

2003 WiLL/WAND National Conference

*Uniting Women's Voices:
A National Leadership Conference*



2003 Torchbearer Reception

Honoring Helen Thomas

Sewall-Belmont House
Historic home of the National Woman's Party
144 Constitution Ave., NE
Washington, D.C.

Saturday, September 13, 2003

Welcome, Introduction, & Induction of New WAND Chair and WAND Education Fund Board Members

Susan Shaer, WAND executive director
House Majority Whip Kathryn Bowers (TN), outgoing WAND chair
Hon. Pan Godchaux (MI), incoming WAND chair

2003 WiLL Pacesetter Awards

Presenter:

House Majority Whip Nan Grogan Orrock (GA), WiLL president

Recognition of WiLL State Directors

Presenters:

House Majority Whip Nan Grogan Orrock (GA), WiLL president
Erica Swanson, WiLL Washington associate

WiLL Trailblazer (Alumnae) Introduction

Presenters:

Hon. Barbara Hildt (MA)
Hon. Jo Carson, Esq. (AR)

WiLL/WAND BellSouth Torchbearer Award

Introduction:

Liz Hinton, WAND board member, STAND founding member

Presenter:

Barbara Lee, Barbara Lee Family Foundation, 1999 Torchbearer Award Recipient

Remarks by Honoree:

Helen Thomas, Hearst Newspapers Columnist and White House Correspondent

Closing Comments

Hon. Pan Godchaux (MI), incoming WAND chair

Photos with Helen Thomas follow the program.
Buses return to the Washington Court Hotel at 9:15pm.

Torchbearer Award Sponsored by BellSouth

Reception Donors: Center For Women Policy Studies, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Jackie McGregor-Lewis, Sara McGregor/Capitol Catering, Peace Action Ed. Fund,

WiLL/WAND BellSouth Torchbearer Award

The WiLL/WAND BellSouth Torchbearer Award is given to women who are inspirational leaders in the fields of peace, justice, and the advancement of women. Barbara Lee was presented with the inaugural Torchbearer Award in 1999; Millie Jeffrey received the award in 2000; Janet Reno was the 2001 honoree. WiLL/WAND and BellSouth are proud to present the 2003 Torchbearer Award to Helen Thomas.

Helen Thomas, a Hearst Newspapers columnist, served for 57 years as a correspondent for United Press International and as White House bureau chief, covered every president since John F. Kennedy. She was the first woman officer of the National Press Club after it opened its doors to women members, the first woman member and president of the White House Correspondents Association, and the first woman member of the Gridiron Club. In 1998 she received the International Women's Media Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award and was honored by President and Mrs. Clinton as the first recipient of the Helen Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award. WAND/WiLL honors Thomas with the 2003 BellSouth Torchbearer Award for her lifelong willingness to ask the "tough" questions and her recent commentary speaking truth to power.

2003 WiLL Pacesetter Awards

The 2003 WiLL Pacesetters are recognized for their outstanding legislative service and for their contributions to sound and progressive public policy. The achievements of these leaders reflect a commitment to excellence and a resolve that the voices of women of all races and stations in life are fully and fairly represented at the policy table. We take inspiration from this second class of WiLL Pacesetters. We salute and appreciate their talents and their work. Their achievements are a testament to the countless efforts of women, named and unnamed, who embrace and work for the vision of a just, peaceful, and inclusive world.

2003 WiLL Pacesetters:

Sen. Ellen Anderson (MN)
Del. Viola Baskerville (VA)
Sen. Kate Brown (OR)
Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter (SC)
Rep. Joyce Elliott (AR)
Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez-Kenney (WA)
Sen. Toni Harp (CT)
Rep. Babette Josephs (PA)
Rep. Arthenia Joyner (FL)
Sen. Betty Karnette (CA)
Sen. Ellie Kinnaird (NC)
Rep. Judy Manning (GA)
Rep. Liane "Buffie" McFadyen (CO)
Sen. Angela Monson (OK)
Rep. Anne Paulsen (MA)
Del. Salima Siler-Marriott (MD)
Rep. Marjorie Smith (NH)
Rep. Mimi Stewart (NM)
Rep. Kathy Tingelstad (MN)
Rep. Maggie Tinsman (IA)
Rep. Velma Veloria (WA)

We thank and credit our friends at the Stennis Center for Public Service, who initiated a Pacesetter program to recognize outstanding women leaders in the South.

2003 PACESETTER BIOGRAPHIES

Ellen Anderson has served as a Minnesota State Senator since 1992. Anderson chairs the Senate Commerce and Utilities Committee and is also a member of the following Senate committees: Environment, Agriculture, and Economic Development Budget Division, E-12 Budget Division, and Jobs, Housing and Community Development. She has been a leader in the areas of sustainable energy policy, affordable housing, family friendly workplace policies and workers' rights, violence prevention, progressive tax structures, and inner city revitalization. She was instrumental in drafting nuclear facility radioactive waste management legislation in her state. Anderson graduated from Carleton College and the University of Minnesota Law School.

Viola Baskerville has been a member of the Virginia House of Delegates since 1998, following her service on Richmond City Council. A champion of women's issues, Baskerville has been a strong and consistent voice addressing reproductive health issues and health disparities. A longtime civic activist, she has served in leadership roles for the YWCA, the Coalition of 100 Black Women, and the Ginter Park Residence Association. A Fulbright Scholar, Baskerville is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and earned her law degree from the University of Iowa.

Kate Brown was elected to the Oregon State Senate in 1996 and has served as the Senate Democratic Leader since 1998. As co-chair of the Rules Committee and the Legislative Counsel Committee, she has a pivotal role in shaping policy in Oregon. She serves on numerous commissions and councils on healthcare, human resources, legislative administration, Indian services, Asian affairs and domestic violence. Brown practiced family and juvenile law, and has taught at the Mark Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University. She completed the Professional Leadership Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and received her law degree from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College.

Gilda Cobb-Hunter has been a South Carolina State Representative since 1992. She is a woman of many firsts. She was the first African-American woman in Orangeburg County elected to a statewide office. She became the first freshman ever appointed to the House Ways and Means Committee, where she still serves. Cobb-Hunter also became the first person of color to lead a legislative caucus when she was elected House Minority Leader, a position she held for 4 years. She is an advocate of welfare reform and leads her state on issues of responsible fathers and domestic violence. As the executive director of CASA/Family Systems, a family violence agency, Cobb-Hunter also works as a licensed social worker.

Joyce Elliott, a second-term Arkansas State Representative, is a member of the Committee on Education and chairperson for the Subcommittee on Higher

Education. She also serves on the Committee on State Agencies and the Budget Committee. Elliott leads her state in advocating for legislation improving conditions for public employees. For the past thirty years, Elliott has taught high school juniors and seniors. This past August she took leave from her classroom duties to accept a position with the College Board as Director of Advanced Placement Field Initiatives, which will focus on expanding access to students currently underrepresented in advanced placement classes.

Phyllis Gutierrez-Kenney, a leader in the Hispanic community of Seattle, was appointed to the Washington State Legislature in 1997. She is the Chair of the Higher Education Committee and serves on the Appropriations, Commerce and Labor, and Rules Committees. A child of migrant workers, she is a co-founder of the Washington State Migrant Child Care Centers and founder of the Educational Institute for Rural Families. Gutierrez-Kenney also helped establish the Farmworkers Clinics and the statewide Child Care and Early Childhood Education training programs and is a nationally recognized speaker on educational issues. Gutierrez-Kenney is a trustee on the board of Center for Policy Alternatives.

Toni Harp is serving her sixth term in the Connecticut State Senate. She is the chair of the powerful Appropriations Committee and also chairs the Medicaid Managed Care Council. Harp has championed many important initiatives, including managed care reform, providing insurance for uninsured children, raising the minimum wage, advocating economic development for cities, encouraging an early detection system for child abuse, prohibiting drive-through deliveries, supporting truancy court, and ensuring the safety of children in child care. Harp received a Master of Environmental Design from Yale University and works in community-based health services.

Babette Josephs has been a Pennsylvania State Representative from the city of Philadelphia for almost 20 years. She is the ranking female Democratic legislator and Democratic Chair of the State Government Committee. Josephs is also the co-founder of the Pro-Choice Legislative Caucus. She works on a number of critical issues, including education, crime, neighborhoods, public transportation, civil liberties, health insurance, campaign finance reform, disaster recovery and emergency preparedness. Josephs earned her law degree from the Rutgers-Camden School of Law.

Arthenia Joyner is serving her second term in the Florida House from the city of Tampa. In addressing policy concerns on aging issues and family violence, Joyner was selected by the Japan Society and Center for Policy Alternatives to visit Japanese projects and host Japanese women leaders visiting the US. Her policy work is also informed by her participation in the 1995 Beijing World Conference on Women. This past year she sponsored the ERA bill, to add Florida to the list of states that has passed the Equal Rights Amendment. Joyner was appointed to a number of commissions and advisory councils under the Clinton Administration. She became, in 1968, the first African-American female attorney in Tampa. As a

founding partner at Stewart, Joyner, & Jordan-Holmes, P.A., an African-American owned law firm, her practice areas include probate, guardianship and public finance.

Betty Karnette was first elected to the California State Senate in 1996. Karnette's strong interest in transportation, campaign spending reform, job development and streamlining government is reflected in her Senate committee assignments. She chairs several committees related to transportation and trade, and sits on a number of other committees, including Education, Public Employment and Retirement, Rules, Appropriations and Governmental Organization. Karnette was a teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District for over 30 years, and continues her long-standing community service and activism to this day.

Ellie Kinnaird is in her fourth term as a North Carolina State Senator, after serving as Mayor of Carrboro. Kinnaird is firmly committed to environmental protection, campaign finance reform, and safeguarding the rights of seniors and the disabled, and is a strong supporter of education. She has introduced bills for a moratorium against the death penalty and worked to pass the ban on executing the mentally retarded. She also introduced and worked for bills to reform statutes that impact gays and lesbians. She is a staff attorney for North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services.

Judy Manning has served four terms in the Georgia House. As a member of Appropriations, she is a strong voice for education, community-based services for the disabled, and funding for children's services. She passed a model bill to protect babies from careless abandonment. She is the first woman chair of the Cobb Legislative Delegation and a long-standing leader of the Women's Legislative Caucus. Her civic work includes board service for the American Red Cross, Girls, Inc., Kennestone Wellstar Hospital, Cobb Advisory Board on Family and Child Services, Leadership Cobb, Safe Path, Another Chance, and Cobb Youth Leadership. Manning was a teacher in Cobb County and is the co-owner of Manning Properties.

Liane "Buffie" McFadyen, elected in 2002 to the Colorado State House, is the first Democrat to represent Pueblo County in over eight years. Growing up in Niagara County, New York, the home of Love Canal, McFadyen gained firsthand knowledge of the effects of toxic materials on a community. In the last legislative session, she co-sponsored a bill to regulate radioactive classified waste disposal in Colorado. McFadyen is a small businessowner and holds a Master of Psychology and Counseling from Adams State College, Colorado where she was All-American in Track and Field.

Angela Monson was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1993. She is a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Social Services, Business & Labor, Finance, Human Resources, Retirement and Group Health and

Rules Committees. Monson previously served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and was the executive director of the Oklahoma Health Care Project. She recently completed her term as the president of the influential National Conference of State Legislatures. She holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Mimi Stewart has served as a New Mexico State Representative for five terms. She consistently advocates for workplace rights and women's rights and has passed landmark legislation dealing with reproductive rights, the environment, human rights and education reform. She gained national recognition for her successful model bill to prohibit insurance companies from discriminating against victims of domestic abuse. Her comprehensive reform of her state's unemployment insurance system this year included coverage for victims of domestic violence. Stewart has taught in the public schools for more than 24 years and is a member of the American Federation of Teachers.

Anne Paulsen has served as a Massachusetts State Representative since 1993 from the city of Arlington, and currently sits on the Criminal Justice and Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committees. Paulsen previously served on the Belmont School Committee and the Belmont Board of Selectman. Her priorities in the state legislature include education, transportation, the environment, elderly issues, women in poverty and housing. She also serves as co-chair of the Rails to Trails, Bicycles & Pedestrian Caucus and the Progressive Legislators Group.

Salima Siler-Marriott, a native Baltimorean, has been a member of the Maryland House of Delegates since 1991. She has been instrumental in working towards death penalty moratorium legislation in her state. She currently serves as the House Chairperson for the Joint Committee on Children, Youth and Families and the chairperson for the Ways and Means Children and Youth Subcommittee. Dr. Siler-Marriott is also the Chairperson for the Baltimore City Delegation. She holds a doctorate of Social Work from Howard University.

Marjorie Smith has served four terms in the New Hampshire General Court. She sits on the Rules and Finance Committees. Smith is active on issues of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and a frequent contributor of op eds and letters to the editor. She is a former executive director for Women's Action for New Directions and was the first to launch the WiLL/WAND national conference.

Kathy Tinglestad was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1996. She is Vice Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee and sits on Capital Investment, Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Rules and Legislative Administration. Her current priorities in the legislature include lowering taxes, equity funding for education, the health of children, and the environment. Tinglestad is the co-author of the "Fix Failing

Systems that are Contaminating Minnesota Waters” legislation. She has become a national spokesperson on issues related to healthy indoor air quality in schools and children’s environmental health. She holds an MBA certificate from the University of St. Thomas and is a business consultant with Consulting Excellence.

Maggie Tinsman has been an Iowa State Senator since 1989. Tinsman has been a consistent proponent for human rights and women’s issues. In a state with the highest elderly population, she has advocated for sound geriatric and long term care policies. She serves as the Senate Chair of Health and Human Resources Appropriations Subcommittee and sits on Human Resources, Judiciary and State Government. She has contributed her expertise on health and human services issues in her longstanding leadership in the National Conference of State Legislatures. Tinsman is a lifelong resident of the Quad Cities, holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Iowa, and has served with numerous civic organizations.

Velma Veloria has been a member of the Washington State House of Representatives since 1992. She is the Chair of the Trade and Economic Development Committee, a member of the Capital Budget Committee, and is a strong proponent of economic development initiatives. Veloria was instrumental in the drafting of the Washington State Sex Trafficking Law, which is seen as model legislation. She is a former member of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council of the EPA, a member of the State Advisory Council, a member of the Community Advisory Board of the University of Washington Women’s Center, Chair of the Asian Elected Officials of Washington, and an Honorary Founding Board Member of the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation.

**We salute the members of the inaugural Pacesetter class,
the 2001 WiLL Pacesetters:**

Rep. Carolyn Allen (AZ)
Sen. Diana Bajoie (LA)
Sen. Ginny Burdick (OR)
Sen. Harriette Chandler (MA)
Rep. Martha Fuller Clark (NH)
Rep. Barbara Cooper (TN)
Rep. Lois DeBerry (TN)
Rep. Marcia deBraga (NV)
Rep. Patricia Godchaux (MI)
Rep. Verla Insko (NC)
Sen. Paulette Irons (LA)
Sen. Gwendolynne Moore (WI)
Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo (KY)
Sen. Sandy Pappas (MN)
Hon. Chellie Pingree (ME)
Sen. Betty Sims (MO)
Rep. Mimi Stewart (NM)
Sen. Connie Stokes (GA)
Rep. Stephanie Stuckey (GA)
Rep. Senfronia Thompson (TX)
Rep. Frederica Wilson (FL)