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ARCS/Metro Washington Chapter (MWC) Spring 2017 Newsletter

Message from ARCS/MWC 2015-17 Co-President  
Jane Riddle



Dear MWC Members,

We are on the final countdown to our big Spring Celebration & Eagle Award presentation! This year's event will mark the kick-off to our chapter's 50th Anniversary. In recognition of this significant milestone, we will have two Eagle Awardees who represent our Academic and Industry partners, both of which we could not have succeeded for so many years.

Our Academic Partners will be represented by [Dr. Marcia McNutt](#), President of the National Academy of Sciences, and our Industry Partners will be represented by [Ms. Marilyn Hewson](#), President and CEO of Lockheed Martin. We are so very fortunate to have these two wonderful leaders in their field joining us so I hope to have you join us. A most sincere thanks also goes out to The George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science for hosting our event in their new and impressive [Science & Engineering Hall](#).

Please send in your RSVP by April 5 to take advantage of our discount pricing. If you cannot attend, please consider sponsoring a scholar's ticket to the event or donating to our Scholar Awards Fund.

Thank you once again for all your continued commitment and generosity to ARCS Metro Washington Chapter.

Sincerely, Jane Riddle

<b>Save the date:</b>	
April 25, 2017	Spring Celebration and Eagle Award Presentation
May 18, 2017	Spring Meeting
October 12, 2017	Scholar Awards Reception

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**TOUR GWU SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING HALL AND "FUND-A-SCHOLAR"**

Tuesday, April 25th, promises to be an exciting Spring Celebration! The event will be held at a new venue, the new George Washington University (GWU) Science and Engineering Hall. As this is the very place many of our GWU Scholars occupy much of their time, we are offering small group tours for a \$50 donation! Reservations are required. Check your invitation for all the details. .

In addition to a lovely evening of mingling with friends, two very distinguished awardees, and some of our scholars, your ticket includes fabulous food, drink, and dessert with ample seating or standing room - and, best of all, we will again have "Fund-a-Scholar," raising funds to benefit the MWC Scholarship Fund! As this event is our largest fundraiser, our goal is to beat last year's level of donations. We hope that you will help make this year one of our most successful events ever!

As inspiration, [learn more](#) about the scholars' work and just think what might be possible in the future!

If you have questions, please email Dr. Melissa Rhoads: [melissa.rhoads39@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.rhoads39@gmail.com).

**MWC SUCCESS STORIES!**

We did it. In the summer of 2016 an anonymous donor challenged ARCS/MWC to match dollar for dollar a donation of \$15,000. We rose to the occasion and exceeded this challenge with \$18,217 for a total of \$33,217. Thirty-seven members contributed; four members each with \$2,000 or more. I am certain that I speak for all of us when I say: "Thank You, anonymous donor--thank you from all of us."

We also received an unexpected donation of \$1,000 from Dr. Eben Mulder, Chief Nuclear Officer at X-Energy. He was the speaker at the Schweitzer Engineering conference and designated our chapter as the recipient of his stipend. "Thank you, Dr. Mulder."

The Endowment Selection Committee for the 2017-18 Academic Year consisted of five individuals--Dr. Mark Mykityshyn, Matthew Riddle, Joseph

Alexander, Vince Boles, and Dr. Brent Park, each with unique experience and expertise in their respective fields. They were to select from a pool of highly qualified candidates from our five universities two individuals for a \$15,000 Endowment Fellowship, one in Physics and one in Biophysics. They chose Jennifer Hays in Biophysics from the University of Virginia and Zachary Eldredge in Physics from the University of Maryland.

In addition, Dr. Brent Park of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) offered two four-week internships for students from this outstanding list of candidates. They were awarded to Gabriel Wong from the University of Virginia and Abhay Goyal from Georgetown University. They will be pursuing their research in collaboration with scientists at ORNL. What a wonderful experience for our fellows!

Finally, Clay Mulford, son of our late member Diane Mulford had established The Diane Mulford Fund in her honor. Last fall, upon the passing of his father, Ross, he renamed it to The Ross and Diane Mulford Fund to pay tribute to both his parents.

All in all, it has been a spectacular year for ARCS Foundation Metropolitan Washington Chapter!

2017 UNIVERSITY VISITS

I am delighted to announce the schedule of ARCS MWC University Visits for 2017. The dates for these visits are:

Georgetown	UVA	GW	UMD	JHU
Thursday, March 30	Thursday, April 06	Wednesday, April 12	Wednesday, April 19	Thursday, April 27
COMPLETED!				
We anticipate the visit will be 1:30-3:30pm. Details to follow.	Arrival: ~11:45am Depart: ~3:00pm Details to follow.	The reception will be in the student center, Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, NW, Room 310, beginning at 10am. Details to follow.	We will begin around 10am in the Kim Engineering Building with research presentations by the 2017-18 ARCS Scholars. Then we will progress to lunch at University House with Mrs. Loh at around 12:15pm and should conclude by 2pm.	Luncheon confirmed for April 27th. Details to follow.

These visits are a highlight of our chapter year and provide a way to interact with ARCS scholars, faculty, and officials at the universities we support. ARCS Chapters are responsible for monitoring approved departments to ensure that they reflect ARCS high standards. Monitoring may include referencing publications, visiting the departments in question, or asking the college or university to provide information. All ARCS Members are invited to attend but please note that attendance is limited.

Your timely response is appreciated so that our University Partners may plan for these informative and important meetings. Please confirm your attendance and the preferred date(s) with Alice Laning who will assist with carpools, provide an agenda, driving and parking instructions.

For more information contact Alice Laning by email at [laning@verizon.net](mailto:laning@verizon.net).

2018 ALL MEMBERS CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE  
ALL MEMBERS CONFERENCE

APRIL 25-28, 2018  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
AT THE HISTORIC WILLARD INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL



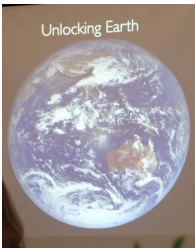
All Chapter Members are invited to attend!

NATIONAL BOARD UPDATE

The 2017-22 Strategic Plan, Implementation Plan, and Board Structure were confirmed at the January 2017 Board meeting (approved versions are posted in the Document Library on the National website). Highlights of the Board meeting included:

- Nancy Spetzler (Phoenix) and Andi Purple (MWC), Co-Chairs of the Long Range Planning Committee, briefed the National Board (NB) on suggested revisions to the plans.
- A status report on the retention of an Association Management Company was given by Nancy Chambers (Atlanta), a member of the Request for Proposal Task Force (other members include Angela Phillips Diaz (MWC) and Jenny Edstrom (Minnesota)). To date, proposals have been evaluated, references checked, and on-site visits scheduled. After on-site visits, the Task Force will request approval from the NB Executive Committee to enter into contract negotiations with the finalist. The transition is expected to begin on June 1, 2017, with the vendor assuming partial operations on July 1, 2017.
- Jackie Henson (MWC), Chair of the Governance Committee, outlined proposed revisions to National's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. At a special meeting via conference call on February 17, 2017, the National Board approved these recommended revisions to the 2017-22 Strategic Plan, the 2017-22 Implementation Plan Guidelines, and Board Structure, effective as of July 1, 2017.
- Chapter 2016-17 ARCS Lights will be honored at a luncheon on Friday, June 9, 2017, as part of the Denver NB meeting at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center Hotel.

Andi Purple  
National President-Elect





2017 WINTER MEETING

The 2017 Winter meeting was held February 23, 2017, at The Army Navy Club on Farragut Square in Washington, D.C. Our featured speaker was Dr. Ellen Stofan, former Chief Scientist, NASA. A planetary geologist with master's and doctorate degrees from Brown University and a bachelor's from the College of William and Mary, Dr. Stofan served as principal advisor to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Administrator Charles Bolden on the agency's science programs and science-related strategic planning and investments from August 2013 until her departure from the agency in December 2016.

Dr. Stofan's presentation offered a unique window to the audience through photos and her personal insights. After explaining the various components of scientific activity and research at NASA, Dr. Stofan emphasized the diversity of NASA's scientific enterprise with exploration in the solar system including our own planet Earth. She noted that in everything NASA does, they are turning vision into scientific discovery including understanding our changing planet and presenting information to the American people to better inform their decision making. Finally, Dr. Stofan closed with an image of Kathryn Johnson, whose story has gained great acclaim with the recent release of the movie "Hidden Figures."

A special note of thanks is extended to the Activities Council, led by Alice Laning, for arranging this memorable evening for our members and guests.







**NOMINATING COMMITTEE RESULTS**

The Nominating Committee completed and sent to the Board in November 2016 the slate of officer nominees for the Board of Directors for 2017-19. The slate of new and continuing officers will be presented to the membership at the Spring Annual Meeting on May 18, 2017.

In addition to the Board slate, Marlene Bekey (Assistant Treasurer); Beth Parker (Heartline); and Toni Schierling (Endowment Treasurer) will continue another year in their roles as non-voting members.

Doris Pierson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gratefully appreciates the support of the members who served on the committee, including: Danielle Robinson, Immediate Past Chair; Marie Carr; Holly Coyne; Terry Holmes; Ashley Rehr; Melissa Rhodes; and Kristen Smith.

**OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017-19**  
Office Term  
Immediate Past Co-Presidents Jane Riddle 2017-18\*  
Angela Diaz

**CANDIDATES TO BE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**  
President: Patty Sparrell 2017-19  
  
Treasurer: Kristen Smith 2017-19  
  
Co-Vice Presidents, Skyler Potter, 2017-19  
Activities Council : Melissa Rhoads

VP Administration Council : Amy Mykityshyn 2017-19

VP Finance Council : Radhika Raju 2017-19

Co Vice Presidents, Carolyn Racich, 2017-19  
Membership Council : Danielle Robinson

**CONTINUING OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Secretary : Susan Trice 2016-18  
VP Communications Council : Ashley Rehr 2016-18  
VP Development Council : Lorraine Nordlinger 2016-18  
VP University Relations Council : Claudia Benack 2016-18

UP TO FIVE NON-VOTING MEMBERS-AT-LARGE SELECTED BY THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

\*President-Elect to be slated a voting member by the 2017 Nominating Committee, who will replace Immediate Co-Past Presidents on the Board of Directors following the 2017 Spring Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Pierson, Chair, Nominating Committee  
Danielle Robinson, Immediate Past Chair  
Marie Carr  
Holly Coyne  
Terry Holmes  
Ashley Rehr  
Melissa Rhoads  
Kristen Smith







2016 HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party, hosted by Mrs. Marie Carr at the beautiful Chevy Chase Country Club, was lovely as ever. Everyone enjoyed a tasty gourmet dinner, dancing to the band, and center-pieces made up of gifts for all of us to take home and enjoy. Please thank Marie and her committee for putting together such a lovely and fun event.





Membership Update

I Following approval by the Board of Directors, a new "Recent Graduate Member" membership category was put to a vote by the general membership of our chapter for inclusion in our by-laws. The change was unanimously supported by all those who responded. This new category was created to align with the desire to engage recent Scholar graduates as members of ARCS, but at a reduced rate mindful of them being early in their careers. The hope is to stay connected with our scholars, grow our membership, and maintain a network for future development. Thank you to everyone who submitted their votes and if you know of any outstanding early-career women, please consider sponsoring them for membership.

This update is included in our by-laws under Article II Membership.

"Section 2.5. Recent Graduate Member. Recent Graduate Members shall be women who are recent graduates (within the last 5 years) and who are interested in the purpose of the Chapter. They shall pay annual dues and monetary obligations at a reduced rate mindful of their early career status. They shall be invited to support special functions and may attend meetings. They shall have no voting privileges. They may serve on Chapter committees; however, they may not serve as officers or directors of the Chapter. Recent Graduate Membership shall be extended for a period of two years after which the Recent Graduate Member will be asked to transition to Active, Associate, or Non-Resident as appropriate."

Also -- Welcome New Members!

It is with great pleasure that MWC welcomes our new members who bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm vital to our organization!

New Member

Rebecca McNeilly  
Michele Whetzel

Sponsor

Lorraine Nordlinger  
Lorraine Nordlinger

MWC EVENT COSTS AND FAIR MARKET VALUE (FMV)

CALENDAR YEAR 2016

The 2016 ARCS/MWC dues and events are listed below with the fair market value and donation portion for each. We hope this is helpful with your individual tax preparations. If you need a letter regarding your donations for the year, please contact Kristen Smith.

Event	Cost	FMV
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Dues & Obligations	\$150 Dues + \$350 Obligation = \$500 total	All deductible
Dues & Obligations - Emeritus Members	\$150 Dues + \$150 Obligation = \$300 total	All deductible
Dues Non-Resident Members	\$150 Dues Only	All deductible
Winter Meeting - Speakers Series	\$128.00 per person	\$128.00
Spring Celebration	\$185.00 per person	\$155.00 FMV plus \$30.00 Donation
Spring General Meeting - with Lunch	\$45.00 per person	\$45.00
Spring General Meeting - Meeting Only	\$10.00 per person	\$10.00
Fall General Meeting	\$50.00 per person	\$50.00
Scholar Awards Reception	\$100.00 per person	\$100.00
Marathon Bridge - ARCS Member Cost	\$70.00 per series	All deductible
Marathon Bridge - Non-Member Cost	\$100.00 per series	All deductible
Holiday Party 2016	\$140.00 per person	\$140.00 per person

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Questions? Please contact Elli Nesbitt, MWC Newsletter Editor ( [enesbitt1@verizon.net](mailto:enesbitt1@verizon.net) )

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