



Clearinghouse on Women's Issues

September 2015 CWI Newsletter

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Invitation to Tuesday, September 22, 2015 CWI Meeting at the Alliance for Justice on Child Care: How to Make it a National Priority

The child care needs of American families have increased sharply as women with children continue to enter the paid workforce in growing numbers. To address this issue, CWI welcomes **Helen Blank**, Director of Leadership and Public Policy at National Women's Law Center. Helen leads the federal Child Care/Early Learning Coalition and Strong Start for Children Campaign and works to improve and expand federal and state early care and education programs.

Our second speaker, **Valerie Young**, Public Policy Analyst, serves on the Advisory Council for the Caring Economy Campaign, as well as other collaborative efforts promoting women's empowerment. She is an advocate for recognition of mothers' contributions to our national welfare and a proponent of economic security and independence for those who care for family members.

Join us to learn more about the importance of bringing Child Care out of the shadows and make it a higher national priority. Understand what we can do to elevate this issue on federal and state agendas. An investment in early childhood education and care demonstrates the connection between strong care policies and economic security for women and families.

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 22, 2015/ Noon to 1:30 PM

Location: Alliance for Justice, 11 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC (2nd Floor)

Close to Dupont Circle Metro Station. Entrance on New Hampshire Avenue across the street from hotel.

Meeting is free and open to the public.

For more details contact: Kate Campbell Stevenson, CWI VP for Outreach, KCamStev@aol.com

Next CWI Meeting: Tuesday October 27, 2015, Noon "Climate Change: Our Vital Leadership Role" – Alliance for Justice, contact CWI Board Member - TinaHobson@gmail.com.

Dear Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI) Members,

"From generation to generation," as the biblical phrase states, needs to become CWI's torch. CWI needs to encourage the younger generations of women and men feminists to participate actively in CWI. CWI needs to meet the challenge to encourage young members in leadership roles and address contemporary issues.

Although young adults are interested in participating at meetings, they are often unable to do so in the present structure. Young working parents need to go home to their families, attend a course needed for a work benefit, or to network for their growing careers. We need to investigate new ways of reaching out and using new technologies. Do we need to change the meeting time? Location? Do we need to "stream it?" Do we need to Google Group it? We need to understand the new resources to meet these new challenges.

Is our selection of topics meeting a need of people to increase their understanding of the challenges and possibilities of increasing equality on topics where they want to increase their expertise and understanding so they can have a more effective impact?

As we begin CWI's 41st year, we need to encourage new leadership and voices. We need to address timely topics, and continue our advocacy on the ongoing necessary issues. Please contact any of our Board members with your ideas on how we can continue to provide needed information and advocacy to fulfill our mutual goals for a more equitable US and global society!

Shortly after the meeting long time CWI Board Member and CWI 40th Anniversary Committee Member, Kellye McIntosh announced that she would be moving to Prague, Czechoslovakia. She will be a special guest at our CWI meeting November 24, 2015 when she visits the US. Kellye will stay on the CWI Board and continue to help us as she can and the Alliance for Justice will continue to host our meetings. See photo of Kellye and Board member Kate Campbell Stevenson on right.

Cordially,
Co-Presidents Harriett Stonehill and
Sue Klein



CWI 40th Anniversary Celebration Program Summary – June 23, 2015

The Clearinghouse on Women’s Issues celebrated its 40th anniversary and renewal at its June 23rd 2015 meeting at the Alliance for Justice in Washington, DC.

Vice President of Programs and Operations at the Alliance for Justice (AFJ) **Inga Smulkstys** was the featured speaker at this meeting. She first thanked the women in the room who fought so diligently for women’s rights. “I’m in awe of some of the things that you’ve done to really allow me to be in the position that I’m at, and so, thank you for that,” she said. Smulkstys added that she has had the privilege of working with and for strong women. She said that 40 years ago, she would have been asked about sitting at a typing table, not a conference table.

“We have a lot of generations here,” she also noted. “You don’t see that in a lot of places.” She emphasized how much she could learn from some of the women in generations before her, but also how older generations can learn from younger generations. Smulkstys said that she grew up in a town where Planned Parenthood protests took place regularly on Saturdays when the location performed procedures. When her mother explained to her why all of these people gathered there, she said, “You might want to get involved in politics for that reason, depending upon how you feel about it.” Smulkstys, of course, did become involved, and eventually worked at Planned Parenthood, as well as Clean Water Action.

She connected her work at the Alliance for Justice to her past work at Planned Parenthood and Clean Water Action. She noted the AFJ’s Bolder Advocacy helps other nonprofits navigate the laws and be better advocates. On the other hand, the AFJ also keeps track of who is sitting on the court benches, which had been important work for cases such as *Roe v. Wade* and cases involving the Clean Water Act. Smulkstys also discussed the significance of Title IX. Smulkstys said she grew up during a time when women were starting to become involved in sports. In contrast, Smulkstys said her previous boss and congresswoman from Indiana said that if she wanted to be competitive, she would have had to take up baton twirling.

Referring to discussions on women’s issues, Smulkstys noted a clear change in direction. Specifically, with abortion issues, she said that previously, “nobody really cared what women



thought about that.”--- The conversation has since changed. Inclusion is necessary for future conversation and further guiding the movement. “If you don’t have all the voices at the table, you’re not going to get the full story. You’re not going to get the full picture. You’re not going to get the full impact.”

After her remarks, Smulkstys was presented with a new sound system for the Alliance for Justice. --- CWI’s VP for Outreach, Kate Campbell Stevenson also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Alliance for Justice for their continued support and for hosting CWI meetings in their conference room.

CWI Co-president Harriett Stonehill (Photo on right) wrote the following inspiring toast.

CWI CELEBRATES ITS 40th ANNIVERSARY
Raise your glass and Hip, Hip Hurray!
CWI is celebrating its 40th Anniversary today!

40 years ago Clearinghouse on Women's Issues was created
By a smart group of women, who stated,
"We've got to share and let everyone know
Issues of concern to women, so we can grow."
And take our rightful place in all we do
Demand equality, equal pay, and voting rights, too.

Learn about national issues and global items
Fight injustices and join causes to "right" em.
Hear a discussion, a symposium, a talk
Act on it, spread the word, walk the walk
So join CWI, make new friends,
Learn the issues to make amends.

For 40 years each month we've met
And CWI pledges to continue, you bet!
So raise your glass and Hip, Hip, Hurray!
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The meeting host committee of **Harriett Stonehill, Kellye McIntosh, and Roberta Stanley** then led a discussion to commemorate CWI's years of accomplishments and feats. CWI members shared their experiences as women, and discussed how CWI had an impact on their lives.



Bernice "Bunny" Sandler, also known as the "Godmother of Title IX," discussed her experience with discrimination, her advocacy and action to advance gender equality in education.
(Photo on left.)

Tina Hobson described the "days of working together in the dark," without the technology we have today. Newsletters were printed and circulated, faxes could not be sent, there was no email to arrange meetings. She also discussed a different aspect of the past, however, and how women in higher positions would not help her.

Harriet Fulbright, upon submitting her resume for a job at some time in the 1950s, had been told immediately: "I hope you know how to type, because that's what you'll be doing."





Roberta Stanley (Photo on left) recalled a time when only men were on the House committees that were responsible for Title IX. She noted her proudest moment working for the House of Representatives was when powerful individuals in athletics approached the committees about getting rid of Title IX and each of the Congressmen said "NO."

The next several speakers were students and interns, who expressed their gratitude for the women who made it possible to be where they are today. **Sarah Pauly** discussed one particular CWI meeting during which disabilities were discussed in combination with women's issues. She said networking at the meeting helped her to complete a separate project--an investigation regarding major retailers and how they accommodate disabilities.



Donna Hakimian, (Photo on left) who spoke at a November 2014 CWI meeting and works for the Bahai's of the United States, stated "that as a woman who was born in Iran, I found it comforting to find others who shared, embraced, and agreed on the idea that all humans deserve the same basic human rights."

Kellye McIntosh, (Photo on page 2) CWI Board Member and Outreach Director at the Alliance for Justice, said that although the original question presented was about one strong meeting in particular, her involvement in CWI has "not only been about the substance of the meetings, but the members." She also told her story about how she got involved with CWI because she was asked and encouraged. "People get involved in things because you ask them," she said, "and if we continue to do that, we will win."



Janice Koch, past CWI Board Member and speaker on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), later described the additional progress and her work encouraging women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. However, she reminded the attendees that stereotypes, unfortunately, still exist, whether they are in regard to strength or interest in mathematics. (See photo on left where Janice is greeting Kate Campbell Stevenson {back to camera} as Adriana talks to another attendee at June 23, 2015 Celebration.)

Holly Joseph, CWI Treasurer, posed the question of what the stories from today's achievements will be in 40 years. "Our stories have changed," she said. She noted, for example, the debt that current college students are bearing and will continue to bear. She added that CWI must continue to focus on "how we can help other people's' stories."

CWI held elections for the 2015 - 2017 Board positions. See bottom of page 7 of this newsletter for the full list of CWI Board Members and their leadership positions for 2015-17.

This CWI Celebration Meeting concluded with a lovely luncheon. Roses were presented to each attendee. Many thanks to the Committee of **Kellye McIntosh, Roberta Stanley and Harriett Stonehill** and other CWI members. Below is photo of Board Members: **Linda Fihelly, Harriett Stonehill, and Ellie Newman** at the celebration.



Coming DC Area Feminist Events

In addition to the events below, check out CWI's Facebook www.facebook.com/womensclearinghouse and Twitter www.twitter.com/CWINews pages! LIKE and FOLLOW us. Members, be sure to share your women's advocacy news and upcoming women's events on CWI's Facebook page as we are always happy to help promote the great and important work you do! CWI member organizations are especially encouraged to send events for future newsletters to president@womensclearinghouse.org

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 9-10 am. Setting a New Standard for Success in Education. The Carnegie Endowment, 1779 Massachusetts Ave, NW, DC 20036. Eva Moskowitz founder of Success Academy charter schools and Isabel Sawhill of Brookings. RSVP http://connect.brookings.edu/register-to-attend-success-education?utm_campaign=Foreign+Policy&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=21629111&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9vVfJyzwABx2zsc_Q9oP_5MBgqdv96BNhUSoW_uXxJAW_HnWnEizQ5NsqEbJ6JybPXWkkTEJe3-D1uWYChuXqbVhty3w&hsmi=21629111

Monday, September 14, 2015 9:30 am-5pm. The World We Seek: Reigniting the Dialogue on Human Security to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 4th UN World Conference on Women in Beijing. Kenney Auditorium, The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), 1740 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Sponsored by SAIS and Women's Learning Partnership. Free light lunch provided but must RSVP www.learningpartnership.org, 301-654-2774.

Monday, September 21, 2015, 12:30-4:30pm , The 2015 Entrepreneurship-Information Technology Conference followed by Dialog on Diversity 25th Anniversary Celebration & Reception until 8 pm. Location: Microsoft Innovation & Policy Center, 901 K Street, NW, DC. Register free at www.dialogueondiversity.org, Tel. 703-631-0650.

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Thursday, September 24, 2015 Exhibition opening. 8-18 IS THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT. Etta Maddox, Maryland's first female lawyer, was the founder of the Maryland Suffrage Association and spent her life fighting for women's rights. Some of her memorabilia, including original letters from national suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony, will be displayed in an exhibit on voting rights at the University of Maryland Frances King Carey School of Law that opens on September 24, 2015. The event is open to the public. Registration is required <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/VotingRights924>

Friday, September 25, 2015. Noon to 2PM. Beyond Grants: How Are Foundations Further Championing Causes and Grantees? Alliance for Justice. Location: Public Welfare Foundation 1200 U Street, NW, DC 20009. Lunch provided. RSVP http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/6539/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=79057

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 29-30, 2015. Re:gender 2015 Annual Summit, Through a Gender Lens: Precarity*, Sexual Violence & the U.S. South. Atlanta, GA Register: <http://empatsy.wufoo.com/forms/conference-registration-form/>

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015. Induction Ceremony National Women's Hall of Fame, Seneca Falls, NY. www.womenofthehall.org. DC feminist leaders, Eleanor Smeal, FMF and Marcia Greenberger, National Women's Law Center are being inducted. Former CWI Board Member, Bernice Sandler was inducted in the 2013 Ceremony (held every 2 years).

Thursday, October 22, 2015. 6-8pm American Educational Research Association Brown lecture by Teresa McCarty, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC.

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