



THE SURVEY

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SAVE THE DATE

Election Day
November 3, 2020

Deadline for Spring Survey
March 15, 2021

PFDW Board Meeting
December 5th, 2020
Lewisburg, PA

PFDW Annual Convention
June 10-13, 2021
Lewisburg, PA

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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.

We Salute You

Elijah Cummings

October 17, 2019

Known for being a fighter for rights in his hometown, Baltimore, he also became famous for his involvement in the impeachment investigation of President Trump.

Elected to Congress in 1996, Cummings was the Democratic representative from Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House. Cummings made history when he became the first African American in the state to be named Speaker Pro Tempore during his 14 terms in the Maryland House of Delegates.

We remember Elijah Cummings for being the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

John Lewis

July 17, 2020

An American statesman and civil rights leader, John Lewis is known for fighting for the rights of people. Dr. Martin Luther King's life inspired Lewis to join the struggle for civil rights.

Elected to Congress in 1986, Lewis was the Democratic representative from Georgia's 5th District in the House of Representatives. Prior to that, Lewis ran for office for the Atlanta City Council in 1981 and won.

Lewis has several accomplishments under his belt, including healthcare reform, measures to fight poverty, improvements in education, and overseeing multiple renewals of the Voting Rights Act.

We remember John Lewis for leading a sit-in with 40 House Democrats and forcing Congress to address gun violence by taking definitive legislative action.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

September 18, 2020

An Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a champion of equality under the law. Ginsburg was nominated by former President Bill Clinton in 1993 and served on the Supreme Court until her death.

Prior to Ginsburg's role as Associate Justice, she was appointed by former President Jimmy Carter as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1980

We remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg for her contributions to gender equality and civil rights winning her the Thurgood Marshall Award from the American Bar Association.



PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN, INC

2020 CENTURY CLUB *An Invitation to All Democrats*

PFDW's Political Action Committee (PAC) is largely funded by the Century Club. Meeting the challenges of increased funding for more women candidates will be possible only through increased participation in the Century Club. Can you help us fund good Democratic candidates?

We sincerely hope that all PFDW Board members, women and men elected officials, individuals, clubs, and those who are financially able will renew or begin a CENTURY CLUB membership. This year, as we elect candidates across Pennsylvania, we extend our thanks for your continued support. If you have joined in the past, we invite you to join again this year. We welcome new members to join in order to assure the PFDW's continued financial support to WOMEN and STATEWIDE CANDIDATES. *We welcome male members to join in any category as Associate Members (with no voting rights in the PFDW).*

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members will receive an individual listing in the Convention Program Book

2020 PFDW Century Club Lapel Pin

DIAMOND CIRCLE - \$1,000

Includes 4 tickets to the Outstanding Elected Democratic Women Brunch

RUBY CIRCLE- \$500

Includes 2 tickets to the Outstanding Elected Democratic Women Brunch

EMERALD CIRCLE - \$250

Includes 1 ticket to the Outstanding Elected Democratic Women Brunch

TOPAZ - \$100

Fiscal Year is January 1 – December 1, 2020

Please respond by November 1, 2020

******* Please detach & return with your contribution *******

**I am enclosing a contribution of \$ _____ for membership in the 2020 PFDW
CENTURY CLUB.**

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

****Checks payable to: PFDW-PAC and mailed to:**

**SANDI VULCANO
PFDW Century Club
Chair
531 Philadelphia Road
Easton, PA 18042.**

The Outstanding Elected Democratic Women's Brunch



Sorry the OEDW Brunch has been cancelled for 2020. We hope next year will be better. Best of luck to the ladies running for office this year. May there be many elected women to choose from in 2021 to nominate for this honor. Nominees must be currently elected and have shown outstanding loyalty and dedication to her PFDW club and the Democratic Party.

See you next year!

November 15, 2021
Best Western, Harrisburg

Deanne McNally
OEDW Brunch Chair

BIDEN / HARRIS

GET THE VOTE OUT!



PFDW PAC

Dianne Gregg, Co-Chair

PFDW Helps Our Candidates

We have 80 women running for office in PA this year. Because 2020 is so significant, the PAC Committee voted to make an exception to our usual policy so we could donate to every one of their campaigns. We had a number of reasons we hope you will agree with.

First, we are celebrating our milestones. This year is the 100th anniversary of our right to vote. If we win the presidential election, we will finally have a woman Vice President in Kamala Harris. And not least, we wish to memorialize the passing of the Notorious RBG, outstanding Justice and cultural rock star.

Second, we are mindful of self-defense. Not only do we need to do all we can to help our seven women running for Congress and our statewide candidate, we also need to take back the State Legislature to stop many destructive moves underway there.

Nominations for grants came from clubs around the state. Their candidates got the maximum amount of money available for their offices. Normally we don't consider legislative candidates who aren't nominated by clubs, but this year's exception was to give lesser amounts to those candidates. We are encouraging them to found new clubs in their areas. We all know one thing is true: no woman candidate can succeed without strong women volunteers.

The PAC Committee reached out to Congressional and statewide candidates. Next year, the Committee will take the lead with statewide judicial candidates while clubs handle their local races.

Our 80 candidates represent an increase from the 65 in 2018, which was a vast improvement over previous years. In 2015, PA got a D- for women's participate in politics, ranking 45th among states. We now have 26.9% of PA's statewide and federal offices. That number is, obviously, awful, but it's double where we were in 2006. The Federation can play a vital role in bringing up these percentages, and with them, creating a fairer and wiser world.



Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women

Memorial Scholarship Award Scholarship Application 2021

Eligibility: Any Pennsylvania woman in the sophomore or junior class of an accredited college or university in a four year undergraduate degree program. Be in academic good standing and be a registered Democratic voter. Applicant must possess family Democratic Party background or be an active participant in the activities of the Democratic Party.

Award: Scholarship award to be used during the junior or senior year. Presentation will be at the Memorial Scholarship Luncheon of the PFDW 94th Convention, at Lewisburg, PA June 10-13, 2021.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NAME OF COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY _____

MAJOR/MINOR _____

ACTIVITIES _____

PLACE REGISTERED TO VOTE _____

WITH THIS APPLICATION SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

I. A ONE PAGE ESSAY EXPLAINING:

- a. Need for this scholarship
- b. Your professional goals
- c. Your Democratic Party activities
- d. Your family Democratic Party involvement

II. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A FACULTY MEMBER IN YOUR MAJOR.

III. LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP FROM A PFDW CLUB OR MEMBER.

In addition to the above: A SEALED OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FROM YOUR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR MUST BE MAILED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

Note: - **All documents must be sent via regular mail.**

- **Any documents sent via email will not be accepted.**

- **All documents must be postmarked by April 1, 2021 to be considered for scholarship.**

Use the address below for all mailings.

Michelle Price - PFDW Scholarship Chair
462 W. Grant Street
Easton, PA 18042

For more information or questions,

Contact Michelle Price

484-635-0127

mbernsonprice@gmail.com

The PFDW Scholarship Committee Is Proud To Announce The Scholarship Recipients for 2020



A scholarship in memory of Marianne McManus and fully funded by Tri-County FDW member, Peggy Grove was awarded to Katja Magyarics. Katja is student at George Washington University studying Political Communications. While studying she works at the Institute for International Economic Policy. She is also interested in the education of incarcerated inmates. In high school Katja founded a Young Democrats Club there. Katja is from Bethlehem. She is the granddaughter of board member, Kaiji Farber.



Another scholarship was given to Cassandra Brimmer, a student at Gettysburg College, who is studying Math and Computer Science. You may remember Cassie from our 2019 Convention who as Helen Cook's sidekick was everywhere where help was needed. She intends to pursue a post graduate degree and go into research.



Natee' Himmons of Delaware County, a student in Business Analytics and Dance at George Washington University was awarded a scholarship. She is a leader of black women in the business school. She volunteers for women's health organizations and the LGBTQ communities in DC. In her thank you note to us she related she is busily working to register voters and get out the vote in this year's election.



MI Keisha Mobley of Harrisburg also received a scholarship. She is a senior student at Millersville University pursuing a degree in Social Work. Mikeisha began a career as a hair stylist, but decided she wished to “assist others in becoming their best selves.”

We had an exceptional group of applicants this year. We were able to help with financial need. Our scholarships reflected the diversity that the Democratic Party embraces. Some came from families with a single parent and even one from a Republican family who does not contribute to the educational finances of their “liberal Democratic “daughter. We now need to look onward to 2021 and hope the education of our students continues to flourish despite the global pandemic.

Region 1 – Black Democratic Women of Montgomery County
Co-Presidents: Adrian Crowder & Gwen Jackson



2020, what a year! Despite adjusting to the impact of the coronavirus, our Club continues to make great progress. Although meeting virtually, our Club's membership continues to increase, our website has launched (BDWMC.org), and we are aligned with EMERGE Pennsylvania and the Montgomery County Democratic Committee. While we could not hold our annual Breakfast Bingo fundraiser this year to allow constituents the opportunity to meet local/statewide candidates, we sponsored two virtual Town Hall events. The first Town Hall on September 17, 2020 featured State Representative candidates flipping seats to Blue-Jill Dennin District 147, Nancy Guent, District 152 and Jonathan Kassa District 151. The second Town Hall on October 15, 2020 featured candidates Nina Ahmad, Auditor General, Amanda Cappilietti, 17th State Senate and Napoleon Nelson, State Representative District 154. Committed to turning PA Blue, we have sent over 200 postcards, contributed over 20 hours of phone banking, assisted in several voter registration drives and are using social media to increase voter engagement.



We continue to mourn the passing of one of our founding Club Sisters, Sheryl Pailin. She was committed to our cause and her responsibilities as our Treasurer. Sheryl helped make our club the success it is today with her ideas, organization and work. She brought a much needed levity to our group through her infectious smile and laugh. BDWMC stands in solidarity with the memory of our sister as we continue to support and promote the election of Democratic women and candidates of color to offices in all branches of government who are aligned with our mission and committed to improve the quality of life for our families.

Region 2 – Philadelphia Democratic Women Caucus
President: Joann Manuel

With Council President Darrell Clarke and State Representative Malcolm Kenyatta 181st District In Support of The Black Doctors Consortium (COVID)-19 most of all grew up in North



Philadelphia give of their Time and Money to testing in the community where they grew up.

The Get Out The Vote Crew

In the photo from left to right Left to right. Arnetta Curry St. Rep. Kenyatta and Ms.El).

Direct Action in conjunction with the Black Consortium proved that women working together can get a lot done at one time. While the doctors were giving coronavirus testing, Direct Action were doing voter registration and giving out census forms. Kudos to the women: Arnetta Curry, Ms. El, and Connie Little

Submitted by Gwen Collins

Philadelphia Democratic Women Caucus
President - Mariel Martin

Greetings:

We wish all of you and your family great health, and a victorious win over any impact COVID-19 has had during these uncertain times!

Philadelphia Democratic Women Caucus is mainly focused on Philadelphia residents being informed of how easy it is to get registered to vote. Philadelphia has allowed early voting in one of the most crucial elections of our time, in turn, our primary goal is to get more people out to the polls.

We are also happy to announce the start of a new club in Montgomery County!



Concerned Women on the Move President: Kathryn Huggins

Because of the COVID 19 we have not been able to have regular meetings, so we have been doing conference calls with each other. We were working on going to the Convention but it was cancelled.

Our focus is on the election on November 3rd, 2020 working with both the Black Caucus trying to get our young people (18 years to 22 years old) more involved in politics.

We are very proud of our club member, Lisa Rhoads who is President of Black Caucus and she was elected in the position of Democratic Party. If more people came out to vote in Philadelphia and five other states, we would have won the election four years ago.

Lastly, we are proud of Latrice Bryant, another Club member who is a supervisor for Census. We need to come out in Philadelphia in big numbers

Submitted by Kathy Huggins

Region 4 – Lackawanna County President: Mary Kate Donahue

Last time we had a Survey, we were all anticipating a busy Spring. But quarantine changed all that. The clubs are rebounding and are working hard to ride that Blue Wave. Both Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties have had journalist from around the world looking for stories.

Lackawanna County has been busy getting signs out and phone banking. The LCFDW also donated to the Lackawanna County Democratic Committee to buy signs for county distribution. As places allow groups, we are getting back on track holding meetings in person.

Luzerne County has been phoning banking, distributing signs, and addressed 9, 000 postcards! They are also celebrating their 3rd Birthday!! The North LCDW held a party at the Atrium to celebrate. Happy Birthday to a hardworking group. They also have an Ugly Sweater Party planned and a Poinsettia Sale coming up.

In a year filled with anxiety and worry, we were all brought together by the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. As we mourn, we are reminded of all her accomplishments, her warmth, her passion, and her unstoppable

energy. We have all benefitted from her decisions. We were so lucky to have had her in our lives. Rest in Peace R.B.G.! Thank you!

Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women President Mary Kate Donahue presents a check to Chris Patrick, chairman of Lackawanna County Democrats.



Members left to right, Patti Rieder, Carol Thoms, Mary Ann Kapacs, Cathy Weschsler, Mauari Kelly, and Susie Connors

Region 5 – Wyoming County Democratic Women’s Society

President: Sharon Neumane

We had a boring Covid 19 summer that turned into a vibrant election season! The women of Wyoming County have stepped up like no other time in my years with our club! As all the women members of the Wyo. Co. Committee are also members of the Federation, our joint effort means we are working 7 days a week at getting out the vote. We have committed committees for door hangers, phone banking and volunteering at our brand-new Committee Head Quarters! We have had an amazing number of voters come in for signs or replacement signs for the ones that are being stolen! We have made our presence known to the angry mob that is the opposition supporters. Let me tell you, they are not happy to have a Democratic HQ right in downtown Tunkhannock.

As do so many righteous democrats we mourn the loss of the Notorious Ruth Bader Ginsburg. History will tell her story. Students will read her decisions and learn from them. We will need them in the future.

Logan Kandrovsky is our 2020 \$1,000 scholarship winner. Logan will be attending American University studying Political Science / English.

Pictured is our Scholarship winner as well as the scholarship committee.



From left to right; Janet Shaw, Nancy Comstock, Logan Kandrovsky, Sharon Neumane, Cynthia Stevens

Regional Director: Nadia Villanueva
Delicati

Region 7 – York County Federation of Democratic Women

President: Christina M. Stetler

The York County of Federation Women (YCFDW) started the year off participating with the York Women’s March on January 20, 2020. Approximately 150 people marched the streets of Downtown York to Continental Square, the heart of the city, to hear incredible speakers and mingle with like-minded people.

In February we met for the first time in-person for 2020 and had a packed house!

More than 80 people attended to hear Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Senate seat PA-10, speak. We were excited to have our local ABC affiliate cover the meeting.

At this meeting, we also rolled out our Virtual Tea Party fundraiser. To honor the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, we created a tea party bag with a teacup and saucer, tea, a copy of the 19th Amendment, a

pen, and a copy of the book *Roses and Radicals* by Susan Zimet. Almost 50 tea bags were sold! The money raised through this fundraiser went to our PAC fund for our candidates.

Unfortunately, as many clubs, COVID-19 stopped our in-person meetings. But we didn't stop interacting with our members. Throughout the three months we could not meet, approximately every two weeks we sent out a virtual care package to members that included music, videos, 19th Amendment history, children's content on the 19th Amendment, and more. It was important that we continue reaching out to our members even if we couldn't do so in traditional methods.

We (finally!) came back together in June at a local park...in-person. We had a great turnout of women! In June, we shared our concerns about the virus and the political landscape. We also voted to make donations to our female candidates running for Senate, State Senate, and State House. In July, we heard from all our local York County candidates running for office and learned how we can volunteer for their campaigns. In August, we assisted Sarah Hammond and Shanna Danielson by writing post cards encouraging people to vote.

On Wednesday, August 26, we joined together in a cup of tea in memory of those who fought for the right to vote (essentially white women). That evening a local York County historian gave a presentation via Zoom to our members and those who donated to the fundraiser, speaking about York County women who helped women obtain the right to vote, as well as influential political women in York County.

The year may not be what we anticipated, but York County didn't let that stop us from helping keep democracy alive!

Regional Director:
Shavonnia Corbin-Johnson



YCFDW_Women's March Jan 2020 – The York County Federation of Democratic Women joined the Washington Women's March with a sister march in Downtown York on January 20, 2020. Judith Higgins, member and previous Democratic candidate, along with Deb Yonick, YCFDW Past-President, organized the day's activities. YCFDW Secretary and 2019 Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman Melody Stine holds the microphone.



YCFDW_Feb 2020 Mtg AG DePasquale – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, Democratic Candidate for PA-10, addresses the February 2020 meeting of the YCFDW.

Region 7 – Adams County Federation of Democratic Women
President: Helen Cook



The year 2020 is one that will go down in history as the year that was skipped. During this past year, we have helped with food baskets, gift cards, transportation, and postcards, along with helping our down-ticket candidates, Todd Rowley 13th Congressional District, and Rich Sterner for PA State Senate 33rd District. We have not met physically due to the pandemic.



We all are still excited that our member Cassandra (Cassie) received the 2020 Suffrage Scholarship. Cassie was honored and surprised that the PFDW valued her as a candidate. I (Helen) was able to hand the Certificate and check to Cassie at my home. The ACFDW also sends a Thank you to the state.

Bettye Baker a member of the chapter since the beginning has had her book written by her and her late husband has been published “The Brownsville Texas Incident of 1906” The

true and tragic story of a Black Battalion’s wrongful disgrace and Ultimate Redemption. By LT. Colonel William Baker. Dr. Bettye Baker received a Silver Medal Military Writers Society. The book is published by Red Engine Press and available on Amazon. I am pleased to have an autographed copy.

Dona Maguire has taken first and second place in flower shows with her Dalias. Dona has a talent when it comes to her garden.

We lost a member of the ACFDW on September 3rd. Tim Diehl passed away. He was a supporter and we all thank him and will miss him as well.

We will be moving forth with our Christmas fundraiser in adopting a couple of families. This is our goal each year to ensure the kids at least get the basic needs. The bank account goes back to zero in December. We strongly feel it is our civic duty to help neighbors. My wish is that we all can meet in December or early next year. Everyone, please stay safe.

Region 8 – Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Democratic Women
President: Lori Vargo Heffner

The Northampton County Council of Democratic Women has been busy getting ready for November's election. We have been preparing to help in any way to get out and protect the vote in our area. We are

supporting 6 different house race candidates and Susan Wild for Congress. We are collaborating with other local groups to send postcards, drop literature, safe canvas, set up signs, drive people to the polls, or to drop off ballots, as well as poll watch on Election Day. On August 19th, 2020, Councilwoman & PFDW Secretary Lori Vargo Heffner gave proclamations to the club, The PA State Federation and The League of Women

Voters in honor of 100 years of Women's Right to Vote. Accepting the awards were Joanne Messenlenher & Sandi Vulcano, trustees and board members, Pam Pearson, club secretary, Susanne Bodai Vice President, and Linda Wolesnagle, Region 8 Director.



Let's Celebrate Our Centennial With Victory in November!

Region 8 – Berks Democratic Women President: Linda Wolesnagle

Berks Democratic Women Club (BDW) had to reinvent itself due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. They used the BDW phone lists, on a weekly basis, to insure that the BDW membership was staying well. A weekly newsletter was emailed to the membership. The first newsletter edition was very much a nuts and bolts approach as to what was happening with our Berks County Democratic Leaders, along with covering PA State and U.S. government issues. The BDW newsletter evolved recently into an eye catching “MailChimp” format which has grown into covering events in the Berks County area. We have learned how to Zoom and had monthly Ex-Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings. We had Zoom Meetings that featured Democratic Candidates who had won during the Spring Primary Elections.

Also, BDW launched an “Adopt a Nursing Home” project. Our Andrea Jefferson was the point person and she developed a great program and found many volunteers. The BDW volunteers got involved by creating

Gift Bags with greeting cards and personal care items that were given to the residents. All three shifts, of the staff, received pizza and fruit drinks. Below are two photos of the Nursing Home receiving the Gift bags, pizzas and drinks! Needless to say, we all stayed outside at the Nursing Home. (See photos below)



Linda Woelagle, Regional Director – Region 8, has been doing Zoom meetings with the Lehigh and Northampton Clubs. Also, Linda attended the 100th Anniversary ceremony, in Easton, PA,

where Lori Heffner read a proclamation into the meeting minutes of the Northampton County Executive Board regarding the 19th Amendment being signed into law.

Region 8 – Nazareth Area Democratic Women’s Club and Vicinity

President: Susan E. Grassi

Nazareth Area Democratic Women and Vicinity have been having meetings in the warm weather outside at the Nazareth Area Park. We have had local candidates and a visit from MPR radio station. Cov-19 has limited our activities so we have opted to order specially printed post cards and send hand written notes to voters to encourage them to vote **BLUE** and return mail in ballots as soon as possible. Please see our picture. We are trying to post Biden Signs and other candidates’ signs throughout the district. We look forward to a **Blue Landslide** on November 3rd to save our beautiful democratic country.



Jeanie Morgano

Respectfully Submitted by Susan E. Grassi,
President Nazareth Area Democratic
Women’s Club and Vicinity

Region 9 – Mifflin County, Juniata County, Cumberland County, Perry County, Franklin County, Dauphin County

Regional Director: Donna Frank

Mifflin County has joined PFDW as of October 1st 2020. The Club’s main focus at this time is to register new voters and be a support group for the Biden /Harris ticket.

Most of the members attended the 225th birthday of Lewistown which is the County seat of Mifflin County.



The members are helping to celebrate the *Annual Goose Day* celebration. Goose day is similar to a Thanksgiving Day feast in that the goose is the main dish with all the trimmings. It is said that if you eat goose on September 29th that good fortune will follow you.

Welcome back Mifflin County!!

Region 9 – Tri-County FDW

President: Jody Rebarchak

The races are heating up here in Central Pennsylvania. Despite some deep red pockets in Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry Counties our Tri-County Federation of Democratic Women candidates are forging ahead even in heavily gerrymandered districts.

We are proud to report that we have the most members ever running in the history of our group. The SEVEN are:

PA State Senate Candidate

- Shanna Danielson (SD-31)

PA State House Candidates

- Lindsay Drew (HD-106)
- Nicole Miller (HD-87)
- Brittney Rodas (HD-105)
- Tara Shakespeare (HD-88)
- Patty Smith (HD-104)
- Patty Kim (Incumbent HD 103)



L-R Tri-County FDW Candidates
Lindsay Drew HD-106, Patty Smith
HD-104, Brittney Rodas HD-105



L-R, Tri-County FDW Candidates Tara
Shakespeare HD-88, Shanna Danielson
SD-31, Nicole Miller HD-87, State Rep.
Patty Kim HD-103

Even with the restrictions caused by Covid 19, these women have found new and inventive methods of connecting with voters. They use Zoom meetings to open the homes of even more voters to candidates, and they have devised new ways to actively engage attendees. A team of three Tri-County candidates hosted a Jeopardy-themed fundraiser on Zoom which was a hit and really fun. Another candidate has an upcoming “Hamilton” themed Zoom gathering planned. We are also looking forward to the release of an instructional video on the correct way to submit a mail in ballot. The candidate producing that has plans to possibly offer it in Spanish and American Sign Language, too.

Tri-County has also implemented technological advances to more effectively communicate with our members and conduct organizational business. We stay in touch through email and Facebook, sending out surveys and birthday greetings and allowing our members and member candidates to post announcements. We have established a Zoom account in order to hold virtual meetings, and our PAC has established an ActBlue account to more effectively fundraise during the pandemic and going forward. Of course, we continue to rely on more traditional forms for contactless campaigning, such as phone banking, postcard writing, and contactless lit drops to support our candidates.

If this pandemic has highlighted anything in our organization, it is the strength, resilience, creativity, and cooperation exhibited by our candidates that chose to work harder and

work together when confronted by the challenges of campaigning during a global crisis. We are proud to call these women “members” and look forward to calling them “State Representatives” and “State Senator.”

Regional Director: Deanne McNally

Region 9 – Women’s Democratic Club of Franklin County

Regional Director: Susan Spicka

Earlier this year when Gov. Wolf signed into law legislation providing Pennsylvania voters with the option of voting by mail, FCWomenDems decided to make registering voters our highest priority. In May, we worked with the Franklin County Democratic Committee to prepare 3,800 household letters that included vote by mail information, applications and return envelopes which reached 4,400 Democrats. Our efforts made a difference. In mid-April, just 1,061 Franklin County Dems had registered to vote by mail. By Election Day in June, that number was more than 7,000. Amazingly 71% of the ballots cast by Franklin County Democrats in the Spring Primary were mail-in ballots! During the month of August, we continued to reach additional voters through an “Adopt A Neighborhood” contactless door hanger project. Volunteers helped deliver an additional 4,200 applications to Democrats throughout the county. With Covid-19 making voting in-person more challenging and an assortment of new legislation and local procedures surrounding ballots, the club made its next goal ensuring constituents with accurate voting information. After a successful fundraising campaign, over 19,000 GOTV postcards were mailed to

Democrats with resources surrounding voting by mail and in-person. In addition, due to social distancing curbing our meetings and canvassing, we have stepped up our social media communication. With efforts to undermine the Democratic process of voting, it is essential to remind voters to **VOTE BLUE FOR CHANGE!**



Region 11 – Lycoming County Democratic Women's Club

President: Linda Sosniak

As a tribute to Pennsylvania's suffragists and their successful fight for the right to vote, the Lycoming County Democratic Women's Club launched a massive postcard writing campaign. Eighty-six volunteers addressed 5230 postcards urging local citizens to use their right to vote in the November election to elect Democratic candidates. The postcards featured three local female candidates running for Pennsylvania State Representative positions, Airneezer Page for the 83rd district and Amanda Waldron for the 84th district and Jackie Baker, running for the PA Senate 23rd district.

The postcards with handwritten scripts were sent to Democrats and Independents who

voted in the last two general elections. Fifty-five of the volunteers placed stamps on the cards and mailed them. Others made donations to pay for the bulk mailing of the remainder.

The club is also selling face masks featuring four different Democratic-themed fabrics. Linda Sosniak, club president, is also the seamstress. Sale of the masks not only adds to our treasury but keeps members safe while promoting our political values.

Region 11 – Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County

President: Nancy Westburg

After a century of sacrifice, protests and hard work, women won the right to vote in 1920 with the passing of the 19th Amendment. The upcoming Presidential Election on November 3 will mark the 100-year anniversary of the first major election when women had equal voting rights. Most of the polling places back then were the local Post Offices, where women were given separate ballots, many of which were pink. Only 36%

of eligible women voted in 1920, but in 2016, 63%% of eligible women voted. Since 1964, women voted at higher rates than men in Presidential Elections. On the steps of the Indiana County Post Office, the leaders of the Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County are holding pink "ballots" commemorating Suffragists achieving the right to vote and signifying the importance of women's votes in past and future elections.



Front row from left to right: Patti Holmes, Issues Committee Co-Chair; Susan Boser, President-elect; Nancy Westburg, President; Sherene Hess, Indiana County Commissioner. Second row from left to right: Donna DonGiovanni, Special Events Chair; Gail Riley, Secretary; Lynne Alvine, Past President; Celinda Scott, Publicity Chair; Anna Goldman, Executive Board Member-at-Large.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the following are the projects Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County:

- Made a \$200 contribution to support the children's free lunch program sponsored by Spaghetti Benders after the schools were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The donation was shared with Chevy Chase's free lunch program.
- Donated 22 pizzas to the nurses and healthcare workers at Indiana Regional Medical Center to thank them for their devoted service. The pizzas were delivered to three departments during two shifts. Our organization wanted to show our appreciation to those nurses and healthcare workers who are working tirelessly on the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for their dedication now and throughout the year.
- Sent a \$300 donation to the Community Environmental Defense League Fund in honor of the East Run Hellbenders Society for their recent court win after years of fighting to protect the environment and health of the residents of Grant Township. The ongoing battle is to stop fracking companies from using Grant Township as a dumping ground for poisonous fracking waste.

- Contributed \$500 to support Tony DeLoreto's campaign for Pennsylvania State Senate in the 41st District and \$300 to support Denny Semsick's campaign for Pennsylvania House of Representatives in the 62nd District.
- Sent a Resolution to Community Rights Network that supports HB 1813 which calls for an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution that recognizes the right of local communities to self-govern. For years, the current system of law has favored the rights of a corporate minority above community health and safety. This has been apparent in Grant Township where the law is not protecting their township from being a dump for toxic and radioactive waste that would destroy citizens' private wells and springs. To secure this right, the amendment includes provisions that empower communities to legally stop unwanted and harmful activities that would damage their neighborhoods. It also empowers communities to make decisions free from illegitimate preemptive laws and corporate interference.
- Entered an agreement with PennDOT to participate in the Adopt and Beautify program. Two signs will be erected at the adopted sites to acknowledge our beautification efforts and contributions.
- Held two General Membership Zoom Meetings with Democratic County Commissioner Sherene Hess as guest speaker. The first meeting topic was the impact of COVID-19 on our community and the second meeting topic was the issues that were important to our members in upcoming meetings.

Regional Director: Harriet Ellenberger

Region 11 – Clinton County Democratic Women (CCDW)
President: Patricia Hancock

WE'VE BEEN BUSY



Pictured L-R: Patricia Hancock, Pres., Shanan Miller, Sect., Joan Heller, Vice Pres., and Joan Deeghan, PAC Chair, Not pictured - Photographer, Roxanne Embick, Treas and PAC Treas.

Clinton County Democratic Women contacted 10,600 households, either by mail or literature dropped at their door during this general election cycle.

We have a wonderful, local candidate for the Pennsylvania 76th District: Joe Waltz, the former chair of the Clinton County Democratic Committee (CCDC). This was a seat held by a Democrat for the



last 22 years and was lost in 2018. We proposed a postcard campaign to support Joe Waltz and win back the House seat.

Joan Heller, club vice president, originally presented the idea. Roxanne Embick, club treasurer, determined that we would need approximately 10,000 postcards in order to deliver a postcard at every

registered Democrat and Independent's door either by mail or lit drop. The members voted funds to print the cards. Joe Waltz's campaign designed the postcard. Roxanne created address labels and Shanan Miller, club secretary, printed them. Roxanne and Joan created a list of suggested messages for the cards. 47 CCDW and CCDC members wrote and provided stamps for 6600 cards. A group of Centre County women coordinated by Margie Swoboda

stepped up to organize volunteers to help with the Centre County portion of the 76th District. She and a group of 50 women wrote and provided stamps for 3000 cards. In the end, many members stepped up with major donations of funding and their own time to complete this project. A total of 9,600 handwritten messages for Joe Waltz were mailed September 1st.

CCDW then organized a lit-drop of 1000 doors in Clinton County for the

Democratic Coordinated Campaign. Patricia Hancock, club president, purchased the plastic sleeves. The lit-drop bags include a Biden/Harris palm card, a Waltz flyer and postcard, a Margie Brown for PA Senate card, a Lee Griffin for Congress card, a Voter Registration information card, and a note from CCDW. We expect to complete the lit drop by Oct 2nd.

Region 13 – Blair County Federation of Women

President: Donna Cohen

Because of the Coronavirus, the last meeting of our club was in February; however, that does not mean that we have not done anything to help with the election. For example, we have been phone banking for Vice-President Biden, working individually from our homes rather than coming together as a group. We help provide yard signs and information by manning the Democratic Committee office and answering people's

questions about the logistics of voting. Some members have been writing post cards to get out the vote. This has been a hard year for all of us, but we are trying our best to elect President Biden and our Democratic Congressional candidate Todd Rowley and to turn Blair County Blue.

Region 13 – Democratic Women of Westmoreland (WOW)

Phyllis Friend, President

The Democratic Women of Westmoreland have been busy, despite not being able to meet in person since Spring, meeting virtually since the beginning of the pandemic. Member, Mary Popovich, is our technical support person. A regular feature at our zoom meetings are updates from a representative from the Women for Biden

group and the local Back to Blue organizer to help us learn various ways to help.

Members are informed on a weekly basis through an email from President Phyllis Friend. Dedicated member, Joanne Garing, writes a weekly script of "action items" which is included in the weekly email. WOW officers are working hard to keep the group

intact; even gaining a few new members during this unusual time.

WOW members have written and called their representatives about the HEROES ACT, the USPS situation, Hatch Act, as well as Vote by Mail issues. Vice President Carol Mintus has travelled to Altoona to attend a protest lobbying for the passing of the HEROES Act. She also attended a rally in Philadelphia to help organize a new faculty union at a college there.

WOW also has a new Facebook group to share local campaign events, upcoming Biden campaign events, and educational articles relating to women's successes in politics and in general. Our Communications Director, Sandy Kremer does a wonderful job keeping our Democratic women informed.

WOW has donated to local campaigns and many members are actively working to elect local candidates, as well as the Biden-Harris ticket, taking advantage of the campaign's zoom meetings to learn more about how to be more effective. Several of our members have been instrumental in organizing fundraising events as well as community events for local candidates.

Because of the huge demand in our county for Biden-Harris signs, WOW purchased 100 signs for our members. We believe, more than ever, that this is the most important election of our lifetime. Members are participating in phone banking, text banking, lit dropping, and postcard writing to get out the vote for the Biden-Harris and other Democrats in the November election.



CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS



Region 18 – Allegheny County Federation of Democratic Women
President: Jean A. Milko

Nina Ahmad was the main feature of our September ZOOM gathering. Nina is such a strong candidate. She spoke about her view of the activities of the Auditor General's office. Our members had many questions that Nina answered, further clarifying the duties of her office. We will elect the first woman of color to a PA Executive Office. **YEAH!**

We also heard from our member Brenda Tate who is the Director of the Black Votes Project. Brenda reported that the excitement in this race is very high. Working with other

community leaders should lead to a record vote In the Presidential election.

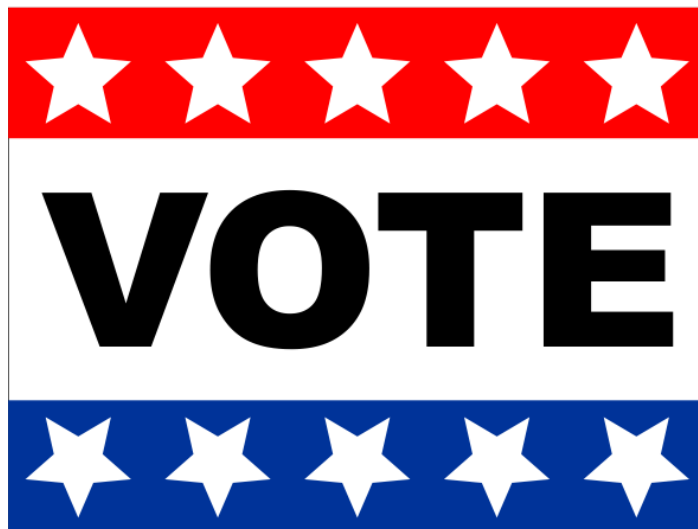
Members of the Allegheny County chapter of the Federation are continuing to support our eleven Allegheny County women candidates running for the PA state legislature. Many dollars and many volunteer hours from our members have helped each of these campaigns. Rep. Anita Kulik, Rep. Summer Lee, Rep. Sara Innamorato, and Sen. Pam Iovino are the incumbents, and expected to win another term. Emily Kinkead and Jessica Benham will move into Democratic seats

with their win. Michele Knoll, Lissa Geiger-Shulman, Emily Skopov, Sharon Guidi and Summer-Lee Oliphant are in the position to flip their seats to Blue. We are so proud that these women are members of our Allegheny

County Federation of Democratic Women. Many Biden-Harris yard signs have been distributed to our members.

Regional Director: Bonnie DiCarlo

VICTORY on November 3rd!

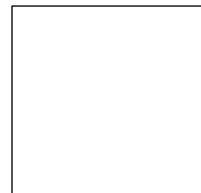




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Survey Submissions

Submission Deadline for next

Survey is

March 15, 2021