

CHARTER 100 DC

President's Letter

Happy Fall, Charter 100 DC Members,

As autumn has draped our landscape so beautifully, I hope you're enjoying the eye candy. I just returned from Tuscany where the landscape was also luxurious and breathtaking.

October's speaker, Dr. Sandra Elvin, gave a riveting presentation with extraordinary photographs, video footage and personal stories about an all-female expedition she headed up the Ganges River from Bangladesh to northern India to collect data about plastic waste and the environment.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and members' travel schedules, our November events will take place earlier in the month.

- First is a special event trip on November 7th to the National Harbor, Maryland, to view the Titanic Exhibit which has received glowing reviews in the press. If you're interested, register early. Tickets are limited.
- Second will be a special program presentation November 10th by Dr. Kim Nazarian, one of the internationally acclaimed New York Voices, who will talk about her amazing journey in jazz. Her husband is Jay Ashby, who toured with Brazilian singer Astrid Gilberto (known for *The Girl from Ipanema*) for eight years.

As always, your guests are welcome to join us. I look forward to seeing you this month.

My best,

Paula
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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We are hosting two events earlier than usual this month. Check your emails for links to buy tickets for the Titanic Exhibition and a very special lunch with a legendary jazz singer - or use the links below.



NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENT

Titanic: The Exhibition

November 7, 2023

Titanic: The Exhibition is at the National Harbor. We have a limited number tickets for November 7 at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$32 each.

Tickets are at <https://www.charter100dc.org/event-details/titanic-the-exhibition-1>.

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NOVEMBER SPEAKER PROGRAM

Dr. Kim Nazarian

November 10, 2023 - 12:00-2:00 PM



Dr. Kim Nazarian is an internationally-acclaimed, Grammy-nominated artist and the first woman *and* first vocalist to win the prestigious JEN (Jazz Education Network) Educator of the Year Award.

Come hear her speak on the topic of *The Surprising Life of Jazz*.

Dr. Nazarian has been a vocalist with the New York Voices for more than 35 years. She's the lead vocalist for the Latin-influenced jazz band El Eco, and was featured on Bobby McFerrin's Grammy-nominated VOCAbuLarieS, as well as Gabriel Espinosa's last two CDs.

Her solo CD *Some Mornings* won critical acclaim as well as the Best Jazz CD from *Jazz Historian* and other respected jazz organizations.

The lunch will be at the C.W. Post Pavilion at Hillwood Gardens and Museum in Northwest DC. Buy tickets at <https://www.charter100dc.org/event-details/dr-kim-nazarian-the-surprising-life-of-jazz> before November 2.

After you buy your tickets, be sure to click on the link in the thank-you message to select your lunch options. We are now offering a gourmet vegan meal as well.

MEMBERS ONLY INFORMATION

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**DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENT:
HOLIDAY HIGH TEA**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Guests are welcome!

**Join us to welcome the holidays at the
Beaux Arts Sulgrave Club, Washington, DC**

Additional information will be emailed later this month.

Say Hello to Neena Malhotra

“It’s always been my passion to bring women into self-employment,” says Neena Malhotra, who spent most (but not all) of her career doing just that in her native New Delhi.

As a university student in India, she “studied, studied, studied” to earn a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s in investment psychology. She married shortly after finishing her education and moved to Cincinnati with her new husband.

Incredibly, Neena landed a job the same day she arrived in the US, as the first woman executive with Goodwill Industries.

“It was a fantastic job,” she says.” She remained with Goodwill until she and her husband returned to India two years later.

It was in India where Neena began her entrepreneurial journey and became a leader in mainstreaming women into India’s manufacturing sector. She first launched a tractor manufacturing facility, and later transitioned into the growing electronics industry, opening factories that mass-produced small computer parts. Her last major venture before retiring was manufacturing microprocessors that patients could use to update their pocket-sized medical records.

Throughout her career, Neena made it a point to hire only women and mentor them to become self-employed and open their own businesses. She helped countless women obtain small business loans at a time when banks and investors needed to be persuaded to work with women. It helped that the government under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was making inroads in promoting women’s equality and participation in the workforce.

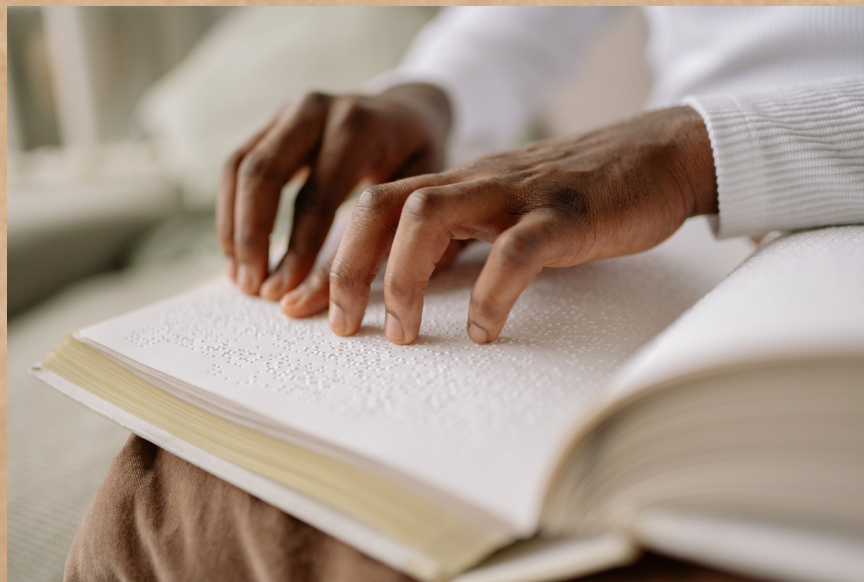


Neena Malhotra, Continued

Later, Neena was invited to sit on India's Planning Commission, an institution that created five-year national economic plans and led by the sitting Prime Minister. She was the first woman to join the Commission. She also became the first woman director of the State Bank of India, the nation's largest bank.

In addition to being a pioneering woman in manufacturing, Neena became active with India's National Association for the Blind (NAB) and raised funds to build residences for 500 blind children and adults. She remains an enthusiastic supporter of NAB.

Neena and her husband returned to the US a few years ago to retire and live near their children and grandchildren. They love traveling and being outdoors - hiking is a favorite activity - and they return to India a couple of times every year. As for living in the US, Neena says "I have met the most wonderful people over here!"



FROM THE SCRAPBOOK

The Jazz Concert



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Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

**Charter 100 DC brings together
women of outstanding accomplishments
in diverse fields.**