

Program Committee

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The program committee would like to thank you for your flexibility and your patience, due to our budding sponsorship with Comcast we will be focusing our energies on the second half of the year to offer an array of exciting programs and member parties!

For the first 2017-18 WIL Education Program: Health Empowerment Principle: The Fistula Foundation, Giving Women a New Life, we raised \$259.00 in donations, thank you all for your generous support in September and for coming to learn about this important issue!

SAVE THE DATE: Our second program of the new fiscal year will take place the week of January 15th and will be held at the Philadelphia Free Library ([1901 Vine St, Philadelphia, PA 19103](#)) room 108. Final date and details to follow!

SAVE THE DATE: Women and Sustainable Water Panel: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 5-8 p.m. at the Philadelphia Free Library ([1901 Vine St, Philadelphia, PA 19103](#)) room 108. The topic will be on Women and Technology and the call for STEM education in Africa. During the panel discussion, two speakers will cover the following topics: How a solar project in Africa has helped to improve electricity generation and provided opportunities to teach STEM; Water, water technologies and sustainability through WASH which aids in preventing the spread of infectious diseases and educates participants in STEM. Please join us for this exciting opportunity to learn about several sustainability initiatives in Africa.

SAVE THE DATE: WIL Members Holiday Party will be December 12, 2017 from approx. 5-8 p.m. at Caroline Wischmann's Home near Rittenhouse Square. Here we will enjoy international food with a focus on Afghanistan and celebrate the progress and work of Women International Leaders of Philadelphia. Bring a bottle of wine for our bi-annual wine-raffle fundraiser. This event truly is opportunity to laugh and relax with your fellow members!

SAVE THE DATE: WIL Members Summer Party will be June 6, 2017 from approx. 5-8 p.m. at Anna Marie DiDio's home. A big thank you to Anna for opening her home! Bring a bottle of wine for our bi-annual wine-raffle fundraiser. This event truly is opportunity to laugh and relax with your fellow members!

The following programs are in the process of being scheduled:

- **Service Committee Program**, week of January 15th. Please see details above.
- **Microfinance Committee Program**, March/April. Highlighting what WIL does best, an informative session on Microfinance and its effects on women in underserved areas throughout the world.
- **Program with [Women for Women International](#)**, May. Women for Women International addresses the social and economic empowerment of marginalized women in war torn countries.