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AMERICAN NEWS WOMEN'S CLUB

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Maureen Dowd Dazzles with Distinction at 2024 Gala

Members, friends, and VIP guests packed the American News Women's Club April 4 to celebrate this years' Excellence in Journalism recipient, **Maureen Dowd.** *The New York Times legend*, a Club favorite, was toasted and honored by her family and hot shot friends, including **Gerladine Byrne Nason,** Ambassador of Ireland, **Jill Abramson,** first woman executive editor at the Times, **Carl Hulse,** Times Chief Wash. Correspondent, **Ashley Parker**, three-time Pulitzer prize winner, **Kevin Dowd,** Maureen Dowd's brother, and Wash. Post legend **Sally Quinn,** EIJ Recipient 2005.



Ashley Parker, Kevin Dowd, Eleanor Clift, Claire Swift, ANWC EIJ recipient 2024 Maureen Dowd, Carl Hulse and **Sally Quinn.**



Maureen Dowd, ANWC Excellence in Journalism recipient 2024, holds the "Who, What, Where" award originally designed by **Lolo Sarnoff.**



Ashley Parker and **Maureen Dowd.**



Anne Ganz, Maureen Dowd, and **Jenny Ganz.**



Andrew Trunsky and **Maureen Dowd.**



Eleanor Clift, EIJ 2010, and **Sally Quinn**, EIJ 2005.



Ambassador of Ireland, **Geraldine Byrne Nason**, and **Maureen Dowd.**



Maureen Dowd and **Maureen Orth.**

Membership Renewals deadline: Aug. 31, 2024

Check anwc.org for updates and/or renew online (new this year)



ANWC Scholarship winners 2024 **Weslan Hansen** (AU), **Aleena Fayaz** (GW), and **Angelique Gingras** (UMD). SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS: **Sheilah Kast** & the **Mattingly Family.**



Sheilah Kast, Eleanor Clift, Claire Swift and **Maureen Dowd.**

Annual Meeting Update, June 12, 2024:

Helen R. White, President ANWC

Members, guests, friends,

Welcome to the ANWC. I start this evening with my sincerest thanks to all of you for being here and for your undying support from year that's been keeping the ANWC going.

I am happy to report that we've been able to continue to support our scholarship winners, our interns, held interesting programs, and we've been able to keep this institution financially stable.

This year we are happy to report we have a more balanced budget than previous years and staying on the path forward. We have worked hard to make ends meet, which includes holding our annual Excellence in Journalism Gala, this year honoring **Maureen Dowd,** while running a challenging, historic Clubhouse.

Without the help the following members (see back page), who will serve on our board for the next year, and our stalwart membership, we wouldn't be able to do it.

Financial documents are available here. Please let us know if you would like to join a committee next year. Don't forget to renew your membership and please enjoy your dinner. Be on the lookout for **Katie Roger**s from the New York Times next to talk about her careful findings on First Ladies...



Maureen Dowd, flanked by a guest and **Sandy Trupp.**



Jill Abramson dons her NY Times Executive Editor hat.



Past President**, Margaret Ryan, Angelique Gingras,** and Past President**, Karen James Cody.**



Maureen Dowd and Past President, **Ginny Daly.**



Joan Mattingly, **Page Crosland**, **Eleanor Clift** & **Sally Quinn.**

Other Trailblazing Programs

Riveting Stories of Women War Correspondents in Vietnam, October 2023



Helen R. White, ANWC President, Past President.



War Correspondent and Author of *You Don't Belong Here*, **Elizabeth Becker** and **Leslie Cockburn**.



Author of *First to the Front: The Untold Story of Dickey Chapelle*, **Lorissa Reinhart**.



Karen Feld, Jan DuPlain and **Pauline Thompson**.



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Trailblazers & Women Mean Business, September 2023



Jane Pennewell, **Gwen Young**, **Elizabeth Birch**, **Edie Fraser**, and **Subha Barry**.



Margery Kraus, Author**, Robyn Freedman Spizman, Edie Fraser,** and Past Presidednt, **Ginny Daly**.



Natalia Wesson, **Laura Beldin, Karen Kelliher**, and **Jennifer Felten**.



Women Mean Business by **Andi Simon**, **Edie Fraser,** and **Robyn Freedman Spizman**.



Isabella Lenarduzzi, Edie Fraser, Claire Swift, Alka Dhillon, and **Elizabeth Blockman**.

New Member Spotlight: ***Bess Poehlmann***

We had the pleasure of welcoming **Bess Poehlmann** (OOA) from Tacoma, Washington for a special visit to the Clubhouse this June.

Poehlmann was interested in learning more about her great grandmother, **Marie McNair**, who served as president of the ANWC from 1941-42.

Ms. McNair, whose photo still graces the wall at the Club's entrance, was a trailblazing journalist. As society editor of the *Wash. Post*, her column, "Town topics" included White House dignitaries and Embassy connections.

Adding to Poehlmann's journalistic legacy, her great, great grandfather, William P. Spurgeon, was the first president of the National Press Club.

Ms. Poehlmann, who received her PhD from Brandeis University in comparative literature and ethnic studies, hopes to support our mission by "highlighting contributions of women in journalism" beginning with her great grandmother. We are thrilled she has joined us.



Bess Poehlmann with great, great grandfather's portrait at National Press Club. (Photo by Gil Klein)



Past President **Marie McNair** portrait at the ANWC.

Annual Meeting 2024 and Program with NYT White House Correspondent Katie Rogers



ANWC Board Members (left to right) **Jane Pennewell**, **Jan Du Plain**, **Hal Matson**, **Sandy Trupp**, **Claire Swift**, and **Sheilah Kast** flank *The New York Times* White House Correspondent and Author, **Katie Rogers**.



Longtime ANWC Members, **Sandy Trupp,** and daughter, **Rebecca Trupp,** support family involvement.



Past Presidents**, Margaret Ryan, Pam Ginsbach,** and **Margot Raphael**.



NYT White House Correspondent and Author, **Katie Rogers**.



The book *American Woman* by **Katie Rogers** proved popular with members.



Katie Rogers addresses a packed crowd at the ANWC.



Board Members, **Jan Du Plain** and **Jane Pennewell,** and new member, **Dr. Gerard Janco**.

Save the Date!

Wed. Sept. 18, 2024

Color Me Jane

Special event with style consultant **Jane Pennewell** on the benefits of adding color to your wardrobe.

Keep the history of **women trailblazers** going! Renew your membership and/or consider giving an additional donation/gift to your Club.

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