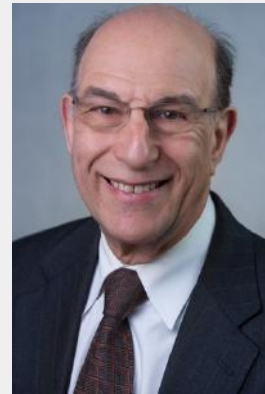


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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



We live in dangerous times. The current crisis has been a long time in the making. Congress has been ceding power to the executive over successive administrations and this President's actions have finally brought this realization into sharp focus. As the population watches him bulldoze past the checks and balances that protect our democracy, using a manufactured emergency to circumvent Congress, they wonder if this desecration of the Constitution will ever be reversed. So, just as Congress has ceded its right to determine if our nation declares war on another, this new transgression weakens Congressional authority further. The Executive dons imperial robes.

The transfer authority used by the President is a mechanism that allows his administration to steal from other programs in order to fund his outlandish campaign promises. Congress needs to rise above what is politically expedient and rein in spending on immigration detention and useless walls. Lawmakers and other critics have cited statistics on immigration, crime and drug trafficking that prove that there is no emergency on the border. The real emergency resides in the domain of climate degradation by humans, home-grown terrorism fueled by rampant gun proliferation, and the harassment and targeting of immigrants and minorities.

We at the WNDC are alarmed at this unprecedented power grab. The need to continue our push towards electing responsible leaders who can stand up to bullies and their own selfish interests becomes more urgent. The upcoming elections in Virginia and the national elections in 2020 will determine the direction of our nation. We will continue to coordinate efforts with grassroots organizations and the DNC to achieve success. Failure is NOT an option.

--Nuchhi Currier

Tuesday, April 2 | 7:00pm

WNDC Awards: Democratic Woman of the Year Award and Trailblazer Award

*Democratic Woman
of the Year:*
Rep. Maxine Waters



Trailblazer Award:
Parkland Students



Celebrate with the WNDC as we bestow two distinct awards: First, Congresswoman Maxine Waters will receive the **Democratic Woman of the Year Award**. In January, she became Chair of the House Financial Services Committee, the first woman and the first African-American to lead one of the most powerful Committees in Congress. During her almost four decades of public service, she has been a tireless advocate for women, children, people of color, and the poor. Rep. Waters has been instrumental in shaping public policy on issues ranging from housing and infrastructure to jobs and youth training to international peace and justice. An integral member of Congressional Democratic leadership, Rep. Waters has chaired the Congressional Black Caucus, and served in countless other leadership roles.

Students from Parkland (Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS) will receive the **Trailblazer Award** to recognize their classmates' ability to turn tragedy into action to end gun violence. They have succeeded on several fronts. On March 9, 2018, Florida passed the first gun restrictions in 30 years, and also last March, Parkland students worked with groups across the country to organize "March for our Lives," the largest youth demonstration since the Vietnam era. This year, on February 13, the House introduced the first two bills to increase gun safety in 20 years.

PRICE: \$150 Members, \$200 Non-Members, \$100 Young Dems, \$2,000 for Host Tables close to the front. For Sponsorships and VIP Tables, contact: mkirtane@democraticwoman.org.



MARCH 2019 EVENTS

Tuesday, March 5

Anacostia Connection Series Program

George Derek Musgrove, Ph.D.

The Origins of East of the River: Centering Anacostia in DC History

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

The Anacostia River effectively splits Washington into two separate and unequal parts. To its north and west, the monuments of the federal city and the disproportionately white affluent neighborhoods of NW. To its south and east, some of the poorest and blackest neighborhoods in the city and large disruptive municipal agencies like the water treatment plant. Cut off physically and psychologically from the rest of Washington, these “East of the River” communities have suffered from political neglect, economic deprivation, and social isolation. Was this always the case? How did it become so? Dr. Musgrove, co-author of *Chocolate City: A Study of Race and Democracy In The Nation's Capital*, will answer these questions through an exploration of the history of the term “east of the river.”

The book *Chocolate City* will be available for purchase and signing.

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



Wednesday, March 6

An Educational Foundation Event

Women’s Equality in the US and Around the World: Laws and Culture:

Celebrating International Women's Day with Kamala Lopez and a Panel of Experts

TIME: 6:30-8:30pm

How do we (finally) achieve equality for women? Prominent filmmaker and activist Kamala Lopez will show her new short film *Legalize Equality* and lead a panel discussion of gender equality in the US in the context of the battle for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), as part of WNDU Educational Foundation's International Women's Day celebrations co-sponsored by Equal Means Equal (EME).

The panel will include feminist artist and EME Co-Executive Director Natalie White; EME Vice President John Belluomini; EME Legal Counsel Wendy Murphy; and Dr. Kent Davis-Packard, Founder of Johns Hopkins SAIS Women Lead Practicum, who guided their joint study on achieving women's equality around the world. We will learn what we can do to make equality for women a greater reality, both locally and globally - once and for all.

Kamala Lopez is a filmmaker, actress, and Yale graduate known for her roles in TV and films such as *Deep Cover*, *Born in East LA*, and *I Heart Huckabees*. Her documentary film *Equal Means Equal* won Best US Documentary at Michael Moore's Traverse City Film Festival in 2016.

Natalie White is a provocative feminist and artist who led a 250-mile march from NYC to DC to raise awareness for the ERA in the summer of 2016 following her solo show at The WhiteBox Foundation.



John Belluomini is a global business and social impact leader who has generated \$1.5 billion in revenue for organizations on three continents. He also started the Center for the Greater Good to help create more equitable lives for people and their housing needs.

Dr. Kent Davis-Packard is the Founder of the Women Lead Practicum and an adjunct professor of Middle East Studies and Global Theory and History at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Wendy Murphy is Director of Women's and Children's Advocacy Project and Professor of Sexual Violence Law at New England Law|Boston.

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



Thursday, March 7

An Educational Foundation Event

International Women's Day Panel

TIME: 12:30 - 2:00pm
Program begins 12:45pm



International Women's Day is marked every year as a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The first observance was held on February 28, 1909, in New York City. Thousands of women marched to demand voting rights, better pay, and shorter working hours.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day (IWD) is #BalanceforBetter, a call for action to build a gender-balanced world. The panel members at the luncheon will take WND's motto "From the Right to Vote ... the Power to Lead" and will explore its meaning motto in her own country.

Moderator:

United States: **The Honorable Gina Kay Abercrombie-Winstanley**. Former US Ambassador to Malta.

Panelists:

Yemen: **The Honorable Amat Al Alim Alsoswa**, Minister of Human Rights and first female Ambassador to the Netherlands, Sweden, and Denmark.

Spain: **The Honorable Concha Figuerola**, Assistant Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States and former Ambassador from Spain to Namibia.

Malaysia: **The Honorable Murni Abdul Hamid**, Charge d'Affaires.

Republic of Guyana: Minister Counsellor/Alternative Representative to the Organization of American States, **Lesley Dowridge-Collins**.

At this luncheon, we also welcome as our guests young women from the EF's Young Women's Leadership Program.

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

Thursday, March 7

Happy Hour for Young and Young-at-Heart Dems

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm

The Membership Committee invites all members to join us for a Happy Hour in the pub. We especially want to encourage new members to mingle with more experienced members and to get to know each other while sharing wonderful hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine or a beer (included in the admission). We also will have a drawing for door prizes for the lucky winners.

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



Thursday, March 14

Textile Museum Tour and a New Perspective on FDR's Four Freedoms



TIME: 11:00am,
Meet at 701 21st
St. NW (part of the
GWU campus)

The Four Freedoms exhibit at the Textile Museum is really three exhibits that occupy all three upper level gallery spaces. Organized by the Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, it covers the WWII background to FDR's 1941 State of the Union Speech, as well as the four Rockwell paintings that were inspired by this famous speech. In addition, we have interpretation by contemporary artists of the principles behind the Four Freedoms. There is really something for every artistic taste! The tour will take one hour but a sampling of the permanent textile collection is on display on the lower level.

Our docent is Sandy Hoexter, who has led tours of this wonderful museum since 2002. She is retired from a career at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The museum is located four blocks from the Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro Station (Blue, Orange and Silver lines) and a 15-minute walk from the Farragut North Station (Red line).

PRICE: Suggested donation to the museum: \$8.

Thursday, March 21

Visions of More Inclusive Cities: Tour of Art Exhibition at the Inter- American Development Bank

TIME: 11:00am. Meet at 10:50am
in the lobby of The Inter-American
Development Bank at 1300 New York Ave.



The Inter-American Development Bank asked a group of local artists of Latin American and Caribbean heritage to envision cities with more equitable alternatives for urban spaces. The artists answered by creating a multidisciplinary exhibition entitled: *A City of Questions*. Their efforts result in a multitude of perspectives, and lend voices to underrepresented groups while offering new takes on urban life.

While this exhibition showcases Washington-based artists, their ideas transcend borders. Their insights encourage us to listen more closely to the hopes and dreams of all people and to liberate our imagination. A private tour of this exhibition will be followed by a guided walk through the Bank's collection of previous art exhibits depicting Latin American and Caribbean themes.

PRICE: \$15 Members & Non-members. Optional self-paid lunch afterwards at a local restaurant.

Thursday, March 28

Richard Rothstein: *The Color of Law* and the role of government



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

The WDC-Educational Foundation welcomes Richard Rothstein to discuss his book, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*.

In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Professor Rothstein explores the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided as the result of individual prejudices, personal choices to live in same-race neighborhoods, income differences, or the actions of private institutions such as banks. Instead, *The Color of Law* uncovers a forgotten history of how racially explicit policies of federal, state, and local governments created patterns of residential segregation that persist to this day. This ground-breaking work concludes that because segregation was created by government action in violation of the US Constitution, we are obligated to remedy it.

Professor Rothstein is a Research Associate at the Economic Policy Institute, a Fellow at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and is a Senior Fellow at the Haas Institute at UC Berkeley.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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

Tuesday, April 2 | WDC Awards Reception

Democratic Woman of the Year Award and Trailblazer Award

See details on inside cover of newsletter.

A Trio of Enhancements to Our House

The Educational Foundation (EF) cordially invites every member and friend of the Club to visit and appreciate several newly completed physical improvements.

Before entering the building, look up and notice the restoration of the copper bay above the entrance doorway. Nearly complete, the bay should return to its original grandeur in the coming weeks. Please take note also of our new 10-foot-tall custom doors leading to the Lady Bird Johnson garden. They are energy efficient, bring in greater light, and offer a grand view of our elegant garden, as well as provide enhanced security. Finally, note our elevator's new marble flooring, which replaced less practical and worn carpeting.

Please join us in thanking the generous donors who made these improvements possible. We are hard at work developing our plans for 2019 and will keep you informed. And, of course, we welcome your support and tax deductible donations as we continue our efforts to preserve the "living museum" we are privileged to enjoy. Learn more: democraticwoman.org/educational-foundation/donatetest/



Call for Suggestions for Nominations to WDC Board of Directors

The WDC 2019 Nominating Committee seeks recommendations from voting members to fill the following positions:

- President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Secretary will be elected for two-year terms. The Vice President and Treasurer will be elected for one-year terms.
- Nine Directors. Five shall be elected for two-year terms and four for one-year terms.
- Members of the Nominating Committee (one-year term) (Chair, Vice Chair, and three members)

Submit your suggestions on the official forms previously emailed (also available at the Club) and place them in the Ballot Box in Patricia Fitzgerald's reception area by close of business, Friday, March 15.

Nomination forms also may be emailed to nominations@democraticwoman.org.

--Chair and members of Nominating Committee: Chairperson LaToria Brent, Arlene Gross, Alyn Hadar, Firoze Rao, Jane Schubert



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Welcome Our New Educational Foundation President

Pamela Johnson, newly elected as the President of the WNDC Educational Foundation, has a record of leadership, innovation, and results in both the public and private sectors. She is undaunted by challenges whether it is coordinating the US government's global efforts to immunize 90% of the world's children, heading up an effort to bring greater efficiency to the United Nations, or founding one of the first companies to use mobile phones and text messaging to promote public health in Africa, Latin America, and the United States.

As an anthropologist with a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, she developed expertise in the use of information technology and data for social good. Pamela applied her experience to make a difference in maternal and child health, civic participation, prevention of gun violence, and other social concerns. In addition, she has worked with dozens of NGO's, government agencies, and private companies, and has served on multiple boards, including the Child Health Foundation. As avocations, she has restored and preserved 19th and early 20th century residences in California, New York, and Washington and maintained a longstanding engagement with photography and art.

"I am thrilled to accept this new role as President of EF," she commented. "This is an exciting time, with unprecedented civic engagement of women from the grassroots to the Capitol. I look forward to building on the energy of this moment to celebrate women's voices of the past and present; preserve our history — especially the exquisite Whittemore House--and work to the day when everyone votes and every vote counts."

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MONDAY 04 TUESDAY 05 WEDNESDAY 06 THURSDAY 07 FRIDAY 08

Health Policy Task Force Mtg 5:00pm GCC Mtg 6:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation George Derek Musgrove Luncheon GOTV Task Force Mtg 6:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation Women's Equality Around the World 6:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation Program Committee Mtg 10:30am International Women's Day Panel Luncheon Happy Hour 5:30pm	Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:00am Luncheon Available with Reservation
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MONDAY 11 TUESDAY 12 WEDNESDAY 13 THURSDAY 14 FRIDAY 15

Communications Committee Mtg 6:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation	Luncheon Available with Reservation Newsletter Deadline	Luncheon Available with Reservation Textile Museum Tour 11:00am	Luncheon Available with Reservation
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MONDAY 18 TUESDAY 19 WEDNESDAY 20 THURSDAY 21 FRIDAY 22

	Luncheon Available with Reservation Building and Land Committee (VAMA) Mtg 2:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation Joint Executive Committee & Board of Governors Mtg 10:30am Gun Safety Task Force Mtg. 12:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation Inter American Bank Art Exhibition Tour 11:00am Membership Committee Mtg 4:30pm Public Policy Committee Mtg 5:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation
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	Luncheon Available with Reservation Social & Economic Justice Task Force Mtg 2:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation	Luncheon Available with Reservation Richard Rothstein Luncheon	Luncheon Available with Reservation
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