

CHARTER 100 DC

March 2023 NEWSLETTER

Happy St. Patrick's, Ladies!

Time again for the great soda bread, corned beef and cabbage, shamrocks and good dark Irish beer and/or whiskey for that Irish coffee! A happy interlude in the winter-spring transition.

Everyone was thrilled with Dr. Darden Purcell's fascinating multi-media presentation February 21 at the Hillwood Museum about the history of women vocalists in the big band era. Attendance was strong as many members brought guests and prospective new members who became better acquainted with our Charter 100 DC membership. Dr. Purcell's surprise performance after the conclusion of her presentation was a special treat for everyone! Fortunately, this event was successfully recorded and available to members who were unable to attend in person.

March, National Women's History month, promises another excellent speaker and timely topic for our members. From the Clara Barton Historic Site, National Park Ranger Mr. Kevin Patti will give an illustrated talk about the incredible life of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton and how she broke through barriers as a young woman in the early 19th century through the Civil War and eventually spread her important work to every corner of the world. Because Clara Barton's house lacks a room with seating for a small group, Mr. Patti's 45-minute presentation will be held virtually on Zoom on March 21, 2023. A separate private tour of Clara Barton's historic house and lunch nearby at the Irish Inn will be scheduled later this spring.

May the luck of the Irish be with you ~

Paula Hantman Tolle

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MARCH SPEAKER PROGRAM

Mr. Kevin Patti, Clara Barton Historical Site Park Ranger

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Virtual Zoom Meeting 12:00-1:00 PM

Kevin Patti, a twenty year veteran of the National Park Service, has served as a Park Ranger at the Clara Barton National Historic Site since 2005. At the request of the State Department in 2012 he traveled to Armenia to speak about Clara Barton and the relief effort she lead in 1896 to help Armenians who were effected by massacre. Mr. Patti has been featured on CSPAN leading a tour of the Clara Barton National Historic Site. Mr. Patti has also worked at the Maryland Glen Echo Park, Virginia Great Falls Park and Washington DC Theodore Roosevelt Island and Old Post Office Tower.

SAVE THE DATES

April 14, 2023 - New Member Application Deadline

April 18, 2023 - Program Speaker: Ms. Alison Pascale

May 18, 2023 - Charter 100 DC Annual Meeting, attendance mandatory!

USEFUL MEMBER INFORMATION

Charter 100 DC Website: www.charter100dc.org

Website Password for Members Only/Info: 2021charTer100

Questions, Administrative Assistance: charter100dc@gmail.com

Note from the Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is excited to share that we have a large group of very interested prospective members this year. We hope your candidate will follow through with their application using the following information:

Here's Everything You Need to Know to join our club's effort to recruit new Charter 100 DC members in 2023!

Remember that the application submission deadline to the Membership Committee is Friday, April 14, 2023. Your Membership Committee's role is to facilitate your ability to recruit. To that end, we include several important items in this month's newsletter.

- Please let our prospective member(s) know that they can add an event by attending a Zoom get-together in March (date to be determined) with some of the membership committee to learn more about Charter100 DC and to get answers to any questions they have. To participate, have them RSVP to Beverly Dean at beverlybdean@gmail.com who will manage that Zoom meeting.

The following documents were emailed to the entire membership. Unfortunately, they cannot be inserted here but can be requested again by emailing Janet at charter100dc@gmail.com

- [2023 Membership Recruitment Guidelines](#). This is a comprehensive description of the available assistance, rationale, process and schedule for recruiting Charter 100 DC members. It gives our members the information they need to recruit new members during this club year.

- **2023 Member Recruitment Letter.** This is the letter from the membership committee that formally invites prospective members who have completed three activities to apply for membership.

A number of us are fairly far along in the process of recruiting new members and may even be ready to complete the application process. For those of you who fall into this category, fear not! There's no penalty for being early in submitting! The Membership Committee is ready to receive your application materials. Have at it!

Others of you—and even those who haven't started recruiting yet—still have time to ensure that your candidates complete the required three activities by the April 14, 2023 deadline. Please keep recruitment top of mind. Join your fellow members in ensuring that Charter 100 DC continues to thrive by attracting interesting and interested members.

Let us know how we can assist you.

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Rosemary Kimball

A witness to history at the FCC

“When you work for a company for more than 40 years, you get to see many changes,” said Rosemary Kimball who worked that long in the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Office at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC regulates interstate communications via broadcast, wire, satellite and cable across the United States. During those four decades it was Rosemary’s job to communicate the ever-changing FCC rules and regulations to the press and public.

When Rosemary began her career at the FCC, only one phone company existed, “Ma Bell.” With the break-up of AT&T, the FCC had to regulate



several new phone companies to ensure each had an equal playing field. When cell phones arrived on the scene, technology required a new set of regulations. Then came the internet and issues such as who “owns” it and net-neutrality arose. All complex issues and policies to convey to the press and public.(Is the web a public entity and/or could corporations control access?) Finally, television switched over from analog to digital broadcasting. Rosemary was there for it all.

Some of Rosemary’s many responsibilities required talking

to reporters and getting them the understandable and useful information for their stories. She also prepared commissioners and bureau chiefs for interviews by setting up and staffing the interviews, preparing briefing memos and handling follow-ups. After each Superbowl Rosemary would help manage the deluge of expected complaints. Routinely the public could be counted on to take issue with a variety of issues -- think Janet Jackson's halftime "wardrobe malfunction" or a commentator who let a curse fly near a hot mic.

There were also lighthearted moments such as the time she highlighted in a story she wrote for a newsletter about a goat the California FCC Lawrence Livermore field office that employed a goat to "cut" their grass. When the field office announced the goat would have to "go" because it could not afford to feed it over the winter, employees started a grass roots movement to raise money for the goat's winter feed. Unfortunately, a hungry coyote resolved the problem of the poor goat.

Rosemary retired almost 12 years ago and now has the luxury of time to devote to one of her other passions, traveling. So far, she has been to every continent except Antarctica. Her other love is spending time with her two grandchildren.

As for Charter 100 DC, Rosemary enjoys the social time she spends with the group's interesting women and is looking forward to resuming more in-person events. Last year she served on the Special Events Committee with Lucilla Harrington.



2022-2023 CHARTER 100 DC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**The best things in life are
the people we love,
the places we have been and
the memories we have made along the way.**



Irish Proverb

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