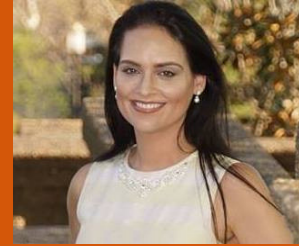


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Ambassador Selwa “Lucky” Roosevelt was Chief of Protocol of the U.S. from 1982-1989—almost seven years and longer than anyone has ever served in that position. In that capacity, she was in charge of organizing over 1,000 visits of world leaders to the United States. Ambassador Roosevelt was President Reagan’s representative to the Washington Diplomatic Corps. She has received numerous awards and after retiring as Chief of Protocol, the Italian government made her a Grand Official of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy. She served as Senior Editor of the Mediterranean Quarterly, and a Vice Chairman of the Washington Roundtable of CSIS. She is the daughter of Lebanese immigrants.

Pioneer: Selwa Roosevelt

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Pioneer: Donna E. Shalala



Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba is president emeritus & distinguished fellow at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW) & President of DerMar International, LLC. Wahba retired from the U.S. Department of State after a 22-year career spent mostly in the Middle East. She served as Ambassador to the UAE and received the White House Presidential Meritorious Service Award.

Assignments in Washington included the Pentagon as foreign affairs advisor and as deputy commandant at the National War College. Wahba is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations & serves on numerous boards.

Pioneer: Marcelle M. Wahba

Dina Powell McCormick is an American financial executive, social impact leader, and foreign policy advisor, best known for having been the United States Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategy to President Donald Trump. Powell joined the Trump administration during the transition period and remained thereafter. From 2001 to 2007, she served in the administration of President George W. Bush as Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel and Assistant Secretary of State and Deputy Undersecretary for Public Diplomacy. She is currently on the management committee of Goldman Sachs.



Trailblazer: Dina Powell McCormick



PC: www.womenforwomen.org

Zainab Salbi is an Iraqi-American humanitarian, entrepreneur, author, and media commentator who has dedicated herself to women's rights and freedom. Salbi's experience with war sensitized her to the plight of women in war worldwide. When she learned of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, few years after her arrival to the US, she decided to act by founding Women for Women International with her second husband Amjad Atallah and dedicating her life to serving women survivors of wars. Salbi was only 23 years old at the time and the group started by assisting 33 Croatian and Bosnian women in 1993.

Trailblazer: Zainab Salbi

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Trailblazer: Marwa Maziad



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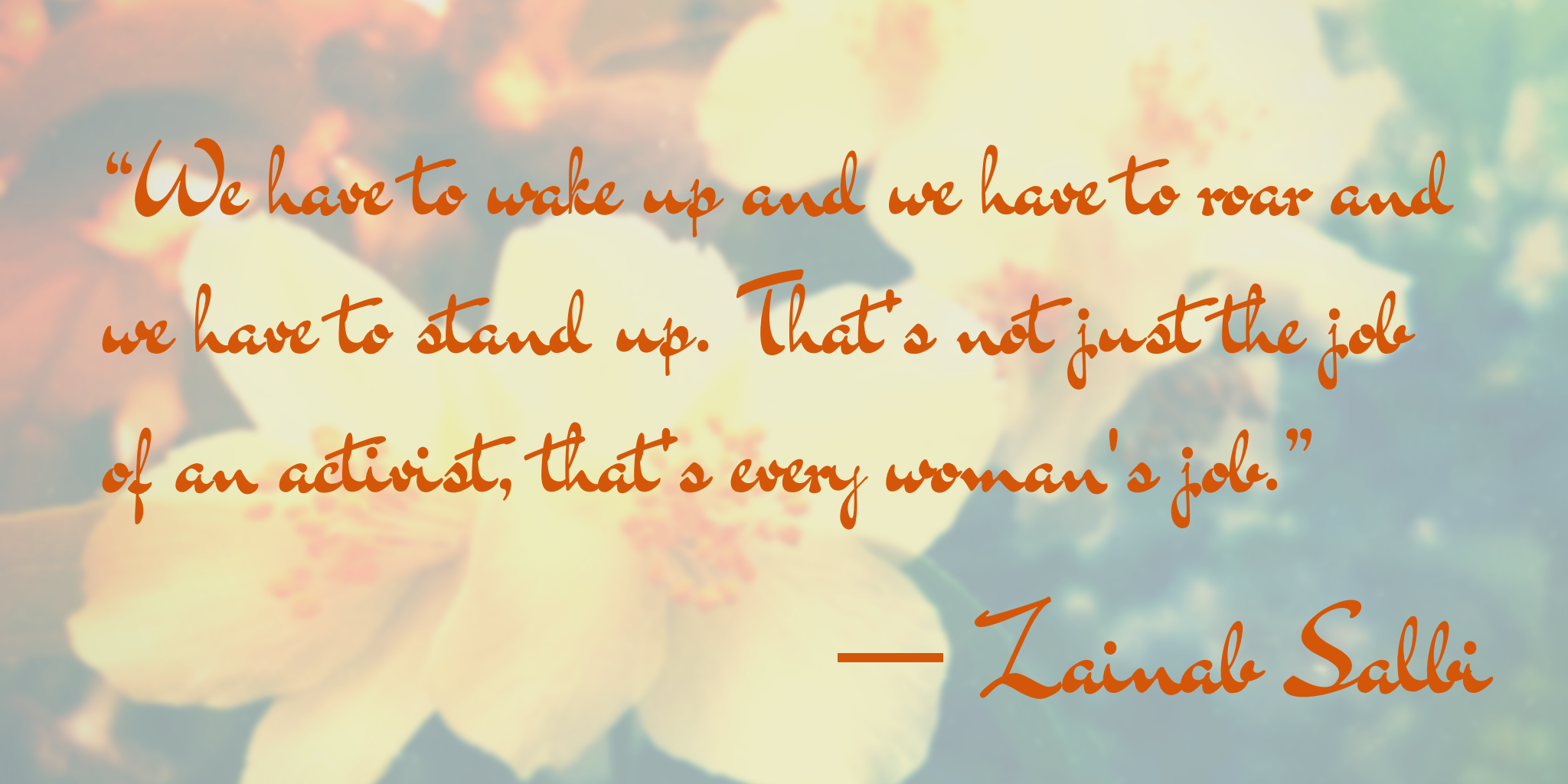
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Influencer: Rola S. Hariri



“We have to wake up and we have to roar and we have to stand up. That’s not just the job of an activist, that’s every woman’s job.”

— Zainab Salbi