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Newsletter of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

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INEZ MILHOLLAND CENTENNIAL

You know her as the beautiful woman on the white horse leading the 1913 Suffrage Parade in Washington, D.C. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Inez Milholland Boissevain. A martyr to the suffrage cause, she died of pernicious anemia while touring the country promoting suffrage and speaking about the importance of the vote for women.



Inez Milholland Boissevain

Please join us in seeking special recognition for Inez. California Congresswoman Jackie Speier has nominated Inez to receive the Presidential Citizens Medal to honor her leadership in the enfranchisement of American women. Please let President Barack Obama know that you support this nomination.

Sign the petition at InezMilhollandCentennial.com.

There are many reasons Inez is deserving of the honor. She was considered a strong, confident and independent woman who personified the "New Woman" of the early 20th century. She was only 30 when she set out on a suffrage tour of the western states. Despite illness and growing exhaustion, she kept up a grueling pace - speaking at 50 events in thirty days. In late October after one rousing speech, she collapsed "like a wilted white rose" on a Los Angeles stage and died a month later of pernicious anemia. It was said her last words were "President Wilson, how long must women wait for liberty?" Her memorial service on Christmas Day, 1916, was the first ever held for a woman in Statuary Hall in the U-S Capitol.

She has also been selected by the National Women's History Project as one of this year's 16 women honorees under the theme, "Working to Form a More Perfect Union."

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to our Executive Director, Patricia Depew Wirth, on her first year of service to the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association.

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During Pat's inaugural year she has attracted several new members to our board of directors and to our Honorary Board. She was instrumental in gaining two additional national partners, she oversaw the association's first audit and negotiated a new Memorandum of Understanding with NOVA Parks. Pat is using her business connections and new contacts to attract donors to our project. She spends the majority of her time in development.

If you haven't met Pat yet, she is a Certified Non-profit Professional who also spent thirty years as a business owner in the automotive service industry. Pat has served in executive and/or leadership positions with the Automotive Oil Change Association,

Bite Me Cancer, National Capital Area Paralegal Association, Parc City Center Owners Association, Loudoun County Red Cross Leadership Council and Canterberry HOA. She is currently a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, BSA, Capital Speakers Club, Dulles Regional Chamber, George Mason University Women in Business Initiative Advisory Board, Loudoun County Chamber and NAWBO. Pat has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions throughout her career from the Loudoun County Chamber, the Washington Business Journal, SmartCEO magazine, MarCom, Enterprising Women, the Virginia Women's Business Conference, the Dulles Regional Chamber and Sterling Women.



*Patricia Depew Wirth
TPSM Executive Director*

Did you know?

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
5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station VA 22039

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.