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Let's Celebrate Breakthroughs

Dear Members and Friends,

In this 100th year of our Club, it’s not difficult to find worthy milestones to note: 50 years ago Title IX was being enacted; WNDC was promoting it and now we are honoring it.

In 1972, a group of experts and advocates achieved a legislative breakthrough—a civil rights law that we commonly refer to simply as “Title IX.” Senate sponsor Birch Bayh (D-IN) described Title IX: “It is not a panacea. It is, however, an important first step in the effort to provide for the women of America something that is rightfully theirs—an equal chance to attend the schools of their choice, to develop the skills they want, and to apply those skills with the knowledge that they will have a fair chance to secure the jobs of their choice with equal pay for equal work.” Doing justice to this accomplishment is not possible for me so you are warmly encouraged to attend the panel May 12 panel of luminaries (and the follow-up gala in June!). Register at democraticwoman.org/events.

In 1972, Madeleine Albright was a 35-year-old PhD candidate living in Washington DC when she took a step into Democratic politics, arranging a fundraising dinner for presidential candidate US Senator Edmund Muskie. Her continued ascent in scholarship, intertwined with political connections, developed over the next 25 years and we celebrated her breakthrough confirmation as the first female US Secretary of State in 1997. When she passed away last month at the age of 84, she left a generation of diplomacy-minded, fierce women feeling awed at the role model we lost. Veteran journalist Christiane Amanpour was moved to tears during a live broadcast when she gave a brief tribute to Secretary Albright on the day of her death.

In 1972, Washington DC native Ketanji Brown Jackson was only 2 years old yet already looking up to a law student, her father. At that time, he would have been following in the footsteps of a handful of prominent Black jurists including sitting justice Thurgood Marshall—but could he have imagined that his daughter would reach those heights? She is currently the Associate Justice-designate of the Supreme Court, where her historic status as first Black female justice is inspiring people to see that no barriers should prevent them from setting goals to achieve their dreams. We anticipate that once her tenure with SCOTUS is underway, she will prove a force for intelligent, enlightened, and compassionate decision-making, but she has already begun a legacy of serving as a model for younger Black girls. Let’s get ready to celebrate her swearing in this summer!

In 1972, speaker programs* at the WNDC included “Campaign ’72,” “Food and Films of the Soviet Union,” “Growing Up Female,” and “Children of Vietnam.” They set the scene for an age where WNDC members actively exercised their right to participate in work on foreign policy, domestic politics, and social justice. Our 2022 line-up looks very different—and yet there are common threads connecting us to our continued focus on women’s impacts.

I feel grateful for the trailblazers whose work 50 years ago makes today’s high points possible. And I invite you to reflect and celebrate here with fellow members, who will surely be behind future breakthroughs.

*These gems (and dozens of others) have been digitized for preservation and will become part of our Centennial celebration. Let me know if you want to learn more about getting involved! centennial@democraticwoman.org
IN MEMORIAM

Alma Hostetler (age 104) was an independent woman before her time. Born into an Amish family in Oklahoma, she left the farm in the early 40s to join her sister in Washington where she worked in the WWII Office of Price Administration. Post war and for 27 years, she was the personal secretary to Senator Warren G. Magnuson (D-WA). Alma was for many years a part of active bridge groups at the WNDC, and until her late 90s (when she would ride the bus to the Club), she continued to play every Friday with the last remaining regular bridge group. She credited her longevity and good health to a lifelong yoga practice and the occasional glass of Chardonnay! We remember you, Alma, for your contributions as a public servant and for the happy stimulation you brought to the life of the Club.

CO-WORKING SPACE

Get down to co-work at WNDC: Enroll or learn more about the new space: bit.ly/WNDC_cwc.

WEEKLY FRIDAY HAPPY HOURS

Our themed weekly happy hours continue in May. Guests and RSVPS encouraged! Register at democraticwoman.org/events.

May 6 – Spring Formal Happy Hour welcoming New WNDC members! Docent tours available.
May 13 – British Pub Quiz Night with Traditional Pub Snacks
May 20 – Get Your Steps In with a Neighborhood Walking Tour followed by a well-earned beverage
May 27 – Slide into Long Weekend Staycation Mode with a Movie & Popcorn

BOARD ELECTIONS

VOTE!

Ways to cast your ballot:

- Vote online via the link provided in your email. Click “finish” to submit your ballot.
- Print the ballot, scan it, & save it. Email the file to: nominations@democraticwoman.org.
- Vote with a paper ballot. Print, vote and deliver or mail to the return address on this newsletter, Attn: Elections Committee.

SUNDAY
MAY 1
New slate of candidates sent to members’ email on file

TUESDAY
MAY 17
Ballots emailed to voting members

TUESDAY
JUNE 7
All ballots must be received

TUESDAY
JUNE 14
Annual Meeting—New Board Members take office
EXHIBITIONS

Rush over to the Ballroom Gallery and bring your friends and view Sabiha Iqbal’s exhibition “Where the Stars Go to Dream” before it ends on Tuesday, May 17. All works are for sale and are very well priced. Also, the distinguished artist Jack Boul is exhibiting on the second floor an exquisite collection of small paintings and monotypes.

We look forward to exhibiting “Bold Strokes,” works by Camilla David, a Washington-born artist who studied at the Corcoran School of Art under the tutelage of Washington Color School artists such as Gene Davis and Leon Berkowitz; Thursday May 19 through Tuesday September 7.

A reception for Camilla David and Jack Boul will be held Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 pm.

SUMMER INTERNS

If you know someone—a high school junior or senior or a college student—who is interested in the arts, please let them know that VAMA would like to discuss a summer internship with them.

WNDC DOCENTS

Our docent training program has started, and you are welcome to join. No formal training is required. We expect our docents to have a good time with visitors and members as they share their knowledge about their favorite paintings, sculptures, or furniture while escorting visitors around our historic and beautiful club house. A five-page tour guide is provided; it is simple to follow and learn. We look forward to your joining us to show off our lovely mansion.

CENTENNIAL

We are in the throes of planning for the November Gala honoring the creation of the Woman’s National Democratic Club. To ensure a successful event, we need your help in several areas, so please take a moment to help us identify:

- Corporations, private and public groups, and individuals who are willing to become donors and sponsors for the event (categories under formation)
- Corporations, private and public groups, and individuals who can donate in-kind
- Items/merchandise for a silent auction (e.g., liquor, goody bag items)
- Volunteers to help carry out the gala planning and execution.

Please send your ideas to Bonnie Heather McCabe (thistledownmom@yahoo.com) or Marcie Cohen (marciecohen007@gmail.com). Your help is needed.
WOMEN’S ORGANIZATIONS OF DUPONT CIRCLE
A HOMEBASE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
WALKING TOUR

1. DUPONT CIRCLE
2. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN (NCNW)
   633 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
   (formerly 1346 Connecticut Avenue NW)
   ncnw.org
3. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (LWV)
   1533 20th Street, NW
   lwv.org
4. GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS (GFWC)
   1734 N Street, NW
   GFWC.org
5. NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICAN PEN WOMEN (NLAPW)
   1300 17th Street, NW
   nlapw.org
6. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN’S CLUBS (NACWC)
   1601 R Street, NW
   nacwc.com
7. DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. (Delta)
   1707 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
   deltasigmatheta.org
8. ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. (Zeta)
   1734 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
   zphib1920.org
9. WOMAN’S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB (WNDC)
   1526 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
   democraticwoman.org

The walking tour was developed by the WNDC Educational Foundation in collaboration with the above organizations and the support of Humanities DC. It is available online at dcwomenorganize.stqry.app

WALK WITH US!
WEDNESDAYS IN MAY—
11:00—12:30 PM

Explore Dupont Circle’s rich history and see how eight national women’s organizations established deep roots in buildings of timeless elegance. The Walking Tour (see map) proceeds along tree-lined avenues in a neighborhood filled with examples of historic architecture and points of interest.

Free docent-led tours begin at the Whittemore House at 11:00 am every Wednesday in May. Tours conclude around 12:30. Make a reservation in advance for lunch in WNDC’s garden. All but one of these women’s organizations are 100 years old. Join the Educational Foundation as we honor these organizations, their members and their contributions to our shared history.

JOIN US ON MAY 5 AND SUPPORT YOU CAN VOTE

The WNDC Educational Foundation invites you to a reception:
Thursday, May 5, 5:00–6:30 pm
at The Whittemore House

How can you help counter voter suppression? Meet and support Kate Fellman, Executive Director of You Can Vote, and her team. They are leading 4,000 volunteers and 500 partners in a statewide effort to help people register and get out the vote in North Carolina.

Join us to learn how You Can Vote is reaching voters targeted for voter suppression: people of color, low-income people, and young people ages 18–25. You Can Vote was launched in 2014 in response to drastic changes to NC voting laws following the 2013 Shelby v. Holder US Supreme Court ruling that eliminated key protections of the Voting Rights Act. You Can Vote has grown to become the state’s premier voter education, registration, and turnout nonprofit 501(c)(3).

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EARTH DAY 2022: INVEST IN OUR PLANET

Jean Stewart, Chair, Earth & Environment Task Force

On April 22, 1970, 22 million Americans celebrated the first Earth Day, standing for clean air, land, and water; 52 years later, 1 billion people in more than 193 countries observed Earth Day in April as Earth Month, with the theme “invest in our planet.” Now we know what only a few were beginning to realize in 1970, that Earth’s climate is changing, growing warmer, stormier, and both wetter and drier as weather patterns become more unstable. Increasing temperatures and fast-melting glaciers are raising sea levels, as small- and large-scale changes are simultaneously leading to diminution and extinction of many species of plants and animals. In 2022, most of us know that this is human-caused by our continuing and increasing generation of greenhouse gases (GHGs), mainly carbon dioxide and methane produced when burning fossil fuels, but also by reducing carbon sinks when we clear-cut forests, and widespread factory-style agricultural practices that result in far less green cover.

Read the full article at democraticwoman.org/earth-day-2022-invest-in-our-planet

THE SUPREME COURT: A HOPELESS CASE?

Elizabeth Spiro Clark, Chair, Task Force on Human Rights & Democracy

The maniacal effort of a Supreme Court Justice’s wife to use her position and influence with her husband to help the former president overturn a free and fair election that installed the current president seems to have been met with weak talk about that Supreme Court Justice’s recusal from cases on the January 6 insurrection in which the Justice’s wife participated at the instigation of her buddy, the former president. It seems that we should be talking about something more than recusal.

The treatment of the candidate for Supreme Court, Katanji Brown Jackson, by Senate inquisitors was also a shocking insight into what appears to be acceptable behavior both by Senators and by Supreme Court Justices.

Read the full article at democraticwoman.org/the-supreme-court-a-hopeless-case-by-elizabeth-clark

A LETTER TO CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS

Zina Greene, Member, Democracy & Human Rights Task Force

Dear Chief Justice Roberts,

You must cringe to read about Justice Thomas and his wife as new revelations regarding possible ethics violations appear, daily. After all, you are the Chief Justice and the history of the court will be written as the Roberts Court. It is hard to close the barn door after the animals are out, but at least you can prepare for action in any future lapses of ethical behavior.

We recommend that you take action to codify a set of ethics guidelines for members of the Supreme Court and a method of exercising penalties by the court for lapses. Yes, you are the “supreme” Court, but every one of the nine members is human and can lapse in judgment. Nevertheless, with a set of ethics guidelines and a means for adjudicating ethical violations, your Court will rise in national esteem. We urge you to develop an actionable code of ethics if you want to be known in history as a chief justice who was more than a bean counter (yeas and nays). The Roberts’ Court looks very political today. Is that the way you want it to be recorded in history?

—Public Policy & Political Action Committee, Woman’s National Democratic Club

Read the letter at democraticwoman.org/letter-chief-justice-roberts-pd-ppc-zina-greene

BIDEN/HARRIS ADMINISTRATION SUCCESSES

Cynthia Efird, Member, Foreign Policy & National Security Task Force

One takeaway from the media coverage in the week following President Biden’s State of the Union Address is that facts without hype, a serious approach to complicated problems, and a mature acceptance of realities are a hard sell following the last administration’s rollercoaster ride of thrills and chills, lies and flimflam. Perhaps it is time to list the actual accomplishments of the first year of the Biden-led recovery after four years of humiliating pratfalls.

Read the full article at democraticwoman.org/biden-harris-admin-successes-pd-pcc-cynthia-efird
Thursday, May 12
Title IX 50th Anniversary Celebration Panel
Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT)
6:00–7:00 pm (Zoom)
Recall the early years of the women’s movement and how women leaders made history with Title IX by prohibiting sex discrimination in schools and other educational programs that receive federal funds. Learn where Title IX stands today in every aspect of our lives and where we need to go to reach Title IX’s full potential. Panel moderator Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT) will join longtime women’s advocate Margaret Dunkle, Emily Martin (National Women’s Law Center), Thalia Charles (Lafayette College & Know Your IX), and Clare Marash (writer & Trilogy producer).

Wednesday, May 18
Israeli Society and the Israeli Middle East
Elad Strohmayer
12:00 – 2:00 pm (Hybrid)
As part of our lecture series, “Israel & Palestine: Past, Present, and Future,” Minister for Public Diplomacy and Official Spokesperson for the Israeli Embassy, Elad Strohmayer, will present a hybrid lunch talk and Zoom with questions and answers. Rescheduled from April.

Sunday, May 8
11:00–2:00 pm
Mother’s Day Brunch
Toast the exceptional women in your life! Bring your mother, sister, aunt, daughter, or friend to enjoy a brunch buffet plus a complimentary mimosa. Brunch buffet: $55 Members, $65 Non-members; tax and gratuity included. Additional beverages available for purchase separately. Reserve your seat by Wednesday, May 4.

Tuesday, May 31
6:30–9:00 pm
Wine Dinner
Join us for our third event in our Wine Dinner series with guest presenter Mylène Lonjaret of France. The evening will feature wines from the French family estates she represents worldwide. $125.00 per ticket; tax and gratuity included. $880 for 8 tickets. Reserve your seat by Thursday, May 26.

Proceeds from this event will be used to support the work of Chef José Andrés, founder of World Central Kitchen and its humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.
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| **Clubhouse Hours & COVID Safety Measures**  
Starting May 1, the Club is open Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am–5:00 pm and Friday 11:00 am–7:00 pm. Proof of vaccination is required for entry. The Clubhouse is closed Monday & Tuesday. WNDC staff are available Monday through Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm at 202-232-7363. Please call ahead to coordinate docent tours and other business. | | Walking Tour 4  
11:00–12:30 pm  
RSVP Deadline for 5/8  
Mother’s Day Brunch | | Happy Hour  
Welcome Spring!  
5:00–7:00 pm  
Mother’s Day Brunch on Sunday! |
| 9               | 10               | 11                                | 12                               | 13              |
| **June newsletter deadline** | | Title IX 50th Anniversary Celebration  
6:00–7:00 pm | | Happy Hour  
British Pub Quiz Night  
5:00–7:00 pm |
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Artist Reception  
6:30–8:00 pm | | RSVP Deadline for 5/31 Wine Dinner |
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| **French Wine Dinner**  
with Mylène Lonjaret  
2:30–9:00 pm | | On the Radar:  
June 8: Polly Trottenberg  
June 14: Semi-Annual Meeting  
June 15: Semi-Annual Membership Luncheon  
Date TBD: Juneteenth Program  
June 21: ESPN Title IX Documentary Film and 50th Celebration | | Rural America  
Joe Belden  
12:00–2:00 pm  
Happy Hour  
5:00–7:00 pm |

Join us for lunch! Reservations Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays, 12:00–2:00 pm  
democraticwoman.org/lunch_rez  
WNDC COVID safety protocols detailed at left  
Register for programs (see p. 7): democraticwoman.org/events

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