



50th Anniversary

EXECUTIVE WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT
LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

October 5th 2023 • 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

at the
Historic Dacor Bacon House
1801 F St, NW Washington, DC 20006

Featuring
**The Honorable
Barbara Hackman Franklin**

*Founder of Executive Women in
Government*

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Welcome, we are pleased you are joining us for this memorable event.

Since Executive Women in Government's formation in the early 1970's, we have made real progress in creating a space for women to advocate and support each other. We were designed to cultivate professional contacts, build friendships, and offer diverse perspectives to aid the professional growth and careers of women within the federal government. Today, we continue this vision helping build up the next cadre of women to reach beyond, learn anew, and find the ideas and opportunities they need to grow and advance in the new millennium.

The landscape of the federal workforce is changing but our mission is just as critical today as it was when this organization was first formed 50 years ago. We have the opportunity to do more to further the development and advancement of women on their path to senior leadership positions. This premier organization now embodies all of federal government with members and volunteers providing representation across the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. As we look to the future, together, let's unlock the full potential of women in the federal workplace and bring more exposure to Executive Women in Government through professional and friendly experiences we can draw on for years to come.



Rhonda C. Shaffer
2023-2024 President

Agenda

*Master of Ceremonies - Hon. Nancy Harvey Steorts,
Chairman of EWG 50th Anniversary*

Welcome to Dacor/Bacon House - John Bradshaw Executive Director

Welcome to the 50th Anniversary of Executive Women in Government
- Nancy Harvey Steorts

Introduction of

Officers and Board of Directors - Rhonda Shaffer, President of EWG

Past Presidents - Virginia Robinson

Life Time Members - Deborah Leben

Founders - Ana Hinijosa

Honorary Members - Hon. Nancy Harvey Steorts

Luncheon is Served

FIRE SIDE CHAT - Honorable Barbara Hackman Franklin

Interviewed by Nancy Harvey Steorts

Champagne Toast to Executive Women in Government

What's Next for Executive Women in Government - Rhonda Shaffer

Conclusion of Program and Thank You - Nancy Harvey Steorts

Networking in the Garden

50th Anniversary Planning Committee



Chairperson:

The Honorable Nancy Harvey Steorts, Past President

Shoshana Grove, Past President

Ana Hinojosa, Past President

Deborah Leben, Vice President

Virginia Robinson, Past President

Rhonda Shaffer, President

Cynthia Whittenburg, Past President

Naomi Zeavin



Left to Right: Cynthia Whittenburg, Past President; Nancy Harvey Steorts, Past President; Kiran Ahuja, Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Vickie Wilkins, Dean of the School of Public Affairs and Professor of Public Administration and Policy at American University; and Patricia Cogswell, Past Vice-President; at the 2022 EWG Leadership Summit



Barbara Hackman Franklin served as the 29th U.S. Secretary of Commerce for President George H.W. Bush. A notable achievement was her mission to China in 1992 which brought back \$1 billion in signed contracts for American companies. In 2017 *TIME Magazine* named her one of the “50 Women who Made American Political History.”

Currently Franklin is President and CEO of Barbara Franklin Enterprises, an international consulting firm headquartered in Washington, DC.

In 1971 Franklin led the first White House effort to recruit women for high-level government jobs as staff assistant to President Richard Nixon, an effort which resulted in nearly quadrupling the number of women in those positions. Her story is told in the book *A Matter of Simple Justice: The Untold Story of Barbara Hackman Franklin and A Few Good Women* by Lee Stout. Following this, the President appointed her as an original Commissioner of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission where she focused on safety for children. Altogether Franklin has served five U.S. Presidents. In 2006 she received the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service and in 2023 was inducted into the Government Hall of Fame.

Franklin has twice founded her own business and has served for over 30 years as a director of 14 public companies, 3 private companies and many not-for-profit organizations. She was a founder of Executive Women in Government. Franklin is currently vice chair of the board of the National Museum of American History, a board member of the National Symphony Orchestra, the National Committee on US-China Relations, and a trustee of the George and Barbara Bush Foundation. She is chair emerita of both the Economic Club of New York and the National Association of Corporate Directors. She graduated with distinction from the Pennsylvania State University and was one of the first women graduates of Harvard Business School.

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The Executive Women in Government Founders.

Past Presidents

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The Honorable Joyce Hens Green (1977)
The Honorable Catherine Bedell (1976)
The Honorable Ethel Bent Walsh (1975)
Major General Jeanne M. Holm (1974)



President Ronald Reagan speaking at the 10th Anniversary of the Executive Women in Government event at the White House Rose Garden.

Lifetime Members

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Marilyn Ann Quagliotti
Nora Rice
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Carolyn Wong



EWG Officers and Board Members at the Deborah Tannen
(center front) event.

Honorary Members

Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF Ret., President Emeritus,
Military Women's Memorial
Kiran Ahuja, Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management

In Memoriam 2023

The Honorable Jill Kent
Former President of Executive Women in Government

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EWG 1983 luncheon for 1,000 people celebrating the return of
Astronauts from the Challenger, including Sally Ride. Pictured: Gift from
the Crew of STS-7, NASA's Space Shuttle Challenger, to EWG.



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