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* For appointed members only. Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held at the WCC office.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 1:00 pm DEVELOPMENT Committee	3 12:30 pm FREE \$PEECH, CORPORATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE <i>(see details below)</i>	4 12:30 pm MEMBERSHIP Committee 2:30 pm FILM CLUB Network	5 1:00 pm THE STATUS OF WOMEN: NC TO NY <i>(see details below)</i>
8 3:00 pm ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE Committee	9	10 10:30 am WOMEN'S ISSUES Committee	11	12
15 9:00 am FINANCE* Committee	16 10:30 am PPC* 5:30 pm Poverty Task Force	17 12:30 pm WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: A WOMAN WHO LEADS THE WAY <i>(see details below)</i>	18	19
22	23	24 11:00 am COMMITTEE CHAIRS 12:30 pm BOARD 3:00 pm HEALTH ISSUES Committee	25 12:30 pm THOSE CRAZY COMPUTERS	26 1:30 pm TOUR: A SPECIAL MUSEUM IN BROOKLYN <i>(see details below)</i>
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CIVIC SPIRIT AWARDS	THOSE CRAZY COMPUTERS	FILM CLUB
SAVE THE DATE CIVIC SPIRIT AWARDS DINNER Monday, April 19 th , 2010	EXPLORING E-MAIL Thursday, March 23 rd , 2010 at 12:30 pm WCC office, FREE <i>Hope to see you!</i>	THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2010 AT 2:30 PM WCC OFFICE, FREE NETWORK - 1976

FREE SPEECH, CORPORATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2010
TIME: 12:30 PM: PROGRAM AND Q&A | 12:00 PM: REGISTRATION & NETWORKING
VENUE: ♿ WCC OFFICE, 307 SEVENTH AVENUE, SUITE 1403
COST: NO CHARGE FOR WCC MEMBERS AND STUDENTS; \$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS

The Supreme Court's controversial ruling that government may not ban spending by corporations to support or oppose a political candidate has established the precedent that corporations have the same First Amendment right to free speech as individuals. This decision will undoubtedly change the landscape of elections, but how exactly? Will corporate money flood the forums for political discourse and drown out the voice of the public? What can supporters of publicly financed campaigns do now? What might Congress do? How will New York City's model campaign finance program be affected?

Amy M. Loprest, Executive Director of the New York City Campaign Finance Board, will discuss the implications of the Supreme Court's ruling. She will also touch on other issues such as how much funding is appropriate in races with only nominal opposition and in special elections.

A WOMAN WHO LEADS THE WAY

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2010
TIME: 12:30 PM: PROGRAM AND Q&A | 12:00 PM: REGISTRATION & NETWORKING
VENUE: ♿ 33 WEST 60TH STREET (BETWEEN BROADWAY & COLUMBUS), 5TH FLOOR
COST: NO CHARGE FOR WCC MEMBERS AND STUDENTS; \$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS

This year, to commemorate Women's History Month, the Women's Issues Committee has invited **Linda Tarr-Whelan**, international expert on women's leadership, to speak about the dismal lack of women in leadership roles and strategies to empower and elevate women as full partners in the public debate. Ms. Tarr-Whelan will discuss her new book, *Women Lead the Way*, in which she combines compelling research and experience to dispel commonly held myths. She will also talk about her work related to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, an international bill of rights for women adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly but yet to be ratified by the U.S.

TOUR: A SPECIAL MUSEUM IN BROOKLYN



DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2010
TIME: 1:30 PM SHARP; Optional dutch treat lunch before the tour at 12 PM.
VENUE: 320 ATLANTIC AVENUE
COST: \$20 WCC MEMBERS; \$35 NON-MEMBERS

How to get there: If you're coming for lunch: Come to the Jolie Restaurant, 320 Atlantic Avenue between Smith and Hoyt Streets. Take the A or C trains to Hoyt Street or F train to

Bergen. When you register for the tour, let the office know that you're coming for lunch. **For tour only**, the NY City Transit Museum is located at the corner of Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street. Take the #2, 3, 4 or 5 train to Borough Hall, the A, C or F to Jay Street/Borough Hall or the R to Court Street.

We've booked a docent led tour of the New York City Transit Museum. We'll learn about the construction of the City's first subway and the people who built it, see examples of fare collection devices used throughout history, and hear about the evolution of fuel technologies and their environmental impact. The museum features a collection of vintage subway cars, elevated trains, trolleys and busses, and a working signal tower.

THE STATUS OF WOMEN: FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO NEW YORK

DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2010, 1:00 PM
VENUE: ♿ WCC OFFICE, 307 SEVENTH AVENUE, SUITE 1403
COST: FREE. SPACE IS LIMITED AND WILL BE GRANTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

15 years ago in Beijing, 189 governments participating in the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women declared their support for gender equality and adopted a platform for action to address the obstacles to empowerment and advancement of women. This March, the UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will convene in NYC to assess the progress and setbacks of the Beijing Platform for Action and to provide recommendations for achieving its full implementation. Four university women, from North Carolina, having conducted research on elements of the Beijing Platform for Action - violence against women, women and health, and women's human rights - are presenting their findings at the WCC.