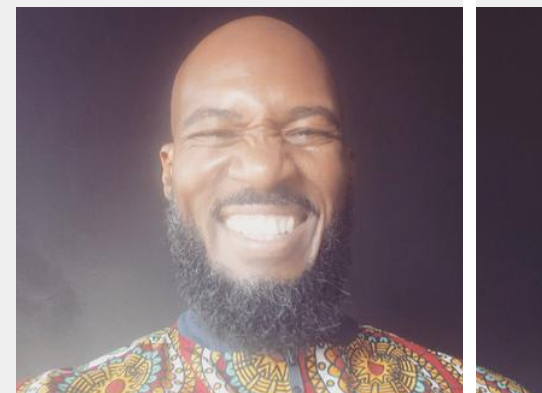
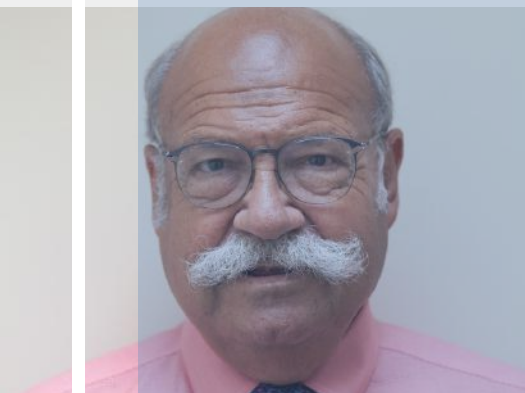
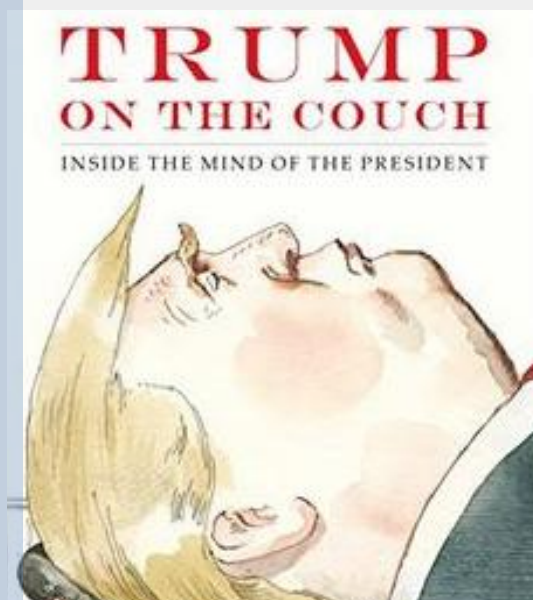
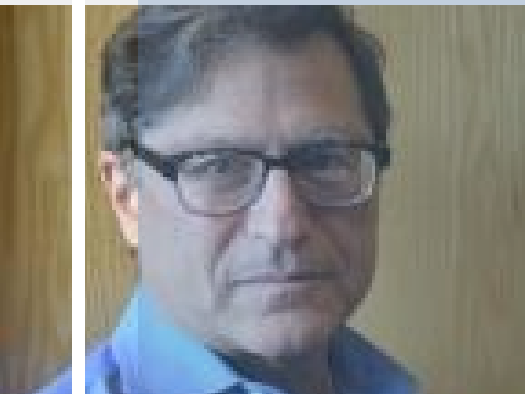
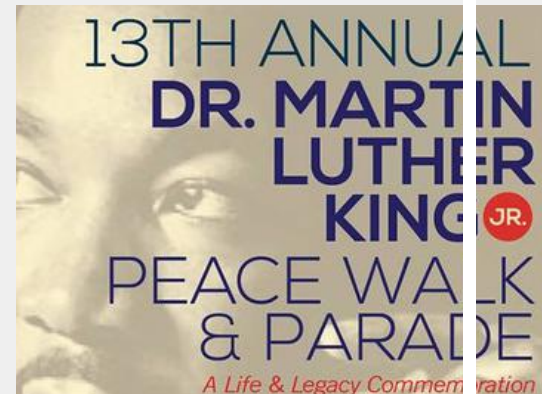


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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



It is January again. As we look back at the Women's March on Washington in 2017 and the anniversary in 2018, we are reminded of our commitment and strength that made it a global phenomenon. It was a display of resolve and strength. And we continue our march towards recognition and success, on a daily basis, transcending dissent, towards goals that are tangible and within reach. Let us celebrate our successes as we join hands in solidarity to realize our shared goals.

2019 promises to be a watershed year. Recent election results were remarkable not only because the balance of power shifted within the two-party structure but also because the gender imbalance in Congress changed a little. We saw women sweep into power in a surge not seen before. We also saw Leader Pelosi solidify her position to be Speaker of the House again. We may not have gained a woman president in 2016 but all indications are that women are going to be a decisive force for good in our nation in the years to come. And by remaining focused on passing the Equal Rights Amendment we can ensure that the rights of women are preserved in our Constitution.

The midterm elections were issues-intensive instead of being personality driven. The slow, insidious march towards firearms proliferation, the empowerment of the NRA and the alarming increase in violence in schools and places of worship, were issues that resonated. Add to that the growing intolerance of the "other" as shown by the rising antipathy towards immigrants and minorities, the increasing gap between the affluent and those struggling to survive, an awareness of misogyny and predatory sexual exploitation of women, and the fragility of the social safety net as more and more people fall outside its purview, exposed to devastation and ruin because of inaccessibility of health coverage.

We know that all politics is local. We saw the power of local issues manifested magnificently. A rising tide of women vanquished their more established opponents by focusing on and acknowledging the quotidian problems of their constituents. From lack of adequate housing to the havoc opioids are wreaking on families, veteran health and rehabilitation issues as well as the concern of aging, retiring communities, candidates spoke to these fears and vowed to bring about changes once they were in a position to make a difference. And the population responded. It is now time to address these issues.

As Democrats settle into their majority role in the House, they are aware that they need a solid strategy moving forward in order to consolidate this new-found power and build on it. 2020 is round the corner. Another election means not just retaining the seats we've won but increasing the lead. And the Senate and White House will be in play as well. There is work to be done. Within the chaos of competing visions and voices we need a firm articulation of a clear message, one of hope and inclusion. We need a resolve to move forward with tangible solutions not just react to regressive forces that are moving the nation backward. We need to be "for" actionable items rather than "against" existing challenges.

One issue that gets lost in the shuffle is a legislative initiative to end presidential wars and to restore war power authority to Congress – as the Constitution requires. We are involved in nine presidential wars that have made us less safe, and killed and maimed millions of people. It is time for Congress to reclaim war powers it ceded to the President, as the founders enshrined in the Constitution, to end these wars that are consuming billions of dollars that can be spent on infrastructure, healthcare and education. We urge the new class of Congresswomen and men to focus on this important initiative. The humanitarian calamity in Yemen highlights the need for urgency and action.

--Nuchhi Currier

JANUARY 2019 EVENTS

Tuesday, January 8

OPENING PROGRAM: Congresswoman Jackie Speier

*TIME: Bar opens: 6:30pm;
Program: 7-8:30pm*

The WNDC kicks off 2019 with Congresswoman Jackie Speier, who will discuss her new book *UNDAUNTED: Surviving Jonestown, Summoning Courage, and Fighting Back*. Published nearly 40 years after the Jonestown massacre that changed her life, *UNDAUNTED* shares the personal struggles—as a widow, a mother, and an outspoken victim of gun violence—that have shaped Congresswoman Speier's unwavering dedication to public service.

Copies of *UNDAUNTED: Surviving Jonestown, Summoning Courage, and Fighting Back* will be available for purchase and signing.

PRICE: \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. \$10 Students.
Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.



Thursday, January 10

Recent Climate Change Report: Big Takeaways and Regional Impact --Dr. Fred Lipschultz



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

The average global temperature is much higher and rising more rapidly than "anything modern civilization has experienced," according to a new US government report that delivers a dire warning about our future. Thousands more could die, food will be scarcer, and the US economy could lose hundreds of billions of dollars -- or, in the worst-case scenario, more than 10% of its GDP -- by the end of the century. Released on Black Friday in November, the Fourth National Climate Assessment was put together by the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), a team of 13 federal agencies. The report breaks down the possible impact of climate change by region and looks at the effects that climate change will have on public health, the economy and the infrastructure. Here in the Northeast, we can expect increases in rainfall intensity, rising temperatures and more premature deaths, hospital admissions, and emergency department visits.

Dr. Fred Lipschultz, Senior Scientist at USGCRP and Regional Coordinator of the Third and Fourth National Climate Assessments, will describe the key takeaways of the study and the actions already taken by Northeastern towns, cities, counties, and states in response to the fast changing climate.

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

Thursday, January 10

Members' Wine and Cheese Happy Hour

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm

Ring in the New Year with a glass of wine and a bite of yummy food at the Membership Committee Wine and Cheese Happy Hour. We especially want to encourage new members to participate, as it is a perfect occasion to network and socialize! Get to know your other club members while enjoying a special assortment of cheeses and wines in our beautiful Whittimore House.

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



Wednesday, January 16

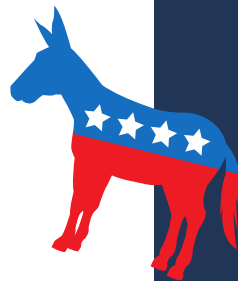
Welcome for Women in Congress Reception

TIME: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

The Woman's National Democratic Club is hosting a pre-Inaugural Welcome For Women in Congress reception in honor of the new female members elected to the 116th Congress.

This event will afford our new and current women Members of the House and the Senate, WNDC members, and guests a chance to celebrate our most recent victories.

PRICE: \$45 Members, \$65 Non-Members. *Cocktail Attire.*



Women's March 2019 Poster and Sash Making

Thursday, January 17

TIME: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Friday, January 18

TIME: 10:00am – 8:30pm

PRICE: This event is free for members and non-members and materials will be provided for the posters and sashes. Donations are appreciated to cover our materials cost.

Cash Bar and Food available for sale on Friday evening.

This year again, the WNDC is the official recipient of hand-made pussy hats from crafters around the world. Pick up your hat from Wednesday, January 16, through Saturday, January 19.



Saturday, January 19

Women's March 2019 Pre-March Breakfast

TIME: 8:00am – 10:00am

Saturday morning, we will gather at the WNDC for a collegial breakfast between 8:00-10:00am. Leave club for March departure location between 12th and 3rd Street on the National Mall (Metro Stations: Metro Center or Penn Quarter/Navy Memorial). Between 10:30 - 11:00am, March will proceed to Lincoln Memorial. Rally starts at 1:30pm.

PRICE: \$20 Members and Non-members.



Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King Peace Walk and Parade

The MLK PARADE 2019 will be held January 21st in Ward 8 and the WNDC plans to be there!! The parade starts at noon, leaving from Anacostia Park and going along MLK Avenue SE to the Gateway Pavilion on the St. Elizabeth's campus where a health and wellness fair will be held. WNDC members will join the celebration by marching with the club's banner along MLK Avenue with Mayor Bowser, school bands, and groups from all over the city. If you want to participate as a WNDC group, please contact Pege Gilgannon at pegeketchup@gmail.com so we can make more detailed arrangements.

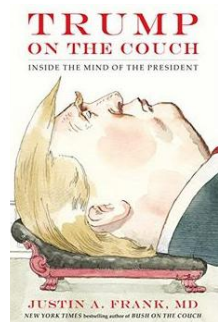


Tuesday, January 22

Justin A. Frank, M.D.: *Trump on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President*

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

Justin Frank, M.D., is a former clinical professor of psychiatry at the George Washington University Medical Center and here he applies his skills to understanding the motivations and limitations of President Trump. Frank draws an insightful portrait of the man's childhood, especially his relationships with parents and siblings. He also examines Trump's successes and failures in business as both a builder and a destroyer. What is behind the President's need to lie and his compulsion to polarize? *Trump on the Couch* is both enlightening and disturbing, and illuminates the factors in Trump's psyche that affect us all. Frank is the bestselling author of *Bush on the Couch* as well as *Obama on the Couch*, and is a frequent contributor to *HuffingtonPost*, *Time*, *DailyBeast.com*, and *Salon.com*.



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

Tuesday, January 22

State of the Union Watch Event

SAVE THE DATE and plan to join us at the historic Whittemore House to watch the State of the Union address and the Democratic response. We will provide details about the evening in early January on our website and Facebook page, and in eblasts.



Thursday, January 24

An Anacostia Connection Series Program: The Rent is Too Damn High: An Anacostia radical community-led movement for equitable development

TIME: 12:30-2:00pm
at the Smithsonian's Anacostia
Community Museum

Join a discussion with Kymone Freeman, co-founder of award-winning We Act Radio, and other special guests about their proposed retention plan's 10-point platform to be presented to the DC City Council. It addresses the housing crisis in a city where more than 50% of its residents spend over 30% of their income for housing.

We will meet at the Anacostia Community Museum and while there, attendees are invited to visit the current exhibition, "Rights for the City." It tells the story of how ordinary Washingtonians have helped shape their neighborhoods through the fight for quality public education, for healthy and green communities, for equitable development and transit, and for a genuinely democratic approach to city planning.

As quoted in the exhibition, "MLK: Prepare to Participate."

Location: Anacostia Community Museum, 1901 Fort Place, SE, Washington, DC 20020

Transportation: Those desiring to pool rides can meet at 11:45am at the club. For those coming independently, we suggest sharing a cab or using a ride-sharing service.

Bring your own bag lunch as the museum does not offer food service.

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



Tuesday, January 29

#MeToo Goes Global By Rachel Vogelstein



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

Since the #MeToo movement went viral in the United States, it has gone global in nearly 100 countries using the hashtag to demand change. At the Council on Foreign Relations, research suggests that technology has accelerated the global women's movement to powerful and disruptive effects. While suffrage marches took months or even years of planning in the early twentieth century, the women's movement today employs social media tools to mobilize millions in a matter of weeks or even days. The current rise of women's activism has possibly sparked the most widespread cultural reckoning on the rights of women in history—and has the power to fundamentally change the way we work, govern, and negotiate. This presentation will outline how the movement has taken hold in countries all over the globe and what outcomes it has achieved.

Rachel Vogelstein is the Douglas Dillon Senior Fellow and Director of the Women and Foreign Policy program at the Council on Foreign Relations, writing frequently in the *Washington Post*, *Foreign Affairs*, and other leading publications on some of the most important issues facing women globally. During the Obama Administration, she was a member of the White House Council on Women and Girls and was a top official in the Office of Global Women's Issues at the Department of State.

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

Heh Y'all, Will Virginia Finally Bring Home the ERA?

Ninety-five years after it was first introduced in Congress, the ERA guaranteeing women Constitutional equality is now just one state away from ratification. Currently, the US Constitution does NOT guarantee equal rights for women and men, although 94% of surveyed Americans believe it should. (Unfortunately, 80% mistakenly think it already does.) In stark contrast, according to the World Bank, 58% of 189 countries have a non-discrimination clause explicitly mentioning sex or gender in their constitutions, including Equatorial Guinea, Uzbekistan, Libya, and Bahrain—all countries that Freedom House designates as “not free.” Yet, they are (at least de jure) ahead of the US when it comes to Constitutional equality for women!



Encouragingly, a vibrant campaign is underway for Virginia to become the 38th and final state needed to ratify the ERA. WNDC joined these efforts by hosting a panel on December 3, 2018, that garnered enthusiastic interest and turnout of over 130 attendees. Co-founder and President of the Feminist Majority Foundation and former President of NOW, **Ellie Smeal**, shared rich anecdotes about ratification efforts she spearheaded in the 70s and 80s. She spoke of Alice Paul's lament, “they tricked us,” on the inclusion of a ratification deadline with the 1972 ERA passage. Smeal cautioned about a massive opposition by the private sector, especially insurance companies, which oppose equal benefits, pensions, and bonuses for women.

National legal expert on women and the law, **Wendy Murphy**, provided examples from her work defending survivors of violence to illustrate that the courts do not apply the same strict scrutiny to sex-based discrimination as discrimination based on race, national origin, and religion. Murphy encouraged the movement to stay united and after Virginia ratifies, to defend the ERA through the courts, rather than first asking Congress to extend the deadline. Co-founder of Women-Matter.org and Virginia state-level strategist, **Eileen Davis**, summarized, “women are in coach and everybody else is in first class. We are the only subcategory of humanity that is not explicitly included in the 14th amendment.”

Executive Director of People Demanding Action, **Andrea Miller**, discussed Congressional-level strategies to remove the deadline. In addition, Davis asked audience members to help the bi-partisan VaRatifyERA.org by doing the following:

1. Signing up on VaRatifyERA.org for action alerts and signing the petition on VARatifyERA.org/petition;
2. Planning to join VaRatifyERA.org for their four weeks of action starting January 9, 2019;
3. Contacting elected officials of the VA General Assembly, starting with Senate and House leadership Sen. Tommy Norment and Del. Kirk Cox and committee members of Rules and of Privileges and Elections.

Stay tuned for our upcoming WNDC ERA initiatives! Email rominakazandjian@gmail.com if you would like to get more involved in this effort.

--Romina Kazandjian, Guest Contributor and WNDC Liaison to GCC

(1) tinyurl.com/VAratifyERA2015Poll

(2) World Bank Group. Women, Business and the Law 2018: Getting to Equal. World Bank, 2018.

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The EF is collecting new and gently used coats to support the students and families of the Columbia Heights Educational Campus (CHEC). CHEC is a unique, globally themed bilingual campus that serves grades 6-12 and prepares all of its students for success in college and their careers. Please support THEIR initiative by donating YOUR new and gently used coats, scarves, and gloves for women, men, and youth/young adults. You may bring them to the Club and leave them with Patricia Fitzgerald. Your donated outerwear will be delivered to the CHEC through mid-March. During the club Semi-Annual Meeting, the CHEC Parents Committee received a call that 2 students did not have a winter coat. With your generous donations, we were able to meet that need immediately. Thank you in advance for your kind and needed support!

To learn more about the CHEC, please visit its website at www.checdc.org.

--Roz Gonzalez, Educational Foundation Board Member



JANUARY

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TUESDAY 01 WEDNESDAY 02 THURSDAY 03 FRIDAY 04

**New Year's Day -
Club Closed**

MONDAY 07 TUESDAY 08 WEDNESDAY 09 THURSDAY 10 FRIDAY 11

**Health Policy Task Force
Mtg. 6:30pm**

Luncheon Available
with Reservation

**Congresswoman Jackie
Speier 7:00pm**

**Executive Committee
Mtg. 10:30am**

Luncheon Available
with Reservation

**Program Committee Mtg
10:30am**

Luncheon Available with
Reservation

**Fred Lipschultz Climate
Change Report Luncheon
Members' Wine and Cheese
Happy Hour 5:30pm**

**Educational Foundation
Board Mtg 10:00am**

Luncheon Available
with Reservation

MONDAY 14 TUESDAY 15 WEDNESDAY 16 THURSDAY 17 FRIDAY 18

**Grassroots Coordinating
Committee
Mtg 6:30pm**

Luncheon Available with
Reservation

**Building and Land Committee
(VAMA) Mtg 2:00pm**

**Task Force to Prevent
Gun Violence
Mtg 6:00pm**

**Board of Governors
Mtg. 10:30am**

Luncheon Available
with Reservation

Newsletter Deadline

**Welcome for Women in
Congress Reception 6:00pm**

**Women's March Poster &
Sash Making
10:00am -6:00pm**

Luncheon Available
with Reservation

**Membership Committee
Mtg 4:30pm**

**Public Policy Committee
Mtg 5:30pm**

Luncheon Available
with Reservation

**Women's March Poster
& Sash Making
10:00am -8:30pm**

MONDAY 21 TUESDAY 22 WEDNESDAY 23 THURSDAY 24 FRIDAY 25

**Martin Luther King
Day - Club Closed**

**MLK Peace Walk and
Parade**

**Justin A. Frank, M.D.
Luncheon**

**Global Women Task
Force Mtg 5:30pm**

**Social & Economic Justice
Task Force Mtg 6:00pm**

**Save the Date: State of the
Union Watch Event**

Luncheon Available
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Anacostia Connection
Series: Kymone
Freeman: DC Housing
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MONDAY 28 TUESDAY 29 WEDNESDAY 30 THURSDAY 31

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Rachel Vogelstein
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Prix Fixe Menu 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.

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ON THE RADAR

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- Thursday, February 7 (Evening)**
New Members Reception
- Thursday, February 7 (Evening)**
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- Thursday, February 14 (Evening)**
Molly McCarthy
- Tuesday, February 19 (Evening)**
Movie Night: Women of Maidan by Olga Onyshko
- Thursday, February 21 (Luncheon)**
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YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

