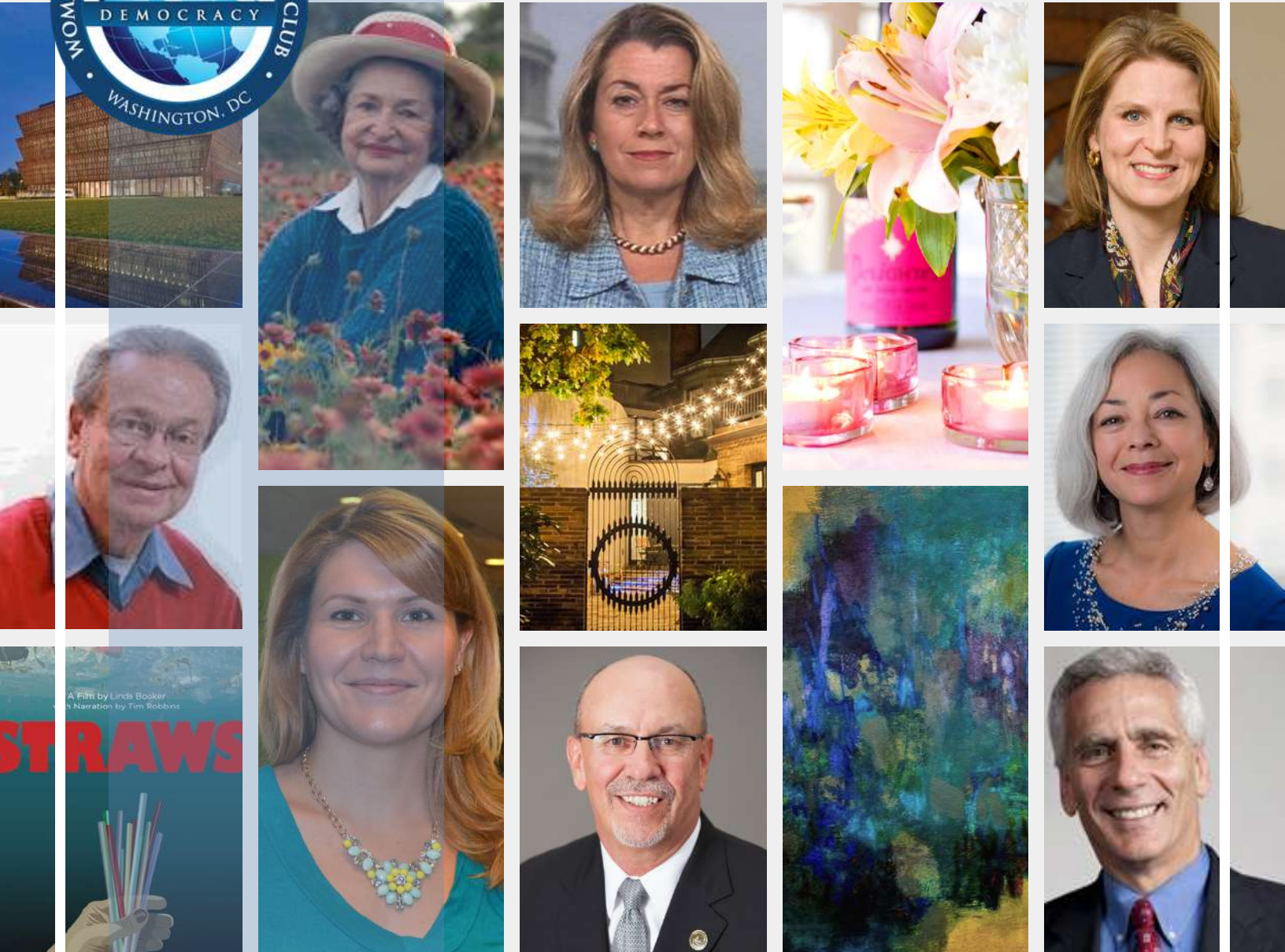


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Former Governor of Virginia Terry McAuliffe (middle) with wife Dorothy McAuliffe (left), WNDP President Nuchhi Currier (second left), Natalie Chung, DNC Special Assistant to the COO (second right), and Kandie Stroud, Senior Political Advisor to the WNDP.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Election season is upon us. The mid-term elections this year hold special significance because Democrats may flip the House of Representatives and even the Senate. All indications are pointing to a blue sweep across the nation. But for this to happen requires a massive effort. We at the Woman's National Democratic Club are gearing up to coordinate with activist groups across the region to set the stage for aggressive Get-Out-The-Vote activities.

The results of the special elections in the past year and the massive Democratic and Independent turnout in these races are further spurring enthusiasm. Even in the races the Democrats lost — Kansas, Montana, and South Carolina, among others — they significantly closed the gap. Since Trump's election, we have seen a cascade of GOP retirement announcements — close to 40, with the same number of seats (40 seats) won by Democrats in recent races. Their successful fundraising across the nation, outstripping Republican candidates' efforts, all point to a "blue wave" of tsunami proportions.

The highly-energized "#MeToo" movement and the Parkland, Florida, shooting aftermath both promise to keep women and young voters energized to vote in the midterms, when usually their participation rate is decreased. Voters are angry, disillusioned, and discontented - just like the suburban Virginia voters who stood for hours in the rain to vote last year — and this passion quotient is what will make the difference.

We need 24 seats to win the House this fall. But in the Senate, Democrats and the Independents who caucus with them have significantly more seats to defend: 26 compared with nine held by Republicans. For Democrats to take control of the chamber, they must keep all of their seats and win two of the Republican seats in play. It is numerically possible, but there is little room for error. And there is no time for Democratic activists, like ourselves, to slacken off. We need to organize, collaborate, coordinate, and keep the momentum going. Our GOTV Task Force and the GCC (Grassroots Coordinating Committee) are poised to set the wheels in motion. The Woman's National Democratic Club will become the election hub, once again.

-- Nuchhi Currier

MAY 2018 EVENTS

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

New Members Reception

TIME: 5:30-6:30pm

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 2018 are especially invited to get to know other WNDC members and to learn more about the Club. Guests are also welcome.

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



Thursday, May 3

Art Exhibition Reception: Simi Bhandari - Nature's Narrative

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

We hope you will join us for the opening reception for "Nature's Narrative," the upcoming exhibition by artist Simi Bhandari.

"Nature's Narrative is a series of acrylic paintings in response to my fascination for the balance, rhythm, and harmony in the natural world. Borrowing from the visual vocabulary that surrounds us, these works allow me to explore and express nature in a way that can be both deeply personal and pictorial. Using spatial patterns and color shifts, my process is constantly evolving, where the thoughts and the materials work simultaneously to create gratifying pieces. The language of nature guides how I see."

Simi Bhandari is a Washington, DC, based artist with a background in graphic design. She found her niche creating paintings in a variety of mediums, devoting the past thirty years to working on commissioned artworks for private and corporate collectors.

The exhibition opened on April 26, 2018, and will be on display until September 4, 2018.

PRICE: This event is free, but we ask that you register.



Tuesday, May 8

DNC Tech Infrastructure and Outreach: A Discussion with DNC Deputy CTO Lindsey Schuh Cortés

TIME: 6:30–8:30pm. 6:30pm
Reception; 7:00pm Remarks
and Q&A

Join the Democratic National Committee's Deputy Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Lindsey Schuh Cortés for a presentation and discussion with DMV area grassroots activists about the newest developments in infrastructure for organizing and outreach heading into the 2018 mid term elections.

Schuh Cortés, one of a small but growing field of female leaders in the data and tech space, is the former CEO of BlueLabs, a data and analytics strategy consulting firm in Washington, DC. Prior to joining BlueLabs, Schuh Cortés served as the Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). She led SEIU's efforts to join the union together with its progressive partners across the nation. A native of Lakota, North Dakota, Schuh Cortés graduated with a BA from Cornell University and holds a Master's degree in political management from the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management.

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





Thursday, May 10

US Holocaust Memorial Museum Tour

TIME: Arrive by 9:45am.
Tour begins at 10:00
Lunch in museum café
(separate purchase)

Join us for this special docent-led tour of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. America's national institution for the documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history, the museum serves as this country's memorial to the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust.

In observance of its 25th anniversary, the museum recently opened a special exhibition, "Americans and the Holocaust."

The Museum is located on the National Mall, just south of Independence Avenue, SW, between 14th Street and Raoul Wallenberg Place (15th Street). The nearest Metro stop is the Smithsonian Station on the Orange, Blue, and Silver lines, one block east of the Museum. A paid parking garage is across the street, on D Street SW, between 13th and 14th Streets, and some metered parking is along Independence Avenue.

PRICE: Tour only, \$10 Members; \$15 Non-members.
Tour limited to 12 participants.



Thursday, May 10

Jazz in the Garden

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Join the Young Dems of the Woman's National Democratic Club for a Happy Hour in the garden on May 10 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Members and non-members are invited for an evening celebrating young democratic leadership. Political and advocacy organizations will be tabling during the event so you can get connected and ready to mobilize.

PRICE: \$15 Members/ Non-members. Cash Bar.

Friday, May 11

Documentaries for a Sea of Change: In Our Water (1-hour) and Straws (30 minutes)

TIME: Bar opens at 6:00pm.
Films start at 6:45pm.
Discussion & Q&A 8:15pm

Documentary Film Screenings, followed by discussants: Meg Switzgale, Director, In Our Water, and Jackie Nunez, Plastic Pollution Coalition Project Manager and Founder, The Last Plastic Straw

Sadly timeless, yet released over 30 years ago, IN OUR WATER documents an early wake-up call, as it follows a New Jersey family for 5 years as they discover their water is being contaminated. We witness them enduring bureaucratic neglect and court inaction as the poisons spread. Thru them we experience the nation waking to a chemical waste catastrophe. The growing toxic problem and its impact on our water is slowly becoming recognized around the globe, while here in the US the regulations protecting our water are being slashed.

STRAWS, a film by Linda Booker, with colorful straw history animation narrated by Oscar winner Tim Robbins, leaves audiences with a clear understanding of the problems caused by plastic pollution and empowers individuals to be part of the solution. It's estimated every day 500,000,000+ plastic straws are used once and tossed in the US alone. Ocean Conservancy ranks straws as the #5 most found litter item on beaches. They're non-recyclable, so they wind up in landfills, litter streets, and add to the estimated 8.5 million metric tons of plastic debris in oceans annually.

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

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day Brunch

TIME: 11:30am - 2:00pm

Join us for a special brunch at the historic Whittemore House 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). Music provided by pianist Theodore Greaves, who will play classical show tunes and selections from "The American Songbook."

PRICE: \$35 Members, \$40 Non-Members, \$15 Children (ages 5-12).

Event sponsored by the WNDC Educational Foundation.

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



Thursday, May 17

Celebration of the Lady Bird Johnson Garden With High Tea & Champagne

**Guest of Honor:
Lynda Johnson Robb**

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 for this Educational Foundation event are tax-deductible. (Checks should be made out to: WNDC Educational Foundation)



Tuesday, May 22

Why the Democrats Lost Labor and How We May Win Them Back: A Special WNDC Forum on Labor and the Economy

In the face of more aggressive international trade policies on the part of the Trump Administration and the escalating economic tension with China, what should be the Democratic trade agenda that will help protect the interests of American workers?

Our panel, which consists of renowned labor leaders as well as leading economic and trade experts, will discuss this and related issues and try to respond to the real problems facing workers in the de-industrialized areas of Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania.

The discussion, which will also focus on ways to strengthen the US position in the international trade system, could set the stage for an agenda of new trade policies that Democratic candidates could present to the voters in 2018 and 2020.

Panelists:

Liz Shuler, Secretary/Treasurer, AFL-CIO

Jared Bernstein, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and former Chief Economist and Economic Adviser to Vice President Joseph Biden

Thea Lee, President, Economic Policy Institute

Daniel Loveless, Business/Finance Manager, Steamfitters Union Local 602

Moderator: **Nuchhi Currier**, WNDC President

TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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



Thursday, May 24

Tour: Museum of African American History and Culture

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. The Museum's nearly 40,000 objects help all Americans see how their stories, their histories, and their cultures are shaped by a people's journey and a nation's story. The museum, the newest museum of the Smithsonian Institution, opened to the public in September 2016 and continues to be the most popular museum on the Mall. The Museum is located on the National Mall, on the south side of Constitution Avenue, between 14th and 15th Streets NW. The Museum has no parking garage and street parking is very limited.

The nearest Metro stop is the Smithsonian Station on the Orange, Blue, and Silver lines, about 4 blocks northwest from the Mall exit.

PRICE: Tour only, \$10 Members; \$15 Non-members. Tour limited to 12 participants.

TIME: Tour begins at 10:30am; participants may stay until closing. Lunch in museum café (separate purchase)



Thursday, May 31

US Role in a Changing World Series: Melvin Goodman - America's Russia Problem, A New Chapter

Twenty-five years ago, the United States had an important strategic opportunity to remake its foreign policy because of the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact and the Soviet Union, an opportunity that has been largely squandered. Now the Trump administration must deal with the issue in the wake of Russian involvement in the presidential election; worsening bilateral relations due to Putin's actions in Ukraine and Syria; and the confusion created by a new national security team in Washington that has no obvious plan or policy. Meanwhile, important decisions must be taken regarding arms control and disarmament as well as policy in East and Central Europe. Goodman's talk will speculate on where we go from here. Melvin Goodman is the director of the Center for International Policy's National Security Project and former division chief of the CIA's Office of Soviet Affairs.

His latest book, *National Insecurity: The Cost of American Militarism*, will be available for purchase and signing.

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

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



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Women's Leadership Forum National Issues Conference 2018



Please join the Democratic National Committee for the 2018 Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) National Issues Conference and Women Will Vote Dinner in Washington, DC, May 17-18, 2018. Highlights of the two-day event, which will be held at the Marriott Marquis, will be a welcome reception on the 17th featuring Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton and dinner on the 18th featuring Senator Kamala D. Harris of California. The first day of the event will focus on training, while the second day will be the conference event itself. The WLF was founded to raise women's voices and influence within the party by serving as the centralized hub for activation, information, and fundraising for Democratic women and their allies. For details about the Women's Leadership Forum, which is celebrating its 25th year, contact Jessica Knight Henry, director, WLF, at wlf@dnc.org. Registration information for the conference can be found at www.democrats.org/page/womens-leadership-forum.

TUESDAY 01 WEDNESDAY 02 THURSDAY 03 FRIDAY 04

Lori Wallach Luncheon
Young Dems Committee Mtg 6:00 pm

Economic Task Force Mtg 6:30pm
Luncheon Available with Reservation

New Members Reception 5:30om
Art Exhibition Reception 6:30pm

Luncheon Available with Reservation

MONDAY 07 TUESDAY 08 WEDNESDAY 09 THURSDAY 10 FRIDAY 11

Health Policy Task Force Mtg. 6:30 pm

Social & Economic Justice Task Force Mtg 5:00pm
Global Women Taskforce Mtg. 5:45pm
Foreign Policy Task Force Mtg 6:30pm
Discussion with DNC Deputy CTO 6:30pm
Earth and Environment Task Force Mtg 6:30pm

Membership Committee Mtg 9:00am
Executive Committee Mtg 10:30am
Luncheon Available with Reservation

Holocaust Museum Tour 10:00am
Jazz in the Garden Happy Hour 6:30pm

Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:30am
Luncheon Available with Reservation
Sea for Change: Documentary Night 6:00pm

MONDAY 14 TUESDAY 15 WEDNESDAY 16 THURSDAY 17 FRIDAY 18

GCC Meeting 6:30pm

Building & Landscape Committee Mtg 2:00pm

Board of Governors Mtg 10:30am
Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Briefing 12:30pm
Luncheon Available with Reservation
June Newsletter Deadline

LBJ Garden Celebration 3:00pm
Public Policy Committee Mtg. 5:30pm

Luncheon Available with Reservation

MONDAY 21 TUESDAY 22 WEDNESDAY 23 THURSDAY 24 FRIDAY 25

Why Dems Lost Labor, A Special WNDC Forum 6:30pm

Luncheon Available with Reservation
Program Committee Mtg 12:00pm
GOTV Task Force Meeting 6:30pm

Tour NMAAHC 10:30am

Luncheon Available with Reservation

MONDAY 28 TUESDAY 29 WEDNESDAY 30 THURSDAY 31

Luncheon Available with Reservation

Melvin Goodman Luncheon

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.

2018 National Federation of Democratic Women 47th Annual Convention



Join WNDC members and other Democratic women at the 47th Annual Convention of the National Federation of Democratic Women in Tempe, AZ, June 14-17, 2018.

Under the conference theme "Stand Up & Stand Together," the program will include workshops, business meetings, tours, and social events.

WNDC has developed several resolutions for the NFDW convention. The one on climate change can be found in this month's Political Dispatch.

Details and registration information can be found at www.azfdw.org.

Note: The last day to register for the convention without an added \$50 fee is Monday, May 14.

The NFDW, of which WNDC is a Club Member, was founded in 1971 "to unite women of the Democratic Party; to promote the cause of the Democratic Party and to encourage the full participation of women in every level of the Democratic Party structure." Recognized by the DNC as the "official women's organization," the NFDW has three seats on the DNC and one seat on its Executive Committee.

On the Radar June 2018 Events

Tuesday, June 5 (Lunch)

Michael Maccoby - "Narcissism and Leadership"

Thursday, June 7 (Evening)

Members' Wine & Cheese Happy Hour

Tuesday, June 12 (Evening)

An Evening with Presidential Advisor Jennifer Palmieri

Thursday, June 14 (Morning)

Anacostia Cultural Arts Tour

Wednesday, June 20 (Lunch)

Annual Meeting and Luncheon



**June Newsletter Deadline:
Wednesday, May 16**

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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