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2017 NATIONAL WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



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Welcome!

Welcome to our 2017 WILL/WAND Women's Leadership Conference, "Women at the Tables of Power!" We gather here in Washington in what could be called both "the worst of times" and "the best of times."

The forces of hate, militarism and war are rising. Nuclear brinkmanship with North Korea, the debacle in Charlottesville, and emboldened white supremacy attest to that fact. Budget and policy battles threaten to set a torch to health care coverage and shred what remains of safety net programs. Meanwhile saber-rattling and Pentagon spending continue to grow and the endless wars show no sign of abating. Yes, the worst of times.

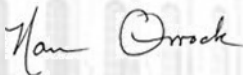
On the other hand, there is a great and growing energy to lean in, push back, and fight for change and progress. Many of us have proudly marched in Washington, and in our hometowns. More people of color, more women, more veterans, more activists, more young people are running for office at every level of government. The upsurge in movement building and intersectional organizing continues to grow. Legislators and advocates come together to promote progressive policies in our states and communities. This inspires our hope and can make it "the best of times" for us to connect, and grow our shared efforts to fight for an America and a world that holds hope for all of humanity.

Along with our stalwart WAND Board members led by Chairs Dianne Valentin and Susan Cundiff, we gather to learn from each other, and to defend our values as women and as leaders. We'll celebrate the courageous and clear-headed leadership of Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA) with our 2017 Torchbearer Award. We will lift up the work of our Pacesetters, hear from emerging leaders including those in Congress and emerging candidates for Congress, learn from wins in the states, and be newly inspired for the battles ahead.

We'll hear from lifelong organizers like Donna Edwards and Heather Booth, and hear the latest findings from veteran pollster Celinda Lake on voter attitudes and 2018 trends. We'll learn about the need for diplomacy with both North Korea and the hard-won historic Iran. We'll learn about rising nuclear weapons dangers that must be restrained. We'll expose how excessive Pentagon spending impacts our states and constituents. Now is the time to work together with our allies to oppose federal cuts to programs impacting the needs of our communities. True national security is not only about military defense, it's about the future of our families and communities. Expert conference panelists and trainers will prepare us for Hill meetings with our Members of Congress, and the follow-up we can do back home.

Women are the change agents who bring our commitment, communication, and collaboration to the hard work of re-aligning our foreign policy and national direction with everyone on the team. Our time together promises to be enlightening, enriching, and empowering. Thank you for bringing your perspective and experience to our gathering and to our nation's leaders.

For peace and progress, in sisterhood.



State Senator Nan Grogan Orrock (GA)
WILL President



State Senator Sandy Pappas (MN)
WILL Vice President

Schedule

In efforts to be environmentally conscious, we have opted for an abbreviated program book. For detailed information about the conference, including session information, speaker biographies, sponsor descriptions, venue information, etc., please download our app, titled 2017 Will/WAND National Conf.

Sunday, October 1st

Time	Event	Location
11:30	Registration/ Lunch	Grand Ballroom Foyer
12:00—1:00	Opening Remarks	Grand Ballroom
	Dianne Valentin (GA), WAND board chair Senator Nan Grogan Orrock (GA), Will president Heather Booth, featured in the film <i>Heather Booth: Changing the World</i>	
1:00—1:15	Why We Are Here	Grand Ballroom
	Hon. Jennifer Seelig (UT), WAND board vice chair Jamie Scott (AR), local WAND chapter	
1:15—1:35	Surprise Presentation - Fashioning Peace, Designing Disarmament	Grand Ballroom
	Moderated by Susan Cundiff (OR), WAND Education Fund board chair	
1:35—2:45	Follow the Money	Grand Ballroom
	Darcy Scott, Director, Pentagon Budget Campaign Lindsay Koshgarian, Research Director, National Priorities Project Rachel Lyons, Senior Legislative Rep., United Food and Commercial Workers Moderated by Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez (MD), WAND board and former candidate for U.S. Congress	
2:45—3:00	Break	Grand Ballroom Foyer
3:00—4:30	Strategic Communications	Grand Ballroom
	Graham F. West, Communications Director, Truman Center for National Policy and Truman National Security Project Shannon Bugos, Communications and Writing Coordinator, Truman Center for National Policy and Truman National Security Project Introduction by Del. Joseline Peña-Melnyk (MD), former WAND board member	
4:30—4:45	Kansas Women Lead - Rep. Sidney Carlin (KS)	Grand Ballroom

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Sunday, October 1st, continued

Time	Event	Location
4:45—4:50	Next Steps - Senator Sandy Pappas (MN) WILL Vice President	Grand Ballroom
4:50—5:15	Break	
5:15—6:30	Opening Reception	Atrium Ballroom
	<i>Moderated by Senators Nan Grogan Orrock (GA) and Sandy Pappas (MN) Sponsored by Mylan</i>	
6:30—9:00	Dine Around Dinners	Outside Hotel
	<i>Please find your bus number in your conference folder</i>	
	1. Working Women Rise Up	810 7th ST NE
	Senator Gayle Goldin (RI) , Family Values@Work Carol Joyner , Director, Labor Project for Working Families	
	2. Running for Office	301 Constitution Ave NE
	Lucinda Guinn , Vice President of Campaigns, EMILY's List Glynda Carr , Co-Founder, Higher Heights Julie Copeland , Executive Director, Emerge Virginia	
	3. Gender Equality: Making the Global Local	319 7th Street NE
	Karen Mulhauser , Past Chair, United Nations Association Leila Milani , Senior International Policy Advocate, Futures Without Violence	
	4. Surprise Billing: Health Care's Hidden Costs	616 North Carolina Ave SE
	Michele Kimball , President & CEO, Physicians for Fair Coverage <i>Sponsored by Physicians for Fair Coverage</i>	
	5. Linking Domestic and Mass Violence	810 7th ST NE
	Jessica Raven , Executive Director, Collective Action for Safe Spaces	
	6. Growing Up Downwind: Medical Mystery Tour	122 Maryland Ave NE
	Patricia Hoover (OR) , anti-nuclear environmental activist	
9:30—10:30	Film Screening: Heather Booth: Changing the World	Executive Room
	In telling the story of Heather's life and work, the film presents an overview of 50 years of the progressive movement, and a manual on how to become an organizer. <i>Moderated by Kelli Hunnicutt (NC), WAND board</i>	

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Monday, October 2nd

Time	Event	Location
7:30—8:15	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom Foyer
<i>Please sit at designated state/regional tables</i>		
8:15—8:30	Welcome	Grand Ballroom
Dianne Valentin (GA), WAND board chair		
8:30—9:00	The Honorable Donna Edwards (MD), former member of Congress and former candidate for the U.S. Senate	Grand Ballroom
9:00—9:45	Women Matter: Here's the Data	Grand Ballroom
Celinda Lake , President, Lake Research Partners		
9:45—11:15	Diplomacy Goes Nuclear	Grand Ballroom
Christine Ahn , National Coordinator, Women Cross DMZ Alexandra Bell , Senior Policy Director, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Mary Kaszynski , Ploughshares Fund <i>Moderated by Asm. Maggie Carlton (NV), WAND Education Fund board</i>		
11:15-11:30	A Win: Women, Peace and Security	Grand Ballroom
11:30	Lunch	Grand Ballroom Foyer
12:15—1:30	State Legislators and Community Leaders Organizing At Home: Budgets, Militarization and Intersections in Communities	Grand Ballroom
Heather Hurlburt , Director New Models of Policy Change, New America James Rucker , Founder, Color of Change Becky Rafter , Executive Director, Georgia WAND <i>Introduction by LaShawndra Vernon (WI), WAND board</i>		
1:30—2:30	Reclaiming Our Authority: Nuclear No Red Button Campaign	Grand Ballroom
Deepika Choudhary , Senior Media Associate, ReThink Media, Yasmeen Silva , Field Organizer, Global Zero, Beyond the Bomb Campaign Rep. Gael Tarleton (WA), WAND national board member <i>Moderated by Kristina Romines, Field Director, WAND</i>		

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Monday, October 2nd, continued

Time	Event	Location
2:30—2:45	Break	Grand Ballroom Foyer
2:45—4:15	Putting It All Together—Taking it to the Hill	Grand Ballroom
<p>Darcy Scott, Director, Pentagon Budget Campaign Kathy Crandall Robinson, Interim DC Director, WAND</p>		
4:15—4:30	Wrap up—Senator Sandy Pappas (MN), WiLL Vice President	Grand Ballroom
4:30—5:00	Break	
5:00—5:15	Group Photo	Hotel Lobby
<p>After the photo, we will walk two blocks to the Torchbearer Reception</p>		
5:30—8:30	Torchbearer Reception	Comcast, 300 New Jersey Ave. NW

Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA), award recipient

Moderated by Senators Nan Grogan Orrock (GA) and Sandy Pappas (MN)

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9:00	Film Screening: <i>Zero Weeks</i>	Executive Room
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Weaving powerful stories together with insightful interviews from leading policy makers, economists, researchers and activists, *Zero Weeks* lays out a compelling argument for guaranteed paid leave for every American worker.

Moderated by Senator Gayle Goldin (RI)

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:45—8:45	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:10—9:15	Send-off to Capitol Hill	Grand Ballroom
<p>Speaker To Be Announced</p>		
9:30—4:00	State Delegation Meetings	Capitol Hill
3:00—4:30	Congressional Reception	121 Cannon, House Office Building

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