



**National  
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# Make Your Mark



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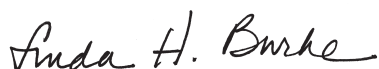
Welcome to the Fourth Annual Women Against MS Luncheon. This is our second year serving as co-chairs for this event, and we are so glad to be here with you.

The theme of this year's luncheon is Make Your Mark. We purposefully selected this active and engaging directive because our involvement with the Women Against MS initiative has inspired us to make OUR mark in the movement against MS. And in turn, the people who we have met through this event, and the stories and messages of hope we have shared together, have made their marks on our lives in very special ways.

From our fellow committee members who have worked tirelessly to make this event a success, to the attendees here today who have committed thousands of dollars to move the Society's mission forward, you have all taken the first step.

As you enjoy the luncheon, we hope that you will consider ways that you can stay involved with this important cause throughout the year. We hope that no matter why you joined us today – whether you are in the audience because you are living with multiple sclerosis, or because you are supporting a family member, friend, or co-worker – you will be inspired to make YOUR mark. We look forward to the amazing things to come because of our efforts today – the moment is now.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Linda H. Burke



Mrs. Sharon A. Hovde

# Make Your Mark

## *The Moment is Now*



Fourth Annual

## **Women Against MS Luncheon**

A leadership initiative joining women and men together in the fight against multiple sclerosis.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 • 12 Noon

Keynote Speakers

**Drs. Dora and Mary Hughes**

Dr. Dora Hughes and Dr. Mary Hughes will share their experiences of life with MS and the progress being made towards a cure.

Special Performance

**Kristie Salerno Kent**

Mistress of Ceremonies

**Norah O'Donnell**

Chief Washington Correspondent for MSNBC  
and Today Show Contributing Correspondent

Wardman Park Marriott Hotel  
Washington, District of Columbia

# Women Against MS Luncheon

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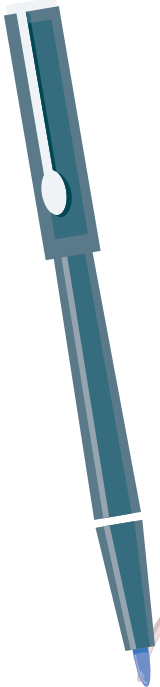
French Rolls, Raisin Walnut Rolls, Multi-Grain Rolls  
and Flatbreads

Cocktail of Grilled Shrimp and Avocado Crab  
California Rolls over Red Seaweed Salad  
with Micro Greens and Wasabi Aioli

Grilled Chicken and Pineapple Skewers  
and Passion Fruit Cilantro Dip  
with Spring Greens, Arugula, Shaved Fennel Salad,  
Yellow and Red Heirloom Tomatoes  
with Citrus Vinaigrette

White Chocolate Mousse Dome  
with a Caramel Center

Freshly Brewed Gourmet Bean Premium  
Roast Blend Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee  
and a Selection of Taylors of Harrogate  
Teas and Iced Tea





# Program

## Welcome

Norah O'Donnell

## Message from the Co-Chairs

Linda H. Burke and Sharon A. Hovde

## Lunch

## Introduction of Keynote Speakers

Julius W. Hobson, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## Keynote Address

Drs. Dora and Mary Hughes

## Thank You from the Chapter

J. Christopher Broullire  
Chapter President

## Special Performance

Kristie Salerno Kent

## Closing Remarks

Norah O'Donnell

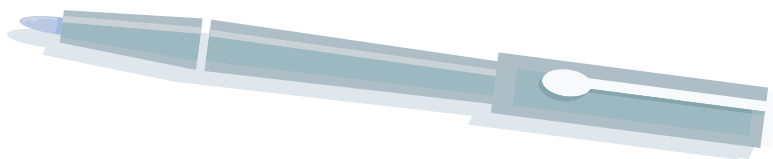


## Dr. Dora Hughes

Dora L. Hughes, M.D., M.P.H., is the Health Policy Advisor to Senator Barack Obama. Dr. Hughes advises the Senator on a broad range of health issues and helps to develop his national policy and legislative agenda. She

previously served as Deputy Director for Health for Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions in the United States Senate.

Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Dr. Hughes served as Senior Program Officer at The Commonwealth Fund, a national health foundation in New York City. She completed medical school at Vanderbilt University, residency at Brigham & Women's Hospital and public health school at Harvard University. Dr. Hughes is board certified in internal medicine.



## Dr. Mary Hughes

Mary Denise Hughes, M.D. is Associate Professor in the Department of Neurology at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta. She is the Medical Director of the Augusta MS Center and Rehabilitation Services. She is board certified in psychiatry and neurology and in electrodiagnostic medicine, with additional qualifications in clinical neurophysiology.



Dr. Hughes earned her medical degree from the University of Tennessee, Memphis. She completed an internal medicine internship and a neurology residency at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. At the Medical College of Georgia, she was a clinical neurophysiology fellow, and she studied health economics at the Medical College of Georgia Center for HealthCare.

With research interests including the treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, Dr. Hughes is the author of articles in publications such as *Neurology*, *Journal Watch for Neurology*, *Neurologic Clinics*, and *Current Psychiatry*. She lectures extensively on topics including multiple sclerosis in pregnancy and women's issues in multiple sclerosis.

## Kristie Salerno Kent

Kristie Salerno Kent received her BFA in Theater from Syracuse University. She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1999 and her lifelong dream of a career in theater seemed out of reach. Kristie decided that the word 'dreams' may end with an 'M' and an 'S' but her dreams don't end because of her MS. She is now CEO of her own production company, Whirlaway Productions, LLC.

In October 2006, Kristie wrote, recorded and produced her debut solo CD, "Believe." Kristie also wrote, directed and starred in a short film, "The Show Must Go On," which was selected for the Society's Moving Forward Film Festival in the Fall of 2007. Kristie is also an MS LifeLines® Ambassador, an educational service provided by EMD Serono and Pfizer.

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Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease that interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body and stops people from moving. Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS.

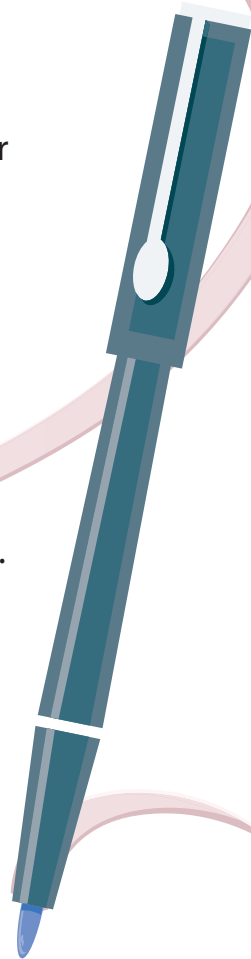
MS stops people from moving. We exist to make sure it doesn't.

The National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is part of a 50-state network dedicated to achieving a world free of MS. The National MS Society supports more MS research, offers more services

for people with MS, provides more professional education programs and furthers more MS advocacy efforts than any other MS organization in the world.

Locally, the National Capital Chapter provides a wide range of vital services in the areas of counseling, education, employment, information and referral, public policy development and advocacy, and financial assistance to the many thousands of people with MS and their families who live in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

For more information about MS or the National Capital Chapter, please call (202) 296-5363 or visit [www.MSandYOU.org](http://www.MSandYOU.org).





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