



# WOMEN'S CONGRESSIONAL POLICY INSTITUTE

## Mid-Year Report 2017:

Among our events in 2017 to date, we sponsored our biennial [gavel-passing ceremony](#) welcoming the new leadership of the Women's Caucus and newly-elected women Members; our [2017 Congressional Gala](#) celebrating 40 years of progress for women; our annual [Take Our Daughters to Congress Day](#) with Girls Inc., at which girls shadow women Members of Congress; a reception to honor our [Congressional Fellowships](#) on Women and Public Policy Class of 2017; a [congressional briefing](#), which focused on women's health and the opioid crisis; our Fifth Annual [STEAM Fair](#); and [Women Chiefs of Staff program](#) events.

## Women Member Events: Gavel-Passing and New Member Welcome Reception

**January 5, 2017**

WCPI serves as a resource for the women Members of Congress and their staff on women's issues in Congress and the history of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. We sponsor a number of meetings and receptions each year open only to women Members of Congress in an effort to strengthen the Caucus.

Among our 2017 Member events to date, we were proud to host a January reception that included the gavel-passing ceremony for the newly elected leadership of the Women's Caucus for the 115th Congress, and to welcome 11 newly elected women Members of Congress.



Click [here](#) to see photos of the reception!

## Name Change Announcement; our Annual Congressional Gala

March 1, 2017

In March, we were delighted to celebrate 40 years of bipartisan collaboration and progress for women at our annual Congressional Gala. We also announced our name change: Women's Congressional Policy Institute.



Gala speakers included Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Women's Caucus Co-Chairs Reps. Susan Brooks and Lois Frankel, and the co-

founders and past co-chairs of the Women's Caucus. Approximately 375 attended, including 26 women Senators, Members of Congress, and former Members, the Women's Caucus co-founders, former Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman and Amb. Margaret Heckler, as well as federal agency officials, corporate and labor supporters, senior congressional staff, and women's groups.

We are very thankful for the [support](#) of so many companies, labor unions, foundations, advocacy organizations, and individuals.

Photos of the Gala are available [here](#).

## Take Our Daughters to Congress Day



April 27, 2017

We partnered with Girls Inc. once again this year to match 19 girls with 17 women Members of Congress for our annual Congressional Take Our Daughters to Congress Day. The girls shadowed their respective Members for a day and saw women's leadership in action, taking valuable lessons back to their communities!

Check out more [photos](#) of the event!



## Celebrating the 2017 Congressional Fellows

June 7, 2017

In June, we held a reception to honor the Class of 2017 Congressional Fellows on Women and Public Policy. Our [four outstanding fellows](#) worked in congressional offices from January through the end of July. We were thrilled to welcome Members of Congress, congressional staff, and alumni of the fellowship program to celebrate the Class of 2017!



We are grateful for the support of the fellowships by foundation, corporate, academic, and individual [sponsors](#).

Photos of the reception are available [here](#).



## Women Chiefs of Staff Program

Funded by a grant from, and in partnership with, Democracy Fund, the Women Chiefs of Staff program's mission is to foster bicameral personal relationships across party lines, build a support network for women chiefs of staff, committee staff directors, and leadership staff, and develop bipartisan women's leadership. A number of events and meetings have been held in 2017, with regular events planned for the remainder of the year.



## Briefing on Chronic Pain in Women and its Relationship to Opioid Addiction



July 12, 2017

On July 12, we held a briefing on chronic pain in women and its relationship to the opioid crisis. The speakers included Drs. Nora Volkow, Director of the National Institute of Drug Abuse at the National Institutes of Health, and Jerome Adams, the newly confirmed U.S. Surgeon General and former Indiana State Health Commissioner.

We thank the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for its longtime support for the women's health briefing series.

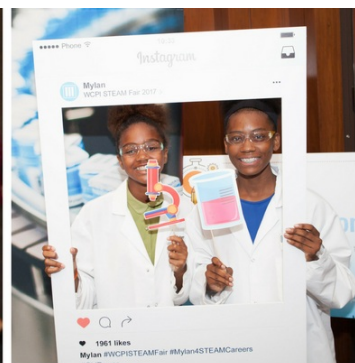
Briefing materials and photos are available [here](#).

## Fifth Annual Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Fair and Reception

July 18, 2017

On July 18, we hosted the Fifth Annual Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Fair and reception. The event featured model STEAM programs for girls and women, and brought together Members of Congress, congressional staff, corporate and labor supporters, and federal agencies, as well as girls from local Girl Scouts and Girls Inc. chapters and school systems.

Check out more [photos](#) of the event!



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