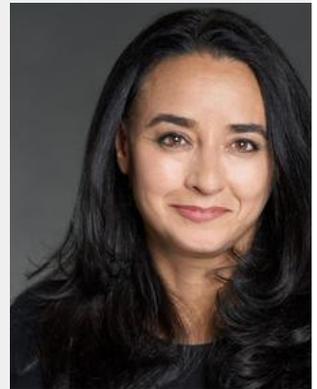
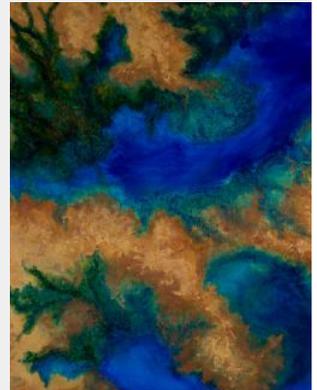


W N D C

NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2019



From The Right To Vote... The Power To Lead

www.democraticwoman.org

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



January proved to be a time of renewal yet again. The promise of a new beginning, the shedding of the angst of the previous year and the hope of revival and change lent the crisp winter air a keen sense of anticipation. But for women, since 2017, January has become the month of action, resolve and resistance. Hillary Clinton's stolen presidency in the 2016 election led to a bright light being shone on age-old prejudices, tools of exploitation and shattered dreams. Women rose in formidable numbers across the globe on the day after the crowning of a would-be tinpot dictator. We planned, we rallied and we established our power in an unprecedented show of force on January 21, 2017. And we haven't stopped since. From huddles in kitchens and living rooms to a more sophisticated movement, women have shown the world what they can achieve when they work in unity. We campaigned, we ran for office, we supported female candidates, we phone-banked, we texted, we wrote postcards, we voted and we WON!

The anniversary of the Women's March in January 2018 was celebrated at the Lincoln Memorial with huge anticipation. The midterm elections had a large number of women running and success, while not guaranteed, seemed within grasp. The momentum built slowly, with exciting successes in Virginia's state elections allowing for cautious hope. It built to a crescendo in the summer and November 2018 saw the biggest upset in US electoral history. Democratic women who had dared to challenge the status quo romped across the finish line in unprecedented numbers. These included many firsts: Native American women, Muslim women, African American women in deep red enclaves, Latinas, LGBTQ women. The rainbow that arced over the American horizon was stunning in its brilliance.

And so we arrived this January of 2019, triumphant if a little breathless. There is another election in the air. Four women have already thrown their hats in the ring for a presidential bid and the 131 women who won congressional seats are looking to solidify and strengthen their base. 2020 is significant also because the centennial of winning suffrage for women will be celebrated. "From The Right To Vote, The Power To Lead" indeed!

The Women's March this year, again celebrated across the globe, was a testament to women's recent successes. Women proved yet again that they are strong. They do not allow division, bigotry, hatred and prejudice to divide them irrevocably. Women know how to resolve conflict. Women rallied again, they brought their young daughters out in the freezing air to march towards hope and success. Women came out to celebrate. And there is so much to cheer for. Last year's wins and the exciting elections shaping up this year and the next. There is so much to change. In this January of our discontent, with a non-functioning Government and a fractious Congress, women decided there were larger issues to tackle. We had to put our own differences aside to move this great nation forward.

– Nuchhi Currier

FEBRUARY 2019 EVENTS

Tuesday, February 5

Soraya Chemaly
Rage Becomes Her:
The Power of
Women's Anger



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

As women, we've been urged for so long to bottle up our anger, letting it corrode our bodies and minds in ways we don't even realize. Yet there are so, so many legitimate reasons for us to feel angry, ranging from blatant, horrifying acts of misogyny to the subtle drip, drip drip of daily sexism that reinforces the damaging gender norms of our society.

In *Rage Becomes Her*, Soraya Chemaly argues that our anger is not only justified, it is also an active part of the solution. We are often encouraged to resist our rage or punished for justifiably expressing it, yet how many remarkable achievements would never have happened without the kernel of anger that fueled them? *Rage Becomes Her: The Power of Women's Anger* was named a Best Book of 2018 selection by NPR, *The Washington Post*, *Book Riot* and *Psychology Today*.

Soraya Chemaly is an award-winning writer and activist whose work focuses on the role of gender in culture, politics, religion, and media. A prolific writer and speaker, her articles appear in *Time*, the *Verge*, the *Guardian*, the *Nation*, *HuffPost*, and the *Atlantic*. Soraya is also the Director of the Women's Media Center Speech Project and serves on the national boards of the Women's Media Center and Women, Action and the Media.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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

Thursday, February 7

New Members Reception

TIME: 5:30-6:30pm

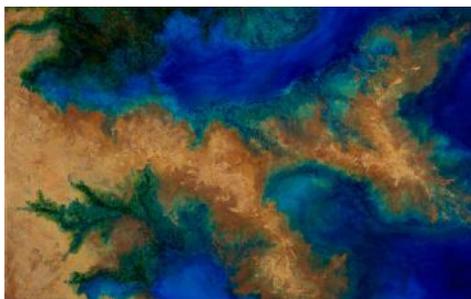
Please join WNDG officers, Board members, and other members to enjoy refreshments and a complimentary soft drink, wine, or cocktail. Learn about opportunities to take part in the work and fun of WNDG. All new members who joined since 2018 are especially invited to get to know other members and to learn more about the superb line-up of activities and opportunities the Club offers. We will even have door prizes for a few lucky winners! Guests are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Thursday, February 7

Art Exhibition Reception

Anne Cherubim:
From Aloft & Through the Ether



TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

Tonight's reception honors artist Anne Cherubim's current series of paintings which are inspired by aerial views, satellite imagery, and the cosmos. Featuring abstract, colorful, textural canvases, the paintings depict imagined views inspired by real life. Metallic paint causes images to seemingly shift depending on how the light hits them.

Anne Cherubim is an abstract contemporary landscape painter. Her art is rooted in real life images and textures, and often in a limited color palette. An underlying thread in much of her work is the environment, & stewardship of the planet. Anne's other body of work is *The Recycled Art Project*, a series of limited edition digital paintings.

Her works reflect someone who is a product of a myriad of cultures: a Canadian girl, born of Sri Lankan parents, now residing in the U.S. This unique 'lens' through which she sees the world informs her work, undeniably. 'Tolerance' is the word we use to talk about being open to, and welcoming of, one another. Anne believes 'embrace' is a much better word for talking about cultures, and the ways in which we can coexist. Art and music transcend language - among other barriers- and create commonalities, harmony. They are universals that can be appreciated no matter where you come from, or what language you speak.

Anne has enjoyed exhibiting her work locally and internationally. Her art has been displayed on billboards in Times Square, is the subject of blogs, was exhibited in a castle in Italy, displayed at BWI Airport, and has been reviewed in the *Washington Post*.

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

Tuesday, February 12

**Ann Hornaday
Washington Post
Chief Film Critic
to Preview the 91st
Academy Awards**



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

Washington Post's chief film critic, Ann Hornaday, comes to the club for the fourth time, just 12 days before Oscar night, to discuss the upcoming 91st Academy Awards and other issues related to the motion picture industry.

Ms. Hornaday began her career at *Ms. Magazine* where she was an assistant to Gloria Steinem. While in New York, Ms. Hornaday began to write for the *New York Times*. She subsequently worked as film critic for the Austin (Tex.) *American-Statesman*, the *Baltimore Sun* and joined the *Post* in 2000.

She is a 1982 cum laude graduate of Smith College and the author of *Talking Pictures: How to Watch Movies*. In 2008, she was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for criticism.

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

Thursday, February 14

**Molly McCartney -
America's War Machine:
Vested Interests, Endless
Conflicts**



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

When President Dwight D. Eisenhower prepared to leave the White House in 1961, he did so with an ominous message for the American people about the "disastrous rise" of the military-industrial complex. Fifty years later, the complex has morphed into an unstoppable war machine, one that dictates US economic and foreign policy in a direct and substantial way. Big Military has grown to envelope the nation's political, cultural and intellectual institutions.

Award-winning national security reporter, James McCartney began to write a compelling history, from the Cold War to present day that shows that the problem is more wide-reaching than anything Eisenhower imagined. When he died in 2011, his widow Molly McCartney was appointed a Woodrow Wilson Public Scholar to do the research and interviews needed to finish the book. Published in 2015, *America's War Machine: Vested Interests, Endless Conflicts* persuasively argues that not one foreign intervention in the past 50 years has made the U.S. or the world safer.

Molly Sinclair McCartney worked as a newspaper reporter for more than 30 years, including nearly 15 years at the *Washington Post* and 10 years at the *Miami Herald*. She will explain how this work is more relevant today than ever with the election of Donald Trump to the White House.

The book will be available for purchase and signing.

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

Thursday, February 14

**Valentine's Day Murder
Mystery Dinner**

TIME: 6:00 - 10:30pm



DC's history comes alive for one night only at this dangerous dinner party. Grab your Valentine, your pal-entine or your gal-entine and join us as we try to solve the Mystery of the Masquerade Ball. Valentine's Day is a day of flowers and chocolates – unless you're a scorned ex or quarreling lover out for blood. Literally. When the Whittemore House opened its doors for a Masquerade Ball no one expected a murder on the dance floor. This Valentine's Day, Cupid is not the only one with someone in his crosshairs. You've watched the TV shows, you've listened to the podcasts, and now it's time to put your murder mystery skills to the test.

Your Dinner ticket includes:

- Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and dessert
- Wine and Beer open bar with signature cocktails
- Possible sightings of the ghost of Lady Whittemore
- The chance to explore the Whittemore House to find clues and work with your friends to solve a very mysterious murder

Your Cocktails only ticket includes:

- Hors d'oeuvres and sweets
- Wine and Beer open bar with signature cocktails
- Possible sightings of the ghost of Lady Whittemore
- The chance to explore The Whittemore House to find clues and work with your friends to solve a very mysterious murder

Please let us know if you would like to be seated with any dinner-guest friends who are also attending. There are no set groups or teams for solving the murder mystery.

PRICE:

Couples Dinner Tickets: \$145.00

Single Dinner Ticket: \$80.00

Full Table: \$650.00
(seats up to 8 people)

Couples Cocktails Ticket (sales end on Feb 14 at 2pm): \$110.00

Single Cocktail Ticket (sales end on Feb 14 at 2pm): \$60.00

All living participants must be at least 21 years old to attend.

Cocktail Attire (current or historical). Masquerade masks are strongly encouraged!

Thursday, February 21

Marvin Kalb - *Enemy of the People: Trump's War on the Press*

In his latest book, *Enemy of the People: Trump's War on the Press, the New McCarthyism, and the Threat to American Democracy*, distinguished journalist Marvin Kalb pulls from recent history to prove that the great American experiment would suffer certain failure if not for a free and vigorous press.



Mr. Kalb is currently a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and a senior advisor at the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. His career spans more than 30 years and includes award-winning reporting for both CBS and NBC News as chief diplomatic correspondent, Moscow bureau chief, and anchor of NBC's "Meet the Press." He has authored or co-authored 14 books.

Enemy of the People is an eye-opening indictment of President Trump's efforts to debase and dehumanize our free press, and how it puts the future of America's democracy in question. The book will be available for signing.

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

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

Thursday, February 28

Nicol Turner Lee on Voter Suppression: 1870-2018



Voter suppression has become a reality of American politics since the passage of the 15th Amendment in 1870. Just recently, it took new forms in the 2018 midterm elections. In 1870, African-Americans and poor whites faced literacy tests, grandfather clauses, poll taxes and other barriers to exercising their rights to vote. In 2018, a range of new and old practices were observed from stringent ID requirements, large scale purging of voter rolls and alleged destruction of absentee ballots the use of social media by foreign actors to suppress voting by African Americans and other groups. This presentation will review the history of voter suppression in the United States, discuss contemporary displays of voting malfeasance and offer steps that the new Congress and others can take steps to assure the integrity of elections and access for all Americans.

Nicol Turner Lee, Ph.D. is a Fellow in the Center for Technology Innovation at the Brookings Institution where she researches public policy that enables equitable access to information technology. She is also an expert on the intersection of race and technology within the context of civic engagement and recently published a paper calling for bipartisan attention to voting rights and election integrity.

TIME: 6:30-8:00pm

PRICE: \$20 Members; \$25 Non-members. \$15 Young Dems. \$10 Students.
Includes hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.

In Remembrance: Virginia Lawton

Virginia Lawton, a decades-long WNDP member, died on Jan. 6, 2019, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington.

Born May 1, 1925, in Oakland, she was a daughter of Arthur and Bessie Lawton. She attended Hagerstown Business College and American and Pace Universities. She worked in public relations with several trade associations and was corporate secretary of the Reader's Digest Association in Chappaqua, N.Y., from 1975 until her retirement in 1987.



An avid reader and world traveler, she was an active member of the Woman's National Democratic Club and a generous supporter of many other organizations and causes.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Eleanor Ann Englander; 13 nieces and nephews to whom she was a devoted and loving aunt, Beth Lawton, Richard (Kathy) Lawton, Ellen Lawton (William Irvin), Arthur (Jo) Lawton, Carol Lawton (Jere Wickens), Deborah (Karl-Heinz) Scheuber, Rev. Robert Lawton, S.J., John Michael (Paula) Lawton, Kevin (Colleen) Lawton, Bruce (Teresa) Lawton, Carol Christhilf, Anne Gunn and Susan Lawton; grand-nieces and nephews; great-grand-nieces and nephews and many good friends.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Cecelia Morgan, Lewis, Otis, Kenneth, Robert and John Lawton; and by her niece, Nancy Chambers. A private celebration of Virginia's life will be held at a later date.

WNDC OFFICERS

President: Nuchhi Currier
Treasurer: Miae Song
Secretary: Judy Hubbard
Assistant Secretary: Adele Dodson
Vice Presidents:
Administration: Marcie Cohen
Communications: Carol L. Rogers
Public Policy: Elizabeth Clark
Programs: Naomi Nairman
Membership: Linda Wiessler-Hughes & Michael Hughes
Visual Arts & Museum Affairs: Winfield Swanson
Public Liaison: Patricia Bitondo

PUBLIC POLICY & POLITICAL ACTION

Chair
 Elizabeth Clark
 (epsclark@gmail.com)
Vice Chair
 Shelly Livingston
 (sliving7@yahoo.com)
Secretary
 Jean Stewart
 (jean.stewart@rcn.com)
D.C. Statehood
 MaryEva Candon
 (candon@candonlaw.com)
Earth and Environment
 Jean Stewart
 (jean.stewart@rcn.com)
Economic Policy
Vacant
Education and Children's Issues
 Dianna Washington
 (diannaw331@aol.com)
Elections/GOTV
 Melinda Burrell
 (mcburrell@hotmail.com)
 Pamela Johnson
 (pamelajohnson999@gmail.com)

Foreign Policy
 Alyn Hadar
 (alynhadar@gmail.com)
Global Women
 Veena Trehan
 (veena0323@yahoo.com)
Gun Violence Prevention
 Shelly Livingston
 (sliving7@yahoo.com)
 Ellen McGovern
 (ellen.mcgovern@gmail.com)
Health Policy
 Karen Pataky
 (kjpataky@comcast.net)
Human Rights & Democracy
 Elizabeth Clark
 (epsclark@gmail.com)
Legal and Constitutional Issues
 Kristina Groennings
 (ksgroennings@gmail.com)
Populism
 Joe Howell
 (joehowell@starpower.net)
Social Justice
 Veena Trehan
 (veena0323@yahoo.com)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

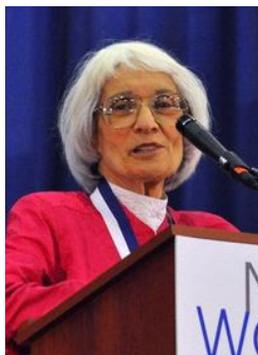
Arts & Museum: Winfield Swanson
 (artswndc@gmail.com)
By-Laws: Susan Rao
 (susanraorealtor@gmail.com)
Communications: Carol L. Rogers
 (crogers2009@gmail.com)
Program Planning: Naomi Nairman
 (nnaierman22@gmail.com)
Membership: Linda & Michael Wiessler-Hughes
 (michaelinda88@hotmail.com)

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD

President: Pamela R. Johnson
 (pamelajohnson999@gmail.com)
Vice President: Nuzhat Sultan
 (nuzhatsultan@gmail.com)
Financial Secretary: Michael Lee Beidler
 (michael@troutdesign.com)
Elizabeth Black
 (elizandcraig@yahoo.com)
Patricia Bitondo
 (PBitondo@aol.com)
Elizabeth Clark
 (epsclark@gmail.com)
Christine Clemons
 (christineclemons14@gmail.com)
Marcie Cohen
 (marciecohen007@gmail.com)
Nuchhi Currier
 (Ex officio)
Suzanne Finney
 (sfinney7@comcast.net)
Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez
 (rovergonz@gmail.com)
WNDC Treasurer: Miae Song
 (cpaannsng@aol.com)
VAMA Liaison: Winfield Swanson
 (winfieldswanson@gmail.com)



In Remembrance: Bernice "Bunny" Sandler (March 3, 1938 - Jan. 5, 2019)



As a child, Dr. Bernice Sandler, whom everyone called "Bunny," dreamed of changing the world. As an adult, that is just what she did – for the better, for all of us, and for generations to come. She is called the "godmother of Title IX" because she became the proverbial "little engine that could" that propelled Title IX – the law prohibiting sex discrimination in schools and colleges– into federal law, classrooms and playing fields nationwide.

In the words of Margaret Dunkle, long-time friend and colleague: "Every woman who has gone to college, gotten a law degree or a medical degree, was able to take shop instead of home-ec, or went to a military academy owes Bunny Sandler a huge debt."

Dr. Sandler died peacefully in her home on January 5, 2019. Last March, she celebrated her 90th birthday at the WNDC. Bunny is survived by two daughters, Deborah Sandler of Martinez, California, and Emily Sanders of Los Angeles, three grandchildren, and thousands of friends, colleagues and admirers.

Her many honors include a 2013 induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame (see photo). While she gave thousands of speeches and wrote more than 100 articles and papers, perhaps her greatest accomplishments were her vision, her leadership, her character, and her ability to bring out the best in everyone.

Her family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, any donations in her memory be sent to the National Women's Law Center, Emily's List, Planned Parenthood, or the American Civil Liberties Union.

FEBRUARY

2019

FRIDAY 01

				Luncheon Available with Reservation
--	--	--	--	-------------------------------------

MONDAY 04 TUESDAY 05 WEDNESDAY 06 THURSDAY 07 FRIDAY 08

Health Policy Task Force Mtg. 5:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation Soraya Chemaly Luncheon Social Justice Task Force Mtg 2:00pm Global Women Task Force Mtg 2:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation	Luncheon Available with Reservation Program Committee Mtg 12:30pm New Members Reception 5:30pm Art Exhibition Reception: Anne Cherubim 6:30pm	Educational Foundation Board Mtg 10:00am Luncheon Available with Reservation Newsletter Deadline
---	---	-------------------------------------	--	--

MONDAY 11 TUESDAY 12 WEDNESDAY 13 THURSDAY 14 FRIDAY 15

	Luncheon Available with Reservation Ann Hornaday Academy Awards Luncheon	Luncheon Available with Reservation Joint Executive Committee & Board of Governors Mtg. 10:30am	Luncheon Available with Reservation Molly McCartney Luncheon Valentine's Day Murder Mystery Dinner 6:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation
--	--	---	--	-------------------------------------

MONDAY 18 TUESDAY 19 WEDNESDAY 20 THURSDAY 21 FRIDAY 22

President's Day - Club Closed	Luncheon Available with Reservation Building and Land Committee (VAMA) Mtg 2:00pm Task Force to Prevent Gun Violence Mtg 6:00pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation	Luncheon Available with Reservation Marvin Kalb Luncheon Membership Committee Mtg 4:30pm Public Policy Committee Mtg 5:30pm	Luncheon Available with Reservation
--------------------------------------	--	-------------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------

MONDAY 25 TUESDAY 26 WEDNESDAY 27 THURSDAY 28

	Luncheon Available with Reservation	Luncheon Available with Reservation	Luncheon Available with Reservation Nicol Turner Lee on Voter Suppression 6:30pm Democracy and Human Rights Task Force Mtg 5:30pm	
--	-------------------------------------	-------------------------------------	--	--

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



OUR HOUSE GLEAMS AND GLISTENS, OUR KITCHEN FIRES ARE ABLAZE. WE ARE CELEBRATING WINTER WITH REGULAR LUNCH SERVICE, TUESDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS, WE OFFER HISTORIC, ELEGANT SURROUNDINGS; A REASONABLY PRICED DELICIOUS MENU AND FAST, ATTENTIVE SERVICE. . DUPONT CIRCLE LUNCH OPTIONS JUST GOT A LIFT!

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

PLEASE CONTACT P. FITZGERALD FOR RESERVATIONS:
PFITZGERALD@DEMOCRATICWOMAN.ORG | (202) 232-7363

Woman's National Democratic Club
1526 New Hampshire Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8

We gladly post late submissions on the website, but we cannot print any items submitted after the deadline. Please send your event writeup or article to idescartes@democraticwoman.org.



Publisher Information

Anna Fierst, Newsletter Editor
Carol L. Rogers, Vice President of Communications
Ina Descartes, Design and Production Editor

ON THE RADAR

- Tuesday, March 5 (Lunch)**
Anacostia Connection Series: George Musgrave on *Chocolate City*
- Thursday, March 7 (Lunch)**
Educational Foundation Speaker Panel - International Women's Day
- Thursday, March 7 (Evening)**
Members' Wine & Cheese Happy Hour
- Thursday, March 28 (Lunch)**
Richard Rothstein presents *The Color of Law*

YOUR MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



Find us on
Facebook