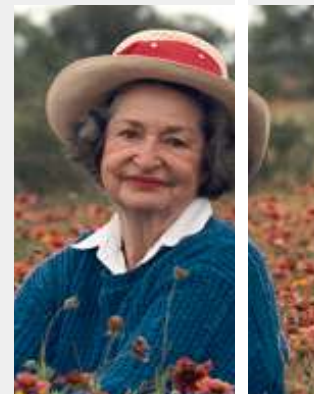
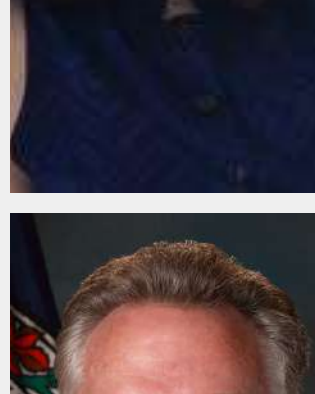


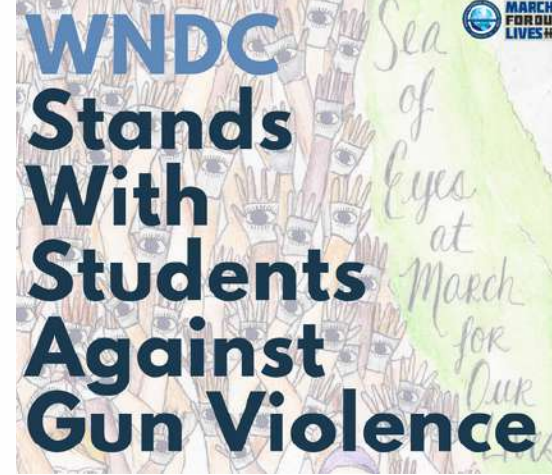
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Left photo: View from the Newseum Terrace down Pennsylvania Avenue during the March for Our Lives on March 24, 2018. Mid photo: WNUC President Nuchhi Currier with Vice President for Communications, Carol L. Rogers (left), and Senior Political & Media Advisor, Kandle Stroud (right), at the March.

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## NOT ONE MORE!

This is not how it is supposed to be. We, as responsible adults, are meant to protect our children from harm. Our elected leaders are supposed to enact laws that safeguard our lives and our interests. But, instead, we have our children leading the way – telling their leaders how miserably they have failed them. These young adults have taken matters into their own hands. They have marched into the capital of the nation to shame lawmakers who are beholden to vested interests. They are saying we will not live in fear. Protect us, not guns. We won't take it any more. Never Again.

There has been, on average, one school shooting EVERY week thus far in 2018. From North Carolina to California, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Philadelphia, and Nashville - from sea to shining sea – we see a wave of violence perpetrated by males with guns. Lethal guns. Assault-style weapons, guns with bump stocks, rifles created to kill the maximum number of victims in the shortest period of time. These killer machines are in the hands of civilians, ordinary people who can go to a store and buy sneakers, gum, and a gun!

As the WNUC prepared 3 days of events leading up to the “March For Our Lives,” hundreds of thousands of people poured into Washington, DC. Hundreds of hands all across the world were busy knitting “evil-eye” gloves – a talisman for our children to ward off the evil eye and to tell irresponsible adults that they are being watched. And these gloves arrived at the WNUC from all over the world. Marches were held all across the globe on every continent except Antarctica. This is a movement. This is a moment. History is being made. There is no going back now!

We see the shining, honest faces of our future leaders who, without hesitation or fear, marched into the mind-numbing thicket of compromised politicians and silent leaders who need to be shamed. We hear their pure voices ringing with determination, laden with emotion demanding an end to the carnage and violence perpetrated in their citadels of learning. We have parents who have lost young children repeating the same mantra: Never Again! And that is why we all marched on Saturday, March 24 – to the chant of Not One More, The Time is Now, Enough is Enough, NEVER AGAIN!

-- Nuchhi Currier

# APRIL 2018 EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 4**

**Amy Siskind, author,  
*The List:  
A Week-by-Week  
Reckoning of Trump's  
First Year*, in conversation  
with PBS' Bonnie Erbé**

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

"Experts in authoritarianism advise to keep a list of things subtly changing around, so you'll remember." With this as backdrop, soon after Trump's election, Amy Siskind began compiling a weekly list of actions by the new administration that were changing our taken-for-granted governmental norms. "The Weekly List" began small with only a few entries and was shared largely with friends. But "The List" soon went viral and now the weekly chronicles include more than a hundred items and are viewed by more than half a million persons each week.

Siskind's weekly documentation has been compiled into a book, *The List: A Week-by-Week Reckoning of Trump's First Year*. Join us to hear Amy Siskind, author and founder of The New Agenda Project, in conversation with Bonnie Erbé, host of PBS' *To the Contrary*, to discuss the book, the origins of "The List," and why it's important to be able to "trace our way back to democracy" after Trump is out of power.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

**PRICE:** \$25 Members; \$30 Non-members (includes lunch); \$15 Young Dems; \$10 Lecture only.



**Thursday, April 5  
Members' Wine &  
Cheese Happy Hour**

**TIME:** 5:30pm-7:00pm

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

**PRICE:** \$10 per person. Includes one glass of wine. This is a Members Only Event.



**Thursday, April 12**

**US Role in a Changing World Series:  
 Militarization of US Foreign Policy  
 and the Future of Global Security  
 - William Hartung, Director of Arms  
 and Security Project at the Center  
 for International Policy**

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

Since 9/11, the US's increasingly militarized foreign policy has us currently involved in 7 wars and has special forces dispatched to 149 countries. This year the Pentagon will get its highest budget since WW II. The US is the world's largest arms exporter as well. Meanwhile, the Trump administration has made deep cuts to the State Department, leaving it without key ambassadors. It is also seeking to undermine the signal diplomatic achievement of the Obama administration -- the deal to curb Iran's nuclear program. Ultimately, none of this has made America or any other nation safer. This talk will discuss the consequences of our current approach to solving complex security challenges, and how to create a more effective, less militarized approach to protecting America and the world.

Bill Hartung has written many books. His articles on security issues have appeared in print in *The New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, among other places, and he has appeared on many TV and radio news programs.

**PRICE:** \$25 Members; \$30 Non-members (includes lunch); \$15 Young Dems; \$10 Lecture only.



**Tuesday, April 17**

**Cocktails and Light Supper  
with Terry McAuliffe**

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

Terry McAuliffe, former governor of Virginia and former chair of the DNC, will address Democratic prospects for this year's midterm elections, as well as the elections in 2020. In 2018, McAuliffe will barnstorm the country to help Democrats win elections from the state house to the House of Representatives. In his new role as state engagement chair of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, McAuliffe also is working to ensure that Democrats elect more governors so they can gain back control of drawing state legislative maps. The NDRC is the group formed with former president Barack Obama, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, and former attorney general Eric Holder.

McAuliffe, who served as the 72th Governor of Virginia from 2014-2018, left office having turned purple Virginia blue in 2016 for Hillary Clinton, nearly flipped control of the Republican House of Delegates over to Democrats in 2017, and helped elect a Democratic successor, VA's newest governor, Ralph Northam, as well as the Lt. Governor and Attorney General. In addition to serving as chair of the DNC, McAuliffe served as Chairman of Bill Clinton's presidential campaign and chair of the National Governors Association.

**PRICE:** \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. \$15 Young Dems. Light supper. Cash bar.

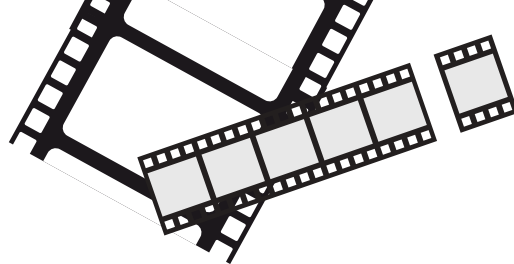




*Thursday, April 19*

**Young Dems Movie Night**

Details to come. Please check our website, Facebook page, and eblasts for details as they become available.



*Friday, April 20*

**EF Cabaret Night**

***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**

**TIME:** 6:30-9:30pm

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: WNDCE Educational Foundation)**

*Tuesday, April 24*

**Shaunna Thomas: Pu\*\*Y Grabs Back: How Women Are Leading the Resistance and Winning**

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

Shaunna Thomas, co-founder and co-executive director of UltraViolet, will share her insights into how women are leading the resistance against this administration and the success they are having. UltraViolet is an organization established five years ago to "fight sexism and create a more inclusive world that accurately represents all women, from politics and government to media and pop culture."

**PRICE:** \$25 Members; \$30 Non-members (Includes lunch); \$15 Young Dems. \$10 Lecture only

*Thursday, April 26*

**Social Role of the Arts Series: Free to Rock: How Rock Music Helped End the Cold War (A 2017 Documentary) Discussant: John Feffer, Institute for Policy Studies**

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

FREE TO ROCK, directed by 4-time Emmy winner Jim Brown, is narrated by Kiefer Sutherland. Rock and Roll spread across the Iron Curtain and throughout Eastern Europe and the USSR, despite Communist attempts to outlaw it and to crush what they perceived was a contamination of their youth. For 30 years, thousands of underground bands and millions of young fans helped fuel the nonviolent implosion of the Soviet regime. FREE TO ROCK features presidents, diplomats, spies, and rock stars from the West, the Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe, who reveal how rock and roll music was a contributing factor in ending the Cold War.

John Feffer, our January 2018 expert on N. Korea, is the author of *Aftershock: A Journey into Eastern Europe's Broken Dreams*, a book based on eyewitness experience, which explores, among many other things, the impact of rock music on the transformation of the region.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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

*Tuesday, May 1*

**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.

Thursday, May 3

This program is dedicated to the memory of the late great Movement Organizer Paul Booth.

### Social Role of the Arts Series: The Historical Role of Songs in the Labor Movement

From the beginning of US Labor movements, songs have played a vital role in energizing labor organizing and activities. In this program, which will include selected songs performed by a local group of singers, attendees are invited to sing along with the familiar oldies, hear some new ones, and discuss the subject of the role of songs in social movements and how it could or should be re-activated.



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

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

### International Women's Day – March 8, 2018 Engaging Women in Politics in Afghanistan, Albania, and Eritrea

International Women's Day (IWD) was celebrated on March 8 at the WNDC with a panel of stunning women from around the world who spoke about successful efforts to engage women in politics in their own countries.



- Did you know that Albania had a Queen 2000 years ago? And that Albania loves the USA second most after Kosovo? In Albania, women dress up to celebrate IWD. Even during the political restrictions of the Hoxha period, women and men had equal rights. Now there are quotas for women of 30 percent in the national government and 50 percent on the local councils.
- Did you know that there is no co-pay for health care in Eritrea? It is free for all, as is education. Women get equal pay to men; FGM is almost eradicated; and women can own land equally. Eritrean women comprised 30 percent of the Freedom Fighters in their War of Independence from Ethiopia (1961- 91).
- What about these facts? Women in Afghanistan make up 28 percent of the Parliament, going beyond the 20 percent required quota. And Afghanistan now has a liberal Afghan Constitution, a National Plan of Action for Women, and decrees against Violence against Women.

Thank you, Palwasha Kakar (Afghanistan), Ambassador Floreta Faber (Albania), and Hadnet Sebhatleab (Eritrea), for enlightening us.

--Gretchen Bloom, WNDC Roving Reporter

### DC Vote Seeking Volunteers for Annual Lobby Day on April 16

WNDC members are invited to join other Statehood advocates for the annual DC Emancipation Day lobbying on April 16. This year's advocacy is part of the effort to get all Democrats in Congress to be cosponsors of the DC Statehood legislation in the House and Senate. The PPC DC Statehood Task Force has been actively working toward this goal and most recently was generating support from members of the DNC at its meeting in Washington, DC.



This link will connect you with DC Statehood Lobby Day: <http://dcvote.p2a.co/gaAe53L>

### WNDC Volunteers WANTED

Member Volunteers are needed to assist in going through years of documents to determine if the documents are necessary to save or can be discarded. In addition, the WNDC needs a major spring cleaning of broken furniture, as well as out of date and broken equipment. Organization skills are helpful, but not necessary. Please contact Marcie Cohen, VP Administration at [marciecohen007@gmail.com](mailto:marciecohen007@gmail.com) if you can contribute to this needed cause.

If you like to be neat and orderly, your satisfaction is guaranteed in helping with these important tasks.



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### Wednesday, April 18 Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention

**Gun Safety Legislation: Prospects for Action in the US Congress, Virginia, and Maryland**  
**T. Christian Heyne, Legislative Director, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence**

**TIME:** 12:30pm-1:30pm

The PPC's Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention has vowed to keep the gun safety momentum going after the "March For Our Lives" on March 24. In this connection, join us to hear an expert speak on the legislative proposals before the House and Senate, as well as the General Assemblies in Virginia and Maryland. What will the climate for reform look like after the "March For Our Lives"? The students won't quit, and neither will we! Bring a brown bag lunch or purchase a buffet lunch at the Club. If you want to purchase a lunch (\$20 for buffet), request it 24 hours in advance by calling (202) 232-7363 or emailing Patricia Fitzgerald at pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org.



MONDAY 02 TUESDAY 03 WEDNESDAY 04 THURSDAY 05 FRIDAY 06

<p>GOTV Task Force Meeting 6:00pm</p> <p>Health Policy Task Force Mtg 6:30pm</p>	<p>Young Dems Committee Mtg 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Amy Siskind Luncheon</p> <p>Economic Task Force Mtg 6:30pm</p>	<p>Members' Wine &amp; Cheese Happy Hour 5:30pm</p> <p>Foreign Policy Task Force Mtg 6:30pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>
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MONDAY 09 TUESDAY 10 WEDNESDAY 11 THURSDAY 12 FRIDAY 13

	<p>VAMA Mtg 11:00am</p> <p>Public Policy Committee Mtg. 6:30pm</p>	<p>Membership Committee Mtg 9:00am</p> <p>Executive Committee Mtg 10:30am</p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>	<p>Program Committee Mtg 10:00am</p> <p>Militarization of US Foreign Policy Luncheon</p>	<p>Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:30am</p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>Politics Table 12:00pm</p>
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MONDAY 16 TUESDAY 17 WEDNESDAY 18 THURSDAY 19 FRIDAY 20

<p>GCC Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>Building &amp; Landscape Committee Mtg 2:00pm</p> <p>Terry McAullife 6:30pm</p>	<p>Board of Governors Mtg 10:30am</p> <p>Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Briefing 12:30pm</p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>May Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Mtg. 5:30 pm</p> <p>Young Dems Movie Night</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>EF Cabaret Night 6:30pm</p>
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MONDAY 23 TUESDAY 24 WEDNESDAY 25 THURSDAY 26 FRIDAY 27

	<p>Shaunna Thomas Luncheon</p> <p>Social &amp; Economic Justice Task Force Mtg 2:30pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>	<p>Free to Rock 6:30pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>
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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.



## May Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, April 18

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 **May 2018 Events**

#### **Tuesday, May 1 (Lunch)**

Lori Wallach, Public Citizen: "US Trade Policy Under Trump"

#### **Thursday, May 3 (Lunch)**

Historical Role of Songs in Labor Movement

#### **Thursday, May 3 (Evening)**

New Member Reception

Art Exhibition Reception: Simi Bhandari

#### **Thursday, May 10 (Morning)**

Tour: Holocaust Museum

#### **Friday, May 11 (Evening)**

Film, *In Our Water and Straws?*

#### **Sunday, May 13 (Morning)**

Mother's Day Brunch

#### **Thursday, May 17 (Afternoon)**

Lady Bird Johnson Garden Rededication Reception

#### **Thursday, May 24 (Morning)**

Tour: Museum of African-American History and Culture

#### **Thursday, May 31 (Lunch)**

Melvin Goodman, "America's Russia Problem, A New Chapter"

## Educational Foundation Fundraiser

### Garden Party - Celebrating the Lady Bird Johnson Garden

Guest of Honor:  
Lynda Johnson Robb



Thursday, May 17

TIME: 3:00-5:00pm

Forty-five years ago, the patio garden was dedicated to Lady Bird Johnson to honor her for her devotion to the club and for her environmental awareness program. In addition to her agenda to beautify America's public spaces, Mrs. Johnson promoted the Great Society's war on poverty, including the beginning of the Head Start program.

The club has added many improvements to the garden, so we hope you will join us on May 17 for high tea and champagne as we rededicate this lovely space to Lady Bird Johnson.

Proceeds from this event will help restore the external copper bay of the Whittemore House.

**PRICE:** \$75 Members/Non-members.

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



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