



# The Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia

*Welcoming Young & Old Alike to Join in Remembering the Past and  
Working for an Even Better Future*

***The District's Oldest Civic Organization –  
Founded December 7, 1865 – Our 154<sup>th</sup> Year!***

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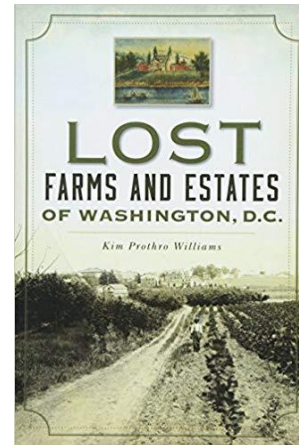
## ***Suffragists in D.C.***

The 1913 Suffrage March for Women's Votes in Washington, was held, by design, the day before President Wilson's March 4 inauguration. The marchers chose white dresses, with sashes of gold and white, which contrasted with the dark suits of the men who were gathering for the inauguration. The plan was for the suffragists to march from the Capitol, past the Treasury, where a "tableau vivante" was planned, and then on to the Daughters of the American Revolution's Continental Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The parade was led by a suffragist mounted on a white horse, and was accompanied by a number of all-woman bands. As they marched, however, men poured out of the saloons and hotels on Pennsylvania Avenue and blocked the marchers. Cavalry was called in to clear the way, and the marchers publicized both the march and their troubles in letters to hometown newspapers across the county.

AOI's March 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon speaker Rebecca Roberts continued her talk noting that for several years, suffragists kept vigil at the White House Gates, "Silent Sentinels," carrying banners that read, "Mr. President, How long must women wait for the vote?" As the movement gained support, divisions arose among the suffragists as to whether they should pursue a state-by-state strategy, or lobby Congress for a constitutional amendment. The two groups split into the National Women's Party (NWP), which favored more direct action, under leadership of Alice Paul, and the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), which evolved into the League of Women Voters after ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. (Continued on page 3)

## **April's Luncheon Event:**

**"Lost Farms & Estates of Washington, D.C."  
Kim Prothro Williams**



***Please join us...***

Friday, **April 19**, at the **Capitol Skyline Hotel** (free Parking) 10 I ("eye") Street, SW. (Metro Rail to Navy Yard Station), Social Time (cash bar) 11:45 a.m., Luncheon served at 12:30 p.m.

**(\$35 per person** - please make your check payable to "AOI" and have it completed prior to arrival or bring exact payment).

Reservations are a must! Otherwise your food preference may be unavailable. RSVP to our voice mail **202-342-1865**, not later than **Tues., April 16, 2019**. **This voice mail box number is the only means to make a reservation.** Late reservations make planning very difficult for us and **failure by you to cancel prior to Noon on Thurs., 4/18, will result in you being charged.** Please be prepared to leave your name, the number in your party, your guest's names for name tags, your meal preferences (***Grilled Salmon with Kang Pao sauce, Grilled Skyline Chicken Breast, Grilled Black Angus Flank Steak, or Braised Ratatouille of Vegetables***) and a telephone number where you may be contacted should we have a question or a last-minute event cancellation.

## Future Meetings...



The AOI's 154<sup>th</sup> Year -- Meeting dates and tentative speakers:

May 17, 2019 – Garrett Peck, “The Great War In America”

June 21, 2019 – Patsy Fletcher, “African American Recreation”

Sept. 21, 2019 – TBA

Oct. 18, 2019 – Jenny Masur, “Heroes of the Underground Railroad around Washington, D.C.”

Nov. 15, 2019 – TBA, annual election of officers and directors

NOTE: All meeting subjects and speakers have been invited to appear, but nevertheless are tentative. If our published RSVP line (202-342-1865) is not answering or appears out-of-order, please call 202-342-1638.

Remember: No luncheon meetings July/August nor December/January

Note: The Board of Directors meets at the Heurich House Museum at 10 a.m. on the Monday immediately prior to a scheduled luncheon meeting.

Be Advised: In case of inclement weather call AOI at 202-342-1865 for last minute information.

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## If You Were Not At Our Last Meeting...

[Draft minutes of our last meeting for approval at the April 19, 2019 luncheon.]

The Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia (AOI) held the second luncheon meeting of its 154<sup>th</sup> year at the Capitol Skyline Hotel at Noon Friday, March 15, 2019 with 51 members and guests present. **President Jan Evans** welcomed the attendees, gave a brief preview of coming topics and asked our newest, about-to-be-voted-in member **Knight Kiplinger** to come to the lectern and say a few words in tribute to the 49 victims of gun-violence and hate in New Zealand that occurred earlier in the day. The crowd was hushed as Knight asked that we pause to remember all of those who suffer because of hate in the world and to keep them in our thoughts. **Vice-President Bill Brown** conducted the remainder of the business meeting. He called for approval of the notes of the February meeting, which were printed in the current newsletter. With no further corrections or additions, upon a motion made by **Jessica Hodge** and seconded by **Connie Kerwin**, the notes were approved and their reading waived.

**New Members:** There was one member application for consideration: **Knight Kiplinger\*** (past member Austin Kiplinger's son, Kiplinger Financial Letters/Magazine Publisher, Kiplinger Collection at HSW, preservationist) \* **present today!** The new member was enthusiastically voted in upon a motion by **Pat Clarke** and **Allen Beach**.

Treasurer **Hulit Taylor** presented the Treasurer's Report:

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### Membership

- 77 % of our members have renewed so far this year.

### Donations

- In the past month, we have received another \$300 for our Unrestricted Fund

### Non-Routine Expenses Since February Luncheon

- \$142 Early, Cassidy & Schilling for a Directors' Fidelity Bond

### Luncheon Report

- 80 Attended our February luncheon
- Once again, our appreciation to those who, at the last minute, unable to attend the luncheon, still paid the \$35. To explain:
  - As you know we are keeping the Luncheon cost at \$35.00. This includes a served full meal, free parking and a program.
  - The AOI continues to subsidize the luncheons by paying an additional \$6.00 per meal served, pay for the bartender and the speaker's meal. This is why we must bill people when they don't cancel in time and/or don't show up.

**Vice-President Brown** welcomed everyone on the Officers' & Directors' behalf and in addition to spouses and family members: **Larry Feinberg's** guest was **John Marlin**, **Connie Kerwin's** guest was **Marcia Rock**, new member **Knight Kiplinger's** wife, **Ann**, was his guest, and past AOI speaker **Stephen Grant (the Folgers)** was **Abigail Weibegon's** guest.

Brief Announcements: **Vice-President Brown** said Past Vice-President John Gill's funeral was very well attended and his family members were very appreciative

of AOI's letter of condolence and In Memoriam certificate which we presented them.

Bill also spoke briefly on the Emancipation Commission -- The District of Columbia will celebrate Emancipation Day April 12-13, 2019 celebrating the 156th anniversary of the DC Compensated Emancipation Act of 1862 which ended slavery in Washington DC. Events include Mayor's private breakfast honoring John Lewis, a street parade, concert and fireworks. AOI Director Jessica Hodge is a member of this year's commission if you would like additional information.

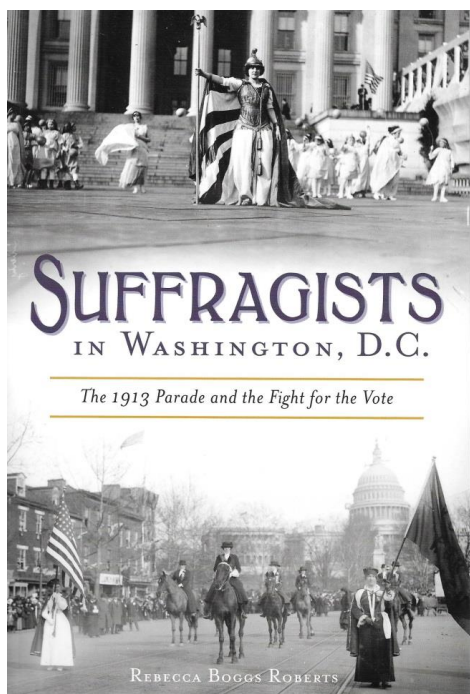
**Nelson Rimensnyder** challenged the audience with a number of trivia questions and provided 'prizes' consisting of historic documents, pamphlets and memorabilia from his collections and archives.

The next AOI luncheon program will be Friday, April 19, 2019 when Kim Williams will speak on "Lost Farms and Estates of Washington, D.C."

*Respectfully submitted by Bill Brown on behalf of John P. Richardson, Secretary*

[AOI's programs may be heard in their entirety at <http://www.aoidc.org/aoi-luncheon-audio.html>]

## Suffragists (Cont'd)...



After the United States entered World War I in 1917, the National Women's Party continued its demonstrations, which drew some negative publicity. The NWP Silent Sentinels' vigil continued at the White House Gate, but beginning in June, 1917, increasing numbers of demonstrators were arrested and confined at the District Government's Occoquan Workhouse. Unsanitary conditions at the Workhouse were compounded by force-feeding of suffragists and, worst of all, the "Night of Terror," on November 14, 1917, when corrections officers beat, choked, and kicked suffragists confined at Occoquan.

Word of the Night of Terror helped reverse public opinion, and on January 9, 1918, President Wilson announced his support for women's suffrage. The suffrage amendment was quickly approved in the House of Representatives and in the Senate later in 1918. The state ratification process was completed on August 18, 1920, when Tennessee became the 36th state to approve what was now the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. Able to vote for the first time in all 48 states, eight million women turned out on November 2, to cast ballots in the 1920 election.

*Recounted by AOI Director Thomas Neale*

**Thank you!** to everyone who has already returned their 2019 membership renewal form. As this newsletter went to press, 245 members had already mailed in their renewals. Please don't let your renewal form sit around and become forgotten. We don't want to lose you when we up-date our membership rolls in June. "Thank You!" to everyone who made additional donations in support of our causes.

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The Historical Society of Washington, DC and its Kiplinger Research Library are now closed while the Carnegie Library undergoes restoration by Apple, due for completion in spring 2019. For information about programs and exhibits, check:

<http://www.dchistory.org>

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The Heurich House Museum is the former home of the Historical Society of Washington and served as AOI's headquarters from 1956 until 2003.