

Aug 1, 2020

General Membership Meeting Summary

Our Mission: Empower, Engage & Educate Voters.

10:30 – 12N

Attendees: Andrea Doll, Carol Sullivan, Nancy Jenny, Kathryn Longfellow, Mary Ellen West, Ed West, Don Wick, Patti Santangelo, Amy Erie, Britt Wisniewski, Mary Jane Golden; Wende Sanderson

The meeting began with each participant telling us a bit about a person who has been (or currently is) an inspiration. Wonderful responses ranged from political and civil rights leaders, family members, educators and religious influencers. Common themes for their inspirational qualities included integrity, bravery, mentorship, focus, courage and spirit. Just the opportunity to hear about all these individuals was inspirational!

Our guest speaker Andrea Doll discussed Drexel University's **Vision 2020** program which is a national coalition of organizations and individuals working together to achieve economic, political and social equality for women. Outstanding professional women from all 50 states were nominated to develop and execute state and local projects that reflect Vision 2020 goals. Andrea was one of the two women selected to represent the state of Alaska! Andrea had an opportunity to in Regional and National Congresses where she was able to hear outstanding presentations from leaders striving to achieve progress on the 4 pillars of the organization: Shared Leadership with men; Economic parity for women; Women's Civic Engagement; and Youth education.

HOW VISION 2020 IS INVOLVED...


SHARED LEADERSHIP
VISION MEN AND WOMEN ARE EQUALLY REPRESENTED IN SENIOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Should an organization's senior leadership team reflect the demographics of its workforce and customers?

- Nearly 50% of American workers are women, but they hold less than 10% of top leadership positions.
- Women hold more than 50% of professional-level jobs, but less than 15% of the executive positions.

Vision 2020 supports Delegates and Allies dedicated to increase the number of women in senior leadership positions, in the belief that increasing the number of women in senior leadership will lead to better financial performance, more innovation and better decisions.

JOIN US TO MAKE SHARED LEADERSHIP A NATIONAL PRIORITY.



"Shared leadership on a company's board and in senior management enhances that company's bottom line. Business needs more women in top leadership."

William H. Glick *
Dean, Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University, Houston, and Vice Chair, AACSB International

ECONOMIC PARITY
VISION EQUAL PAY AND BENEFITS MAKE WOMEN AND FAMILIES MORE ECONOMICALLY SECURE

Should a woman receive the same pay and benefits as a man who holds the same job? Are lower wages because women choose the "mommy track" in their careers?

- Studies show a pay gap of about 20% one year after college graduation.
- More than a third of women are single heads of household, and in two-earner families, 40% rely on women for half or more of the income.

Vision 2020 strives to advance women's economic security and achieve pay equity by providing access to resources and education through strategic partnerships.

JOIN US TO MAKE ECONOMIC PARITY A NATIONAL PRIORITY.


CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
VISION WOMEN ARE ENGAGING IN CIVIC ISSUES, VOTING AND RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Should America's representative democracy reflect the country's demographic makeup?

- Women are more than 50% of the population, but only 19% of Congress.
- Women hold one quarter of statewide elected positions and one quarter of the seats in state legislatures.

Vision 2020 provides information and resources that engage and educate women voters, and supports organizations that aim to increase women's participation in the political process.

JOIN US TO MAKE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT A NATIONAL PRIORITY.



"Exercise our hard-won right to vote and remember the courage of the suffragists a century ago as we take our seats at the table."

Erin Vilardi * °
Founder and Director of VoteRunLead


YOUTH EDUCATION
VISION BOYS AND GIRLS VALUE GENDER EQUALITY, SHARED LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Should children grow up believing that men and women are equally capable as citizens and leaders?

- Influential women in history are mentioned briefly, if at all, and mostly in terms of how they supported the work of men.

Vision 2020 seeks to change that by building a searchable online library of standards-based lesson plans, materials and resources for use in middle and high school classrooms as well as after-school and community programs. The goal is to supply an accurate history that tells the true story of real women as change agents and role models.


JOIN US TO MAKE YOUTH EDUCATION A NATIONAL PRIORITY.



"Teaching young people to respect themselves and each other, along with encouraging girls to embrace leadership, will make America stronger and more inclusive."

Connie L. Lindsey *
Executive Vice President, Northern Trust; Former National President, Girl Scouts of the USA

SHARED LEADERSHIP
VISION ONE WAY TO CLOSE THE 14% GENDER GAP IN RETIREMENT INCOME IS TO CLOSE THE GENDER PAY GAP. IT COSTS OUR NATION IN MANY WAYS."



Roberta D. Liebenberg, Esq. *
Partner, Fine, Kaplan and Black, Philadelphia, and Former Chair, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession

Andrea suggested that we all check into the Toast to Tenacity event coming up on August 26—Women's Equality Day. It is a tribute to the 'stick-to-it-iveness' of all those whose efforts secured the rights of women to vote. Here's the link:

<https://women100.org/events/toast-to-tenacity/>

Andrea also shared about her campaign for the Alaska State Legislature where she served for one term, representing the Juneau area. She shared the motivations that led to her decision to run, and her observations about the differences in campaigning today, where there is more professional involvement and not as much reliance on what she called the “hands-on” approach. This led to an interesting discussion from fellow members about the influence of money in campaigns, and the desire to limit the power that Big Money has in our politics.

We spent a few minutes in small groups discussing why we are members of the League/what motivates us to be members and to participate. Comments included: the in-depth research about topics that is available to us as League members; the desire to increase voter registration; to educate ourselves on issues and the workings of our government; the joy in participating in discussions with people who are interested in helping young people become more educated on civics; and the ability to help people be informed and educated voters.

One of the most mentioned hopes for our League is to increase the diversity of membership.

Small group sharing: Why are you participating in League? What are you hoping to achieve by being a member (or attending a meeting)? What do you hope the League will stand for—will accomplish in our local community? How will that translate into activities we should be undertaking?

Afterward, Wende shared an update from Kathy Reim about promoting Vote411.org, the League’s online Voter Pamphlet.

The Next Voter Services meeting will be on Wed, Aug 19th at 1:00 PM via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85849117771>

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