

THE SENTINEL

Newsletter of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

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Greetings!

*The push toward creating the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial is gaining steam. We are entering the next phase of fundraising, and we need and want your input. You can do your part by sending your **suggestions** for:*

- *People who fund projects with a focus on history or women's history*
- *People who believe in the empowerment of women and girls*
- *People who believe in citizen's rights*
- *Corporations that support projects to empower women and girls*

Connections with additional potential donors are what move us ahead. Making these connections is the next step in the process to see the memorial built. While we continue to participate in outreach activities and speaking engagements, it is the fundraising that will see this memorial built!

Taking the lead will be the TPSMA's new Board Chair Emily McCoy who has served in numerous positions on the Board and Su Webb and Earnie Porta new Co-Chairs of the Development Committee. Their financial and foundation experience will prove invaluable. During the recent Board retreat, they set the direction for this next phase and arranged for Debi Alexander, Executive Director of the therapeutic riding facility, The Rainbow Center, to give further insights.

*We thank you for your continued support as we ramp up our efforts to raise funds for the project. We also ask that you consider increasing or making your own donation. Click to **donate now**.*

ICYML: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Our project is becoming more widely known. Participation in the March 3, 1913 Suffrage Parade centennial celebration (see article below) drew coverage from local as well as the national media. Our Speaker's Bureau Chair, Kathleen Pablo continues to educate the public with PowerPoint speeches at various events.

Our outreach, led by Myra Lindsey, and enhanced by costumed suffragist re-enactors, "The Ladies," has also included:

- World Bank non-profit fair
- Arts Party and Women's Equality Day activities at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center
- Riverfest and Springfest at the Occoquan Regional Park
- Occoquan Craft Fair
- Clifton Day
- Congressman Moran's Women's Issues Conference in Alexandria

If you would like a speaker from the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association at your event, please contact us through speaker@suffragistmemorial.org.



Kathleen Pablo (left) and Sue MacIntype in costume welcome visitors to our booth at the Arts Party of the Workhouse Arts Center in June.

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TPSMA ENHANCES ITS MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Your Membership committee has been working hard to clarify and synchronize membership and donation levels. We now offer several levels of membership:

Board of Directors

- 1 Yr. Member \$19
- 3 Yr. Member \$50
- Advocate \$100
- Suffragist \$250
- Speaker \$500
- Friend \$1,000 (Recognized on Donor Wall)

Emily McCoy,
Chair; Interpretation
and Design Cmte.
Co-Chair

Jane Barker
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Jean Ann Bolling

Betty Dean

Kathleen Pablo
Audience Cmte.
Chair; Speaker's
Bureau

Lois Page
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Chair

Nancy Sargeant
Media/Marketing
Cmte. Chair

Kathy Strauss

Su Webb
Development Cmte.
Co-Chair

We have also made it clearer that you may join, donate, or both. These changes are on our website at www.suffragistmemorial.org/membership. They will also be reflected in an upcoming revised brochure.

Other good news is that we have extended the period to sign up for Charter membership through 2014. So if you have not already become a Charter members, it is not too late. You may become one online.

If your membership will expire on December 31, 2013, you should have received an emailed request to renew, which offered the new levels of membership.

Finally, we are excited to announce that our website now supports joining or renewing online using a credit card or PayPal. If you prefer, you can still print a form and send with a check. Gift memberships are encouraged and are available only by sending in the form.

Your continuing support, no matter how large or small, is crucial to our efforts. so please visit our updated website at www.suffragistmemorial.org/membership.

TPSMA PARTICIPATES IN THE MARCH 3, 1913 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN MARCH 2013

There was no lady on a white horse, but there were members of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association and several thousands of others on hand March 3, 2013 to commemorate the anniversary of the 1913 Suffrage Parade on Washington. From Thursday through Sunday, TPSMA volunteers made numerous national contacts and were happy to spread the news about our planned national memorial. It was an honor to be included in all of these festivities.

We kicked off the weekend on Thursday evening with re-enactors on the sidewalk outside and inside a reception at the National Press Club. On Friday evening, our re-enactors greeted those attending the Centennial reception at the Embassy of Finland.



Picketing the White House and talk with National Park Ranger Jacob Dinkelaker (far right) journalist and author Eleanor Clift (center in blue hat and scarf).

On Saturday, a group of TPSMA volunteers re-created the picketing of the White House. Informative talks about the suffrage movement were given on TPSM's behalf by National Service Park Ranger Jacob Dinkelaker and special guest speaker and political pundit, Eleanor Clift. Also on Saturday our suffragist re-enactors greeted the audience entering the Lisner Auditorium of the George Washington University for a panel discussion of the 72 year struggle to win the vote for women. Finally, TPSMA volunteers staffed an outreach display table alongside displays from other non-profit organizations at the American Association of University Women's headquarters.

On Sunday, the big March day, TPSMA had a contingent marching behind our banner down Pennsylvania Avenue. Joining our TPSM family in the parade were our Girl Scout partners from the National Capital troop. Also, John Tepper Marlin,

great nephew of Inez Milholland Boissevain, the iconic leader of the 1913 parade, marched with us. Across the river in Virginia, at a luncheon for an area committee of the Brandeis University alumni, we spoke about the suffrage movement and our plans to build the memorial to honor those brave women.

The events were very well attended and well received. We were pleased to have had the opportunity to partner with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in this celebration and to raise national awareness about the project and to garner donor and volunteer support. Additionally, activists enjoyed meeting up with old friends and new at the various events.

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Su Webb, Development Cmte. Chair. Photo by Sarah Huntington

Su Webb is Chair of TPSMA Development committee. She has spent more than 40 years as an advocate in the overlapping fields of parks, recreation, conservation and cultural/historic resources. A TPSMA Board member, she also serves on the boards of the Piedmont Environmental Council, Loudoun Preservation Society, the War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee (Loudoun County) and the Aldie Heritage Association and is the President of the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum.

Su is also the past chairman of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and the Loudoun Parks and Recreation Board. A third-generation Rotarian, Su is the Rotary District 7610 New Generations Chair.



Emily McCoy is Chair of the TPSMA Board and Co-Chair of the Interpretation and Design Committee. She is a principal systems engineer with the MITRE Corporation and applies her technical expertise on the Fairfax County Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee.

For decades Emily has been an activist for women's rights in Virginia. She had worked on such issues as the Equal Rights Amendment, child support, divorce law, abortion rights, equality in the courts and in athletics; and the prevention of child abuse, teen pregnancy, and domestic violence. She works through the Virginia Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) having served on and chaired its Political Action Committee and served as lobbyist and state president.

She serves on the Fairfax County Commission for Women and has represented it on the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW), serving as secretary and vice president, and on the Fairfax County Girls' Softball Equity Action Review Team. Her activist awards include Lady Fairfax, Virginia NOW Lifetime Achievement for Outstanding Service, and the NACW Recognition Award. She has also served on the Virginia state-wide Child Support Advisory Committee, and the Virginia Supreme Court's Task Force on Gender Bias in Virginia Courts.



Emily McCoy, TPSMA Chair, Interpretation and Design Cmte. Co-Chair

Did you know?

In 1923, on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, NY, Alice Paul began work on new constitutional amendment, which she called the "Lucretia Mott Amendment." This amendment called for absolute equality stating, "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every



Alice Paul c.1965

place subject to its jurisdiction." Later, the text was changed and it became known as "the Equal Rights Amendment."

In Europe in 1938, she began the World Woman's Party (WWP). It worked closely with the League of Nations to include gender equality into the United Nations Charter and the establishment of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Back in America, Alice Paul led a coalition that was successful in adding a sexual discrimination clause to Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Her national women's right leadership continued into the 1970's.

Source including photo: Alice Paul Institute

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 memorialize the suffragists whose harsh treatment at the Occoquan Workhouse served as a turning point for the recognition of a woman's right to vote; and to education, 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 you mail your tax deductible check made out to and mail to :*

*The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association
P.O. Box 502, Occoquan VA 22125*

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association

in partnership with the 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.