

**Women's Wing of All Pakistan Muslim League Hosts Inaugural Event with
Former President of Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf**

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October 25, 2011 (WASHINGTON DC) – Former President of Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf attended the first ever event organized by the Women's Wing of the All Pakistan Muslim League US Chapter, in the Washington DC area. The event was organized by Zahida Shah, Chair of the Women's Wing Tri-State Chapter (DC, VA, MD), and Musarrat Shah of Maryland.

The sold-out event was attended by several prominent American-Pakistanis from the DC metro area, and from New York and Philadelphia. Among the attendees were Dr. Raza Bukhari of Philadelphia, Mr. Adeel Shah, Dr. Nasim Ashraf, Dr. Tahir Shad of Washington College, Dr. Aziza Shad of Georgetown University, Ismat Kamal, Aseela Ahraf, and Tufail Ahmed.

Benish Shah, Esq., litigation Partner at New York based Sardar Law Firm, gave the opening address noting President Musharraf's numerous pro-women actions. "[Women] despair that they need someone to give them the power to create change. What we have yet to learn is that nobody will give us power, we have to take it and create the best environment for us to succeed. The first step to that power is by electing President Pervez Musharraf."

In her Welcome speech, Zahida Shah stated, "The President has shown his support for women by insisting on the creation of the Women's Wing of APML and on continuously supporting it."

President Pervez Musharraf gave the keynote address, sharing his utmost support for women in the political system, and noting that women should participate in the political system. "This is the time we have to think beyond just ourselves," he stated. He also spoke on the APML party agenda and encouraged the American Pakistani community to help educate their counterparts in Pakistan on their political rights, to encourage a high voter turnout in the upcoming elections.

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