



# WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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## October 2016

### A Letter from the President

We seem to be living in an alternate world. Reality seems to be a relative concept —up is down, right is left, truth is a dispensable luxury. The Vizier or should I say wizard of prevarication operates in a vacuum, filled only by the clamor of a besotted and mesmerized press. Birtherism is a Hillary concoction, he is a champion of minorities and the dispossessed, climate change is a hoax, and he is ahead in the polls! He says it, the media trumpets it, the uninformed believe it, and we see the three-ring-circus in its mad dance. There hasn't been a political season quite like this one in living memory.

And what better place to see events unfold indeed to shape events, than the WNDC. Join hands with fellow Democrats in stepped-up phone-banking and GOTV initiatives daily between now and election day. Come to all our debate-watch parties. Sign up for "the Woman of the Year Award" evening with the Honorable Gabby Giffords and Ilyse Hogue. Start planning your gown for the Inaugural Ball in January. Marry work with a ton of fun activities at your favorite haunt in Washington, DC.

And now when you enter the elegant wood-paneled foyer of our mansion you will see the beautiful sculpture "Bella"—of Bella Abzug with her iconic hat resplendent on her pedestal. This is part of a collection of sculptor John Cavanaugh, affectionately known as the "mayor of Dupont Circle," and greatly admired by the Clintons— member Paul Rich donated "Bella" to us. As you stop to admire this work of art, your eye will travel to the brilliant royal blue carpet lining the elegant staircase leading to the second floor.

Our mansion is glittering, our members are full of enthusiasm and growing rapidly, and we stand poised to greet the Club's new century in a few years. Come join us!

— Nuchhi Currier



### MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS—FALL 2016

- 1st Row (from left):** Margo Beck, Jan Hamilton, Judith Wiesberg, Ann Cochran, Abigail Gately, Maureen Gustafson, Farahnaz Ispahani, Lydia LaFera  
**2nd Row (from left):** Stanley Grabowski, Patricia Waller, Joyce Robbins, Chelsea Daley, Lisa Robin, Rebecca Milliken  
**3rd Row (from left):** Margarita Valencia, Calli Cutbush, Carlos Guzman



DWotY Recipient Gabrielle



DT Recipient Ilyse Hogue

### WNDC Awards Reception 2016

October 20, 4:00 PM— 6:30 PM

**Democratic Woman of the Year**  
and  
**Democratic Trailblazer**

(See page 3 for details)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016 (Evening)**

## VICE-PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE WATCH PARTY

**Happy Hour, Campaign Bingo with Special Guests**

**TIME: 7:00 PM—11:00 PM**

**7:00 PM Cash Bar opens—9:00 PM Debate**



Democratic Vice-Presidential  
Candidate Tim Kaine

Join Democratic friends and allies as we cheer and watch Tim Kaine on the WNDC big screen in the sole Vice—Presidential Debate in Farmville, Virginia, at Longwood University. Event includes debate preview with surprise special guests. WNDC Bingo cards will be available to use during the debate, and prizes will be awarded.

To reserve tickets, please call 202.232.7363 or email Patricia at

[PFitzgerald@democraticwoman.org](mailto:PFitzgerald@democraticwoman.org)

**PRICE: \$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members.** *Signature cocktail available, and first drink included in ticket price.*

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016 (Evening)**

## WOMEN'S STORYTELLING SALON

**TIME: 6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

The Women's Storytelling Salon Series celebrates women's professional achievements, sparks conversations through sharing stories, and inspires and motivates participants to act through connection and collaboration. Our October Salon features Howard University Professor Montré Aza Missouri, author of *Black Magic Woman and Narrative Film: Race, Sex and Afro-Religiosity*, and founder of the independent Parallel Film Collective. Her co-presenter Hilary Linder, who focuses on international development and humanitarian relief, is the director and producer of "Indivisible," a documentary about the fight to reunite families separated by deportation. Hilary is the founder and president of Kudzu Films, which seeks to spread social justice through film. Her previous work includes monitoring humanitarian emergencies for USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and serving as a program manager at the Clinton—Bush Haiti Fund.



Montré Aza Missouri



Hilary Linder

**PRICE: \$30.** *Includes Appetizers and one drink. Cash bar.*

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016 (Evening)**

## STATE SENATOR JAMIE RASKIN, JOEL RUBIN & HAMZA KHAN:

**A conversation about how Muslims and Jews can work together to elect Hillary Clinton**

**TIME: 6:00 PM—8:00 PM**



Jamie Raskin



Joel Rubin

This election has been unlike any other in recent memory. The Republican party's hollow rhetoric on family values has finally imploded, and the hateful rise of Donald Trump has shown the world the true values of the GOP. Trump has again and again demonized Muslims, Jews, women and Latinos. Come learn how in Montgomery County, Maryland, Muslims and Jews are working together to elect Hillary Clinton our next president.

Panelists are **Jamie Raskin**, the three-time State Senator in Maryland at the center of breakthrough policy changes, and Democratic Candidate for Congress in Maryland; **Joel Rubin**, American foreign policy and politics expert with over 20 years' federal experience in government, advocacy, and both Chambers of Congress; and **Hamza Khan**, National Vice Chair for Muslim Americans for Hillary and frequent adviser to members of the US House of Representatives.



Hamza Khan

**PRICE: \$25 Members; \$30 Non-Members**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, October 20, 2016 (Evening)**

## WNDC AWARDS RECEPTION 2016

**TIME: 4:00 PM—6:30 PM**

Please join us for the **Woman's National Democratic Club's Awards Reception** on **Thursday, October 20** at the Woman's National Democratic Club's historic Whittemore House.

The WNDC will present the **Democratic Woman of the Year** award to the Honorable **Gabrielle "Gabby" Giffords**, former congress woman of Arizona, and founder, Americans for Responsible Solutions, for her distinguished public service and inspirational courage, and the first **Democratic Trailblazer Award** to **Ilyse Hogue**, president, NARAL Pro-Choice America, for groundbreaking work for reproductive rights.

For detailed ticket and sponsorship information or questions, please call 202.232.7363 or email Patricia at [PFitzgerald@democraticwoman.org](mailto:PFitzgerald@democraticwoman.org)

**Individual General Admission tickets** start at **\$150 for Members**, \$250 for Non-Members. **Tables of 8** start at **\$2,500 for members** and \$5,000 for non-members.



Gabrielle Giffords



Ilyse Hogue

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016 (Evening)**

## A CONVERSATION WITH MARK PLOTKIN— Political Analyst and Commentator

**TIME: 6:00 PM—8:00 PM**



Mark Plotkin



MaryEva Candon

DC notable Mark Plotkin, 2011 winner of the Edward R. Morrow Award for *Excellence in Writing*, will discuss his 40 years covering politics in Washington and offer insights on the 2016 election. DC Democratic National Committeewoman and VP of Administration at the WNDC MaryEva Candon will moderate. Plotkin is a contributor to the BBC on American politics, and writes for *The Hill* and the *Georgetown*. He is a passionate proponent of DC Voting Rights and Statehood. Don't miss this lively, timely discussion!

**PRICE: \$25 Members/ \$30 Non-members**

**Thursday, October 27, 2016 (Luncheon)**

## JULIE BURKHART: Challenges to Reproductive Rights

**TIME: 11:30 AM—2:00 PM**

Julie Burkhardt, who leads the Trust Women Foundation in Wichita, Kansas, seeks to advance the work of Dr. George Tiller, who was shot in the head by Scott Roeder while Tiller was ushering at his church's services in Wichita, Kansas, in 2009. Dr. Tiller, who operated a clinic providing late-term abortions, died trying to protect a woman's right to choose.



Julie Burkhardt

Tiller was hailed a "hero who ranks alongside Susan B. Anthony and Martin Luther King Jr." Tiller had been stalked by "protesters" using gunshots and firebombings in an attempt to close down his clinic. But Tiller bravely refused. One time, after the clinic was destroyed by a firebomb in 1986, Dr. Tiller—labeled by Bill O'Reilly as "Tiller, the Baby Killer"—displayed a sign reading "Hell no, we won't go."

Tiller's practice began after he heard about a woman who died from a back-alley abortion. Burkhardt will discuss her efforts to continue Tiller's work and current challenges to reproductive rights.

**PRICE: \$25 Members/ \$30 Non-members**

## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

The following members and supporters--through their generous donations--made it possible for the WNDC to have a presence at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia this summer. The WNDC Board of Governors and Executive Committee members express our deep appreciation for their generosity and support.

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| <i>Judy Hubbard</i>                       |                              |

## Support Our Democratic Women Running for Congress in Virginia



LuAnn Bennett

This November's ballot in Virginia is revolutionary. Not only is Hillary Clinton atop with ballot (with our own Senator Tim Kaine as her smart choice for vice-president), but Virginia has a number of Democratic women running for the U.S. House. This is unusual in the Old Dominion, a place that ranks towards the bottom for women holding elective office.

We have LuAnn Bennett, a businesswoman, seeking to unseat first-term Republican Rep. Barbara Comstock in the marquee race in the D.C. suburbs of Northern Virginia (10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District). Bennett has hit Comstock hard on the issue of unequal pay for women, which Comstock has failed to take seriously.



Jane Dittmar



Eileen Bedell

Down state, we have Jane Dittmar running in an open seat anchored in Charlottesville (5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District) —she is a court mediator, business consultant, and elected county official. She prioritizes the issues of economic security, national security, environmental security (good one!), and our constitutional principles.

Finally, going for Eric Cantor's old seat (7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District) now held by Tea Party first-termer Rep. Dave Brat, is Eileen Bedell, a lawyer and small business owner. Interestingly, Brat has refused an invitation by the Chamber of Commerce to debate her (as of this press deadline) —what is he afraid of? Eileen wants to get Congress working again. Imagine!

Please support each one of these Democratic women with your donations, volunteerism and, if applicable, your vote.

<http://luannforcongress.com/>

<http://janeforcongress.com/>

<http://bedellforvirginia.com/>

- Kristin Cabral, Chair  
Faith & Values Task Force, Public Policy Committee

## EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

### Show your support for Hillary in Style!

The WNDC Educational Foundation is excited to offer these gorgeous rhinestone "Hillary" pins and other patriotic items for \$20 each in support of the Foundation's overall mission of preservation, education, and outreach.



## VISUAL ARTS AND MUSEUM AFFAIRS

### Bella Abzug—"Home" at WNDC



Thanks to the generosity of member Dr. Paul Rich, we now have a sculpture of Bella Abzug by Washington artist, John Cavanaugh.

When Gordon Alt, director of the Cavanaugh Foundation, suggested that we could have "*Bella*" as part of the WNDC collection, the VAMA committee was ecstatic. What could be more appropriate than to have a sculpture of this pioneer of feminist and liberal causes in our clubhouse? Bella Savitsky Abzug—a lawyer, Congresswoman, feminist and social activist—was often called "Battling Bella." Abzug supported the Equal Rights Amendment and gay rights among many causes. Famous for always wearing a hat, she used to tell people, "It's what is under the hat that counts."

You will find "*Bella*" installed in our elegant hall.

- *Nuzhat Sultan, Vice President for Visual Arts and Museum Affairs*

## Debate Watch—A Great Success



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi joined us at the September 26 Presidential Debate Watch Party. Above: Christine Pelosi, WNDC President Nuchi Currier, and Nancy Pelosi.

## Hillary Clinton: Woman of Faith & Good Politics

Hillary Clinton's public service began when, as a girl, she volunteered in her church community's outreach through its youth group. She has been serving the public ever since.

Hillary is a Methodist who seeks to "Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can." This creed is a wellspring for her, and she lives it. She has a track record of helping others—as a young lawyer, as first lady of Arkansas and of the United States, as a U.S. senator, and as a Secretary of State. Importantly, her focus on relieving the suffering of children, women, and families will force a paradigm shift in issues that receive attention: these usually secondary issues could quickly become primary ones. It is about time.

With this "service for others" at her core, we can expect a president who concerns herself with the well-being of her fellow citizens—and not herself. We can expect selflessness and sacrifice. We can expect good governance. This woman of good character stands in stark contrast to her opponent, who constantly shows that he cares only for himself and his wealth.

Hillary's strong faith means the lives of her fellow Americans resonate with her. And the values that have become part of our country's secular society—fairness, justice, diversity, participation—all delivering the liberty and freedom that is the promise of our American democracy. Donald Trump? He repeatedly fails to show the open-heartedness that we expect of our best leaders.

Here's looking to the election of Hillary Clinton, an intelligent and caring woman of faith who will make sure that America progresses to a better future. Our nation deserves her solid leadership.

- *Kristin Cabral, Chair  
Faith & Values Task Force,  
Public Policy Committee*

# Calendar – October 2016

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
3	4 <b>Vice Presidential Debate Watch Party</b> 6:00PM-11PM  <b>Program Committee Meeting</b> 10:30 AM	5 <b>Luncheon Available with Reservation</b>	6	7 <b>Luncheon Available with Reservation</b>
10 <b>Columbus Day</b> <b>Club Closed</b>	11 <b>Public Policy Committee Meeting</b> 10:30 AM  Yom Kippur	12 <b>Luncheon Available with Reservation</b>  <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> 12:45PM	13	14 <b>Luncheon Available with Reservation</b>
17 <b>EF Board Meeting</b> 10:00 AM	18 <b>SPEAKER EVENT</b> <b>State Senator Jamie Raskin, Joel Rubin &amp; Hamza Khan</b> 6:00 PM  <b>Women’s Story-telling Salon</b> 6pm	19 <b>Luncheon Available with Reservation</b>  <b>Second Presidential Debate Event</b>  <b>Board of Governors Meeting</b> 12:45 PM	20 <b>WNDC Awards Reception 2016</b> 4:00 PM	21 <b>Luncheon Available with Reservation</b>  <b>VAMA Committee Meeting</b> 11:00 AM
24	25 <b>SPEAKER EVENT</b> <b>Mark Plotkin</b> 6:00 PM  <b>Social &amp; Economic Justice Task Force Meeting</b> 2:30 PM	26 <b>Luncheon Available with Reservation</b>	27 <b>SPEAKER LUNCHEON</b> <b>Julie Burkhart</b> 11:30 AM– 2:00 PM	28 <b>Luncheon Available with Reservation</b>
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Luncheons available Wednesday and Friday. **Cost: \$20 (buffet) or \$25 (plated).**

Reserve 24 hours ahead at (202) 232-7363 ext. 3003

Cancellation policy: Credit is given if cancellations are made at least two business days in advance.

# WNDC Officers, Committees, Meetings

## WNDC Officers 2016-2017

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## October Meetings:

<b>Tuesday</b> 10:30 AM	<b>October 4</b> PC Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 10:30 AM	<b>October 11</b> PPC Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:45 PM	<b>October 12</b> Executive Committee Meeting
<b>Monday</b> 10:00 AM	<b>October 17</b> EF Board Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:45 PM	<b>October 19</b> Board of Governors Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 11:00 AM	<b>October 21</b> VAMA meeting

## Public Policy and Political Action

<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Karen Pataky</b> kjpataky@comcast.net
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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.

<b>Public Policy Task Forces</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
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## ON THE RADAR

### Tuesday, November 8 (Evening):

Election Night Watch Party

### Tuesday, November 15 (Luncheon):

David Maraniss: *Once in a Great City—  
A Detroit Story*

### Thursday, November 17 (Evening):

Winter New Member Reception

### Thursday, November 17 (Evening):

Winter Art Exhibition Reception

### Friday, November 18 (Evening):

Movie Night showing “*Where To Invade Next*”  
by Michael Moore

### Tuesday, November 29 (Luncheon):

Suzanne Dater “Photos of Patagonia”

## November Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, October 19

To allow time for production of the newsletter (editing, layout, and proofreading), all submissions to the newsletter are due on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

We gladly post late submissions on the website, but we do not print any items submitted after the deadline.

## Luncheon Schedule

11:30 AM	Bar Opens
12:15 PM	Lunch Served
1:00 PM	Presentation
1:45 PM	Q&A

Pricing: Members \$25 /Non-Members \$30/  
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