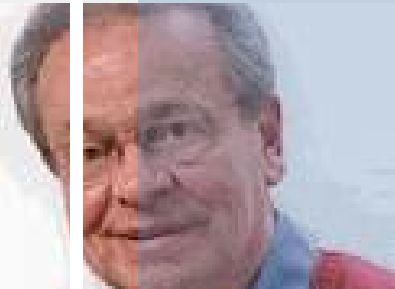


# WNDC

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WNDC President Nuchhi Currier with WNDC speakers Stephanie Schriock (EMILY's List), Lanny Davis (former special counsel to President Bill Clinton), and Andrea Hailey (Civic Engagement Fund).

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Since January 2017, the Trump agenda has been a single-minded, vindictive dismantling of President Obama's signature achievements in healthcare, foreign policy, and the economy. Big issues with vast ramifications for the nation and the world, the list includes decimating DACA, net neutrality, climate and environment initiatives, education, and the clean water rule; imposing the Muslim travel ban; authorizing military hardware for police; setting back US/Cuba relations; walking back from the Paris Climate Agreement; instituting offshore and Arctic oil drilling; and loosening of regulations on banks and other financial institutions.

But there were smaller but no less significant pieces of legislation that have been undone too. One of the first acts of Congress was to appease the National Rifle Association (NRA) by passing legislation to undo the Obama-era regulation that added mentally ill people to the Gun Check Register. And Trump signed it with great fanfare.

Today, as we mourn the death of 17 school children and their teachers at yet another school massacre by a young, mentally ill man with a gun and rapid-fire ammunition, our leaders and lawmakers who have received millions in campaign donations from the NRA remain silent. These "Pro-Life" folks are complicit in the murder of our children. Since 26 people were killed in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012, an average of five murders of school children a month have been recorded. The attack on Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is the 17th school shooting in the US within the first 45 days of 2018.

And now our children have taken charge! The "March For Our Lives" movement is created by, inspired by, and led by students across the USA who have decided not to risk their lives any longer waiting for someone else to take action to stop this epidemic. They are not going to live in silence or fear. They have decided to march on Washington to shame their leaders into taking action on gun control. Students David Hogg, Alex Wind, Cameron Kasky, Jacqueline Coren, and Emma Gonzalez are working with the nonprofit organization, Everytown for Gun Safety, to launch a nation-wide protest. The WNDC will work with these student leaders in their worthy effort.

-- Nuchhi Currier



# MARCH 2018 EVENTS

*Thursday, March 1*

## Ann Hornaday: Hollywood Comes to the WNDC

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

The *Washington Post*'s chief film critic, Ann Hornaday, comes to the WNDC just three days before Oscar night to discuss the upcoming Academy Awards, issues related to the motion picture industry, and her book, *Talking Pictures: How to Watch Movies*. Hornaday, who has been with the *Post* since 2002, previously worked for *The Austin American-Statesman* and *The Baltimore Sun*. She also has worked for *The New York Times* and for *Ms. Magazine*. She is a 1982 *cum laude* graduate of Smith College. In 2008, she was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in criticism.

Members of the Smith College Club of Washington, DC, will join WNDC members for this event.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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

*Thursday, March 1*

## 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 November 2017 are especially invited to get to know other WNDC members and to learn more about the Club. Guests are also welcome.

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

*Thursday, March 1*

## Art Exhibition Reception Debebe Tesfaye – *Journey*

**TIME:** 6:30pm-8:00pm

We hope you will join us for the opening reception for *Journey*, the newly installed art exhibition by Ethiopian-born artist Debebe Tesfaye. The exhibition, inspired by the colorful cityscapes of Ethiopia and its people, remind one of jazz. People with their varied and colorful dresses ride Tesfaye's canvases and look out at the old houses and their doors and windows. The roofs, walls, and telephone poles tell a story. Happy or sad, young or old, his people share the same journey and meet on his canvases. Tesfaye improvises with different mediums and uses some alphabets, creating collages that have a visual harmony. His focus is more on the composition and the overall form than the details.

**The exhibition opened on February 8, 2018, and will be on display until April 24, 2018.**

**PRICE:** This event is free, but we ask that you register.

*Tuesday, March 6*

## US Role in a Changing World Series: Lori Wallach, Public Citizen: US Trade Policy under Trump

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

Can President Trump's trade policy actually reduce the US trade deficit and create American jobs over the long term? Currently, the trade deficit with China, as well as with Mexico and Canada, is up as the US continues to import more than it exports. At the same time, hundreds of jobs have been outsourced.

As he tries to dramatically change US trade policy, to what extent can he get support in the Congress for these changes?

Wallach, an internationally recognized expert on trade and director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, will provide an in-depth look at the current administration's trade policies and what we can expect in the coming months.

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

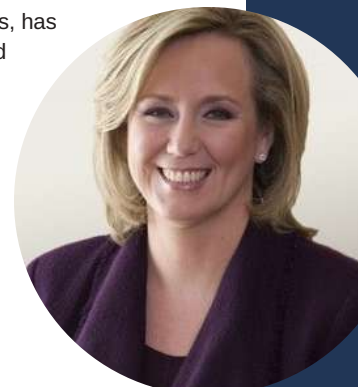
*Wednesday, March 7*

## Stephanie Schriock: The Explosion of Women Running for Office and the Implications for the Midterm Elections and Beyond

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

For more than 30 years, EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, has been working to elect pro-choice Democratic women to office. In 2017, following Donald Trump's election, EMILY's List sponsored the historic Women's March, an event that ignited a nationwide passion among women -- to move from marching to running. Since then, EMILY'S List has heard from an unprecedented number of women -- more than 30,000 and counting -- who have now reached out for help running for office. EMILY's List president, Stephanie Schriock, will discuss this explosion of women's power at the ballot box and on the campaign trail and its implications for the midterm elections of 2018 and beyond.

**PRICE:** \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. \$15 Young Dems.  
Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.





**Thursday, March 8**

**International Women's Day Panel: Successful Efforts to Engage Women in Politics**



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

International Women's Day (IWD), celebrated on March 8 every year, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. IWD has occurred for well over a century, with its roots dating back to 1908, when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding voting rights, better pay, and shorter working hours.

Celebrate International Women's Day at WNDC as women leaders from around the world address the topic "Successful Efforts to Engage Women in Politics" from the perspective of her own country.

**Moderator:** Ambassador Elizabeth Davenport McKune

**Panelists:**

Afghanistan: **Palwasha Kakar**, USIP (US Institute of Peace)

Kosovo: Ambassador **Vlora Citaku**

Africa: **Hadnet Sebhatleab**, Embassy of the State of Eritrea

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

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



**Tuesday, March 13**

**Social Role of the Arts Series: Everybody In, Nobody Out: Arts Education for DC Students**



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

**A Panel Discussion with:**

**Jenny Bilfield**, Washington Performing Arts President & CEO,

**Michelle Hoffmann**, Washington Performing Arts Director of Education & Community Engagement,

**James Edwards**, Director of Instrumental Music, Stuart Hobson Middle School and participating students from Stuart Hobson Middle Schools Jazz Band

With **Fred Hughes**, piano, and **Pepe Gonzalez**, bass

For more than 50 years, Washington Performing Arts has created opportunities that connect community and artists, in both education and performance. Washington Performing Arts embraces a broad spectrum of the performing arts, including classical music, jazz, gospel, contemporary dance and music, international music and art forms, and new work. Dynamic education programs in the public schools and beyond are hallmarks of Washington Performing Arts, as are the Capital Arts Partnership programs, Embassy Adoption Program, the Mars Urban Arts Initiative, and two resident gospel choirs.

Bilfield, Hoffmann, and Edwards will discuss the importance of equitable access to arts education, the benefits of collaborative partnerships, and the transformative power of arts education for DC students.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet a remarkable educator and cheer his students on in making music together!

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

**PRICE:** \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members (includes buffet lunch); \$10 Lecture only.



**Thursday, March 15**

**Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) & Emily Martin, NWLC**

**Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: Legal Rights, What's Happening Now, and How to Change It**

**TIME:** 6:00pm Reception; 6:45pm-8:30pm Presentations with Q & A

The #MeToo movement galvanized change, not only in Hollywood and in the media, but also on Capitol Hill and beyond. One of the leaders of this movement in the Congress, Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), will share her experiences, update us on Congressional action, and outline next steps. Speier, along with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), led the efforts to pass an anti-sexual harassment resolution in late 2017. The adopted resolution mandates anti-sexual harassment training for all lawmakers and their staffs and interns. In January 2018, Speier, together with a bipartisan group of House members, introduced the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act: to strengthen the dispute resolution process and protections of employee rights; hold members personally responsible; and create transparency. Joining Rep. Speier will be Emily Martin, General Counsel and Vice President for Education and Workplace Justice, The National Women's Law Center (NWLC), who will describe the legal protections against sexual harassment in the workplace and describe employees' legal rights and remedies. She also will discuss tools for correcting abuse on the job and for promoting equality. NWLC uses the law in all its forms to promote equal opportunity in the workplace, advocating in Congress, in state legislatures, with federal agencies, and in the courts. NWLC also houses and administers the TIME's UP Legal Defense Fund.

**PRICE:** \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. \$10 Young Dems/students. Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.





Thursday, March 22

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, not to conduct “cloak and dagger” operations. By 1963, Truman said, “I 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.



POSTPONED Saturday, March 24

Dare to Compete Mini Boot Camp

The Dare to Compete Mini Boot Camp, hosted by Emerge America and the WNDC, has been postponed because of the March For Our Lives. A new date will be announced shortly.

Saturday, March 24



WNDC is actively supporting the March For Our Lives in a number of ways. Plans are still being finalized but will include several days of "Evil Eye" glove-making and poster-making, an evening event with music and short presentations, a buffet breakfast on March 24 prior to the march, and participation in the march itself. Check our website, Facebook page, and eblasts for details as they become available.



Thursday, March 29

James Hollis, Jung Society of Washington: Divided Soul/Divided Nation:

An Examination of the Shadow in the Body Politic



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

Join us for a look at the current divides in our country through the lens of depth psychology and examine what is going on in the unconscious of individuals and groups. The problem of the unconscious is that it is “unconscious” and therefore very difficult to identify and explore; however, there are ways in which we can “read” the external behaviors of people to work backward into what is driving them.

For example, Jung’s concept of “the Shadow” is a helpful tool in this examination. The Shadow is composed of those aspects of our individual psyches, or of our groups, which, when brought into consciousness, are troubling, contradictory to our professed values, or intimidating in what they ask us to confront. This presentation will provoke conversation that addresses the task of personal and cultural healing.

PRICE: \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. \$15 Young Dems. Includes hors d’oeuvres. Cash bar.

WNDC Welcome Committee

In the past, WNDC had a group of members who acted as hostesses and hosts at each event. WNDC officers plan to resurrect this welcoming committee to ensure that members and non-members are greeted at the door and warmly received. If you are interested in being a hostess or host, please let Marcie Cohen, VP for Administration, and Pat Fitzgerald know that you would like to be alerted to these opportunities. Marcie can be reached at marciecohen007@gmail.com and Pat Fitzgerald at pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org.



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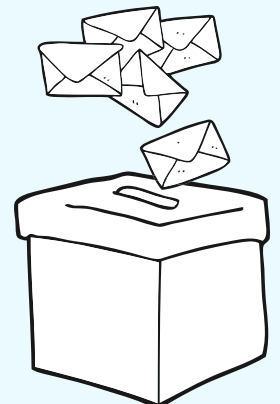
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## Call for Suggestions for Nominations

The WNDC 2018 Nominating Committee seeks recommendations from voting members to fill the following positions:  
 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)  
 Submit your suggestions on the official forms previously emailed (also available at the Club), and place them in the suggestions box in the Club foyer by close of business Thursday, March 15, 2018.  
 Forms may also be emailed to [nominations@democraticwoman.org](mailto:nominations@democraticwoman.org).  
 -- Kathryn Ray  
 Chair, WNDC Nominating Committee



# MARCH

# 2018

THURSDAY 01		FRIDAY 02		
			<p><b>Ann Hornaday Luncheon</b></p> <p><b>New Members Reception 5:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Art Exhibition Reception 6:30pm</b></p>	Luncheon Available with Reservation
MONDAY 05	TUESDAY 06	WEDNESDAY 07	THURSDAY 08	FRIDAY 09
<p><b>Gun Policy Task Force Mtg 6:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:30am</b></p> <p><b>Lori Wallach Luncheon</b></p> <p><b>Health Policy Task Force Mtg 6:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Foreign Policy Task Force Mtg 6:30pm</b></p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><b>Stephanie Schriock 6:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Program Committee Mtg 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>International Women's Day Panel Luncheon</b></p>	Luncheon Available with Reservation
MONDAY 12	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14	THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16
	<p><b>Social Role of the Arts: WPAS Luncheon</b></p> <p><b>VAMA Mtg 11:00am</b></p> <p><b>Public Policy Committee Mtg. 6:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Young Dems Committee Mtg 5:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Membership Committee Mtg 9:00am</b></p> <p><b>Executive Committee Mtg 10:30am</b></p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><b>April Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>Rep. Jackie Speier and Emily Martin 6:00pm</b></p>	Luncheon Available with Reservation
MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21	THURSDAY 22	FRIDAY 23
	<p><b>Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:30am</b></p> <p><b>Building &amp; Landscape Committee Mtg 2:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Board of Governors Mtg 10:30am</b></p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>	<p><b>Melvin Goodman Luncheon</b></p> <p><b>Young Dems Forum 6:00pm</b></p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><b>March For Our Lives Event 6:30pm</b></p>
MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28	THURSDAY 29	FRIDAY 30
	<p><b>Social &amp; Economic Justice Task Force Mtg 2:30pm</b></p> <p>Politics Table 5:30pm</p>	Luncheon Available with Reservation	<p><b>James Hollis 6:30pm</b></p>	Luncheon Available with Reservation

Luncheon available upon request Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost: \$20 (buffet) or \$25 (plated).

Speaker Luncheon schedules: 11:30am - Bar Opens | 12:15pm - Lunch Served | 1:00pm - Presentation | 1:45pm - 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.



## April Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, March 14

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](mailto:idescartes@democraticwoman.org).

### On the Radar **April 2018 Events**

#### Wednesday, April 4 (Lunch)

Amy Siskind - *The List: A Week-by-Week Reckoning of Trump's First Year*

#### Thursday, April 5 (Evening)

Members' Wine & Cheese Happy Hour

#### Thursday, April 12 (Lunch)

US Role in a Changing World Series: "Militarization of US Foreign Policy"

#### Tuesday, April 17 (Evening)

The Hon. Terry McAuliffe, former Governor of Virginia

#### Thursday, April 19 (Evening)

Young Dems Movie Night

#### Friday, April 20 (Evening)

Come One, Come All to a Cabaret Evening. Music from Cole Porter to Adele, performed by Jill Parsons. EF Fundraiser

#### Tuesday, April 24 (Lunch)

Shaunna Thomas of UltraViolet: "Pu\*\*y Grabs Back: How Women Are Leading the Resistance and Winning"

#### Thursday, April 26 (Evening)

Social Role of the Arts Series: *Free to Rock* film screening with John Feffer

## Educational Foundation Fundraiser

*Come One, Come All to a Cabaret Evening*  
**Music from Cole Porter to Adele**  
**Performed by Jill Parsons, the well-known vocalist, pianist, and DJ**



Friday, April 20

TIME: 6:30-9:00pm

By attending this joyful evening full of song, you will contribute to the Educational Foundation's mission to purchase laptop computers for the Seniors at the Columbia Heights Educational Campus, a DC Public School. Wine and dine, sing along, or dance away the evening in our elegant Ballroom.

The delightful Jill Parsons has entertained on cruise ships for 10 years and now is settled in Washington, DC. She has played at numerous private events in DC, as well as at public venues such as Shaw's Tavern Piano Bar, where she performs every week.

**PRICE:** \$50 Members, \$55 Non-members, \$30 Young Dems. Ticket includes two-course dinner, one drink, and entertainment.

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



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