

Executive Women in Government NEWSLETTER JAN 2024



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This newsletter highlights some of the key events held by EWG over the past few months, including the wine tasting at La Grange Winery, the annual holiday tea, and EWG's 50th anniversary celebration. We had so much fun hosting these programs for EWG membership and being able to see all of you! Shown below are photographs sharing our memories and accomplishments over the past few months.

Also in this edition, we remember Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and a sneak peak of some exciting upcoming events. So, be sure to read through to see what we have planned for our membership and opportunities to get involved!



October 2023
**EWG's 50th
Anniversary**



November 2023
**Wine Tasting at
La Grange**



December 2023
**Holiday Tea
Celebration**

50 Years in Existence

Celebrating EWG's 50th Anniversary



Executive Women in Government was delighted to hold the 50th Anniversary Celebration at the historic DACOR Bacon House, where we welcomed 75 attendees and twelve past presidents at this memorable event. Guests had the opportunity to engage with influential and experienced women that continue to serve as an inspiration and promote women leaders in the federal government through their work everyday. **Thank you to NARFE as EWG's partner sponsor for this event!**



The event showcased the theme "Connecting through the Tapestry of Our Heritage", centered around capturing the past, present, and future of EWG. The event captured historical moments of the creation of EWG and how the organization evolved focusing on how diversity and values shape the work EWG continues to do today. Guests stopped by the historical display of EWG's history and contributions in government.



Honorable Nancy Harvey Steorts and Honorable Barbara Hackman Franklin (left to right)

The highlight of the event featured a fireside chat with guest speaker, the Honorable Barbara Hackman Franklin. As the founder of EWG, Franklin described how the mission of EWG remains unchanged. Our mission has, and always will, center around promoting the development and advancement of women on their path toward senior leadership positions. Ms. Franklin recognized the need for such an organization, and EWG continues to thank her for providing many aspiring female executives with the professional and personal support they need. Even as the landscape of the federal workforce changes, EWG holds strongly to its original goals, building the next generation of women to make an impact in government.



Wine Tasting at La Grange

Celebrating our Heritage

In November, EWG hosted a private wine tasting at La Grange Winery in Hay Market, Virginia. The goal of this event was to build connections with other EWG members at an exquisite 18th Century historic home. Attendees shared what we have in common and how our culture, the tapestry of our lives, threads us together.

It was an intimate event and a favorite by everyone in attendance. We enjoyed Native American prepared food and other treats all while creating moments with friends, sharing our unique and diverse cultures and enriching each other's lives.



Holiday Tea Celebration

In December, EWG hosted our annual Holiday Tea celebration at the prestigious Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. This year, the event celebrated the theme of elegance. A nod to ritual and tradition, event attendees also commemorated a major milestone of our organization, 50 years in existence.

We were honored to have this year's guest speaker **Patrina Clark**, a distinguished female leader with over 25 years of experience in the federal government and private sector. Ms. Clark delivered a wonderful keynote speech, communicating "The Gift of Connecting and Connectedness".

EWG's renewed focus on our shared heritage and practices was a cornerstone of this year's event. Guests were also able to travel through time and culture to explore the tapestry of our heritage through an exhibit called "Steeped in Time: A Journey through Tea and History" along with the annual hat contest.

Upcoming Events!

EWG is excited to announce our upcoming event highlighting membership, creating a community within EWG, and mentorship. The event will showcase **Women Leaders Empowering Women**, and will feature a panel of EWG's own members and past mentees in the mentorship program. Panelists will discuss how participation in EWG has impacted their lives and careers. Refreshments will be provided and opportunities to network with accomplished female leaders will be offered.

The event will be held at the distinguished firm of Gibson Dunn on February 28th from 4:00 pm-6:30pm. The event is free to members and \$25 for all non-members, so don't hesitate to buy tickets now before they sell out. Please invite friends and spread the word about this event! This is a great networking opportunity to introduce our leadership and community to anyone who may be thinking of joining EWG. [Register here](#)

[March 2024 - Women's History and launch of the EWG Mentoring Program](#)

[May 2024 - Annual Summit](#)

How to Get Involved

Are you interested in taking a more active role in EWG? We are looking for volunteers within our organization to help with a variety of tasks.

Positions can include, but are not limited to, joining a committee (e.g., membership, mentoring program, communications, etc.) or volunteering for the annual summit in May. Positions can have varying time commitments, and we will work with you to find a position that is well-suited to your availability and strengths.

Volunteering is a great way to build connections within EWG and help shape our organization.

If interested in volunteering, please email us at execwomeningov@gmail.com. Include your interests, general availability, and contact information or fill out this form through this link. [EWG Interest Form](#)

Honoring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

"It has taken the help of women generally to help other women achieve success."

- Justice Sandra Day O'Connor during a [1993 Interview, Executive Women in Government](#)

We mourn the passing of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. We remember her life and legacy as one of resilience, brilliance, and a steadfast commitment to the values that define us today. Justice O'Connor was an icon and a gracious, powerful role model. The "whole tapestry" of her life changed the landscape of our nation and is a treasured piece of our Executive Women in Government heritage.

Membership Corner

EWG is thrilled to announce our newest initiative, membership spotlights! Here, we will periodically post spotlights introducing our wonderful members and sharing their accomplishments as well as advice for other aspiring female leaders. Keep an eye on our social media accounts to stay up to date with these spotlights as they are posted!

Click [here](#) to see some of our past spotlights.

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