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TO: CLUW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD
FROM: Bennie Bridges, Corresponding Secretary
SUBJECT: NEB Meeting – March 7-10, 2012 – National Harbor, MD

The first National Executive Board meeting of 2012 will be held March 7-10, 2012 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center at 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745. Phone is: (301) 965-2000. Fax is: (301) 965-2001. The tentative schedule is included in this mailing.

Our meeting will be an exciting time to address the issues facing CLUW, and includes events that will be valuable for you and the members you represent.

On Thursday, March 8 we will be conducting a Lobby Day that will include a briefing on key legislative issues facing working women and tips on lobbying. We understand that not everyone will be able to afford the time to participate, but we would strongly encourage you to attend. We are reviewing the lobbying issues, but under consideration are: jobs and the economy (American Jobs Act), stop the U.S. Postal Service from closing (U.S. Postal Service Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act), equal pay (the Paycheck Fairness Act), Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, paid sick days (Healthy Families Act) and single payer health care (Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act). Many endorsed bills and descriptions can be found at <https://www.popvox.com/orgs/cluw> as well as some that we oppose.

Please check the Lobby Day box on the pre-registration form if you plan to participate. We will communicate with you prior to Lobby Day so include a working e-mail address. Lobby Day visits should be set up with your representative and senators from 10:30 AM – 3 PM. If you have a change in plans make sure you notify your member of Congress of this change. The CLUW National Office will do all we can to help coordinate, but the **individual appointments will need to be scheduled by you.** If you are unable to attend this Lobby Day your voice is still important. Check our website for issue fact sheets and call and visit your members of Congress in their district offices. The following resource links include helpful information about the lobbying process:

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKayV4wjJIY>
- <http://www.uaw.org/page/lobbying-101>
- <http://www.now.org/issues/economic/social/LobbyingTipsforNOWActivists-2011May.pdf>

Information on the House of Representatives can be found at <http://www.house.gov/> and information on the Senate can be found at <http://www.senate.gov/> Please contact Carol Rosenblatt at 202-508-6951 or csrosenblatt@cluw.org if you have any questions.

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March is Women's History Month and we are very pleased to be hosting the CLUW 2012 Working Women's Award Celebration to be held on Thursday evening, March 8 at the Gaylord National Hotel. Please make every effort to attend and to note your attendance on the enclosed form. More details will be available soon.

We also encourage you to attend CLUW's Voter Education Conference that will be taking place on Saturday, March 10. Watch for details at www.cluw.org.

The CLUW hotel rate is \$199 single/double per person, per night, plus current taxes of 16%. **Room reservations should be made no later than February 2nd directly with the Hotel by calling 301-965-4000, option 2 (Group Code: X-COA12) or by booking online at www.cluw.org.** Reservations must be accompanied by a last night's deposit plus tax or guaranteed by a major credit card as well as complete address information. Deposits are refundable for cancellations up to three days prior to arrival.

Check-in time is 3 PM and check-out time is 11 AM.

The room rate includes:

- Wired and wireless high speed-internet access
- Fitness Center access
- Designated complimentary in-room beverages
- Daily newspaper
- Local and toll free 800 telephone calls (20 minutes per call)

The current self-parking fee is \$19 and \$28 for valet parking. Airport transportation thru Super Shuttle: \$20 each way from Reagan National and \$46 each way from BWI and Dulles. You can arrange airport-hotel transit from the airport Super Shuttle desk and check with the hotel for return trip. You can reach Super Shuttle at <http://www.SuperShuttle.com> or 800-660-8000. Alex Courmol, T 301-965-2081 is the transportation contact at the hotel. Additional transportation information can be found at www.cluw.org that also includes Washington DC shuttle service.

The Gaylord National is 15 minutes south of Washington, DC. Driving directions can found at www.cluw.org.

Information about the area can be found at <http://washington.org/>.

Please complete the enclosed pre-registration form by February 2nd. Contact the National Office if you are seeking a roommate or want to share a room. Registration packets are also available online at www.cluw.org. Please direct questions to the National CLUW Office at 202-508-6969.

More details on the NEB program will be available shortly at www.cluw.org.

We look forward to your attendance at this important board meeting!

Enclosures