

American Agri-Women Fly-In
Washington, DC, June 4 – 7, 2017

Residence Inn by Marriott
333 E St SW, Washington, DC 20024
(202) 484-8280

Complimentary Full Hot Buffet Breakfast served daily. The Mix, Evening Social offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

Located 5 miles from Reagan National Airport and 25 miles from Dulles
Near the Metro Station Name: Federal Center, SW

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Every year AAW arranges for a "Fly-In to Washington, DC" event for members of American Agri-Women. Your registration covers expenses such as the bus that transports us around during our AAW activities; water; materials; lunches; and incidentals. Around 40 – 60 women from all over the country gather in Washington, DC to host a Symposium on a hot issue, meet with high level agriculture related agencies, such as USDA, EPA, FDA, Homeland Security and sometimes even the White House. We also make appointments with members of congress or "make the rounds" and discuss priority AAW issues and for some, home state issues.

In addition, we visit an International Embassy (last year we visited the Embassy of New Zealand) and are sometimes offered snacks and an overview of that country's agriculture connection to the United States. Bring your passport, because *sometimes* the host country will stamp it!

During our orientation and briefing we have leaders within the industry i.e. Cattlemen's Association, American Farm Bureau, Agriculture Coalition on Immigration Reform, etc. visit with us about hot button issues.

Prior to your travel, you will receive a Fly-In Tentative Itinerary, as well as, a copy of the Invitation to the Congressional Reception.

UNITED VOICE ON KEY ISSUES: The AAW Fly-In is intended to bring members from around the country to Washington, DC to engage with agriculturally related government agencies, as well as, deliver a united voice on the AAW priority issues of the time.

AAW offers an orientation prior to the Fly-In activities to provide a forum for participants to meet each other, familiarize them with others' state's issues and to offer participants an overview of the AAW priority issues. While affiliate members can include their priority issues when visiting congressional members, if they have time, affiliates are encouraged to visit their congressional members on your specific issues when they are in your home town office.



Every member attending the Fly-In is doing so at their own time, as a volunteer and at their own expense, which can be rather costly for some. As such, participants are not required to visit specific members of congress. The purpose of the trip is to have dialog with as many members of Congress as possible about the AAW issues. It is much appreciated if participants would take the time to help make the rounds so that AAW visibility can be as high as possible during our afternoon at the US Capitol. Each congressional office would have already received a copy of the AAW priority issues so a brief drop-in to **deliver a reminder of the Congressional Reception to as many offices as possible** is appreciated. No appointment for that is necessary.

Participants can, if they like, make appointments to visit any member of congress and refer to the AAW packet of information that was sent to them previously, as well as, share priority issues of their affiliate, if they desire. Members are strongly encouraged to make appointments prior to their visit.

DRESS & ETIQUETTE: The weather in Washington, DC is usually hot, humid with occasional showers. The evenings can be a bit cooler. The orientation is usually a casual occasion, where the visits to the Agencies and the Hill are comfortable business attire. You will be doing lots of walking on marble and concrete floors so very comfortable shoes are suggested. Due to high security in most buildings, **it is strongly recommended that you minimize the size of your carry-on (purse) – avoid bulky bags and back packs.** Government-issued picture ID will be required for everyone. PLEASE turn off all electronics, including cell phones when in meetings, including USDA lunch events. Do not place cell phones on the tables.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION: When the charter bus is not available, Metro and taxi are the easiest way to get around. Have small bills available for ease of transactions, always ask for receipt. The bus and subway from DCA, Dulles and BWI (MARC Train) are easy and cost friendly.

SITE SEEING: Guided US Capitol Tours can be arranged through your local Congressional office. Just give them a call and let them know of your desire to tour the Capitol/Gallery/s.

Kennedy Center is a beautiful place to visit perhaps take in a play. Perhaps you can get a group together to go one evening.

Cruise to Mt Vernon & take the tour: 8:00am – 3:00pm (A worthwhile experience that now includes the George Washington Presidential Museum)

<http://www.cruisetomountvernon.com/>

FDR Memorial: This is a fairly new monument and uniquely designed to capture the

major events of his tenure. It is located outdoors in a garden-like setting.

Tour Smithsonian Institution (American History Museum, Natural History & Art Gallery)

Lunch and Shop at Union Station

Library of Congress is awesome. Take the time to walk up the stairs to see the tiled mural of the Goddess of Learning and Wisdom, Minerva. Check out her feet from the rights side set of the steps and then from the left side set of steps. Amazing!

DINNER IDEAS:

Tony & Joes Seafood Place in Georgetown
3000 K Street NW
Washington, DC
(202) 944-4545

Old Ebbitt Grill
674 15th Street
Washington, DC
(202) 347-4801

Indigo Landing Restaurant
1 Marina Drive
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 548-0001

Prime Rib
2020 K Street NW
Washington, DC
(202) 466-8811

Marrakesh Restaurant
617 New York Avenue
Washington, DC
(202) 393-9393

The Hamilton Restaurant
600 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC
(202) 787-1000

Hay-Adams Hotel
800 16th Street, Northwest
Washington D.C., DC 20006
(202) 638-6600

Occidental Grill and Seafood at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington D.C., DC 20004
(202) 628-9100

*The Round Robin Bar at the Willard has a rich history and fun to visit, enjoy a cocktail and ask the bar about some of the historic characters that sat there and got lobbied.