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WNDC President Nuchhi Currier with Women's March Co-President Bob Bland and Sayeeda Chaudhry, WNDC Board Member, at the NoMuslimBanEver March at Lafayette Square, Washington, DC, on October 18, 2017

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Darkening Skies and Shifting Winds

There is a global trend emerging. We are seeing an alarming shift in Western politics - an increasing preference for racist, patriarchal, and nationalistic right-wing parties and leaders. France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Belgium, Austria, Russia, Scandinavia, UK, and Ireland are all experiencing rising support for their ultra-right-wing constituencies. The ideological spectrum extends from right-wing populism to white nationalism and neo-fascism, often resulting in the targeting of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities and women. Tribalism is ascendant, casting members of the opposing party as dangerous enemies, thus breaking down any chance of cooperative coexistence. The US has seen an escalation of this dangerous shift since the 2016 election.

What happens to nations when norms of acceptable behavior shift drastically? Behavior previously considered inappropriate is normalized and almost universally adopted. According to Charles Blow of the *New York Times*, Donald Trump is the "Normless President." As the conservative writer and editor Rod Dreher explains, "Trump didn't come from nowhere. George W. Bush, the Republican Party, and movement conservatism bulldozed the field for Trump without even knowing what they were doing." Be that as it may, we stand here today seeing hard-won victories for basic human rights and civil liberties being reversed and staring at a future that is alarming at the very least.

Too many longstanding policies and institutions are being unraveled all at once: NAFTA, the Global Climate Accord, the Domestic Clean Power initiative, the Pacific Trade deal, the Iran Nuclear deal, and the tax code. Rising gun violence is not being mitigated by better gun laws. At the same time, women continue to be targeted as victims, their right to choose being slowly obliterated and laws protecting their Constitutional rights disappearing one by one.

The latest assault on the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, is a thoroughly partisan, ill-conceived and ill-considered bill, hastily cobbled together by plutocrats and designed to cause maximum damage to millions of Americans. The new budget resolution passed by Senate Republicans would grow the deficit exponentially while 80 percent of the tax cuts would benefit the top 1 percent of the population by the 10th year of the plan. This is how "the biggest tax cut in US history" is likely to play out, gutting Medicare and Medicaid that sustain 55 million Americans. It is abhorrent that most Republican lawmakers choose to ignore their constituents for political expediency.

The US Supreme Court with Associate Justice Gorsuch on the bench ensures that states under GOP control and a highly politicized Congress will pass more and more draconian voter suppression laws. The real danger is that money and voter suppression laws could well enable Republicans to keep control of both houses at least until 2020 -- and, during that time, they can do even more to tilt the campaign finance system and narrow the electorate to their advantage.

Indeed, most Trump policies (climate, health, energy, and economic) are being made without consulting any scientists, without experts, without any alternative planning for replacing the systems he is unraveling, and without a political coalition able to implement any alternatives. The solution to this great unraveling is to flip the House and Senate in 2018. Are we up to this task?

--Nuchhi Currier

NOVEMBER 2017 EVENTS



Thursday, Nov. 2

Democratic Woman of the Year 2017: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Almost exactly one year after the end of her 2016 presidential campaign, Hillary Rodham Clinton will be honored with the Democratic Woman of the Year Award of the Woman's National Democratic Club in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to American politics and international affairs, as well as the inspiration she has provided to women and girls around the world. The first woman to win a major party nomination for president -- and winner of the popular vote in the 2016 election -- Clinton will talk about her latest book, *What Happened*, and will share her insights about the political changes she has witnessed across the US, as well as her thoughts about the Democratic Party and her vision for the future.

TIME: 4:00 - 6:00pm

PRICE: \$150 Members; \$100 Young Dem Members; \$250 Non-members (if available). Price includes passed appetizers, open bar, and a copy of the book.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Social Role of the Arts Series: DC Youth Orchestra - Music for Social Change with Alex Berti, Manager

Alex Berti, a composer, double bass player, and arranger for Gustavo Dudamel's Simon Bolivar Orchestra and now manager of the DC Youth Orchestra Program's "Children's Orchestra," grew up in Venezuela as one of the first students of José Antonio Abreu's "El Sistema." Abreu's goal was to use learning to perform music in groups as a way to help youth become productive, focused, and engaged and to develop group compassion and solidarity. Berti will describe, with slides, how he is taking the best parts of "El Sistema," combining it with what works in DC Public Schools, and transforming the lives of young DC students. A group of his Children's Orchestra students from Title I DC Elementary Schools will perform to demonstrate how his program works.

This program is co-sponsored by CHIME (Community Help In Music Education).

TIME: Bar opens at 5:30pm.
Program begins at 6:30pm

PRICE: \$15 Members; \$20 Non-members. Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash Bar.



Thursday, Nov. 9

Sally Quinn: *Finding Magic: A Spiritual Memoir*

Washington Post journalist, television commentator, author, keeper of Georgetown salon society, and widow of the late Washington Post executive editor Ben Bradlee, Sally Quinn will discuss her latest book, *Finding Magic: A Spiritual Memoir* (Harper One), an exploration of her search for meaning. Her talk will offer stories from her life as a journalist and as Washington's premiere hostess, who entertained the most celebrated elite in politics and media. She will provide insights into her spiritual growth, which accelerated during the painful journey she shared with her beloved husband Ben Bradlee as he descended into dementia and death. Quinn will be in conversation with Washington Post Pulitzer Prize winning journalists Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan. (Photo credit: Heidi Niemala)

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

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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



Tuesday, Nov. 14

Diane Rehm: *On My Own*

An Educational Foundation Fundraiser

TIME: Bar opens at 5:00pm.
Program begins at 6:00pm,
followed by book signing

In her new book, *On My Own*, NPR radio host Diane Rehm speaks about the death of her husband, who, nine years after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, made the difficult choice to end his deteriorating condition by refusing to eat, drink, or accept medication. This experience transformed Ms. Rehm into an advocate for increased discussion about end-of-life care and the right to die on one's own terms.

PRICE: \$75 Members and Non-members -- to benefit the Young Women's Leadership Program. Ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres and a copy of the book.

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



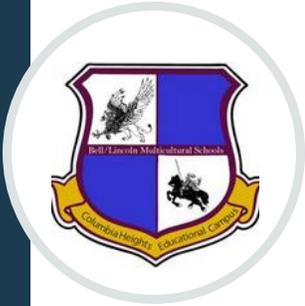


Alix Murdoch, Chesapeake Bay Foundation: What's Happening to the Chesapeake Bay Today?

TIME: Bar opens at 6:30pm.
Program begins at 7:00pm

Our Chesapeake Bay shares the watersheds of six states and is part of our natural treasures on the Eastern seaboard. Alix Murdoch, Federal policy director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will discuss the challenges confronting the Bay by the Trump Administration. She will discuss the issues the Bay has encountered throughout the years and its current status. Please join us and find out what we can do to help preserve this important natural habitat of ours.

PRICE: \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members (includes hors d'oeuvres). \$10 Lecture only. Cash Bar.



Wednesday, Nov. 15

Young Women's Leadership Luncheon

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

Twenty-four young women from Columbia Heights Educational Campus (CHEC) will be guests of the Whittemore House Foundation as a part of the Young Women's Leadership Project founded by the late Ruth Nadel to introduce young women to the Club and to public policy. The luncheon speaker will be Taleso Fecha of FAIR Girls, which was founded in 2003 to prevent exploitation of girls worldwide with empowerment and education. The CHEC high school is a unique globally themed bilingual campus established to prepare students for success in college and career. This lunch will give our student guests an opportunity to enjoy conversation with Club members to help them realize that learning and public engagement is a lifelong project.

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



Thursday, Nov. 16

New Members Reception

TIME: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Please join WNDC officers, Board members, and other members to enjoy refreshments and a complimentary soft drink, wine, or cocktail. Learn about opportunities to take part in the work and fun of WNDC. All new members who joined since September 2017 are especially invited to get to know other WNDC members and to learn more about the Club. Guests are also welcomed.

PRICE: This event is free, but registration is required.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Art Exhibition Reception: Hyun Jung Kim - Blind In Art

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

Hyun Jung Kim brings us a unique exhibition expressing her work *Blind in Art*. Her work includes representations of the word Love, as well as excerpts from Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind," using the dots and codes series of Braille. The panels of King's speech are done in precious objects, pearls, gold leaf, and thread dipped in wine to symbolize King's sacrifice. Other panels are also done in pearls and gold leaf.

Her work also includes gold crowns, which will be on display during the opening only. Guests will be encouraged to wear the crowns, one of which has "I Have a Dream" in braille on it. The artist has made the crown to denote equal rights and freedom.

Hyun Jung is an internationally known artist who received two MFA's, one at Seoul National University and the other at Montclair State University, where she won the prestigious "Dean's Artist/Scholar Graduate Award" of the College of Arts.

The exhibition opens on November 8, 2017, and will be on display until February 7, 2018.

PRICE: This event is free, but registration is required.

Friday, Nov. 17

Movie Night: Scarred Lands & Wounded Lives: The Environmental Footprint of War

TIME: Bar opens at 6:00pm with light dinner. Film starts at 7:00pm

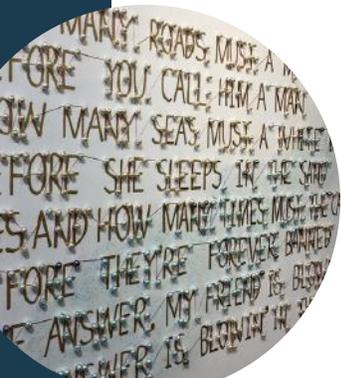
This award-winning film by sociologists (and long-time WNDC members) Alice and Lincoln Day premiered as the opening film of the 1958 Environmental Film Festival. In the years since, it has gone on to a variety of screenings and awards throughout the US and abroad.

The film's interviews and personal accounts - with scientists, field workers, military personnel, and people whose lives have been directly affected by the environmental consequences of war - are supported with footage from a number of organizations, including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting.

The Days, who first met as graduate students in sociology at Columbia University, have worked together on many joint projects, mostly focusing on population, peace, and the environment. *Scarred Lands* is their first film.

The Days will host a Q & A after the screening.

PRICE: \$25 Members/\$30 Non-members (Light dinner and movie); \$10 Movie only. Cash Bar.



Tuesday, Nov. 28

Library of Congress Tour: "Echoes of the Great War: American Experiences of World War I" Exhibition

TIME: Meet at the Information Desk of the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building at 10:15 am. Tour starts at 10:30 am. Optional lunch afterwards in the Library's cafeteria.

Join the WNDC's private tour of the Library of Congress' exhibit of the Great War, as the 1914-1918 conflict came to be known. With the nation's most comprehensive collection of multi-format World War I holdings, the Library is uniquely positioned to portray the war through the eyes of those in the seats of power, as well as those of lesser-known participants whose lives were shaken by this turbulent time in our nation's history. The collection includes newly digitized archival film footage, some of which has not been seen for nearly 100 years. Enter the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building (10 First Street, SE) via the carriage entrance on the ground level (under the massive staircase). The Information Desk is located immediately beyond security.

PRICE: Tour only, \$15 Members; \$20 Non-members. Those who stay for lunch will purchase their meal in the cafeteria.

Thursday, Nov. 30

US Role in a Changing World Series The Failure of Intelligence: The Decline and Fall of the CIA - Melvin Goodman, Center for International Policy

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

President Harry Truman created the CIA in 1947 to collect and analyze intelligence, and not to conduct "cloak and dagger" operations. By 1963, Truman said that he "wouldn't have created the CIA if I knew then what I know now." Melvin Goodman, a former CIA intelligence analyst, will discuss the operational and analytical successes and failures of the CIA over the past 70 years, and will describe what went wrong and how to fix it. He will give special attention to the problem of the politicization of intelligence under President Donald Trump and CIA director Mike Pompeo.

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



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You're the Only One I Can Tell: Inside the Language of Women's Friendships

Liz Joyce and Gretchen Bloom

For many women, Georgetown University professor and author* Deborah Tannen told a rapt WNDC audience on October 10, friendships with other women are the most sustaining force in their lives. Friends protect, defend, and support them, virtually becoming the "air they breathe." Yet trying to cross the threshold into real friendship, and preserve what makes it so valuable, can also be a source of "puzzlement and pain."

You're the Only One I Can Tell: Inside the Language of Women's Friendships (her most recent book) draws from 80 interviews with girls and women aged 9 to 97, of wide-ranging ethnic, geographic, economic, and religious backgrounds. The book aims to understand women's friendships—"how they work or fail, how they help and hurt, and how we can make them better."

Women's friendships, Tannen found, differ strongly from men's. Women want to share confidences, to know what is going on in their friends' lives. Men, on the other hand, tend to share activities (such as sports) but little information on their day-to-day experiences. Women talk more, longer, more frequently, and more intimately than men. Neglecting to share information would seem inconceivable between women friends.

Women build their friendships on shared experiences and perceived likeness. Saying, "the same thing happened to me" can begin to form a bond between new friends. On the other hand, women are deeply sensitive to being left out or excluded from confidences or from the circle of girls or women they view as their friends. ... The fear of missing out, being left out, or kicked out causes many women to fear and distrust other women and to avoid taking the risk of sharing their inner lives.

The challenges and "double binds" (contradictory demands that negate each other) that threaten women's friendships dramatically affect women in the workplace and in public life. Standing out or excelling can incite fierce condemnation from both women and men. Women are expected to be "nice" and to express their wishes so indirectly that they are often misunderstood. Being too direct or boldly confident can bring swift criticism. ...

The double bind imposed on women, ("lady-like" women are viewed as wimps but assertive women as bitches) was on full display in the public life of Hillary Rodham Clinton. While ambitious male candidates are admired, women (like Clinton) are often savaged for seeking and exercising power. Google searches for "Hillary Clinton" and "ambition," Tannen noted, reveal thousands of negative comments (e.g. "pathological ambition") on her quest for office and for the presidency. The pain of her loss in the presidential election, shared by millions of women, seemed worse because so many women voters (and the majority of white women) refused to vote for her. ...

* Deborah Tannen's twelve books include *Women and Men: You Just Don't Understand*, *You're Wearing THAT: Mothers and Daughters in Conversation*, and *The Argument Culture: Stopping America's War of Words*.

(Note: The entire article, from which this portion is excerpted, can be found on our website.)

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WNDC/ Grassroots Coordinating Committee

In support of the very important November 7 Virginia elections, WNDC has been hosting regular evening phone/text banking opportunities. The last two are scheduled for Monday evenings, 10/30 and 11/6. In addition, GCC members have organized or participated in voter registration, canvassing, and other get out the vote activities, some jointly with the DNC. To keep the momentum going after the election, the GCC is creating a National Messaging & Policy Task Force to connect grassroots activists with Democratic Party representatives. The goal is to develop unified Democratic messages and policies for the 2018 midterm elections and beyond.



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WEDNESDAY 01 THURSDAY 02 FRIDAY 03

November Whittemore House Foundation Meetings: TBD		Health Care Task Force Mtg 10:30am Luncheon Available with Reservation	Democratic Woman of the Year Award 4:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation
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MONDAY 06 TUESDAY 07 WEDNESDAY 08 THURSDAY 09 FRIDAY 10

GCC Phonebanking 6:00pm	DC Youth Orchestra 5:30pm	Membership Committee Mtg 9:00am Executive Committee Mtg 10:30am Luncheon Available with Reservation	Program Committee Mtg 10:30am Sally Quinn 6:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation
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MONDAY 13 TUESDAY 14 WEDNESDAY 15 THURSDAY 16 FRIDAY 17

	Public Policy Committee Mtg 10:30am VAMA Mtg 2:30pm Diane Rehm EF Fundraiser 5:00pm Alix Murdoch 6:30pm	Board of Governors Meeting 10:30am Health Care Task Force Mtg 10:30am Young Women's Leadership Luncheon December Newsletter Deadline	New Members Reception 5:30pm Art Exhibition Reception 6:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation Movie Night: Scarred Lands 6:00pm
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MONDAY 20 TUESDAY 21 WEDNESDAY 22 THURSDAY 23 FRIDAY 24

Global Women Task Force Mtg 11:30am	Building & Landscape Committee Mtg 2:00pm Foreign Policy Task Force Mtg 6:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation	Thanksgiving - Club Closed	Thanksgiving - Club Closed
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MONDAY 27 TUESDAY 28 WEDNESDAY 29 THURSDAY 30

	Library of Congress Exhibition Tour 10:15am Social & Economic Task Force Mtg 2:30pm	Health Care Task Force Mtg 10:30am Luncheon Available with Reservation	Melvin Goodman Luncheon	
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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 December Events

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 (Evening)

Deborah Ross, Gerrymandering & Voter Suppression

Thursday, December 7, 2017 (Lunch)

L.A. Smith: *Fukushima on the Hudson*

Thursday, December 7, 2017 (Evening)

Wine & Cheese Happy Hour

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 (Lunch)

WNDC Semi-Annual Meeting & Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 14, 2017 (Evening)

Donna Brazile

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 (Evening)

Chris Matthews on Robert Kennedy

DNC Update

You might notice our regular DNC Update column is missing from this newsletter. It will be back next month with a report on the recent DNC Fall Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. In the meantime, we encourage you to help win in the very important upcoming VA elections on November 7. Our candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Virginia House of Delegates can use your support canvassing, phone banking, or making any financial contribution you can manage. Check out the WNDC Grassroots Coordinating Committee Facebook page for details about upcoming opportunities to help.



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December Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, November 15

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.

November Newsletter

Our Board of Governors recently agreed to mail our November newsletter to the entire WNDC membership. We thought you would like to have a printed copy of the issue featuring our 2017 Democratic Woman of the Year, Hillary Rodham Clinton.



Since it has been a long time since we asked you if you preferred to receive a printed copy in the mail, we thought we would give you that option again. Please let us know if you want to continue receiving a printed newsletter; otherwise future newsletters will come to you electronically only. Contact Pat Fitzgerald at pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org. Those of you who have been receiving the newsletter electronically will also get the November issue electronically.

