February 9; **the next meeting will be at noon on Wed. March 2, 12–2 pm.** Bring a brown bag lunch or order lunch from the Club (\$15) online or phone Pat Fitzgerald, 202-232-7363. To join the mailing list or to get the notes from the first meeting, contact Loretta Neumann, NeumannL@democraticwoman.org.

Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee seeks recommendations to fill the following positions beginning in June 2016:

- Officers of the Board of Governors (one-year term)
- Members of the Board of Governors (three-year term)
- Members of the Nominating Committee (one-year term)

Please mail your nominations to the club, attention Patricia Fitzgerald, or e-mail them to pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org by close of business Monday, March 15. You may also bring them to the Club and place them in the box next to Pat's desk. Nomination forms are also available next to the box. On the form, please note the following:

- Nominee's name
- Nominee's phone and e-mail
- Your name
- Position (s) for which you are recommending this member
- Nominee's WNDC experience

The Educational Foundation

A Brief Description:

The Woman's National Democratic Club's Educational Foundation was established in 1991. The Foundation serves and supports the community through outreach activities to women and girls, which include volunteer activities for WNDC members, and preserves the architecturally significant clubhouse, the Whittemore House, as a repository for unique collections concerning women's political history and to educate the public, especially women, about economic, social, and cultural issues by sponsoring special events at the club.

The Educational Foundation meets at 10am on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Past President's room. Members and non-members interested are invited to attend. Please contact the president, Jean Rogers so we know you are coming. You can read all about the Educational Foundation on the WNDC [website](#).

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
02/29	1 "The City of Conversation" Arena Stage	2	3 SPEAKER LUNCHEON Ari Berman	4 Luncheon Available with reservation
7	8 PPC Committee Meeting 10:30a Evening EF Speaker Reception/Fundraiser: Olivia Giles 6p - 8p	9 Luncheon Available with reservation Executive Committee Meeting 12:45p	10 SPEAKER LUNCHEON David Helms	11 SPEAKER LUNCHEON Sonia Purnell
14	15 Global Women Task Force Meeting 11:30a	16 Luncheon Available with reservation Program Committee Meeting 10:30a Board of Governors Meeting 12:45p	17 SPEAKER LUNCHEON William M. LeoGrande	18 Luncheon Available with reservation DNC Lunch Arts Committee Meeting 10:30a
21 EF Board Meeting 10:00a	22 Social & Economic Justice Task Force Meeting 2:30p Jamie Raskin Fundraiser 6:00 - 8:30p	23 Luncheon Available with reservation	24 SPEAKER LUNCHEON Nelson Rimensnyder	25
28	29 SPEAKER LUNCHEON Joanne Bamberger	30 Sewall-Belmont House Tour 11:00a (Meet at 10:15 at Club)	31  WNDC Cabaret Evening 6pm	4/1

Luncheons available Wednesday and Friday Cost: \$20.00. Reserve 24 hours ahead at (202)232-7363 ext. 3003
 Cancellation policy: Credit will be given if cancellations are made by 12:00 noon at least two business days in advance.
 Visit www.democraticwoman.org for more information

WNDC Officers, Committees, Meetings

WNDC Officers 2015-2016

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March Meetings:

Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	March 8 Public Policy Committee
Wednesday 12:45 p.m.	March 9 Executive Committee
Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	March 15 Global Women Task Force
Wednesday 12:45 p.m.	March 16 Board of Governors
Wednesday 10:30 a.m.	March 16 Program Planning Committee
Friday 10:30 a.m.	March 18 Arts Committee
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.	March 21 Educational Foundation
Tuesday 2:30 a.m.	March 22 Social and Economic Justice Task Force

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By-Laws

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The Committee for Public Policy and Political Action is composed of task force chairpersons and at-large members. All WNDC members are welcome at PPC meetings. If you wish to join a task force, please contact Karen Pataky or the Task Force Chair.

Public Policy Task Forces

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On The Radar

Friday, April 8 (Luncheon)

Birthday Luncheon for Rosemary Monagan

Tuesday, April 12 (Evening)

Panel Discussion: Gun Violence and the Politics of the Possible

**Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Bar opens at 5:30pm.
Price: \$17 for members, \$22 for non members. Cash Bar.**

With a culture of violence degrading American society, gun safety advocates are buffeted between grief for the victims and outrage at the stranglehold the gun lobby has on our body politic.

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Members' Fund Raiser for **Jamie Raskin, MD Senate Majority Whip & Dem. Candidate for Congress (MD-8th District)**

Please contact pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org to sign up and get link to the Raskin campaign website for this event.

Luncheon Schedule

11:30 A.M.	Bar Opens
12:15 P.M.	Lunch Served
1:00 P.M.	Presentation
1:45 P.M.	Q+A

Pricing:

Members \$25/Non-Members \$30/ \$10 Lecture Only



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