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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Making the ANWC Proud



*Claire Sanders Swift,  
President*

Dear Members and Friends of the ANWC,

Two years ago I took office with great challenges ahead. My goal was the following: to make the ANWC a better place in new ways while honoring what has worked in the past. With the extraordinary assistance of two gifted and supportive Governing Boards, a caring membership of stalwart believers in the Club, new blood, strategic positioning, lots of adrenaline and hard work, and the support of my loving family and friends, I can safely say, with the greatest appreciation, that our Club is on solid ground again with room for growth. We were at a crossroads and we made it through. *continued on page 2*

## GWEN IFILL ROAST



*Julie Chase, Martha Raddatz, Eleanor Clift, Claire Swift, Gwen Ifill, ELJ Honoree, Ray Suarez, Dorothy Giliam and John Dickerson gather to support Excellence in Journalism at the Press Club*

It was a full house at the National Press Club on Monday evening, May 19, 2014, as friends, family, and colleagues gathered for cocktails and dinner to roast and toast the fabulous **Gwen Ifill** of WETA, PBS News Hour, and Washington Week with Gwen Ifill. Gwen was the recipient of our Excellence in Journalism award. The event, Chaired by **Julie Chase**, ANWC Board Secretary and co-Chaired by **Karen James Cody**, former ANWC President and Governor, was our 20th celebration to benefit Excellence in Journalism by honoring trailblazing women. The ANWC also awarded three \$5,000.00 scholarships to women excelling in their journalism studies at DC area universities --- **Emily Schweich**, **Diane Marinaccio**, and **Dominique Bonessi**. Read more about them on page 9. *continued on page 8*



## HISTORY'S MYSTERIES

*Who is this elegant woman in the portrait hanging near the front entrance of the Club? See page 9.*



## MEMBER NEWS

*President-Elect Natalie DiBlasio takes a stand for the ANWC post- Nike marathon, 2014. More in Member News, page 2.*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT *continued*

- **Our yearly operating income is back on track** thanks to our members who utilize the 3rd and 4th floors for their offices. Also thanks to our two successful EIJ benefits - our 2013 gala luncheon honoring **Barbara Walters** ( I am forever thankful to you **Ginny Daly** co-Chair and Past President) and our 2014 **Gwen Ifill** Roast which would not have happened if **Julie Chase** had not stepped up. Thank you Julie. Also a forever thank you to **Karen James Cody**, Co-Chair, for coming through in the clinch and the Benefit Committee for your undying support, **Sheilah Kast** especially. Thanks to PBS, Edelman, and Northrop Grumman for sponsoring. Special thanks also goes to **Marion Mattingly**, VP of Programs, this year for her stellar work on “Meet the Ambassadors,” made possible by the **MARPAT Foundation’s** grant. Nobody does it better than Marion. In January of 2014 we received \$15,000 from MARPAT, **Marvin Patterson’s** foundation. She was a longtime distinguished member, the first woman Correspondent at CBS News and her legacy lives on at the Club.
- **Our membership has more than doubled.** Thanks to new members--young and old - many renewals, the re-establishing of honorary memberships for speakers, exciting programs, including our “Meet the Ambassadors” program series, we have ignited new interest in the Club and inspired new and interesting members to join and rejoin. See page 3 for this year’s membership roster. It’s inspiring.
- **Our historic and elegant Club House has been refreshed and updated** including: renovated 3rd and 4th floor office suites, elegant chairs in our main 2nd floor program room, new dining room wallpaper and chair covers, new dining room sheers, and an updated kitchen and Berryman room. We did it all on a shoe string budget. Thank you to **Jean White**, our VP of House and **Macrio DeSilva (Rogerio)** who does wonderful work for us tirelessly, lovingly and on budget. And to my amazing husband **Bill Swift**, my constant gardener. He really shaped things up outside and in my heart, thank you Bill for supporting me and the Club.
- **Our Club office is back in operation** thanks to **Janina Roncevic**, our Sr. Staff Liaison who works tirelessly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and will continue doing so. Our record keeping is back on track with new file cabinets. Janina keeps the trains running at the Club and we couldn’t do it without her. Thank you Janina for your dedication. Our Membership Directory has been revived along with *Shop Talk*. A special thanks goes to **Eileen Higgins** for two years as Editor. Thank you truly for stepping up to the plate and getting this last issue out especially. Through all your transitions you have shown your love and support for the ANWC.
- **Our new Governing Board has great promise.** I leave you with a very able group for next year led by the very talented **Natalie DiBlasio**. Natalie is a great blessing to our Club, you will see. Our Nominating Committee led by **Eileen Higgins** (Chairman), **Nancy Lang** and **Anne Ganz** selected a great team to govern (see Slate on page 10), which includes our legendary past recipient for EIJ 2010 **Eleanor Clift**.

It’s been a pleasure and an honor to be at the helm keeping our Club in the headlines and thriving, when other storied institutions have had different fates. I will never stop believing in our future. Keep the faith.

With continued appreciation and high hopes,

*Claire Sanders Swift*

## MEMBER NEWS



*Claire Swift takes a selfie with the fabulous Diane Sawyer.*

- President-Elect **Natalie DiBlasio** turned some heads while “advancing journalism one mile at a time” in the Nike half-marathon on behalf of the ANWC in Washington DC this April. Kudos to Natalie for working and running overtime. *continued on page 4*

- Club prez **Claire Sanders Swift** attended the 25th anniversary of ABC News’ PrimeTime Live in New York City where she ran into Diane Sawyer and many of her other former colleagues. Claire was one of the original staffers of PTL and helped launch the award-winning news magazine program. On the move...



*Natalie DiBlasio nears the finish line at the Nike half-marathon*





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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Janina Roncevic.**  
Works steadfastly  
in the office at the  
ANWC. Hours  
M,W,F. 10-4

*We look forward to  
sharing more about  
our dynamic members  
in future issues of  
Shop Talk and  
on our website at  
anwc.org.*

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS FOR 2013-2014

Name		Occupation	Level	Sponsor
Danielle	Gensburg	Freelance Writer for Chicago Tribune	Level II	Frances McLean
Katafa	Hall-Reed	President and Senior Consultant, Troppus Consulting, LLC	Affiliate	Claire Swift
Jessica	Kartalija	Anchor/Reporter, WJZ TV	Level III	Natalie DiBlasio
Ximena	Ortiz	Former Executive Editor, The National Interest	Level IV	Claire Swift
Jane	Pennewell	President, JP Image Consulting, Inc.	Affiliate	Pauline Thompson
Anna	West	Public Relations Manager, Humane Society of the US	Level IV	Elissa Blake Free
Alexandra	Murdoch	Federal Policy Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation	Level IV	Cristina Del Sesto
Erin	Powell	Intern/Contributor, World Footprints Media	Level 1	
Elissa Blake	Free	Exec. Director of Comm., Georgetown Univ. Law Center	Level IV	Cristina Del Sesto
Anna Medaris	Miller	Associate Editor, Monitor on Psychology Magazine	Level III	Natalie DiBlasio
Leslie	Thomas	Founder and Executive Director, Art Works Projects	OA	Cristina Del Sesto
Claritza	Jimenez	TV News Producer, Associated Press Television News	Level III	Claire Swift
Bettina Buonanno	Del Sesto	Retired	Affiliate	Cristina Del Sesto
Christy Eagleton	Fleming	Marketing Director, Co-Founder, Town Square Delaware	OOA	Claire Swift
<b>Honorary Members</b>				
Barbara	Walters	Broadcast journalist	HON	EIJ Recipient 2013
Ted	Koppel	Broadcast journalist	HON	2013 EIJ Roaster
Howard	Kurtz	Host, Fox News Channel 5 Media Buzz	HON	2013 EIJ Roaster
Norah	O'Donnell	Co-Ancor CBS Morning News	HON	2013 EIJ Emcee
Petula	Dvorak	Wash Post Columnist	HON	Speaker 9/30/13
Davis	Kennedy	Pub/Ed Current Newspapers	HON	Speaker 9/30/13
Indira	Lakshmanan	Senior Correspondent, Bloomberg News	HON	Speaker 6/21/2013
Amy	Mitchell	Director, Journalism Research, Pew Research Center	HON	Speaker 6/21/2013
Molly	Philbin	Student, Former Intern ANWC	HON	Natalie DiBlasio
Beth	Reinhard	Political Corr. National Journal, Tricks of the Trade	HON	Speaker 9/27/13
Emily	Brown	Mobile Editor, USA Today - Tricks of the Trade	HON	Speaker 9/27/13
Megan	Chan	Sr. Editor, Politico, Tricks of the Trade	HON	Speaker 9/27/13
Gwen	Ifill	Broadcast journalist	HON	2014 EIJ Honoree
Dorothy	Gilliam	Journalist, 2014 EIJ Roaster	HON	2014 EIJ Roaster
Martha	Raddatz	ABC Journalist - 2014 EIJ Roaster	HON	2014 EIJ Roaster
John	Dickerson	CBS Journalist - 2014 EIJ Roaster	HON	2014 EIJ Roaster
Ray	Suarez	Journalist, 2014 EIJ Roaster	HON	2014 EIJ Roaster
H.E. Amb. Kenichiro	Sasae	Ambassador - Japan	HON	Meet the Ambassadors
H.E. Amb. Roble	Olhaye	Ambassador - Djibouti - Speaker	HON	Meet the Ambassadors
H.E. Amb. Tebelo	Seretse	Ambassador - Botswana - Speaker	HON	Meet the Ambassadors
H.E. Amb. Marina	Kaljurand	Ambassador - Estonia Speaker	HON	Meet the Ambassadors

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Claritza Jiménez** works as a television producer at Associated Press Television News (APTN) in Washington, D.C., producing international news as part of APTN's Latin America desk. She has helped cover the possible political asylum of National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden in Latin America, the election of Pope Francis, an Argentina native, and the death of Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez. She earned a B.A. in political communication from The George Washington University and received an Investigative Journalism Fellowship at American University's School of Communication where she earned a Master of Arts in journalism. When asked why she wanted to become a member of the ANWC she said, "I first learned about ANWC as an undergraduate student at GW and the idea of joining one day as a professional journalist felt so far into the future. Fast-forward to 2013 and I decided to pursue membership because although there are many worthy groups for journalists, none can claim ANWC's historic niche in supporting women journalists. A lot has changed in the news business in the 80 years since ANWC has existed, but its role in cultivating and connecting women in media remains the same. I really admire the rich legacy that lives inside the ANWC townhouse."



*Claritza Jiménez*

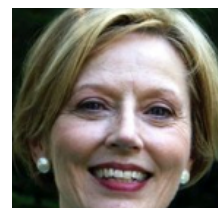


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To suggest programs, email [anwclub@comcast.net](mailto:anwclub@comcast.net) or call the Club at 202-332-770 during regular business hours.

## MEMBER NEWS (continued)

- We were thrilled to learn that **Sheilah Kast**, broadcast journalist for Baltimore station WYPR won a 2014 Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Award for her radio series, **Lines Between Us** [www.lines-betweenus.org](http://www.lines-betweenus.org). The series, for which Sheilah was host, was described as an “ambitious year-long broadcast and multimedia series on inequality in Baltimore. It was interactive in that it incorporated WYPR’s talk programs, social media, extended interviews, personal narratives, produced pieces and digital platforms for “opportunities around town to advance the conversation about race, class and community.” Since Columbia also administers the Pulitzer Prizes, the DuPonts are sometimes referred to as the Pulitzers for broadcasters. Congratulations, Sheilah!



*Sheilah Kast*

- **Fran Maclean**, a distinguished writer member who has had an office with the ANWC for many, many years, has won a fellowship to the Virginia Center for Creative Arts at Sweetbriar College. Congratulations Fran!



*Katafa Hall- Reed in one of the State Department rooms.*

- New member **Katafa Reed** attended a concert at the State Department in May. She was invited as a member of the ANWC Meet the Ambassador’s Committee by the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide in cooperation with the Poland Embassy. For the event. Pianist John Gardecki performed the piano concert titled “Chopin in the Morning,” Katafa thanks Sheila Switzer of the State Department for inviting her and other ANWC members to such a magical performance.

- **Marion Mattingly**, VP Programs and former Washingtonian of the Year, had the honor of being invited to the State Department to attend the swearing in ceremony for Senator Max Baucus as Ambassador to China.

## AMAZING PROGRAMS AT THE ANWC

### JUNE 17, 2014 : ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AND MEET THE AMBASSADOR OF ESTONIA, HER EXCELLENCY MRS. MARINA KALJURAND

Members enjoyed cocktails and a light supper as the annual meeting commenced. Outgoing President **Claire Swift** gave a State of the Club and Treasurer’s report. Nominating Committee Chair, **Eileen Higgins** presented a slate of officers for election. The slate was elected unanimously. **Natalie DiBlasio**, incoming President, presented Claire with gifts of gratitude for her service from the Board. The Annual Meeting was followed by a thought provoking and timely talk by **Mrs. Marina Kaljurand**, Ambassador of Estonia.







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The Club's mission is to promote journalistic excellence, foster professional growth, and advance women's roles in journalism and related professions.

## RECENT AND PAST PROGRAMS *continued from page 4*

### April 28, 2014: OFFICIAL LAUNCH: MEET THE AMBASSADORS PROGRAM AMBASSADOR ROBLE OIHAYE, REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI



*Marion Mattingly, Chair, Meet the Ambassadors program*



*Page Crosland, Claire Swift, and Eleanor Clift mingle following the Ambassador of Djibouti's talk.*

The American News Women's Club announced a new program series—Meet the Ambassadors—at its formal launch featuring the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Washington, **Ambassador Roble Olhaye**, from the Republic of Djibouti. Speaking at the inaugural program at the ANWC's Embassy Row Club House, Ambassador Olhaye, whose country is bordered on three sides by Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia, told Club members and their guests that his country is the United States' best neighbor on the Red Sea. **Eleanor Clift**, Club member and recipient of ANWC's Excellence in Journalism Award in 2009, added, "He described Djibouti as the center of anti-piracy and anti-terrorism operations in that part of the world and welcomed the U.S. presence there. Japan is the most recent arrival to Djibouti with France and Spain on the way. He also noted that the incidents of piracy are down over the last few years." Ambassador Olhaye commented that when his country was first established there was a debate about whether an embassy in Washington was needed. He argued for it, the office was established and he



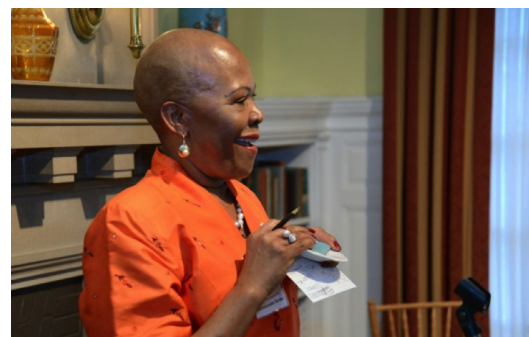
*Ambassador Roble Olhaye, Republic of Djibouti, and Marion Mattingly*

has held the position of ambassador for 27 years. He is also ambassador to the United Nations and Canada. He has been awarded Djibouti's highest Medal of Honor for improving how the nation is viewed by the international community.

"Meet the Ambassadors is underwritten by a grant from the **MARPAT Foundation** and will enable the ANWC to provide global forums for ambassadors and their delegates to share their untold stories with Club members, both veteran and young journalists," said ANWC **President Claire Swift** who secured the grant. She added, "The programs will feature exchanges of views on important issues, thus, promoting international understanding and cultural awareness in a globalized world."

### June 4, 2014: MEET THE AMBASSADOR OF BOTSWANA, HER EXCELLENCY DR. TEBELO MAZILE SERESTE

After cocktails and a light fare supper at the Club, **Ambassador Seretse** spoke to us about Botswana and her role as Ambassador. Her Excellency is an attorney, attended the University of Maryland and has an MA in Economics. Botswana is now a destination country especially well known for its protection of wilderness and amazing safaris. The ANWC thanks Her Excellency for such an interesting and informative program. The program with Ambassador Seretse was the third in the Club's series of Meet the Ambassador programs.



*Her Excellency Dr. Tebelelo Mazile Sereste enthralled during her talk*



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## RECENT AND PAST PROGRAMS *continued from page 5*



*His Excellency Kenichiro Sasae*

**April 7, 2014: LUNCH AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY**  
His Excellency Kenichiro Sasae, the Ambassador of Japan to the United States hosted a group of 30 ANWC members and guests at his residence in early April. We enjoyed cocktails, a delicious lunch and an off the record discussion.



*The Japanese Embassy*

### **January 27, 2014: TRICKS OF THE TRADE/THE MODERN NEWSROOM**

In a time when journalism is changing, what works and what doesn't? Politico's **Megan Chan**, USA TODAY's **Emily Brown** and the National Journal's **Beth Reinhard** came to the Club to speak about just that in January. In a Tricks of the Trade event titled "The Changing Newsroom" the three outstanding panelists spoke about the new demands, challenges and triumphs in their modern day newsrooms. The trio answered questions from moderator and President-Elect **Natalie DiBlasio** on everything from social media and print advertising to deadlines and ever-changing standards.



*Natalie DiBlasio moderates Tricks of the Trade Program*

### **December 11, 2013: HOLIDAY PARTY—TOTALLY RED!**

Elegant, delightful, and fun, the Totally Red holiday party got everyone into a happy holiday spirit! Thank you **Tish Van Dyke** for your creative ideas and organizing talent in pulling this together for members and guests.

Please visit our website ([anwc.org](http://anwc.org) PHOTO GALLERIES) for more photos.







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## ELEGANT HOUSE REPORT

The Club has glammed up. The dining room has a fresh coat of paint, some new wallpaper, and **Jean White**, VP House, worked magic on the chairs. Jean also oversaw the purchase of a new leather sofa and chair for the Berryman Room on the first floor. And the Club refresh continues as Jean and Rogerio, our master builder on a shoe string, turned their eye to the aging kitchen. Photos are included here for those of you who have not yet seen the improvements. Wonderful job making the house even more beautiful,



*Beautiful new leather sofa in Berryman Room*



*Refreshed kitchen*



*New sweet white tufted chair for Berryman Room*

## CLUB IN BLOOM

Club President **Claire Sanders Swift**'s husband, **Bill Swift** graciously and generously gave of his time and energy to plant new bulbs and plants in the back for spring. Bill worked on the front garden last year, and it looks beautiful. Thank you Bill!







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Please visit our website (anwc.org PHOTO GAL- LERIES) for more photos.

## GWEN IFILL ROAST (continued from page 1)

Master of Ceremonies for the event was past honoree 2010, **Eleanor Clift**, who stood in for **Candy Crowley**, disabled by the flu bug. Others roasting and toast- ing from the dais were ABC's **Mar- tha Raddatz**, **John Dickerson**, **Ray Suarez**, formerly of PBS, and **Dorothy Gilliam** formerly of the *Washington Post*. **Claire Sanders Swift**, President, presented the award, a large question mark designed by **Lolo Sarnoff**, a great artist, innovator and longtime friend of the ANWC.



*With great fanfare ANWC President Claire Sanders Swift bestows EIJ award to 2014 EIJ Honoree Gwen Ifill.*

## ANWC EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD HISTORY SPOTLIGHT

Ever wonder where the Plexiglas Excellence in Journalism award came from? It was designed and created by Washington dionne, 98-year-old **Lolo Sarnoff**. The award, a large Plexiglas question mark, stands for the journalist's story quest of the 5 W's and an H: who, what, when, where, why, and how.



*Lolo Sarnoff*

## NEW MEMBER WEIGHS IN ON GLOBAL ACTION



*Leslie Thomas*

"News reporting is irrelevant if it doesn't include the perspectives of our entire society," "For a very long time women weren't afforded any opportunities to participate in the public media discourse. While women have broken a great deal of ground in news coverage, those achievements must be expanded, especially as the types of news media that our society relies upon grows across platforms. For this reason and others, organizations like the American Women's News Club can and should play a key role in ensuring that well researched and thoughtfully presented information is available to global audiences and that this information is presented through a wide gender lens. I am honored to join the ANWC and support their efforts in the coming years." ~ Leslie Thomas





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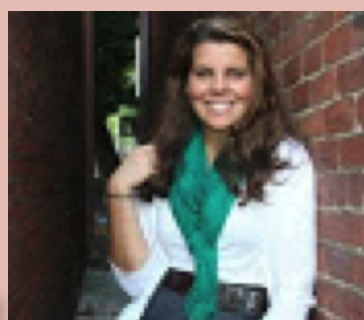
## CONGRATULATIONS AND APPLAUSE FOR THE 2014 ANWC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

**Emily Schweich, 2014 Jane Lingo Scholar**, is a rising junior at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism, pursuing a degree in broadcast journalism. Her goal is to become a Washington-based news anchor reporting particularly on issues affecting women, including gender-based violence and workplace fairness and diversity. She has previously interned at WUSA9 and worked as a volunteer behind the cameras for Maryland Capital News Service's Maryland Newline. She currently works part-time in communications for the University's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



*Emily Schweich, Glenelg, MD*

\*Jane Lingo Scholar, named in honor of **Jane Tunstall Lingo**, a long-time ANWC member and Past President who was also among the first women admitted to the National Press Club. The second half of Jane's career was advancing women's education at George Washington University, and she endowed this special ANWC scholarship.



*Dominique Bonessi, Milford, CN*

**Dominique Bonessi** is a rising senior at the George Washington University majoring in journalism and mass communications and in Arab language and literature. Her goal as a journalist is to use her language skills to increase understanding among cultures. While still in high school, she studied in Cairo, Egypt; this experience, along with the subsequent events of the Arab spring, led her to choose her double major. She previously served an internship in Washington with Middle East Broadcasting. Most recently Bonessi has been studying in Amman, Jordan, where she gathered material on how social media affects the lives of Jordanian women, the topic of her senior thesis.

**Diana Marinaccio** is a rising senior at the George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs, majoring in journalism and mass communications, with a minor in Spanish/cross-cultural communications. She aspires to become a multimedia news producer working with broadcast and online platforms. She has interned with The Today Show in New York and NBC4 in Washington, and will intern this summer with Dateline NBC in New York. On campus, she has been a multimedia editor with the *GWU Hatchet* and interned with Prime Movers Media, teaching journalism to high school students. She is returning from a semester abroad studying in Seville, Spain.



*Diana Marinaccio, Plainview, NY*

### THANKS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE!

The ANWC membership and its Board of Governors would like to thank Margaret Ryan and Pam Ginsbach, both Past Presidents, and new member Claritza Jimenez, who made up the Scholarship Selection Committee, for their dedication and hard work selecting three of the most talented journalism students in the Washington area to receive this year's three \$5,000 scholarships. (Previously, the sum awarded had been \$3,000.)

## HISTORY'S MYSTERIES SOLVED!



**ANSWER:** The woman pictured on the front page is former ANWC member **Clare Boothe Luce**. Here she is (left) with artist Kitty Von Kahn upon the presentation of Mrs. Luce's portrait on the Golden Anniversary of the ANWC in 1982.



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## PASSING THE GAVEL



*Outgoing ANWC President, Claire Sanders Swift and incoming President, Natalie DiBlasio celebrate at the launch of "Meet the Ambassadors".*

## 2014-2015 OFFICERS SLATE

The Nominating Committee, chaired by VP Communications and *Shop Talk* Editor, **M. Eileen Higgins**, proposed the following slate of officers for the Club's 2014-2015 year, which begins on July 1 and runs through June 30, 2015. **Nancy Lang**, past president, and **Ann Ganz**, also served on the Committee.

**President:** Natalie DiBlasio

**Treasurer:** Jean White

**Secretary:** Anna Medaris Miller

**VP Programs:** Marion Mattingly

**VP Membership:** Elizabeth Jia

**VP Communications:** Page Crosland

**Governor:** Eleanor Clift

**Governor:** Sandy Trupp

**Governor:** Tish Van Dyke

**Immediate Past President:** Claire Sanders Swift

**President Elect:** TBD

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I had to say goodbye to Washington and environs last July when I took my retired self and moved to New Jersey. I did make it back for many Board meetings, some programs, and the fantastic benefit/gala for Gwen Ifill in May. My last trip to the Club House for a while was when I attended the Annual Meeting on June 17 as Chair of the Nominating Committee to present the proposed slate of Governors to the members for the 2014-2015 term.

Now that my Board tenure is over, I am also saying goodbye to my Board position and also goodbye to editing *Shop Talk*. I will truly miss both greatly. For those of you who are new members or those who tend to stand on the sidelines (like I do sometimes), I urge you to get involved in some way with the Club. It can be delightfully rewarding to be involved with such bright, talented, accomplished, and fun women of all ages who are passionate about serving society through reporting the news—either in print or electronically. Come to a program, meet some Board members, and volunteer to help on a committee or write an article for *Shop Talk*. Suggest a program...or present one yourself. I may decide to drive four hours to attend it!



*Eileen Higgins  
Editor*

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