

# WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK (WIN)

## VICTORY NEWS

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

🍂 🍃 🍁 The Home Stretch

Time has really flown by this year. Can we even remember the primaries?

Now we're in the home stretch and it's all hands to the well to register (Oct. 9 is the last day to register!), and to turn the vote out beginning October 10th. No election before this one has been so important. We have two roads to choose from.

**Road One** is a march to a fascist authoritarian state- where the Constitution is trampled by the Administration to feed the power-hungry forces in the White House and Congress. We are in danger of losing our cherished freedoms and rights because we have a Republican Congress whose only job now is to protect the President instead of us—we, the people.

**Road Two** is where we, the people—all of us in every community—arise and protest in the only truly effective way we can: the voting booth. We can remove the offensive, pro-Russian, pro-Putin folks from their seats—at all levels. If these legislators wear the Republican tag, they are all in the same pro-Putin boat. All our candidates should put their competitors in this boat. The Democrats must drum-beat the Culture of Corruption out of office on Election Day!

Like the Dark Lord in the Harry Potter series, “He-who-should-not-be-named” is how we should refer to Trump. He is the very evil and corrupt essence of that fictional Dark Lord. A Democratic controlled Congress—House and Senate—needs to be our goal. If we can replace Davidson with Dr. Vanessa Enoch, we would turn national politics on its head, as the 8th is considered the safest red seat there is. But to do this, we need everyone in every community to vote for her. The same goes for Amanda Finfrock and Anne Gorman—both of whom are in very red districts. If Danny O'Connor can do this in the 13th, we can do it in the 74th and 79<sup>th</sup>!

As members of WIN, our primary goal is to elect qualified women to office. 2018 is our chance to show what organized women can do—to raise money for them, to work for them and most

importantly to VOTE for them. Keep in mind that 2018 is the prep for the Presidential year of 2020. That starts--for real--on the night of November 6th.

**WIN Members:** Roll up your sleeves further and do whatever you can do in this home stretch to elect Democratic candidates--especially our women candidates. Any help is valuable: phone banking, door knocking, stuffing envelopes, distributing yard signs, providing food and drink to volunteers, etc.

I want to welcome three new WIN members—Charlie Bush, Mary Parsons, and Debbie Baker—who have recently joined our happy group. In closing, I want to sincerely thank all the members of WIN who have given their time, energy and money to make us successful. We have doubled our memberships since 2014 and hope to increase it further in the future.

Cheri Crothers, President  
Clark County Democratic Women's Issues Network

## WIN welcomes these new members:

- [Debbie Baker](#)
- [Mary Parsons](#)
- [Charlie Bush](#)
- [Sheila Skimmerhorn](#)
- [Sara Arnott](#)



## WIN salutes and supports these Ohio Democrats running for office in November:

- ❖ Seth Evans: Clark County Commission
- ❖ Amanda Finfrock: State Rep 79<sup>th</sup> District (WIN Member)
- ❖ Anne Gorman: State Rep 74<sup>th</sup> District (WIN Member)
- ❖ Melody Stewart: Ohio Supreme Court
- ❖ Vanessa Enoch: 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
- ❖ Zack Space: State Auditor
- ❖ Steve Dettlebach: State Attorney General
- ❖ Kathleen Clyde: Ohio Secretary of State
- ❖ Rob Richardson: State Treasurer
- ❖ Richard Cordray: Ohio Governor\*
- ❖ Betty Sutton: Ohio Lt. Governor
- ❖ Sherrod Brown: U.S. Senate



\* "I went to the NARAL presentation on August 24th. The governor's race is so important. NARAL emphasized that the governor and the attorney general can be key figures in curbing our legislature's momentum toward restricting reproductive rights in Ohio. At least Kasich vetoed the so called "heartbeat bill". Mike Dewine will sign anything the legislature wants to pass, and they are intent on ending a woman's right to privacy and to choose."

--WIN Member Sheila Drennen

## AUGUST NIGHTS FUNDRAISER RECAP

Once again, our August Nights fundraiser was a rousing success. This year the dinner event was held at the beautiful Festival Green Clubhouse on the campus of the Ohio Masonic Home. Because of the generous contributions from those who attended or donated, we will distribute \$2,550 to federal, state, and local candidates! A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

**WIN members check in attendees while early arrivals get acquainted.**



**WIN President Cheri Crothers gets the evening started.**

**Dr. Vanessa Enoch addresses the audience about her agenda when she is elected to U.S. Congress for the 8<sup>th</sup> District. She also recounted her challenging educational and career experiences that have made her uniquely qualified to represent our area of the nation.**



**Former Dayton mayor Rhine McLinn speaks on behalf of State Treasurer candidate Rob Richardson. As someone who now works with him, Rhine had very glowing things to say about his ability to lead in this capacity.**

## MORE AUGUST NIGHTS PHOTOS...



WIN member Amanda Finfrock enthusiastically outlines her platform and why she is passionate about tackling the issues that concern Clark County residents. When she wins in November she says she'll attack the opioid epidemic, support our first responders by making sure they have up-to-date training and equipment, and find ways to secure health care and fair housing for all. Amanda is running to become State Rep for the 79<sup>th</sup> District.

Anne Gorman, also a WIN member, is the Dem candidate for State Rep of the 74<sup>th</sup> District. Urged to run by her former students after her retirement from teaching, Anne realized that she didn't even know who her State Rep was--something she vows to remedy with her constituents when she wins the election. Anne is a fierce advocate for public schools and decries the money that has been allotted to charter schools, even though many of them have failed miserably.



After the original Dem candidate for Clark County Commission dropped out of the race, the CCDP selected Seth Evans as the replacement. Even though late to the campaign trail, Seth has hit the ground running by attending as many fundraisers and public events as he can. He will be the Democratic voice among the all-Republican Commission when he is elected.

THE CLARK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK

INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE 130<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

OF THE

LONGEST SERVING FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES:

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



DR. MOLLIE WOOD

THE HONORABLE

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

DR. MOLLIE WOOD, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM ABOUT THE LIFE AND WORK OF  
THIS GROUND BREAKING FIRST LADY.

Dr. Wood is the Chair of the History Department at Wittenberg, where she teaches U.S. History and U.S. Foreign Relations. She has a special interest in Mrs. Roosevelt.

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

PLACE: CLARK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS, 40 EAST HIGH STREET

TIME: 5:30 PM

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# NEWS, ISSUES AND ARTICLES

## HILLARY'S NEW GIG

Hillary Clinton is working with Steven Spielberg to adapt Elaine Weiss' book, "The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote," for television. Clinton will executive produce, and reportedly play a large role in the development of the show including its casting. *Source: The Hollywood Reporter*

## BEWARE THIS NEW PARTY!

A new "independent" party has sprung up that we need to educate all voters about. If you study this group's website, their platform reads suspiciously Republican-like. Judge for yourself if this movement is a ploy by the GOP right wing (or Russia?) to siphon away enough votes from Democratic candidates to swing the November elections their way. *Here's the United Independents Party website: [Freedom@uiparty.org](mailto:Freedom@uiparty.org)*

**U.S. JOB MARKET:** The job market is finally improving for the group of Americans hardest hit in the Great Recession: the least educated American workers. The unemployment rate for people without a high school diploma fell to 5.1% last month. At the peak of the financial crisis that number hit 15.6%. *Source: NY Times*

## U.S. OPIOID EPIDEMIC

A million American children are now living with their grandparents, mostly because their parents are addicted to drugs, increasingly opioids. Many grandparents are now putting off retirement and spending their savings to care for these kids. *Source: 60 Minutes*

## RUSSIA'S NEW TARGET

Russian hackers are reportedly still trying to influence U.S. elections, but this time they're targeting conservative organizations that have disagreed with President Trump and want to sanction Moscow. Microsoft says it uncovered fake internet domains linked to the same Russian military intelligence unit involved in trying to sway voters in the 2016 election. *Source: New York Times*

## JOHN KERRY ON UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Recently appearing on MSNBC to discuss his new book, *Every Day is Extra*, John Kerry made this statement: "But I'll say this, that no one should be focused on 2020 right now. We should be focused on 2018, because the magic number for America to think about is **54.2%**. That was the number of eligible voters that turned out to vote for the presidency in 2016. When I ran in '04, it was **60.4%** turned out. When Obama was elected in '08, it was **62.5%**. What we need people to engage and make a difference, and in 2018, we have a chance to have a course correction, and I think in my book I lay out the ways that people can really engage and do that."

*Source: MSNBC*

- Why it is so vital for women to vote: <https://www.signature-reads.com/2018/09/your-voice-your-vote-women-importance-of-voting/>
- What Trump is doing to America is not normal: <https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/01/opinions/what-trump-is-doing-to-america-is-not-normal-opinion-dantonio/index.html>
- A man "proud" to be a pedophile, a rapist, a misogynist, and a white supremacist is a congressional candidate in Virginia: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/congressional-candidate-virginia-admits-pedophile-011921211.html>
- Some Republican cannibals eat their own: <https://crooksandliars.com/2018/08/fox-news-commenters-smear-john-mccain-just>
- Bob Woodward's new book confirms our worst fears about the Trump White House: <https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/04/politics/bob-woodward-book-donald-trump-fear/index.html>
- Former senior diplomat reacts to Woodward's book: <https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/06/politics/wendy-sherman-amanpour-cnn/index.html>

# WONDER WOMEN!

## FIRST MUSLIM WOMAN FOR CONGRESS

Michigan State Rep Rashida Tlaib, the daughter of Palestinian immigrants, will most likely be the first Muslim woman elected to Congress. Her work as an attorney advocate has addressed anti-Muslim bigotry, opposed tax breaks for the 1%, helped people unjustly accused of unemployment fraud, and fought the dumping of toxic waste into the Detroit River.

**SOURCE:** *The Week*



## FIRST TRANSGENDER CANDIDATE FOR GOV

Vermont has made history by electing Christine Hallquist, a transgender woman, to be the Democratic nominee for governor. This is the first time in the U.S. a transgender person has been a major party nominee for governor. Before running for governor, she was the CEO of Vermont Electric Coop, where she was instrumental in bringing it back from the brink of financial disaster. She accomplished this by empowering VEC employees to help transform the company into a national leader in renewable energy to combat climate change.

**SOURCE:** *NPR*



## HARRIS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Kamala Harris, the second black woman elected to the U.S. Senate, has been featured recently on news channels for her tenacious interrogation of U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh concerning his stance on Roe vs. Wade. Kamala has also introduced or co-sponsored legislation to reform our criminal justice system, raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, make higher education tuition-free, protect the legal rights of refugees and immigrants, and expand access to affordable, quality health care by creating a Medicare for All-style program. **SOURCE:** [kamalaharris.org](http://kamalaharris.org)



# BOOK LOOK:

*Reading suggestions for books written by, for, or about strong women*

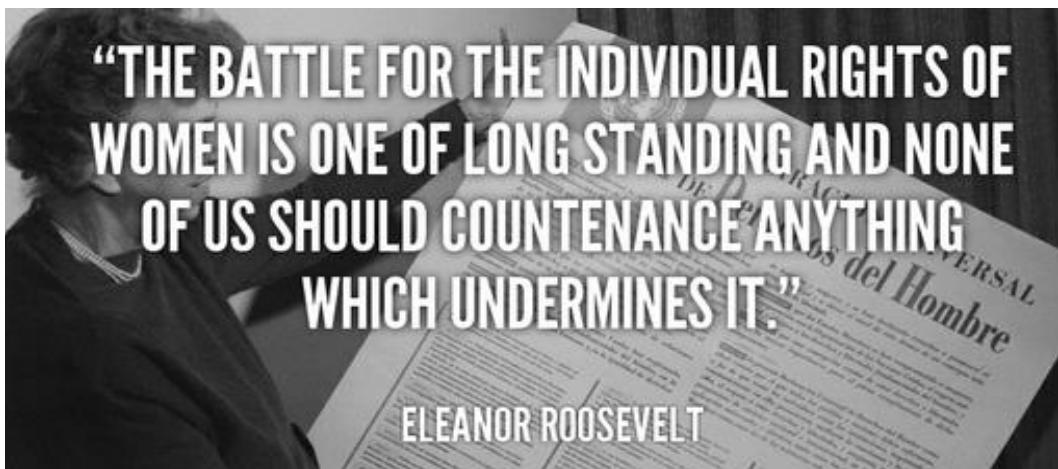
## Fiction:

- In *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn the lives of a pregnant socialite and an elderly World War I female spy cross paths in 1947 London.
- Despite having been told by authorities her husband died in an explosion, a woman and her deaf daughter strike out across Alaska's Arctic in a "borrowed" semi to prove he's alive in *The Quality of Silence* by Rosamund Lupton. (*Editor's Note*: Pardon the pun, but I read this book and it is truly "chilling!"
- *Ohio* by Stephen Markley ingeniously manages to be both a murder mystery and a social critique by telling the story of four former high school classmates who reconnect in their Rust Belt midwestern home town.
- *White Houses* by Amy Bloom is the novelized story of the true-life love affair between Eleanor Roosevelt (see quote below)\* and reporter Lorena Hickok, who moved into the White House and was given the title of "first friend."
- *Half Broke Horses* is author Jeanette Walls' novelized story of her grandmother, who survived both personal and natural disasters out West during the Great Depression.

## Non-Fiction:

- *The Death of Truth: Notes on Falsehood in the Age of Trump* is Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* writer Michiko Kakutani's fiery takedown of the culture of lies perpetuated by the current President.
- Margaret Regan, the author of *The Death of Josseline* spent ten years on the U.S./Mexican border among the people most directly involved in the crisis and conveys the impact on lives on both sides.
- In *Dopesick*, Beth Macy traces the devastating path that opioids have carved through every avenue and back road of America, offering both an explanation of the opioid epidemic's roots in big pharma and deeply affecting portraits of first responders, addicted victims and their heartbroken families.
- *Life's Work: A Moral Argument for Choice*, by former fundamentalist Christian Dr. Willie Parker, is a compelling and thought-provoking call to action for the freedom of women's choice regarding abortion.
- *Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied all Odds and Made Aviation History* by Keith O'Brien highlights five female fliers who shattered the original glass ceiling competing in air races of the 1920s and '30s.

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# UPCOMING PRE-ELECTION EVENTS

## Neighborhood Festival at Ra-Mar Hosted by Seth Evans for County Commission:

Join Seth for a family event on **Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 3645 Madrid Street, Springfield**. Meet Seth and enjoy grilled food, face painting, bouncy house and a bonfire from **6 to 8 PM**.

## Bethel Township Meet & Greet for Amanda Finfrock:

Join candidate Finfrock at the up-coming **Meet and Greet** to tell Finfrock what you need your State Representative to do for you, your family and your community.

Candidate Finfrock wants to hear from you: **October 7, 2018, 3:00-5:00 PM at Cassano's on State Route 235!** See you soon!

--Submitted by WIN Member Cynthia Dunlevy

## Indivisible Springfield Upcoming Pre-Election Events:

- **Amanda Finfrock Meet & Greet, Fri., Oct. 12, 7 p.m., 1605 Shelby Dr., Springfield, 45504**
- **Dr. Vanessa Enoch - Rep. Warren Davidson Debate, Thurs., Oct. 18, 7 p.m., Harry T. Wilks Conference Center, 1601 University Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45011**  
(You are encouraged to attend in support of Dr. Enoch at this Miami University-sponsored event.)
- **Dr. Vanessa Enoch at The Forum at Springfield City Hall, Thurs., Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m.** Dr. Enoch will take questions from Springfield and area residents.

Please mark your calendars!

--Submitted by WIN Member Melinda Barnhardt, on behalf of Indivisible Springfield Leadership

## Clark County Democratic Party Fall Brunch:

Join your fellow local Democrats at the beautiful **Clark County Heritage Center from 10 to 11:30 AM on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** for live music, delicious food and a fun fall theme. Special speakers will be Zack Space, Dem candidate for State Auditor, and Rob Richardson, Dem candidate for State Treasurer. A tour of the museum is available. Seating is limited. Presale tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased on the CCDP website or Facebook page.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 1 – Ra-Mar Neighborhood Festival, 6 PM, Sponsored by Seth Evans for Clark Co. Commissioner

Oct. 2 – Equality Springfield Meeting, 7 PM @ Christ Episcopal Church (409 E. High St.)

Oct. 7 – Meet & Greet for Amanda Finfrock, 3 to 5 PM at Cassano's Restaurant in Park Layne

Oct. 8 – Columbus Day/Native American Day

Oct. 9 – Last day to register to vote

Oct. 11 – WIN Birthday Party for Eleanor Roosevelt at Dem HQ, 5:30 PM (40 W. High St.)

Oct. 12 – Meet & Greet for Amanda Finfrock at 1605 Shelby Lane, Springfield, 7 PM

Oct. 17 – CCDP Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM & Dem HQ (40 W. High St.)

Oct. 18 – Enoch/Davidson Debate at Wilks Conference Center, Hamilton, 7 PM

Oct. 20 – CCDP Annual Fall Brunch, Clark County Heritage Center, 10 to 11:30 AM

Oct. 25 – Q & A with Dr. Enoch at City Hall Forum, Springfield, 6:30 PM

Oct. 31 – HALLOWEEN

Nov. 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends ("Fall Back")

Nov. 6 – **ELECTION DAY** (Check Clark Co. Board of Elections website for Early & Absentee Voting info)

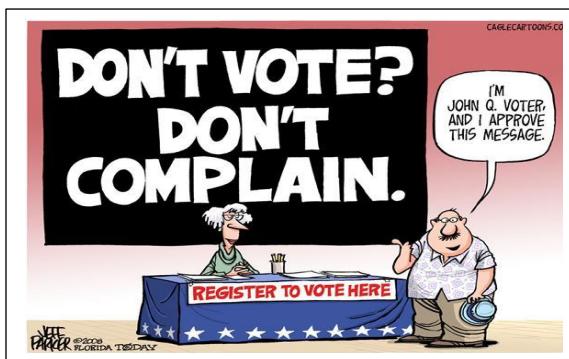
Nov. 6 – Equality Springfield Meeting, 7 PM @ Christ Episcopal Church

Nov. 8 – WIN Meeting @ Clark County Library, Downtown Branch, 5:30 PM, Rooms 1 & 2

Nov. 14 – CCDP Central Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM @ Dem HQ/Executive Committee, 7:30 PM

Nov. 22 – THANKSGIVING

*"Do you know who the biggest voting bloc in 2016 was? It was the 100 million voters who stayed at home and didn't vote. If that isn't a national emergency, I don't know what is." --Michael Moore*



Victory News Readers:

If you would like to publicize an upcoming event, make an announcement, suggest a relevant book to read, or contribute an article to the next issue of **Victory News**, please get it to me by Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. You may contact me one of these ways:

- E-mail: [bwillman952@aol.com](mailto:bwillman952@aol.com)
- Phone: 937-917-8032
- Address: 1828 Berwick Ave., Springfield 45503

In addition, I am always open to feedback about this issue and/or suggestions for improving future newsletters. Thanks for reading!

Becky Willman, **Victory News** Editor

Dear *Victory News* Reader,

The Democratic Women's Issues Network has made a change in its Membership Policy to reflect the ever-changing roles of both women and men in our society.

More and more demands are made of our time which--for many of us--is already divided between work, family and other duties. It's always that "one more thing" someone or some group asks of you, and you just don't have the time to give. For some of us, health issues may prevent active participation. The WIN realizes that many of you like the work we do to in promoting Democratic candidates and educating the public about issues that affect women. WIN has added a new Membership category to reflect this time press we all feel. The new category is: **Supporting Membership**.

A **SUPPORTING MEMBER** would join WIN just like an Active Member. You will receive our newsletter, event announcements and other communications. You will not be required to attend meetings or to work at events unless you would like to do so. By financially contributing to the WIN, you will be aiding us in recruiting, training and electing qualified progressive Democrats for public office at all levels.

The next step is easy. Print and fill out the membership form on the next page and mail it back to us along with your \$20 yearly dues, or just hand them to me at the next WIN event. Then you will be added to our membership roster as a valued supporter of our vital organization.

In closing, we thank you for your support, and want you to know that you will always be welcomed.

Sincerely,

*Cheri Crothers*

Cheri Crothers, President

Clark County Democratic Women's Issues Network

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# Join **WIN!**

Membership in the WIGS is open to Democratic women and men.

Mobilize and take action on issues that impact you, your family, and your community.

I want to:

- Enjoy the company of like-minded progressives
- Help raise money
- Lobby for women's issues
- Plan and/or present programs
- Recruit new members
- Run for political office
- Serve on WIGS Steering Committee
- Work on campaigns
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

# **WIN**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Complete these two panels and mail the completed application and \$20.00 annual dues to:

**Cheri Crothers, 1235 Torrence Dr.  
Springfield, OH 45503**

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation (required):**

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**THANKS FOR READING! SEE YOU IN DECEMBER.....**