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WNDC President Nuchhi Currier with activist Heather Booth at her event "Changing the World" at the Club on September 19, 2017

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The last few weeks have been stormy in more ways than one. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria swept into the Caribbean and the US, causing devastation and misery to millions. Recovery from these back-to-back disasters will not be easy, especially for those who were already vulnerable.

Our political landscape was no less rocky. The Mueller investigation gathered steam with Manafort the first apparent casualty. The Trump administration continued in its attempts to negate all the progressive initiatives of the Obama era. The Affordable Care Act is under attack, again; affirmative action is being reversed; voting rights, LGBTQ protections, and climate change initiatives are being gutted. Court fights over worker's rights, women's rights, and transgender rights are gathering steam. Voter suppression and intense gerrymandering are accelerating as midterm elections approach. DACA is suspended; Trump's Department of Justice is pulling back from some of the aggressive scrutiny of voter ID laws and the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline has been given the green light.

The WNDC's response to all these dispiriting developments is to empower grassroots groups as they attempt to change the political landscape. Our Grassroots Coordinating Committee (GCC), in concert with the DNC, is working on elections in Virginia. Once 2017 down-ballot races are taken care of we will turn our attention to the midterm elections in 2018. We are forging ties with Emily's List and Emerge to ensure that Democrats, particularly women, are supported in their bids for public office. We also are vigorously supporting activism as it relates to public policy.

Our weekly programs also reflect our political initiatives. Heather Booth's inspirational film and talk on September 19th energized the audience at this well-attended event. September 25th saw a wide range of progressive political groups and trainers gather at the WNDC to guide and support activist groups. We look forward to honoring Senator Hillary Clinton on November 2 by conferring upon her the "Democratic Woman of the Year" award.

The Whittemore House is sparkling, its grounds verdant, and the new sculpture garden, generously donated by member Dr. Paul Rich, enhances the neighborhood enormously. Our membership numbers continue to swell, as does our quest to retain the stature that our founding mothers envisioned almost a hundred years ago. The next five years will be transformative for the Woman's National Democratic Club. We are intent upon working with all our members to achieve that goal!

--Nuchhi Currier

OCTOBER 2017 EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 3

The Power of Theater in a Crazy Changing World - Molly Smith, Artistic Director at Arena Stage

TIME: 11:30am – Bar opens;
12:15pm – Lunch served;
1-2pm – Presentation and Q & A

The whole country is awake and politically active, making this the most exciting time to be producing plays, according to Molly Smith, with the arts having always been on the front line of the fight against fear. She will share with us how Arena Stage welcomes dialogue and fierce conversations, in the belief that we become a stronger nation when all voices are heard. Although we may go to the theater to be entertained and even to escape, the theater also makes sense of the world, especially in times of unrest and chaos, by illuminating the past, validating the present, and leading us screaming into the future. Smith is artistic director of Arena Stage.

PRICE: \$25 Members; \$30 Non-members (includes lunch); \$10 Lecture only.

Thursday, Oct. 5

Wine & Cheese Happy Hour

TIME: 5:30 - 7:00pm

The Membership Committee invites all members to join us at the Whittemore House for a Wine and Cheese Happy Hour. We especially want to encourage new members to participate, as it is a perfect occasion to network and socialize, and get to know your other club members while enjoying a special assortment of cheeses and wines. **This Happy Hour will feature our bartender's Signature Drink - The Democrat (Blue Mojito).**

PRICE: \$10 per person. Includes one glass of wine. This is a Members Only Event.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Deborah Tannen: The Language of Women's Friendships and the Double Bind Faced by Women in Authority

TIME: Bar opens at 6:30pm.
Program begins at 7:00pm,
followed by book signing

Deborah Tannen, author of *The New York Times* bestseller *You Just Don't Understand*, will talk about her new book, *You're the Only One I Can Tell: Inside the Language of Women's Friendships*. Based on stories and conversations gleaned while interviewing 80 women ranging in age from 9 to 97 -- stories that are as amusing as they are revealing -- Tannen illustrates patterns of communication and mis-communication that affect friendships at different stages of women's lives. In her talk, she also will explore how insights into women's friendships shed light on the double bind that affects women in positions of authority, and the role it played in the 2016 election.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

PRICE: \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash Bar.

Thursday, Oct. 12

Anti-Human Trafficking: An Evening of Art and Film

An Educational Foundation Fundraiser

TIME: 5:30pm-9:00pm.
Film screening at 6:30pm

Art Exhibit: Art by Brikena Boci and Jane Doe #1. Upstairs Gallery

"Anonime" (Anonymous), an exhibition of embroidered portraits by Albanian-American artist Brikena Boci, will be on view in the Upstairs Gallery from October 5 – November 30. This startling fibre art consists of moving embroidered portraits of Kosovar-Albanian women who were raped, killed, or trafficked during the war. Jane Doe #1, who wishes to remain anonymous and is featured in the documentary *I AM JANE DOE*, created her untitled painting while hospitalized for overwhelming depression and PTSD.

Film: The acclaimed documentary *I AM JANE DOE* tells the story of American mothers waging a battle on behalf of their teenage daughters who were victims of online sex trafficking on Backpage.com. Narrated by Academy Award nominee Jessica Chastain and directed by award-winning filmmaker Mary Mazzio, *I AM JANE DOE* presents a gut-wrenching look at an issue affecting every community in the United States and around the world.

This event is being held in partnership with ArtWorks for Freedom | ACTION DC!, a city-wide arts festival, to raise awareness of human trafficking throughout the Washington, DC, region.

PRICE: \$50 Members and Non-members; \$30 for Young Dems (under 30). Ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine.

Tickets and additional contributions are tax-deductible. (Checks should be made out to: WNDC Educational Foundation.)





Tuesday, Oct. 17

**America on the Couch:
Psychological Perspectives
on American Politics and
Culture**

TIME: 11:30am – Bar opens;
12:15pm – Lunch served;
1-2pm – Presentation and Q & A

Journalist and memoirist Pythia Peay joins in “depth dialogue” about her book with Jungian-trained psychologist Diane Perlman for a discussion of WHY America elected Donald Trump President. What does this reveal about the psychology of the American people and of Trump himself, and about his drive to become president? What lies behind America’s historic romance with the gun? Other topics include alcoholism and drug abuse and the psychodynamics of terrorism. Peay’s book, based on her interviews with 37 of the world’s leading psychologists and psychoanalysts, reflects her two decades of continuing journey through America’s psyche.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

PRICE: \$25 Members; \$30 Non-members (includes lunch); \$10 Lecture only.



Thursday, Oct. 19

**Tour DAR Museum:
Exhibit of Period Rooms**

TIME: Meet at the DAR, 1776 D Street, NW, by 10:50 am; tour begins at 11 am. Optional lunch afterwards at Le Pain Quotidien, 800 17th Street NW (separate purchase).

Come see the magnificent museum of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), currently holding a special exhibition of 31 period rooms that tell the story of the American domestic interior. The rooms, each of which is sponsored by a DAR State Society, date between 1690 and 1935 and illustrate a wide range of cultures and regional differences. Compare how homes have changed over the years, which features we still use today, and which features have fallen by the wayside. We also will visit the beautiful library, gift shop, and, if no performance is scheduled, Constitution Hall.

PRICE: Tour only, \$15 Members; \$20 Non-members.



Tuesday, Oct. 24

**US Role in a Changing World Series:
Dr. Suzanne Maloney: US-Iran
Relations in the Trump Era**

TIME: 11:30am – Bar opens;
12:15pm – Lunch served;
1-2pm – Presentation and Q & A

Nearly four decades have passed since the Iranian revolution and the breach in the diplomatic relationship between Washington and Tehran. The establishment of Iran’s Islamic Republic dramatically transformed its internal politics, economy, and society, and its impact reconfigured the geostrategic balance in the Middle East. The Iran nuclear deal, concluded in 2015, seemed to deescalate that crisis and yet, two years later, tensions between the United States and Iran remain high. Dr. Maloney, deputy director of the Foreign Policy Program at the Brookings Institution, will explore what is driving the escalating frictions between Washington and Tehran, what it might mean for regional and international security if the Trump administration scuttles the nuclear agreement, and the prospects for overcoming the antagonism between the two countries.

PRICE: \$25 Members; \$30 Non-members (includes lunch); \$10 Lecture only.



Thursday, Oct. 26

Marjorie J. Spruill: *Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women’s Rights and Family Values that Polarized American Politics*

TIME: Bar opens at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7:00pm, followed by book signing

The 1970s will be seen as a pivotal time in our history as feminists and their conservative challengers divided the nation – as Democrats continued to support the modern women’s movement and Republicans recast themselves as the party of “family values.” Historian Marjorie J. Spruill uses the polarization of that period as a lens to trace women’s issues in politics up through the 2016 election. In her new book *Divided We Stand*, Spruill provides a detailed account of the National Women’s Conference, which was held in November of 1977 in Houston, Texas -- the first and only bi-partisan federally-funded women’s conference in US history. Her talk will provide critical insights into the conference itself as well as what can be seen as a 40-year rift between liberals and conservatives in America.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

PRICE: \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. Includes hors d’oeuvres. Cash Bar.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Joe Belden: How and Why Did Trump Win Rural Voters, and What Can Democrats and Progressives Do?

TIME: 11:30am – Bar opens; 12:15pm – Lunch served; 1-2pm – Presentation and Q&A

Donald Trump's shocking victory was due, in large part, to his support in rural areas and small towns, where he won more than 60% of the votes. How and why did this happen? And what can Democrats and progressives do differently to effect a different outcome? Rural-issues writer and activist Joe Belden will explore these questions as he examines some of the key places that went for Obama in 2012 but for Trump in 2016. Data show a major factor in the shift was resentment of the Clintons, Obamas, urban sophisticates, Hollywood, and national media, as well as an economy that leaves some people behind. Although rural economic insecurity is real, cultural resentments are also tied to racism, sexism, and homophobia.

PRICE: \$25 Members; \$30 Non-members (includes lunch); \$10 Lecture only



Tuesday, Oct. 31

Celebrate Halloween at the Whittemore House

TIME: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Join us for a spooky, team-based, murder mystery dinner party! Groups will work together as they explore the Whittemore House to find clues and solve the mysterious murder... Your ticket includes hors d' oeuvres, dinner, and dessert; wine and beer open bar; and the chance to solve a murder mystery!

PRICE: Details about tickets to come!



Eleanor Compton Birthday Celebration

Eleanor Compton and the WNDC both turned 95 this year. The WNDC has celebrated milestones of many of our accomplished, long-standing members. But this one was unique. A member of 40 years, Eleanor chose to lunch at the WNDC with her daughter Helen Compton, also a club member, on her birthday on September 15, 2017. Nuchhi Currier was joined by Pat Fitzgerald, Ina Descartes, Walter Springman, Orane Wint, Iris Galeas, and our newest intern, Alison Biedron, to sing to the birthday celebrant and enjoy a coconut cake specially baked for her. The lunch hour was spiced up by her many stories of days gone by. The rich tapestry of our members' lives merges beautifully with that of our storied organization. Eleanor, we look forward to celebrating your 100th birthday in 2022 at the club's centenary celebrations.



DNC UPDATE

My column this month focuses, as our DNC does, on winning elections at the state and local levels throughout the nation, not just where Democrats traditionally have won. We can report two important recent wins in deep-red districts: we flipped two state legislative seats, one in Oklahoma and one in New Hampshire! Congratulations to OK delegate Jacob Rosecrants and NH delegate Charlie St. Clair. This makes six state legislative seats flipped since Trump took office.

But now, as we at the WNDC know, all efforts are focused on Virginia, where we must win the gubernatorial race and all races down the line in November 2017 to ensure the momentum keeps building toward Democratic victories throughout the nation in

2018. Put all your extra energies there, fellow and sister Dems!! One of the many groups organizing phone banks and canvassing in Virginia is DC for Progress. Check out their Facebook page or email resist@dcforprogress.com for specifics. The DNC also has introduced a new building effort, "Every Zip Code Counts." More on this after we win in VA. Internally, the DNC will meet in Las Vegas, October 18-22, 2017. I will report to you from there on the restructuring of the DNC to make it a fighting machine, on the continued investment in and building up the state parties' abilities to win at all levels of state and local office, and on the progress of the "Unity Commission," which you will recall was created at the 2016 Democratic National Convention to review and recommend reforms to the national convention delegate selection processes. This is a delicate process and our hope is that it will be constructive and minimally divisive. Stay tuned. Again, I urge you to: Get involved in your state Democratic Party! It is more capable than ever of helping you organize at the grassroots level and win elections.

--DNC Update is a feature from WNDC member MaryEva Candon, Esq., who is DC's Democratic National Committeewoman

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GET INVOLVED WITH US

Communications Volunteers Needed

Do you like to write, edit, post to social media, work with media, and be involved in a variety of other communications initiatives? If so, we'd love to have you on our Communications Committee.

Please contact the VP for Communications, **Carol L. Rogers** at clogers2009@gmail.com or (202) 262-1216 (cell).

VAMA Internship

The Visual Arts and Museum Affairs Committee is looking for an intern for the Fall/Winter who will research the Museum's Art Collection and Archives. If you or someone you know is interested, and can dedicate at least one day per week, **please contact idescartes@democraticwoman.org for more information.** This position is especially suited for students who are looking for experience in collections management and archival research.

Become a Docent for the Whittemore House Museum

Are you interested in serving as a docent for tours of the Whittemore House? Daytime or evenings? Training will be provided. **Please contact Ina Descartes** via idescartes@democraticwoman.org



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MONDAY 02 TUESDAY 03 WEDNESDAY 04 THURSDAY 05 FRIDAY 06

	Molly Smith Luncheon	Health Care Task Force Mtg 10:30am Luncheon Available with Reservation	Wine & Cheese Happy Hour 5:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation
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MONDAY 09 TUESDAY 10 WEDNESDAY 11 THURSDAY 12 FRIDAY 13

Columbus Day - Club Closed	Public Policy Committee Mtg 10:30am Deborah Tannen 6:30pm	Membership Committee Mtg 9:00am Executive Committee Mtg 10:30am Luncheon Available with Reservation	Program Committee Mtg 10:30am EF Trafficking Fundraiser 5:30pm	VAMA Mtg 10:30am Luncheon Available with Reservation
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MONDAY 16 TUESDAY 17 WEDNESDAY 18 THURSDAY 19 FRIDAY 20

	Global Women Task Force Mtg 11:30am America on the Couch Luncheon	Board of Governors Meeting 10:30am Luncheon Available with Reservation November Newsletter Deadline	DAR Tour 10:50am	Luncheon Available with Reservation
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MONDAY 23 TUESDAY 24 WEDNESDAY 25 THURSDAY 26 FRIDAY 27

Whittemore House Foundation Mtg 10:00am	Social & Economic Task Force Mtg 2:30pm Foreign Policy Task Force Mtg 2:30pm Dr. Suzanne Maloney Luncheon	Luncheon Available with Reservation	Marjorie Spruill 6:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation
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MONDAY 30 TUESDAY 31

	Joe Belden Luncheon Halloween Murder Mystery 6:30pm			
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Luncheons available upon request Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost: \$20 (buffet) or \$25 (plated).
 Speaker Luncheons schedules: 11:30 AM - Bar Opens | 12:15 PM - Lunch Served | 1:00 PM - Presentation | 1:45 PM - Q&A |
 PRICE: \$25 Members/ \$30 Non-Members/ \$10 Lecture Only.
 Reserve 24 hours ahead at (202) 232-7363 | Cancellation policy: Credit is given if cancellations are made at least two business days in advance.

On the Radar

November Events

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 (Evening)

DC Youth Orchestra

Thursday, November 9, 2017 (Evening)

Sally Quinn: *Finding Magic*

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 (Afternoon)

Diane Rehm (EF Fundraiser)

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 (Evening)

Alix Murdoch: Climate Change

Thursday, November 16, 2017 (Evening)

New Members Reception

Art Exhibition Reception: Hyun Jung Chung

Tuesday, November 28 (Morning)

Library of Congress WWI Tour

Thursday, November 30 (Lunch)

Melvin Goodman: Decline and Fall of the CIA



**November Newsletter Deadline:
Wednesday, October 18**

We gladly post late submissions on the website, but we cannot print any items submitted after the deadline. Please request a template if interested in submitting an event or article via idescartes@democraticwoman.org.



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Thank You to Our Life Members

In July we sent an appeal to our Life Members asking for contributions to allow us to upgrade the drapes in the ballroom and the gold Chiavari chairs. Replacement of these items was essential to improving the appearance of the Whittemore House to enhance marketing it for private events, which constitute the majority of our operating revenue. We want to express our special thanks to those Life Members who generously donated funds for 190 new Chiavari chairs and new drapes: Pamela Brown, Camille Cook, Shirley Henderson, Jean Jones, Jeanette Miller, Susan Rao, Catherine Rudder, Barbara Sherrill, and Marcia Sternfeld.

Thank you.

Public Policy and Political Action Invitation

I am delighted to see the large number of new WNDC members and I encourage you to let me know about your interests. The PPC welcomes your talents and participation. We have a new task force on foreign policy and another one on populism. I am in the process of organizing a third new task force on legal and constitutional issues. **Please contact me at epsclark@gmail.com** to get involved with us.

—Elizabeth Clark, Vice President for Public Policy and Political Action, and Chair, Task Force on Foreign Policy

In Memoriam

Ruth Nadel

A Model and Inspiration to us all...

We celebrated her 100th birthday in 2014 at WNDC. Now we announce with profound sadness the passing away of our beloved member, Ruth Nadel, at age 103. She died peacefully on September 25, 2017.

During her career, Ruth worked at the Department of Labor's Women's Bureau for 21 years, earning the Department's Distinguished Service Award for her contribution in designing and developing the first on-site, employer-supported child-care center and related child care options for working families.

An active volunteer and philanthropist, Ruth initiated the Global Women's Task Force, with Ellen Overton, at the WNDC in 1995 after they both attended the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. She also served on the WNDC Board of Governors for many years. WNDC's Educational Foundation initiated the annual Ruth Nadel Award to honor her work in creating the Young Woman's Leadership Project, whose alumnae competed for the award to help defray the cost of higher education.

Among the many organizations with which Ruth was involved are the National Council of Women's Organization's Global Women's Task Force, IONA Citizens Advisory Council, the independent Clearinghouse on Women's Issues, the League of Women Voters, and the American Association of University Women. Ruth was also an appointed Commissioner for the DC Commission on Aging and actively worked to end the stigma of ageism.

Memorial contributions in her name can be made to the WNDC EF.

Ellen Stern Overton

At a beautiful memorial ceremony at the WNDC on September 17, 2017, Ellen Stern Overton's rich life was celebrated by her family, friends, colleagues, and fellow activists. Many moving tributes and musical interludes enhanced the service. She passed away on August 21, 2017, at the age of 92.

Ellen created, along with Ruth Nadel, the Global Women's Task Force at the WNDC in 1995 after they both attended the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

Ellen was the first Federal Women's Program Manager at NOAA, retiring after 18 years of service. She was actively involved in both Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) and the Women's Equity Action League, and worked on Title IX, which requires that women and men be provided equitable opportunities in all educational programs that receive Federal financial assistance. She also led the independent Clearinghouse on Women's Issues, where she became one of three Directors Emerita.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741; UN Foundation, P.O. Box 96619, Washington, DC 20090-6619; or The Outside Foundation, 50 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head, SC 29928.



VIRGINIA CALL TO ACTION: CASH, CANVASSING & CALLS

The Woman's National Democratic Club (WNDC)/Grassroots Coordinating Committee (GCC) hosted "Virginia Call to Action" on September 25, 2017, focusing on the upcoming elections in Virginia. The event included training sessions on canvassing, fundraising, and active phone-banking, as well as an Advocacy Fair. Approximately 100 attendees from nearly 50 grassroots organizations, as well as WNDC members and politically inclined neighbors, kept the whole Whittemore House abuzz.

Several DNC staff members held an informational session in the Pub upstairs, responding to urgent questions about its plans for the Virginia elections in 2017, the mid-terms in 2018, and then the general election in 2020. Led by Tori Taylor, political advisor, and Ambar Calvillo, director of community engagement & partnerships, they also provided an overview of the complete reorganization at the DNC under the new leadership and its strategy of building relationships in every ZIP code in the country on a consistent basis year in and year out, instead of focusing primarily on election years.

Yasmin Radjy, the Virginia State Director at MobilizeAmerica, and Emma Harris, a field organizer there, trained activists in the Eleanor Roosevelt Library in canvassing. Debra Fried Levin, a principal of DFLevin Associates, conducted a highly effective training in the 1870s Room on how to raise money without an event or talking to anyone. Jim McBride, president of Network for Progress, hosted a phone-banking and mobile training operation in the Past President's Room.

Nuchhi Currier, President of the WNDC, welcomed everyone at 6.30 pm and introduced each of the groups that staffed a booth. These were:

1. David Reid for Delegate -- VA House of Delegates, 32nd District
2. Democratic National Committee
3. Virginia Coordinated Campaign
4. FCDC (Fairfax County Democratic Club)
5. WNDC/Grassroots Coordinating Committee
6. Indivisible, Sister District, Flip VA
7. Premier Political Consulting Firm, LLC
8. Progressive Change Campaign Committee
9. Rising Organizers (formerly Good Guys DC)
10. Turn It Blue DC
11. Delegate Alfonso Lopez -- VA House of Delegates, 49th District
12. Delegate Marcus Simon -- VA House of Delegates, 53rd District
13. Women's March-MD, DTMG-MoCo, MoCo NOW, Moms Demand Action
14. DC for Progress
15. Network NoVA, Why VA Matters 2017
16. Plus3
17. Women's Alliance for Democracy & Justice
18. Emerge America
19. New Virginia Majority

In addition to representatives from the groups with booths, attendees included members of the following other groups:

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| VA 8th Congressional District | Montclair Progressives |
| American University College Democrats | Neighbors for Good |
| DC Unite Against Hate | NetworkNova.org |
| Democratic Party of Virginia/
Virginia Coordinated Campaign | Postcards for Virginia (postcards4va.com) |
| Dining for Democracy & Turn It Blue | Progressives for Equality, Action and Compassion
for Everyone-PEACE |
| Flip VA | PWC Progressive Caucus |
| Gaithersburg Huddle | Race for Democracy |
| GCC Event Planning Subcommittee | RISE District (formerly Pantsuit District) |
| Huddle | Ward 3 Democratic Committee VA Task Force |
| Huddle for the Future | Sister District |
| Indivisible District 8 | WADJ: Women's Alliance for Democracy and Justice |
| J Walkers Action Group | Ward 3 Democrats and Flip Virginia |
| Jobs-First.org | Ward 1 Democrats |
| Member of GOTV Committee, WNDC | WNDC Public Policy and Political Action Committee |
| Mobilize2020 | WofA (We of Action Virginia) |

The evening concluded with each group that had a booth making a short statement and issuing a call to action. The meeting, designed to create a congenial space for different groups to coalesce in creating effective partnerships, was considered a big success by the attendees.

WNDC members and others who want to help "Turn Virginia Blue" in the upcoming critically important election on November 7 can join forces with one or more of these organizations to canvas, phone bank, write post cards, raise money, or engage in other activities to support Democratic candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates, as well as the candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General.