



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 13, 2014



### 2014 - Another Banner Year at the ANWC

Dear Members and Friends,

As we move further into 2014, and what is becoming another banner year, I wanted to share a few headlines and special thoughts.

- As many of you know, the fabulous **Gwen Ifill**, of PBS fame, is our 2014 Excellence in Journalism honoree. The benefit evening, a roast, is slated for **Monday, May 19, 2014**, at the National Press Club. The very capable **Julie Chase**, also a Board Member, is Benefit Chair. Julie runs her own very successful public relations company, Chase Communications. Thank you Julie for taking this on! **Karen James Cody**, Past President and Governor, has signed on as Co-Chair. This is our primary fundraiser/ benefit for the ANWC. To volunteer to be on the committee/sponsor and/or support the benefit, please contact Julie Chase or Karen James Cody via the club office at [202-332-6770](tel:202-332-6770) or [anwclub@comcast.net](mailto:anwclub@comcast.net). And stay tuned for future updates.
- New member **Claritza Jimenez**, producer at the Associated Press has been tapped to join Past President **Margaret Ryan** and Past President **Pam**

**Ginsbach** on our Scholarship Committee. The Board voted to **increase our scholarships grants** from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per winner this year. Since this is one of the most important things we do at the club, I am elated that we will be able to be more generous. If you are interested in our scholarships, please contact Pam Ginsbach@[pamg@bpf.net](mailto:pamg@bpf.net) or (703) [683-6326](tel:683-6326) or Margaret Ryan,[mryan43@gmail.com](mailto:mryan43@gmail.com).

- We received a generous grant for \$15,000 from the MARPAT Foundation, founded by longtime distinguished ANWC member Marvin Breckinridge Patterson, for a new wonderful program or series of programs called "**Meet the Ambassadors.**" More to come soon. Some of you might remember Marvin Breckinridge Patterson as the first woman Correspondent for CBS News under Edward R. Morrow. She donated the elevator to the club in the early 1990's. If you are interested in joining the committee contact the club office.
- We had a full house for our first program of the new year, January 27th, for **Tricks of the Trade, the Modern News Room**. Many new club members were in attendance and **Natalie DiBlasio, President-Elect** who served as moderator. More about this program and other news will be on our website. **Anna Miller**, a new Governor, is doing a great job overseeing our website. Be on the lookout for updates always at [www.anwc.org](http://www.anwc.org) and check out our photo galleries.
- Winter **ShopTalk** 2013/2014 is out. **Click here to access it.** Eileen Higgins continues to serve as editor of Shop Talk. She is working on the spring edition so if you have any stories or news to share or would like an assignment, please contact [eileenbenj@aol.com](mailto:eileenbenj@aol.com). And please send in your members news!
- **Save the Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2014** for our Annual Meeting/Program TBA.

I look forward to the exciting activities ahead as we continue to fulfill our mission with great vigor and most of all, to seeing each of you very soon.

With continued appreciation and high hopes,

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