



Clearinghouse on Women's Issues

January 2019 CWI Newsletter <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

Invitation to Tuesday, January 22, 2019 CWI Meeting

Noon-1:30 PM at the Alliance for Justice, 11 Dupont Circle, 5th Floor; entrance on New Hampshire Ave., NW. (Nearest Metro Stop: Dupont Circle, north or south exit)

RSVP for Program is now needed. See <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

Honoring the Wonderful Feminist Life and Contributions of Dr. Bernice "Bunny" Sandler, Godmother of Title IX

We decided to change the focus of our Jan. 22 meeting from "Using Social Media Safely, Quickly, and Effectively to Empower Our Feminist Organizations" to sharing our stories and thanks for the accomplishments of our friend and Title IX Trail Blazer, Dr. Bunny Sandler, who died on Jan. 5, 2019.

Dr. Bunny Sandler, is a former CWI Board Member, meeting presenter, and long-time friend of many DC area feminists and educators especially CWI Co-Presidents Harriett Stonehill and Sue Klein. Harriett went to summer camp with Bunny over 75 years ago and Bunny helped Sue with her pilot dissertation research before Bunny worked with Congresswomen Edith Green and Patsy Mink to develop Title IX. (See page 2 for more information and links to news articles and videos.)

This celebration of Dr. Sandler's life will provide an opportunity for many of Bunny's friends and admirers to share their stories and insights on Bunny's contributions. It will also help us learn how we can continue to work together to defend the full implementation of Title IX especially now that the 1975 Title IX Regulations are being threatened by proposed changes from the Trump administration.

After this meeting we plan to share tapes and materials with Bunny's daughters, grandchildren, and archives and to add to her website. Bunny's daughters are also planning to organize a DC area memorial gathering this summer. We will also show some videos of Bunny such as her 2013 presentation when she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

In addition to Harriett and Sue, the following friends and colleagues of Bunny have already confirmed they will come and share: Marty Langelan, Marcia Greenberger, Ellie Smeal, Jeanette Lim Esbrook, Edie Fraser, Francelia Gleades McKindra, Caryn McTighe Musil and Amanda Berard. Harriett already has a list of 10 things you may not know about Bunny. As time permits any attendee will be able to share stories and accolades. We hope many who speak about Bunny will want to be videotaped and photographed so their remembrances can be shared with Bunny's family and posted on Bunny's, CWI's and other websites. Marty is writing about Bunny for the Spring *Ms. Magazine* and working with Amanda and the family on Bunny's website so bring your contributions to share on Jan. 22 and beyond.

CWI meetings are free and open to the public. We will bring some light lunch refreshments. An RSVP to attend this meeting is required. Go to <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

Next CWI Meeting, Noon Tue. Feb. 26, 2019 "The 2020 U.S. Census, Gerrymandering, & Voter Suppression"

Dear CWI Members,

We wish you all a wonderful 2019. There is much to celebrate as we start the new year. [Nancy Pelosi](#)¹ retook the leadership of the House, and there are now 127 women members in 116th Congress. These new members reflect the greatest diversity ever established in the US Congress. After passing previously approved bills to end the government shutdown, the House passed HR 1 a large bill addressing automatic voter registration, campaign financing, voting rights, election cybersecurity and more.

We are happy that [Dr. Bernice, "Bunny" Sandler](#) lived to learn about these accomplishments, but **so sad she died on January 5, 2019 at 90**. Many CWI members were longtime friends and colleagues of Bunny, our esteemed CWI member and past Board Member. The New York Times called her "Godmother of Title IX" for her extensive work in the development, passage, and implementation of Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments. Her work provided the data and impetus for Title IX which prohibits sex discrimination in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. She also discovered and shared information about an earlier executive order prohibiting sex discrimination in federal contracts and provided years of leadership in all aspects of Title IX. Bunny delivered over 2,500 presentations. She received 15 honorary doctorates, numerous other awards, and was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. (See CWI VP for Technology Loretto Gubernatis's video of Bunny at the Induction Ceremony and Title IX Anniversary with former CWI Board member Kate Campbell Stevenson <https://youtu.be/5EBtntgX8PU>.) Also visit www.bernicessandler.com.



[Bunny Sandler](#) coauthored with Harriett Stonehill (CWI CoPresident) ***Student-to-Student Sexual Harassment K-12: Strategies and Solutions for Educators to Use in the Classroom, School, and Community***. This book has remained an essential work nationally in addressing these ongoing issues. Bunny and Harriett have remained close friends since they met as counselor and camper at a NY summer camp. Bunny was also a long-time friend and colleague of Sue Klein (CWI CoPresident). Sue conducted her Pilot Dissertation research on "Student Influence on Teacher Behavior" in Dr. Sandler's Mount Vernon college classroom (Bunny arranged a substitute teacher). Sue consulted Bunny for many years on gender equity and dedicated her 2016 Feminist Majority Foundation report ***Reinvigorating the Role of the Title IX Coordinator: A Requirement and Resource***

<http://www.feminist.org/education/pdfs/Title-IX-Coordinators-Full-9-13-16.pdf> to Bunny. Bunny had the foresight to ensure that the 1975 Title IX Regulations include an important requirement there would be Title IX Coordinators in all institutions receiving federal funds--from state education agencies to individual public K-12 schools and colleges.

We shall all miss Bunny very much. Her daughters are planning a summer memorial in DC. (August 24, 2018 photo-Sue, Bunny, Harriett.)

Bunny would agree, women's voices must be heard loudly and often. The 3rd DC Women's March, to be held January 19, 2019 will highlight a federal policy platform called the "Women's Agenda". The Agenda will present 10 issues that are achievable such as raising federal minimum wage, addressing reproductive rights, passing the Equal Rights Amendment. Marchers are becoming vital participants in an increasingly active progressive movement. To register and learn details on the **January 19, 2019 Women's March on Washington starting at 10AM on the Mall**, see <https://www.womensmarch.com/2019/>. To vote for a donation to the March from CREDO go to: <https://www.credodonations.com/blog>.

Let us, members of CWI, begin this year, 2019, with hope and ambition to have the issues we truly care about and are necessary for future generations be addressed and legislated.

Sincerely, Harriett Stonehill, CoPresident CWI and Sue Klein, CoPresident CWI

¹ See Top of the Morning Special Tribute to Nancy Pelosi by Loretto Gubernatis <https://youtu.be/IdVQoptCYFEM>

CWI Meeting Summary, November 27, 2018 Post-Election Results and the Impact on Women's Issues

The meeting was moderated by Jeanette Lim Esbrook, CWI Vice President Legal Affairs. The presenters were Catherine Beane, Vice President of Public Policy and Advocacy at YWCA USA; Jan Erickson, Director of Government Relations, the National Organization for Women (NOW); and Leila Abolfazli, Director of Federal Reproductive Rights, National Women's Law Center (NWLC). The presenters outlined a long list of exciting opportunities to build on past progress and priorities of women and families. Videos of this meeting by Loretto Gubernatis, CWI's Vice President for Media Relations are available Part 1, Catherine Beane <https://youtu.be/DGoZrE-3w8k>, Part 2, Jan Erickson 25 Minutes https://youtu.be/I_8FKRnFaZQ.

The first presenter, **Catherine Beane** leads [YWCA](#) efforts to impact legislation and policy related to racial justice and civil rights, women's empowerment, economic advancement, and women's health and safety. Before joining YWCA, she addressed gender equity, school discipline, and student achievement issues for the National Education Association and served as the policy director for the Children's Defense Fund. She began her career as a trial attorney representing indigent youth and adults in juvenile and criminal proceedings. She earned her B.A. from Emory University, and her J.D. from Catholic University of America.



Catherine Beane presented the results of a YWCA commissioned telephone survey "[What Women Want 2018](#)" of 1,038 Independent, Republican and Democratic women across America to identify which issues and legislation are most important to them. The survey was analyzed by race, age, education level, marital status, and several other demographics. Among the multiple issues in the survey, the women were united in their views across party lines. Results showed 79% strongly supported equal pay laws for women and 75% strongly agreed with the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Women across party lines also were united in their support for ending family separation and detention at the border. There was a 9% increase in women reporting discrimination with half of all millennial women reporting that they have experienced gender discrimination. Furthermore, all women including all subgroups of women: millennial, White, Black, Latina, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Native American said that their number one concern was gun violence.

Catherine stressed the unity in beliefs among Democratic, Republican and Independent women on many issues including immigration and economic concerns. The YWCA will use this survey when deciding on which pieces of legislation to focus on in 2019 and to decide which issues are most important to women and thus, should be debated in Congress.

Jan Erickson (on left in photo) is Director of Government Relations for [NOW](#). She also serves as Director of Programs for NOW Foundation. She is the primary staff member responsible for the organization's work on reproductive rights, educational equity, economic equity, retirement security, violence against women and women's health issues, among others. Jan has also been a professional staff member in the U.S. Senate, in a governor's office and with a state legislature. While working in the Alaska State Legislature she was instrumental in securing state ratification in 1972 of the federal Equal Rights Amendment and adoption of a state Equal Rights Amendment. In addition, she organized a statewide coalition in 1970-71 to successfully repeal the state's restrictive abortion laws. Jan Erickson has also staffed, managed, and consulted in more than 30 local and state election campaigns. She taught journalism at the high school level and worked for three newspapers and wrote a column on women's rights. She graduated from the University of Alaska-Anchorage, served as Alaska State President for NOW in the mid-1980s and co-chaired the State NOW PAC.

Jan summarized the political wins of women in the 2018 midterm election and the legislative focusses of NOW for the next congressional term. Among those wins were 42 women of color including two Muslim women and 36 new women in the house. This lifted the total number of women in the House to 122 which is the record and up from the previous record of 85 women which was set two years ago in 2016. Of the women that NOW endorsed, 132 of them won in the midterm election including nine female governors and many new women in Congress. Jan said NOW is creating a list of the harmful policies that Republicans have enacted in the last 8 years and is sending in complaints against the proposed Title IX regulations that weaken protections against sexual harassment and assault. Jan then discussed many of NOW's 2019 legislative priorities. Protecting Special Counsel Robert Mueller, raising the federal minimum wage, immigration reform, strengthening Obamacare were likely Democratic priorities. NOW's priorities include passage of the Women's Health Protection Act, Healthy Families Act, the Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Insurance Coverage Act (EACH Woman Act), the Equality Act, The Paycheck Fairness Act, Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, the Gender Equity in Education Act and the joint resolution to repeal the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Act. With a democratic majority in the House NOW is hoping to have factual hearings and help pass progressive legislation especially related to helping women and families. Remaining optimistic, NOW also hopes to be able to get the Senate to discuss and also pass much of this legislation. Overall NOW is viewing the 2018 midterms as a success for women's representation in the federal and many state governments.



Leila Abolfazli (on right in photo) is Director of Federal Reproductive Rights at the [National Women's Law Center \(NWLC\)](#). She works on a range of issues involving the protection and expansion of reproductive rights. Leila returned to NWLC in late 2018 after a two-year clinical teaching fellowship at Georgetown University Law Center. Before first joining NWLC in 2011, Leila Abolfazli was a Senior Associate at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of Emory University and Georgetown University Law Center.

Leila discussed the work that she does at the National Women's Law Center and the issues that she is focusing on in terms of a legislative agenda. She started this by saying, "we could live in a different world, these are not radical issues," and this is how she framed the rest of her discussion. Leila discussed extensively the connection between antiabortion views and racism and how women of color and low-income women have always been disproportionately targeted by antiabortion policies. She went on to state how for many of these women the Roe v. Wade decision to allow abortions no longer exists as their choice because they do not have the financial ability to access an abortion. This is why the courts are such a large focus for NWLC. NWLC is opposing judicial and other nominees who are hostile to women and their rights. There will also be a chance for the House to hold

real hearings on these issues in 2019 where experts on the subject are given enough time and the facts are what is important to the committee. Furthermore, the NWLC will be working on getting bills like the Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Insurance Act (EACH Woman Act) and the Women's Health Protection Act passed through Congress. Leila ended by saying, "this is our lives," these issues are not distractions or separate from any other problem in America and instead abortion access is central to women being able to live their lives.

The CWI Board of Directors selected these potential Tuesday, Noon CWI meeting topics for 2019:

February 26, 2019. The 2020 U.S.Census, Gerrymandering, & Voter Suppression. Organizers: Jeanette Lim Esbrook and Megan Corrado.

March 26, 2019. Potential Collaboration between the National Women's History Museum and the Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative. Organizers: Sue Klein and Holly Joseph

April 23, 2019. Financial Literacy Organizers: Connie Cordovilla and Anne Martin

May 21, 2019. A Feminist Approach to U.S. Foreign Policy. Organizer: Megan Corrado

June 18, 2019. Collaboration Among Women's Organizations. Organizers: TBD.

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January 19, 2019 Women's March on Washington 10AM. See <https://www.womensmarch.com/2019/> and page 2.

January 22, 2019 Noon to 1:30. Honoring the Wonderful Feminist Life and Contributions of Dr. Bernice Sandler, Godmother of Title IX, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (See pages 1 & 2 of newsletter.)

February 26, 2019 Noon to 1:30. The 2020 U.S.Census, Gerrymandering, and Voter Suppression will include presentations on the status of collecting citizenship information in the 2020 Census and court and legislative actions on gerrymandering and voter suppression, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues. (See page 1) CWI's newsletter is endowed by friends in loving memory of our longtime editor Roslyn Kaiser.

Meeting summary the Presenters & Sarah Timmerman, FMF Intern. Newsletter edited by Sue Klein

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The 2020 Census, Gerrymandering, and Voter Suppression

CWI's program for the February 26th meeting will provide information on the important 2020 election year. Voting rights are under attack nationwide as states have used redistricting, gerrymandering and voter suppression laws to influence the outcome of elections by discouraging or preventing specific groups of people from voting. CWI has invited speakers to address voter suppression, gerrymandering and the issue of whether the 2020 Census will include a citizenship question. Census experts warn that including a citizenship question would result in underreporting by minorities. This meeting is organized by CWI's Vice President for Legal Affairs, Jeanette Lim Esbrook.

Jessica Jones Capparell, the Policy & Legislative Affairs Senior Manager, League of Women Voters USA will explain gerrymandering, redistricting and voter suppression. Ms. Capparell will highlight voter suppression laws passed since 2010. She works to deliver the League's message around federal advocacy priorities through lobbying and the development of advocacy strategies. She also manages the day to day operations of the League's volunteer Lobby Corps, a group of League members from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia who work to deliver the League's message to Capitol Hill on behalf of state and local Leagues across the country. She is an expert on League policy positions and works to implement grassroots strategies in coordination with League members and organizational partners around the country. Prior to joining the League, Jessica Jones Capparell worked on political campaigns throughout the United States focusing mostly on grassroots engagement but also running statewide operations with communications, field and an online focus. She has a B.A. from Culver-Stockton College.

Andrea Senteno, is the Regional Counsel in the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF's) Washington, DC office, where she oversees MALDEF's legislative and regulatory work in Washington and litigation work covering the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Fourth and Eleventh Circuits. She is responsible for MALDEF's legislative and regulatory portfolios on immigration and voting rights, and assists with litigation in the Southeast Region. She is also responsible for MALDEF's federal immigration policy work which includes issues related to enforcement, immigrant detention, administrative relief, and legislative proposals. She works to advance a legislative fix to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 following the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, among other election reform efforts to protect Latino voting rights. She has had a long commitment to public interest work, as well as social and racial justice issues. Prior to attending law school, she advocated for government transparency and accountability in New York, focusing on election reform issues. She received her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law and B.A. from Pitzer College. She will discuss the status of the numerous litigation challenges to the citizenship question on the 2020 Census. In March 2018 the U.S. Department of Commerce announced their intention to include a citizenship question in the 2020 Census and on June, 2018 published that intention in the Federal Register.

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Next CWI Meeting, Noon Tuesday March 26, 2019 "Potential Collaboration between the National Women's History Museum and the Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative"

**CLEARINGHOUSE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES (CWI) MEETING SUMMARY,
JANUARY 22, 2019
HONORING THE WONDERFUL FEMINIST LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
DR. BERNICE "BUNNY" RESNICK SANDLER, GODMOTHER OF TITLE IX**

Over two dozen feminists convened at the Alliance for Justice in Washington, DC as the Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) honored the life and work of the late Bunny Sandler who passed away from cancer on January 5, 2019 at 90. Often known as the "Godmother of Title IX", Bunny's contributions to the lives of girls and women through her relentless advocacy, mentoring, and inspiration resounded throughout this meeting room as over a dozen speakers offered their personal experiences of working with Bunny and/or being impacted by the laws and legislation that she helped to pass and implement. Bunny was also featured at other CWI meetings--most recently on April 26, 2016 on "How Equity Advocates Can Support High Expectations for Title IX and Title IX Coordinators." (See CWI newsletters for April and May 2016 https://womensclearinghouse.org/files/6815/1595/8428/CWI_Full_Year_2016.pdf and <https://youtu.be/smANxguO--0> for the 2016 meeting video. Also see the January 2019 CWI Newsletter at <https://womensclearinghouse.org> for this 1-22-19 meeting invitation. Individual edited videos of each 1-22-19 presenter's tributes are linked in this summary. A playlist of each is here <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWbO0hEgyQKSno6NcZuDsjiP8hXBAkDPu> and is on the programs page of the CWI website. Full videos of this meeting and other videos of Bunny will also be available from CWI.

Harriett Stonehill (estone456@aol.com) Co-President of CWI, (and Bunny's close friend since they met in summer camp as young teens) opened the meeting with a joining of hands and a silent prayer as all present remembered Bunny and reflected on their personal sense of loss and appreciation. (Harriett Stonehill is in photo below, middle left with white hair.)



Sue Klein (sklein@feminist.org), Co-President of CWI and Education Equity Director, Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) then offered some timely words of wisdom as we consider Bunny's influence well beyond

the crafting of and passage of Title IX. Sue shared that today, Jan. 22, was the 46th anniversary of the 1973 Roe v Wade Supreme Court Decision and that indeed, CWI had begun in 1974. Sue recalled first meeting Bunny in 1969 when Dr. Sandler let Sue pilot test her dissertation research on “Student Influence on Teacher Behavior” with Bunny’s Mount Vernon College class. They became friends and Bunny kept Sue informed of her work fighting sex discrimination and encouraged Sue to join Women’s Equity Action League (WEAL) where Bunny filed many sex discrimination complaints against universities that had federal contracts. Bunny kept Sue posted on both the ERA and on her related efforts to prohibit sex discrimination in education leading to Title IX.

Bunny continued to be a wonderful generous friend, mentor, and support through and beyond Sue’s 34 year career in the U.S. Department of Education (ED) where Sue worked on “sex equity” (now called “gender equity”) whenever she was allowed to do so. For example, Bunny was a key advisor on the 1985 and 2007 *Handbooks for Achieving Sex/Gender Equity Through Education* which Sue edited. When Sue joined FMF in 2003 she started building on Title requirements for IX Coordinators, an important strategy Bunny helped include in the 1975 Title IX regulations. FMF’s 2016 report on Title IX Coordinators (<http://www.feminist.org/education/pdfs/Title-IX-Coordinators-Full-9-13-16.pdf>) was dedicated to Bunny Sandler.



Bunny also inserted the requirement that schools develop grievance procedures in the 1975 Title IX Regulation and during her 20 years leading the Project on the Status and Education of Women at the Association of American Colleges, Bunny helped all of us understand that the nature of sexual harassment and “date rape” and that they were forbidden under Title IX. Like the rest of us, Bunny objected to the Trump Administration’s withdrawal of guidance on preventing and adjudicating sexual harassment and assault and then proposing major objectionable changes to the 1975 Title IX Regulation grievance procedures. If finalized these detailed proposed changes would decrease protections against sex discrimination especially related to sexual harassment and assault. Bunny has long been a national treasure in fighting sex discrimination. We will miss her great generosity, scholarship, and wisdom. She would want us to continue supporting the full implementation of Title IX and to continue to fight any attempts to weaken this tremendously powerful federal law that has had such a huge impact, but as Bunny learned it will take many more years to end sex discrimination in all its forms than she originally anticipated. (See video of Sue Klein at 1-22-19 meeting https://youtu.be/x_cLjWsek_M)



Following Sue Klein’s remarks, we viewed several minutes of a longer video watching Bunny accept her induction into the National Women’s Hall of Fame (<https://youtu.be/5EBtntgX8PU>) and listening to Bunny speak about the importance of gender equity in education and beyond. It was as though she was still in the room with us. This video was produced by CWI’s Vice President for Media Relations, **Loretto Gubernatis** (mcdonagh_davis@msn.com) Loretto explained that she first met Bunny in 2006 when she first started taping the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame for the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center. She would see Bunny at meetings when she shot over 75 videos of great women including Bunny. Loretto said, “I did not know her personally but she always allowed me to tape her and she always thanked me. It was an honor to

know her.” Loretto also produced the videos of this CWI meeting honoring Bunny. (See camera equipment in front of Loretto with video of Bunny in the background and <https://youtu.be/raXzI6JYPow> for Loretto Gubernatis’s 1-22-19 tribute to Bunny.)

Be sure to check out Bunny's own website www.bernicessandler.com, which Marty Langelan and others will be augmenting with this summary and many other tributes and contributions. Please send memories of Bunny, tributes, comments, personal stories, photos, videos and missing historical documents and other materials to Marty Langelan at sandler.langelan@gmail.com. Give appropriate permissions to post on the bernicesandler website.



Marcia Greenberger (mgreenberger@nwlc.org), the founder and co-president Emerita of the National Women's Law Center shared the ways in which Bunny's advice, guidance and strategic planning helped shape the NWLC. She described herself as "learning at Bunny's knee" as Bunny's work for the Women's Equity Action League made possible the real connections between issues and strategies. She described Bunny as a brilliant strategist whose passion was to eliminate gender discrimination in education and beyond. She explained how Bunny insisted that we cannot rest on our laurels and reminded us that what we want requires a multigenerational effort fighting oppressive systems. Marcia described Bunny's work on Executive

Order 11246 which existed prior to Title IX becoming law and through which Bunny submitted over 100 complaints of gender inequities in education.

Bunny understood we must use all tools to make change—the courts, federal agencies like the Department of Education to enforce Title IX and the Department of Labor to enforce the Executive Order, Congress to strengthen the laws, and public education through the press, speeches, research and publications—and public pressure. She used them all and taught us how to as well, including organizations using her Executive Order strategy to open good paying jobs for women in the mines to the financial sector. She helped my Center bring the WEAL case that forced the release of Title IX regulations, including in athletics. And she was a force leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Restoration Act restoring Title IX, Title VI, Section 504 and the Age Discrimination Act. Bunny's contributions are incalculable. Marcia reminded us as well that Bunny's impact went far beyond education. (The video of Marcia Greenberger's 1-22-19 tribute to Bunny is on <https://youtu.be/YAPODDNdZ7U>.)



Marty Langelan (mjlangelan@gmail.com) an expert on harassment and past president of the National Woman's Party and the DC Rape Crisis Center, talked about Bunny's radiant grin and how much fun she had causing what the Civil Rights movement calls "good trouble." Marty said that Bunny got her into all kinds of wonderful trouble over the years, starting with Executive Order 11246--because of Bunny, Marty filed and won one of the first successful federal administrative complaints about sex discrimination, before we had Title IX. She called Bunny a master strategist and scholar who tackled the realities of discrimination and pioneered practical administrative policies and procedures for handling harassment, nationwide. Marty said she loved what Bunny did for women in sports, too, because as a kid she had been tossed out of the school baseball team try-outs, just for being a girl. She said she raged against the sexist unfairness at the

time, and whooped with joy when Bunny got Title IX passed a few years later. Marty called Title IX "the legislative equivalent of a Swiss Army knife," because it gave us tools to tackle all kinds of discrimination. Marty also read a funny story from Lisa Maatz about how Lisa met Bunny. Marty said, "Bunny Sandler was such a powerhouse – she changed the world for millions of women and girls, and for men and boys as well."

Marty mentioned that she has been asked to write a remembrance of Bunny for the spring issue of Ms. Magazine, and invited people to send her their comments, stories and insights for the article. (The 1-22-19 video of Marty Langelan's tribute to Bunny is https://youtu.be/mrgKdp_rgSg .) Marty will also be updating Bunny's website in the future. If you'd like to post a tribute, comment, or memorable story on Bunny's website, please send it to Marty at sandler.langelan@gmail.com.

Next followed **Jeanette Lim (Esbrook)** (Jeanette.esbrook@comcast.net) Jeanette knew Bunny Sandler when she was in the Office for Civil Rights and responsible for implementing Title IX from 1979-2002 as Acting Assistant Secretary and Program Legal Director. Jeanette however said this was not how she first got to know about Bunny Sandler's activism. Jeanette's first learned about Dr. Sandler when Jeanette was the Affirmative Action Director at a university and implemented the Federal Contract Compliance Executive Orders (EOs).

In describing Bunny's activism Jeanette shared how Bunny actually discovered *the EOs in her own words*. *Bunny was disappointed that in academia there were no Federal laws dealing with sex discrimination. She came upon the 1965 Executive Order addressing discrimination based on race, color religion, or national origin. Bunny said "I was reading the 1965 Executive Order and happened to see an asterisk. Since I am an academic person, I read the asterisked footnote and saw that the EO was amended . . . to include women. A eureka-like alarm went off in my head and within months we filed charges against the University of Maryland."* Bunny's "Eureka" was followed by her leadership in filing complaints against 150 institutions by the Women's Equity Action League and National Organization for Women. This was a shot across the bow for all research universities with numerous contracts. The EOs required affirmative action in the hiring, promotion and benefits for all university employees including academicians. Jeanette next saw Bunny at a 1971 Congressional hearing chaired by Representative. Edith Green of Oregon on the Higher Education Act, Title X which was the precursor to Title IX enacted in 1972.



Jeanette shared how she became a feminist in part through reading feminist writings in the sixties and seventies, Betty Friedan's "Feminine Mystic"; Erica Jong, "Fear of Flying"; Germaine Greer, "The Female Eunuch" and listening to Gloria Steinem's speeches. Jeanette left her life as a corporate wife and became a civil rights lawyer. Bunny as the "Godmother of Title IX" was always an inspiration to Jeanette throughout her career. (See <https://youtu.be/l3BoyYBg7KU> video for Jeanette's 1-22-19 tribute to Bunny. The photo of Jeanette with Bunny was from the April 26, 2016 CWI Meeting featuring Bunny and Title IX as noted on page 1 of this summary.)

Ellie Smeal (esmeal@feminist.org), President of the Feminist Majority Foundation, The Feminist Majority and publisher of Ms. Magazine (left front on photo on next page) spoke about meeting Bunny when she visited Pittsburgh in the 1972 and Ellie was a state NOW leader. Ellie also reminded us that she, Bunny and others were disappointed that they could not include requirements to prohibit sex stereotypes and sex discrimination in curriculum materials in the 1975 Title IX Regulations. Ellie emphasized how dedicated Bunny was to ensuring that Title IX stayed relevant and up to date. She shared how Bunny knew feminist "troublemakers" around the country! She also reminded us of the long-standing implications of Title IX and that it is facing threats from the current Administration. (See <https://youtu.be/kpShwPWCHuE> for Ellie Smeal's 1-22-19 Tribute to Bunny.)



(Candid photo of intense listeners left to right Eleanor Smeal, Edie Fraser, Caryn McTighe Musil, Francelia Gleaves McKindra, Seth Galanter, Susan Horst, Sue Klein, Janice Koch)

Caryn McTighe Musil (musil@aacu.org), third from left on photo is the Director of Civic Learning and Democracy Initiatives, Office of the President, the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). Caryn was an administrator at LaSalle University in Philadelphia and Title IX Coordinator when she hired Bunny to advise her about gender equity in higher education. Bunny counseled Caryn about how to promote gender equity in higher education and sought to change the very organization she was a part of...helping Caryn and others to explore their home organizations to ask how they were advocating on behalf of the advancement of women. Caryn also succeeded Bunny in leading the women's program at AAC&U (See https://youtu.be/vC4dz3_IQqU for Caryn McTighe Musil's 1-22-19 video tribute and www.aacu.org for Caryn's article on *The Transformative Legacy of Bernice (Bunny) Sandler.*)



Amanda Berard (berard_amanda@icloud.com) followed Caryn's comments and provided a different lens through which to consider Bunny's life. She worked for Bunny in recent years as Bunny's financial manager, caretaker, personal advocate and beloved companion. Amanda described how her own 11-year-old granddaughter just totally, instantly, bonded with Bunny when she met her. They really adored each other, and it was a joy to Bunny to have that 11-year-old friend in her life. Amanda then read a moving eulogy written by Bunny's grandchild JJ and concluded with Bunny's most enduring lesson, "People are powerful." [It was very moving.] (See https://youtu.be/ffDC_wd4IKc 1-22-19 video of Amanda Berard's tribute to Bunny.)

Harriett Stonehill (estone456@aol.com), said, "Bunny and I had been friends since I was 14 years old. We first met in summer camp in New York state, where she was a counselor of 3-year-old girls, and I was a camper. We then became co-counselors. Many years later, about 1978, we re-met at a party while singing camp songs. From then on we became good friends and eventually co-authors. We published our book *Student-To-Student Sexual Harassment K-12: Strategies and Solutions for Educators To Use in the Classroom, School, and Community*. We were a great team writing the book and had fun publicizing the book on the road. Harriett then asked,



Did you know these things about Bunny?

Bunny worked on a farm during WW-II because the farmers were in the army.

Bunny hated flying, so she always ate a small bag of M & M s before takeoff (in case it was her last meal.)

Bunny had an excellent singing voice and loved to harmonize. She often participated in choir singing.

Bunny was a Birder, and frequently went on birding vacations to bird sanctuaries. She kept a complete log of the rare birds she saw.

Bunny was once asked to leave the Cosmos Club because she was wearing sneakers. (They made a one-time exception)

Bunny loved chocolate ice cream. She often had one scoop for dessert at her lunchtime meal.

Bunny was as avid hiker and loved walking wooded trails with her friends.

Bunny didn't like official "exercise classes" so she would use some fast music and solo dance in her apartment.

Bunny did not cook. She used her stove as a book shelf. The book shelf consisted only of Cookbooks. She liked to read them.

Bunny and I and friends frequently vacationed together at the Eastern Shore. She loved walking the sandy beach. Bunny was the devoted and true friend. I shall truly miss her as a human being and a joy to know.

(See https://youtu.be/6RP6_L4cGDs for Harriett Stonehill's 1-22-19 tribute to Bunny.)



Francelia Gleaves (McKindra) (FGMCK@hotmail.com) followed and it was so interesting to learn about Bunny Sandler as a “boss,” Not surprisingly, Francelia shared how generous of spirit Bunny was and how intent she was to empower those who worked for her. Francelia had been working as a secretary at AAC when Bunny arrived and although the head of the personnel office warned Bunny that Francelia was a “troublemaker”, Bunny hired her to be an administrative assistant for her new Project on the Status and Education of Women. Francelia noted that unlike her previous male bosses who she always called Dr. or Mr., she didn’t call her new boss, Dr. Sandler, just

Bunny. She joined Bunny, Associate Director, Margaret Dunkle, and others in working with people on college campuses in a “new territory: opening eyes and minds, heightening awareness of subtle and not so subtle discrimination and biases; helping academia to construct positive responses and corrective solutions” to stop gender discrimination. Francelia explained how Bunny was consistently mentoring her with an abiding sense of sisterhood as she fought relentlessly to combat gender discrimination. She described Bunny’s work as a “stone thrown into a stream that sends ripples far and wide.” (See <https://youtu.be/8VrW5b5HUqM> for Francelia’s 1-22-19 tribute to Bunny.)



Edie Fraser (edie.fraser@stemconnector.com), Chairwoman & Founder of STEMconnector and Million Women Mentors (MWM), spoke about meeting Bunny early on when they both worked for the federal government and it was Bunny who enlisted her help and others in creating a database of women in federal government. Bunny insisted that “we cannot move forward if we don’t have the baseline data.” Edie spoke about her involvement with Bunny for putting together a conference for college women presidents...another first. Thinking of words to describe Bunny, she espoused her - extraordinary ability to forge connections, building a coalition to be a catalyst for change to improve the lives and work of girls and women. (See <https://youtu.be/QUOxqELA8kk>

for Edie’s 1-22-19 tribute to Bunny.)

Janice Koch (Janice.Koch@Hofstra.edu), Professor Emerita from Hofstra University and like Bernice (Bunny) Sandler was a former CWI Board member. Janice described the ways she and Bunny worked on funded projects in the 1990s to forge more equitable educational experiences for girls and young women in science and math classrooms. Most importantly, Janice wanted to share the ways in which Bunny was strong, brilliant and committed... a leader and at the same time, kind and generous of spirit. To Janice, she modeled the true meaning of feminism and applied the best attributes traditionally assigned to women to her ground-breaking leadership. (See <https://youtu.be/GesoRnt6Cgw> video of Janice Koch's 1-22-19 tribute to Bunny.)



Connie Cordovilla (CordyNOVA@gmail.com) past long-time community relations leader and women's committee liaison for the American Federation of Teachers and Treasurer of the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education and current President of VA NOW, described why AFT gave Bunny their Women's Rights award in 2004 and why she deserved the title of "Godmother of Title IX". AFT recognized Bunny not only for her scholarship at the Women's Research and Education Institute and the Association of American Colleges but for her pivotal role in developing and passing Title IX and other legislation prohibiting discrimination against women and girls in education. Bunny also received this award because of her proven leadership to women workers on issues that affect them most intimately. But perhaps the most memorable thing about Bunny (besides her world-wide smile) was the frisson of energy that swirled around her constantly. It said much about her efforts and outlook on life and all who know her were likewise energized by it. (See https://youtu.be/Wj_q2YvnNig video of Connie Cordovilla's 1-22-19 tribute to Bunny.)

Jan Erickson (govtrel@now.org), Director of Government Relations for NOW and Director of Programs for the NOW Foundation, commented on how Bunny was instrumental in getting the 1975 Title IX Regulations even though HEW Secretary Caspar Weinberger wanted to leave the interpretation of Title IX just to the courts. Bunny and others helped establish the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education to create and implement as strong Title IX regulations as possible. (www.nowhoo.com), a then furloughed U.S. Department of Agriculture employee and officer of Maryland Business and Professional Women said that although she didn't like being furloughed from her position providing grants to rural agricultural projects, she was happy to be able to join us to learn much more about Bunny as the Godmother of Title IX. (See <https://youtu.be/3onh6rSwFiw> tribute to Bunny by Jan Erickson on 1-22-19.)



Susan Horst (SusanHorst@yahoo.com) a then furloughed U.S. Department of Agriculture employee and officer of Maryland Business and Professional Women said that although she didn't like being furloughed from her position providing grants to rural agricultural projects, she was happy to be able to join us to learn much more about Bunny as the Godmother of Title IX. (See <https://youtu.be/ASDJYSN73xg> for Susan Horst's 1-22-19 comments on Bunny.)

Holly Joseph (joseph.holly@gmail.com), CWI Treasurer and long-time champion of Title IX, wished to point out that Bunny was someone who saw when things weren't right and pursued changing them from the way that they had always been done to the way in which they should be done. She noted that in the public high school Bunny's daughters attended, girls were discouraged from taking a car maintenance class, the teacher offering excuses why they should not choose the course. Bunny stood up to those challenges to gain admission not only for her daughters but for any female student who chose to take the course - including Holly's daughter years later. (See <https://youtu.be/6hBa7OQ4iw8> tribute to Bunny from CWI Treasurer, Holly Joseph)



Many thanks to all the presenters and attendees. We especially thank the CWI Board members who were incredibly helpful in many ways including providing the great lunch and to Loretto Gubernatis for the videos and for the time-consuming devotion to editing them to show individual presenters. Thanks to Dr. Janice Koch former CWI Board member for the initial meeting summary, to Dr. Semoon Chang for the candid photos and to the Alliance for Justice and Nan Aron for providing meeting space for CWI. Finally, special thanks to Marty Langelan who helped organize this meeting and along with Amanda Berard will be following up in preserving Bunny's legacy and website.

Coming DC Area and National Feminist Events and Resources

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Saturday, February 16, 2019, 10 AM to 4 PM. DC National Girls & Women in Sports Day Expo, Turkey Thicket Recreation and Aquatic Center – 1100 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20017. **Register on the DCSAA website.**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Noon to 1:30. The 2020 U.S. Census, Gerrymandering, and Voter Suppression will include presentations on the status of collecting citizenship information in the 2020 Census and court and legislative actions on gerrymandering and voter suppression, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues. (See page 1)

Wednesday, February 27, 2019. 9:30 AM-4:00 PM. 2019 Internet Privacy Colloquium, Law, Technology, and the Private Sphere. Dialogue on Diversity Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2325 House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology 45 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20515. **Register.**

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 4:30-6:00 PM. Gender and Sexual Minorities in International Development Society for International Development, Washington Chapter. 1129 20th Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. For more information, click [here](#).

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 6:30 -8 PM, Nicol Turner Lee on Voter Suppression: 1870-2018, Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave, NW Washington DC 20036, Register \$25 non members.

Friday, March 15, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM Ni Una Menos: Addressing Gender Related Killings Of Women And Girls, Organization of American States, 200 17th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20006 Free Register.

Saturday, March 30, 11 AM-2:30 PM. 2019 Women's History Honorees Awards Luncheon and Program, Purchase Tickets \$100 members, \$125 non-members.

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Invitation to Tuesday, March 26, 2019 CWI Meeting

Noon-1:30 PM at the Alliance for Justice, 11 Dupont Circle, 5th Floor; entrance on New Hampshire Ave., NW. (Nearest Metro Stop: Dupont Circle, north or south exit)
RSVP is now required. See <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

Ways to Share Our Feminist History: Stories, Videos, Artifacts, Documents

Many of us are thinking about how to preserve and share information on our feminist contributions. If we have not given it much thought, we should be doing so. All this valuable history should not be left to our descendants to toss--or figure out! What are our options? Our presenters will help us learn what, where, and how we should share information on our lives, especially our contributions to fight for women's rights and empowerment.

Should the bulk of our documents go to feminist archives such as Schlesinger, Duke, or Smith? Should some stories and summaries go to other entities such as oral history collections, or collections of our peer groups (e.g., women judges or spouses of U.S. foreign service officers), or to our local historical collections? What are feminist organizations like NOW and CWI doing to archive our history? Are oral histories usually accompanied by written summaries and digital links? To increase accessibility, should we submit our information to multiple history collections and repositories with especially easy public access like Wikipedia? Do some history collections only accept originals? Should we be making electronic copies of our key documents to send to other places or preserve for our families?

Two of our past CWI Board members, **Dr. Bernice "Bunny" Sandler** and **Tina Hobson** have inspired this meeting topic by reminding us of the importance of documenting and sharing our feminist history. At our January 22, 2019 meeting celebrating Bunny's life and legacy, we learned about her stellar example in preserving her feminist history. She archived many of her documents at the Schlesinger Library. She also helped update her and Title IX's Wikipedia page, and created [her own professional web page](#), which Marty Langelan and Amanda Berard will update and preserve. CWI Board member, Loretto Gubernatis is also assembling multiple videos of Bunny that she produced over the years, including Bunny's induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Tina Hobson, as our first presenter, is currently exploring options to preserve her valuable documents, such as material she saved from being the first Federal Women's Program Director. Since these are federal documents, should they go to the National Archives or other places? Tina is also helping to make the contributions of her late husband, Julius Hobson, accessible. Most of his papers have already been donated to the DC historical collection at the Martin Luther King Library, but she is now working with colleagues to select a writer to complete his biography. Julius has a Wikipedia page, which she plans to review and correct. She will share insights on how we might encourage experienced women leaders to develop their own Wikipedia pages and to share their valuable information with collections which will make them accessible to historians and the public.

Mary Jean Collins serves on the Board of the Veteran Feminists of America, (VFA), an organization founded over 20 years ago to preserve the history of second wave feminism, as well as co-chair of VFA's Pioneer History Project, which gathers oral histories and accompanying written documentation on second wave feminists (1965-82). She will tell us how VFA is preserving feminist history through their website <https://VeteranFeministsofAmerica.org> and their partnership with the New York Historical Society's Center for Women's History <https://www.nyhistory.org/womens-history> which is both a museum and library that partners with Columbia University and others to develop women's

history curricula, on-line courses, and exhibits. Mary Jean is also in the VFA interview and document collection as well as in Wikipedia and in the NOW archives in the Schlesinger library.

Mary Jean was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and attended Alverno College, a Catholic women's college, where she graduated with a BA in history. One of her history professors, Sister Joel Read, was a founder of NOW. They started the Milwaukee Chapter of NOW in 1967 and from there, feminism changed her life. Mary Jean moved to Chicago in 1968, became President of Chicago NOW, then Midwest Regional Director, organizing chapters in 13 states. She served on NOW's national board, directed national Task Forces and worked on various campaigns including ERA ratification. In 1982, she was elected Program Vice-President for NOW, which brought her to DC. She went on to serve as the Deputy Director for Catholics for a Free Choice and finished her work life with 15 years at People for the American Way serving as Vice-President, Field, and Political Director.

Mary Jean will explain the purpose of the VFA Oral history project and the options for participating. She will review and provide handouts on the requirements, permissions, and process of getting the interviews done and posted. There are minimal requirements – active participation in the feminist movement of 1965-1982 -- and various ways of accomplishing the video or audio interview, such as using a smart phone with a friend as interviewer. The oral interviews are linked to additional materials and published on the interviewee's "VFA page." VFA is utilizing Facebook and Instagram to distribute new additions to the collection which has resulted in an extended reach of the materials. Mary Jean is anxious to discuss reactions and thoughts about how to reach more potential interviewees and people who want to know more about feminists and the movement. She will also mention the large numbers of collections which VFA is linking to and how feminists can record their history using Wikipedia and other easily accessible collections such as the HistoryMakers to be covered by our next speaker.

Amy Tate Billingsley is a civic leader originally from Chicago. She received advanced degrees in counseling psychology and marketing and management from Ohio State University and the University of Baltimore, respectively, and worked at Harvard's Center for Research in the Study of Personality. She also worked with her husband, Andrew Billingsley, on publications such as **Black Families in White America**, participated in campaigns of well-known Democrats and served in the Clinton Administration in the White House Public Liaison Office, the White House's Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and as Special Assistant to U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis Herman. While First Lady of Morgan State, she was one of the founders of the Black Women's Agenda. Amy will share insights from her role as regional Coordinator of the largest African American Video Oral History Collection -- HistoryMakers www.theHistoryMakers.org. This collection is also available at the Library of Congress. The public can do limited searches on the website, but need to subscribe for full access.

To Everyone: During our self-introductions, attendees will let us know if they are already in any historical archives -- (in addition to the CWI website) -- or if they have started to check out some possibilities.

After the presentations, attendees will have a chance to discuss their good and bad experiences with sharing feminist history. Please also invite other experts to join us and bring guidance/handouts to help us learn how we all can wisely include our feminist experiences and contributions to the annals of history.

CWI meetings are free and open to the public. Bring your lunch and information to share. An RSVP to attend is required. Go to <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

Next CWI Meeting, Noon Tuesday April 23, 2019 on "Financial Literacy"

CWI Meeting Summary, February 26, 2019

The 2020 Census, Gerrymandering, and Voter Suppression

Jeanette Lim Esbrook, CWI's Vice President for Legal Affairs, arranged for **Jessica Jones Capparell**, from the League of Women Voters USA and **Andrea Senteno**, from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) to help us understand the importance of protecting every voice in our democracy by fighting against voter suppression tactics, advocating for fair redistricting reform, and working together to ensure a full count of the 2020 Census. (See photo left to right of Jeanette, Jessica and Andrea.)



Jessica Jones Capparell, the Policy and Legislative Affairs Senior Manager, League of Women Voters USA, joined the League in 2010. In this position, she works to deliver the League's message around federal advocacy priorities through lobbying and the development of advocacy strategies. She manages the day to day operations of the League's volunteer Lobby Corps, a group of League members from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia who work to deliver the League's messages to Capitol Hill on behalf of state and local affiliates across the country. She is an expert on League policy positions and works to implement grassroots strategies in coordination with members and organizational partners around the country. The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as part of the suffrage movement and has remained a nonpartisan nonprofit. Prior to joining the League, Jessica worked on political campaigns throughout the United States focusing mostly on grassroots engagement as well as running statewide communications and field operations. Jessica has a B.A. from Culver-Stockton College.



Jessica Jones Capparell (left) used a [Power Point](#) as she discussed the harm of gerrymandering and voter suppression laws passed since 2010. She noted that the next 24 months will be incredibly busy on the national level. The Census count is on April 1, 2020, in advance of the presidential and congressional elections in November 2020. Redistricting will start in 2021 based on the 2020 Census. Jessica then reviewed voter suppression laws noting that since 2010, 25 states have passed laws aimed at making it harder to vote. Voter suppression laws, undermine the ability of individuals --- particularly those belonging to marginalized communities ---to vote in a variety of ways, such as through the reduction of early and late voting hours, limits to absentee voting, polling station reduction, limitations on the number of poll workers, proof of

citizenship requirements, voter roll purges, and more. The major gutting of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) is a result of the *Shelby County v. Holder* Supreme Court case, which paved the way for states to pass increasingly suppressive laws. Hillary Clinton recently noted that these laws contributed to her Electoral College defeat. Jessica highlighted the importance of remaining diligent in this space as the 2021 round of redistricting will be the first since the gutting of the VRA protections.

Jessica went on to discuss the impact of gerrymandering on representation. Currently, the League and other organizations are focused on taking the power out of the hands of politicians when drawing district maps. A key way to do this is to support independent redistricting commissions. She also explained how litigation has become a fairly common and effective way to challenge gerrymandering. In fact, on March 26, 2019, the Supreme Court will be hearing the partisan gerrymandering case *The League of Women Voters of North Carolina v. Rucho* which has been combined with the case *Common Cause v. Rucho*. Jessica ended her presentation by reminding attendees of the importance of remaining equally engaged in encouraging a full Census count.

Andrea Senteno, is the Regional Counsel within the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF).



She oversees MALDEF's legislative and regulatory work in the Washington, DC office and litigation work covering the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Fourth, and Eleventh Circuits. She is also responsible for MALDEF's national legislative and regulatory portfolios on immigration and voting rights, and assists with litigation in the Southeast Region. Additionally, she is responsible for MALDEF's federal immigration policy work, which focuses on issues related to enforcement, immigrant detention, administrative relief, and legislative proposals. She works to advance a legislative fix to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 following the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, among other election reform efforts to protect Latino and minority voting rights. She has had a long commitment to public interest work, as well as social and racial justice issues. Prior to attending law school, she advocated for government transparency and accountability in New York, focusing on election reform issues. She received her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law and B.A. from Pitzer College.

Andrea noted that In March 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced their intention to include a citizenship question in the 2020 Census, which was published in the Federal Register in June 2018. She then reminded us that the Census is crucially important in allocating federal, state, and local funding to sustain communities. Thus, organizations are working diligently to fight against efforts aimed at undermining a full and accurate count, including bringing challenges to the Administration's citizenship question

Andrea further explained that because of distrust in the government from immigrant and non-English speaking communities, there is going to be an undercount of certain communities due to the citizenship question. Based on Census Bureau research, households that have some non-citizens will be less motivated to fill out and return the Census form. In addition, household rostering errors can impact a full and accurate count. For instance, if a household returns an incomplete form that leaves an individual off of the form, the full household will not be counted through non-response follow-up by the Census Bureau. People may fill out the form who have one or more non-citizens in their household, and may simply leave out some family members. She warned that there is no plan for the Census Bureau to capture the missing persons and there are strong indications that non-response follow-up will not be enough to motivate an accurate response especially if the omission of a family member was deliberate.

If we know that there will be disproportionate non-response from marginalized communities, we know that this will impact proportional representation on the state and federal level and give rise to inaccurate funding allocation for critical programs such as Title 1 funding streams. Indeed, Census data is used for a broad range of things, such as population estimates, per capita income, and poverty statistics. Threats to a full and accurate count have a very direct impact on individuals and trusted organizations. If allowed to persist they will create lasting harm throughout the decade and beyond.

She explained that there are currently six ongoing cases in three different courts: two in New York, two in California, and two in Maryland. Together with Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC, MALDEF represents Latinx and Asian American individuals, Native Americans, social service non-profits, state legislative associations, civil rights groups, voters' rights organizations, and community partnerships that would be forced to divert resources to combat a potential severe undercount in their communities in Maryland. All these cases have similar claims related to challenges on the basis of the Apportionment Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which states the need for an accurate count to create fair districts and on the Administrative Procedure Act. However, the MALDEF case in Maryland is unique because it is the only ongoing litigation that has a pending equal protection argument. Given the history and actions of the people in power behind the addition of a citizenship question, MALDEF is also asserting a conspiracy claim in the Maryland case, as the plan to include a citizenship question has been an organized effort by multiple Trump Administration officials to target certain communities and limit participation.

Andrea ended by emphasizing that our civic structure relies heavily on everyone being fully and accurately counted. The ongoing litigation brings hope, but does not combat the already existing fear in communities who will not be motivated to fill out Census information even if the citizenship question is not used. She emphasized that trusted voices must continue to carry out the message of encouraging everyone to fill out the Census forms. Finally, she encouraged attendees to submit public comments by March 15th. Here is the [link](#) to the federal register notice. The instructions for submission are at the end. And here is a link to the analysis of the comments the Census Bureau received for the original notice of the proposed 2020 plans last year: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USBC-2018-0005-79003>.

Jeanette Lim Esbrook, CWI's Vice President for Legal Affairs wrapped up the meeting by providing an overview of the 116th Congress's HR1: For the People Act of 2019. She explained that the purpose of HR1 is to expand American's access to the ballot box, strengthen ethics rules, and shine a light on dark money in politics. This legislation includes a variety of provisions that would eliminate barriers to participation, including automatic voter registration, same day voter registration for federal elections, the establishment of Election Day as a federal holiday, voting rights restoration for felons upon completion of sentence, paper ballot requirements and the elimination of failure to vote as a reason to purge individuals from the voting rolls, amongst others.

The videos of this CWI meeting will be posted on the CWI website and are available on YouTube [PART 1](#) and [PART 2](#)

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Friday, March 8, 2019. International Women's Day website: <https://www.internationalwomensday.com>

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Wednesday March 13, 2019, 7 PM. Women's History Month Celebration. Montgomery County Business & Professional Women. Rockville Memorial Library, first Floor, 21 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD. For more Information contact SusanHorst@yahoo.com.

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Friday, March 15, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM Ni Una Menos: Addressing Gender Related Killings Of Women And Girls, Organization of American States, 200 17th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20006 Free, [Register](#). It will be [livestreamed](#).

Thursday, March 21 2-5:30 PM Symposium: Safety for Our Sisters: Ending Violence against Native Women, Rasmuson Theater, National Museum of the American Indian.

Friday, March 22, 7PM Film Screening, Warrior Women, Rasmuson Theater, National Museum of the American Indian.

Tuesday, March 26, Noon-1:30 PM. Ways to Share our Feminist History, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues. (See page 1-2).

Saturday, March 30, 11 AM-2:30 PM. 2019 Women's History Honorees Awards Luncheon and Program, [Purchase Tickets](#) \$100 members, \$125 non-members.

Sunday, March 31, 2019 12:30-5 PM. Women's History Conference: The Power of Women, MD NOW and MD Women's Heritage Center. The ARC of Frederick County 555 S. Mark St., Frederick, MD 21701. \$55, \$27 students and NOW members, sliding scale at door includes lunch. [Register](#).

Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 7 PM. Democratic Woman of the Year Award: Rep. Maxine Waters, Trailblazer Award: Parkland Students, Woman's National Democratic Club. \$150 Members, 200 Non Members. [Register](#)

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Financial Literacy: From a Feminist Lens

As spring shows its lovely blooms and the weather warms, it's timely to think about financial planning as we prepare our income tax and take stock of our financial picture. The United States has designated April as Financial Literacy Month and its purpose is to call attention to the need to maintain healthy financial habits. The Federal Reserve Board reports that almost half of all Americans do not have enough cash to cover a \$400 emergency. The Board also reports that student loan borrowers collectively owe \$1.5 trillion and a study by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign states that over half of the study's emerging adults are financially precarious (32%) or financially at risk (36%). Women are three times as likely as men to say they can't afford to save for retirement. Women earn less and thus save less, but their living expenses are the same as men's beginning right out of college. On average, women make about 20% less than men working full time.

Our two speakers, **Dr. Laurel Beedon, Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER)** and **Dr. Abigail Sara Lewis, American Association of University Women (AAUW)** will discuss the complex issues facing women of all ages as they navigate a lifetime of managing money from her first salary negotiation to planning for retirement which needs to begin with that first salary. **Dr. Beedon** recently retired from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) where she was a Senior Analyst in the Education, Workforce and Income Security Division. She is currently volunteering as a Senior Research Fellow at WISER. Previously she was a Senior Fellow at the National Academy of Social Insurance, Senior Policy Adviser at the Public Policy Institute, and, prior to PPI, she was at the Social Security Administration's Offices of Research and Statistics and Governmental Affairs. She has numerous publications and was a faculty member at George Washington University. She is currently a member of the Alumni Advisory Board at Virginia Tech University. **Dr. Lewis** is the Vice President of Programs at the American Association of University Women where she oversees the Salary Negotiation program, leadership and campus initiatives and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) efforts. Previously she was at Barnard College, most recently as Associate Dean of Pre-Professional Advising. Dr. Lewis has worked and taught at Rutgers University, New York University and the CUNY Graduate Center. She holds a Ph.D. in History from Rutgers (with a certificate in Women and Gender Studies), a B.A. from Columbia and a M.A. from UCLA, both in African American Studies.

*Note: **AAUW** was founded in 1881 and is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. It examines and takes positions on the fundamental issues of the day, educational, social, economic and political. AAUW initiated a program entitled "Start Smart and Work Smart" which teaches young women how to identify and articulate their personal value, how to develop an arsenal of persuasive responses and other strategies to use when negotiating, how to conduct objective market research to benchmark a target salary and benefits and about the pay gap, including its long term consequences on their lifetime earnings and retirement saving. **WISER** is a nonprofit organization that works to help women, educators and policy makers understand the important issues surrounding women's retirement income. It reaches thousands of women through workshops held across the nation and has been the driving force behind a series of state and local events on long-term financial security aimed at leveling the playing field for women. WISER is a leading source of financial training and technical assistance. Its model programs and interventions reach women who have traditionally not had access to this type of financial and retirement education.*

CWI meetings are free and open to the public. Bring your lunch and information to share. An RSVP to attend is required. Go to <https://womensclearinghouse.org>. Next CWI Meeting, noon Tuesday May 28, 2019, "A Feminist Approach to U.S. Foreign Policy" organized by Megan Corrado, CWI VP for Global Issues.

Dear Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) Members,

A recent review of the book **Team Human** by Douglas Rushkoff (Washington Post, 3/31/19) urges us "To rediscover actual social interaction." This statement clarified why CWI and other organizations continue to be so important in delivering significant information through actual meetings.

Yes, the topic at these monthly meetings such as, *sustainable energy: key for gender equity and women's empowerment; protecting every vote: procedures for safe and fair elections; post-election issues and the impact on women; gerrymandering; honoring the godmother of Title IX; sharing our feminist history; etc.* could be shared digitally and could provide the same facts and figures but having it presented as actual face-to-face meetings defines CWI as a "team human."

Being able to listen to these carefully prepared presentations and then to be able to directly address the speakers with questions and comments, broadens our opportunities to bring new dimensions and new possible actions on the issues. Participants can then become informed advocates. We can further act on these concerns by connecting with others in attendance and joining them and their organizations to increase the impact.

Through this face-to-face "team human" we become an inspiring educated team dedicated to CWI's mission. Keep coming to live meetings, listen and participate and respond. Also encourage your favorite feminist organization to join and participate in CWI leadership.

In addition to our in-person monthly meetings, during the past six years, CWI has been providing additional information for our members in the DC area and around the nation who are not able to attend our noon meetings. We provide meeting announcements and summaries in our monthly CWI newsletters and videos of many of our meetings produced by Loretto Gubernatis, our VP for Media Relations. These records are available on our website, <https://womensclearinghouse.org> maintained by Sherry Klein, our VP for Technology. We hope these summaries help attendees carry on their activism and that they also share feminist advice beyond our CWI members. For example, many of our meeting videos are available on public TV and our newsletters and website are available in the Women's History Collection at the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe/Harvard in Boston. Also visit our Twitter and Facebook sites and use our resources to help us have a combined positive impact on ending sex discrimination and empowering women domestically and globally.

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Cordially,

Harriett Stonehill Co-President and Sue Klein, Co-President

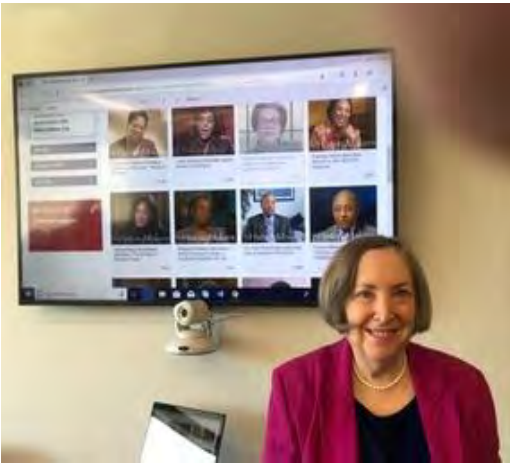
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CWI Meeting Summary, March 26, 2019

Ways to Share Our Feminist History: Stories, Videos, Artifacts, Documents



In introducing this women’s history month meeting, Co-President, Sue Klein urged us to figure out how we should be working on preserving and sharing our feminist contributions and encouraging our colleagues to do the same. This valuable history should not be left to our descendants to toss--or figure out! Our four presenters will help us learn what, where, and how we should share information on our lives, especially our contributions to fight for women’s rights and empowerment. More details on the meeting focus and presenters are in the two-page meeting invitation in our March 2019 CWI newsletter on our CWI website <https://womensclearinghouse.org>.

The videos of our four March 26, 2019 presenters are under Programs on our CWI website and on youtu.be and listed here. We hope you will take time to watch them and learn more than we are providing in this written summary. This is a photo of Sue Klein in front of the HistoryMakers website display taken by presenter Amy Billingsley.

[Amy Tate Billingsley](#) (16 minutes, 16 seconds)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ud0VvogiPZQ&feature=youtu.be> ([The History Makers](#))

[Mary Jean Collins](#) (10 minutes, 34 seconds)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AV3tyRJNFpc&feature=youtu.be> ([Veteran Feminists of America](#))

[Tina Hobson](#) (15 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsBekdi2PGo&feature=youtu.be>

[Elsa Little](#) (6 minutes, 54 seconds) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihu-qSnO0dg&feature=youtu.be>

After self-introductions of the meeting attendees, former CWI Board Member, [Tina Hobson](#) presented our challenge. (See video, [Tina Hobson](#)). She said she was convinced that we will continue to make the same mistakes if we are unaware of history. She shared her three goals before she turns 90 in November of this year and requested ideas to further them. She stipulated that it is important to know how to record information and how or where to retrieve it to make it available. She mentioned a few current locations for Women’s Historical Information including Smith College, Duke, and the Schlesinger library.

Her three personal goals are the following:

- 1) To decide where to place original documents she created as the first Director of the Federal Women’s Program at the Civil Service Commission from 1967-69. She has the original two reports which contain data about how many women served in the Federal Government at that time and at what GS level.
- 2) To find someone to create a biography of her husband, Julius Hobson, who was an activist for 20 years, deceased in 1977. She gave as an example of a Julius Hobson story regarding a rat problem in Anacostia (rats biting children in cribs, etc.) that was not getting funding to fix. Julius’s response was to get a car, put a cage on top with a rat in it, take it to Georgetown. There he said “If you’re not going to kill the rats, we’ll equalize them.” That nonviolent demonstration got enough attention and traction to obtain requested funding for the Anacostia rat problem of that time. She mentioned there is again/still a rats problem in Anacostia, nowadays, but used the story to illustrate one instance that would make for good biography material.
- 3) To write something about her own life as Tina Hobson. Although she doesn’t see her life as particularly noteworthy, she shared a story of when the FBI surveilled her and tapped her phone. She learned that this started when she announced her engagement to Julius Hobson and they attended every anti-Vietnam war gathering they could. She and Julius filed a case with the ACLU against five FBI agents and won the case 12 years later after Julius’s death. They were finally awarded money, for “humiliation, embarrassment, personal injuries and intrusion into her apartment” along with an apology. She passed the money on to her and Julius’s children. She thinks that it may be unique that children wound up getting money from a legal case (in effect against the FBI) via the agents.

Tina Hobson finished by pointing to Wikipedia as a resource to find information, as well as other Google searches, for personal information which may be either free or available at minimal cost. She asked us to create a list of where we can go for information because it is important to be able to find information. Tina then introduced Elsa Little, (left in photo) who is helping Tina (right in photo) with her three goals.



Elsa Little is a former vice-president for finance at the Council for Basic Education and at the Rosemont Center, a multicultural early childhood center. She later managed all DC Head Start finances at United Planning Organization. She is now a consultant in financial management for non-profits and has experience in documenting family history. Watch Elsa Little's presentation at this link [Elsa Little](#).

Elsa addressed the questions: "How do we determine our own legacy?" and "How will we be remembered by others?" She mentioned that often we get involved in tracking our employment/employer and family first, but not ourselves. Acknowledging that we all have a story to tell, we can leave a family legacy of "accomplishments, benefits, actions, and guidance that we demonstrate in our lives that carry forward to future generations." She appealed to our passions and the importance of imparting them to those who follow when we are gone, by placing our historical legacy online.

Elsa suggested an advantage of recording our legacies online is that we can link them to each other and many other things. She referred to the different perspectives and topics of the presenters from this March 26th meeting to exemplify scope of the points of view: Tina Hobson with preserving documents from the Federal Women's Program and history of her late husband Julius Hobson, Mary Jean Collins' focus on preserving feminist history through the Veteran Feminists of America, and Amy Tate Billingsley's coordination of the largest African American Video Oral History Collection – The History Makers.

Elsa shared a handout with some websites to get started preserving our own legacy/legacies and gave some ideas of features to use on the sites, such as adding people to the family tree, photos, documents, audio memories in "Memories" and "Gallery" components of the sites, as well as placing professional achievements. These can be linked or mention organizations as well. The websites include: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/> ; <https://www.ancestry.com/?> ; <https://www.accessgenealogy.com/>; <https://www.genealogytoday.com/> ; <https://www.familytreearcher.com/> ; <https://www.findagrave.com/>

Mary Jean Collins, Veteran Feminists of America (VFA) <https://www.veteranfeministsofamerica.org/>



VFA was started for camaraderie and to teach about the 2nd Wave of Feminism. All the conferences have been videotaped and recorded. VFA also has given awards to some women and collaborated on a history project. The current VFA Pioneer Histories project focuses on 2nd Wave Feminists active from 1965-82. 1966 was the founding of NOW. 1982 was chosen since it was the original ratification deadline year of the ERA. The goal is to get a breadth of interviews to provide different perspectives of events, not just of the "superstars of the movement". The project is recruiting interviewees and interviewers since all the staff is volunteer. All that is needed to interview is a cellphone, tripod, and power source. VFA supplies the Interview questions which participants are allowed to modify. Generally, interviewers review information about the next interviewee they will engage with before the interview, then interview them. VFA has a volunteer handbook describing how to handle the technical aspects of the interview, environment,

consent form, etc., here: <https://www.veteranfeministsofamerica.org/vfa-pioneer-histories-project-2/> Once the interview has been executed, the interviewer sends the recording to VFA and it is edited, with the interviewer and interviewee's approval. The videos are transcribed. The VFA is working on getting the interviews placed as part of a permanent collection in an archive.

Mary Jean Collins said that interviewees may also request that their interview be linked to other relevant online resources and sites. She also mentioned that in addition to the current 2nd Wave project, she is encouraging other waves of feminists to do interviews from their waves. She gave the example that she gave an interview 20 years ago which is very different than the same interview would be now, and an interview now would include the target 2nd wave years as well as years after 1982.

The VFA is also creating pages for deceased feminists also and welcomes submissions of links from other sites that contain information about the people. Mary Jean Collins welcomes volunteers to join the fun of interviewing and/or being interviewed. She provided leaflets and business cards to get in touch. Watch the [video of Mary Jean Collin's CWI presentation](#).

Amy Tate Billingsley, The History Makers, <https://www.thehistorymakers.org/> spoke about the commonalities in the need to preserve African American History and Feminist History. She quoted an African proverb: "Until the lions tell their own stories, tales of hunting will always glorify the hunter." "The History Makers was founded to address the lack of documentation and preservation of African American Historical records." The interviews in the database start in 2000. Before that, only one large scale attempt existed to capture African American history from a first person perspective (The Works Progress Administration slave narratives are in the Library of Congress.)



Biographies and some of its over 10,000 hours oral history videos are visible on the website for free. On the website, Biographies are categorized as ArtMakers, BusinessMakers, CivicMakers, EducationMakers, EntertainmentMakers, LawMakers, MediaMakers, MedicalMakers, MilitaryMakers, MusicMakers, PoliticalMakers, ReligionMakers, ScienceMakers, SportsMakers, StyleMakers.

Many more videos are available for a yearly subscription to the site. As a member of the site, the digital archives is searchable by topic. All the videos are transcribed with the transcriptions visible as the video plays. If anyone mentions a name or subject, they then appear in the search results as the transcripts are searchable. Ms. Billingsley logged in with her member account and showed us the results from search term "Julius Hobson", "Emmett Till", and "Amy Tate Billingsley". We were treated to a minute of video of Dorothy Height being interviewed.

To broaden the accessibility and knowledge of the site, the HistoryMakers have contracted with over 100 Colleges, Universities, Public Libraries. **You can support the HistoryMakers by subscribing monthly or yearly.**

The HistoryMakers collection is archived in the Library of Congress. Watch Amy Billingsley's CWI presentation at [Amy Tate Billingsley](#).

Related Information:

- June Willenze, author of ***Women Veterans, America's Forgotten Heroines*** (1983) brought flyers on her book which documents discrimination and neglect of women veterans by the US government.
- As she discussed at the January 22, 2019 CWI meeting "Honoring the Wonderful Feminist Life of Dr. Bernice "Bunny" Sandler, Godmother of Title IX", Marty Langelan who is helping to update and continue to archive Bunny's legacy pointed out that another challenge is how to update and maintain important websites after the person has died. Marty's article on "*The Godmother of Title IX: A meticulous scholar and consummate strategist, the late Bunny Sandler paved the way for the most important legislation for women since the 19th Amendment*" is now available in the Spring 2019 issue of ***Ms. Magazine*** on pages 40 and 41. As you read the article you will notice some insights from our January Clearinghouse on Women's Issues meeting which Marty helped organize!
- CWI is a member of the National Women's History Alliance which just sent this notice: The first installment of the **Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States (OBD)** is now freely accessible online at <https://documents.alexanderstreet.com/VOTESforWOMEN>.

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Sunday, April 14, 2 PM. Sunday at the Movies: The Best Democracy that Money Can Buy – The Case of the Stolen Election, League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878 [For Information](#)

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 11:30-2PM, Julie A. Burkhart: Fighting for Reproductive Justice, Trust Women Foundation, Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036. \$30 with lunch or \$10 lecture only. [RSVP](#)

Thursday, April 18, 2019. Serge Seiden, Managing Director & Producer at the Mosaic Theater, presents "How Theater is Dealing with Gender Issues." Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036 \$30 with lunch or \$10 lecture only [Register](#)

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CWI's Vice-President for Global Issues, Megan Corrado, Esq. arranged this CWI meeting to examine ways in which gender informs foreign policy and international development. It is timely in light of the upcoming momentous occasions relating to women and international relations—from the 20th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325; the release of the U.S. National Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security; implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Act; and opportunities for women's participation in peace processes, such as in Afghanistan. Despite progress in women's involvement in the peace and security sector and rise of feminist foreign policies around the world, funding, programming, and opportunity for growth still hinder women's involvement and empowerment. The presenters at this meeting will discuss the implications of, and opportunities for, feminist foreign policies, as well as existing challenges to, and strategies of, international women's organizations and programs that aim to create a more just, stable, inclusive world with gender equality.

Ursala Knudsen-Latta is the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator with Saferworld and Chairs the Executive Committee of the U.S. Working Group on Women, Peace, and Security. She previously served as Saferworld's Research and Policy Officer. Before that she worked at Alliance for Peacebuilding and Women in International Security. Ursala's current work focuses on issues of violent extremism, gender and conflict, and Sustainable Development Goal 16, which aims to promote peaceful, inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions. She studied Religions and Theology at the University of Manchester, focusing on religion and conflict in South Asia. She worked with the Anchorage Interfaith Council and the North American Interfaith Network before graduating with a Masters in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University.

Kayla McGill is a Gender and Global Security Program Assistant at Women in International Security where she is an analytical researcher focusing on gender and national security, culture and narrative studies, Eastern European tribalism, and U.S.-China relations. She has presented her research to the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Institute of Peace, and more. She previously worked on publications for the WomanStats Project and represented the Project at events such as Beijing+20/CSW59 and the United Nations. She speaks French, has lived in China, Germany, the United Kingdom, and France, and has traveled abroad extensively. Kayla graduated with her Masters of International Affairs from the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M, where she focused on women, peace, security, diplomacy, and intelligence. She received her B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Civic Engagement from Brigham Young University.

Arielle Hernandez Lavadenz is the Development Manager for the U.S. National Committee for UN Women, where she spearheads fundraising efforts in support of UN Women and its projects that promote social, political, and economic equality for women and girls spanning 100 countries around the globe. She previously served as the Communications Coordinator for the Campaign to Elect a Woman UN Secretary-General. Her extensive experience in grassroots organizations, communication strategies, advocacy, and fundraising brings a unique perspective on the ways in which feminist and non-feminist foreign policies can affect programming and women's rights around the world. Arielle earned her Masters in International Relations from the City University of New York City College and her B.A. in Literature and Publishing, as well as Visual and Media Arts and Writing from Emerson College.

CWI meetings are free and open to the public. Bring your lunch and information to share. An RSVP to attend is required. Go to <https://womensclearinghouse.org>. Next CWI Meeting, noon Tuesday June 18, 2019, CWI Annual Meeting focusing on Collaboration Among Feminist Organizations.

Dear Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) Members,

Throughout history, women have served in leadership rolls making life more equitable, more just for other women and men. Large movements including the recent marches held across the country have led to the empowerment of women locally and nationally. Our past serves as models of what can be accomplished by one woman's action to "stand up" for what is right and what is needed.

Ida B. Wells was born into slavery and became a journalist and activist for African Americans and women of all races. She organized local anti-lynching groups across the country, founded the National Association of Colored Women and assisted newly arrived immigrants from the south. She formed the first suffrage group for black women and participated in forming the NAACP.

Jane Addams was a pacifist, suffragist, and social reform advocate. She was the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. She established the first Settlement House in Chicago to serve the needs of the working poor in that neighborhood. She ran campaigns that resulted in the creation of a juvenile court system, improved urban sanitation and the passage of the 1916 Federal Child Labor Law.

Workers galvanized by Victims of the Triangle Waste Factory Fire. On March 25, 1911, 145 workers, mainly young immigrant women died in this fire. It ignited workers demands for safer conditions. Within three years after the fire, over 30 new labor and safety laws were passed. They served as models for other states and later federal legislation.

Aly Raisman, captain of the U.S. women's gymnastic team at the 2019 Olympic games became a symbol of courage leading those to speak out against the sexual abuse by a physician that she and hundreds of other athletes survived. This was most difficult for her, but she is committed to continuing. "I think we have to change the way our society views women."

* Resources: Temple Micah Haggadah

CWI, as a membership organization, stands up every time we sign on to an amicus brief, or support legislation such as the passage of ERA and the continuation of abortion rights. We join and collaborate with other organizations to support these issues. Each of us now, must explore our individual

concerns and actively participate on our principles to take a determined stand to provide greater opportunities, more choices and greater freedom for future generations. We no longer can remain passive and let others do the work. Much depends on our intelligence, determination and "standing up" as an individual to carry the basic mission of CWI into action.

If Not Now, by Carrie Newcomer.

If not now, tell me when ?

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We may never see this moment

Or place in time again

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Sincerely, Harriett Stonehill, CoPresident CWI.

PS To learn about Harriett's free **Wise Aging Seminars** contact her at estone456@aol.com or check the April CWI newsletter.

CWI is looking for new individual and organizational members and for additional Board members and Officers for two-year terms to be elected at our June 18 meeting. Join a dynamic team that plans and coordinates CWI programs and collaborates with other feminist and social justice organizations. Don't delay, send in the membership form on the last page of this newsletter and contact any Board member to volunteer for the CWI Board.

In addition to in-person monthly meetings, CWI provides additional information for our members in the DC area and around the nation who are not able to attend our noon meetings. We provide meeting announcements and summaries in monthly CWI newsletters and videos of many of our meetings produced by Loretto Gubernatis, our VP for Media Relations. These records are available on our website, <https://womensclearinghouse.org> maintained by Sherry Klein, our VP for Technology.

**Cordially,
Co-Presidents Harriett Stonehill & Sue Klein**

CWI Meeting Summary, April 23, 2019

Financial Literacy From a Feminist Lens

This meeting organized by CWI's Vice Presidents, **Anne Martin** and **Connie Cordovilla** helped celebrate April as Financial Literacy month. Anne chaired the meeting and explained the importance of women maintaining healthy financial habits from their first earnings through retirement. She noted that there are 5.5 million more women over age 65 than men. The population statistics state that 67% of those over age 85 are women. Most student loan borrowers are women. Many people cannot handle \$400 per month for emergencies.



Dr. Laurel Beedon was the first speaker. She is a Senior Research Fellow at the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER) and recently retired as a Senior Analyst in the Government Accountability Office (GAO). She stated that it is important for women of all ages to understand how to build economic security. Among the issues unique to women are the facts that women earn less, live longer, are less likely to be offered retirement benefits, and have less in savings and pensions than men.

The financial risks of longevity were discussed. Outliving assets and unexpected health care costs can significantly reduce a woman's retirement income, as well as reduction or loss of health and retirement benefits due to the death of a spouse. Social Security is the only retirement benefit with a guaranteed cost of living adjustment based on full inflation. Tips for financial planning include: set long-term goals early, look for jobs with benefits, make financial plans, avoid credit card debt, identify income sources, and ask employers about the pension/savings plan specifics.

Social Security is the foundation of retirement income. Women should find out their benefit amount, full retirement age, and how when they take the benefit affects the amount. The Social Security Administration Retirement Planner is available at: <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/calculators/>.

To-dos for the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s were discussed. Women as caregivers should consider how leaving the paid workforce (or going part-time) would affect their current income, health and retirement benefits, and their retirement income. Dr. Beedon's [power point presentation](#) and video of her talk will be on the CWI website. Additional information is on the WISER website at www.wiserwomen.org.

Next we learned from **Dr. Abigail Lewis**, Vice President of Programs, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) where she oversees the Salary Negotiation Program and other AAUW programs. She stated that women should negotiate their salaries. The closing of the pay gap is not going well. There is still a motherhood penalty and a fatherhood bonus for married couples. Single women have about 1/3 of the wealth of single men. When negotiating for new jobs, women should try to avoid stating their previous salary history to potential employers as previous salary may be disproportionately lower than standards for certain industries. Job seekers or changers should also know their own value, know their target salary and benefits, know their negotiation strategy, and practice their negotiation discussions. To benchmark your salary and benefits she emphasized four steps: 1. Research the salary range and benefits. 2. Establish a target salary. 3. Assess what benefits are important to you. 4. Determine your walk-away point. The job offer should be stated in writing.



Dr. Lewis's [power point presentation](#) and video of her talk will be on the CWI website. She provided us with <https://aauw.us/CWI>, a free resource where one can register for an online course on salary and benefit negotiation. This will help train women to demand an equitable salary, moving towards AAUW's goal to eliminate the male-female wage gap by 2020. AAUW encourages you to try the course and let others know about it. AAUW wants to reach ten million women over five years using both online and in person training on campuses and in other locations. Folks should email salary@aauw.org with questions. Dr. Lewis announced that the next DC area negotiation workshop will be May 24, 2019. (See the Feminist Events section of this newsletter for details.)

In the post talk Q&A, CWI VP Jeanette Esbrook told a story of a beloved woman professor who devalued her need for equal pay. She suggested that her University bosses give the higher raises to her male professor colleagues since they needed it more to care for their families than she did as a single woman. Then when she was ready to retire she found that her pension would be too small to support her. Fortunately, Jeanette was working in the Dean's office. Jeanette learned about this situation and was able to make some pay adjustments before the professor retired to help her earn more in her later years so her pension would be more adequate.

We also reminded meeting participants that the Paycheck Fairness Act will greatly help address some of the pay equity assurances that were not included in the Equal Pay Act. One of the key fixes in the Paycheck Fairness Act is to make sure that people are not required to provide information on their salary history. Women are often paid less than men with the same or similar responsibilities and thus if their pay is based on their past earnings, the sex discrimination will be continued. The Paycheck Fairness Act passed in the House and needs additional attention to pass in the Senate.

Coming DC Area and National Feminist Events and Resources

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Monday, May 13, 2019, 6:30 PM. The Wahhabi Code: How the Saudis Spread Extremism Globally. Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036. \$25 for non-members. [Register](#)

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 8:15 AM to 7 PM. Forum to Advance Women's Leadership in the Global Development Sector, WILD Network, 1825 Connecticut Ave. 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20009. \$595 [For more info.](#)

Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Webinar, 11 AM. Equality Starts in the Family: A Global Dialogue, to discuss how equality in the family can transform the lives of women and girls at all levels of society. Women's Learning Partnership. [Register](#)

Thursday, May 16, 2019, 1-2:15 PM. Webinar, Better Business Strategy: How to Run a "Strategy-Led" Mentoring Program. Million Women Mentors, [Register](#)

Friday, May 17, 2019, Noon. 2019 Foremothers and Health Policy Heroes Awards Luncheon, Honoring a Congresswoman, journalist, and author who break down barriers for all women. National Center for Health Research. Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave, NW, Wash. DC 20036. Donations by May 10 starting at \$110. Must purchase [Tickets](#) in advance.

Thursday, May 23, 2019, 12:15 PM, Making Media Look More Like America, Conversation with Dorothy Gilliam and Denise Rolark Barnes. Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036. \$30 with lunch for non-member or \$10 lecture only. [Register](#)

Friday, May 24, 2019, 6:30-8:30 PM. AAUW Salary Negotiation Workshop. AAUW, 1310 L Street NW, First Floor. **Free.** [Register](#)

Tuesday, May 28, 2019, Noon. CWI meeting on A Feminist Approach to US Foreign Policy. See Page 1 of this newsletter.

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Invitation to Tuesday, June 18, 2019 CWI Meeting, Noon-1:30 PM
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Fostering Collaboration Among Feminist Organizations to Attain Women's Equality

Our June 18 Annual Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) lunch meeting will focus on how CWI member organizations can better help each other become well informed powerful activists for women's equality in multiple areas of concern and from diverse perspectives. CWI is a 45-year old DC non-profit organization of individual and organizational members who learn from and support each other's feminist goals. In these critical times we need to do this even more effectively and efficiently. With the resurgence of support for ERA we are close to victory! In the Virginia legislature we were only one vote short on an administrative move that would have made Virginia the 38th state to ratify the ERA. We also need to be continually informed about how we can most effectively fight the constant, vigorous assaults on women's health culminating in the restrictive abortion legislation now passed in OH, LA, MO and AL. In our May 28 meeting, we learned about involving women in international security.

While we miss the former National Council of Women's Organizations, CWI has been assuming some of its important collaboration and dissemination functions and adding new ones such as video-taping many meetings and showing them on YouTube and public TV. At this meeting we are inviting our CWI member organizations to give:

- A 3-minute description of the feminist aspects of their organization and bring handouts.
- Suggestions on how they would like CWI to help their organization and vice-versa.

So far, we are counting on presentations from Alexa DeJesus from the National Women's Political Caucus; Elyse Shaw, Institute for Women's Policy Research; Peg Barratt, Solar Cookers International; Elise Bryant, Coalition of Labor Union Women; NOW, the Feminist Majority Foundation. Please let us know if you will present for your CWI member organization so we can add you and your organization to the agenda. New organizational members may join anytime, but are encouraged to join now and present on June 18.

We hope this meeting will:

- Bring groups together to propel women's equality forward through networking, partnering and collaborative education and action
- Strengthen ties and facilitate collaboration between the women's movement and social justice allies; and
- Reaching out to include communities who have never been involved in the multiple aspects of the feminist movement.

This is a long-term agenda and one that we will have to work on continuously. But it certainly tops waiting for the next threat to women's rights nationally and globally. CWI wants to hear from its members and others about their plans to stand up and resist/fight back.

CWI meetings are free and open to the public. A Light Lunch will be provided by CWI for all so please RSVP by June 16 so we can be ready for all of you. An RSVP to attend is required. Go to <https://womensclearinghouse.org>. Next CWI Meeting, noon Tuesday September 24, 2019.

Dear Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) Members,

At this June 2019 CWI meeting we welcome the newly-elected Board Members, and welcome new CWI individual and organizational members as CWI celebrates its 45th anniversary and continued commitment to continue its mission to provide information and discussion on issues that impact the lives of women and girls Nationally and Internationally.

It has been said, "May you live in interesting times." Indeed, we are living in interesting and challenging times. As an organization, we have worked hard and strong for positive legislation to be introduced and passed on many national, state, and local levels. Now we are faced with addressing more difficult challenges to keep these hard-won benefits. CWI will continue to do so.

CWI looks forward to fostering women's leadership. Melinda Gates, in a recent interview stated "I think sometimes we make the mistake of thinking leaders are born. No. Leaders are created. They're created by the action that they take based on what they have seen or experienced in the world ... to find the strength and the bravery to carry on the work." We at CWI encourage strong feminist focused leadership. We invite speakers to share their knowledge and information with our membership which we all share with many others.

It is our responsibility to continue as effective members of CWI with increased strength and hope. Let us recall a few lines from the song "If Not Now, Tell Me When" by Carrie Newcomer.

"If not now, tell me when?
If not now, tell me when?
We may never see this moment
Or place again
If not now, If not now, tell me when? ...
We'll make the change we can ...
And we'll walk hand in hand
If not now, If not now, tell me when"

On a personal note, I have now completed my 6th year as CoPresident of CWI and leave that position. I thank the Board and members for trusting me to fulfill that role with your support and participation. It has been a rewarding experience and I thank Sue Klein for her competent and sincere co-presidency. My best wishes to the new officers.

Harriett Stonehill, CoPresident, CWI

Sue Klein's summer 2018 photo of long-time best friends, **Bernice Sandler and Harriett Stonehill**. See announcement section of this newsletter for details on invitation to the June 26, DC *Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Bernice "Bunny" Sandler, the Godmother of Title IX* where Harriett will be a speaker.



CWI Meeting Summary, May 28, 2019 A Feminist Approach to Foreign Policy

The May meeting of the Clearinghouse on Women's Issues May, entitled "A Feminist Approach to Foreign Policy," examined the ways in which gender informs foreign policy and international development. The event featured Ursala Knudsen-Latta, the Policy and Advocacy Coordinator with Saferworld and outgoing Chair of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Working Group on Women, Peace, and Security; Kayla McGill, a researcher for the WomenStats Project the Gender and Global Security Program Assistant at Women in International Security; and Arielle Hernandez Lavadenz, the Development Manager of the U.S. National Committee for UN Women. CWI's Vice President of Global issues and Director of Advocacy for Women for Afghan Women, Megan Corrado, organized and moderated the event. More information on these wonderful presenters is in the meeting invitation in CWI's May 2019 newsletter on our website <https://womensclearinghouse.org>. A video of the meeting will also be available on the CWI website and will be shown on public TV.



Ursala Knudsen-Latta



Kayla McGill



Arielle Hernandez Lavadenz

The presentations and follow-up group discussion were particularly timely in light of the upcoming momentous occasions relating to women and international relations—from the 20th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325; the release of the U.S. National Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security; implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security Act; and opportunities for women's participation in peace processes, such as in Afghanistan. Despite progress in women's involvement in the peace and security sector and the rise of feminist foreign policies around the world, funding, programming, and opportunity for growth still hinder women's involvement and empowerment. Feminist foreign policies aim to promote women's rights, ensure their fulsome participation at all levels of decision-making, and allocate equitable resources for aid and the support of all genders—but far too few states have committed to implementing these core tenets.

The presenters discussed the implications of feminist foreign policies, as well as existing challenges to, and strategies of, international women's organizations and programs that aim to create a more just, stable, inclusive world with gender equality. These diverse speakers illuminated the interconnected ways in which data informs advocacy, laws, and policies, as well as funding streams available to programming for women's issues. They spoke of the retrenchment of women's rights in the U.S. and around the world, and stressed the important roles grassroots entities and civil society must play in this moment in order to fill leadership gaps and continue the work of the global women's movement. Such strategies include performing further research and data analysis to inform law and policy; advocating Congress to push the women, peace, and security agenda forward; fully implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and the Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017; demand oversight of foreign assistance programming to ensure parity in the allocation of resources for programming for women and girls; create strong social media and other campaigns to raise awareness about women's issues, fundraising opportunities, and disparity between law and practice.

The speakers' extensive experience in grassroots organizations, communication, advocacy, research, analysis, programming, and fundraising brought a broad range of perspectives to the ways in which feminist and non-feminist foreign policies can affect programming and women's rights around the world.

Here is a post-meeting photo of presenters and some attendees. Left to right: Kayla McGill, Justine Ehiabor, **Megan Corrado**, Arielle Hernandez Lavadenz, Karen Mulhauser, Kim Otis, & Sahana Dharmapuri.



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Exhibits:

Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote" Library of Congress Southwest Gallery, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Handwritten letters, speeches, photographs and scrapbooks, created by American suffragists who persisted for more than 70 years to win voting rights for women, will be featured in a new exhibition at the Library of Congress.
Women's Suffrage, National Portrait Gallery

Programs:

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 2-3:30 PM, Women Automation, and the Future of Work. Institute for Women's Policy Research, Cannon House Office Building Room 121. [Register](#)

Thursday, June 13, 2019 6 PM, Changemaker Conversation with the Librarian: Women in Leadership. Library of Congress, Featuring Carla Hayden and Drew Gilpin Faust at the Thomas Jefferson Building LJ-119, 10 First St SE, Washington, DC 20540. This event will be livestreamed from both the Library's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/libraryofcongress> and the Library's YouTube site (with captions) at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LibraryOfCongress>.

Friday, June 14, 2019, 10 AM to 12:30 PM. Reset Retirement Solutions for the 21st Century, AFT, Economic Policy Institute. Kennedy Caucus Room (SR-325) Russell Senate Office Building, 2 Constitution Ave. NE Washington, DC 20002. [Registration](#)

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Cybersecurity and Election Protection

As we move closer to the next wave of elections aimed at bringing American values back to center, we are increasingly aware of the threat of outside influence on our votes and insider tampering with the rights of individuals to even cast votes. This meeting is featuring speakers who have worked to minimize the interference of groups and governments external to the United States peddling influence to help sway voters and the threat of various political factions working to deny rights of US registered voters and those who are guaranteed that right as US citizens. Presenters include:

David Brody, Counsel & Senior Fellow for Privacy and Technology, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, www.Lawyerscommittee.org. He will focus on cyber security issues related to voting rights protection. It is also important to know about their voter helplines such as 866-OUR-VOTE. David Brody's experience at the Federal Communications Commission included writing federal regulations about consumer privacy on the Internet and conducted antitrust reviews of telecommunications mergers. David has also clerked for DC Superior Court and at the Electronic Privacy Information Center was a fellow of appellate litigation. David Brody received his JD from Harvard Law school. We welcome and thank him for speaking to us as formerly scheduled colleague **Marcia Johnson-Blanco**, Co-Director, [Voting Rights Project](#) is no longer available.

Edgardo Cortes, Election Security Advisor, [Brennan Center for Justice](#) where he works on the development of regulations, legislation and litigation related to election security. When he was the first Virginia Commissioner of Elections, he led voter registration and election administration modernization efforts which resulted in: establishing paperless voter registration at DMV locations, integrating DMV transactions with the online voter registration system, and establishing an online, paperless absentee ballot request system and an easier to use voter registration form. He also created an online assessment of election administration and made election data more accessible to the public. You may want to read his [report](#) on "*Better Safe Than Sorry: How Election Officials Can Plan Ahead to Protect the Vote in the Face of a Cyber Attack.*" He has a B.S. from Cornell University and a Master's degree in political management from the George Washington University.

Aquene Freechild, Co-Director, Democracy is for People Campaign, [Public Citizen](#) where she focuses on election security, getting money out of politics, and ensuring that everyone's vote counts. She co-founded the Secure Our Vote coalition to help state and local election officials protect from, and if needed, recover from computer errors or hacks. She recently led the passage of the 2018 DC Fair Elections Act.

Other experts are welcome as we seek to protect US national elections as well as the Nov. 2019 Virginia elections that are so important for many reasons including the potential to make Virginia the 38th state to ratify the ERA! Also check ["Cybersecurity, Social Media Manipulation, Fake News and the Future of Democracy"](#) from 2018 GeekWire conference.

CWI meetings are free and open to the public. Bring your own Lunch. An RSVP to attend is required. Go to <https://womensclearinghouse.org>. Next CWI Meeting, noon Tuesday Oct. 22, 2019.

Dear Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) Members,

At our June 18, 2019 annual meeting CWI members elected Board members and officers for two-year terms. The Board welcomed two new members, Alotta Taylor as Vice-President, Diversity, and Helen Mulkeen as Secretary. Additionally, former VP for Strategic Planning, Connie Cordovilla was elected as Co-President along with former Co-President, Sue Klein. Previous Co-President, Harriett Stonehill agreed to become Vice President for Membership. We look forward to additional new Board members and officers for our election in June 2020.

On July 17, 2019, Harriett Stonehill lost her wonderful husband of 68 years, Elliott Stonehill who was 90. CWI members also greatly miss Elliott who helped Harriett with her CWI computer work and cordially kept us posted on her whereabouts when we called her at home.



The CWI Board met for its annual planning meeting on Aug. 5, 2019. Board members in photo are left to right. **Front row**, Sue Klein, Harriett Stonehill, Anne Martin, Jeanette Lim Esbrook, Linda Fihelly, Helen Mulkeen. **Back Row**: Loretto Gubernatis, Holly Joseph, Connie Cordovilla, Megan Corrado, Sherry Klein. Alotta Taylor was not able to make the meeting, but her photo is in the following Summary of the 6-18-19 CWI meeting on *Fostering Collaboration Among Feminist Organizations*.

Curious about what Programs CWI has done in the past? Our Programs page, <https://womensclearinghouse.org/programs/> has a [pdf list of topics and presenters from 1974/1981 to the present](#) on the top left. Actual programs that have been video recorded and posted to YouTube are also listed on the Programs page with links.

Future CWI meeting topics: **October 22, 2019. Ending discrimination against girls, domestically and globally.** Contact CWI Board organizers, Jeanette Lim Esbrook and Megan Corrado with suggestions.

January 28, 2020, Positive Changes in Increasing Women's Power

February 25, 2020, Attention to Male Feminists and Gender Identity

March 24, 2020, Women's History Month focus on ERA

Other potential 2020 meeting topics: Gender-based budgeting, women's health issues, immigration issues, wise aging, protecting yourself financially, women in international peace processes, women in climate change.

CWI Meeting Summary, June 18, 2019: Fostering Collaboration Among Feminist Organizations to Attain Women's Equality

After attendee introductions at the annual member meeting of the Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI), **CWI Co-President, Sue Klein**, described how CWI, a 45 year-old DC non-profit organization, is working to increase collaboration among organizations with a feminist focus in the Washington, DC area. Sue is also the Education Equity Director of the Feminist Majority Foundation, a long-time CWI organizational member.



CWI has been assuming some of the dissemination and collaboration functions of the former National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) and adding new ones, such as videotaping many meetings and showing them on YouTube and public TV. The purpose of this meeting was to obtain ideas and advice from current and prospective CWI organizational members on how to provide this CWI leadership even more effectively.

Sue highlighted advantages of being a CWI individual or organizational member, such as:

- Opportunities to learn about critical feminist issues in areas outside your expertise via nine CWI monthly meetings, newsletters, and meeting videos.
- Receipt of diverse statements supporting feminist goals from CWI, so that member organizations can learn about and sign on to each other's work; however, unlike NCWO, CWI does not currently plan to develop CWI originated consensus statements.
- Receipt of CWI newsletters and email notices of DC area feminist events and resources. The two designated CWI organizational members on the CWI member list are encouraged to also share this information with their own organization's members. Priority is given to sharing feminist information from CWI organizational members.
- Opportunity to highlight key organizational issues, experts, and initiatives by helping to plan and sponsor CWI meetings in their focus areas where they can improve feminists' technical and advocacy capacity.
- Enhanced reach of organizational announcements via CWI's extensive email list, wherein they may share updates, requests for sign-ons/collaboration, and other information-sharing by sending them to CWI Co-Presidents, who will email them to CWI members and publicize via social media.
- Publication of organizational member website links on the CWI website.
- Opportunity to join the all-volunteer CWI Board.

Sue also noted that multiple year discounted memberships in CWI are available, and that all membership fees are very modest. For example, a three-year organizational membership is only \$100. Gift memberships are also encouraged.



CWI Co-President Connie Cordovilla, who is also the President of Virginia National Organization for Women (NOW), then highlighted some of the key challenges of our feminist collaboration by presenting the following questions: How can we interactively work to benefit each other and amplify our issues? What can we do individually to push women's rights and equality to the forefront of legislation and the Constitution? What about on the state level? How do we move forward? What can we do collectively to enforce those goals that we set? How can our organizations support each other to reach individual organizational goals, and those of CWI, and how do we form effective coalitions amongst our groups? And, how can our organizations facilitate collaboration that fosters social justice?

The following organizations then took about three minutes to explain their key feminist focus and suggest ways we all could improve our collaborative work to advance feminist goals.

Our first presenter was **Ronnie Pawelko, AFJ Elections Counsel**, from the **Alliance for Justice (AFJ)**, which provides the conference room for CWI meetings and has presented key insights at numerous CWI meetings. Ronnie briefly explained that AFJ and many of the interns who attended this meeting researched Supreme Court and other federal court nominees as one of AFJ's Justice Team activities and that its Bolder Advocacy program featured in the September 27, 2016 [CWI meeting video](#) provides guidance on what 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) tax exempt non-profit organizations can and cannot do related to lobbying and supporting candidates.



Alexis De Jesus is the Program Director of the **National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC)**, a multi-partisan pro-choice organization that seeks to recruit, train, endorse, and elect pro-choice candidates at all levels of government. It has state and local chapters across the U.S. and collaborates with other organizations with similar objectives. For example, at its July 2019 National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, NWPC worked with other groups to sponsor a pro-reproductive rights rally. One of NWPC's long-term goals is and continues to be the passage of the Equal rights Amendment (ERA). California's NWPC was also helpful in blocking proposed increases in sex-segregated public education.

Elyse Shaw, a previous CWI presenter, represented **the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR)**. She explained that IWPR does quantitative and qualitative research on women's issues and that it has centers focusing on the economics of reproductive health and equity in higher education, which houses a student-parent success initiative. IWPR also works on action research and prepares frequent reports on the status of women in states and many other feminist issues, such as problems with sex segregation.



Peg Barratt, a previous CWI presenter, represented **Solar Cookers, International** and serves on their Board. She is also a professor of Developmental Psychology at George Washington University. She explained how Solar Cookers, International, helps facilitate women's cooking in the development world; and that this type of cooking is much safer than many alternatives. Dr. Barratt also brought a mini model solar cooker and noted that it can withstand harsh conditions, including in her own backyard in the snow.

Elise Bryant, President of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), and a previous CWI presenter, started her presentation with a rousing labor union song. She mentioned that CLUW has 40 chapters around the U.S. and Canada, which at the local level, undertake “Get Out the Vote” and voter registration campaigns, as well as charity work. At the national and local levels, CLUW focuses on getting more women in union leadership positions and providing education on how labor unions especially benefit women. She also suggested that there should be a National Women’s Summit to bring groups together to do strategic planning on advancing the feminist agenda.



Kate McCarthy represented the **Women’s Media Center**. The Women’s Media Center conducts research and reports on women and girls, amongst other issues and publishes reports on the status of women in the U.S. media. Some recent topics include online harassment, women in conflict areas, domestic violence, and fairness for women in all types of media. Its program work features “She Source” to provide women experts as speakers and sources as media contacts. The Center also provides “Progressive Women’s Voices” TV and other media training for women leaders and journalists. See the application form on their [website](#).

Linda Softli, represented the **DC League of Women Voters**. The League is a non-partisan civic organization focusing on voter rights, access to the polls, and diversity by working to ensure marginalized women are registered and participate in civic life and elections. National and local League representatives have been frequent CWI expert presenters and meeting participants.



Alotta Taylor is CWI’s new Board member. Dr. Taylor is a volunteer representative for the **National Council of Negro Women. Inc. (NCNW)**. The NCNW is an organization of organizations. It is a coalition comprised of over 200 community-based sections in 32 states and has 38 national organizational affiliates. It works to enlighten and inspire more than 3 million women and men. The NCNW’s mission is to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African American descent, their families and communities. NCNW is active in getting out the vote, in educating our members about the various candidates and their platforms, in working to register voters, and arranging for those that might need a ride to the polls. Key program areas include Public Policy; Economic Empowerment; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM); and Mental and Physical Health. NCNW’s National Chair is Johnnetta Betsch Cole and its Executive Director is Janice Mathis.

Linda Fihelly, Co-President of Business and Professional Women of Maryland (BPW/MD) and also a CWI Board member, explained that the BPW/MD is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan, membership organization with six local chapters throughout the state. **BPW/MD** promotes equity for women in the workplace, through advocacy, education, and information. It provides professional development and empowerment opportunities, holds workshops and conferences, provides scholarships through its foundation, and joins with other groups such as the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) to support women’s issues. BPW/MD focuses its legislative platform on the ratification of the ERA and supports legislation that ensures economic equity, comprehensive health care services, and safety for all women.





Isabelle Chaudry is a **Senior Policy Manager** at the **National Women’s Health Network (NWHN)**, which focuses on women and consumer health safety, such as increasing U.S. regulations around cosmetics. The Cosmetic Act was passed in 1938 and has not been updated since. In Europe, over 1,000 ingredients are banned; only 11 are banned in U.S. cosmetics. Many of these banned ingredients have linkages to fibroids, cancer, and other reproductive issues. CWI signed on to the NWHN letter requesting the House Energy and Commerce Committee to update these protections.

Nancy Hopkins, Vice Chair of the Fairfax Commission on Women (FCW), a long time CWI organizational member, explained that the Commission advises County officials on promoting the rights of women and girls. It is non-partisan and has minority, at-large, and student members. FCW prepares policy statements on topics such as the ERA, protective orders, and paid family leave, and sponsors young women’s events on education, STEM, body issues, etc. Currently, it is planning events around the Occoquan Workhouse to honor the 100th anniversary of suffrage.



CWI Co-President, Connie Cordovilla and President of Virginia National Organization for Women (NOW) and CWI Treasurer, (See earlier photo) Holly Joseph former Montgomery County NOW President (Photo on left) discussed their NOW organizations, as well as National NOW, which is also a CWI organizational member. NOW promotes feminist ideals to lead societal change, increase women’s leadership and empowerment, and eliminate discrimination. There are eight NOW chapters in Virginia and over 200 across the country. All NOW organizations have 501(c)(4) tax status and can form political action committees (PACs) to support candidates as they do in Virginia. Raising money and endorsing feminist candidates is especially important in Virginia where every legislative seat is up for election in fall 2019. NOW works on a wide variety of issues ranging from ERA to reproductive justice and the prevention of violence against women.

Julia Tanner heads the **Virginia Equal Rights Coalition (VERC)**, which focuses on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Virginia will have the opportunity to be the final required 38th state to ratify the ERA, which will create a Constitutional foundation supporting the protection of equal rights without government discrimination on the basis of sex. **VERC** organizes and participates in events, meetings, and forums, bringing ERA education and inspiration to advocates and policy makers. The Virginia Equal Rights Coalition just joined as a CWI organizational member.





Megan Corrado is the **CWI Vice President for Global Issues** and **Advocacy Director of Women for Afghan Women (WAW)**, which is the largest human rights organization in Afghanistan with 32 facilities in 14 provinces providing holistic care, protection, legal aid, vocational training, and other services and empowerment for survivors of gender-based violence. WAW has a Peacebuilding Program with grassroots training to ensure women's role in the Afghan peace process, as well as global and U.S. advocacy initiatives to ensure that women are involved in all facets of the peacebuilding. WAW is a leader in the U.S. Civil Society Working Group on Women, Peace, and Security and participates in a number of coalitions on refugees, sexual and gender-based violence, child and forced marriage, and peace and security.

Sue Klein, CWI Co-President, is also the **Education Equity Director of the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF)** (See first photo in summary). She mentioned that FMF has sister organizations, such as the Feminist Majority, with 501(c)(4) tax status and related PACs to support candidates, a Feminist Campus Program, a Girls Learn International Program for middle and high school students, Ms. Magazine, and the Feminist Newswire. She mentioned that the Education Equality Program focuses substantial attention on Title IX and reminded all that they were invited to the June 26, 2019 Celebration of the life of Dr. Bernice Sandler, the Godmother of Title IX and a former CWI Board member.



Loretto Gubernatis, CWI's Vice President for Media Relations talked about the **National Great Blacks in Wax Museum** a new CWI member organization in Baltimore. In addition to providing education about important Blacks in U.S. history, the director has expanded the museum and created a theater and music room, which has helped the revitalization of North Avenue in Baltimore.

Loretto also mentioned that the National Women's History Alliance and Maryland's Women Heritage Center are CWI member organizations. This was relevant since one of the collaboration suggestions was to document our organizations' activities. CWI has been doing consistent documentation, such as videotaping many of the CWI meetings, disseminating the videos on public TV, making our newsletters with written meeting summaries available and searchable on the CWI website, and arranging for the Schlesinger Women's History Library to archive CWI newsletters and copy our website annually. CWI's meeting on March 26, 2019 focused on "Ways to Share our Feminist History." See meeting videos featuring Amy Billingsley, Mary Jean Collins, Tina Hobson, and Elsa Little.

Coming DC Area and National Feminist Events and Resources

Please send your upcoming feminist events to post in CWI newsletters to president@womensclearinghouse.org. LIKE and FOLLOW us on CWI's Facebook www.facebook.com/womensclearinghouse and Twitter www.twitter.com/CWINews pages! Also SUBSCRIBE and LIKE our video sponsor & provider <https://www.youtube.com/user/Hanburycross>. Times are EST. Paid-up CWI members will receive additional forwarded email messages on feminist meetings and activities.

Exhibits: Check out Washington.org/suffrage and [#suffrage100DC](https://twitter.com/suffrage100DC)

Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote" Library of Congress Southwest Gallery, Thomas Jefferson Building. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Handwritten letters, speeches, photographs and scrapbooks, created by American suffragists who persisted for more than 70 years to win voting rights for women, will be featured in a new exhibition at the Library of Congress. Loc.gov/suffrage

Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence, Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery to January 5, 2020. Npg.si.edu

Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote, National Archives to January 3, 2021, 10 AM-5:30 PM. Archives.gov/women

#BecauseOfHerStory or Americanhistory.si.edu

The Exchange, Dumbarton House to April 2021 in Georgetown. DumbartonHouse.org

Ordinary Equality: DAR Members and the Road to Women's Suffrage, 1890-1920 to April 2021. Dar.org

The Rights of Women and the Legacy of the American Revolution, Americanrevolutioninstitute.org

Special tour, Votes for Women. The Capitol Visitor Center, visitthecapitol.gov/event-calendar

Programs and Actions:

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 11AM, Rally for the BE HEARD in the Workplace Act, Columbus Circle (outside Union Station) The BE HEARD megaphone will be in Columbus Circle from 9am-1pm. We are asking you and your co-workers, interns, and friends to be there from 11-11:30am for a rally and press conference (which will focus on survivors of workplace harassment). There will be unbranded BE HEARD signs available. Share the Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/395721151085879/ Send an email recruiting your members in the DC area. [Sample here](#).

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 2-3:30 PM EST. Improving Women's Financial Security. Webinar, Women's Bureau, US Department of Labor. [Register](#).

Thursday, September 12, 2019, 7-8 PM. WEBINAR Millennial Entrepreneurs: Making the Cookie Crumble, Best Sales Techniques, National Council of Negro Women, [Register](#).

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019, 11:30 AM, Celinda Lake: Navigating the 2019 & 2020 Election Cycles, Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036. [Register](#) \$30 Non- Members.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 7PM The Musical-story of Alice Paul Ida B. Well, Susan B. Anthony etc., National Archives, William G. McGowan Theater. Free [Register](#)

Friday, September 20, 2019 9:30 AM to 1 PM, The Experiences of Women Who Flee Central America, Inter-American Commission of Women/OAS, Organization of American States (Hall of the Americas) 200 17th Street Northwest Washington, DC 20006. Free, [Register](#).

Tuesday, September, 24, 2019, Noon, CWI Meeting Cybersecurity and Election Protection. (See Page 1)

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, 6:30 PM. Celebrate Alice, The Virginia Elections and the Equal Rights Amendment, Feminist Majority Equality PAC and NOW, Political Action Committee. Home of Erin Matson & will Johnson (Address upon [Registration purchase](#))

Thursday, October 3, 2019, 6-9 PM. Selling Suffrage, Words and Symbols to Win the Vote and the ERA. Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, Tower-Club-Tysons Corner, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite # 1700, Vienna, VA 22182. \$75 [Register](#).

Sunday, October 6, 2019. Mobilization to object to Kavanaugh Confirmation 12:30-5PM, Women's March, Columbus Circle, Union Station. [Join & More Information](#).

Saturday, October 19, 8-11PM, Evening of Chocolate: Roaring Twenties-Themed Gala, NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland, Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD. [For more Information](#)

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*Meeting summary by Helen Mulkeen, Megan Corrado and Presenters. Board Photo by Perry Klein, 6-18 CWI meeting
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Three ways to join or to renew:

1. Bring a check, payable to CWI, and this form to a CWI meeting or
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____\$15/1yr.-for those < 30 yrs. old ____\$25/1yr. ____\$45/2yrs. ____\$65/3yrs.

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____\$40/1 year ____\$70/2 yrs. ____\$100/3 yrs. (This covers emails to two reps. listed above.)

\$_____ Additional tax-deductible contribution

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The CWI membership year is: **July 1-June 30**. Multi-year memberships are encouraged and discounted! Please fill in beginning and end years (e.g. 2019-2022 for a 3-yr membership). Payment puts you on the email list to receive many feminist announcements during the rest of your membership. Membership dues and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI)

October 2019 CWI Newsletter <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

Invitation to Tuesday, October 22, 2019 CWI Meeting, Noon-1:30 PM
The Alliance for Justice, 11 Dupont Circle, 5th Floor; entrance on New Hampshire Ave., NW
(Nearest Metro Stop: Dupont Circle, north or south exit)
RSVP is now required. See <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

Empowering Girls, Globally and Domestically

Each year, the international community celebrates the [International Day of the Girl Child](#) on October 11th. Too often, decisions kick global challenges down the road without the input of those that will be affected—our children. Recently, however, youth—and girls in particular—have been raising their voices to address some of the major crises of our time. From climate activist Greta Thunberg to gun control advocate and co-organizer of the March for our Lives, Emma Gonzales, girls are working to ensure that we live in a safer, healthier, more just world. This meeting is focusing on organizations and activists working to empower our next generation of women leaders by equipping girls with the skills, confidence, and tools to create a feminist future in the United States and around the globe. Speakers include:

Wendy Schaezel Lesko, who helped mobilize U.S. support for the [International Day of the Girl](#) in 2011, will speak about the history of the movement to establish this annual event, the ways in which it is observed around the world, and how civil society and activists can work empower girls every day. Ms. Lesko founded the Youth Activism Project in 1992 with the publication of her book, *No Kidding Around! America's Young Activists Are Changing Our World & You Can Too*. This project provides free advice to young people who want to pursue lasting change in the public policy arena and offers consulting services to organizations on how to support authentic youth-led advocacy and multi-generational collaboration. Ms. Lesko has presented over 1,000 keynote speeches and workshops in more than 30 states. In 2004, with a group of preteens, she launched School Girls Unite to promote collaboration amongst young women in Mali and the U.S. as philanthropists and political activists. School Girls Unite led the successful national campaign in 2011 to generate U.S. support for the newly established United Nations International Day of the Girl. Ms. Lesko worked for three years as a community organizer for the United Farm Workers Union after she graduated from Rollins College. In 1975, she returned to Washington, DC and became managing editor of the *Congressional Monitor* and then started "Today on the Hill," a daily live broadcast on WTOP radio. She co-authored two books, *The People Rising: The Campaign to Defeat the Bork Nomination* with Michael Pertschuk and *The Maternity Sourcebook* with Matthew Lesko.

Lara S. Kaufmann, Director of Public Policy for Girls Inc., will discuss opportunities to advance girls' rights and opportunities and empower girls to advocate for social change. Girls Inc. serves girls 6-18 at more than 1,500 sites in 350 cities across the U.S. and Canada who work help girls realize their full potential. Ms. Kaufmann directs [#GirlsToo](#), the Girls Inc. national public awareness and advocacy campaign to prevent and address sexual harassment and sexual violence among youth. Prior to joining Girls Inc., Ms. Kaufmann was Senior Counsel and Director of Education Policy for At-Risk Students at the National Women's Law Center (NWLC), where she engaged in litigation, advocacy, and outreach to improve educational outcomes for at-risk girls and young women. She co-authored NWLC's 2014 report, *Unlocking Opportunity for African American Girls: A Call to Action for Education Equity*, its 2012 report, *A Pregnancy Test for Schools: The Impact of Education Laws on Pregnant and Parenting Students*, and its 2009 report, *Listening to Latinas: Barriers to High School Graduation*. Ms. Kaufmann also worked for the Federal Trade Commission, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, a law firm, and a U.S. District Court. She has a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law and an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan.

[Representatives from other organizations with feminist youth activities should come to share information.](#)

CWI meetings are free and open to the public Bring your own lunch. An RSVP to attend is required.

Go to <https://womensclearinghouse.org>. Next CWI Meeting, noon Tuesday January 22, 2020.

To Vote or Not to Vote..... Is Not the Question: Being an educated and confident voter is the point!

In these days fraught with reports of leaks, data breaches, false media, and election fraud, one may be tempted to say they will just pass on this election until they can be assured that “their vote will be truly counted.”

Don't give in to frustration and doubt! We need everyone to vote to secure this year's election! That was the message that the three speakers at our recent CWI meeting on Elections and Cybersecurity.

Your registration to vote is your first line of defense- **Aquene Freechild**, from Public Citizen, urged voters to make sure your registration is:

- Valid – many do not realize that voting registrations are purged at regular intervals, such as those who have not voted for at least two cycles of federal elections in VA. It is not like a once in a lifetime event- it has to be kept current and you should check on it **before every election**. If you need to check your registration status, you can go to <https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/> and enter your name to make sure you are registered. Be sure you do it before the deadline in your city or county.
- At your proper address - so your name will be in the precinct book of your correct polling place. It is also good to be sure you are going to the right balloting location. Remember that redistricting has taken place in at least one close by state so you need to check in advance.

Are you worried about the voting process being subject to hacking? While that is a legitimate concern, it has been countered by many states who have returned to using paper ballots, which could allow for a recount should it be needed. The marked ballots are run through Optical Scanners. The results, while counted by machine, can be checked against a sample of the paper ballots to ensure the outcome is correct using a technique called risk limiting post-election audit, already in use in Colorado and Rhode Island. Our speaker, **Edgardo Cortes** from the Brennan Center for Justice, who had extensive experience in VA voting procedures, noted that new programs and processes are coming on the scene all the time to protect voting integrity. One particularly effective way to protect the vote is to do a post-election audit. One of the big hindrances is getting sufficient funds to upgrade systems to state of the art security. The campaign to get funds from Congress is ongoing. See [SecureOurVote.us](https://www.secureourvote.us) to take action.

Are you Immune to “Fake News”? Using public influence campaigns to suppress the votes in a certain location and with certain types of voters was discussed by **David Brody** from the Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights under the Law. He warned the attendees about online voter suppression techniques targeting voters through data collected on preferences by outside vendors. Once targeted, political groups can create “deep fake” videos that look and sound real but are heavily manipulated. One of the frustrations of dealing with these tricks is that the platforms like Facebook and Twitter don't move quickly to remove the inaccurate content - if at all. Examine the information you receive about the candidates running for office to ensure it is coming from source that is sponsored by the candidates or otherwise accountable. If you have a doubt, go to www.snopes.com. Online propaganda campaigns have managed to threaten the participation in and outcome of the election. There is a possibility that similar tactics will discourage people from participating in the 2020 Census. You often cannot tell if the material you receive is the reality or the reality created by the platforms for you. David reminded us that If you feel your right to vote is improperly challenged or you become aware of other election anomalies at the place you expect to poll, you should immediately call the Election Protection Coalition at 866-OUR-VOTE. They have immediate legal help available.

Aquene Freechild noted that election security is a political issue as well as real technical concern. What is needed is national attention and legislative action to ensure voting security. Attempts are being made to replace paperless voting systems by passing HR3351 to provide funding to states to upgrade the security of their voting systems. We were urged to contact our U.S. senators and ask for \$600 M+ for election security funding and accountability to be passed by Congress before Thanksgiving.

The session gave us a lot to consider and do before and after the next election. You should be sure to view the videos linked in the summary of this great September 24 CWI meeting!

Connie Cordovilla
Co- President, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues

[CWI Meeting Summary, September 24, 2019:](#) [Cybersecurity and Election Protection](#)

Our well-informed presenters alerted us to many threats to fair elections that we as informed citizens need to know about, but at the same time they pointed out that we should not make these threats discourage voters. These election security experts also pointed out that some states like Virginia which has its elections for all state house and senate members November 5, 2019 is better prepared than some other states to protect and detect cybersecurity and other threats to its elections since Virginia has returned to using paper ballots. From a feminist perspective the November 2019 Virginia elections are important for many reasons including the potential to make Virginia the 38th state to ratify the federal Equal Rights Amendment which it missed passing by just one vote during its last legislative session!



The first presenter was **Aquene Freechild**, Co-Director, Democracy is for People Campaign, [Public Citizen](#) where she focuses on election security, getting money out of politics, and ensuring that everyone's vote counts. She co-founded the Secure Our Vote coalition (SecureOurVote.us) to help state and local election officials protect from, and if needed, recover from computer errors or hacks. She recently led the passage of the 2018 DC Fair Elections Act. She emphasized that cybersecurity and elections involve both political and technical issues.

Aquene showed a short video which discussed three cybersecurity election challenges: diverse decentralized voting technology where the most vulnerable locations can be targeted, problems with election management system computers, and even problems with desirable paper ballots which are often thrown away without audits. She then discussed how malicious actors have hacked and used other ways to disrupt elections. Solutions include paper ballots, well trained poll-workers, election audits, countering questionable activity and social media, providing more federal funding for election security. There are many things we can do including volunteering to be a poll worker. A 16 minute [video](#) of the Aquene Freechild's presentation is on YouTube and linked on the Programs page of the [CWI website](#).

The second presenter was **Edgardo Cortes**, Election Security Advisor, [Brennan Center for Justice](#) where he works on the development of regulations, legislation and litigation related to election security. When he was the first Virginia Commissioner of Elections, he led voter registration and election administration modernization efforts which resulted in: establishing paperless voter registration at DMV locations, integrating DMV transactions with the online voter registration system, and establishing an online, paperless absentee ballot request system and an easier to use voter registration form. He also created an online assessment of election administration and made election data more accessible to the public. Check out his [report](#) on "*Better Safe Than Sorry: How Election Officials Can Plan Ahead to Protect the Vote in the Face of a Cyber Attack*" which he said is now being updated.



Edgardo noted that the overall cost of just basic election security for state and local governments should be over \$2 billion over 5 years. This would include equipment, voter machines, training, replacing outdated systems, planning for and as needed conducting post-election audits. The federal government has not provided sufficient funding or guidance on secure and fair elections. Much is left to local levels which also

need to have contingency plans when there are various problems as he experienced in VA. Problems may occur with voter registration, poll books, ballot marking devices, and even with tabulations of paper ballots. Election night reporting can also be misleading. Initially, Department of Elections websites give only unofficial results. Private vendors of equipment and training are not now regulated. In MD they found a private vendor partly owned by Russians. Procedures for post-election risk limiting audits are important but they should be examined. An 18 minute [video](#) of Edgardo Cortes's presentation is available on YouTube and listed on the CWI website Programs page.



David Brody, Counsel & Senior Fellow for Privacy and Technology, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, www.Lawyerscommittee.org was the final presenter. He pointed out that the Lawyers Committee provides voter helplines such as 866-OUR-VOTE. David also has experience at the Federal Communications Commission where he wrote federal regulations about consumer privacy on the Internet and conducted antitrust reviews of telecommunications mergers.

David pointed out that litigation on voter suppression has been helpful. In Georgia paperless voting systems were ruled unconstitutional and change is required before the 2020 elections. He explained how cybersecurity media threats start by gaining trust of desired target groups and then influence them to change their voting behavior, by either not voting or voting as the Russians or other foreign or domestic infiltrators desire. It is likely to continue in future elections where domestic corrupters might be harder to detect than foreign manipulators since the domestic enemies better understand nuances. We are also concerned with deep fake videos where we can't tell difference real and fake videos and they will get better as artificial intelligence technology advances. He predicts deep fake videos will likely involve racial slurs. Related threats involve intimidating voters such as fake flyers supposedly from ICE about checking citizenship. There was also doxing of election officials and some racist and antisemitic robo calls. Trump put on some fake ads which compared migrants with drug cartels and Facebook didn't take it down.

Solutions involve sophisticated monitoring of social media and for the platforms to regulate themselves. This problem also applies to 2020 Census participation. HR 1 has some language about stopping deceptive voter suppression but it is not sufficient. Even experts don't know what is happening on many platforms. The platforms need to publish data and partner with voter protection organizations so they can mobilize when there are problems. The [video](#) of David Brody's presentation is about 25 minutes.

Coming DC Area and National Feminist Events and Resources

Please send your upcoming feminist events to post in CWI newsletters to president@womensclearinghouse.org. LIKE and FOLLOW us on CWI's Facebook www.facebook.com/womensclearinghouse and Twitter www.twitter.com/CWINews pages! Also SUBSCRIBE and LIKE our video sponsor & provider <https://www.youtube.com/user/Hanburycross>. Times are EST. Paid-up CWI members will receive additional forwarded email messages on feminist meetings and activities.

Exhibits: Check out Washington.org/suffrage and [#suffrage100DC](https://twitter.com/suffrage100DC)

Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote Library of Congress Southwest Gallery, Thomas Jefferson Building. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Handwritten letters, speeches, photographs and scrapbooks, created by American suffragists who persisted for more than 70 years to win voting rights for women, will be featured in a new exhibition at the Library of Congress. Loc.gov/suffrage

Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence, Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery to January 5, 2020. Npg.si.edu

Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote, National Archives to January 3, 2021, 10 AM-5:30 PM.
Archives.gov/women

#BecauseOfHerStory or Americanhistory.si.edu

The Exchange, Dumbarton House to April 2021 in Georgetown. DumbartonHouse.org

Ordinary Equality: DAR Members and the Road to Women's Suffrage, 1890-1920 to April 2021. Dar.org

The Rights of Women and the Legacy of the American Revolution, Americanrevolutioninstitute.org

Special tour, Votes for Women. The Capitol Visitor Center, visitthecapitol.gov/event-calendar

Contact the Maryland Commission on Women by November 1, 2019 with **nominations for the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame**. www.marylandwomen.org.

Events

Tuesday, October 15, 1PM, Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and her husband, Robert Cramer will share their thoughts on the impeachment inquiry and other events. Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. [Register](#) (lunch served 12:15 \$30)

Wednesday, October 16, 7-8:30. Woman of Achievement and Celebration of NBWW, Montgomery County Business & Professional Women. Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville, MD 20851. For more information contact SusanHorst@yahoo.com.

Saturday, October 19, 11AM to 1 PM. Time Travel with Virginia Hall: America's Greatest Spy. Maryland Women's Heritage Center. The Maryland Historical Society, 201 West Monument Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. [For Information](#).

Saturday, October 19, 8-11PM, Evening of Chocolate: Roaring Twenties-Themed Gala, NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland, Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD. [For more Information](#)

Tuesday, October 22 Noon. Empowering Girls, Globally & Domestically, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues. Page 1

Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 4 PM. Commemorative Tea with "Sojourner Truth" Join us for tea with "Sojourner Truth." Passionate impersonator Pat Sloan. Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. [Register](#) \$35.

Saturday November 23, 9AM to 4:30 PM. Fall Agenda Conference: Looking Back, Moving Forward, Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, Chesapeake Arts Center, 194 Hammonds Lave, Brooklyn Park, MD 21225. For [Information](#)

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