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Our capital campaign is gearing up, with three important fundraising events ahead:

- We will be holding monthly dinners at restaurants where a portion of the profits will go to TPSMA. We're calling these "Suppers for Suffragists," and our first will be this **Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 5 to 8 pm at:**



**900 N. Glebe Road.
Arlington, VA 22203**

Please **register** and let us know you'll be joining us for dinner. For upcoming "Suppers for Suffragists" you can check our **website** or click on this **link**. Many thanks to Whitney Stohr for creating and leading Suppers for Suffragists.

- A *Celebrity Host Dinner* will be held on May 21 at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Each *Celebrity Host* will be asked to fill a table of ten with friends or business colleagues. Please send an email to our Development Committee Chair **Su Webb** if you would like to be a *Celebrity Host*, a sponsor, or help in another way. Proceeds will go toward TPSMA operating expenses.
- Finally, the 2014 *Silent Sentinel Award* event is planned for this fall. We are seeking nominations and you can find additional information in the article below.

HONOR A WOMAN TRAILBLAZER: THE 2014 SILENT SENTINEL AWARD

The Silent Sentinel Award is an award honoring those who have been instrumental in advocating for women's rights in the United States of America.

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association will honor a recipient of this non-cash award at a special event to be held this fall. The proceeds from this event will support the construction of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, which will honor suffragists who were imprisoned at the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton, Virginia, in 1917 after picketing the White House in support of women's suffrage.

The Silent Sentinel Award highlights and honors outstanding individuals who share common traits with those "silent sentinels" who stood firmly to secure the 19th Amendment, which prohibits the government from denying any citizen the right to vote because of gender. The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association cordially invites you to nominate someone who exemplifies suffragist ideals and principals. Award recipients will be honored for their positive and valuable influence on the community and their peers. Each recipient of the award will be a person who has contributed substantially

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to the following:

- Efforts to increase the rights of women in the United States by providing leadership through innovative programs, communication, education and/or active participation in the community, and
- Outstanding significant service at a national level and/or to the local community.

Click for the [Nomination form in MS Word](#), or for the [Nomination form in PDF](#). All Nomination forms must be submitted by **April 8, 2014**, in order to be considered.

ICYMI: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Planning is crucial to making the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial a reality and our plans were outlined at our annual meeting at the Pohick Library in



Participants at annual meeting

Committee Chair, Myra Lindsey, honored each of them with a framed certificate of appreciation. At numerous events they bring to life the message of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial and we thank them. Recipients included Lynne Dudurich who portrays Matilda Gardner; Sue MacIntyre, who portrays Alice Paul; Julianne Smith, who portrays Rose Winslow; and leader Debbie Glaser, who portrays Lucy Burns. Presentations in absentia went to Quinn Jones, who portrays Abby Scott Baker; and John Curd, who portrays President Woodrow Wilson.

Following highlights of each committee's annual report and a fundraising challenge by Development Committee co-chair, Su Webb, the members offered suggestions to the Board which included:

- Broadening our awareness campaign to national and international audiences
- Expanding research on descendants and relatives of the suffragists being honored in the memorial
- Establishing an internship with the history department of George Mason University
- Having a national art show with a focus on the suffrage movement

Burke, Virginia. Todd Hafner, Director of Development and Planning at Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), presented an overview and status of the new master plan for Occoquan Regional Park where the memorial will be located. We also introduced Jay Frost of Jerold Panas, Linzy & Partners, as our capital fundraising consultant. He presented the process for the feasibility study now underway.

We are honored to have strong support from suffragist re-enactors, and our Outreach



(left to right) Emily McCoy, Debbie Glaser, Lynne Dudurich, Julianne Smith, Sue MacIntyre and Myra Lindsey display certificates of appreciation

REACHING OUT TO PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY

There are plenty of upcoming TPSM speaking engagements and events:

- **March 26:** The Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus will host a suffrage program that will include a showing of the HBO movie "Iron Jawed Angels," and a slide presentation by TPSMA. Other engagements include the Clifton Lions Club and the Army Officers Wives Club.
- **April 25:** Working with our partner, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, Association 80, TPSMA will host one of four centers at an American Girl Doll Event for Girl Scouts in kindergarten through fifth grades. Our focus will be Rebecca Rubin, the American Girl doll living in New York City in 1914 who witnesses a suffragist event. The scouts will learn about the suffragists' efforts to win the vote for women, make a craft, and learn about the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.
- **May 17:** TPSMA will have a booth at the Occoquan River Festival. Junior Girl Scout Troop 707 from Cardinal Forest Elementary School will work with us that day, handing out brochures and encouraging visitors to sign up for our newsletter. To prepare the scouts, we will give a slide presentation at their meeting on May 5. We are pleased that suffragist re-enactors will participate in the Occoquan River Festival again this year.
- **June 7-8:** TPSMA will host a booth at the Occoquan Spring Arts & Crafts Show, in the town of Occoquan, Virginia. Volunteers are still needed to operate that booth. Please contact **Myra Lindsey** if you are able to help with

this event.

The TPSMA Outreach Committee is expanding its effort to inform communities about our project. We are seeking to find Committee volunteers who will help with this exciting work, find new opportunities to promote the project, and can assist in planning and implementing outreach events. If you are interested in "spreading the word" about the Memorial project, please contact Myra Lindsey.

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Betty Dean



*Betty Dean
At-large TPSMA Board Member*

Betty Dean serves as an at-large member on our board. She is also Vice President, Communications and Development, of Didlake, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that creates employment and other opportunities for people with disabilities. She joined Didlake in 2002 after a 20 year career in financial services marketing and communications. In addition to her position on our board of directors, Dean is president of Occoquan River Communities, vice chair of the board of the Prince William Area Coalition for Human Services and chairs the Town of Occoquan's Strategic Planning Committee. She is a co-founder of the Occoquan Town Gala, an annual event established in 2007 for the benefit of the Occoquan Historical Society. She is a graduate of both the Leadership Prince William (2008) and LEAD Virginia programs (2012). Her other affiliations include the Lake Ridge Rotary Club, where she currently serves as service chair; and the Prince William Chamber of Commerce where she is an at-large member of the board of directors. Dean was named a 2011 Influential Women of Virginia Honoree following a statewide nomination process through Virginia Lawyers Media and was designated one of twenty "Women to Watch" by Piedmont Business Journal in 2013.

Ms. Dean holds undergraduate degrees in English/Communications and Business Administration, and an MBA in Marketing, all from Wilkes University. She lives in Occoquan with her husband, Barry.



Lois Page

Lois Page, as a member of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, has been involved with the Turning Point project almost from its beginnings. Lois has continued on the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association Board of Directors and currently serves as its Membership Chair.

Lois is a magna cum laude graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, with a M.A. in British Literature from West Virginia University. She has been involved with aspects of education for most of her career, having taught on the high school and college levels in a number of locations throughout the country. Locally she taught introductory composition at Northern Virginia Community College and high school English for 20 years with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

While at Robinson Secondary in Fairfax, she also taught creative writing and was advisor to an art and literary magazine which won numerous gold medals and a Silver Crown from Columbia Scholastic Press Association and a Best of Show from the National Scholastic Press Association, among others. She served on the FCPS Journalism Advisory Board for a number of years and is a member of the Virginia Association of Journalism Teachers and Advisors (VAJTA) and the Journalism Education Association. She was awarded the Douglas Freeman Award from VAJTA in 1977.



*Lois Page
TPSMA Membership Chair.*

Following her retirement from FCPS in 2001, Lois worked in various capacities for George Washington University (GWU) and retired from that work in June of 2013. On the Prime Movers Project, co-located in the GWU School of Media and Public Affairs, she worked as an advocate for increasing the number and effectiveness of media programs in DC high schools, and wrote a curriculum for a four-year course in mass communication.

Lois has also been involved for a number of years with public policy, generally as part of the League of Women Voters. While the family lived in New Jersey, she was elected to the Town Council and served briefly until another promotion for her husband took them to Michigan. Currently she serves as Secretary to the Board of the League of Women Voters of the

Fairfax Area and is also on the Board of the League of Women Voters of Virginia.

She has been a member for 30 years of the choir of Burke Presbyterian Church, has served on the church governing board and is presently on the Personnel Committee. She has three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Did you know?



When Inez Milholland, famous iconic herald of the March 3, 1913 Suffrage Parade in DC, was a student and suffrage meetings were banned at Vassar College, she held secret meetings in the nearby graveyard. The first meeting on June 8, 1908, included about forty undergraduates, ten alumnae, Harriot Stanton Blatch and others from outside the Vassar community including two men.

Graveyard where Vassar suffragists met..

This meeting established the Vassar Votes for Women Club, which continued to meet off-campus under Milholland's leadership. Her opening remarks at this first meeting were in part: "How can we enjoy a comfortable life when young girls are chained to their machines in factories? Sisterhood with other women is more important to me than a Vassar diploma. . . . Only when women vote, will they breathe free."

Source: Woman's Journal, June 13, 1908., at <http://www.boissevain.us/inezmilholland/cemeterymeeting1908.html>

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 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
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.