



**WOMEN'S  
CITY CLUB  
OF NEW YORK  
100 YEARS**

# **100<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

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## **PROGRAM**

### **Opening Remarks**

Annette Choolfaian, President

### **Teller's Report and Introduction of Newly-Elected Officers and Directors**

Joan Fabio, Secretary

### **Financial Report**

Mary Ann Arisman, Treasurer

### **Reflections on the Centennial Year**

Jacqueline M. Ebanks, Executive Director

### **Salute to Members Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries**

Phyllis Lusskin, Executive Vice President

### **Members of the Year**

Marjorie Ives and Amy Schwartz

### **Keynote Speaker**

Heather C. McGhee, President, Demos

### **Closing Remarks**

Annette Choolfaian, President

## 2016 MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

### **Marjorie Ives**

Marge has been a member of WCC for almost 20 years. She started as a Barbara Reach intern on the third research project about women's homeless shelters in NYC. She then joined the Women's Issues Committee and became Co-Chair and then Chair in 2003. She is currently Co-Chair of WCC's Task Force on Sexual Education in the NYC Public Schools, a member of the Board of Directors and serves on the Public Policy and Development Committees. Marge served as President of WCC from 2012 to 2013.

She graduated from SUNY Purchase College with a degree in Women's Studies. While in college, she interned at the DA's office on Domestic Violence in White Plains and at the Bedford Hills Correctional Institution. As a representative of WCC, Marge was one of the organizers of the first Walk to End Domestic Violence in NYC and then went on to serve as a Board member and its Treasurer.

Marge is married and has two daughters and three grandchildren. She has served as President of her neighborhood association, the religious education board at her church and every level of PTA while her children were in school.

### **Amy J. Schwartz, MPA**

Amy J. Schwartz has been an active and passionate member of WCC since 2006, and is a member of its Board of Directors. She is Co-Founder and Co-Chair of WCC's Task Force on Sexual Education in NYC Public Schools, and leads the public education workgroup of the Public Policy Committee. Previously, Amy chaired the Task Force on Physical Education in NYC Public Schools, and was a member of the Committees of Health and Education.

She has over two decades of experience advocating for improvements in the social welfare, health and well-being of New Yorkers. With a focus on public health and education, she consults on policy and advocacy campaigns for community groups, policy organizations and public schools. Before independent consulting, Amy was Executive Director of the Public Health Association of New York City and oversaw the advocacy, membership services and program development for the largest public health membership group in New York. She has extensive association management, health policy advocacy and program development experience, including developing a special needs managed care plan for New York Presbyterian Healthcare System; directing planning and program development for St. Mary's Hospital for Children and Greater New York Hospital Association; leading policy advocacy and association management services for the American Academy of Pediatrics (NYS) and the New York County Medical Society. Amy has launched Wellness Councils in several city public schools, where she directed the development of health priorities and programs around physical activity, nutrition and wellness of students and larger community. Amy is a former President of the New York Society for Health Planning. She holds a Masters in Public Policy from New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, and a B.A. in Political Science from Tufts University.

Amy lives with her husband, daughter, two dogs and bird in New York City.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Heather C. McGhee, President, Demos

Heather C. McGhee is President of Demos, a public policy organization working for an America where we all have an equal say in our democracy and an equal chance in our economy. A recognized thought leader on the national stage, McGhee frequently appears on shows such as *Meet the Press*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, and *Hardball with Chris Matthews*. Her opinions, writing and research have appeared in numerous outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, and *The Hill*. She is one of *The Root's* 23 Black Political Pundits You Should Know and one of *Grist's* 50 People You'll Be Talking about in 2016. She has received the NYU's McSilver Award for Leaders in the Fight Against Poverty and Citizen Action of New York's Progressive Leadership Award. In 2009, she co-chaired a task force within Americans for Financial Reform that helped shape key provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. In 2008, she served as John Edwards' Deputy Policy Director in charge of Domestic and Economic Policy, where she crafted a domestic policy platform that was widely praised for being the most ambitious and detailed in that election cycle. She is currently a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Civic Participation and serves on the boards of the Center for Working Families and Consumer Reports. She holds a B.A. in American Studies from Yale University and a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law.

## CONGRATULATIONS to members celebrating milestone anniversaries.

### 5 YEARS

Juliet Alexander  
Mary Ann Arisman  
Grace Marie Louis

### 10 YEARS

Judi Blitzer  
Isabel Collins  
Barbara Lewin  
Saundra Shohen  
Marcy Syms

### 15 YEARS

Ellyn Berman  
Dr. Clarice Feinman  
Honorable Deborah  
Kaplan  
Dr. Augusta Kappner  
Roschel Holland Stearns

### 20 YEARS

Priscilla Balch  
Agnes Gund  
Grace Angela Henry  
Virginia Kassel  
Anita Malon  
Gloria Neuwirth

### 25 YEARS

Alana Frumkes  
Elisabeth Perry  
Elizabeth Scheuer  
Henny Wenkart  
Sharon Yakata

### 30 YEARS

Toni Fay  
Theresa Reilly  
Joanne Siegmund

### 35 YEARS

Julia Kagan Baumann  
Helen Birenbaum  
Dr. Charlotte Frank  
Marguerite Levy

### 40 YEARS

Shirley Branner  
Agnes Gautier  
Margaret Howard  
Barbara Rothenberg  
Phyllis Sivin

### 45 YEARS

Mary Ellen Rudolph

### 50 YEARS

Ann Greenberg  
Elizabeth Haynes  
Eleanor Jackson Piel  
Elizabeth Shwal

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Centennial Annual Report of Activities

November 2015 – October 2016

## ADVOCACY

**Our advocacy efforts included participation in rallies on the steps of City Hall and in Albany to address income inequality, health inequities and criminal justice reform.**

**April 2016**

### **10th Annual New York City Equal Pay Day Rally**

WCC rallied on the steps of New York City Hall to close the gender wage gap.

**May 2016**

### **Raise the Age Mothers' Lobby Day**

New York is one of two states where 16 and 17-year-olds are treated as adults by the criminal justice system. In honor of Mother's Day, WCC joined mothers whose children have been impacted by the adult justice system in New York and mothers concerned about their children and community's safety in Albany to advocate with state legislators to RAISE THE AGE.

**May 2016**

### **Campaign for New York Health Statewide Lobby Day & Rally**

Last year the New York Health Act (A5062/S3525) – the state universal single-payer health care bill – passed the NYS Assembly in a historic vote with huge majority support. The bill is coming to vote again this year, and to ensure it passes again with even more votes the Campaign for New York Health held a rally and lobby day in Albany.

**August 2016**

### **Women's Equality Day**

WCC celebrated the passage of the 19th Amendment, but continues efforts toward full equality.

## CENTENNIAL EVENTS

**In celebration of its Centennial, WCC created events to launch its second century of activism.**

**January 2016**

### **Inaugural Founders' Day Centennial Year Celebration**

In celebration of our first meeting, WCC reflected on our history, our founding mothers and our future. Keynote Speaker: Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator.

**April 2016**

**Centennial Civic Spirit Awards Dinner**

WCC recognized women whose civic contributions to New York City embody the characteristics of our founding mothers: courage, commitment, innovation, and a passion for equality and a better life for all.

**June 2016**

**Inaugural Perkins Roosevelt Symposium**

The Perkins Roosevelt Symposium focused on recent efforts in New York State to achieve economic justice. Panelists examined how Eleanor Roosevelt and Frances Perkins addressed issues of their day, the unique challenges they faced as women, and how women today can further advance economic, gender, and racial equality in New York State.

**September 2016**

**Centennial Conference**

**From Inequality to Equality: Policies and Programs that Work**

The conference examined key problems of availability, affordability and access in four critical areas: Health Care, Education, Housing and Homelessness and Employment. It also explored the interconnectedness of public policies, private programs and community engagement in reducing the scale and scope of disparity in our city.

**WCC Medal for Women in Leadership**

This medal is awarded to women who are making significant contributions to shaping policy that improves the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

**LUNCH WITH LEGISLATORS**

**Lunch with Legislators creates an opportunity for members to sit at the table with their legislators to discuss important policy issues and how they can work together to have the greatest impact.**

**February 2016**

Featured Legislator: Council Member Mathieu Eugene (Brooklyn, District 40).

**October 2016**

**Featured Legislators:**

New York State Senator Liz Krueger (Manhattan District 28) and  
New York State Assemblymember Deborah Glick (Manhattan District 66).

## PUBLIC FORUMS

**Our public forums promoted discussion and debate on the most pressing issues facing New Yorkers.**

**February 2016**

**Support for Breast Feeding Mothers in Public and at Work: What Can We Do?**

WCC discussed the current climate around breastfeeding and ways to overcome the barriers nursing mothers face.

**February 2016**

**Youth and the NYS Criminal Justice System: Why Comprehensive Reform is Needed**

Panelists explored the need for comprehensive overhaul of the youth and criminal justice systems and methods for providing age appropriate services and placement options that ensure effective rehabilitation.

**April 2016**

**Beyond the Birds and Bees: Do You Know Where Young People Are Learning About Sex?**

This program sought to create a public discussion of the issues, and explore policies and approaches for understanding this critical area of sex education.

## TOURS

**Tours serve as learning opportunities for WCC members.**

**March 2016**

Tour of the Newly Renovated Park Avenue Armory

**June 2016**

Tour of the FDR Four Freedoms Parks

**July 2016**

Summer Sunset Cruise into Lower New York Bay with the Audubon Society

## NEW MEMBERS

Berlotte Antoine	Alice Fisher	Carol Luong	Roberta Renard
Patricia Baptiste Sims	Samantha Gabriello	Linda Lupia	Tenneal Reyes
Renee M. Baruch	Tzvetelina Garneva	Jennifer Lupo	Alexandra E. Roman
Rachel Bernstein	Ariel H. Glueck	Margot Machado Knuth	Lina Rugova
Anais Borja	Barbara Goetz	Arlene Makl	Sarah Sanchala
Megan Bowles	Melissa E. Gottlieb	Avril Marshall	Padma Seemangal
Bailey Brown	Taylor Gramps	Anita Mathew	Stephanie M. Serrano
Kristen Burrows	Beth Gratzner	Sarah A. Mathew	Emily Shapiro
Lisa Caswell	Crystal Irene Gregory	Robin McKenna	Elaine Shea
Shawnda Chapman Brown	Renee Erin Hageboeck	Manasvi Menon	Lola A. Short
Margaret C. Cianci	Juanita Harvey	Russelle Miller-Hill	Nan Siegmund
Nicola Clements	Deborah Hildebrandt	Brianna N. Montalbano	Waheeda Sohan
Natoya V. Curd	Mitsuko Horiuchi	Kara Ng	Jessica M. Staley
Christine Curella	Killeen Hynes	Mary Olushoga	Lauren C. States
Marietta Daniel	Pamela Jackson	Jessie Ornstein	Rachelle Suissa
Lauren Dapena Fraiz	Hope Johnson	Deborah Martin Owens	Janine Thompson
Stef Dc	Janice Marie Johnson	Elizabeth Oyen	Peace Titilaws
Elena Dominguez	Tenaja Jordan	Donna Paul	Ninoska Uribe
Samantha Dorin	Crystal Y. Joseph	Francesca Perkins Austin	Anjana Vasani
Latia C. Dorsett	Kathryn Keneipp	Susy Paula Pestana	Nancy Viola
Asiale Drews	BoKyung Kim	Victoria Ngoc Pham	Hellen A. Vouthounis
Jocelyn Drummond	Michelle Kim	Shirley Pierre - Louis	Cecily Wallman-Stokes
M. Tatiana Eck	Doris King	Angelic Pla	Katrina Wheeler
Marjorie A. Elliott	Julema Laforce	Sara-Jayne Poletti	Ashley A. Williams
Mary Engel	Alexandra Larkin	Samantha Pride	Laura Wolff
Susie Erdey	Arielle Lawson	Kathryn E. Ralph	Mariya Zamishka Lazarev
Terry Eyberg	Liza Lederer	Anu Raman	Ziying Zhou
Leslie A. Field	Li Litombe	Allison Raygor	Ashleigh C. Zosel-Harper

## IN MEMORIAM

**Women's City Club of New York mourns the loss of  
its loyal members who passed away since our last Annual Meeting.**



**Cecille Davis  
Johanna DiGiovanni  
Anne Howat  
Annette Rosen  
Dorothy Wilner**

