



The Survey

Official Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women, Inc.

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Spring Edition

March 2018

Save The Date

Election Day
May 15, 2018

PFDW
Board Meeting
April 15, 2018
Holiday Inn, Grantville

Women in **Blue**
April 16, 2018
State Capitol, Harrisburg

91st Annual
PFDW Convention
JUNE 22 – 24, 2018

Champagne Brunch
November 18, 2018

PFDW Mission

In 1927 The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women, Inc. was founded to promote the appointment and election of Democratic women to responsible positions within all branches of government, to encourage the advancement of women in both the public and private sectors, and to advocate the principles of the Democratic Party.

Call To Convention

**Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women
Will hold their 91st Annual Convention**

“Turn On The **Blue Light, RESTORE DEMOCRACY”**

We are uniting the State and together planning a convention to be remembered!

June 22 thru June 24 2018

This year's convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg – Hershey Hotel. Room rates are \$105/night plus taxes and free parking. Make your room reservations directly with the Holiday Inn by calling **717-469-0661** using code (**DEM**), deadline for room reservations is May 22, 2018. Hotel room price is extended from June 20th to June 26th, come early and stay late to enjoy the Hollywood Casino and Hershey Park.

Tentative Convention Schedule

Friday, June 22, 2018

1:30 PM - 5:00 PM – Registration
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM – Committee Meetings
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM - PFDW Board Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Welcome Reception
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Candidates Banquet

Saturday, June 23, 2018

6:30 AM – 9:30 AM – Breakfast (optional at Hotel buffet advance purchased \$13 incl. tax)
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Registration
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM – Workshop 1 - Building Club Membership
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM – Workshop 2 – Hear Yourself Think
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Scholarship and PFDW Officers Luncheon
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM – Election of Regional Directors
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM – Annual Line Dance a-thon
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Political Bingo
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM - Cocktail Reception

7:00 PM – 10:30 PM – Governor's and Woman of the Year Banquet (Entertainment following program)

Sunday, June 24, 2018

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM – PFDW Closing Session
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon – Regional Directors & Club Presidents Brunch (awards and installation of Reg. Directors) (guest speaker)
(Hotel check-out extended to 12:30)

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PFDW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings PFDW Officers, Board Members, Club Presidents and Members, The PFDW has been working together to expand and secure the future of the Federation. I'm proud to announce since June 2017 we've gained five clubs and increased membership in many clubs. Our membership has increased to approximately 1,650. I have appointed Shelley Glessner as our 6th Vice President and she will officially assume the position at our Board Meeting on April 15. Shelley is from the Somerset Club. For several months I've looked for assistant regional directors to help in their region. Several regions now have assistants, but there are still positions open for regional directors and assistants. If there are any volunteers to fill these positions, please contact me.

The PFDW 16th Annual Outstanding Elected Democratic Women Champagne Brunch in November was superb. We thank the OEDW Brunch chair, 1st VP Dr. Michele Sellitto and the committee for working together. The OEDW brunch was sponsored by PFDW PAC and the proceeds will help our Democratic candidates running for office in November. We especially thank our Keynote Speaker, Kathy Dahlkemper, County Executive of Erie County. Also, in attendance were the Honorable Justice Debra Todd and Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, to mention a few. We welcomed and appreciated our 12 OEDW Honorees who came from across Pennsylvania. Our mistress of ceremonies, Deanne McNally did a spectacular job. The tables were filled by our PFDW Clubs and NFDW came in from Washington, DC. Thank you. Lastly, we had 34 Century Club members in 2017 and hope to double the membership in 2018 - it's not too late to join the Century Club to support our PAC.

Bravo, due to the success of Lackawanna County's PFDW 90th Convention, we can afford our new PFDW WEBSITE. We have built a much needed professional website. At our Spring board meeting on April 15, we will have our UNVEILING. This website will enhance the growth of PFDW. I appreciate the efforts of the Website Committee to make it happen.

On January 6, at the PA Farm Show we had the honor of presenting Governor Wolf with a check from PFDW PAC. The check was presented by 2nd VP Dianne Gregg. Join PFDW at our "Women in Blue" in Harrisburg on April 16, Colleen Gerrity, 3rd VP is chairing this event. Let's join her and meet your democratic leaders at the State Capitol.

It is a pleasure to lead this terrific organization and I thank everyone, the officers, my board, the presidents and the members. I am chairing our 91st Annual Convention this year and your participation and attendance is desired. In Philadelphia, I remember years ago, our mayor used the phrase "WILL YOU HELP ME?" I was tired of hearing that, but now I understand what he meant so, "WILL YOU HELP ME?" I am writing this message right after Philadelphia Eagles won their first Super Bowl, and I am excited. I figured if they came up with the "Philly Special" play, we could follow suit with "Democratic Women's Special" and take this state in November. "If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a WOMAN."

Thank you and much love to all,
Ruth Chavous Raglin

Things to Remember: The grand raffle will be a Treasure Chest full of PA Lottery Scratch-Off Tickets ranging from \$1 to \$5. 1st prize 500 tickets, 2nd prize 200 tickets and the 2 sellers of the winning tickets receive 50 tickets each. Each club is asked to sell a minimum of 50 tickets and each PFDW board member to sell a minimum of 50 tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please bring your auction gifts with a value \$25. Donations of wine/liquor are needed for our “win a bottle” fun. Don’t forget your 5 wrapped \$1.00 gifts.

We need your help in securing Ads for the program booklet and sponsors for the convention events. Please make copies of the Ad form and distribute to as many elected officials, businesses, friends and club members.

All conventioners must pay a \$10 registration fee, with the exception of elected officials and speakers who are not PFDW members. OUR CONVENTION COLOR IS **BLUE** – first timers are WELCOME

CONVENTION FOOD PACKAGE RESERVATION FORM

_____ **FULL CONV PACKAGE A - \$210** includes Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Dinner, Sunday Brunch and Convention Registration.

_____ **CONV PACKAGE B - \$165** includes Saturday Lunch and Dinner, Sunday Brunch and Convention Registration.

_____ **CONV PACKAGE C – \$150** same as Package A (Students only) Convention Registration included.

_____ **CONV PACKAGE D – \$130** same as Package B (Students only) Convention Registration included.

_____ Saturday Breakfast (**on your own**) Hotel buffet breakfast is \$13 (**NOT** included in packages) if breakfast is wanted, please **add an additional \$13** to the package selected. (advance tickets are required for breakfast)

Make checks payable to: **PFDW Convention 2018**. Attach check and mail registration form to: Ruth Raglin, 7510 Briar Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19138 no later than June 5, 2018. Questions please call 215-424-2666 or email pfdwpres2017@gmail.com

Name: _____ County: _____ Region: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

***SATURDAY DINNER – PLEASE SELECT ENTRÉE

_____ CRAB STUFFED FLOUNDER _____ PRIME RIB

_____ Check for special dietary needs, please write on back. (menu items include chicken, beef, crab and flounder) Special needs must be requested before June 5, 2018.

SUPER DRAWING – Sunday, April 15, 2018

All paid **Convention Package A** before or on April 15th will be placed in a Super Drawing to win 1 free night at the Holiday Inn on June 22 or 23rd. **PAY EARLY AND WIN**

Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women
91st Annual Convention – JUNE 22 through JUNE 24, 2018
Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey – 604 Station Rd., Grantville, PA 17028

INDIVIDUAL MEAL TICKET ORDER FORM

_____ Friday Dinner \$65 _____ Saturday Luncheon \$50

_____ Saturday Dinner \$65 _____ Sunday Brunch \$40

_____ Saturday Breakfast (**on your own**) Hotel buffet breakfast is \$13 (**NOT** included in packages) if breakfast is wanted, please add an additional \$13 to the package selected. (advance tickets are required for breakfast)

_____ **Registration Fee \$10 (required with all ticket purchases)**

*** Saturday Dinner – Please select Entrée _____ Crab Stuffed Flounder _____ Prime Rib

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June 22 through June 24, 2018

Turn On The BLUE Light, RESTORE DEMOCRACY

2018 Program Advertisement Authorization

*The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women will be hosting their 91st Annual Convention in Grantville, Pennsylvania on June 22nd through June 24, 2018. We are asking for your participation in the form of an advertisement in our Program Booklet. Approximately 250 booklets will be printed and distributed to participants across the state. The costs of the advertisements are listed below. **Ads and payments are due by June 1, 2018.** Thank you in advance for your participation. **Note: PFDW Members sell 3 ads and get 1 quarter page ad free***

Please mark appropriate space

<i>Inside Front Cover</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>Full Page</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>	<i>_____</i>
<i>Inside Back Cover</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>Half Page</i>	<i>\$ 65.00</i>	<i>_____</i>
<i>Back Cover</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>Quarter Page</i>	<i>\$ 35.00</i>	<i>_____</i>
<i>Add Color</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>	<i>_____</i>			
				<i>Total Enclosed \$</i>	<i>_____</i>

Authorized Signature _____

Phone Number _____

PFDW Member Securing Ad _____

Address/Phone No./Email _____

*Please make check payable to **PFDW Convention 2018**. Please send your **ad copy electronically** to Susan Notarianni at snotariann@aol.com 570-947-3484 and mail **check** to Susan Notarianni at 621 Lemon St., Scranton, PA 18508. DEADLINE – June 1, 2018*

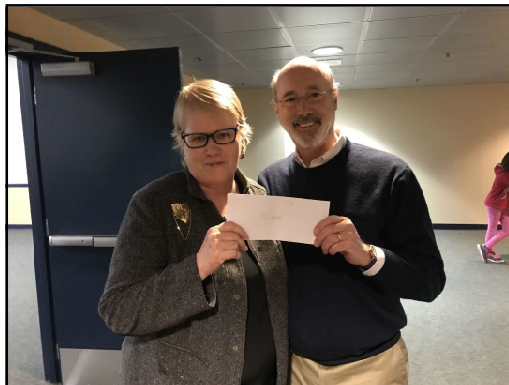
PFDW Scholarships

Please remember the PFDW Scholarship fund if you wish to honor someone, make a memorial contribution, or a donation. Our scholarships are appreciated by democratic women for their education.

Donations can be made for any amount. Named scholarships can be given for any donation of \$1,000 or greater. *Send donations to: Jennifer Savino, Scholarship Treasurer, 6627 Terrace Way Apt. B, Harrisburg, PA 17111*

Please send information including name of honoree/person to be memorialized, as well as the address of any acknowledgement to be sent by the PFDW.

PFDW PAC Presentation to Governor Wolf



PFDW 2nd Vice President, Dianne Gregg, presents a donation to Governor Wolf

National Federation of Democratic Women

I am pleased to write this update on the NFDW for the PA Federation of Democratic Women. In November, I attended the NFDW Board meeting held in Tempe, Arizona. Frequent telephone conference calls are also held, usually monthly, to discuss NFDW business.

In March, the NFDW will hold a **WOMEN IN BLUE LOBBY DAY ON THE HILL** in Washington, D.C. This will take place at the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday, March 7 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Following this, there will be a tour of the Civil War Museum and dinner. For more information, please go to the NFDW's new website, NFDW.com.

Plans are also underway for the NFDW's annual convention. This year it will be held in Tempe, Arizona from June 14-17 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. Convention registration is \$225, and hotel rooms are available at \$119 per night. Again, information is available on the NFDW's website.

Besides being Treasurer of the National Federation, I also have the pleasure of chairing the NFDW's Young Women's Leadership Committee. This is a committee to encourage younger women to participate in our National and State Federations, as well as our local Democratic Women's clubs

The national convention will again hold a Young Women's Leadership breakfast, and will soon be announcing its speaker. I ask our Pennsylvania clubs to encourage young women to attend our events. I have also asked members to share their ideas on bringing younger members into our organizations, and to share their success stories of young women in their areas elected to office. If you have any ideas to contribute, I'd love to hear from you at susanrutt@aol.com.

PFDW Past President Dies

PFDW Past President Peg Hain passed away on Feb 26, 2018. She was president from 1993-1997 and a member of PFDW for many years. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family and friends.

PFDW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Each year the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women honors an outstanding woman as Woman of the Year. By May 1, 2018 every club and board member is asked to nominate a PFDW member they feel has demonstrated exceptional dedication and meets the required criteria in the previous year. From these nominations the annual PFDW Woman of the Year is selected and recognized at a special dinner during the annual convention.

Criteria for Woman of the Year

Nominee must:

Be a participating member of the PFDW, Encourage membership and involvement in the PFDW, Show personal contributions to PFDW as well as the Democratic Party, Regularly attend the PFDW Convention held each June, Be a mentor in assisting women reaching their full leadership potential, Believe in and support the ideals of the Democratic Party, Provide a valuable service by devoting time and energy to improve the vision of the Democratic Party principles while enhancing the PFDW image.

Women of the Year Past Recipients

2017 KAIJA FARBER	2003 ROSALIE SIM
2016 CATHY HUGGINS	2002 SHIRLEY PROTZMAN
2016 SANDI VULCANO	2001 PATSY HEBOR
2014 DONNA FRANK	2000 MARTHA SMITH
2013 CHARLENE DOYLE	1999 WINNIE JAMES
2012 SUSAN STOLTZFUS	1998 MARY UEHLEIN
2011 DOROTHY GALLAGHER	1997 PEG HAIN
2010 HELEN WHITEFORD	1996 ANNA ABAJACE
2009 HARRIET ESHLEMAN	1996 SHIRLEY WANAMAKER
2009 JANET SPLEEN	1992 SUSAN RUTT
2008 JOANNE MESSENLEHNER	1986 MARIANNE McMANUS
2007 DR. MICHELE BORTNER SELLITTO	1982 RUTH RUDY
2006 RUTH RAGLIN	
2005 DOLORES "DEE" J. McALISTER	
2004 JOAN KELLEY	
2003 CATHERINE BAKER KNOLL	

A completed nomination form with attached resume must be submitted for consideration by May 1, 2018.

Woman of the year application is on page 8.

Proposed Changes to PFDW Bylaws

Articles IV and VIII

For study

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 3 – INDIVIDUAL

C. At-large membership: Women registered as a Democrat, who do not belong to an affiliated club may join the Federation as at-large members. **Annual** dues of **\$25.00** per member shall be paid directly to the Federation Treasurer. (rest of this remains the same)

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 3 – OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Convention which meets in the odd-numbered years. Fourth Vice President, Fifth Vice President, Sixth Vice President and Recording Secretary shall be elected at the Annual Convention which meets in the even-numbered years. Regional Directors in the odd-numbered regions shall be elected at the Convention which meets in the odd-numbered years, and Regional Directors in the even-numbered regions shall be elected at the Convention which meets in the even-numbered years.

PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS _____

REGION _____ NUMBER OF YEARS A MEMBER _____

ELECTED/APPOINTED WOMEN'S PFDW OFFICES HELD

LOCAL _____

REGIONAL _____

STATE _____

NATIONAL _____

On a separate sheet:

- * List all the services to the Democratic Women, the Democratic Party and Local Community
- * Explain why this nominee should be selected as the 2017 PFDW Woman of the Year

NOMINATED BY: (individual or *an organization*) _____

CONTACT PERSON, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL _____

Please return this form by May 1, 2018 to:

MARY ANN KAPACS
PFDW WOMAN OF THE YEAR CHAIR
623 EAST SPRUCE ST.
OLYPHANT, PA 18447
570-351-3495
mimik1954@aol.com

PFDW 16th Annual Outstanding Elected Democratic Women's Champagne Brunch

The PFDW 16th annual Outstanding Elected Democratic Women's (OEDW) Champagne Brunch was one of the best! It was held at the Hilton in Harrisburg on November 19, 2017. Over 200 people had attended. Congratulations again to the honorees. We are so proud of these women for the tireless tasks that they do, and the ladders they have climbed to deserve this recognition. Kudos to Dr. Michelle Sellitto for chairing this event, the OEDW committee and everyone else involved, did a remarkable job. Thank you.

The Honorable Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Executive, was our keynote speaker. Kathy had just won her re-election, and she gave a message of unity, encouraging the crowd to embrace and always support their Democratic women elected representatives. Two of Pennsylvania's statewide elected officials were present: The Honorable Debra Todd, who was retained to the Supreme Court, and the Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, who received the *Friend of PFDW* award. Congratulations to all.

The 2017 Brunch Honorees are: Diane Marseglia - Bucks County Commissioner, Ann Feldman – Downingtown Borough Council, Leanne Kruegar-Braneky – State Representative 161st District, Donna Bullock – State Representative 195th District, Helen Gym – Councilwoman Philadelphia City, Maureen Madden – State Representative 115th District, Mauri Kelly – Clerk of Judicial Records Lackawanna County, Priscilla deLeon – Councilwoman Lower Saucon Council, Malissa Davis – Commissioner at Large Bethlehem Township, Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz – Councilwoman Reading City, Susan Spicka – Member of Shippensburg Area School Board, and Pamela Ruest – Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Centre County.

We have had great success, thanks to your support.



Pictured l to r - Deanne McNally, OEDW Brunch Committee, Maureen Madden, State Representative PA 115th District, Susan Spicka, Member Shippensburg Area School Board, Mauri Kelly, Clerk of Judicial Records, Lackawanna County, Donna Bullock, State Representative PA 195th District, Priscilla deLeon, Councilwoman Lower Saucon Council, Malissa Davis, Commissioner at Large Bethlehem Township, Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2 Reading City Councilwoman, Diane Marseglia, County Commissioner Bucks County

Absent from photo - Ann Feldman, Downingtown Borough Council, Leanne Krueger-Braneky State Representative 161st District, Helen Gym, Councilwoman Philadelphia City, Pamela, Ruest Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Centre County



OEDW Chair, Michele Sellitto introducing Auditor General Eugene DePasquale at OEDW Brunch as he receives the *Friend of PFDW* award.



PFDW member Susan Rutt with members of the National Federation of Democratic Women at OEDW Brunch

PFDW to Launch New Website

In the fall of 2017, President Ruth Raglin recommended that the Federation begin plans for a new PFDW website. At that time, the PFDW Executive Board approved and sent out a Request for Proposal to solicit bids for the design of the new PFDW website.

At the November, 2017 Executive Board meeting, the board selected, from among the bids received, So Tactics Inc., to create the new website. President Raglin appointed Michele Sellitto, 1st Vice President, to chair the project with Deanne McNally, President of the Tri County Democratic Women's Club and Executive Board member.

Ruth, Michele and Deanne have worked diligently with So Tactics, Inc. to gather the necessary information and materials for the new website. On April 15, 2018, So Tactics will unveil the new website for the PFDW Executive Board at its quarterly meeting. Thereafter, the site will be open to the public.

The Committee is looking for pictures for the website. If you have good photos to be considered for the website photo gallery, please email the photos to Michele at msellitto@comcast.net or contact Deanne McNally as soon as possible.

" Women In Blue" Washington, D. C. - March 7, 2018



PFDW and State Committee members Gwen Collins (Phila.) and Susan Rutt (Allentown) joined members of the National Federation of Democratic Women to lobby at the Capitol. Issues included Education, School Safety, Gun Control, Voting Rights, Bump Stock Banning, Domestic Violence, and Statehood for the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

PAC Treasurer Best Practices

There are certain rules for best practices that apply to campaign finance whether you're the treasurer of a Federal PAC or a State PAC. This list of best practices will help guide you through the filing process for both Federal PAC and State PAC. All of the information contained in this guide was obtained from either fec.gov or dos.pa.gov.

Taking in Receipts

To put it simply, "receipts are anything of value received by a political committee." This might also be called a contribution. These include:

? money ? goods ? services ? property ? gifts ? loan

These contributions are given for the purpose of influencing any election. They include the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, or any other fundraising event. Once the treasurer receives a contribution, it must be deposited within **10 days**. Anything not deposited within that time **must** be returned to the donors.

Fundraisers tend to be the way that you will take in most contributions. Rules regarding contributions vary by the amount of money received.

Federal Receipts

- **Small contributions under \$50**, keep a record of the name of the event, the date and the total amount of contributions received for each day of the event. A single check or money order should never be made out to cover cash received for a fundraiser; it is illegal to do so. In the case of raffle tickets, include the name of the raffle, the date and the total amount of contributions received.
- **Contributions greater than \$50**, keep a record of the amount, the date of receipt, and the contributor's name and mailing address. Silent auction items greater than \$50 (either individually or aggregate) should be paid with check and a copy of the check must be kept for your records.
- **Contributions exceeding \$200**, either by itself or when added to the contributor's previous contributions made in the same year, records must identify the name and mailing address of the contributor, as well as, her occupation and employer, amount and date of receipt. "If a person has already contributed an aggregate amount of over \$200 during a calendar year, each subsequent contribution, regardless of amount, must be identified in the same way."

These rules regarding receipts are necessary to ensure that aggregate donation thresholds are not exceeded. The contribution limits can vary by year, but are typically as follows:

- Individual donation to a candidate committee = \$2,700 per election (Primary or General)
- Individual donation to a Political Action Committee = \$5,000 per year
- Political Action Committee to a Candidate Committee = \$5,000 per year

Cash contributions which in the aggregate **exceed \$100** from one person are **prohibited**. A check or money order should be used for donations over \$100.

State Receipts

- A record of name and address should be kept on anyone contributing greater than \$10
- Contributors who have given \$50 or less will not be itemized on the report
- Contributors who have given between \$50.01 and \$250 in the aggregate must report name and mailing address
- Contributors who have given in excess of \$250 in aggregate must report name, mailing address, occupation and employer

All records for both Federal and State must be retained for 3 years from the date of the filed report.

Documenting Receipts

When collecting receipts in excess of \$200, you must provide name, mailing address, occupation and employer of the contributor. If you have not collected that information, you must show that you made “best efforts” to obtain, maintain and report it. The best way to demonstrate this is to show that you have requested the information. This should be done in a “clear and conspicuous” manner in the solicitation materials that prompted the contribution. Here is an example of “best efforts” notification to include in solicitation material:

“Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in an election cycle,”

If you fail to obtain that information, you must show that you made a follow-up request. This request must be made within 30 days. The request may not contain additional solicitation or any other material on another subject. This request can be oral, written (including a pre-addressed postcard or envelope for response), or via email. If the information needed is available from prior contributions within the last 2 year election cycle, you must use that information when reporting. If the information is obtained after the reporting period, you must file an amended report.

Filing Reports

Federal Reporting

Reports are filed with the Federal Election Commission and can be filed electronically or by mail. They provide a yearly schedule of filing dates. They are as follows:

- **Election Years** – Reports must be filed quarterly, post-general, and year-end.
 - **Quarterly** – 1st – January 1 thru March 31, Due April 15
 2nd – April 1 thru June 30, Due July 15
 3rd – July 1 thru September 30, Due October 15
 - **Post-general** – Close of books of your most recent report thru the 20th day after the election, Due 30 days after the election
 - **Year-end** – Close of post-general report thru December 31, Due January 31 (following year)
- **Non-election Years** – Reports are filed semi-annually in non-election years.
 - **Mid-year** – January 1 thru June 30, Due July 31
 - **Year-end** – July 1 thru December 31, Due January 31 (following year)

FEC [Form 3x](#) Report of Receipts and Disbursements should be used for all filings. You can fill out the PDF and save then print the form for mailing. Mail to: *Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463*. Fines may be imposed for late or omitted filings. The amount of the fine varies depending on how late the report is filed, how many previous violations exist, total receipts and total disbursements.

State Reporting

State reporting can be completed either electronically or by mail. The forms and schedule of dates are available on line at dos.pa.gov. Reports are filed 7 times through the course of the election year.

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Region One

Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery
Michele Vaughn, Regional Director

**The Chester County Democratic Womens
 Leadrship Initiative (CCDWLI)**

Michele Vaughn, President



Dr. Jill Biden speaking at CCDWLI Fall Gala

The Chester County Democratic Women's Leadership Initiative (CCDWLI) had a very active year. In January, we chartered several buses to the Women's March on Washington. In February, we hosted the PA Statewide Democratic Judges at our Judicial Forum.

In June, **our second annual spring gala featured Wendy Davis, former Texas State Senator and Trailblazer for women's rights.** Nearly 200 people were in attendance and inspired by Ms. Davis's amazing personal story inspiring guests and challenging them to do their part to take action in their community and to be agents for change.

Later in June, **we launched our first annual CCDWLI Martha S. Smith Scholarship Award luncheon.** We recognized four outstanding women for their academic excellence and leadership in Democratic politics.

We only thought it fitting to honor Martha Smith in recognizing these four outstanding young women today. In addition to the decades Martha was active in the PFDW, Martha also served for 16 years as the Chester County's Democratic Jury Commissioner, where she was elected more times than any other Row Officer in Chester County's history.

In October, **we hosted our third annual fall gala with Dr. Jill Biden, Educator and former Second Lady (2009-2016) and PA Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd.** It was

our largest, most successful event to date where Dr. Biden encourages women to get involved in politics and run for office. Justice Todd highlighted why electing judges matter in our state.

Region Two

Philadelphia

Pearl Hilley, Regional Director

Shantale Galloway - Assistant Regional Director

Concerned Women On The Move

Kathryn S. Huggins, President

The Concerned Women On The Move hosted a Meet and Greet on October 28, 2017 for candidate Dwayne Woodruff for Supreme Court Judge. We had an awesome time at this event for the candidate, and look forward to supporting Mr. Woodruff. Despite his loss we continue to support him in future endeavors. He would have been our first African American Supreme Court Judge since the Late Honorable Robert C. Nix. In November of 2017 we had our annual Democratic Women Brunch. At this affair State Representative Donna Bullock was honored by our club. We are so proud to announce that one of our very own members Ms. Lisa Rhoads has been elevated to State Committee as Treasurer. Ms. Rhoads is also the President of the Black Caucus for State Committee.

We are sorry to hear of the upcoming retirement of The Honorable Congressman Robert A. Brady. Congressman Brady will be retiring after 20 years of service to Congress. In December of 2018 he will be officially retired, but, he will remain the Chairman of our Democratic Party for the City of Philadelphia. We are now moving to our Women in Blue event on April 16, 2018, and our convention in June. In May, The Concerned Women On The Move will host a "Get Out The Vote Event" on the 6100 Block of Race Street.

Region Three

Carbon, Luzerne, Monroe, Schuylkill

Mahanoy Area Democratic Women's Club

Margaret Shemansik, President



Former Mahanoy City Tax Collector Vikki Ball-Buffington, pictured with her daughter, Georgia, Mahanoy Area Democratic Women's club youngest member and the future leader of Mahanoy Area Democratic Women's Club. (Georgia has not missed a meeting since she was born.)

Monroe County Democratic Women

Nellie D. Gordon, President

Monroe County Democratic Women's 2017 summer

celebrations included the Monroe County Democratic Picnic, Freedom Fest, West End Fair, and "The Raucous Resistance Summer Shindig." Our Monroe County Democratic Women were active participants at all these events.

The Monroe County Democratic Women's E.R. Brunch commemorating Eleanor Roosevelt was held Saturday, October 21, 2017, at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus. The theme was "Hats." 1) "Hats" we have worn. 2) "Hats" we wear now. 3) "Hats" we are going to try on.

Keynote speakers were: Dr. Damary M. Bonilla-Rodriguez, Consultant, Diversity & Inclusion-Leadership Development, and appointed by PA Governor Tom Wolf to serve on his Commission on Latino Affairs. Kathleen Kilker, respected public school teacher and Candidate for Hamilton Township Supervisor, Jennifer Shukaitis, Medical Coder II, Lehigh Valley Hospital-Pocono; Business Owner, BE Jewelry; Accounting Assistant, Dennis Deshler Accounting; and Candidate for Monroe County Treasurer, Tarah Verwey Probst, Stroudsburg Borough Mayor and part business owner of The Charcuterie. Once again, the program was delightful and speakers engaging.

The year 2018 gives us three Monroe County Democratic ladies running for public office: Claudette Williams, Chair of the Monroe County Democratic Committee, will be running for PA House, 176th Legislative District. Tarah Probst, Stroudsburg Borough Mayor, will run for PA Senate, 40th District. There is no prohibition barring Tarah from holding both seats. She is very qualified and can handle both jobs! Christa Caceres, Manager of Fighting for Life II-Families in Crisis, will run for PA House, 189th District. Monroe County Democratic Women are ready to run and win!

Region Four

Lackawanna, Pike, Wayne

Mary Ann Kapacs, Regional Director

Lackawanna County Federation of

Democratic Women

Cathy Wechsler, President

The Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women had a busy Fall. Meet the Candidates Night was held in October. It was nice to see old and new friends. November brought victory to Lackawanna County as Mark Powell became the first Democratic District Attorney elected in 50 years!

Mauri Kelly, Lackawanna County Clerk of Judicial Records, was honored as an Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman at the Federation Brunch in Harrisburg. She is a dedicated LCFDW member and a tireless County worker. Congratulations, Mauri! December's holiday celebration took place at the Radisson with gifts collected for Saint Joseph's Children's Pantry.

January brought a new year, but our thoughts were in 1988. The LCFDW turns 30 this year! We began planning for a celebration. We are looking for ideas and help for the year long celebration. February is Petition signing and we held our 3rd annual one. 2018 is an important year. We have some tough races ahead. We need to turn Pennsylvania blue again!

The Lackawanna County women will run the Wine/Liquor Pull at the Federation Convention. Please make donations of bottles worth at least \$15. We are asking for donations from all the state clubs. We are also collecting \$1 and \$5 lottery tickets for the Grand Prize.

Region Five

Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wyoming
Wyoming County Democratic Women's Society
Sharon Neumane, President

Our club stayed very busy throughout the summer. Parades, fairs and fundraising picnics! We worked hard all season making sure we are well represented in our community.

Our congratulations go out to our members and others around the state who worked tirelessly to make sure gerrymandering was addressed before the upcoming elections. Job well done! We had visits from candidates all summer and fall. Our club co-hosts the annual fall "Meet the Candidates Brunch" with the WCDC. It was a beautiful day and we welcomed several judicial and state candidates.

Wyoming County welcomed Senator Bob Casey for a roundtable discussion on the opioid epidemic that is ravaging our country. Our member, Sandy Vieczorek was asked to participate. Sandy knows firsthand how bad things are. Her son Randy, after years of struggling and unsuccessful treatment finally succumbed to this horrible disease at the young age of 29. Sandy knew that more could be done to help addicts and their families. She is the founding member and chairperson of Wyoming County Cares. Sandy and her group were responsible for getting a treatment court established here in Wyoming County. It has been very successful.

Lastly, the winner of the 2017 Wyoming County Democratic Women's Society's \$500.00 scholarship was Tunkhannock High School's Ashley Wurtman. In the fall Ashley began attending classes at Duquesne University for a degree in nursing. We are proud to say that this year's scholarship will be for \$1000.00



2017 Wyoming County Democratic Women's Society Scholarship winner Ashley Wurtman

Region Seven

Adams, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, York

Denise VanEssen, Regional Director

Salome Johnson, Assistant Regional Director

Adams County Federation of Democratic Women

Helen Cook, President

In August, ACFDW worked the food bank in East Berlin. In September we held our Annual picnic. In November, Helen Cook and I attended both the meetings and brunch for Outstanding Woman of the year. In December, we held our Christmas Drive giving clothes and toys to 3 families including 6 children.

Our President, Helen Cook attended the AG luncheon where Governor Tom Wolf was presented with a check from PFDW by Dianne Gregg. We have also given strong support to Shavonnia Corbin-Johnson who is seeking the 4th Congressional Seat.

Currently, a Royal Tea Party is being planned to coincide with the Royal Wedding on April 19. Our Membership Drive is in full swing.



L to R - Madeline Adkins, Shavonnia Corbin Johnson, Helen Cook



LtoR - Shavonnia Corbin Johnson, Helen Cook, Senator Bob Casey

York County Federation of Democratic Women Deborah Yonick, President

The York County Federation of Democratic Women is moving forward with purpose. We commend our very own Salome Johnson for stepping up to serve as Region 7 Director and a board member of the PFDW.

In November we conducted our executive board elections with Deb Yonick and Alana Haag continuing for their second and final terms as president and vice president respectively. Two of our newest members, Vicki Rutter and Delma Rivera Lytle, were voted in as treasurer and recording secretary respectively. Appointed to serve as membership chair in 2016, Susan Booker was elected to continue her leadership in this role. We thank Darlene Smith and Sandy Gordon, our previous treasurer and recording secretary respectively, for their service.

Also recognized for their Can do Attitude in the YCFDW and our community, 13 of our members received a Shining Star Award: Carol Bair, Susan Booker, Maribel Burgos, Ali Collier, Samantha Fullam, Sandy Gordon, Delma Rivera Lytle, Kim Martin, Carol Minnich, Marta Peck, Bobbi Proctor, Nancy Rohrbaugh, Pat Schell, and Jackie Wilson. Three additional awards are left to bestow.

Realizing our mission to uplift women in leadership roles throughout our community, several of our full members ran for office in 2017. Congratulations to Lisa Kennedy (York City School Board), Deborah Yonick Kalina (Southern York School Board), and Samantha Fullam and Melody Stine (Hallam Borough Council) for their wins. Although unsuccessful in their campaigns, we celebrate our sisters who ran for office, including Sandra Thompson for York County Court of Common Pleas, C. Kim Bracey for York City Mayor, Maribel Burgos for York County Recorder of Deeds, Anne Clark for York City Council, and Joyce Vandersloot for West York Area School Board.

We recognize Kim Bracey, who served two successful terms as Mayor of York City and PFDW's 2016 Outstanding Elected Woman of the Year for Region 7, for her recent appointment to serve as the Executive Director of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

We also cheer on Sandra Thompson for her appointment as Vice Chair for the Democratic Party of York County.

PFDW's 2016 Outstanding Elected Woman of the Year for Region 7 Carol Hill Evans is running again for the PA House 95th. In 2018 Meggan O'Rourke, one of our newest members, has a compelling platform for Kristen Phillips Hill's seat for PA House 93rd and Shavonnia Corbin Johnson for Scott Perry's House seat in the 4th District, Shavonnia is also a member of the EmergePA 2018 cohort.

Nearly 30 of our members took a bus with a comparable group from Lancaster to the Women's March in Philadelphia Jan. 20. We coined it the "Roar of the Roses". The highlight was supporting one of our student members, Amy Gunzelman, who was one of 12 Extraordinary Ordinary Speakers at the event. Seeing 17-year-old Amy of Spring Grove speak her truth so eloquently before 50,000 people was inspiring. An outspoken feminist and activist in her community, Amy courageously made her voice heard on many issues from protesting the racist comments of Spring Grove school board member Matt Jansen to writing about important issues like sexual assault as editor of her school newspaper.

On Jan. 21, we also rallied in York's Continental Square to recognize the anniversary of the Women's March.

With the help of our web master and man of many hats, Bob Haag, we're updating/modernizing our web presence. Our meetings, which have been averaging 75 attendees monthly, feature speakers addressing key policy issues, including sex trafficking, immigration, and gerrymandering. We're gearing up to support events for Black and Women's History Months, and to march in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in York. We have a busy year ahead! **Visit yorkdemwomen.org for more information about our chapter.**



"Roar of the Roses", White and Red Roses of York and Lancaster Counties at the Women's March in Philadelphia.



Image of Amy Gunzelman, YCFDW student member and guest speaker at the Women's March in Philadelphia.

Region Eight

Berks, Lehigh, Northampton

Celeste Dee, Regional Director

Lisa Ditalia - Assistant Regional Director

Northampton County Council of Democratic Women

Lori Hefner, President

At our January 2018 meeting the following new officers were installed for the 2018/2019 term;

President	Lori Vargo Hefner
Vice President	Kelly Keegan
Recording Secretary	Lisa Magyarics
Corresponding Secretary	Patrice Schwartzman
Treasurer	Becky Bartlett
Parliamentarian	Valerie Kiltie
Trustees	Sandy Vulcano, Leslie Altieri, Kaija Farber
Historian	Cindy Lopresti

Our goals this year are to recruit new members and elect more democrats to higher office. We will assist in "GOTV" efforts and rally for the election of more women to both local and state offices! Together we can all make a difference and turn this country Blue!

Congratulations to our new and returning members of District 8 Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women.

Region Nine

Cumberland, Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry

Donna Frank, Regional Director

Tri-County Federation of Democratic Women

Deanne McNally, President

The founder of our club, Marianne McManus, was honored with a lifetime achievement award at the annual picnic of the East Pennsboro Democratic party. Marianne has nurtured Tri-County from the beginning and she has been an inspiration to all of us.

Prior to November, we had a dinner meeting with the Honorable Debra Todd as the featured speaker. We congratulate her and know she will continue to serve justice in the Commonwealth. Our club also supported local and judicial Democratic candidates by phone banking, canvassing, marching in parades and with moral support.

As part of an outreach for new members and to promote candidates, Tri-County had a presence at Third In The Burg, a night out which highlights cultural venues, galleries and restaurants in Harrisburg. On a sad note, we remembered deceased members Barb Parsons, Natalie Gehosky and honorary member Charles Krah. Tri-County celebrated the holidays at a luncheon meeting that included a presentation on Gerrymandering by Jayne Buchwach of Fair Districts PA.

We kicked-off 2018 with Wine Down Wednesday, a fundraiser-membership drive hosted by Dr. Michele Sellitto and State Representative Patty Kim. This event was a lot of fun and a huge success for our club. We look forward to a service project this spring. We will, with plantings, re-beautify a monument along Front Street in Harrisburg. "The Sacrifices of Women" honors the women of WWI.



Michele Sellitto, President Deanne McNally, Patty Kim at Wine Down Wednesday

Region Twelve

Blair, Bedford, Fulton, Huntingdon

Jan McCready, Regional Director

Helen B. Hughes Federation of Democratic Women

Alicia Lang, President

After a few years of inactivity, we are very excited to become active again with a brand new group of officers.

Pictured below, is Alicia Lang, President, Tera Yingling, Vice-President, Denelle Diehl, Treasurer, and Stacey Herncane, Secretary.



One important part of our organization is to give back to our community. So far, we have gifted books to our local Head Start preschools, sponsored a family for a Secret Santa program, and we are in the process of adopting a highway. Our motto is, "A Voice for Everyone" and we will continue to fight to make this a reality.

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- 6th Tuesday Pre-Election 2nd Friday Pre-Election 30 Day Post-Election
- Annual Report to be completed as of December 31 of the election year and filed by January 31 (following year)

A penalty of \$10/day up to a maximum of \$250/year is assessed for reports that are filed late.

Prepared by Roxanne Embick

Region Thirteen

Cambria, Somerset, Westmoreland
Harriett Ellenberger, Regional Director
Democratic Women of Westmoreland
Harriett Ellenberger, President

All eyes are on our March 13 special election. When, with luck, Conor Lamb will replace disgraced Tim Murphy as the Representative for PA District 18. WOW members are manning the phones and hitting the pavements in support of Conor, a sincere, exciting young man. Conor personifies our democratic values. The excitement he generates is contagious. Westmoreland residents, with extra bedrooms, are opening their homes to volunteers coming into the area to work for Conor.

WOW is hosting a "Celebrating Democratic Women" get together during March, Women's History Month. We are honoring Lorraine Petrosky as our "Woman of the Year". Lorraine is the Chair of the Westmoreland Democratic Committee. She has worked tirelessly as our Chair. Through dogged determination she has brought the Westmoreland Democratic Committee into the 21st century. We are in her debt.

And we can not forget the Women's March in Pittsburgh on January 21. Westmoreland County sent two buses of energized people to the march. There were many interesting signs. Our local candidates (many of them women) gave rousing voice to our upcoming blue wave.



Just some of the WOW members at the Women's March in Pittsburgh
 Carol Demi, Tara Yokopenic, Joanne Garring, Linda Butler,

Region Fifteen

Crawford, Erie, Mercer, Venango, Warren
Judy Hines, Regional Director
Democratic Women of Mercer County
Judy Hines, President

2017 was a banner year for the Democrat Women of Mercer County. We sponsored our own women's march to coincide with the Women's March on Washington. Close to 800 people took to the streets of Sharon, PA. In April, guest Kathy Rentz announced Lawrence County Action was recently organized, due to the encouragement and support of the DWMC.

Throughout 2017 judicial candidates visited. We were honored to host retired Supreme Court Justice Cynthia Baldwin in the spring, who spoke on the importance of off-year elections.

The Western PA Judicial Tour, the brainchild of our president Judy Hines came calling in August. DWMC members made over 14,000 calls on behalf of judicial and local candidates. John and Gisele Fetterman and children joined us for our annual Holiday Brunch in December where Santa passed out gift bags for children.

January and February meetings aren't the norm for the DWMC, but this year, two important issues altered our plans, Gerrymandering and Sex Trafficking. Don Goldstein, Northwest Regional Director of Fair Districts PA presented an informative power point presentation. We were pleased to hear him say, "We hear a lot about your organization in the western part of the state . . . a kick-ass group of Democrats who get things done when, often times, others are discouraged". Lizette Olsen, Executive Director of AWARE addressed sex trafficking in Mercer County, an increasing problem in our country. Members continue to support AWARE and area food banks by their monthly donations.





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