



“Exploring, improving and changing, the roles of women and men in planning.”

## PW Sessions for 2004 APA Conference

### INTEGRATING WOMEN IN THE PLANNING PROCESS; IDEAS, PRACTICES AND TECHNIQUES

Recent studies suggest that women have an important role in the information gathering and analysis phase of planning. Learn how community women can be useful in the planning process. Learn how the practicing planner can involve these knowledgeable women into the process and why this results in a “best practice” model. Listen to the experiences of planners from around the world who have successfully involved women in the planning process.

This panel in Women and Planning will have three goals to accomplish. The first one is to educate ourselves, the planners, to recognize women as the major source of qualitative information and as a major information gatherer in neighborhood planning issues. The second goal is to understand what planners should do to help women improve themselves as the true custodians of their communities and be an asset to planners. As the third goal, this panel will investigate the role of women in planning globally so that we, the American planners, will learn the diverse experiences and techniques used globally. The speakers will be Bennur.Koksuz Philadelphia Planning Commission and Neema Kudva, Cornell University.

### WOMEN AND PUBLIC POLICY PLANNING

This session is held in conjunction with the Institute for Women’s Policy Research (IWPR). The institute is a public policy research organization dedicated to informing and stimulating the debate on public policy issues of critical importance to women and their families. IWPR focuses on issues of poverty and welfare, employment and earnings, work and family issues, the economic and social aspects of health and safety, and women's civic and political participation.

Heidi Hartmann, Ph.D. President and CEO, Dr. Barbara Gault, and Dr. Vicky Lovell of IWPR will be the speakers.

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**SPECIAL ISSUE:** This is a special issue for *PW* as we’re highlighting some of the great division events at the 2004 APA Conference! Also, we’ve got some helpful information for getting in and around DC. Check it out!

# MEMBER SHIP announcements

## DC Dinner Meeting!

You are cordially invited to eat, drink and be merry with other Planning and Women Division members on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will most likely gather at a hotel and then walk to Meskerem, DC's best Ethiopian restaurant. Please join us! It should be a great opportunity to meet members and have interesting talk.

## E-mail Update

Please remember to keep all APA membership information current, especially email addresses.

Thanks!

## **PW Gets Mobile--Annapolis, Maryland: Women Leading Women**

PW is sponsoring a mobile workshop, "Women Leading Women" which is set in a city in which women play a vital and determinative role in the governing of Annapolis. Mayor Ellen Moyer enjoys the distinction of being the first woman mayor of Annapolis. In addition, four of the eight alderpersons are women, which translates to a City Council that is predominately female. It is also very much an environment in which women are working together to create a livable city. The City of Annapolis Planning and Zoning Department has a staff of sixteen persons. Of these, ten are women. Women head three of the four divisions within the department: Comprehensive Planning, Community Development, and Historic Preservation. A professional woman planner chairs the City's Planning Commission. There are also four City departments, Public Works, Transportation, Recreation and Parks and Humans Resources, which are headed by women.

The full-day workshop, as we envision it, will center on a lunchtime panel discussion in which the participants will be selected from the above. The focus will be on the concepts of "the women's perspective" and "women working together". The role and influence of these concepts on the day-to-day decision making process that is a part of running a small city will be explored.

In the morning and afternoon, tours of the City will be offered. Options include:

- Walking tour of the Historic District;
- A boat ride highlighting the City's unique Maritime Zoning Districts;
- A walking tour of the Inner West Street Mixed Use corridor where the City has made a major public investment in creating a vibrant revitalized environment;
- A walking or bicycling tour of the City's Parks and Paths;
- A walking tour of City revitalization areas such as the Clay Street, President's Hill or Eastport neighborhoods where the City has enacted special residential design guidelines.

A bus will bring participants to Annapolis from the conference hotel. Once in Annapolis, the tours will be primarily on foot with an option for bicycle or boat.

# I Always Wanted To Be A Travel Guide

## *Unique things to do and see in DC*

Everyone's familiar with DC's most monumental attractions, but there's certainly more to The District than white houses and pentagons (although the Pentagon isn't technically in DC...). So, here's my very own list of the fun and funky of DC – interesting sites for those of us who admire the beauty and history of DC, but are also interested in other aspects of the city. DC may look stiff and stately to the visitor's eye, but deep down, DC just wants to have fun....

### **But first**

Getting around.

The APA conference is very close to metro rail. Dupont Circle is on the red line. For info. on getting around using public transportation, go to <http://www.wmata.com/>. There, you can plan out every trip. But like some other cities, DC's buses in particular run a wee bit on the slow side. Taxis are always around.

### **Sites to See**

#### *Ghostly Gatherings*

The Exorcist Steps at M Street and Key Bridge

Perhaps one of many Washington parapsychology and pop culture hotspots, the long flight of stairs was made famous by the movie classic. The stairs are between a gas station and the Georgetown University campus.

For those so sonically inclined . . .

#### *DC Punk Scene*

Everyone hears about DC's jazz influences, mostly coming from the historic U St. district (which is a great place to visit), but many people probably do not know that during the 1980's and mid 1990's DC was once a hip and happening spot for hard rockin' punk music! Take a read of Mark Andersen's Two Decades of Punk Rock in the Nation's Capital and then head on over to The Black Cat (<http://www.blackcatdc.com/>) that is also in the U St. district, about two blocks from the green metro line. There you can catch great local. underground/indie artists.

Beyond DC . . .

#### *Downtown Silver Spring*

Check out downtown Silver Spring, Maryland home to a 400 million historic redevelopment and the headquarters of Discovery Communications. Hop on the red metrorail line in Dupont toward Silver Spring. Stop in at the American Film Institute where you can see interesting documentaries, independent films and much more in a renovated art deco theatre. Have lunch in one of over 80 local restaurants and cafés and then head to Izora, a new West African and Caribbean restaurant and nightclub where soccer is always on. Silver Spring is a work in progress, but quickly becoming a hotspot in the area – not just for its arts and entertainment status, but also for its sustained diversity.

There's so much more to say, but oh so little space.... But if you have any questions or would like some travel advice, Angela and I are here to help. On to DC and here's hoping you have a great time!

-- Karen Khan

## Times for Reflection

It is a new year filled with a lot of excitement and hope for change. As the conference approaches, this is a good time to reflect upon what expectations each of you have for the Planning and Women's Division. Please consider this the year you will get involved. There are many critical issues under debate politically that directly affect women and families. Transportation accessibility remains a critical issue for women. Make sure that your senators and congresspersons hear your voice.

As always, your thoughts and opinions are important to us. Please take a moment to provide us with feedback. Last month there were articles on networking and mentoring. Unfortunately, we did not receive any expression of interest from our members pertaining to the establishment of a mentoring program for the Division. Please try to attend the sessions sponsored by our Division and encourage your colleagues to attend also. The dinner is always a lot of fun. It will also represent an opportunity to meet other members and provide Karen and I with new ideas for newsletter topics. I look forward to seeing you all in April!

*Angela*

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## Mentoring helps young membership

Besides being involved in the women's issues in urban planning, I have been actively involved with the National Organization for Women (NOW) specifically as a vehicle for Young Feminists to organize. My local chapter is beginning to form a Young Feminists group and we plan to have issue workshops on affordable housing and transportation as both economic issues and women's issues. We also plan to bridge the gap between established NOW members and young feminists by creating a mentoring program where young feminists can interact with the broader membership about workplace issues, financial issues, etc.

I feel that what the group is trying to do with NOW in terms of building a network for young feminists is very much comparable to what the Planning and Women Division would like to do with its mentoring program. There's a lot of great knowledge and insight that long-time Planning and Women Division members have. It would be such a shame if the division's newest members did not have the chance to learn from them.

If you live in the Montgomery County, Maryland area and would like to learn more about this endeavor, please email me. We are constantly looking for more connections and persons interested in membership.

*Karen*

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# RANTS!

## You know you've got one

In our continuing effort to provide you, the reader with new and interesting aspects to your newsletter, we present Rants.

No one ever intends to just go off on rants, but hey, sometimes the world just gets to you and when no else is there to listen – *PW* rushes to the rescue!

Share your views to educate and enlighten or to just get stuff off your chest. Send us what's on your planning mind. Rant to us anonymous or not.

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Women's Networking Series . . . . . Continued from Fall 2003 Newsletter

## Women's Information Network (WIN)

Since we're heading to DC very soon for the annual APA conference, I thought it would be interesting to highlight a Washington DC networking group for women as an example of what's going on with some women in the area in terms of their lives and careers. I choose the Women's Information Network (WIN). Founded in 1989, WIN is an organization specifically for young, pro-choice, democratic women in the Washington DC metropolitan area. The organization provides a political and social network for professional advancement, mentoring and leadership opportunities. The network is completely run by volunteers. I particularly chose this network because it targeted young women specifically, which I thought was interesting in comparison to some of the other networking organizations. Additionally, WIN is a very active group of women who participate in a variety of activities from issue events to networking events and even their very own huge Women of Achievement event each year. There's a whole lot more to WIN so take a look at their website.

To learn more, go to <http://www.winonline.org/>

## Important Dates to Remember

1. The APA National conference will be in Washington, DC April 24-28, 2004.

### PW Conference Events:

Mobile Workshop, "Annapolis, Maryland: Women Leading Women" Tentatively, April 28, 9 a.m.

Session, "Integrating Women In The Planning Process; Ideas, Practices And Techniques" Tentatively April 26, 2:30 p.m.

Exploratory Workshop, "Women and Public Policy Planning" Tentatively April 27, 8:45 a.m.

3. The Planning and Women Division will be holding its annual meeting at Meskerem's Ethiopian Restaurant near Dupont Circle, DC on April 27, 2004 6-9pm. Check out Meskerem on [DigitalCity.com](http://DigitalCity.com). It's considered to be DC's best Ethiopian restaurant, located in the Adams Morgan neighborhood.

4. The National Organization for Women and sister organizations the Feminist Majority, NARAL/Pro-Choice America and Planned Parenthood are having a massive march on the National Mall in DC. Planning and Women Division members are invited to attend. The event takes place April 25, 2004. Check out [www.now.org](http://www.now.org) for more details.