



THE SURVEY

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SAVE THE DATE

Election Day

June 2, 2020

Deadline for Fall Survey

October 1, 2020

PFDW Summer Board Meeting

August 9th, 2020

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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.

PFDW Clubs Across the State are Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Passing of the 19th Amendment, Giving Women the Right to Vote



Lynne Alvine, Regional Director and President, Indiana County FDW at the Suffragists' Tea



Regional Director, Maryellen Jones, Democratic Women of Fayette County at the Suffragists' Tea



Alexa Martin, Democratic Women of Fayette County at the Suffragists' Tea



Harriet Tubman



Alice Paul



Senator Judy Schwank, Berks County FDW, speaks about women's rights



Jennie Berdine, President, Washington County Council of Democratic Women, at the County Suffragists Tea



The Fab Four - Congresswomen Madeleine Dean, Susan Wild, Mary Gay Scanlon and Chrissy Houlahan celebrate our right to vote.



2nd V.P. of NFDW, Susan Rutt and Christina Hartman enjoying the Suffragists Centennial Soiree.



Deb Kalina, president, York County FDW with club members dressed in white, celebrating at the State Capitol.



Deanne McNally, Regional director, Tri-County FDW, Kelly O'Donnell, honoree Diane Bowman, at the Suffragists Centennial Soiree.

MESSAGE FROM PFDW PRESIDENT – *Ruth Chavous Raglin*

Greetings PFDW Officers, Board Members, Club Presidents and Members,

*We, PFDW have been working together to expand and secure the future of the Federation. Spring is here and we are looking forward to the Primary election on June 2nd with a **BIG** voter turnout and Democratic **VICTORY**.*

Unfortunately we have cancellations due to the Coronavirus. First and foremost, I hope everyone is well and safe. PFDWs spring board meeting was postponed until Aug. 9th. Our PFDW 93rd Convention is cancelled along with our Women in Blue, Woman of the Year and our Auditors General Debate. Hopefully we can still present our scholarships at a later date. All of our functions will be discussed at our August 9th PFDW Board Meeting.

The Outstanding Elected Democratic Women Brunch on November 17, 2019 was a great success. Our many thanks to the OEDW brunch chairs, Deanne McNally and Susan Rutt for their tireless works and their committee.

My special thanks to Harriet and Region 13 for all their work on the convention.

This is just the 2nd time in PFDWs history that we had to cancel a convention and pray we never have to again. With God's help we will recover. Remember, if possible, contribute to PAC by joining PFDW Century Club or send in a contribution; our candidates will need our support.

*It is a pleasure to lead this terrific organization and I thank everyone, officers, board and members. "If you want something said, ask a man, **IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE, ask a WOMAN**".*

Thank you, much love to all, and my prayers are with you and your family!

Ruth A. Raglin, PFDW President

PFDW OFFICERS – Dianne Gregg, 1st VP: Colleen Gerrity, 2nd VP: Helen Cook, 3rd VP: Sharon Neumane, 4th VP; Shelley Glassner, 5th VP; Ronel Baccus, 6th VP: Lori Heffner, Corr. Sec; Joanne McGahagan, Rec. Sec; and Roxanne Embick, Trea.



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.**

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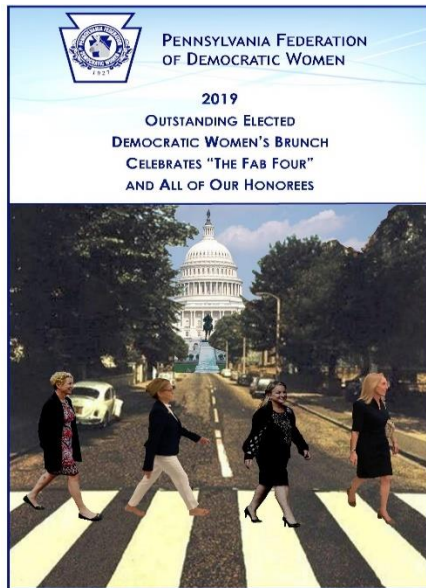
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

****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.

The Outstanding Elected Democratic Women's Brunch



What do three lawyers, a member of the PA House of Representatives, an Air Force veteran, two educators, four mothers, four Democratic women who live in Southeastern Pennsylvania have in common? In 2018, these four women were elected to Congress! Steve Jobs said his model for business was the BEATLES. He said they balanced each other and the total was greater than the sum of all parts. Like our Fab Four: left, Chrissy, Madeleine, Susan and Mary Gay.

Their election was a long time coming. They traveled that "Long and Winding Road." They "took a sad song and made it better." They worked "Eight Days a Week," and then - "Here Comes the Sun." Today, we "Come Together" to recognize their victories and we can only "Imagine" that somewhere there is a "Nowhere Man" wondering how this happened? To him we say "Hello-Goodbye." And then we can all "Give Peace a Chance."

To say the least, the 2019 OEDW Brunch was FAB -u-lous! Thank you to Susan Rutt and Deanne McNally who teamed up to chair the event. Thank you to our keynote speaker U.S. Rep. Susan Wild, PFDW President Ruth Raglin, V.P. Dianne Gregg, Treasurer Roxanne Embick, Treasurer Charlene Doyle, Regional Director Chair Harriet Ellenberger, Mary Ellen Balchunis, and everyone who helped with the success of our Beatles-themed Brunch.

***The 2020 OEDW Brunch is set for November 15, in Harrisburg at the Best Western Premier.**

Congratulations OEDW Honorees

Front row: Rep. Jennifer O'Mara, Rep. Sara Innamorato, Melody Stine – Hallam Borough Council, Sandi Vulcano – Easton City Council, U.S. Rep. Susan Wild and pup Zoey, Dr. Valerie Arkoosh – Montgomery Co. Commissioner, Senator Maria Collett, Pam Pearson – Tatamy Borough Council, Rep. Movita Johnson-Harrell. Back row: Tricia Steiner – Derry Twp. School Board, Anne Fetherman – Auditor Stroud Twp., Lisa Lazzari-Strasiser – D.A. Somerset County, Nicki Todaro –



Mayor Newell Borough, Sara Steelman – Indiana Borough Council, Senator Pam Iovino, Kathy Leedy – Borough Council Chambersburg, Rep. Jeanne McNeill. Not pictured, U.S. Representatives: Mary Gay Scanlon, Madeleine Dean and Chrissy Houlahan.

Voting by Mail-in Ballot

Mail-in ballot applications for the April 28, 2020, primary election must be received by your [county election office](#) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

How do I apply for a mail-in ballot?

Option 1: Apply for a Mail-in Ballot Online



Apply Online at VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot

Registered voters can apply for a mail-in ballot online with a [valid PA driver's license or photo I.D.](#) from the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

Military and overseas voters should visit the [information for military and overseas voters web page](#) for information on how they can obtain an absentee ballot.

Option 2: Apply for a Mail-in Ballot by mail



Step 1: Complete a paper mail-in ballot application:

Download and print a mail-in ballot application:

- [Mail-in Ballot Application \(English\)](#)
- [Mail-in Ballot Application \(Spanish\)](#)

Fill in the paper mail-in ballot application.



Step 2: Mail your application:

Send your mail-in ballot application to the [county election office](#). The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is one week before the election.

Military and overseas voters should visit the [information for military and overseas voters web page](#) for information on how they can obtain an absentee ballot.

Other ways to request a mail-in ballot



- Apply in person at your [county election office](#). Once your county's ballot is finalized and available, you may request and promptly receive your mail-in ballot.
- Send a signed letter to your [county election office](#). You must include the same information as that on the application form.
- [Contact your county election office](#) for more information.

If your application is accepted, you will get a mail-in ballot with instructions from



Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women

Memorial Scholarship Award Scholarship Application 2020

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 93rd Convention, at the Ramada Inn, Greensburg PA June 19 - June 21, 2020.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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, 2020 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

CHANGES TO CANDIDATE GRANTS POLICIES

The good news from the 2018 election was, almost 90 women ran for state and federal offices in PA. The bad news was, PFDW's PAC funds were stretched so far that we couldn't help most candidates as much as we wanted to.

The PFDW Board reviewed our policies. What is best to do? Do we give every woman running in the state a few dollars, or do we focus on certain races with larger contributions? If we set a focus, which races do we pick?

Because we are a statewide organization, our PAC will continue to support women running for federal and statewide offices. We will reach out to every woman who wins one of those primaries.

For our PA Legislative races, we made the decision to concentrate on areas where we have clubs. PFDW's strength is in our clubs; this Board wants to work more closely with them. Club members are in the best position to call the Board's attention to talented women candidates, and to help those candidates win. Together, we can form a partnership of volunteers and funding.

Do we have clubs in every part of the state? No—but we'd like to! Our Regional Directors are ready to help form new clubs.

As always, we make no grants until after the Primary election, but we want you to know now that we will be reaching out for your club's guidance. Expect a revised application from us after the Primary.

Stay safe and well,

Dianne Gregg and Colleen Gerrity
PAC Co-Chairs

Region 2 – Philadelphia Democratic Women Caucus

President: Mariel Martin

PHL Democratic Women's Caucus is proud to have co-hosted the 4th Annual Petition Party with the Philadelphia chapter of Drinking Liberally, and we thank our co-sponsors Indivisible Philadelphia and GRASP - Grassroots Advocacy for South Philadelphia, for a groundbreaking turnout. We heard from State Senator Larry Farnese and State Representative Malcolm Kenyatta as well as the campaign for State Representative Mary Isaacson. We also had



the pleasure of hearing from this year's political challengers for the 175th seat, the 182nd, and the First Senatorial District. To round up the night we also heard from five Democratic Presidential campaigns. The last half hour left time for the people to mingle, sign candidate's nomination petitions, and learn more about political groups in Philadelphia.

In the photo from left to right: Stephanie Davis-Grasp, Chrystal Cheepudom (PDWC), J.P. Valin (Drinking Liberally), Shantale Galloway (PDWC), Jim Marsh (Indivisible), Mariel Martin (PDWC), Kristen Jenkins (PDWC).

Concerned Women on the Move

President: Kathryn Huggins

We enjoyed the Brunch that was held in November 2019. Great job Brunch Committee! Shout out to Marnie Arument who worked super hard for the Club. Also Marnie did a great job for the State Committee. Kudus to Club members for your hard work in getting the Honorable Judge Amanda Hawkins to the Superior Court. Congrats to Ruth Raglin and officers for your election wins. Covid-19 may have shut down our convention events, but it has not shut down our zeal and enthusiasm for the presidential election. Let's all work together for this 2020 Presidential Election, and get our country back on track. Amanda Hawkins and Kathy Huggins pictured below.



This year was a time of healing for me, and I am grateful to all of you who gave me well wishes and supported me through my illness. I would like to specially thank my friends and family who really lifted me up: Pat and Latrice Bryant, Tuide, Benita, Clarence, Nancy, Senator Williams and staff, Mattie, Lisa, and Denise. I thank God for them because they were right by my side throughout the entire time. And a special shout out to PFDW. Your cards, prayers and support were very much appreciated. Pictured below Councilwoman Cindy Bass, Gwen Collins, Latrice Bryant and yours truly, Kathy Huggins

Submitted by Kathy Huggins



Region 4 – Luzerne County
President: Polly Delaney

The LCDW members kicked off their second year with seven members running for public office. Three were successful: George Brown, for Wilkes-Barre City Mayor, Lauren McCurdy, Crestwood School Board and Tony Perzia reelected to Luzerne Borough Council.

The Projects Committee headed by Carin Pientka, Kathleen Hannon, and Ruth Pasavage ran a holiday poinsettia sale with proceeds presented to the local Veterans Hospital. Members volunteering with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council filling 700 holiday stockings for the Walter Klepaski Jr. Unions Care Christmas Project. Stockings were donated to five local charities.

Pictured at the end of the activity (L to R) First row: Carin Pientka, Roni Good and Kathleen Hannon Second row: Tom Bindus, Pa. State Representative Eddie Day Pashinski,, Wayne Flecknoe, Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council President Joe Padavan, Polly Delaney and Cynthia Baghat.

Region 5 – Wyoming County
Democratic Women's Society
President: Sharon Neumane

Do you have your two weeks' worth of supplies ready? My husband and I do. As of this writing I don't know whether there will be a Spring Board meeting or a Women in Blue event. I am canceling our first meeting of the New Year this upcoming Monday. Our committee chairperson, Laura Dickson, has canceled our moneymaking Spring Breakfast.

More community service planned for 2020 including Letter Carriers Food Drive, CEO Thanksgiving Project and others. Members are planning to help with activities at the local Veterans Hospital.

The Chapter May meeting will be a celebration of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. We will be ready for the work ahead to **SAVE DEMOCRACY** in November! **WE SHALL GET OUT THE VOTE AND ELECT GOOD DEMOCRATS!** Luzerne County has great candidates starting with our Congressman Matt Cartwright and our PA State Representatives: Carroll, Mullery, Pashinski and looking forward to electing Todd Eachus and our member Johanna Bryn Smith! **WE CAN DO IT!**

Submitted by Terry Dravage

Vice President	Peg Ball
Secretary	Patricia Carbone
Treasurer	Laura Dickson
Sunshine	Alice Strauss

We are living in uncertain times, times I could only imagine in a fictional novel. One thing that will not change is the GOTV efforts in Wyoming County. We are all ready with committees for a presidential election year like no other. I am anticipating a huge turnout for canvassing and "Put together door hangers with wine parties"!



That is the future...now I bring you sad news of the Jan 29th passing of Irene Masco. She passed after a long battle for her life. Irene was a long-time member of our society. She attended meetings, donated items, money and especially her time.

Irene was born on December 23, 1929. After school and college, she worked for Western Electric in Krearney, New Jersey until it closed. She

then worked for ATT until retiring in 1986. That was when her life of public service became her life. Working with Falls Lions, where she was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lake Winola Lionesses, Lake Winola Fire Women's Auxiliary, Lake Winola Methodist Women, Red Cross and numerous other local and national charities including key positions on boards including Bridge for Opportunity insuring affordable housing for seniors.

She was loved by all and will be missed. May she rest in peace!

<p>Region 7 – Adams County Federation of Democratic Women President: Helen Cook</p>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2019

We want to thank all that attended the PFDW 2019 Annual Convention in Grantville. We had a successful Convention this year with a net gain of \$11,500.00. I want to thank Madeline Adkins, Donna Maquire, Debbie Westmoreland, Shavonnia Corbin-Johnson and my right gal Cassandra Brimmer. Cassie helped in every aspect of the convention. Cassie took direction from not only me but also our President Ruth. We have a devoted young member. My wish is to see many more young ladies join the PFDW.

Our member Christine Kellett was honored by the Adams County Democratic Committee. Chris was honored last November as Adams County Outstanding elected Woman of the year.

We collected donations for three Adoptive families for Christmas: Two of the families were Gettysburg Middle School students. A big thank you to all that helped this dream come true for the kids. A special thank-you

to Cheryl and Jim Epp in purchasing a bike and sleeping bag along with help delivering the gifts to The Gettysburg Area School District Administration Building.

The membership drive started off the year. After paying our state dues to the PA Federation of Democratic Women; five dollars went to the state. The Middle School Age Children are often forgotten at Christmas. I hope in the future we can continue to work through the school's Social worker.

ACFDW collected toiletries for our Veteran through the Adams County Democratic Committee. We also helped our candidates with our time and finances.

Thank you to Mary Furlong who has given to our County in many ways. Her accomplishments are too many to list. Lastly, we participated in the coat drive at a local church.

Region 7 – Adams County Federation of Democratic Women



Region 8 – Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Democratic Women President: Linda Woleslagle

*(Summary from Reading Eagle Newspaper
Article - by Ron Devlin)*

The role African-American women played in bringing about the passage of the 19th Amendment was outlined at Thursday's meeting (2-20-2020) of the Berks Democratic Women in the Inn at Reading, Wyomissing.

Priyak Aitken, who chairs the young women sector of the organization, gave a detailed history of the struggle African American women underwent to achieve the right to vote for all women.

Mary Church Terrell was one the few African American women who was active in the National American Suffrage Association, whose founders included Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Ida B. Wells, an investigative journalist who wrote about lynchings, was also an outspoken advocate for women's suffrage.

Anna Julia Cooper, a prominent African American scholar, was a strong supporter of suffrage in her teaching, writing and

speeches. The U.S. Postal Service honored her with a commemorative stamp in 2009.

Aitken, 32, an Exeter Township engineer, said the road to suffrage was not a smooth one for African American women. "African American women", she said, "were often left out of the suffrage movement."

Aitken's presentation marked the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.



Billed as the Berks Democratic Women's Forum, the meeting included a presentation by Dr. Noahleen Betts, director of

podiatry at the Berks Community Health Clinic in Reading. Dr. Betts, a member of the Reading School Board, recently returned from a mission to provide medical care in rural Puerto Rico.

Robin Costenbader-Jacobson, President of Reading School Board, is running for Democratic nomination as state representative in the 127th Legislative District. Costenbader-Jacobson vowed to

work to end homelessness, improve treatment for mental illness and end gun violence. “Blacks are 10 times more likely than whites to die of gun violence”.

Kadida Kenner, director of Why Courts Matter Pennsylvania, focused on the threat of voting and reproductive rights due to the

Region 8 – NFDW

Second Vice President: Susan Rutt

One of the roles I am honored to hold in the National Federation is Chair of the Young Women’s Leadership Committee. I am pleased to share some suggestions with our Pennsylvania Federated clubs for involving more young women in our organizations:

Please encourage young Democratic women to attend your local club meeting. Encourage a young woman to attend the PFDW 2020 Convention as part of your delegation. Encourage young women to participate in our State’s Women in Blue Day. Encourage a young woman to attend the 2020 NFDW Convention. Maybe we should consider a Young Women’s Leadership Committee as a part of our Federation. We already present scholarships to young Democratic women, and it is important to assist in raising money for these scholarships. If you have a recipient from your club, remain in touch with her and encourage her to remain involved in Democratic politics. Work with the State or local party to form an organization of Young Democrats, or get to know the existing club. Even if there is no “formal” Young Democrats club, continue to identify young women in your community who are interested in becoming involved in the Democratic Party. Be a mentor to young women; encourage your State or local organization to hold political trainings for

Trump administration’s appointments of conservative federal judges and potential appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court.

them. If there is a YD club, support it and attend its events. Encourage our Women’s Democratic organizations to use social media more extensively to reach younger members. Schedule a YD speaker at a club event; ask the Young Democrats to schedule a Federation member to speak at their events; ask if you can set up an information table. Network – network – network – find out what other Democratic Women’s organizations do to encourage younger members. Find out from younger members what they are looking for in these organizations. Know the issues that are important to them.

Please contact me at susanrutt@aol.com and I will provide you with some suggestions and questions for discussion to share with your organization. 2020 is the year it can happen! Young voters – and especially young women voters – are the key to victory, and the key to the future of our Democratic women’s organizations on every level. There is confidence building in the impact young women voters will have on both National and State races. It’s important that young women register, vote, and become engaged in our Party. ***Let’s all work to make this happen!***

I would also like to report the National Federation of Democratic Women has postponed its Annual Women in Blue Lobby Day in Washington on March 26, and a meeting and reception the evening of March 25. Several members of our Federation have signed up to attend, and I am so sorry we will

not be able to spend the day calling on our Congressional members and presenting them with position papers from our National Federation. On a personal note, I attended the National Federation of Democratic Women's Western Region meeting in Nevada in February. This was a wonderful opportunity to network with women from many states, listen to some really informed speakers, and meet some outstanding Democratic elected officials. Special guest at the conference was

Christine Pelosi, (Nancy's daughter), who is active in the NFDW. Finally, plans are well underway for the 2020 National Federation of Democratic Women's Convention being held in Lawrence, Kansas from June 10-14. More information is available at www.nfdw.com. In 2021, we will be meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a favorite place for the NFDW to meet! In the meantime, my best wishes to all to stay safe.

Region 8 – Women's Democratic Club of Lehigh County

President: Margaret Hillbert

The Women's Democratic Club of Lehigh County hosted its annual Holiday Dinner at the Superior Restaurant in Emmaus in December.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be held in March, with Democratic candidates and officer holders invited. They will be given the opportunity to speak about their campaigns, and discuss them with our attendees.

Susan Rutt, Past President, will be updating the members on the upcoming events of the National Federation of Democratic Women and the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women. These include the National and State Women in Blue events, and the State and National Conventions. New members will be welcomed to the club. *Unfortunately, the meeting has been postponed.*

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

President: Susan E. Grassi

The NDWV were busy over the past year. The picture shows our delayed holiday meeting at Jeanie Morgano's home. The delay was due to my illness for medical reasons. The women present standing from left to right: Leslie Alteri Norma Shriver, Kaitland Brennan, Tara Zarinski, Karen Frey, Suzanns Bodia, and Jeanie Morgano. The members sitting were from left to right: Joanne Meselehner,



Bev Signor,
LuAnn Vogel,
Pam Petersen,
Susan Grassi,
Laurie Heffner,
Ann Marie

Panella, MaryLou Kaboly.

The comradery was fantastic. We were excited to have two candidates with us. Tara Zrinski who presently is a Northampton County Council Woman, is running for PA General Assembly 138 a two year term. We

heartily support her and look forward to what she will accomplish in the assembly.

The other candidate is Kaitland Brennan. She is running for the 137th seat and has a load of experiences and personality. We wish her much success.

We have had numerous dinner meetings at different location throughout the year to meet and greet local candidates and show our support.

Our support comes in the form of post card writing, canvassing, attending fund raisers, and holding our annual tent supporting all candidates at the yearly Nazareth Days.

In the future, we are holding another post card session and a Wine and Cheese Painting Party. All are welcome to come and enjoy yourselves with us.

We look forward to helping all of our candidates reach their success and make our state a great place to live and work. I wish to express thank you's to all our members and a special thank you to our officers: Jeanie Morgano, Recording Secretary, Karen Frey, Corresponding Secretary, Rebecca Bartlett, Treasurer.

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

Region 9 – Tri-County FDW

President: Jody Rebarchak

The Tri-County FDW PAC held a very successful soiree honoring the Suffragettes. Proceeds were distributed to the campaigns of members who were seeking local offices. The evening was filled with "appearances" of the many women who courageously fought to obtain our right to vote.

We thank all our members who decided to be leaders in our communities and run for office. Several members were successful in the November election. Jean Foschi was elected as Cumberland County Commissioner, Alissa Packer as Camp Hill Borough Council Member, and Sara Agerton as Mechanicsburg Borough Council Member. Diane Neiper retained her position as the Tax Collector for the Borough of Camp Hill. Beth Sviben, Stephanie Andrejack, Lindsay Drew, Kathy Sicher, Ilecia Voughs, and Kyla Harvey were elected to their school boards. Jody Rebarchak will retain her seat on the

Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners.

We celebrated the holidays with a covered dish party where we also gifted a local women's shelter, "Tears for Tiana," and the Victims Assistance Organization with a monetary donation, as well as needed items to increase the comfort of those they aid.

Thank you to our outgoing officers for their dedication and many hours of service.

Our new officers are busy with making plans for an eventful year. Our leaders are

President	Jody Rebarchak
Vice President	Karen Anderson
Secretary	Bridget Whitley
Treasurer	Jennifer Savino
PAC Chairlady	Kelly O'Donnell
PAC Treasurer	Patricia Pacifico

In late January over 60 women attended a membership drive event at the home of Jean Foschi. She provided us with a lovely venue, as well as delicious food and wine. We were pleased to welcome many new members. It was a great time to relax and enjoy the company of our fellow Democratic women.

Our first official meeting of 2020 found us welcoming more new members and making plans to engage in more community events.

Our goals include increasing our presence, registering voters, and actively supporting our Democratic candidates after the primaries.

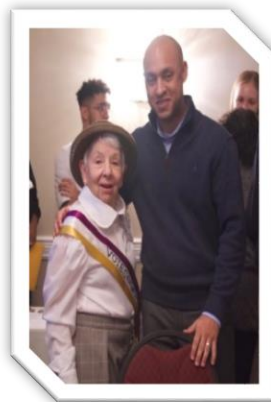
Directors:

Donna Frank and Deanne McNally

Region 10 – Lycoming Women Democrats
President: Linda Sosniak

The chapter winter fundraiser, Power Women/Power Cocktails 2.0, held on Sunday, February 2, attracted over 125 guests who gathered to hear eight speakers address current issues and campaigns and to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

The speakers included candidate for local and statewide offices, representatives of national candidates for U. S. President and local officeholder. Newly elected Williamsport Mayor Derek Slaughter was the guest speaker.



Caption.

Derek Slaughter,
Mayor of
Williamsport and
member and
“suffragist” Mary
Sieminski.

Region 11 – The Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County
President: Nancy Westburg

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

At our first general meeting in 2020, Lynne Alvine, Region 11 PFDW Director and outgoing President of FDWIC, conducted a candle-light installation ceremony for Nancy Westburg as President and Susan Boser as President-elect for two-year terms. The other elected officials - Susan Drummond, Treasurer and Gail Riley, Secretary – were installed in 2019 for a two-year term that will end in 2021. After the installation, Denise Jennings-Doyle showed slides of the local Underground Rail Road. She discussed how courageous men and women of Indiana helped hundreds of slaves escape to freedom during pre-civil war.

The very popular annual Spaghetti Dinner was held on February 9. It is our major fundraiser and was a huge success! We had a full house with folks enjoying the food and signing petitions for candidates for federal and state offices and for delegates for the Democratic Convention. Thanks to all our members and friends who came to support the

FDWIC and Democratic candidates.

Our March General Membership meeting was held at Blairsville Underground Rail Road History Museum. After the social time, followed by a brief business meeting, there was an opportunity to browse the exhibit. Denise Jennings-Doyle gave an overview of the exhibit and answer any questions that are raised. UGRR is dedicated to the brave men, women, and children who used this network to freedom. It is housed in the former Second Baptist Church Building, the oldest African American structure in the town. FDWIC gave a \$200 contribution to support the museum.

Another popular event is our Spring Banquet will be held on Friday, April 17. Following the social time and buffet dinner, candidates for federal and state offices or their representatives will have an opportunity to speak. Political material and signs will be available.

A new FDWIC event will be the Suffragist Tea to be held

on Saturday, April 25, at St. Andrews in Indiana. We will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of women's right to vote. Nancy Westburg, President, and Lynne Alvine, Past President, are serving on the Coalition of Women's History of Indiana County. The Coalition is composed of over 25 community organizations that are planning community events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution that gave women the right to vote. The Suffragist Tea is open to the community and listed on the community events calendar.

Several members – Nancy Westburg, Lynne Alvine, and Gail Riley – are on the planning committee for the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women 92nd State Convention, June 19 through June 21 at Ramada Inn, Greensburg, PA. The theme is "A Century of Suffrage." The state convention is being held in western Pennsylvania because it is pivotal in the upcoming presidential election.



Photo Caption:

At the FDWIC Spaghetti Dinner:

Front Row, left to right: Sherene Hess, Indiana County Commissioner; Robert Williams, Candidate for U.S. Congress 15th District; Scott Conklin, Candidate for PA Auditor General; Christina Hartman, Candidate for PA Auditor General; Nancy Westburg, President of the Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County; Tony DeLoreto, Candidate for State

Senate 41st District. Back Row, left to right: Terry Noble, Rural Caucus Chair and Candidate for Amy Klobuchar Delegate; James Smith, Indiana County Auditor and Candidate for Pete Burridge Delegate; Michael Lamb, Candidate for PA Auditor General; Ann Rea, Indiana County Democratic Party Chair; Dennis Semsick, Candidate for State Representative 62nd District; Ron Fairman, State Committeeman of Indiana County, Southwest Caucus Chair, and Candidate for Joe Biden Delegate.

Region 13 – Women of Westmoreland (WOW) – LUCKY 13
President: Phyllis Friend

The Women of Westmoreland {**WOW**} have been engaged in various community activities. Many are members of the Westmoreland County Democratic Committee, as well as the Democratic State Committee. And many others are involved in other aspects of the community. We try to demonstrate that “*We Care*” through our various actions. For instance, last year we became aware of a local servicewoman stationed in Kuwait and on several different occasions we collected items to send to her and the others in her unit. Members have also chosen to donate items to a local shelter for families and single women after hearing of their need for certain items.

WOW realizes that women vote in greater numbers than men do. We try to keep that in mind as we engage and help local candidates. We are in the midst of working to help elect our candidates in two upcoming elections.

We held a meet n greet for Rob Prah, candidate for the PA 58th Legislative District special election on March 17th. We will work

to support Tay Waltenbaugh, candidate for the PA 39th Senatorial District by writing postcards and other actions to help as they are identified.

We have recently started to “pass the cup” at our monthly meetings for donations to the PFDW Scholarship fund. **WOW** will make this contribution at the June Convention.

Several of our members have been actively involved with the PFDW Convention Committee. We are excited that this year’s convention will take place in Westmoreland County.

At our February meeting, **WOW** nominated women for *Woman of the Year*. Carol Francese was the nominee for our **WOW** club and Harriett Ellenberger was nominated for the PFDW Woman of the Year. We feel fortunate to have these women in our Club. They have made contributions to the efforts of the Democratic Party in Westmoreland County in countless ways.

We look forward to caring about our communities and giving our continued support to Westmoreland Democratic candidates in 2020.

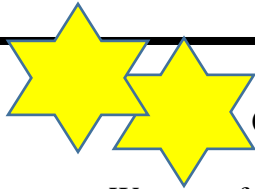
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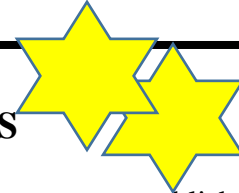
Treasurer: Carol Francese

Communications: Sandy Kremer

Region 15 – Democrat Women of Mercer County (DWMC)
President: Kim Powell



CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS



The Democrat Women of Mercer County is celebrating its 15th year. Our main goal is to get Democrats elected, but community service is also a priority. We've adopted AWARE and the county food warehouse, collecting items and monetary donations at every meeting. We also volunteer our time; packing food boxes at the warehouse and picking up litter on a stretch of highway near the courthouse.

Over the years, members have run for office and many have taken on leadership roles in the county and state. Judy Hines, past president is special assistant to Nancy Patton Mills, Diane Syphrit is state committeewoman and Luanne Salaga is Mercer County Coordinator, Fair Districts PA, to name a few. Every member doesn't have a title, but each performs diligently behind the scenes. Thanks to the organizing efforts and hard work of DWMC members, Mercer County has the distinction of being a "qualifying/collecting county" for two straight years, placing in the top three in 2019. Setting up petition stations and walking door to door, signatures were collected on behalf of statewide and local candidates. We were proud to be the top collecting county for Kristy Gnibus, our candidate for Congressional District 16.

Monthly news reports are published in the three county newspapers and "Monday Morning News" is sent via e-mail to members and others throughout the commonwealth and beyond. Elected in November and installed in January as DWMC President is Kim Powell. Outgoing President Judy Hines said of Kim, "She has the skills, wisdom and knowledge needed to succeed" and we all agree. Kim is spearheading a Monday Morning News Fundraiser. She's asking those who read and enjoy the news and find it helpful to make a donation. Along with donations to the groups previously mentioned, we contribute to candidates and veteran's organizations.. In 2020 Kim looks forward to continuing our philanthropic mission, voter registration and outreach programs, while working to support our Democratic candidates to make a difference in the 2020 elections. Any donation is appreciated and will be put to good use.

DWMC, Box 1562, Hermitage, PA 16148.

Sandy Laurie, Publicity chair

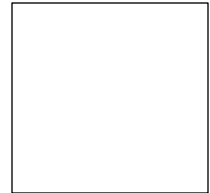




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Survey Submissions

Submission Deadline for next

Survey is

October 1, 2020