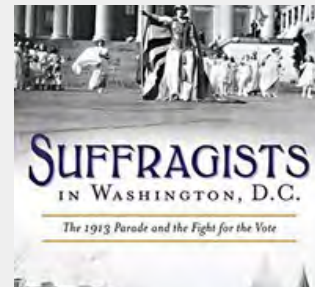
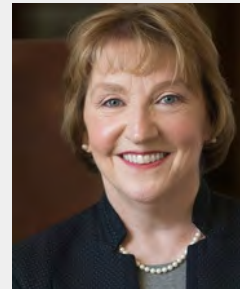
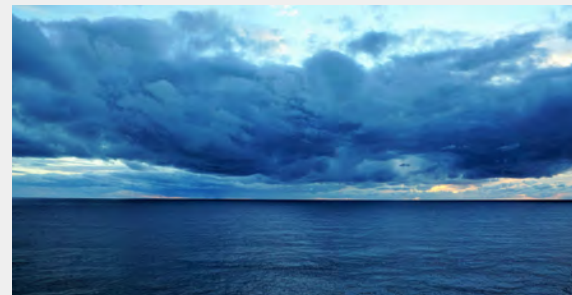


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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## Don't Just Vote - VOLUNTEER!



The race is on! By the time this newsletter hits the stands we will be 5 short weeks away from one of the most crucial midterm elections in recent history. So much hangs in the balance. We are on the cusp of changing the balance of power, bringing the House and Senate back into Democratic hands so the regressive, elite forces of the Trump administration can be neutralized. Our way of life and our ideals are under threat. The average citizen, minorities, secularism, tolerance, empathy, the regulatory process, the rule of law – all are being threatened.

We have seen a groundswell of citizen activism since the 2016 election. But now we need to get even more INVOLVED. One way to do this is to vote - If each one of us exercised this ultimate privilege of democratic life, we would bring sanity back into our national discourse and improve the lives of our citizens. But the challenges of our present means that that is not enough.

An important element of every election in our nation is fundraising. Until we bring in electoral reform and take money out of the equation (European nations are a good example), the only way campaigns can function is through contributions. As a recent

contestant I can tell you that the biggest challenge for candidates is money. They need it to hire staff, plan voter outreach, organize canvasses and phone banks, create campaign material, and get the word out. Unless they become known and can have their positions heard, they will never gain enough traction to win.

Women candidates find it particularly difficult to raise money – as of the June 30 FEC filing, female congressional candidates had, on average, raised only 83% of what their male counterparts had raised. Women of color are particularly disadvantaged because of their limited access to the traditional networks for political donations. Women also make up a very small proportion of political donors. While contributions by women are at an all-time high this election season, they make up only 30% of all political contributions.

The WNDC is actively working to raise funds to support candidates and campaigns. Teams of members are working together to build a corpus of small-amount donations, and, as I write this, we have raised close to \$10,000 since we started a fortnight ago. The next fortnight is the crucial final push for campaigns across the country, and the time where you can make a real difference.

Join our efforts today! I am asking each of us to commit to raising \$500. Reach out to 20 friends who will contribute \$25 each, or only five friends who want to give \$100 each.

The WNDC has created a donation gateway on our website where 100% of your contribution goes directly to campaigns. We have more than 40 candidates on our “Candidate Watch” who are all listed on this page. Please contribute through this [portal](#) so we are able to track our fundraising.

From now until November 6, the Club will be open almost daily for Get Out The Vote activities. Please join us as we host phone banks, text banks, postcard writing, training, and more, in concert with the GCC, Sister District, DNC, Ladies Please Take Your House Seats, Swing Left, Obama Alumni, Blue Wave MD, and a host of other groups. There is strength in numbers. This year, don't just VOTE – **VOLUNTEER!** Let's turn Congress blue again!

--Nuchhi Currier

# OCTOBER 2018 EVENTS

*Wednesday, October 3*

## Suffrage Exhibition Opening Reception and Presentation

**WNDC leads the way:  
From fighting for the  
right to vote, to fighting  
for our democracy**

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

100 years ago, WNDC's founders were leaders in the fight to win the vote for women. This year women voters will determine the outcome in November's elections. How did women win the right to vote, and what can we learn from those earlier campaigns? As America prepares to celebrate the Centennial of women winning the vote in 1920, WNDC kicks off our celebration on October 3 with an evening reception, exhibition, and presentation. Ann Lewis (former White House Communications Director for President Bill Clinton and Senior Advisor to the Senate and Presidential campaigns of Hillary Rodham Clinton), and Allida Black (noted historian and friend of WNDC, leader of Ready for Hillary, Senior Advisor to the Hillary for America campaign, and founder of the Eleanor Roosevelt Project) will present authentic examples of Suffrage political material and discuss the strategies they represent and the messages that still work for women voters today. Lewis is founder of the Ann Lewis Women's Suffrage Collection, which can be found online: <https://lewissuffragecollection.omeka.net>



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

*Thursday, October 4*

**Douglas J. Patton, author,  
*The White Guy in the  
Room: A Political Memoir***

**Introduced by  
Maureen Bunyan**

**Educational Foundation  
Fundraiser**

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

Douglas J. Patton, author of *The White Guy in the Room: A Political Memoir*, will take us on his journey from a young naïve college student from rural Iowa, with little or no knowledge and understanding of African-American history and culture, to a key and seasoned political player in the empowerment of blacks in America. Equally important, he will offer an inside glimpse of the strategic roles of people like him in the civil rights movement. Patton has lived and breathed politics all his life, having consulted on over 20 campaigns of candidates running for public office. He also served as Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development for the District of Columbia, and as an ex-officio representative from the US House of Representatives on the Federal Election Commission for over 18 years. Maureen Bunyan, former co-anchor at WJLA-TV, will introduce the speaker. She is an Advisory Council member of the International Women's Media Foundation and a founder of the National Association of Black Journalists.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

This is an Educational Foundation Luncheon. Proceeds and tax-free donations support the Young Women's Leadership Program at Columbia Heights Education Campus and Anacostia High School.

**PRICE:** \$30 per person. \$10 Lecture only.



*Thursday, October 11*

**Antonia Felix -  
*Elizabeth Warren: Her  
Fight. Her Work. Her Life.***

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

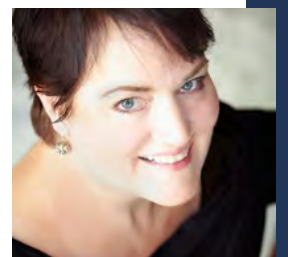
Many know Elizabeth Warren from her televised senate hearings, commentaries on cable TV, and snippets of her story found in her own books. But how do her childhood friends from Oklahoma and former law school faculty colleagues remember her? What do her law students find most memorable about her in the classroom and as a mentor? Who is Elizabeth Warren, according to those who have lived and worked alongside her? Biographer Antonia Felix, Ed.D., shares these insights and many more in her presentation about her new book, *Elizabeth Warren: Her Fight. Her Work. Her Life.*, which covers Warren's childhood in Oklahoma and controversial claim of Native American ancestry to her rise as an icon of progressive politics.

*"Compelling, important, and relevant to the present and future of America."*  
—Robert B. Reich, former US Secretary of Labor

Antonia Felix is the *New York Times* bestselling author of 18 nonfiction books, including biographies of Sonia Sotomayor and Wesley Clark. She has lectured frequently on women in power and appeared on CNN, MSNBC, FoxNews, SkyNews, NPR, PBS's "Washington Journal," CNN International, BBC, CBS Radio, and Sirius XM.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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



*Thursday, October 11*

## Members' Wine & Cheese Happy Hour

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

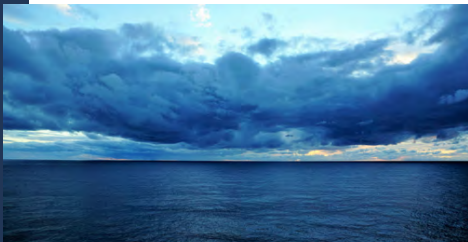
The Membership Committee invites all members to join us at The Whittemore House for a Wine and Cheese Happy Hour. We especially encourage new members to participate. Socialize, network, and get to know your other club members while enjoying a special assortment of cheeses and wines.

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



*Thursday, October 18*

## Oceans and the Future: Why We Must Save Sea and Shore



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

The viability of the earth -- and the future of the human race and many other species -- depends on the vitality of our seas. Today, our marine ecosystems are out of balance. They are in crisis due to myriad factors: acidification, massive plastic pollution, overfishing, threats to key marine mammals such as whales, and accelerating climate change. Please join the Woman's National Democratic Club -- and some extraordinary people working to restore the ocean -- for an evening of discussion and activism focusing on ocean rehabilitation. Our panelists will discuss the causes and effects of our devastated marine ecosystems, and how they have been working, respectively, to prevent further deterioration to the ocean and its wildlife. By the end of the evening, you will better understand the threats to our oceans and leave prepared to make a positive impact, both locally and globally.

**Speakers:** **Bonnie Monteleone**, Executive Director and Director of Science, Research, and Academic Partnerships for the Plastic Ocean Project, Inc. **Michael Fishbach**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Great Whale Conservancy (GWC). **Asher Jay**, international adventurer, designer, artist, and conservationist. **Ruth Greenspan Bell**, Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and affiliated with Columbia University's Center for Decision Sciences and the Environmental Law Institute.

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

*Thursday, October 25*

## Eileen McNamara - *Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World*



**Introduced by  
Dr. Timothy  
Shriver**

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

Eileen McNamara comes to the club to talk about her new biography of the founder of Special Olympics, "Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed the World." Ms. McNamara is director of the journalism program at Brandeis University and a former columnist with the Boston Globe where she won a Pulitzer Prize for Commentary and was among the first to raise the alarm about clergy sexual abuse. She worked for the Globe for nearly 30 years, covering everything from the night police beat to the U.S. Congress.

In addition to the Pulitzer, Ms. McNamara has received awards from several other organizations, including the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation. In 2007, she was named a winner of the Yankee Quill Award, the highest individual honor given by the Academy of New England Journalists. Special guest Dr. Timothy Shriver, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics International and son of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, will introduce Ms. McNamara.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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

*Tuesday, October 30*

## *Suffragists in Washington, DC: The Fight for the Vote in the Nation's Capital*



**Rebecca Boggs Roberts**

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

The Great Suffrage Parade was the first civil rights march to use the nation's capital as a backdrop. Despite 60 years of relentless campaigning by suffrage organizations, by 1913 only six states allowed women to vote. Then Alice Paul came to Washington, DC. She planned a grand spectacle on Pennsylvania Avenue on the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration—marking the beginning of a more aggressive strategy on the part of the women's suffrage movement. Groups of women protested and picketed outside the White House, and some were thrown into jail. Newspapers across the nation covered their activities. These tactics finally led to the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. Author Rebecca Boggs Roberts narrates the heroic struggle of Alice Paul and the National Woman's Party as they worked to earn the vote.

The book *Suffragists in Washington, D.C.: The 1913 Parade and the Fight for the Vote* will be available for purchase and signing.

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

## Mobilize4Midterms

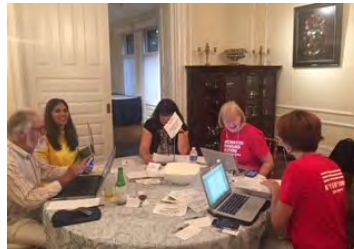
It's the final stretch to the midterms and WNDC's "Mobilize4Midterms" is at full tilt.

We launched our activities on September 5 with the first of our Winning Wednesdays. Now through the election on November 6, the Club will be open every Monday through Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Have you asked yourself: "What can I do?". If so, come to the Club and you will have lots of choices of ways to get involved and have an impact in this critical election. Over the past several weeks, members, guests, and other activists have been coming to the Club on Wednesdays to write postcards and phone bank for three great Virginia candidates: Elaine Luria (VA-02); Abigail Spanberger (VA-07); Jennifer Wexton (VA-10); and other outstanding women who are seeking to flip the House. We worked with Arlington Dems Beyond Arlington; GCC; Ladies, Please Take Your (House) Seats; Mothers Demand Action; and SwingLeft. We launched teams to support Cindy Axne (IA-03), Lauren Underwood (IL-14), and Jessica Morse (CA-04). We honed our fundraising skills with presentations on the "Hard Ask" and the extraordinarily successful grassroots efforts of 31st Street Swing Left. And we put our skills to work raising money for candidates.



We also launched our Mobilize4Midterms website, which incorporates several of our e-Tools -- [www.democraticwoman.org/mobilize-4-midterms](http://www.democraticwoman.org/mobilize-4-midterms) -- where you can:

- Find all of our Mobilize4Midterms events;
- Easily find Candidate Watches on our great candidates in key states and donate using our own WNDC fundraising site (100% direct to campaigns); and
- Check your voter registration status and encourage others to do so as well. Vote.org will even text reminders to vote -- a strategy proven to increase turnout by up to 70%.



We are working with partners and keeping the Club open for a full program of activities right up to the election. We will:

- Support hot races and candidates in flippable districts in Virginia and across the country;
- Phone bank, text, and write postcards;
- Meet fellow activists; and
- Raise funds for candidates who need (and deserve) our support.

There are some great programs ahead:

- Blue Wave Phonebank every Monday
- Phonebank for Virginia's 7th District every Thursday
- Voter Suppression, Wednesday, October 24
- Voter Protection Training, Thursday, October 25
- The Last Weekend, November 3-6



Don't wake up on November 7 and wish you had done more to advance the Blue Wave. **Please join us!**

## GCC Update



As the critical midterm elections approach, the Grassroots Coordinated Committee has been hard at work planning and putting on events aimed at helping to bring progressive activists and their organizations together to serve as a force multiplier. Connecting two grassroots activists can double each activist's ability to enact the change so desperately needed. So connecting those two can quadruple people power. Imagine what connecting a hundred such activists can do! Two of our most recent activities show what people power can accomplish!

The Grassroots Social and Action Fair-held on August 8- brought over 100 activists together to meet DNC, Virginia, DC, and Maryland campaign and community group leaders as part of a nationwide movement to push back Trumpism. A detailed report appeared in the September WNDC Newsletter. The most recent event held by the GCC in partnership with the WNDC was a Grassroots Mobilization Summit on September 27. During this energizing evening discussion, grassroots activists learned about the newest developments for organizing and outreach heading into the 2018 midterm elections with the Democratic National Committee's Deputy Chief Technology Officer Lindsey Schuh Cortés and Chief Mobilization Officer Caitlin Mitchell. And from now until the midterms, the GCC is coordinating a Blue Wave phone bank at WNDC every Monday evening. For more information, please see: [www.grassrootsideas.org](http://www.grassrootsideas.org).

--Mary Paulet, GCC Communications Co-Facilitator

## In Remembrance

WNDC Membership Services Coordinator, Patricia Fitzgerald's father, Reverend Elemuel Sanders, died at home on August 18 in Detroit, Michigan. He was 95 years, and a veteran of World War II. The entire WNDC family offers its condolences.

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## Support Mobilize4Midterms

The WNDC is playing a central role in this election cycle, as we describe elsewhere in this newsletter. Our **Mobilize4Midterms** activities are gathering steam, which includes keeping the Club open Monday-Thursday, 9am-9pm for our members, guests, grassroots activists, the DNC, and other groups.

But keeping the Club open beyond normal hours means additional staffing and increased utility costs. Some members have already made generous contributions to help defray these costs. We are making an appeal to all who support our midterm activism activities to step up and help. A \$200 a day contribution helps to keep the house open beyond 5pm. Another \$100 per day allows us to provide pizza to the participants. There are fewer than 40 days to go. Let us help our important Club do this important work.

In addition, if you have an extra iPad or other tablet around, we would appreciate your donating it to the Club so we can use it for our phonebanking efforts. You could drop it off at the Club or we can arrange to pick it up.

## Fundraiser for Jennifer Wexton

**Tuesday, October 2 | 6:30-8:00pm**

Come out for an evening to support fellow Democrat Jennifer Wexton, running against Barbara Comstock in the hotly contested race for Virginia's 10th Congressional district.

Host - \$350 | Supporter - \$250 | Friend - \$100 | Young Professional - \$50  
Please RSVP to:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/wndcreception>

For questions or more information, contact Mindy: mcburrell@hotmail.com

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<p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Blue Wave Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p> <p>Health Policy Task Force Mtg 6:30pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> DNC Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p> <p>Jennifer Wexton Fundraiser 6:30pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Winning Wednesdays 6:00-9:00pm</p> <p>Suffrage Reception 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Douglas Patton Luncheon</b></p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Phone Bank for VA-07 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>
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<p>Club Closed - Columbus Day</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>Global Women Task Force Mtg 5:00pm</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> DNC Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>Executive Committee Mtg 10:30am</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Winning Wednesdays 6:00-9:00pm</p> <p>Program Committee Mtg 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>Antonia Felix Luncheon</b></p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>Members' Wine &amp; Cheese 5:30pm</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Phone Bank for VA-07 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:00am</p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>
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MONDAY	15	TUESDAY	16	WEDNESDAY	17	THURSDAY	18	FRIDAY	19
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<p>Building and Land Committee (VAMA) Mtg 2:15pm</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Blue Wave Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> DNC Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>Board of Governors Mtg 10:30am</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Winning Wednesdays 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>Membership Committee Mtg 4:30pm</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Phone Bank for VA-07 6:00-9:00pm</p> <p>Oceans and the Future 6:30pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>
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MONDAY	22	TUESDAY	23	WEDNESDAY	24	THURSDAY	25	FRIDAY	26
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<p>Toasting Warren Clark 5:00-6:30pm</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Blue Wave Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>Social &amp; Economic Justice Task Force Mtg 5:30pm</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> DNC Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Winning Wednesdays 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Eileen McNamara Luncheon</b></p> <p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p>Public Policy Committee Mtg 5:30pm</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Phone Bank for VA-07 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p>
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MONDAY	29	TUESDAY	30	WEDNESDAY	31
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<p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Blue Wave Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Rebecca Boggs Roberts Luncheon</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> DNC Phone Bank 6:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>Luncheon Available with Reservation</p> <p><i>Mobilize 4 Midterms</i> Winning Wednesdays 6:00-9:00pm</p>		
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Luncheon available with Reservation Tuesdays through Fridays. 11:30am - 2pm.

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.

For Events: Reserve 24 hours ahead at (202) 232-7363 | Cancellation policy: Credit is given if cancellations are made at least two business days in advance.

# Grand Opening

## REGULAR LUNCH SERVICE REINSTATED AT WNDC

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 | 11:30am - 2:00pm

Come to our Grand Re-Opening on October 2, 2018. Our Garden is abloom, our house gleams and glistens, our kitchen fires are ablaze. We are celebrating fall with regular lunch service, Tuesday through Friday, at the WNDC. Historic, magical surroundings; a reasonably priced delicious menu; fast, attentive service, and the company of dynamic women and men.

**Dupont Circle Lunch Options just got a big Face-Lift!**

**3 COURSE PRIX FIXE MENU FOR \$25 (\$30 FOR GUESTS)  
SOUP & SALAD FOR \$15 (\$20 FOR GUESTS)**

Please contact Patricia Fitzgerald for reservations:  
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## ON THE RADAR

**Thursday, November 1 (Evening)**

Mobilize 4 Midterms:

Phone Bank for VA's 7th District

**Thursday, November 1 (Evening)**

Members' Wine & Cheese Happy Hour

**Tuesday, November 6 (Evening)**

Election Night Watch Party

**Thursday, November 8 (Lunch)**

James Clapper, former Director of National Intelligence (DNI)

**Tuesday, November 13 (Lunch)**

Andy Shallal, Busboys and Poets

**Thursday, November 15 (Lunch)**

Monica Hopkins, DC ACLU

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