



2018 MIDTERM ELECTIONS

A tsunami of women ran for office in the 2018 midterm elections and, while not all were elected, a large number will be joining state houses across the country! Nearly 2100 women (an increase of more than 200) will take their seats in state legislative chambers next year, comprising 28% of state legislators overall (up from 25%). We are thrilled to have the chance to work with and support these newly elected women in upcoming legislative sessions nationwide (*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures*).



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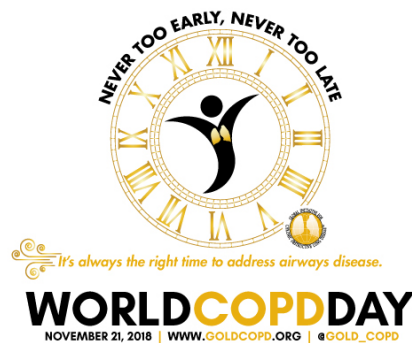
COPD AWARENESS MONTH

"Never Too Early, Never Too Late"

Join us this November in celebrating COPD Awareness Month! Did you know that COPD affects an estimated 30 million people in the U.S. and that COPD is prevalent in all 50 states across the US?

Check out our latest PSA campaign for COPD Awareness Month and learn more about how you can raise awareness in your state around this issue.

[Check Out Our COPD Awareness PSA](#)



November 21st in World COPD Awareness Day! Organizations across the globe will come together to take action against one of the world's most prevalent respiratory diseases. To learn more about the signs and symptoms of COPD at head over to www.copdfoundation.org

PEARLS OF WIGDOM

State Sen. Barbara Bollier (R-KS) and New Board Member

"I recently wrote a piece for publication reflecting on the blending of my own former career as a physician with my work as a legislator. The process of evaluating a patient using the "SOAP" approach has been very helpful to me as I seek to find solutions to issues in Kansas. **S**ubjective, **O**bjective, **A**ssessment, and **P**lan make up a SOAP evaluation. If we can identify the issue, collect the data, study the facts, and then make a proposal (likely but not always a bill), we can effectively make progress towards solutions. The nice thing in medicine is that we are all on the "patient team" and solve the case by determining what is best for the patient, not what is best to push our own agenda forward.

Celebrating Our 30th "Pearl" Anniversary



I do believe that as more women get elected, we will move the needle on seeking answers to problems together, doing what is best for the "patient" or in our case, the people."

It is a privilege to serve on the Board of WIG and I look forward to our work together in the year ahead.



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CHOOSE WIG FOR YOUR YEAR END CHARITABLE GIVING!

As another exciting year for Women In Government comes to a close, we thank you for your support and hope you will consider including WIG in your year-end charitable giving! Here how you can help WIG support women state legislators:

1. **#GivingTuesday** is November 27, 2018
2. Does your company have a "You Choose" giving campaign? You can donate to WIG as a non-profit organization.
3. State Legislators terming out, retiring or not running for office can donate excess campaign funds to WIG!
4. You can also donate to WIG via check!

UPCOMING EVENTS

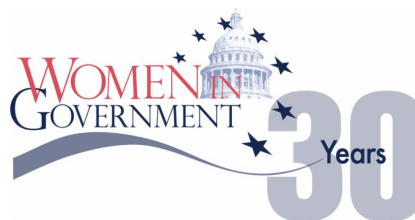
WAKE UP WITH WIG BREAKFASTS

- NBCSL's 42nd Annual Legislative Conference in Brooklyn, NY
- The Council of State Governments 2018 National Conference in Northern Kentucky - Greater Cincinnati



NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2019 National Legislative Conference in Chicago, IL from June 13-16, 2019



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