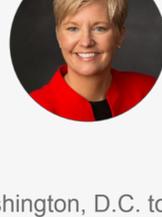




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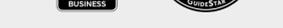
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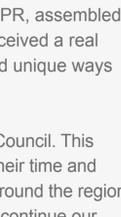
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A breakfast panel focusing on International Humanitarian Law included **Helen Durham**, ICRC, **Eihadj As Sy**, Secretary General, IFRC and **Koby Langley**, Senior Vice President, Services to the Armed Forces and International Services took place on Saturday, moderated by Greater New York Region Board and Tiffany Circle member, **Ashleigh Banfield**.

The Celebration of Philanthropy Dinner hosted at the new International Spy Museum, overlooking the heart of downtown Washington, D.C., was the setting for the special opening dinner on Friday. CNN Reporter, **Dana Bash** moderated an interview with CEO and co-founder of Global Health Corps, **Barbara Pierce Bush** as she spoke about Generational Philanthropy and her family's interactions.

On Saturday, Red Cross President and CEO, **Gail McGovern**, presented an in-depth overview of the state of the Red Cross and expressed sincere appreciation to the members of the Tiffany Circle for their continued support of the American Red Cross.

The weekend concluded with the Chairman's Dinner held in the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel. The evening highlighted Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces and honored active duty military heroes and their families. The evening's guest speaker, **Admiral Michelle Howard** (Retired), spoke of her personal journey of leadership as a female officer in the military. The musical highlight of the evening was a performance by the inspirational band, **The Resilient**, men who met at Walter Reed Army hospital after substantial injuries. They have found music as therapy, and they shared their gifts with our Circle.

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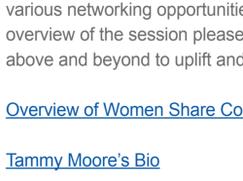
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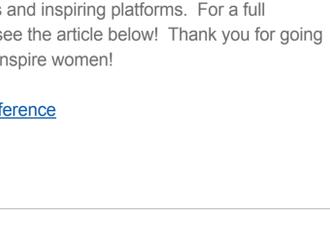
Sandra Klein and Jill Valenti inaugurated our new Above and Beyond Leadership Award. This award is given to exemplary servant leaders who've taken their service, and their investment of time and treasure, from a local level to a regional, national, and international level.

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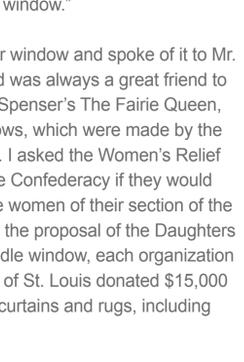
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The women pictured below, from left to right, are Holly Atkins, Ginger Kelly (hostess), Ellen Vilas, Emily Davis (CDO), Martha Allen, Amy Uebele, Angela Broome Powley, Judith Munday, Nancy Dorrier, May Barger, Elaine Lyerly, Jerri Fatticci, Rachel Jordan.

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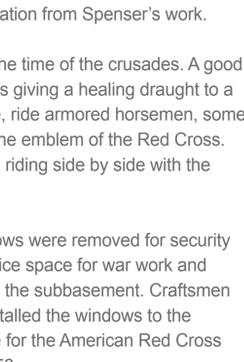
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"I did not know what to suggest for the other window and spoke of it to Mr. Elihu Root, who was then in the Senate and was always a great friend to the Red Cross. He suggested Una, who in Spenser's *The Fairie Queen*, married the Red Cross knight. These windows, which were made by the Tiffany Glass Company, cost \$10,000 each. I asked the Women's Relief Corps of the North and the Daughters of the Confederacy if they would like to each give a window in memory of the women of their section of the country. They not only agreed to this but on the proposal of the Daughters of the Confederacy, united in giving the middle window, each organization contributing \$5,000." Mrs. Adolphus Busch, of St. Louis donated \$15,000 to finish and furnish the room with crimson drapes, including furniture on display today.

Louis Comfort Tiffany, of the Tiffany Studios in New York City, created the famous iridescent art glass process in 1893 for his stained glass masterpieces. Henry S. Eddy produced the colored drawings of the subjects.

The three panels are dedicated to the concept of Mercy. The center panel includes the famous Tiffany rough-cut "jewels" of glass embedded in the work. An early description explains, "These lovely panels can be appreciated when the light of the late sun shines through them, turning the rich colors to warm melting hues imparting a warmth and depth to the stately figures that make them seem almost alive." At the time of the dedication, special lighting was installed to provide illumination in the absence of natural lighting.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the 1857 poem "Santa Filomena" to honor the work of Miss Nightingale in the Crimea. The following stanza helps us understand Miss Boardman's choice for one panel. Lo! In that house of misery A lady with a lamp I see Pass through the glimmering gloom, And flit from room to room. A lady with a lamp shall stand in the great history of the land, A noble type of good, Heroic womanhood. Nor even shall be wanting here the palm, the lily, and the spear, The symbols that of yore Saint Filomena bore.

1919 Window Descriptions

At the left stands St. Filomena, who was famed for her miraculous powers of healing, a stately, fair-haired figure with a youthful face and wistful violet eyes. Her robe is gray and her hands rest lightly on the Red Cross shield at her feet. Behind her stand her handmaidens, Mercy, Hope, Faith, and Charity, coming down a woodland glade with flowers growing at their feet. Hope bears a banner with the symbolic anchor, Faith a torch, Mercy a flagon of wine and Charity a basket of fruit. Blue-gray skies and billowy clouds form the background, which is common in the three windows, imparting a continuity, not only in color but in atmosphere, lending a soft neutral tone to the whole that but enhancing the richness of the deeper and stronger pigments. This, the west window, was the gift of the Women's Relief Corps of the North.

The right panel is the gift of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It tells the story of noble women and noble deeds. The graceful Una from Edmund Spenser's epic, *The Fairie Queen*, is the central figure, her apron filled with roses, symbolic of good deeds. Una is the personification of Fortitude and Truth. One attendant bears a white banner with a golden heart, representing helpful love. Another carries a cross, and one a lamp—the lamp of wisdom. A young woman kneels in front of Una, holding a shield with a Red Cross in the center. This shield inspired the design of the Tiffany Award, the highest recognition that an American Red Cross staff member can receive. Although some Red Cross legends refer to the central figure as St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Miss Boardman's personal recollections and writings support the inspiration from Spenser's work.

The center panel, the joint gift, represents the time of the crusades. A good Samaritan in armor, the Red Cross knight, is giving a healing draught to a wounded comrade. Above, as if in a mirage, ride armored horsemen, some carrying spears, some white banners with the emblem of the Red Cross. This scene illustrates the Red Cross in war, riding side by side with the armies and providing aid to the wounded.

During World War II, the lights for the windows were removed for security purposes. The room became necessary office space for war work and the windows were dismantled and stored in the subbasement. Craftsmen working on the Washington Cathedral reinstalled the windows to the remodeled Board of Governor's Hall in time for the American Red Cross Convention held in Washington, D.C. in 1953.

In 1996, in a special memorial ceremony in honor of Carolyn Scholl's 26-year career with the American Red Cross, the Tiffany windows were illuminated once again. A plaque near the windows reads in part, "A life dedicated to the humanitarian ideals of the American Red Cross symbolized by the permanent lighting of the Tiffany Windows. Let these images of compassion shine through the darkness for all in need."

Although the windows are now 101 years old, visitors continue to appreciate the exceptional beauty of these treasures symbolizing help and humanity.

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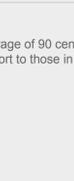
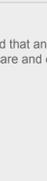
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