



THE SURVEY

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Election Day

November 8th, 2022

Next Board Meeting

November 19th, 2022

Spring Survey

April 15th, 2023

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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.

Our Democracy...
Our Voice...
Our Choice...



“AMERICA IS IN OUR HANDS”

A Word from the President

Welcome to the Fall Survey

Thinking about the abortion debate we face now; I realize that the old debate about pro-choice and pro-life is no longer relevant. In that fight, without much considering it, we were working on assumptions about a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby. We didn't consider that ectopic pregnancies, miscarriages or other wanted pregnancies gone tragically wrong would become issues—those were health care emergencies. Now, in some states, those devastating situations are investigated as crimes. If the Republicans take control of Congress, they threaten to bring that problem to us all.

Looking back on my reading in grad school, I recall Carol Gilligan's research on women's decision making, which forms the basis of her book, *In a Different Voice*. Gilligan was studying under a leading professor specializing in research on moral reasoning. His belief was that white men were the highest example of moral reasoning, whereas women scored similarly to children. The more Gilligan looked at that, the more she smelled a rat.

This case is a good example of the principle that research is no smarter than the researcher doing it [this holds true for polling data as well]. The professor was asking questions that could be answered, yes or no, to whatever moral dilemma he was investigating. Men tend to enjoy giving those yes or no, right or wrong, answers. Women instead tend to reply: not so fast. When we seek answers to problems, our instinct is to think about the other people involved—the kids, our parents, our partners, coworkers, neighbors, group members—whoever has any connection to the decision to be reached. This natural desire to protect as many as possible scored as childlike because it was viewed through a prism most of us reject. Gilligan corrected the error.

This research is 50 years old. So was Roe. The Republicans' desire to take us back rests on this fallacy that women can't be trusted to make mature moral decisions. If the Republicans get their way on this one, that won't be the end of it. Sexism and white supremacy have much in common. They feel threatened, so they want to control the rest of us.

As you consider this, please think of the people you know who won't vote unless you ask them to. This will be a very close election. The margin will be made of non-voters. Sadly, more Democrats are likely to sit it out than are our opponents. We make a mistake in believing that the endorsements of the powerful are the most influential. In truth, it's your endorsement that counts. Your family, friends and associates know you keep up on Democratic politics. If you let them know these are the people to be voted for, they will believe you.

Dianne Gregg
Preside PFDW



PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN, INC

2022 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

2022 PFDW Century Club Lapel Pin

DIAMOND CIRCLE - \$1,000

RUBY CIRCLE- \$500

EMERALD CIRCLE - \$250

TOPAZ CIRCLE - \$100

Fiscal Year is January 1 – December 1, 2022

Please respond by November 1, 2022

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

I am enclosing a contribution of \$_____for membership in the 2022 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.

Many thanks for your contribution.

PFDW PAC Makes Donations to 2022 Candidates

By Lynne Alvine, PFDW PAC Chair

The FDW PAC Committee completed its work for 2022 in late August.

From the Federal PAC funds, we donated a total of \$9,000. That included donations to each of the women Pennsylvania candidates for election or re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives and a donation to John Fetterman, candidate for U.S. Senate. All candidates received the same amount: \$1000. The balance in the Federal PAC account is \$1,110.86.

From the State PAC Funds, we donated a total of \$16,750. That included donations to 5 women candidates for Pennsylvania State Senate and 14 women candidates for State House, all of whom were nominated by their local clubs. We also donated \$1000 to the candidacy of Josh Shapiro and Austin Davis for Governor/Lt. Governor. The balance in the State PAC account is \$26,462.24.

We decided to treat the House and Senate candidates the same and determined that we would have three levels of support: \$1000, \$500, \$250 for this cycle. These amounts are, in some cases, higher than the support given from the state PAC in the past. The rationale for raising the amounts of support included availability of resources and urgency this cycle to bring more Democrats to the State House and Senate. The rationale for treating House and Senate candidates the same was that all women candidates are making sacrifices to run and all need support. Women always have more difficulty raising money than do men.

All candidates receiving donations are members of their local clubs. Criteria used for determining in which tier to place a candidate are the same as in previous cycles. They include:

- Level of support from the nominating club: fundraising, canvassing, phone banking, etc.
- Level of candidate's engagement in the local club activities.
- Incumbency. All incumbent legislative members received top tier support.
- Viability of the campaign as described by the candidate and the club leader and from other sources.
- Candidate's statement of important issues.
- Evidence or lack of evidence of the candidate investing energy into her own campaign.

Where the opportunity to present the donation to the candidate in person was available, I did so or arranged for that to happen. All other donations were sent to the candidates' campaign mailing addresses by post.

Members included Lynne Alvine, PAC Chair; Charlene Doyle, State PAC Treasurer; Roxanne Embick, Federal PAC Treasurer; Colleen Garrity; Trinette Cunningham; Polly Delaney; Sandi Vulcano; and Rania Major. We also had the assistance and wise counsel of President Dianne Gregg as we did our work.

It was a joy to be able to help these deserving candidates in their efforts to represent Pennsylvanians at the federal and state levels.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN REPORT SUSAN RUTT, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The National Federation of Democratic Women held its Women in Blue event for 2022 via ZOOM, Greetings were extended with a brief video from each state, as well as an update on state activities. President Dianne Gregg participated in the program. Congresswomen and female Senators were participants from all across America, including Senators Amy Klobachar and Elizabeth Warren, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi, whose daughter Christine was a Co-chair of the event. (Christine is also Fifth Vice President of the NFDW.) Also delivering an inspirational message to the NFDW was DNC Chair Jamie Harrison. Hopefully, next year we will be able to hold this event in person, although this year's virtual event was fabulous!

The NFDW National Convention was held remotely this year. Attending from Pennsylvania were myself and Linda Woleslagle. On Friday, I had the opportunity to introduce our speaker, Lilly Ledbetter. Also speaking were DNC Women's Caucus Chair Lottie Shackelford and Virginia McGregor, a DNC member from Scranton.

A PAC meeting was held, along with an Eastern Region meeting, where members were elected to the 2023 Nominating Committee. From the East, elected were Denise McGraw of New York, Hazel Thomas of D.C. and Delores Williams of New Jersey, as an Alternate.

A Young Women's Leadership Committee program was presented, with speakers Virgie Rollins, DNC Black Caucus Chair, Pamela Pugh, member of State Board of Education in Michigan, Gwendolyn Collins-Greenup, past candidate for Secretary of State in Louisiana, and PA Representative Patty Kim. Linda also participated in the program. I serve as Chair of this committee and coordinator of this program.

The NFDW is hoping to meet in person in 2023, and bids are being requested for a state to sponsor the convention.

PFDW Scholarship

Treasurer Jennifer Savino

At our 2022 Annual Convention we awarded the first scholarship in honor and memory of Eileen Belanger, whom we lost in 2021. This was made possible by a very generous donation from Richard Heller, a family friend of the Belangers. His donation makes it possible for us to grant several more scholarships in the coming years.



We also received a donation from Peggy Grove of Harrisburg to fund another scholarship in memory of Marianne McManus and as a tribute to Tri-County FDW member, Diane Bowman. Peggy is well known for her work for the PA Democratic Party. Diane worked side by side with Peggy on committees and projects.

This year & #39's Eileen Belanger Scholarship was awarded to Emma Lamoreaux, a student at Temple University where she is studying Health Information Management. Being a STEM student, she is concerned about women being recognized for their accomplishments in science. In the past men often took credit for women & #39's discoveries and work. Being a member of a politically mixed family, she knows the value of listening and understanding before minds can be changed. She has been described as a natural leader

and proof that the future can be guided by our youth.

PFDW scholarships were awarded as follows: Melina Mangino of Lawrence County, a student at Allegheny College, with a major in Communications and a minor in Community and Justice Studies. Her concern for community was demonstrated when as a member of AmeriCorps she participated in the beautification of her hometown of New Castle. She has worked on several campaigns, even donning a sandwich board for Hilary Clinton. She sees social media as a platform to spread positive messages.

Olivia Doyle, a Biomedical Studies student at Lehigh University. She hopes to design biomedical equipment in the future. Olivia earned outstanding grades and was credited for her understanding of complex lab results. She resides in Bucks County. Olivia has participated in a successful campaign for a Common Pleas Judge. She is the granddaughter of the late Josephine (Joey) Marshall, a former PFDW member.

Melina Heffner, a Music and Theater student at Temple University. Melina is the daughter of Lori Heffner, who sits on our board. Melina has held leadership positions in high school and college clubs and organizations. She is a member of the Northampton Club and has used her talent by singing at many Federation functions. Melina has worked at polls and on campaigns. She is known for her friendly and empathetic interactions with everyone.

The recipients had an added treat this year as they got to have lunch with Giselle Fetterman. From the laughing and smiles they seemed to be having a wonderful time. Individual and Club donations should be made out to PFDW Scholarship Fund and sent to:

Jennifer Savino, Treasurer
6627 Terrace Way Apt. B
Harrisburg, PA 17111



Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women



Memorial Scholarship Award Application Requirements

WITH THIS APPLICATION SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

I A ONE PAGE ESSAY EXPLAINING

- Your need for the scholarship
- Your professional goals
- Your Democratic Party activities
- 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

IV A SEALED OFFICAL TRANSCRIPT FROM YOUR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

All documents must be post marked by
April 1st to be considered for a scholarship

Eligibility:

Any Pennsylvania woman in her sophomore or junior class of an accredited college or university in a four year undergraduate degree program. Be in good academic standing and be a registered Democratic voter. Applicants 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 convention.

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

NAME OF COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY:

PLACE REGISTERED TO VOTE:

MAJOR / MINOR

ACTIVITIES

Use the address below for all mailings.
Michelle Price= PFDW Scholarship Chair
462 W Grant Street Easton , PA 18042

For more information contact:
Michelle Price
484-635-0127

mbernsonprice@gmail.com

OEDW Brunch

Sunday, November 20

Honoree nominations for your club's Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman are due. Please submit your club's nomination now.

The OEDW Brunch is a fundraiser for the PFDW's PAC and it is a lot of fun! We need auction items, sponsors, advertisements to help make it a success! Every club is asked to donate an auction gift and place an ad in the program in support of our fundraiser. Please see the forms posted in this newsletter for more details how you can help. Event Tickets are \$50 and they can be purchased online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5586569>



OEDW Brunch Schedule

- 10 a.m. Doors Open, Auction, Mimosas, Networking**
- 11 a.m. Brunch is Served**
- 12 p.m. The Program Begins**

Hotel Rooms *

Advanced room rates are \$86.95, mention PFDW. You can get this discounted rate until October 21. Plan early because after that, the Best Western Premier Hotel will return to the rate available basis. Come to stay and enjoy, but please do not overbook rooms.

If you have any questions about the event, or want to volunteer, please contact the Brunch chairs Deanne McNally at (717) 439-3140, or Susan Ruff at (610) 791-3497. We hope to see you there!

Best Western Premier Hotel
800 E Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

*** For Room Reservations call, (717) 561-2800**

Let's Celebrate! OEDW BRUNCH 2022



**Outstanding Elected Democratic Women
from across the Commonwealth**

**Sunday, November 20
Best Western Premier
800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg**

**10:00 a.m. Mimosa Reception
Networking & Auction
11:00 a.m. Brunch
12:00 p.m. Recognition of Honorees**

**Advanced tickets \$50
Purchase online at www.pafdw.org
or**

**Make checks payable to PFDW PAC and Mail to
Charlene Doyle, 127 R. Bates Patch Road
Greenfield Twp, PA 18407**



PENNSYLVANIA
FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN



Outstanding Elected Democratic Women's Brunch

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Best Western Premier, Harrisburg

Sponsorship Form

Please mark appropriate space:

Amount: \$500 ____ \$750 ____ \$1000 ____

Authorized Signature

Total Enclosed

Person and Company Securing Ad

Home\Business Address

Email Address

Phone Number including Area Code

Sponsorships include: A live mention at the event, a listing in OEDW program book, a listing on the PFDW website www.PAFDW.org

The deadline for a sponsorship is November 6. Please make checks payable to **PFDW PAC**.

***Mail your payment check to: Helen Cook
101 Walnut Street, East Berlin, PA 17316**

Helen can be reached at 717-649-6924 or helencookpfdwvp@gmail.com

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FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

2022



Outstanding Elected Democratic Women's Brunch

Sunday, November 20

Best Western Premier Hotel, Harrisburg

Program Advertisement Form

Please mark appropriate space:

Back Cover	\$250.00 _____	Full Page (7 ½ x 4 ½)	\$125.00 _____
Inside Front Cover	\$225.00 _____	Half Page (3 ½ x 4 ½)	\$ 65.00 _____
Inside Back Cover	\$225.00 _____	Quarter Page (3 ½ x 1 ¾)	\$ 40.00 _____

Ads and payment must be received by November 6

Authorized Signature

Phone Number including Area Code

Print Name

Home\Business Address

Email Address

Please make checks payable to **PFDW PAC**. Send your Ad copy electronically to helencookpfdwvp@gmail.com

Mail your payment check to: Helen Cook, 101 Walnut Street, East Berlin, PA 17316

Helen can be reached at (717) 649-6924 Thank you.

Woman of the Year Award

Each year the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women honors an outstanding woman as ***Woman of the Year***. Each club and board member is asked to nominate by **MAY 1, 2023** 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

The 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 each year
- Be a mentor 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

A completed nomination form with attached resume must be submitted for consideration by May 1, 2023.

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

* Tell why this nominee should be selected as the 2023 PFDW Woman of the Year

NOMINATED BY: Individual or organization

CONTACT PERSON, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL

Please return this form by May 15, 2023 to:

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

Women of the Year

2022	Harriet Ellenberger	2000	Martha Smith
2021	Joanne McGahagan	1999	Winnie James
2020	Eileen Belanger	1998	Mary Uehlein
2019	Dianne Gregg	1997	Peg Hain
2018	Tracey Lynn Arriola	1996	Shirley Wanamaker
2017	Kaija Farber	1995	Leona Bogdanski
2016	Kathy Huggins	1995	Anna Abajace
2016	Sandi Vulcano	1994	Mabel Meixell
2014	Donna Frank	1993	Winnie Williams
2013	Charlene Doyle	1992	Susan Rutt
2012	Susan Stoltzfus	1991	Louise John
2011	Dorothy Gallagher	1990	Rena Baumgartner
2010	Helen Whiteford	1989	Helen Massock
2009	Harriet Eshleman	1988	Sophie Masloff
2009	Janet Spleen	1987	Barbara Bruno
2008	Joanne Messenlehner	1986	Marianne McManus
2007	Dr. Michele Bortner Selitto	1985	Dorothy Price
2006	Ruth Raglin	1984	Anna Cunha
2005	Dolores "Dee" J. McAllister	1983	Genevieve Morrow
2004	Joan Kelley	1982	Ruth Rudy
2003	Catherine Baker Knoll	1981	Mamie Furmanski
2003	Rosalie Sims	1980	Marilyn Newberry
2002	Shirley Protzman	1979	Rita Wilson Kane
2001	Patsy Hebor	1978	Anna Mae Dugan

Celebrating the life of
SALOME GARCIA JOHNSON




February 1, 1947 - August 28, 2022

Salomé Maria Garcia Johnson, age 75, passed away at home in Hallam, Pennsylvania on August 28, 2022. She died from the relentless irritations of her treacherous iMac, *"those stupid Republicans,"* and a refusal to take orders from anyone, including her doctor. Always proud of her Puerto Rican roots and NYC upbringing, Salomé could straighten your spine with her, *"Don't make me go all Brooklyn on you!"*

Salomé was elected multiple times to leadership roles in the NAACP and both the County and State Democratic parties, where she served as Chair of the Latino Caucus. A force to be reckoned with, she didn't let a little pandemic interfere with her volunteer work at the food bank.

Thanks to her generosity, no one has ever had to suffer from a shortage of her opinions. When she was tired of arguing, she'd dust off her hands and in her best NYC accent declare, *"End of story; case closed!"* Dearest, this isn't the end of the story, and your case can't be closed because we will always carry you in our hearts.

Thanks for the memories. Ciao Bella. 

WANT TO HONOR
SALOMÉ?
GET OUT THE VOTE!
Tuesday, November 8, 2022



Region 1 – Women’s Democratic Club of Delaware County
President: Mylisa Himmons

“Returning to In-Person Meetings”

September 2022 WDCDC returned ready to work, full speed ahead in-person. Hosting our first in-person meeting since the start of the pandemic. WDCDC is committed to supporting women and men who run for office across Delaware County. Women’s Democratic club invited candidate Carol Kareem (running for 159th) and incumbent candidate Leanne Krueger (161th) to speak with the club members on the importance of securing the Democratic House of Representative sea for their district.

The Women’s Democratic Club of Delaware County made support presentations to five of

our members and Delaware County democratic candidates; Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon, State Representatives Leanne Krueger, Gina H. Curry, and Jennifer O’Mara, and candidate for the 160th Cathy Spahr. WDCDC members and President Mylisa Himmons are committed to continuing to move the club forward to support the women and men of WDCDC. When you see the bling pin- **YOU** know you are speaking with a Women’s Democratic Club Delaware County member.

Amanda Hammock, Regional Director



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



The Black Democratic Women of Montgomery County (BDWMC) continues adjusting to this new post-pandemic normal. We had two fundraising events this year. In May, we held our Spring Into-Spring Raffle. The first-place winner won a Show Me the Money Lottery Ticket Basket, the second-place winner received a Your Body Beautiful Basket and the third-place winner a Mind is Your Business basket. The highlight of the year was the tremendous success of our Annual Breakfast Bingo event on September 10, 2022. Our future Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis delighted our guests with his arousing address along with Melissa Cerrato, a public servant, working mom, and candidate for PA's House District 151. We had many esteemed elected officials who supported this event, Congresswomen Madeleine Dean, and Mary Gay Scanlon; State Reps Art Haywood, Maria Collett, Liz Hanbridge, Napoleon Nelson; elected local officials Commissioners Val Arkoosh, Ken Lawrence, Lori Schreiber, and Coroner, Dr. Michael Milbourne, to name a few. Additionally, a few Club Members attended the Montgomery County's Fetterman Rally for Women's Reproductive Rights and Club Member/Ambler Borough Councilwoman, Jennifer Henderson, continues to lead the Ambler Community Garden. To date, the Garden has donated over 300 pounds of produce to Ambler residents. As the midterm election is quickly approaching, we are attending fundraisers, adorning our lawns with signs, participating in door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, and mailing note cards. We feel the energy from our Blue Wave because there is too much at stake.

Region 2

Region 2 – Direct Action Council of Democratic Women President: Sonya Carroll

Greeting to all my Democratic Sisters and the brothers who aid us. I would like to thank all the members of region 2 for their unwavering support of me as the Regional Director. Additionally, I thank all who traveled to Lewisburg from Philadelphia to make our 94th Convention a success.

We met some dynamic women and fostered some lifetime memories and friendships. Let's not forget the line dance lessons and potato game. We had a wonderful time.

Let us continue to work together. We are the breath and blood of this great Democratic Party.

Together we stand, divided we fall! Let's choose togetherness and bring in the Fetterman, Shapiro and Davis Democratic ticket in November!

PFDW under President Gregg's leadership we are unstoppable. Continue to lift each other up and let's get the Vote out!

Regional Director: Barbara Carroll



PHILLY Democratic Women Caucus

Next Up: Fundraiser Cabaret

Let's Go, Let's Get It!



Region 2 - Concerned Women on the Move
President: Kathryn Huggins

Region 2 – Philly Democratic Women Caucus
President: Shantale Galloway

Regional Director: Barbara Carroll



Lisa Rhodes and Kathryn Huggins

Pictured above: Club President Kathryn Huggins (right) and member Lisa Rhodes (left) are leaders in the PA Democratic State Committee. Kathryn Huggins is the sitting Recording Secretary and one of the founding members of the PA Dem Black Caucus. Lisa Rhodes is the current Chairwoman of the PA Dem Black Caucus and the Deputy Executive Director of the PA Dems.

Both Lisa and Kathryn are Committee Women in their respective Wards in Philadelphia. They have diligently educated their communities about early voting (Vote-by-Mail) and voter registration deadlines. They are involved with organizing a "[Call for Action](#)" during the upcoming State committee meeting. This activity has never been done during a State Committee Meeting. They are organizing a statewide Phone Bank and caravan! Join them at the PA Dems Independence Dinner on Friday, October 28th, featuring special guest speakers, President Biden and Vice President Harris, and on November 20th for the Federation Brunch!

Submitted by Kathy Huggins

We are proud to announce the PHL Democratic Women Caucus has changed its name to [PHILLY Democratic Women Caucus](#)!

November's election will be remembered in history!

As such, PDWC is working to support our Democratic Candidates, and increase voter participation. We are also gearing up for collaborations with other organizations to get people, especially the young population, registered to vote.

Thus far PDWC had a forum for candidates running for the House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and the PA State Committee in the May 2022 Primaries. We congratulate PDWC's President, Shantale Galloway, and Vice-President Star Brown, on their first run and seat win in the PA State Committee.

PDWC hosted a community meet and greet along with Town Watch Integrated Services and Rep. Rick Krajewski, at Christie Recreation Center in Southwest Philadelphia. Residents in the community to learn about the democratic process, receive information to safely participate securing our neighborhoods, and receive resources from Rep. Krajewski on how his office could serve the community.

PDWC along with Senator Sharif Street and Town Watch Integrated Services, hosted our first annual 2022 Youth Forum in Temple's Fox & Grittis Room. Youth from Philadelphia were given a platform to share thoughts and ideas on how we (the adults) could be of more support, and their outlook on the future of Philadelphia. It was an astounding event with vendors such as WHYY, Philadelphia Community College, TechCore 2, and more.

Region 3 – Monroe County Democratic Women
President: Nellie D. Gordon

Multitasking is How Things Get Done!

Since the 2022 Primary Election, our MCDW have been door-to-door canvassing weekly (quite a feat in Monroe County's rural "West End"), phone banking, hosting and/or joining in on post card writings, attending school board and town meetings, and supporting all our Democratic candidates- Federal, State and Local-at rallies and other events.

Four Monroe County Democratic Women, who have risen to the top of their respective Democratic races, will be the guests of honor at the Annual Eleanor Roosevelt Brunch on October 15, 2022. The Brunch, sponsored by Monroe County Democratic Women, was founded in 2002, and has paid tribute to exceptional Monroe County Democratic Women ever since.

The candidates on the dais will be Maureen Madden, the incumbent State Representative in the 115th District; Jennifer Shukaitis, running for the State Senate 40th District, Hope Christman, running for State Representative in the 176th and Tarah Probst, Mayor of Stroudsburg, running for State Representative in the 189th District. Each will speak to the issues affecting the residents and voters of Monroe County.

Congressman Matt Cartwright will give the invocation and will address national issues of local concern.

The theme of the brunch is Mrs. Roosevelt's journaling project, My Day—a newspaper column she wrote six days a week for 27 years, from 1935 to 1962.

Regional Director: Claudette Williams



Region 4 – Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women

President: Patti Reider

Primary season kept everybody busy. Region 4 was visited by many candidates. We even had a visit from President Biden!

The PFDW Convention was attended by members Charlene Doyle, Susan Notarianni, and Mary Ann Kapacs. It was nice to hear speakers Patti Kim, Austin Davis, and Gisele Fetterman. Gisele was honored for her time as Pennsylvania Second Lady or S.L.O.P. as she called herself!

The catering by Ard's Farm was wonderful and the venue was unique. A potato storage building! Great workshops, too. The

Committee deserves thanks for their hard work.

Our LCFDW Woman of the Year 2022 is Bridget Malloy Kosierowski. Bridget represents the 114 District in the PA House of Representatives. She is the only Registered Nurse serving in the House. She is an inspiring asset to our state. Congratulations Bridget! In attendance was Congressman Matt Cartwright, State Senators Sharif Street and Marty Flynn. We hope everyone enjoyed the Brunch at the Hilton.

LCFDW members Charlene Doyle and Susan Notarianni organized a fundraiser for Matt Cartwright. Matt was

presented with checks from members. Matt has always been a great friend to our club. We look forward to him continuing to represent us!



Remember to stay **Strong and Blue**! Vote like your life depends on it! It does. Happy Holidays! See you in the Spring!

Mary Ann Kapacs
Regional Director

Region 4 – Luzerne County Democratic Women

President: Polly Delaney



The Luzerne County Democratic Women presented the club scholarship last June to Miss Lauren Mullery. Pictured are scholarship chair Nancy Casagrande and Lauren Mullery.

The club Woman of the Year was presented to Noreen Gregory. Noreen has the club on the map with all LCDW shirts and sweatshirts. Regional Director Mary Ann Kapacs was also recognized as she was instrumental with our club being chartered.

Members spent summer months working on postcards for four candidates who asked for our support. Fall brings fall foliage, yard sign delivery and calling friends to vote for Democracy!

Regional Director: Mary Ann Kapacs

Region 5 – Wyoming County Democratic Women’s Society

President: Alice Strauss

Like all of you, we have been working hard to elect Josh Shapiro and John Fetterman as well as our local candidates, Jackie Baker for PA Senate District 20, and Amanda Waldman for Congress in the 9th district.

As we’ve previously noted the Women’s Society has been working on getting recognized for a beautification park known as “Feed Mill Park”. Finally, after much back and forth, Penn DOT sent us our sign. The park is centrally located and will be seen and enjoyed by many.

We had our usual local community days where there was a lot of support for our candidates. Living in such a rural county it is surprising just how many will be crossing party lines for the sake of Democracy!

Our scholarship essay question concerned banned books. The winning essay was truly wonderful. The student, Tunkhannock senior Alyssa Kovalichick is also a Scranton Times superstar student. After hearing her read her essay at our July picnic, the editor of our local paper, the Tunkhannock New Age Examiner asked her to send it in for a guest column.

The Wyoming County Democratic committee has rented a store front in downtown Tunkhannock for Campaign HQ. It is well staffed, mostly by Women’s Society members! We all enjoy it and get post cards and mailings done as a group.

Regional Director: Sharon Neumane



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

I am sending a shout to the 2022 Convention Committee. I want to thank Lori Heffner for her leadership toward making the Annual Convention a success, Ruth Raglin for securing the price and meals at a low cost, and the remaining committee of the five Vice Presidents. I was honored to be a part of the success of the event. Thank you to all that attended the Convention along with the purchase of Convention ads for the Program book, and Star Brown for designing the Convention Program design.



contribute toward the Christmas appeal drive please send a donation to:

ACFDW
PO Box 322
East Berlin, PA 17316.

On behalf of the PFDW I attended the Funeral for Salome Johnson. Salome was one of the best. I will miss her along with the PFDW. Salome will live in my heart forever.

Regional Director: Laura Quick

Our club is gearing up for the Christmas appeal drive to ensure Christmas to a few middle school kids. If you would like to



Region 8 – Berks Democratic Women

President: Linda Woleslagle

Berks Democratic Women has been working “Twenty Four – Seven” for Democratic Women and Men Candidates who are running for Federal, State and Local offices. We have been promoting the Pennsylvania State Governor Candidate – Shapiro, Pennsylvania US Senator Candidate – Fetterman and US House Representatives Candidates from Pennsylvania along with Pennsylvania Candidates for the PA Senate and PA House. We have been phone banking, writing postcards, texting, canvassing, as well as, participating as Poll greeters, Poll Watchers, and Poll Workers. The Berks Democratic Women’s Club has donated over \$1000.00 to women candidates who are running for office.

We have been participating in a number of Berks County events to register Democratic Voters who are not registered,

have moved to a new address or a name change by getting married.

Berks Democratic Women have held virtual Zoom symposiums for local, state and national women leaders. We have held virtual Zoom Town Halls for Women Democratic Candidates.

Berks Democratic Women have supported our community with food drives, food bank volunteers and soup kitchen volunteers.

Below is a photo of Stacey Taylor (President of the Reading Branch of the NAACP) and myself – Linda Woleslagle, while tabling at the Reading “Bring the Change – Diversity Festival” at the Reading City Park on September 24, 2022.



BRING THE CHANGE!

Region 9 – Tri County FDW

President: Bridgett Whitley

Our worker bees are busy canvassing, calling, texting, and posting in support of ALL our Democratic candidates, especially a few of our members; Patty Kim is running for re-election as representative in the 103rd district of the PA House of Representatives, in the 88th district, Sarah Agerton is seeking to be representative of those constituents.

Shamaine Daniels is running to overthrow sitting representative, Scott Perry, in the 10th District in the US Congress. Shortly after her primary win, our club met with Shamaine to lend our support for her campaign. Our summer picnic was held at the Perry County home of our PAC chairlady, Diane Bowman.



We honored our member, Peggy Grove for all her contributions to the local and state Democratic Party. She has been a Harrisburg City Council member. On the state level she was chair of the South Central Caucus and later Credential Committee Chair. Peggy has recently been elected as the Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. Peggy has also generously donated funds to support two PFDW scholarships in memory of Marianne McManus with one of them also being in honor of Diane Bowman for her continuing work for the Democratic Party. We are especially proud of the 2022 PFDW scholarship winner, Emma Lamoreaux, who hails from Hershey, PA. She is a shining example of a dedicated young Democratic woman.

Region 11 – Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County

President: Nancy Westburg

Candle Light Volunteer Celebration Ceremony and Community Volunteer Awards

FDWIC held the Candle Light Celebration Ceremony at Getty Park on June 13 to honor our numerous volunteers. At the end of the ceremony, the newly established Community Service Awards were presented to two volunteers who made outstanding contributions to the community. Gail Riley received the award for making thousands of child and adult COVID face masks that she distributed for free to folks in the community, including to the nurses at IRMC. Furthermore, she is an active FDWIC Executive Board member. Ron Riley received the award for faithfully gathering and carefully analyzing COVID statistics that is published in the Indiana Gazette to keep the public informed.



From l-r:
Gail Riley, FDWIC President Nancy Westburg and Ron Riley.

Annual Social Meeting at Local Winery and Woman of the Year Award



The Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County held its annual social meeting at the Ungrapeful Winery.

Club member Ann Rea was honored with the 2022 FDWIC Woman of the Year Award for her contributions to Democratic initiatives and values. Her achievements are many. She served as Chair of the Indiana County Democratic Committee for four years, FDWIC Political Action Chair, and was a key organizer of the Democrats new energy movement.



FDWIC President Nancy Westburg (left) presented the bouquet of flowers and Past President and 2021- 2022 FDWC Woman of the Year Awardee Lynne Alvine (right) presented the engraved crystal vase award to Ann Rea (center).

Donations and Sponsorship

Sponsored Indiana Armstrong Labor Council events and Friends of Whites Woods Earth Day Fete. Donated gifts and handouts to the PFDW Annual Banquet. Made a donation towards rent for Indiana County Democratic Committee Headquarters.

Regional Director: Lynne Alvine

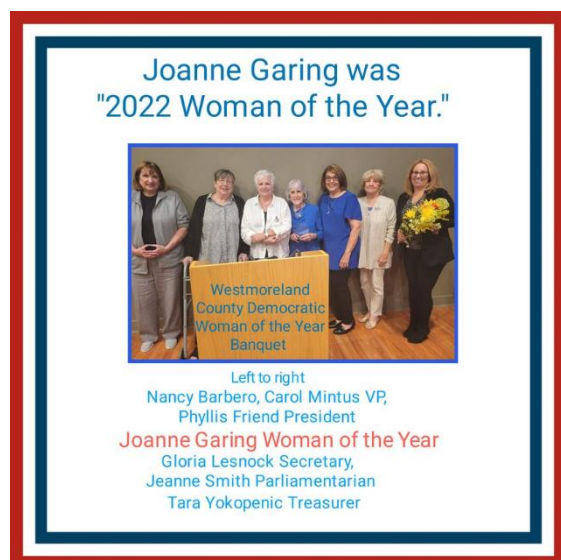
Region 13 –Brownsville Women’s Democrat Club
President: Nicki M. Todaro

The Brownsville Women's Democrat Club has their meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM at Paci's Restaurant. We have about 35 to 40 members and we do several fundraisers a year. Check out our Facebook page.

Regional Director: Sydney Hovis

Region 13 –Democratic Women of Westmoreland
President: Phyllis Friend

The Democratic Women of Westmoreland have a lot going on!



WOW honored **Joanne Garing** as the **WOW Woman of the Year** last week. Joanne's involvement in the Democratic process is truly inspirational; she writes letters to the editor regularly, writes our weekly action items, and attends (and speaks) at local school board meetings.

WOW has hosted three great speakers at our most recent meetings. Jenna Paulat from Moms Demand Action spoke about Gun Sense, Karen Calhoun from Fair Districts PA spoke to us about how to Fix Harrisburg, and Carrie Wardzinski from Red Wine and Blue spoke to us about relational campaigning.

WOW was a sponsor for the **REPRESENT US** dinner at the Pittsburgh Golf Club. The purpose of this fundraiser was to raise money for progressive female candidates for the PA state Senate and Legislature.

WOW Book Club continues to meet to discuss books that help us better understand the recent threats to our democracy. A recent book we discussed was *Dirt Road Revival: How to Rebuild Rural Politics*.

On October 13 we participated in a book discussion on the book, *Rising out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist*, at the Westmoreland Museum of American Art.

We continue to reach out to local Democrats on our Facebook page to inform of important dates and facts.

Our activities included participation in the October 8 **Women's March in Pittsburgh** and a **Vote Blue** postcard writing session on October 15. We recognize the importance of this election and are committed to doing what we can to help elect Democrats on November 8, 2022.

Regional Director: Harriet Ellenberger

Region 14 –Lawrence County Action

President: Juliann Mangino

Lawrence County Action Creates Own Billboard

Lawrence County Action members have transformed themselves into walking Democratic billboards. During the months of July, August, and September, they worked to make the Democratic Party present at community functions by wearing shirts to motivate curiosity and conversation about important political issues in the coming Mid-Term election.

The action group selected locations where the public is scheduled to gather in high numbers for community events. Members don their shirts and at first meet in a small group at a designated location where every two minutes more LCA members join the group until they form a friendly “mob.” After generating some curiosity, the members disperse into the crowd to engage citizens in meaningful political conversations.

LCA has been selling t-shirts with a variety of messages. Some of the chosen messages include:

“Vote” (with a donkey peeking out of the letter O); “Vote Blue” (inside the state of PA outline); “I am Woman, Watch me Vote”; “Roe, Roe, Roe Your Vote”; “Shapiro for Governor”; “Fetterman for U.S. Senate”, etc.

The friendly flash mob approach allows members of the community to realize that there are many Democrats among them willing to fight against the assaults on democratic ideals.

LCA invites citizens to join its ranks at any time.



Region 15 –Democratic Women of Mercer County

President: Kim Powell

The Democrats in Mercer County are working hard for victories in November! Our September meeting was held at the **Grand Opening** of our new party headquarters in downtown Sharon, which we're sharing with Dan Pastore's congressional campaign. It's great to have a home and plenty of space for phone bankers, postcard writers, and meetings.

Regional Director: Judy Hines



Region 17 – Democratic Women of Fayette County President: Trinette Cunningham
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The Democratic Women of Fayette County is on fire! The DWOF has been extremely active, engaged and motivated.

Since summer, the DWOFC and our members have:

- Created several action committees
- Arranged a “Roe v Wade Next Steps Emergency” meeting
- Organized a Women’s March
- Donated over \$1,000 to our own Vice-President, Sydney Hovis’, Senatorial Campaign
- Presented at the Fayette County Commissioners meeting to voice our concerns over our Election Boards recent actions
- Partnered with our County Party to open up a Democratic Headquarters in Fayette County
- Held a workshop in which we discussed how to have meaningful and impactful discussions with voters of opposing views
- Established a Fayette County Democratic Email Database
- Developed two private Democratic Facebook groups to share our messaging/plans
- Planned a successful protest march outside of Republican, Pat Stefano’s, office
- Ensured that nearby colleges have Democratic Student Chapters
- Attended numerous fairs, picnics and rallies
- Updated our By-Laws
- Printed new membership cards with a QR code for easy access to membership
- Increased our paid membership to 95 members

Finally, our President, Trinette Cunningham, was elected to State Committee Woman and at the June organizational meeting; she was elected to the state Executive Committee.

We realize that Fayette County is unfortunately red, but the DWOF is doing everything possible to change that as well as ensuring Pennsylvania remains blue.

Regional Director: Sydney Vegoda Hovis

Turn it BLUE!





“Congratulations
to the Women’s
Democratic Club
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Vicinity on their
100th
Anniversary”.



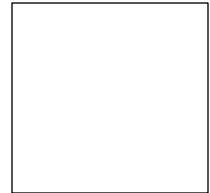
Get Out the Vote!



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Survey Submissions

Submission Deadline for next

Survey is

Fall of 2022