

THE CIVIC SPIRIT



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WELCOME

Women’s City Club of New York is excited to announce the appointment of our new CEO, Carole J. Wacey.

We are proud to announce the appointment of Carole J. Wacey to lead the Women’s City Club of New York forward. Ms. Wacey has devoted much of her career in the public sector, most recently as Vice President, Education at WNET. There, she led a team that provided national leadership to engage the education community through the development and delivery of high-quality and innovative media and services that were designed to *enhance* learning, *enrich* lives, and *extend* the impact of public media content.

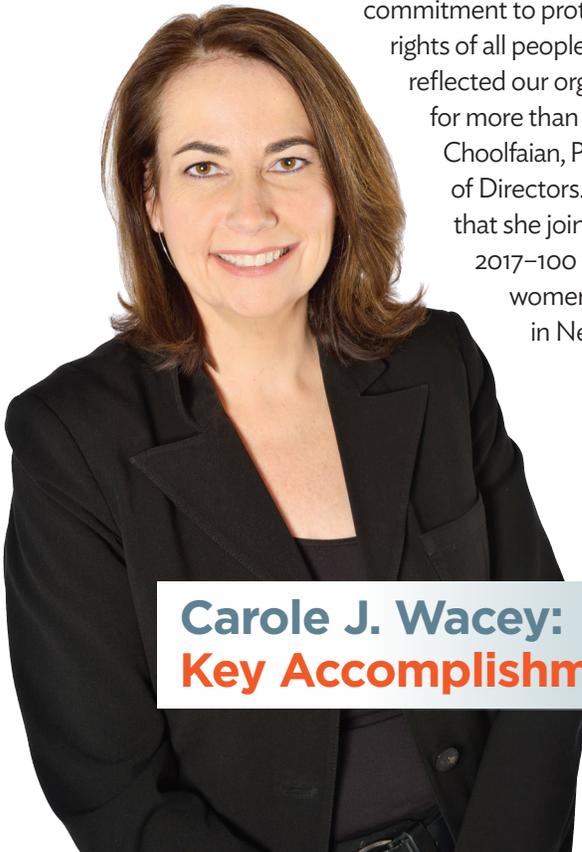
“We were impressed by Carole’s inherent commitment to protecting and advancing the rights of all people — sentiments that have reflected our organization’s core mission for more than a century,” says Annette Choolfaian, President of WCC’s Board of Directors. “It was therefore symbolic that she joined us on November 6, 2017—100 years to the day when women achieved voting rights in New York State.”

“I am privileged to work with an organization that has championed change in New York City to the betterment of all people for more than a century,” Ms. Wacey says.

In addition to welcoming Carole, WCC also wants to deeply thank Mary Murphree for her tireless dedication leading the Public Policy Committee, as she passes the torch to Amy Schwartz. Our policy work is more important than ever before, and we are proud of such committed members as Mary and Amy.

In this publication, you can discover more about our policies, programs, and opportunities to get involved. Amid our nation’s current political climate, our work is more necessary and vital than ever. WCC must continue to strengthen our foundation and focus our efforts to shape policies that improve the lives of *all* New Yorkers.

Through all of our work, programs, and materials we will strive to foster lively and productive discussion and debate. We are happy to welcome Carole and all of our members with us on this journey.



Carole J. Wacey:
Key Accomplishments

2012-2017

WNET | Vice President, Education

Led a 20-person team that supported high-quality educational programming. This included *American Graduate Day*, a yearly live show that examines the vital role mentorship plays in the lives of young people and highlights the need for multiple pathways to career success in the 21st century economy.

WCC SPOTLIGHT: Carole J. Wacey

“It is an honor to join this organization during a period in our history where we must boldly preserve and enhance efforts to further support many of the advancements that have been achieved over this last century.”

What women do you most admire?

While working in the Clinton Administration, I had the great pleasure of working directly with amazing leaders, including Madeleine Kunin, Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE). She fought for a stoplight at a dangerous intersection in order to make the neighborhood safer for children (including her own) in her community. From there, she became involved in local politics and eventually became the first female Governor of Vermont (three terms). She’s been a passionate champion for children and women’s rights and I find the path she took, and her accomplishments inspirational — exemplifying the power of one. Madeleine brought me on her team so I could be the USDOE representative to the President’s Council on Sustainable Development and run the Office of Environmental Education. When Madeleine left the USDOE to become U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland, I joined Dr. Linda Roberts, Inaugural Director of the Office of

Educational Technology, and we worked together to ensure that the benefits of technology would be realized by all children. My position also provided me the opportunity to cross paths with other notable female leaders including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Attorney General Janet Reno. All of these women taught me about working hard, being prepared and gracious, and so much more!

Characteristic in people you most deplore?

Negativity.

Greatest professional achievement?

To date, my political appointment at the USDOE, though I am hopeful my greatest achievement is yet to come at WCC.

Characteristic you value most in friends & colleagues?

Trust.

Favorite destination?

The beach in all seasons.

What do you regret?

Taking Latin for four years instead of Spanish.

Sound that’s music to your ears?

Listening to my sons and husband laughing together.

Current state of mind?

Appreciative, excited, hopeful.

Motto?

Embrace possibility.

Talent you still would like to pursue?

Singing!

Most treasured possession?

An antique watch my husband gave to me our first Christmas. He bought it because it was made the year my mother was born. It was first purchased by a woman from her hometown (Glasgow, Scotland) and later sold by the woman’s son in the town of my father’s birth (Norwich, England).

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2003-2012

MOUSE | Executive Director

Guided and grew this nonprofit that empowers all students to create with technology to solve real problems and make meaningful change in our world.



2001-2002

Markle Foundation | Director, Interactive Media for Children Program

Promoted innovative strategic alliances.



1997-2001

U.S. Department of Education | Deputy Director, Office of Educational Technology

Facilitated public-private education technology initiatives with the White House, Congress and federal agencies.



1992-1997

President’s Council on Sustainable Development and UN Development Programme

Presented paper on the *Status of Indigenous Peoples* in conjunction with UN Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil.

PROMOTING POLICIES *to help all New Yorkers*

Throughout the last century, the Women’s City Club has relied on our members to create change. We are passionately dedicated to improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

As Eleanor Roosevelt , one of WCC’s early members once said, “With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.” Now more than ever, we rely on the expertise, creativity, and spirit of our members.

Our recently adopted **Statement of Policy Objectives** outlines our policy positions in seven key areas of interest. These positions help guide our advocacy and programming efforts.



Criminal Justice



The Environment



Good Government



Health



Housing and Homelessness



Income Inequality



Public Education

Visit wccny.org to explore our seven policy areas.

Discover how your expertise can help shape policies that move our City and State forward.

Members Making a Difference: **SUSAN ALT**

Susan Alt was one of only seven women in her law school class at Columbia University Law School. The child of immigrant parents, she initially couldn’t find a job in law, so she charted a different career path.

Susan earned a Masters degree at The New School and then began working there, soon becoming an



“WCC is a place where women can find their voices to participate in crucial civic and political processes.”

— SUSAN ALT

Assistant Dean and Director of Special Projects. Later, she joined Harcourt Brace Jovanovich as its Director of Seminars in Law and Business.

Enticed by member Phyllis Lusskin, Susan joined WCC in 1983. At first, she attended lunchtime gatherings to hear speakers, motivated by the topics and camaraderie. Soon after, she stepped up to become Program Chair. “This was a place where I could see and hear intelligent, interesting women,” she says.

In 1989, Susan became WCC president and served until 1993. Among her accomplishments: she and Frances

Levenson undertook a significant research project on homeless women in New York City, garnering foundation grants and enlisting 65 organizations to join WCC’s Coalition for Homeless Women.

“I have always been interested in government, how it functioned, and how it implemented policies,” she says. “The more women get experience advocating, testifying, and running for office, the more we can all progress. The kind of civic engagement WCC offers enables women to understand their potential to make change.”

We need your help: **OUR GOAL** is to erase inequalities that deprive New Yorkers of opportunities to thrive.

Empowering.

WCC actively engages with New Yorkers, advocates for gender, racial and social equity, and continues to influence policy in the region. WCC events provide members and non-members with the opportunity to foster an informed dialogue regarding pressing issues in our City and State. WCC Members (below) made their voices heard in January, 2017 at the **Women's March in New York City**.



Engaging.

At our 101st Annual Meeting this spring, we installed new Board Members, recognized Milestone Members and a Member of the Year, and heard from our State's former First Lady, **Matilda Raffa Cuomo**, who shared her passion for mentorship and encouraged our members to serve as role models.



Advocating.

WCC has been on the forefront of issues affecting New Yorkers this year. We held a panel discussion on **public funding for school choice**; advocated successfully as part of the Raise the Age Coalition to **raise the age of criminal responsibility**; testified before City officials on the **gender wage gap**—proposing solutions to attain pay equity; and ensured **access to physical education in all schools** as a founding member of the Phys Ed 4 All Coalition.



Step Up.

WCC welcomes individuals who want a deeper understanding of public policy and hands-on experience as informed activists working to improve our city and state. We are committed to standing up for economic, gender, and racial equity and justice for all. We can only achieve this goal if we remain involved.



Speak Up. ...with a smile!

This is the Giving season. So take this simple step so you support WCC when giving to others. Select Women's City Club of New York as your preferred nonprofit on **Amazon Smile**. It just takes a click. Then, when you shop on Amazon, a portion of every purchase supports WCC and it won't cost you a thing! Visit smile.amazon.com, plug in our name, and select us!

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Rise Up.

Sign up to receive alerts about important events, legislation that affects you, and networking opportunities. Send an email to info@wccny.org to sign up!



WCC GETS ACTION



Seven years ago, WCC founded a Physical Education for New York City Schools Task Force to call attention to New York City’s failure to provide public school students with physical education that New York State mandates they receive, and worked to correct the problem.

We’re proud to report: WCC organized, took action, and got results.

How did we do this?

First, our members stepped up, including Amy Schwartz, Susan Alt,

Gail Edwin, Katherine Lobach, Phyllis Lusskin, Debbie Meyer, Barbara T. Rochman, and Arlen Zamula. Next, we launched a successful advocacy campaign that partnered with others, and became a founding member of the **Phys Ed 4 All Coalition**. Throughout this effort, we produced three significant research policy papers, held public conferences, and participated in media programs to illustrate how PE improves academic achievement, student health, and overall well-being and fitness.

Our advocacy efforts demanding accountability generated audits by the City Comptroller’s Office, were featured in public hearings, and became the focus of meetings with legislators and City officials.

The result:

This year, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced the PE Works Initiative, which gave \$100 million to ensure all elementary schools meet State-mandated PE requirements by 2019; and Universal Physical Education initiative to ensure all City schools have a gym by 2021 and all elementary schools get PE teachers by 2019.

Join the WCC community. Become part of a movement. Be a change agent.

WCC WELCOMES ITS 2017 NEW MEMBERS

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Mary Keane
Margaret Kerry
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Amreeta Mathai
Ane Mathieson
Katherine Maxewll

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Rocio Meza
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Shivani Parikh
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Haley Stark
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2017
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APPEAL

Individually we **make a difference** but...

TOGETHER WE RISE

Fast-moving changes in federal policies and budget and program cuts will impact the lives of all New Yorkers. WCC needs your support more than ever at this critical juncture to continue to mobilize, respond, and make a difference today and into the future.

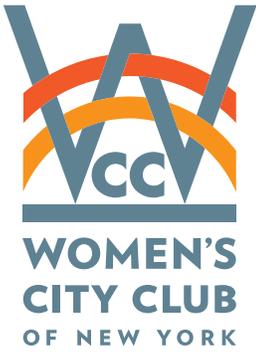
Together, we will educate and empower the next generation of activists, develop and execute effective advocacy campaigns, form strategic partnerships and alliances, and convene task forces to launch public programs.

NOW IS THE TIME TO RAISE YOUR VOICE.

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for all New Yorkers.

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