



WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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

Newsletter July/August 2017

President's Letter

Another year ends for the WNDC. And what a year it's been. As we inch closer to our landmark centenary year, 2022, it becomes more and more apparent that we need to start our new century closer to our original *raison d'être*—to level the playing field for women in policy and politics. *From the Right to Vote, the Power to Lead* remains as potent a message as ever.

And how do we achieve that goal? By electing women to state-houses and Governors' mansions; to the House of Representatives and the Senate; and then the ultimate prize: the White House. We came close in 2016. We will attain success in 2020. But, for that to happen we need women to run in races happening now. In 2017, 2018, and 2020. We need a muscular, empowered DNC. We need a new leader to emerge who will capture the imagination of the nation. And we need a clear message from Progressives and Democrats, We need 24 seats to take back the House. On average, the President's party loses 33 seats in the midterms. We can do this!

POLITICS

In the nation as a whole, women make up a majority of registered voters and have voted since 1980 at higher rates in presidential elections than men. And since the election upset in November 2016, a new era of women's activism has emerged. We, at the WNDC, are witnessing it first-hand, Our membership numbers have almost doubled in one year and a lot of these new additions are young, motivated people who want to actively engage in turning the political tide. We are close to (*continued on page 4...*)

Welcome New WNDC Officers and Governors



1st row (left to right): Carol Parker (Board of Governors), Shirley Henderson (Vice Chair, Nominating Committee), Evelina Norwinski (BoG), Sayeda Chaudhry (BoG), Abby Martin (BoG), Elizabeth Black (BoG), Michael Beidler (BoG)

2nd row (left to right): Vice President for Communications Carol L. Rogers, Vice President for Public Policy Elizabeth (Betsy) Clark, VP for Membership Maria Ross, VP for Administration Marcie Cohen, VP for Public Liaison Patricia Bitondo, Secretary Judy Hubbard, President Nuchhi Currier, Treasurer Miae Song, Whittemore House Foundation President Anne Martin, VP for Programs Naomi Naierman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 6, 2017 (Evening)

WINE & CHEESE HAPPY HOUR



TIME: 5:30—7:00 PM

The Membership Committee invites all members to join us at the Whittemore House for our second 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 an assortment of cheeses and wines.

Price: \$10 per person. Includes one glass of wine.

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 (Lunch)

PROF. LAUREN STRAUSS—

“Her Hat Was in the Ring: Bella Abzug and Her Life in the Political Trenches”

TIME: 11:30 AM—2:00 PM



Pioneering lawyer, Congresswoman, advocate for Soviet Jewry, gay rights, civil and women’s rights and opponent of nuclear escalation, Bella Savitsky Abzug is still remembered today for her outsized personality and her activist career that stretched from the late 1940s to her death in the 1990s. But she is

much more than a sum of her famous causes; as a strongly identified Jewish woman who worked alongside radicals and yet served as a member of Congress, Abzug balanced her outsider status with her passion for the American political tradition.

Dr. Lauren B. Strauss is a Scholar in Residence at American University, where she teaches courses on modern Jewish history and literature. She has also taught at GWU and the University of Maryland. From 2012 to 2017, Dr. Strauss was Executive Director of the Foundation for Jewish Studies.



Tuesday, July 18, 2017 (Evening)

ALIX MURDOCH—PRESERVING THE HEALTH OF OUR CHESAPEAKE BAY

TIME: 5:30—7:00 PM. Discussion starts at 6:00 PM.

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 in the Trump Administration. She will discuss the issues the Bay has encountered throughout the years and the 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, July 19, 2017 (Evening)

ARENA STAGE: THE ORIGINALIST



TIME: 7:30 PM Play starts

LOCATION: Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, 1101 6th St SW, Washington, DC 20024

Join WNDC members and guests at Arena Stage for specially priced tickets to John Strand’s critically-acclaimed political drama based on the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. The play stars four-time Helen Hayes Award winner DC actor Edward Gero as Justice Scalia and is under the direction of Artistic Director Molly Smith.

Following the performance will be a special discussion by Nina Totenberg, legal affairs correspondent for National Public Radio; former Congressman Tom Davis (R-VA), author of *The Partisan Divide*; Jess Bravin, Supreme Court correspondent for The Wall Street Journal; Playwright John Strand; and Actor Edward Gero. Register early – Tickets are limited!

PRICE: \$64 Members; \$68 Non-members

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 20, 2017 (Lunch)

**PROFESSOR WILLIAM LEOGRANDE —
“IMPLICATIONS OF TRUMP CUBA POLICY”**



TIME: 11:30 AM—2:00 PM

On June 16, President Trump announced his new Cuba policy, which promises to reverse much of the progress made under President Obama's policy of engagement. Given by AU Professor LeoGrande, one of the country's most renowned experts on US—Cuba diplomacy, this lecture will provide insights on the potential impact of this new policy on diplomatic and

economic relations, and on the citizens of both countries.

William M. LeoGrande is Associate Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs, Professor of Government, and Dean Emeritus of the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, DC. He has worked with the Democratic Policy Committee of the United States Senate, the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Central America of the United States House of Representatives. He is the author of *Our Own Backyard: The United States in Central America, 1977-1992*, and most recently, he is the co-author of *Back Channel to Cuba: The Hidden History of Negotiations between Washington and Havana*. He has written for *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Miami Herald*, and other journals, magazines, and newspapers.

**Tuesday, July 25,
2017 (Evening)**

**NATS VS. BREWERS
BASEBALL GAME**

TIME: 7:05 PM Game starts

**“Take me out to the ball-
game. Take me out to the
crowds. Buy me some pea-
nuts and Cracker Jack...”**

If you don't know the rest of this song, well, tsk tsk. Celebrate WNDC's end of the year with your Club friends and watch our own Nationals team play the Milwaukee Brewers! The nearest metro stop (Navy Yard, Green Line) is very close to the ball park entrance, so there is minimal walking. Grandchildren are more than welcome!

We have only 25 tickets available, so hurry before they sell out!



Thursday, July 27 (Evening)

END-OF-SEASON BBQ

TIME: Bar opens at 6:00 PM

Barbecue food service is 6:30—8:00 PM

Join your fellow Democrats for an End-of-Season International BBQ at the clubhouse before we kick off the summer break with cocktails and delicious food! Please sign up in advance for this event so we can make capacity plans.

\$35 for Members; \$40 for Non-members. Cash Bar.



ON THE RADAR

Thursday, September 14, 2017 (Evening)

Republic for Which We Stand:

Panel Presentation

John Henry, Playwright & Rick Scott, Director

Friday, September 22, 2017 (Evening)

Republic for Which We Stand: The Play

Starring WNDC President Nuchhi Currier and Club member Hali Jilani

For a review about the play *Republic for Which We Stand*, please see the following article in "The American Conservative" Magazine by Club member David Hoffman:

<http://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/a-play-against-perpetual-war/>

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the 650 mark for total members this year.

On Inauguration Weekend, an estimated 3.2 million people in hundreds of cities across the country took to the streets to protest the incoming president. But the real power of the protests and marches that erupted post-2016 election will be measured not in crowd size, but in the lasting impact it has on the political process. And one of the clearest results of the march—and of the election as a whole—is the wave of political participation among women at local, state, and national levels that's emerging in its wake.

According to *EMILY's LIST* president Stephanie Schriock, the organization holds trainings for women candidates often, but the “incredible energy” around it now is unique. “We spend a lot of time recruiting,” she said. “[Now] we're seeing women calling *us*.” Since Election Day, *EMILY's LIST* has had more than 4,000 people reach out to say they're interested in running—1,660 since Inauguration Day

Like-minded organizations have reported similar spikes in interest, *VoteRunLead* reported that in the past 2 months, more than 2,300 women have signed up to take its online course, and the organization's January 7 seminar registered 1,200 women in less than 48 hours. And according to a *She Should Run* spokesperson, in a normal month the organization sees “at best, and with significant effort, anywhere between a few dozen and a few hundred women” sign up. But in the 3 months after the election, co-founder and CEO Erin Loos Cutraro said 8,100 women indicated their interest in running for office by registering for their online incubator program, which teaches them how. What's more, Cutraro said, things show no sign of slowing. “We had a staff meeting, and we were going over numbers,” Cutraro said. “Our community manager said, ‘But hold on—we got 100 more last night.’”

In the primary elections on June 13, 2017 in Virginia, 61 women sought a seat in the State Legislature—about 30% of the field. The overall crop of 206 candidates is far bigger than usual, and the number of women may be a record. The 50 women running as Democrats are the most for that party in at least a decade and probably ever—up from 27 who filed in 2015. Republicans are fielding 10 female candidates, and one woman is running as an independent.

Focusing on this exciting phenomenon our **Get-Out-The-Vote Committee**, composed primarily of young member activists are organizing hundreds of outside activist groups to make the WNDC the resistance and activism hub, We are working with the new DNC leadership to get a seat at the table and once again to make the WNDC their DuPont Circle headquarters,

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

In addition to the numerous regular programs organized by our very active and dedicated Program Committee, the club hosted regular money/publicity-generating events as follows:

- Two Presidential Debates with 152 and 130 attendees; one V.P. Debate with 52 attendees.
- Election Night party brought in close to 400 attendees with large foreign groups.
- Our Awards Night honoring Gabby Giffords as the “Woman of the Year Award” and Ilyse Hogue as the newly-created “Trailblazer Award” brought in close to a 100 attendees and over \$25,000 in revenue.
- DNC-related activities brought hundreds of people into the clubhouse for women-to-women phone banking, alumni phone-banking, and training sessions, The result was an exponential increase in visibility and membership.
- Women's March on Washington (WMW), 4-day events (January 18 to 21) that included training/political campaigning/speakers/performers/musicians, and more, raised \$84,000 in revenue and packed sold-out events.
- DNC-Candidate-Forum (February 15): all 10 candidates participated. Big press event.
- Participation in the DNC Election in Atlanta (February 25) was another highlight. I spoke at the Women's Caucus about WNDC activities.
- Met with the head of the Carter Foundation in Atlanta about collaboration on women's issues.
- DNC Leadership Welcome Reception (March 15) honoring Tom Perez, Revenue generated was around \$30,000.
- Organizing meeting (April 6) with Democracy for America (DFA) chief Jim Dean and Liz Jaff of the DNC brought in hundreds of young activists.
- Tax March breakfast (April 15) was attended by MoveOn chief, Ben Wikler and Revolution Messaging

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representative, Sam Goodstein

- JFK birthday centennial celebration at WNDP (May 8) brought in about 200 attendees.
- Mayor Bowser appreciation event (May 25)—over 100 attendees.
- Tribute to Councilman Jack Evans (June 22)—96 attendees.
- Meeting with DNC CEO, Jess O'Connell, and grassroots political organizations (June 28)—expected attendance 200.

There are many more exciting events on the horizon for the remainder of the year. Stay tuned.

FINANCES

The 2016 fiscal year started with challenges requiring some nimble planning. We had close to a \$200,000 deficit (accounts payable), low cash reserves, and a slow season in event rentals due to a national pre-occupation with election-related activities. We turned some of these challenges to our advantage, diving deep into political participation, making the WNDP into the Clinton campaign hub and the headquarters of the DNC and hosting debate-watch parties, election-related events, and a vigorous GOTV program. The result was an influx of new members and fresh revenue. The defeat of the Democrats catapulted us into the forefront of the resistance as we became the DC hub of the WMW and organized 4 days of wall-to-wall programming leading up to the March. We organized events that brought in luminaries such as Nancy Pelosi, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Chris Matthews, the WMW founders, noted performers, activists, and many more. The press came in droves. We acquired a luminescence and public recognition resulting in an almost doubling of our membership. The final result is a complete wiping out of our debt, over \$100,000 spent on capital improvements and a dramatic increase in our net income. This turn of events has allowed us to set a \$2 million budget for year 2017–2018, a hitherto unrealized dream. The renting out of the space on the third floor to member Michael Beidler played a critical role in our financial turnaround as well.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

The future outlook for the club is positive. We expect the coming year to bring huge dividends, as long as we remain committed to advancing the cause of Progressives and Democrats in a highly charged political climate. We will attempt to move center-stage within the party apparatus and continue to raise our image in policy and political circles. Our goal to continue high-visibility events on a regular basis should bring in new energy, members, and resources. We have so much to look forward to—the mid-term elections in 2018, the presidential elections in 2020, and the centennial celebrations of Suffrage the same year. And last but not least we will celebrate our own 100th anniversary in 2022. The next 5 years show a clear roadmap of success—the only thing that would stop us would be a lack of will and imagination. Both are abundant! So here's to another successful year for the Woman's National Democratic Club!

— *Nuchhi Currier, WNDP President*



New Members at Wine & Cheese Happy Hour, June 1, 2017

Front Row: Francesca Adams, Aileen Alex, Maria Ross (Membership VP), Thereasa Black, Melanie Kreidich

Back Row: Ellen McGovern, Miranda Franco, Carrie Clyne, Melissa Ryan

Photo by Loretta Neumann

Calendar — July 2017

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
3 Club Closed— Holiday	4 Club Closed— Holiday	5 Luncheon Available with Reservation	6 Happy Hour- Membership Committee 5:30 PM	7 Luncheon Available with Reservation
10 Whittemore House Foundation Meeting* 10:00 AM Health Task Force Meeting 4:00 PM	11	12 Membership Com- mittee Meeting 9:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting 10:30 AM Speaker Luncheon: Lauren Strauss 11:30 AM	13 Board of Governors Meeting 10:30 AM GOTV Task Force 1:00 PM	14 VAMA Meeting 10:30 AM Luncheon Available with Reservation
17 Grassroots Coordinating Committee 6:30 PM	18 Global Women Task Force Meeting 11:30 AM Speaker Reception: Alix Murdoch 5:30 PM	19 Luncheon Available with Reservation The Originalist— Arena Stage 7:30 PM	20 Program Committee Meeting 10:00 AM Speaker Luncheon: Professor William LeoGrande 11:30 AM	21 Luncheon Available with Reservation
24 Whittemore House Foundation Meeting* 10:00 AM	25 Social & Economic Justice Task Force 2:30 PM Baseball: Nats vs. Brewers 7:05 PM	26 Luncheon Available with Reservation	27 End-of-Season BBQ 6:00 PM	28 Luncheon Available with Reservation

***Whittemore House Foundation Meeting (WFN): The Members of the Educational Foundation unanimously voted to change their name to the Whittemore House Foundation.**

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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July Meetings

Monday 10:00 AM	July 10 Whittemore House Foundation Board
Monday 4:00 PM	July 10 Health Task Force
Wednesday 9:00 AM	July 12 Membership Committee
Wednesday 10:30 AM	July 12 Executive Committee
Wednesday 10:30 AM	July 13 Board of Governors
Thursday 1:00 PM	July 13 Get the Vote Out (GOTV) Task Force
Friday 10:30 AM	July 14 Visual Arts and Museum Affairs Committee
Monday 6:30 PM	July 17 Grassroots Coordinating Committee
Tuesday 11:30 AM	July 18 Global Women Task Force
Thursday 10:00 AM	July 20 Program Committee
Monday 10:00 AM	July 24 Whittemore House Foundation Board
Tuesday 2:30 PM	July 25 Social & Economic Justice Task Force
Monday 10:00 AM	August 14 Whittemore House Foundation Board

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The Perfect Gift!

BLUE CANAL by Evelyn "Toni" Linowitz, 1995
Print, Signed, and Numbered

This beautiful Venice scene makes the perfect gift for your graduate, bride and groom, or your friend!

Get your signed and numbered print today by contacting the Visual Arts Assistant Ina Descartes idescartes@democraticwoman.org. Proceeds benefit the Preservation of the Historic Whittemore House. Priced at \$100.



September Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, August 16, 2017

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.

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/ \$10 Lecture Only

Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in working on **Public Policy**, please contact the Incoming VP for Public Policy, Elizabeth (Betsy) Clark at epsclark@gmail.com or (202)256-2539 (cell).

Are you a talented photographer? We are seeking a volunteer who is interested in taking pictures of our events, and record speaker receptions. Free participation in event. Please contact Incoming VP for Administration, Marcie Cohen at marciecohen007@gmail.com



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Trump's Economic Argument for Paris Accord Wrong! Biggest Fallout! US Global Leadership Lost!

Brookings Institution, June 6, 2017

**Summary by Gretchen Bloom, Roving Reporter, WNDC—
Inputs from Dr. Tom Gross, WNDC**

Overview

With President Trump announcing that the US will withdraw from the Paris Accord on Climate Change, the playing field is now uncertain. The US had served as a leader in crafting the Accord, and encouraged developed and developing countries to join the Accord. A panel at Brookings discussed what the US withdrawal means for the global climate change agenda and for the US leadership position in the world.

Background

The Paris Accord is widely accepted in the world, as a framework for climate change actions, with 195 countries signing on to it. It is part of the progression from the original UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (1992), although efforts prior to the Paris Accord to achieve collaboration through the Kyoto Protocol (2005) and the Copenhagen Agreement (2009) were less successful.

Why is the Paris Accord special?

- Because it achieved universal acceptance, with ALL countries signing on to it, both rich and less rich (except Syria, Nicaragua, and the USA).
- As a non-binding framework, it is flexible and acceptable. Countries set their own targets which are reviewed and ramped up every 5 years.
- It affirms that climate change is already happening.
- It commits funds for poorer countries which, despite contributing little to the CO₂ problem, are now willing to participate in the solution.
- It has an ambitious outcome, committing to a temperature increase of no more than 2.0°F and aspiring to no more than 1.5°F above pre-industrial levels.

- The most polluting countries (US, China, India), known as “sinners”, agreed to become “saints” and take leadership roles. (The US is now out.)

When President Trump made his “nationalist” statement that the US would pull out of the ‘globalist’ Accord, the other six members of the G7 publicly stated that they remain committed to the Accord. Even most members of the G20 remain firm in their commitments, some of which are taking strong initiatives. The OECD, for example, has launched a program called “Investing in Climate, Investing in Growth,” opposed to the Trump approach. Germany, the Energy Chair, has created a “High Level Commission on Carbon Prices.”

Under the Obama Administration, the US had set a target of reducing carbon emissions in the USA by 26 to 28% below the 2005 level by 2025. Obama also had created a “Clean Power Plan” under the Clean Air Act. These initiatives have both been annulled by Trump.

So What??

The impact of the USA pulling out of the Accord is less critical from an environmental perspective than from a diplomatic one. Trump shifted the US role from one as a leader to one of “sticking a finger in the eye of environmental allies.” Despite Trump’s withdrawal, American companies, communities and political units will continue to engage in innovative climate change initiatives because they make profitable economic sense. More than 100 businesses, nearly three dozen mayors, more than 80 university presidents and three Democratic governors are now forming an effort to work with the UN on climate change, under former Mayor Bloomberg’s lead.

The other big “sinners,” China and India, have each shown their willingness to change their approach to the environment, and benefit at the same time. China has taken a big lead on developing solar power, moving into the space now ceded by the US. India has just decided not to build more coal-fueled power plants, for economic and health reasons.

Although neither is as big a polluter as the US, with China at one-third, and India at one-tenth, both are investing in renewable energy far faster and to a greater extent than the US, which may lead the US to miss out on the opportunities available in the future renewable energy economy.

Presenters

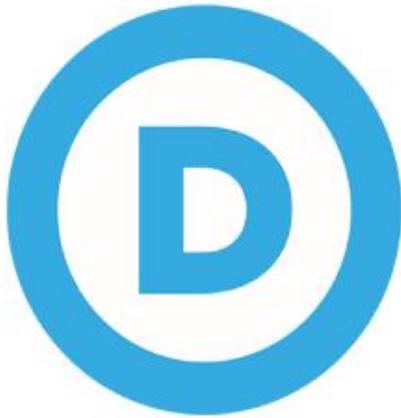
Amar Bhattacharya, Brookings

Samantha Gross, Brookings

Conclusion

David Hard, George Mason University

DNC Update



DNC Update

Chair Tom Perez is changing the culture of the DNC inside and out:

1. Changing the Mission Statement from electing just the President to electing Democrats up and down the ticket from school board to state legislatures and above. Eliminating the term “off-year” from the lexicon.
2. Reorganizing the DNC staffing by imploding its stove-pipe structure and converting to a pod structure.
3. Redefining the roles of DNC members including its Executive Committee member roles—no more hierarchies.
4. Nurturing our most loyal constituencies.
5. Reaching out to individuals and constituencies that Democrats have not tradi-

tionally touched.

The DNC is a key part of the momentum building around the country:

1. The two Democratic contenders for Governor in the Virginia Primary on June 13 earned nearly 50% more votes than all three Republicans on the ballot.
2. The DNC sponsored 10 additional staffers to work in Georgia on the District-6 special election for Jon Ossoff on June 20— not done below the Presidential level in recent memory.
3. Deputy DNC Chair, Congressman Keith Ellison, leads the “Resistance Summer” effort. As of June 17, 41 of 57 state parties have submitted plans for grants to help carry out their resistance programs. Go to resistsummer.org.
4. One million people tuned in to watch the most recent “Democrats Live,” a weekly live streaming of events and programs featuring Democratic Party activists, established in March by Chair Perez and Deputy Chair Ellison. Follow Democrats Live on Facebook, or at live.democrats.org.

Democrats are winning and will continue to win if we keep our focus on the issues that matter to working families: access to affordable health care, quality education, an economy that works for everyone (not just those at the top) believing that a ban on Muslims is not a national security plan—nor is deporting undocumented immigrant parents, transparent legislative processes. See DNC Deputy Chair Ellison’s op-ed on the minimum wage [here](#).

[See the faces of Trump’s mass deportations here.](#)

On a most somber note, it must be noted that the DNC officially and all Democrats unofficially condemn the shooting of public officials as occurred in Alexandria, VA the week of June 12. This unconscionable act was an attack on our entire country, our democracy, and all those who answer the call to public service. Our hearts are with the victims and their families and our deep gratitude is extended to the Capitol Police and first responders for exemplary service.

—*MaryEva Candon, Esq., WNDC Vice President for Administration and DC Democratic National Committeewoman, elected citywide in 2014 to a 4- year term, writes a monthly column for the WNDC newsletter*