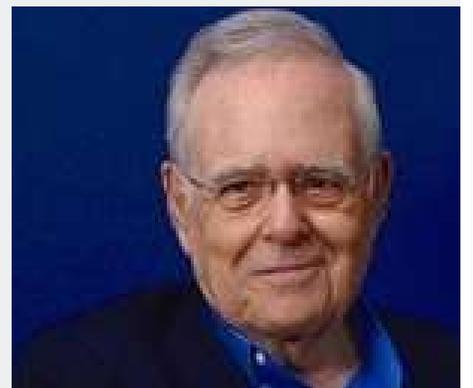
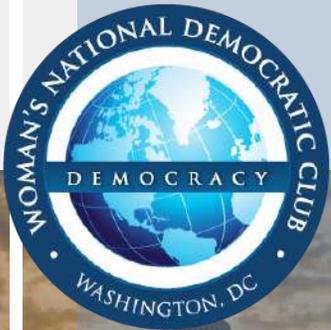


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Participants in the special WNDC Forum on Labor and the Economy on May 22 (left to right): Daniel Loveless, Business/Finance Manager, Steamfitters Union Local 602; Thea Lee, President, Economic Policy Institute; Liz Shuler, Secretary/Treasurer, AFL-CIO; WNDC President Nuchhi Currier; WNDC Member and Forum Organizer Alyn Hadar; and Jared Bernstein, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and former Chief Economist and Economic Adviser to Vice President Joseph Biden

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The WNDC fiscal year comes to a close this month. The annual meeting on June 20 will usher in the elected leadership for year 2018-2019 as we bid farewell to the previous one. It has been a disquieting year. The revolving door of the West Wing, and the alarming messages emanating from the White House, point to a possible constitutional crisis, if not a national security one. War clouds also have been hovering over the horizon.

The mid-term elections are in November but multiple primary elections and special elections are occurring across the country. Voter turn-out is well above previous years and the Blue Wave is still robust. There is reason to hope! WNDC becomes the polling station for DC's Ward 2 on June 19, continuing our role as the hub of political and civic life in our nation's capital. We are planning fundraisers and aggressive Get-Out-The-Vote activities for Democratic candidates across the nation.

The need to flip the House and the Senate has never been so urgent. The current administration's wrecking ball continues to wreak havoc on every national institution. Women's rights, worker's rights, immigrant's rights, and more are all under attack. Education, health services, the environment, and financial regulations are being compromised as recent advances are rolled back. The effect of the Trump tax policy on the less wealthy populations is becoming readily apparent. Lack of planning at the diplomatic level is adding to the anxiety being felt not just by Americans but also by people around the world.

On a more positive note, here at WNDC we have hosted stellar speaker programs again this year. The Public Policy Committee had huge output and our membership numbers continue to swell. The financial picture is also improving steadily. And the Whittemore House sparkles and blooms. Let our new year usher in greater success!

-- *Nuchhi Currier*

JUNE 2018 EVENTS

Tuesday, June 5

The President We Need: A Conversation With Dr. Michael Maccoby, Leadership Expert and Author

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

To recover from a presidency that has increased the distrust Americans have for each other and their national government, we need a president with the competence and character we can trust to work for the common good. How should we look for these qualities in a candidate? Some of the competencies needed by an effective president were described centuries ago by Pericles of Athens. Two of America's greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, had these competencies in different contexts. By exploring the way they expressed these qualities, we may become better able to find them in a current candidate for the presidency.

The books, *The Leaders We Need, And What Makes Us Follow* and *Narcissistic Leaders: Who Succeeds and Who Fails*, will be available for purchase and signing.

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



Thursday, June 7

Members' Wine & Cheese Happy Hour

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm

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, June 7

Forum for Candidates for DC Democratic National Committee Woman and Man

TIME: 7:00-8:30pm

This forum, moderated by DC Democratic National Committeewoman and WNDC member MaryEva Candon, features the candidates for DC Democratic National Committee Woman and Man. In the DC Democratic Party Primary on **Tuesday, June 19**, registered Democratic voters can vote for ONE woman and ONE man to be elected to the Democratic National Committee. **EARLY VOTING** opens on **June 4**. The women candidates are: **Marie C. Johns, Nikki Lewis, and Sylvia Martinez**; the men candidates are: **Marcus Batchelor and Jack Evans**.

The Democratic National Committee, the governing body of the Democratic Party, creates and secures the mechanisms for electing Democrats up and down the ballot from the school boards to the US Congress, and from the state houses to the White House; educates US residents about the Democratic Party; recruits Democratic Party members; and turns Democrats out in great numbers to vote. Generally, DNC members make up approximately one-fifth of delegates to the Democratic National Presidential Nominating Conventions.

PRICE: This event is free, but registration is required. Cash Bar and light snacks.



Thursday, June 14

Anacostia Arts & Culture Special Tour

TIME: 10:30am-2:30 pm. Meet at
WNDC at 10:15am; Van departs
promptly at 10:30am.

The idea for this tour sprang from a successful program at WNDC in February as part of our "Social Role of the Arts" series with the heads of the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum (ACM, see picture), the Anacostia Arts Center, and the Theater Alliance at the Anacostia Playhouse. Attendees were wowed at the array of artistic and cultural activities in Ward 8 and enthusiastically supported the idea of a special tour to visit these wonderful facilities. The van, which departs WNDC at 10:30am, will first carry participants to the ACM for a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the museum's collections, a viewing of its latest exhibition, "A Right to the City," which focuses on six DC neighborhoods, and special presentations over lunch with community leaders. Then we will have a tour of the "Ward 8 Arts and Culture Scene," driving by Civil War Forts Ricketts and Stanton and the Frederick Douglass home, and then stopping for visits at the Anacostia Arts Center and Anacostia Playhouse.

PRICE: Tour & Lunch. \$40 Members, \$45 Non-members.





Monday, June 18

**An Evening with
Presidential Advisor
Jennifer Palmieri**

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

Hillary Clinton Communications Director Jennifer Palmieri, who advised both Presidents Clinton and Obama in the White House, will discuss her *New York Times* #1 Best Seller: *Dear Madam President: An Open Letter to the Women Who Will Run the World*. In the book, Palmieri sifts through Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and loss and dedicates the book to a future female leader of the US.

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.

Wednesday, June 20

WNDC Annual Meeting and Luncheon

TIME: 10:30 am Members Only Meeting; 12:30 pm Lunch served (guests are allowed)

Please gather to meet our new Board members and officers with a special luncheon to follow. This year's officers have worked hard to bring us great programs, solid contributions from PPC Task Force members, and other contributions too numerous to name. We want to hear from all of our members as we plan for the future.

PRICE: Lunch: \$25 Members, \$30 Guests. Registration is required.



Tuesday, June 26

**Thomas B. Reston -
Soul of a Democrat:
The Seven Core Ideals That
Made Our Party - And Our
Country - Great**

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

Longtime Democratic activist Thomas B. Reston claims that the Democratic Party has lost its soul. In his new book, Reston argues that the Party has abandoned the unifying idealistic messages that once enabled it to dominate American politics. Instead of crafting a political argument that appeals to the nation as a whole, he says, Democrats target specific blocs of voters - and change their talking points accordingly. This divisive approach will not end well for Democrats, or the country as a whole. If they want to remain competitive on the national stage, according to Reston, Democrats need a coherent, blunt set of American ideals.

In *Soul of a Democrat*, Reston takes us on a journey through the history of the Party with thumbnail portraits of its most important figures, illuminating the core ideals and principles they fought for. He shows modern Democrats how to learn from their own past, and once again become The Party of The People.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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



WNDC Officers, Board of Governors, and Nominating Committee: Slate of Candidates 2018-2019

This year's slate for the 2018 election of WNDC Officers and Board of Governors is out! Club members eligible to vote will be mailed the ballot in the first week of June, enclosed with brief biographies of the candidates as presented.

Please note, **ballots must be received before 5:00pm, Thursday, June 14, 2018**. You may mail your ballot or bring it to the Club and deposit it in the locked ballot box located in the Reception Office.

The Chair of the Election Committee will announce the results Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at the Annual Business Meeting.

Thank you for participating in your Club's election!

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Public Policy Committee News

Lobbying for the Carbon Tax and the Rebate Plan in DC

On April 13th, a group of environmental activists and students came together at the Wilson Building to urge the DC City Council to enact a ground-breaking plan for reducing carbon emissions and providing rebates to DC residents. The basic idea is to tax carbon producers, largely energy companies, at a gradually increasing rate to incentivize their switching from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy. A large percentage of the revenue generated from the carbon tax would be rebated to DC permanent residents. The rebates would offset the higher rates likely to be charged to consumers by energy companies in response to the tax. The campaign for this plan is supported by a coalition of environmental organizations; community, justice, and labor organizations (including the WNDC Board of Governors); religious groups; and businesses. The lobby day began with signs and speakers on the steps of the Wilson Building. Especially noteworthy were the four 13-year-old boys, members of the Great Debate Society at Washington Latin Public Charter School, whose fervent and evidence-based speeches emphasized how climate change is affecting their health, lives, and futures.

After the opening event, we split up into groups to meet with City Council staff members for enacting this groundbreaking plan. Mary Cheh, Ward 3 Council Member and Chair of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, has promised to introduce a new and updated draft prepared by the coalition on June 5. Several other Council members support the plan; we provided their staff with copies of the new draft. The Chair of the Council, Phil Mendelson, met with over 20 of us, including several students, for over half an hour. He supports the carbon tax, but has some objections to the rebate part of the plan. We believe that he has been hearing from some business organizations who feel that the rebates would put them at a cost disadvantage. The coalition has been meeting on a weekly basis with business groups, and will continue to work on solutions to these objections with the businesses and Council members. Chairman Mendelson also worries that no other US jurisdiction has enacted such a plan, but we hope to convince him and the rest of the Council that this is a great opportunity for DC to be a leader!

--Jean Stewart, Chair, Earth and Environment Task Force

GOTV Task Force Has Comprehensive Action Plan for November

The GOTV Task Force held a special planning session to devise a comprehensive strategy for November, much of which we hope will be done in conjunction with the Grassroots Coordinating Committee. The group affirmed that WNDC's niche in the electioneering is our ability to be a hub: holding events and trainings, hosting phone-and text-banking, gathering and disseminating information, and building community and energy among activists. This means we will not be organizing canvassing or voter registration outings ourselves, but piggybacking on others. Another value-added is our history of women's leadership and issues, favoring women candidates, groups, and topics. This is especially salient in this #MeToo moment.

Specific activities we are developing include a series of workshops on how to communicate with voters, a VA and/or MD candidates forum, and a "thirty days to the election" session to mobilize and invigorate activists for the last push. We want to emphasize registering young voters, and are phonebanking our own members to get their commitment to bring family and friends to the polls. Join us!

Grassroots Coordinating Committee Moving Rapidly with New Leadership

The Grassroots Coordinating Committee (GCC) has gained new leadership who already are proving to be strategic both politically and organizationally. They're in the process now of deciding what to do in the lead up to the November elections. WNDC is excited to support them and join with them as they develop events and build their roster of resources to share with the community of blue activists. See their first regular newsletter column on this page.

The PPC Political Dispatch will return in the next newsletter...

Grassroots Perspective

Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to the first (hopefully of many) columns about grassroots activism and the Grassroots Coordinating Committee (GCC) - a grassroots organizing and coordination committee. Our aim is to serve as a central clearinghouse for campaigns, the Democratic Party, and the many grassroots activist groups around the greater DC region (Northern Virginia, Maryland, and DC). We are closely affiliated with the WNDC and a number of our members, including this author, are WNDC members. We are an action oriented organization that focuses on walking the walk not just talking the talk. We work on a variety of activities including outreach, canvassing, and strategic communications.

We are still rather young as an organization, but already we have had an influence on shaping DNC (Democratic National Committee) policy. This was through the drafting of 20 resolutions, of which six were submitted to the DNC by Yasmine Taeb, a DNC representative from Virginia. All six GCC resolutions Taeb submitted on our behalf were adopted unanimously by the full DNC at its 2018 Winter Meeting held here in DC. This effort was spearheaded by Ricardo Coleman, the current Co-Lead Facilitator of GCC. Want to learn more or become a part of a novel approach to impacting the direction of the DNC from within and/or join our efforts to elect Democrats? We invite you to join us at the next GCC meeting date as listed on the WNDC calendar.

Yours In Victory,

Mary Elizabeth Paulet, Communications Co-Facilitator, GCC



GCC Co-Lead Facilitators Rosanna Tavarez and Ricardo Coleman lead the discussion during the GCC May monthly meeting.

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WNDC's Green Initiative

After viewing the documentaries *In Our Water* and *Straws* at the WNDC in May, Walter Springman, who manages our events at WNDC, consulted me about reducing the use of plastics at the Club. With the help of Julia Cohen, WNDC development and outreach director, he located a place where our plastic straws could be recycled into art projects. For this initiative, the WNDC received a Certificate of Appreciation from the group Last Plastic Straw, of the Plastic Straw Coalition. Walter also has reached out to Veteran Compost, a group founded by a US Army veteran, to provide the WNDC with composting bins and pick up food scraps for compost. This is yet another effort to "green" the club. The Club already uses long life green lighting in the Whittemore House. WNDC staff and members will continue to research and implement additional sustainable practices. If you have any suggestions about how we can expand our green initiative, please contact me at marciecohen007@gmail.com. We must do our part to save our planet for future generations.

--Marcie Cohen
 Vice President, Administration



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| <p>Joint VAMA and Building & Landscape Committee Mtg 2:00pm</p> | <p>Michael Maccoby Luncheon</p> <p>Young Dems Committee Mtg 6:00 pm</p> | <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> | <p>Members' Wine & Cheese Happy Hour 5:30pm</p> <p>DC DNC Candidates Forum 7:00pm</p> | <p>Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:00am</p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> |
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| <p>GCC Mtg. 6:30pm</p> <p>Health Policy Task Force Mtg. 6:30 pm</p> | | <p>Membership Committee Mtg 9:00am</p> <p>Executive Committee Mtg 10:30am</p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>GOTV Task Force Mtg 6:30pm</p> | <p>Anacostia Arts & Cultural Tour 10:30am</p> <p>Public Policy Committee Mtg 5:30pm</p> | <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> |
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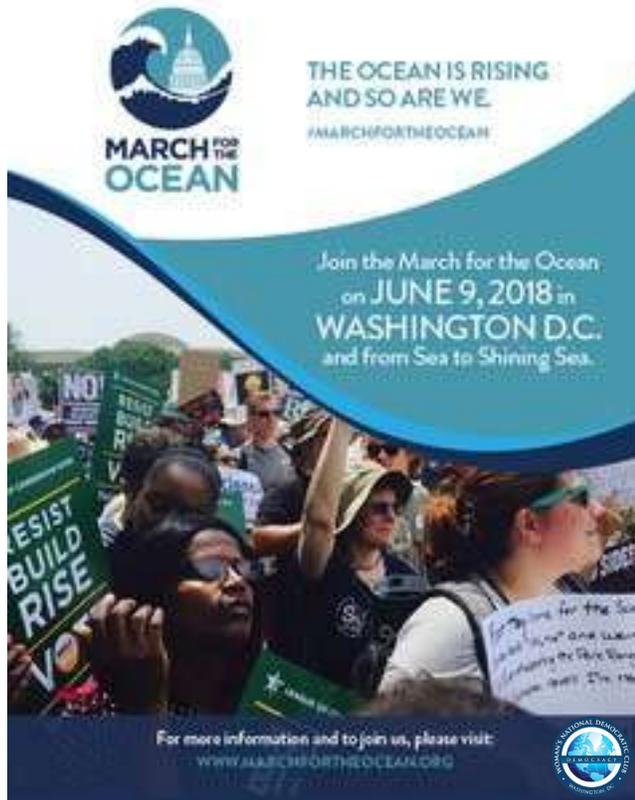
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| <p>Jennifer Palmieri 6:30pm</p> | <p>Building & Landscape Committee Mtg 2:00pm</p> | <p>Annual Meeting & Luncheon 10:30am</p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>July Newsletter Deadline</p> | | <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> |
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| | <p>Thomas B. Reston Luncheon</p> <p>Social & Economic Justice Task Force Mtg 2:30pm</p> | <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</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.

Join us in the March for the Ocean: WNDC is an official supporter!



July Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, June 20

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.

On the Radar July 2018 Events

Tuesday, July 24 (Lunch)

Kim Roberts, A Literary Guide to Washington, DC

Thursday, July 26 (Afternoon)

End of the Year BBQ

Did You Know..?

All the wine we serve at the WNDC is connected to women-owned businesses in some way. Our wines often are from grapes grown by women or sourced by women. Or they might be wines sold by women in the wine making or sales business. All of us here at WNDC -- the officers and staff -- are committed to supporting women-owned businesses whenever we can. So, when you have your next glass of bubbly or red, white, or rose, you will know that you are supporting a woman in the business of wine grape growing, wine making, or wine selling.



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