



WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

From The Right To Vote...The Power To Lead

Newsletter May 2017

President's Letter

Our sense of disquiet increases every day. The newly elected president loses the confidence of his people as his popularity ratings continue a downward slide. The unease deepens with the threat of a government shutdown because the president wants authorization to build a wall along our southern border to keep a campaign promise. Daily scandals at home and escalating tensions with nations abroad are becoming the new normal.

How are people reacting? At stormy town hall meetings in red districts, elected officials take cover as citizens demand their rights to healthcare, education, clean air, and transparency in government. Nationwide protest marches reinforce the message of the people. Record turnout in down-ballot elections with progressives gaining ground and renewed fervor among young activists all point to a fast-changing political landscape.

On April 6, the WNDC arranged an organizing meeting in concert with Democracy for America, which attracted over a 100 participants. Jim Dean, president of DFA, and Liz Jaff of the DNC transition team attended.

On April 9, the Women's March on Washington, DC, joined us in welcoming "Huddle" organizers, excited to join forces with us to mount a more potent campaign to elect progressive leaders and resist changes in laws that adversely affect women, minorities, the disenfranchised, and scientists. WNDC hosted a very successful resistance marketplace with training sessions on April 24. Over 100 people attended.

We hosted a breakfast on April 15 before the Tax March with the DC chief of MoveOn, Ben Wilker, and Sam Goodstein of Revolution Messaging, who both spoke to the marchers about organizing. We arranged phone banking for Jon Ossoff of Georgia on April 10 and 17.

We continue our regular programming as well, including a celebration of President John F. Kennedy's 100th birthday with the Kennedy family and Chris Mathews. We welcome Mayor Bowser on May 25 to congratulate her and the many powerful women she has appointed to run the city. As our fiscal year comes to a close in June, we are planning our annual meeting on June 21 to bid farewell to the current leadership and to usher in a new one. We encourage you, our members, to participate more actively in club activities as the WNDC becomes a vital force in our nation's capital. There is so much at stake.

Nuchhi Currier



Sunday, May 14, 2016

TIME: 11:30 AM—2:00 PM

Making Mother's Day plans? Join us at the WNDC on **Sunday, May 14th** for a special brunch to toast the exceptional women in our lives! Bring your mother, sister, daughter, best friend, or mentor to enjoy a brunch buffet and mimosas, and to network with some of Washington's leading women (and men).

Price: Adults – \$50 with advance registration, \$55 at the door/ Kids (5-12) – \$15

This event is sponsored by the WNDC Educational Foundation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 4, 2017 (Evening)

Summer New Member Reception

TIME: 5:30—6:30 PM

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 January 2017 are especially invited to get to know WNDC members and to learn more about the Club. Guests are also welcomed.



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

Image: New Members at the Spring Reception

Thursday, May 4, 2017 (Evening)

Art Exhibition Reception

Sharmila Kapur: “Floral Portraits”



TIME: 6:30—8:00 PM

Please join the Visual Arts and Museum Affairs Committee for the opening reception for our latest exhibition “Floral Portraits” by artist Sharmila Kapur.

Sharmila Kapur’s exhibition at the WNDC focuses on flowers. Bold and simple, white

or colorful, Sharmila’s flowers represent life’s transience. Her paintings seek to capture the joy of color and light as represented in the lines and curves of petals. For Sharmila, each flower is a character with its own unique story.

The exhibition opened on April 27, 2017, and will be on display until September 5, 2017.

PRICE: The event is free, but registration is recommended.

Monday, May 8, 2017 (Evening)

John F. Kennedy:
Centennial Celebration

TIME: 7:00—9:00 PM

The JFK Centennial celebration at the WNDC will feature a panel discussion of JFK’s relationship with the press with **MSNBC’s Chris Matthews**, a Kennedy historian and author of several Kennedy books including *Nixon-Kennedy*; as well as **Sid Davis, who was White House Correspondent** for Westinghouse Broadcasting and covered JFK from the time of his presidential campaign and his entire presidency, including all of his White House press conferences.



Also in attendance will be members of the Kennedy family including **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**, Kennedy family spokesperson **Melody Miller** whose husband Bill Miller planned the original Kennedy-Nixon debates, journalists who covered Kennedy’s White House, and also close JFK associates including **the President’s first Massachusetts Democratic Chairman Lester Hyman** and one of **JFK’s original White House Staff, Lenore Donnelly**.

The evening’s event will include a video featuring clips of Kennedy’s jocular relationship with the press at his White House press conferences.

Heavy hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served.

PRICE: \$50 Members/\$75 Non-Members.



Tuesday, May 9, 2017 (Lunch)

THE U.S. ROLE IN A CHANGING WORLD SERIES

Dr. Shibley Telhami: The Middle East after Trump (with special emphasis on Israel and Palestine)

Dr. Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development and the director of the University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll, will present data from his latest polls of American public opinion toward the Middle East. His focus will include the Arab-Israeli conflict, including settlements and the U.N. resolution; foreign policy; and American attitudes toward Islam and Muslims. Dr. Telhami will also reflect on current American policy toward the Middle East and how it’s being perceived in the region.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, May 11,
2017 (Evening)

Mark Avallone: Countdown to Financial Freedom: Your Path to a More Meaningful, Active, and Vibrant Retirement

TIME: 5:30—7:30 PM

Your financial clock is ticking. And you may be running out of time to pursue your desired retirement goals.

Whether you're a young millennial, a middle-aged Gen Xer, or a more seasoned baby boomer, this book and its author will put key facts in sharp focus. The bite of bear markets (remember 2008-2009?), the ebb and flow of inflation and taxes, the looming costs for health care—all make the seconds left tick away even faster. In this easy-to-read and to-understand book, *Wall Street Journal* and *Forbes* contributor Mark Avallone offers bold yet practical advice to help readers at all career stages pursue financial freedom. Illustrated by stories of people who have overcome financial setbacks, Avallone's book clearly explains how to ward off the destructive undertow of the Terrible Three D's—disability divorce, or death of partner—that can ravage even the soundest financial plan.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 (Lunch)

SOCIAL ROLE OF THE ARTS SERIES

Humanizing Politics through Performance
with Derek Goldman and Devika Ranjan



The mission of Georgetown University's Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics is "to harness the power of performance to humanize global politics." This program shows how it pursues its mission around the world, using the empathy-creating power of theater to tackle issues such as the migration and refugee crisis, Islamophobia, and Georgetown University's relation to slavery.



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



Thursday, May 18, 2017 (Evening)

Ori Z. Soltes: God and the Goalposts:
A Brief History of Sports, Religion,
Politics, War and Art

TIME: 5:30—7:30 PM

Georgetown Professor Ori Z. Soltes, noted for deep scholarship and entertaining talk, presents a page-turning, eclectic mix of contemporary (and historic) sports—from the gridiron to the basketball court and the Olympics track—that blends with rich detail the fascinating history of art and religion, war, and politics. Georgetown's Director for Jewish Life Rabbi Rachel Gartner hails the book as a "triumphant example of the kind of intellectually thrilling and paradigm-shifting scholarship for which Dr. Soltes is so beloved!"

From heroes in the Old Testament to today's competitive athletes like Tim Tebow (first in football, now in baseball), Soltes delivers his trademark, often funny, always insightful narrative that underscores the frequent bloody narrative when the sometimes violent worlds of sports, politics, religion, and war collide, often in scripture, often in art. From the sports locker-room to the campaign finish-line -- and decisions to go to war, Soltes scores.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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



Thursday, May 25, 2017 (Evening)

Reception for Mayor Muriel Bowser

TIME: 6:00—9:00 PM

WNDC will host DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and some of her top women advisors and cabinet members to talk about the state of the city.

Mayor Bowser has helped advance opportunities for women in DC and beyond. Her new initiative, "REIGN," is designed to empower young women of color as leaders in D.C. Public Schools and to help them build community, confidence, and leadership skills. She's provided more than half a million dollars in support for organizations that work with at-risk teens and launched a website to provide updates on missing black and brown young girls. At the Women's March on Washington, wearing a pink hat, she told millions of women that D.C. "has a chick mayor" who was there to speak on behalf of all female elected officials. She's fought for gender equality and has led an aggressive campaign to promote workplace fairness and protections for women, calling the Trump administration "dangerous for women."

PRICE: \$25 Members/ \$35 Non-members. Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash Bar.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 28, 2017 (Evening)

Stone Hill Amphitheater, Flint Hill, Virginia

World Premiere: "Republic for Which We Stand" -
A play by John Henry

TIME: 6:00 PM performance begins



WNDC member John Henry will present his second play "Republic for Which We Stand," portraying the behind-the-scenes struggle of the founding fathers (and mothers) in designing the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia in 1787. They

make the fateful decision to place the War Power in Congress so the new nation, America, can be a republic, not an empire.

While they await a convention quorum, George and Martha Washington together stage three short plays at Benjamin Franklin's home. These plays-within-a-play dramatize the conquests in pursuit of empire by three great warrior kinds in Medieval England: William the Conqueror, Edward III, and Henry V.

The play will be performed in costume in the outdoor stone theater in the nearby countryside of Rappahannock County, Virginia. Food and drink will be available for purchase, and carpools can be arranged.

Tickets available at:

<https://RepublicForWhichWeStand.Eventbrite.com/>



Tuesday, May 30,
2017 (Evening)

Mike Canning:
Hollywood on the Potomac

TIME: 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Mike Canning, long-time film reviewer for The Capitol Hill monthly news magazine *Hill Rag*, saw his first film in his hometown of Fargo, ND at the age of four. From that magic moment until now, the "flickers" became Mike's lifelong avocation.

In *Hollywood on the Potomac*, Canning, whose first career was serving as press and cultural officer in U.S. embassies for 28 years, takes a look at the nation's capital's favorite entertainment pastime, movies. Canning's talk will use numerous short film-clips to show how Washington, DC, has been portrayed in feature films—some as iconic as "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and "All the President's Men." Drawing on over 50 motion pictures, the book includes short essays on politics and film, a history of location shooting in DC, and a broad survey of DC-related topics and themes, often funny, always entertaining!

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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

DNC UPDATE

Democrats Hit the Ground Running

Let us move forward together in Democratic cohesion, harmony and enthusiasm!! That's how I ended my April column. Now, two months after the election of new DNC leadership and WNDC's wonderful celebration, this is exactly what the DNC is doing: moving forward together in cohesion, harmony and enthusiasm—and in *resistance!!!*

So much is covered in the media, and I do not want to repeat things you already know. However, let me emphasize the Democrats' laser-like focus as we work together and beyond traditional circles, recruiting excellent candidates for office at all levels and holding training academies to teach candidates how to win! Just two weeks ago, DNC Chair Tom Perez and Senator Bernie Sanders toured the U.S. revving up activists.

Keep watching Georgia and volunteering—let's bring Democrat Jon Ossoff to Congress in June!! And let's bring home the gubernatorial seats in Virginia and New Jersey in the fall. Stay in touch with WNDC's Get Out the Vote Task Force for opportunities and direction.

The Democratic game is in the states. Contact your state Democratic Party and *get involved!!*

- MaryEva Candon, Esq.

WNDC Vice President for Administration

DC Democratic National Committeewoman



The Eyes Have It!

Spotlight on the Whittemore House Collection

This new column by the Visual Arts and Museum Affairs committee, will highlight an object in the collection of the Whittemore House, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and serves as the home of the Woman's National Democratic Club. Members are invited to support stewardship of the historic collection by joining VAMA and/ or donating funds for restoration to the Educational Foundation.

Caroline Jaffray Hurst

James Hamilton Shegogue, American, 1806 - 1872

oil on canvas, 27" x 21.5", c.1847



This painting is a gift from the estate of Florence Jaffray (Daisy) Harriman (1870 - 1967), a founder of the Woman's National Democratic Club. This painting is believed to portray her mother, Caroline Jaffray Hurst, as a young child. Caroline's daughter Daisy was a social reformer who held important positions at local, state and national levels. She served as Minister to Norway (1937 - 1940). In 1963 she was awarded a special Citation of Merit and the Medal of Freedom by President John Kennedy.

Born in South Carolina, James Hamilton Shegogue, NA, became a prominent painter in New York City, where he was elected an academian in

the National Academy, an honorary association of American artists. He also made painting excursions to Europe. Shegogue's work is held in the collections of the National Academy of Design, the National Gallery of Art, the Morris Museum, and the Brooklyn Museum.

The painting was recently restored by David L. Olin, chief conservator of Olin Conservation, Inc., Great Falls, Virginia, and a Fellow of the American Institute for Conservation. Olin Conservation, Inc. serves both private and public clients, including numerous federal agencies and museums.

Location: Harriman Room

It's Time To Spring

Forward...

What a perfect way to celebrate JFK's 100th birthday! Purchase Senator Edward Kennedy's limited edition, signed and numbered original serigraph of his beloved family home at Hyannis Port. The house was President Kennedy's base for his successful 1960 presidential campaign and also his summer White House. It is featured in the recent film "Jackie."

Only two serigraphs (unframed) depicting this historic home are available for sale and are priced at \$500 each. A perfect gift for a graduation, wedding, Mother's Day, or Father's Day! They make a beautiful gift for any special occasion or for that special summer cottage that needs decorating.

To purchase, please contact Ina Descartes at idescartes@democraticwoman.org. A certificate of authenticity accompanies each serigraph. Proceeds will benefit the VAMA Restoration fund. The serigraph may be viewed at the WNDP ballroom entrance on the wall next to the elevator.

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
1	2 Public Policy Committee Meeting 10:30 AM	3 Luncheon Available with Reservation	4 Program Committee Meeting 10:00 AM New Member Reception 5:30 PM Art Reception 6:30 PM	5 Luncheon Available with Reservation
8 EF Board Meeting 10:30 AM JFK Centennial Celebration 7:00 PM	9 Shibley Telhami Speaker Luncheon	10 Executive Committee Meeting 10:30 AM Luncheon Available with Reservation	11 Mark Avallone 5:30 PM	12 Luncheon Available with Reservation
15	16 Global Women Task Force Meeting 11:30 AM Humanizing Politics through Performance Speaker Luncheon	17 Board of Governors Meeting 10:30 AM Luncheon Available with Reservation	18 Ori Soltes 5:30 PM	19 VAMA Meeting 10:30 AM Luncheon Available with Reservation
22 EF Committee Meeting 10:30 AM	23 Social & Economic Justice Task Force Meeting 11:30 AM	24 Luncheon Available with Reservation	25 Mayor's Reception 6:00 PM	26 Luncheon Available with Reservation
29 CLUB CLOSED HOLIDAY	30 Mike Canning 5:30 PM	31 Luncheon Available with Reservation		

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

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May Meetings

Tuesday 10:30 AM	May 2 Public Policy Committee
Thursday 10:00 AM	May 4 Program Committee
Monday 10:30 AM	May 8 Educational Foundation Board
Wednesday 10:30 PM	May 10 Executive Committee
Tuesday 11:30 AM	May 16 Global Women Task Force
Wednesday 10:30 AM	May 17 Board of Governors
Friday 10:30 AM	May 19 Visual Arts and Museum Affairs
Tuesday 2:30 PM	May 23 Social & Economic Task Force

Public Policy and Political Action

Vice President **Karen Pataky**
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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.

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ON THE RADAR

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 (Evening)
DC Youth Orchestra

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 (Tour)
Hillwood Mansion & Garden Tour, with
Luncheon at WNDC

Luncheon Schedule

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 \$30/ \$10 Lecture Only

May Newsletter Deadline: *Wednesday, May 17*

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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