



WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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WNDC AT A GLANCE

MISSION

The Woman's National Democratic Club (WNDC) is a meeting place for **Democrats, Independents, and progressives** in the nation's capital and serves as a forum for activists, writers, scholars, and political leaders.

We engage our members—women and men—in political activism, issue discussions, and advocacy for public policies that advance our nation's democratic values.

WHO WE ARE

WNDC has hundreds of members from the Washington, DC, area and 23 states. We share a **passion for politics** and good government, and our roster includes a distinguished group of women and men with leadership in:

- government
- Democratic Party and other political activities
- labor, corporate, civic, and professional organizations

WNDC is a member-led 501(c)7 organization, with a Board of Governors and Executive Committee elected from the membership, and a professional staff that reports to the Board and the President.

OUR HISTORY

In 1922, two years after the passage of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote, **Emily Newell Blair**, Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in charge of women's affairs, decided that women needed a place in Washington to discuss public issues and put their new franchise to work. She and cofounder **Florence Jaffray "Daisy" Harriman**, a socialite and former suffragette, established WNDC as a meeting place for Democratic women activists.

THE WHITTEMORE HOUSE

The Club is located in the elegant, historic Whittemore House mansion near Dupont Circle in Washington, DC. Built in 1892 as a private residence, the house was purchased by the WNDC in 1927. It is furnished with antiques, art, and political memorabilia, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

PROGRAMS

Since its founding in 1922, WNDC has provided a prestigious forum for local, national, and international speakers through its **twice-weekly programs** that explore current issues in depth. Events include:

- expert speakers
- panel discussions
- special events
- task force activities
- political programs

Featured speakers have included former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Senator Barbara Mikulski, Congresswomen Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Donna Edwards, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and author Alexander McCall Smith.

WNDC's Public Policy Committee provides members a vehicle for political action through its publications, such as its monthly **Political Dispatch** and **PPC News**, and advocacy for policies and candidates through the work of the **PPC task forces**.

WNDC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The WNDC Educational Foundation is a 501(c) 3, and a separate legal entity operated exclusively for charitable, literary, and educational purposes, as well as historic preservation. Its activities include contributing to the work of **For Love of Children** (FLOC) through its tutoring program for DC public school children. The Foundation also guides the **Young Women's Leadership Project** for promising high school juniors interested in public service, and sponsors symposia and luncheon speakers. Contributions to the WNDC-EF are tax-deductible.

The WNDC Museum is open to the general public.

Individual tours are available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm. Group tours can be arranged by calling (202) 232-7363.