

# THE SENTINEL

Newsletter of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

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## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

*"For the first time in the world women are asked to unite with women in a common cause. Will you stand by?"*

*-- Inez Milholland Boissevain, 1916*

It was 100 years ago this year that Inez Milholland Boissevain collapsed on stage and later died of pernicious anemia while crossing the country speaking about suffrage. She was only 30. She holds the distinction of being the first woman to lie in state at the U-S Capitol (see photo below). If her name is unfamiliar, maybe you'll remember her as the herald leading suffrage parades, wearing a white gown and sitting on a white horse.



Inez Milholland Boissevain

Please join us on Women's Equality Day, Friday, August 26th, at **Gunston Hall Plantation** as we share her story.

We will show a recently released short video and discuss her role as the martyr of the suffrage movement. There will also be a discussion on how the Constitution and Bill of Rights affected women during the Suffragist Movement and today. Nationally renowned historian, Edith Mayo, Curator Emeritus in Political and Women's History at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, will be presenting.

Reserve your spot by clicking [here](#). Cost is \$10 per person and light refreshments will be served. Doors open at 6:30 and program will be from 7-8:30 p.m.

Please join us and learn more about the suffragist movement, George Mason and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial project at beautiful Gunston Hall.

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Purple, white and gold flags from the National Woman's Party adorn the chairs set up in Statuary Hall, under the U.S. Capitol dome, in preparation for the Christmas Day memorial to Inez Milholland Boissevain. *Photo courtesy of Sewall-Belmont House and Museum.*

## UNITED STATE OF WOMEN SUMMIT

Thousands of fortunate women made history on June 14th by attending the first United State of Women Summit sponsored by the White House and held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The impressive schedule and a promo are [here](#).

While women have much to celebrate, the summit focused on unmet goals and addressed issues that must still be resolved. Those in attendance viewed exhibits for women and listened to speeches given by President Obama, Vice President Joe Biden (who spoke about violence against women), First Lady Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey ([click for video link](#)).



TPSM Board Member, Candice Bennett, was among the invited attendees and says it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. She says while the speakers were inspirational, the part of the event that resonated with her the most was a workshop on institutional bias. Bennett says, "bias is inherent all around us, but ultimately we were reminded that 'if we can name it, we can tame it.' This is an important lesson for all of us as we continue to fight for equal rights."

The Summit concluded with a plan of action, including a \$50 million commitment from the White House to help improve girls' and women's lives worldwide. Several large companies have now pledged to combat pay inequities by taking the Equal Pay Pledge -- an annual gender pay analysis and review of hiring and promoting processes. The Department of Labor is updating its sex discrimination guidelines and

some companies are investing \$20 million through the First Lady's Let Girls Learn initiative.

***The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association plans to do its part to improve the status of women by providing leadership to the next generation. Along with raising funds to construct a national suffragist memorial, the organization is creating a Turning Point Institute to provide leadership training to young women with assistance from some of our partners.***

***We are so committed to this idea, it's part of our mission... "to educate, inspire, and empower present and future generations to remain vigilant in the quest for equal rights."***

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## *Did you know?*

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We need your support to build this national memorial to the women who fought so hard and endured so much to win ratification of the 19th Amendment. Your donation to support this project is tax deductible.

Please help in our mission...

"To build a garden-style national memorial to commemorate the suffrage struggle, focused on the suffragists whose brutal imprisonment at the Occoquan Workhouse served as a significant turning point in achieving a woman's right to vote; and to educate, inspire, and empower present and future generations to remain vigilant in the quest for equal rights."

Your donation will be put to good use and deeply appreciated. Let's build a memorial together!!!

You can make an [online donation](#) or mail your tax deductible check to:

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association  
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The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association  
in partnership with NOVA Parks (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority) is raising funds to build a national suffragist memorial which will  
commemorate the struggle of the women who endured harsh imprisonment to secure voting rights for all American women.