



THE SURVEY

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

Kathy Jordan, Editor

Star Brown, Business Manager

Spring 2023 Issue

SAVE THE DATE

Election Day
May 16th, 2023

**Next Board Meeting
& 2023 Convention**
September 29-October 1
2023

Fall Survey
October 2023

**Find us on the Web
& in Instagram**

www.PAFDW.org

#DemWomenRule

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 Winnin'...

Pennsy Style

One Heart, One Mind...at a Time



A Word from the President

Welcome to the Spring Survey

Spring is a beautiful time of reflection and renewal.

Birds singing, trees blooming, days are brighter, and even the rain brings beautiful flowers. I feel the promise of newness and great things to come!

As I begin service as your acting President, I feel the same blossoming spirit in our Federation. We have an upcoming election with excellent candidates poised to preserve our judicial rights and unprecedented numbers of woman candidates seeking to serve in races up and down the ballot.

While we are focused on our top tier judicial races and a race to select the mayor of our largest city, as well as Commissioners who will provide your county services, – let's not forget the important local seats which determine the quality of our daily living.

In my own area, the school board is hotly contested as well as a local township race that will decide the future landscape of my home town. We can never say it enough “every election is important”! Our Federation needs to grow with that same spirit and energy. I invite you to attend our annual Convention this September as well as create and share events regionally to promote PFDW's growth and future.

As we move toward a centennial celebration in 2027, let's work together to promote a bright blue future for Pennsylvania!

Sincere Regards,

Lori Vargo Heffner

Acting President



PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN, INC

2023 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

2023 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, 2023

Please respond by November 1, 2023

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

I am enclosing a contribution of \$_____ for membership in the 2023 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.

2023 CONVENTION NOTE

The Convention Committee is coming along in planning the 95th Annual Convention. We look forward to seeing a huge crowd attending this year. Please join us. We will be offering you a weekend of fun, guest speakers, a workshop and fun.

More news to follow.

Helen Cook

Co-Chairs

Ruth Raglin

Mary Ann Kapacs

Helen Cook

Committee:

Jennifer Savino

Sue Martin

Harriet Ellenberger

Barbara Carroll

Pam Pearson

Christina McGahagan

PFDW SCHOLARSHIP

The deadline for submission of 2023-24 scholarship applications has been extended to July 1, 2023.

Scholarships will be awarded at our 2023 Convention. Please encourage any Democratic woman student who is completing their sophomore or junior year at an accredited 4-year college or University to apply.

We hope to give out three \$1,000 scholarships this year. The application is available online at PAFDW.org. Use the application available there. Disregard the dates. Send all application requirements to Michelle Price by July 1, 2023.

All clubs are encouraged to donate to the scholarship fund. Individuals and/or clubs may make donations in honor or in memory of others. Please send all donations to:

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

Include names and addresses of anyone to be notified of your donation.



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 OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FROM YOUR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

All documents must be post marked by
July 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

The Outstanding Elected Democratic Women's Brunch

On November 20, the PFDW celebrated its annual Sunday Brunch. Nineteen Democratic women from across the state were honored. The keynote speaker was PA State Senator Judy Schwank. Honorees included: Shameeka Browne, Abington Township School Board; Patti Crossan, Centennial District School Board; Gina Curry, PA State Representative 164th District; Susan Rzucidlo, Mayor of Avondale Borough; Rochelle Bilal, Sheriff of Philadelphia; Regina Young, PA State Representative 185th District; Sharon Laverdure, Monroe County Commissioner; Bridget Malloy Kosierowski, PA State Representative 114th District; Rita Frealing, Mayor of Gettysburg; Mildred Tavarez, West York Borough, Councilwoman; Dr. Noahleen Betts, Berks District School Board; Grace Crampsie Smith, Bethlehem City Councilwoman; Joyce Moore, Upper Milford Township Supervisor; Kristen Mullen, Upper Nazareth Township Supervisor; Shamaine Daniels, Harrisburg City Councilwoman; Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro, Indiana School Board Vice President; Dr. Jeanne Smith, Hempfield Area School Board; Loretta Spielvogel, Lawrence County Commissioner; and Emily Kinkead, PA State Representative 20th District. Thank you to the brunch Co-Chairs Susan Rutt and Deanne McNally and all of the volunteers.

The next OEDW Brunch will be on April 7, 2024 – Save the Date!



**Congratulations
2022 Honorees**

2022 Honorees



Woman of the Year Award

Each year the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women hosts a fundraiser that honors an outstanding woman as *Woman of the Year*. Each club and board member are asked to nominate by **August 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 August 1, 2023.

PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS _____

REGION _____ NUMBER OF YEARS AS 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 August 1, 2023 to:

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

Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women

95th Annual Convention – “Your Vote is Your Voice”

Sept 29, 30, Oct 1, 2023

Please join the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women to celebrate our 95th Annual Convention.
We are uniting the State and together planning a convention to be remembered.

This year's convention will be held at the Best Western Harrisburg Hotel. Room rates are \$109/night plus taxes and free parking. Best Western Premier – 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, Pa 17111 – 717-561-1086

Make your room reservations directly with the Best Western using code (PFDW),
deadline for room reservations is Sept 1st.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, Sept 29, 2023

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM – Registration
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Committee Meeting
Lunch on your own
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM - PFDW Board Meeting
6:15 PM - 7:00 PM - Welcome Reception
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Banquet

Saturday, Sept 30, 2023

Breakfast on your own
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Registration
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Workshop - TBA
2:45 PM – 3 PM – Election of Regional Directors
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Election of PFDW Officers
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Woman of the Year Banquet

Sunday, Oct 1, 2023

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM - Breakfast
9 AM – Closing Session and installation of officers

Grand Raffle -- a Treasure Chest full of PA Lottery \$3 Scratch-Off Tickets. Second prize 100 tickets.
The seller of winning ticket receives 10 tickets. Each club is asked to sell a minimum of 50 tickets and each PFDW board member to sell a minimum of 30 tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.

Auction gifts/baskets Please bring your auction gifts valued at no less than \$25, baskets are welcome.

5 wrapped \$1.00 gifts Don't forget all the surprise packages you can take home.

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

Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women
95th Annual Convention

September 28 – Oct 1, 2023, Best Western Premier, Harrisburg

Your Vote is Your Voice!

**** Meet your Candidates * ** Interesting Workshops ****

**** FELLOWSHIP AND MEET YOUR DEMOCRATIC SISTERS ****

FOOD PACKAGE RESERVATION FORM

_____ **FULL Convention Package A - \$225** includes Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Dinner, Sunday Breakfast and Convention Registration.

_____ **Convention Package B - \$190** includes Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Dinner, and Convention Registration.

_____ **Convention Package C – \$ 160 –** Saturday Lunch and Dinner, Sun Breakfast, and Convention Registration

SAT Dinner - Salmon _____

Braised Short Ribs of Beef _____

Make checks payable to: **PFDW Convention 2023.**

Attach check and mail registration form to: **Ruth Raglin, 7510 Briar Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19138**

Questions, please call 215-424-2666 or email pfwdpres2017@gmail.com

Please send in your registration no later than **SEPT 10, 2023.**

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

Name: _____ County: _____ Region: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Individual meals

Friday Dinner -\$60 _____ Saturday Lunch -\$50 _____ Saturday Dinner - \$70 _____ Sunday Breakfast -\$35 _____

_____ Check for special dietary needs, please write on back. (menu items include chicken, beef, pork) Special needs must be requested before Sept 10, 2023.

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

***The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women looks forward to seeing
YOU at the Convention!***

WWW.PAFDW.ORG

**PENNSYLVANIA
FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN**



September 29 – October 1 YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

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 _____

Please mail checks to Helen Cook at 101 Walnut St., East Berlin 17116
Please make checks payable to PFDW. Send your Ad copy electronically to
helencookpfdw@gmail.com

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

Region 2 Philadelphia Female Candidates Running for Mayor:



The women running to be the first female mayor of Philadelphia include Rebecca Rhynhart (top left,) Maria Quiñones Sánchez (top right), Cherelle Parker, (bottom left), and Helen Gym (bottom right).

Courtesy of The Philadelphia Inquire

These Women Are All Members of The MCDW and Are First Time Candidates Running For Public Office

Jane Dovidio-Gagliardo
East Stroudsburg Borough Council
5th Ward



Maggie Hartmann
Pocono Mountain Region 1 School
Board Director Candidate

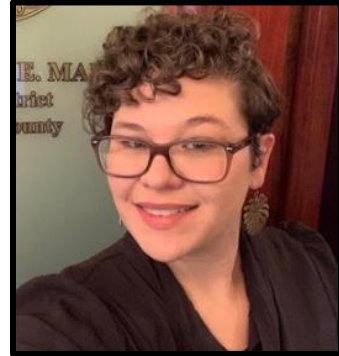


First Time Candidates Running For Public Office (Continued)

Susan Lyons
Stroud Township Supervisor



Elyse Nehring
Pocono Mountain Region 1 School
Board Director



Submitted by: Region 18 - Allegheny County



Rachael Heisler
Pittsburgh City Controller



Erica Rocchi Brusselars
Treasurer



Sara Innamorato
Allegheny County Executive

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



Joyce Keller

The success of the Black Democratic Women of Montgomery County (BDWMC) makes us a sought after local political organization to align with.

Several members were special guests of Dr. Valerie Arkoosh at the Montgomery County Democratic Fall Dinner. We ended the year with a well needed in-person holiday fellowship. Our officer slate for 2023 will remain unchanged. As in prior years, we will have two fundraising experiences in 2023. There will be a Wellness Tea Party in May. This will be an afternoon tea with guests adorned in fancy hats and featured speakers providing information on domestic violence and mental health.

Our 5th Annual Breakfast Bingo will be in September which is a morning of bingo fun, breakfast and a meet and greet with candidates.

Our Club continues to be proud of our members and their accomplishments. We welcomed new member, Joyce Keller, who is very active in local politics and will strengthen our fund-raising efforts; Shameeka Browne was honored by the Abington Rockledge Democratic Committee as Democrat of the Year, and Jennifer Henderson was accepted in the Emerge PA Candidate Training Program and is preparing for the 2023 Ambler Community Garden (ACG) gardening season. ACG has partnered with the Ambler Library and will have story time every Monday morning throughout the summer.

Regional Director: Amanda Hammock

Region 2

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

Region 2 – Philly Democratic Women Caucus
President: Shantale Galloway

Regional Director: Barbara Carroll



l-r Denise Tucker, Kathy Huggins, Joanna McClinton, Dawn Chavous

Busy schedules resulted in fewer meetings, but we are very proud of some of our women: Joanna McClinton is now the first African-American woman to become Speaker of the House and Lisa Rhoads became the Director of the Executive Body of the PFDW. Ms. Marty Arunment is now Vice President of Women Caucus of State Committee & the Ward Leader of the 33rd Ward. She is doing great thing in her community.

The Primary election is upon us, and we are working very hard to support Cherelle Parker for Mayor. We hope she wins the election and become the first woman of African-American heritage, and the 100th mayor of Philadelphia.

One of our own members, Kathy Jordan, is the editor of the Survey Newsletter. She works very hard on this project, and I'm proud that she's one of our members

The Convention in September will bring many women together, and allow us to impact upon the lives of other women across the State of Pennsylvania and persuade younger women to get involved with the Democratic process.

Our Club is looking forward to a big cook-out this summer.

The **PHILLY Democratic Women Caucus** is still pressing in the Blue Fight!

We are currently having monthly Zoom meetings and are striving to increase membership.

Philadelphia has a major election for our next Mayor on May 16th and our goal is to get as much information out about our candidates to the community at-large. We have three female candidates running for Mayor: Cherelle Parker, Helen Gym, and Rebecca Rhynhart.

We, yet again, had a successful cabaret, which was a fundraiser for our Club.

Congratulations to our President, Shantale Galloway! She is now the 4th Vice President of the Federation.

Sadly, we supported our Vice President, Star Brown, as she suffered the loss of both parents within a month. Please keep her in prayer.

Let's Go, Let's Get It!

We are now Recruiting for New Members who want to learn about politics and make a difference in their communities and the State of Pennsylvania

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

„Spring Into Action“,

MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN welcomed everyone at their “Eleanor Roosevelt Brunch” held Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus in Tannersville, PA.

Keynote speakers and candidates Jennifer Shukaitis (PA Senate 40th District), Hope Christman (PA House 176th District), and Stroudsburg Mayor Tarah Probst (PA House 189th District) all spoke to the issues affecting residents and voters of Monroe County.

The theme of the brunch was Mrs. Roosevelt’s journaling project, MY DAY—a newspaper column she wrote six days a week from 1935 to 1962. The syndicated column, printed in small local newspapers across America, covered current events and issues of the day.

MCDW participated in the “GOTV Bus Stop with Attorney General Shapiro” and Stroudsburg’s “Veterans Parade” in November.

MCDW “**Got Out the Vote**” November 8th, 2022, and celebrated Maureen Madden’s re-election to her 4th term in the PA House 115th District together with Tarah Probst’s election to her 1st term in the PA House 189th District! Representative Madden had been the sole Democratic representation for Monroe County in our Commonwealth since 2016 and a strong presence. Now, Representative Madden’s working with Representative Probst will strengthen our Democratic presence in state legislature.

MCDW honored Monroe County Commissioner Sharon Laverdure as the 2022 PFDW OEDW.

Immediately after a short holiday break, MCDW are “back to work” getting signatures on petitions for all Democrats seeking public office. “Punxsutawney Phil’s” weather prediction aside, our ladies are out “Boot on the Ground” helping Democrats prepare for the May 16th Primary.

Regional Director: Claudette Williams

Monroe County Democratic Women

PICTURES



Region 4 – Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women

President: Patti Rider

Happy Spring everyone! Our club members were very busy last fall with getting the Vote out.

November's meeting brought us Sarah Piccini from the Lackawanna Historical Society as our speaker. Her program "From Suffragists to Senators" was quite educational. We learned much from our local women who fought for our rights. November also brought our choice for Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman, Bridget Malloy Kosierowski to the Democratic Brunch. We are lucky to have Bridget represent us. We look forward to him continuing in that role.

December was time for the Most Wonderful

Party as we met at the Radisson to celebrate the holidays. Our group collected gifts and gift cards for the NEPA Youth Shelter and the Hamidian Training Center. The New Year brought out the candidates for our very successful Cocktails and Petitions. Thanks to Colleen Gerrity, Mary Kate Donahue and Susie Connors for setting this up. Also, thanks to the members who came to (wo)man the tables and sign petitions.

Remember to keep the September Convention in your plans! I hope to see a great turnout!

Mary Ann Kapacs
Regional Director



The LCFDW enjoyed a great holiday party where they provided donations to support the NEPA Youth Shelter and the HAMIDIAN Training Institute.

Region 5 – Wyoming County Democratic Women's Society

President: Alice Strauss

Looking over the past six months, it appears our Wyoming County chapter stayed very busy! August found us at the Democratic booth at the County Fair, handing out candidates' literature and selling cookie packages to raise money for our Democratic Committee.

The weeks preceding the November election had our members staffing our snazzy new headquarters while getting out hundreds of postcards to encourage county Democrats to get out and vote. We staged a Ride for Democracy, which entailed a caravan of decorated cars driving the Wyoming County highways and byways for election day. We also welcomed Josh Shapiro to our ribbon cutting ceremony when we opened our headquarters.

Our gardening endeavor at Feed Mill Park in Tunkhannock was finally rewarded with a sign crediting our chapter's upkeep efforts.



We had a booth at Nicholson's Bridge Day and a successful food drive, and we helped the Democratic Committee organize a fall breakfast. In the holiday season we sponsored a family with secret Santa gifts, celebrated with new decorations at Feed Mill Park, and had a holiday dinner party at one of our favorite local restaurants with party favors and a Christmassy Bingo game.

In April, our Acting Secretary, Jodi Crimmel as well as our new Vice President, Sharon Potter will be inducted as officers.

Our Scholarship applications have been sent to local high schools, and the award ceremony will take place sometime in late May or early June. Meanwhile, you can keep in touch with us on Facebook at Wyoming County Women's Democratic Society.

Regional Director: None at Present



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

We all were very proud to share our mayor of Gettysburg, Rita Frealing.

Rita made us all proud to be honored as one to the Outstanding Elected Democratic Women of the year for 2022. Across the state we were able to show how blessed we are in Adams County.

During the OEDW Brunch I was honored to sit at a table of Adams County Federation of Democratic Women, and at the table with me was Marcia Wilson, which was also a first. Marcia is the first female county chair of Adams County.

Just like the past several years the ACFDW once again had the Christmas appeal. We helped a young man meet his basic needs and more well-deserved gifts. This young man touched our hearts, and I feel the ladies did a great job this year.



Gettysburg had a longer Christmas season this year due to the production of “A Gettysburg Christmas”, to be viewed on the hallmark Channel in Dec.2023. All of us in Adams County are excited for the premiere to be held at the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg in early December. We enjoyed Christmas views through mid-February, and this year we have added to our 2023 membership.

I am looking forward to what lies ahead in the next 8 months.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and recognize Lori Heffner as the PFDW’s acting President. I look forward to working under Lori’s leadership.

Regional Director: Laura Quick

CONGRATULATIONS
LORI HEFFNER, ACTING PRESIDENT

Region 8 – Berks Democratic Women

President: Linda Woleslagle

Berks Democratic Women encourages and supports Democratic women community activists as they learn leadership skills for organizing and community engagements. All BDW meetings include leadership training.

BDW encourages and supports Democratic women community activities, as they become experienced and competitive leaders ready to take on political systems by running for political office.

BDW provides synergistic community unity that shares resources, networking, and provides skills training for Dynamic New Democratic Women creating a New Shared Future.

All meetings highlight important issues such as Celebrating Black Women Leaders, Celebrating Women Leaders (elected and candidates running for office, Celebrating Earth Day, Celebrating Women Veterans, Celebrating LGBTQ Leaders, Celebrating Eurasian Leaders, Celebrating Latina Leaders.

**Berks Democratic Women Believe Women
Are Born Leaders**

BDW Secretary, Karima Archie, was featured as a Community Leader at the Google Works, in Reading, on March 29th.



Karima Archie and Linda Woleslagle

Regional Director: Leslie Altieri

BORN LEADERS

Region 8 – Nazareth Area Democratic Women and Vicinity

President: Linda Woleslagle



We found through research that our club has been in existence for 100 years! We therefore decided to hold a 100th Birthday Party in Nazareth at the local East Lawn Social Club in Nazareth, Pa on October 15th. The guest were PDFW, Representative Susan Wild, and Pa Representative Lisa Boscola as well as our County Executive, Lamont Mc Clure and Kori Heffner President of Council, and lastly our Northampton County DA, Terry Houck.

We were also honored with the Granddaughter of our founder, Alice Kostenbader- Qwen Ritter. We held Zoom meetings and met at Mountain View Golf

Range. The annual picnic was held at Kristin Mullen's house, an officer in Nazareth Township.

We opened our annual Nazareth Days booth to the citizens of Nazareth. Candidates dropped by Anna Thomas and Lisa Boscola. Fun and food was had by all who attended. All of our women came together for petition signing for our local candidates. We look forward to electing all of our candidates this season.

Nazareth Area Democratic Women and Vicinity are always ready and able to assist Democrats in electoral pursuits.

<p>Region 8 – Northampton County Council of Democratic Women President: Pamela Pearson</p>
--

Northampton County Council of Democratic Women is looking forward to a busy year!

We have elected new officers, and are pleased to welcome President Pamela Pearson, Vice President Jean Morgano, Recording Secretary Cheryl Baker, Corresponding Secretary Patrice Schwartzman, Treasurer Sandi Vulcano, Parliamentarian Valerie Kiltie, and Trustees Kaija Farber, Lorraine Mineo, and Lori Vargo Heffner, who is our Past President.

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to our former President Lori Vargo Heffner who worked tirelessly during her years in office, and our former Treasurer Becky Bartlett. Lori and Becky left office with an energized group and a great bank account.

Members Grace Alercia, Lori Vargo Heffner, Joanne Messenlehner, Pamela Pearson, Susan Rutt, Patrice Schwartzman and Sandi

Vulcano attended the 94th PFDW Convention in Lewisburg and had a great time meeting everyone in person post-COVID and making new friends.

Special thanks to members Lori Vargo Heffner, Pamela Pearson, Patrice Schwartzman and Sandi Vulcano who also worked on the Convention Planning Committee.

Now that petition season is over, our group is planning a future fundraiser to support our local candidates, as we have many counties, school board and municipal elections happening in Northampton County. We are also planning canvassing, postcard writing, and attending fundraising events for all local candidates.

We will work diligently to get our Democratic candidates elected!

Region 9 – Tri County FDW

President: Bridgett Whitley

Our members voted to retain our current slate of officers for 2023. President Bridgett Whitley, Vice president Jaime Johnsen, Secretary Cindie Watkins and Treasurer Jane Seiler will continue to lead our hive. We are still emerging from our Covid gathering restrictions and meet with a mixture of online and in person meetings.

Our focus has been on supporting members of our club who seek public office. Member, Patty Kim, won the privilege of representing the 103rd district in the PA state house. This district was

recently redrawn, and Patty will be representing many new constituents along with many of those in her old district.

Sadly, Sara Agerton and Shamaine Daniels will not be seated in the offices they sought, but both sit on city council of their communities. Shamaine represented our club as our honoree at the November, 2022 Outstanding Elected Women event.

Our club & #39;s secretary, Cindie Watkins, was honored by the Harrisburg City Council as an “Unsung Hero” for her volunteer

work, and in December our club joined with the Dauphin County Democratic Club for a wonderful holiday gathering. In early March we held a “Coffee and Candidates” event to meet those running in the primaries and sign their petitions.

Our President, Bridgett Whitley will be on the primary ballot for Dauphin County Clerk of Courts. Our membership drive has taken a twist. We are offering complimentary memberships to those who donate \$25 or more to our PAC.

Region 10 – Clinton County Democratic Women

President: Debbie Meder

The CCDW along with the Clinton County Democratic Committee hosted several petition-signing events in March. Clinton County was chosen as a stop on the judicial candidates’ central PA swing with a meet and greet signing event hosted by the CCDW. Due to the combined efforts of the clubs Clinton County was able to be a filing county for 4 judicial candidates: Deborah Kunzelman candidate for PA Supreme Court, Tamika Lane and Jill Beck candidates for Judge of the PA Superior Court and Brian Neft candidate for Judge of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court.

officers, they are; Debbie Meder president, Mary Ann Clark vice-president, Rosemarie Hibbler treasurer and Shanan Miller secretary. Shanan Miller also serves as the PAC chair and Region 10 director.

In June the CCDW will be having its annual picnic/fundraiser. The club is working to increase its ranks with a specific goal of encouraging more youth and diverse populations to get involved. As always, the CCDW will be working diligently to get out the vote in the upcoming municipal elections.

Clinton County Democratic Women



Regional Director: Shanan Miller

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

2023 Spaghetti Dinner

Our popular Spaghetti Dinner was held February 19 at the Eagles Club. This is our major fundraiser and when we sign petitions of candidates running for office in our next election in 2023. Approximately 150 meals were served.



Region 11 – Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County

New FDWIC Logo

The new FDWIC Logo is displayed on our FDWIC banner. The logo was designed by our member and graphic designer Stacy Long and recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman Award. The logo represents our renewed energy as we move forward by empowering women.



Sitting in the front row, left to right: Ron Fairman, State Committeeman and James Smith, Indiana County Democratic Committee Chair. Standing, left to right: Carver Murphy, representing Commonwealth Court Candidate Bryan Neft; Lynne Alvine, FDWIC Political Action Chair, Event Chair, and representing Supreme Court Judge Candidate Debbie Kunkelman; Sherene Hess, Indiana County Commissioner and candidate for re-election; Caitlin Handerhan, representing Superior Court Candidate Jill Beck; AnnMarie Everett, Candidate for Central District Magistrate; and Nancy Westburg, FDWIC President.

Holiday Party

Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County (FDWIC), at their annual Holiday Party on December 4 at Spaghetti Benders, collected a large carton of food items and \$115 for ICCAP. In addition to FDWIC members, attendees also included a variety of Pennsylvania



Democrats. Photo: The FDWIC Executive Board from left to right: Treasurer Susan Drummond; President Nancy Westburg; PennDot Project Chair Sara Steelman; Member-at-Large Arlene Wanatosky; Past President and Political Action Chair Lynne Alvine; and newly elected Secretary Kristi Kratsa.

Region 11 – Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County (cont'd)

Julia E. Trimarchi Cuccaro, Esq received the OEDW Award

This year, Julia E. Trimarchi Cuccaro, Esq. was honored as an Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman (OEDW). She received the 2022 OEDW Award at the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women Brunch. She was one of the founding members of the Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County in the late 80s and early 90s.

Regional Director: Lynne Alvine

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

Congratulations to our new Governor, Josh Shapiro and Lt. Governor Austin Davis. Our club meets monthly at Paci’s Restaurant. We have been busy gearing up for the primary election and preparing for our Lumber Ladies fundraiser. We will have a booth promoting BWDC, the Democratic candidates, along with great craft items to purchase too. It is a tradition that we donate to our local library, and we have a scholarship fund, as well. Fayette County Commissioner Vince Vicites visited us at our April meeting to talk about his reelection campaign. We are grateful for all he has done for our county. Check us out on our Facebook page: Brownsville Women’s Democratic Club.

Regional Director: Harriet Ellenberger



Region 13 –Democratic Women of Westmoreland
President: Phyllis Friend

The Democratic Women of Westmoreland have a lot going on!

The Democratic Women of Westmoreland continue to do good in the community. At our March meeting, we collected items for Father's Heart Children's Ministry. We heard through one of our members, Gloria Lesnock, who volunteers there that they had a need and our women sprang into action.

The WOW Book Club continues to read books that help us understand the new political reality facing our country. Our most current book is *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World* by Jeff Goodell. The Book Club members also listened to Rachel Maddow's podcast, *Ultra*, "the all-but-forgotten true story of good, old-fashioned American extremism getting supercharged by proximity to power."

We zoomed in the months of January and February and had the opportunity to welcome several candidates who were happy to join us on zoom. Some of the candidates who joined us were judicial candidates Jill Beck and Bryan Neft. Ted Kopas, candidate for Westmoreland County commissioner also joined our meeting. We also heard from our member, Jeanne Smith who is currently on the Hempfield Area School Board and is up for re-election. She is actively involved in learning about the efforts to ban books and how to address this recent situation in our school districts.

We got together in April for a postcard writing session, lunch for the May Primary election and we are looking forward to the comradeships that comes with working together!

Regional Director: Harriet Ellenberger

**"HOW DO WE CHANGE THE
WORLD? ONE RANDOM ACT OF
KINDNESS AT A TIME."**

- MORGAN FREEMAN



**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
FOUNDATION**
www.randomactsofkindness.org

Region 14 –Lawrence County Action
President: Juliann Mangino

Lawrence County Action Creates Own Billboard

There's a two-mile portion of Route 65 with a lot less litter since Lawrence County Action completed its first Adopt-a-Highway clean-up last Saturday.

As a charter member of the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women Lawrence County Action advocates for Democratic principles and candidates in Lawrence County, statewide and nationally.

Juliann Mangino, president of Lawrence County Action, said, "We are always looking for ways to give back to the community and encourage involvement. LCA members believe in action, in doing things that can make a difference, no matter how big or small."

The group's community outreach committee applied for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program several months ago. LCA was given the assignment of a portion of Route 65 between New Castle and Ellwood City. Twenty bags of trash were collected.

The plans are for the group to get together twice a year for scheduled clean-ups in the spring and in the fall.

"This road is a tribute to the 65th Infantry Division. Cleaning it up is a way of honoring their labor and sacrifice. It is also a way of caring for our local landscape and giving thanks for the beauty of the Earth itself," said Jim Hines, LCA member and a Wilmington Borough resident.

To learn more about Lawrence County Action, email lawrencecountyaction.lca@gmail.com and visit the page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lawrencecountyaction.



Lawrence County Action's "litter crew"

Region 17 – Democratic Women of Fayette County
President: Sydney Hovis

The Democratic Women of Fayette County is ready and organized for our biggest year yet! In addition to our regular business meetings this spring, we will be hosting a benefit yoga class and a family luncheon fundraiser. We also launched our second annual menstrual product drive to help reduce period poverty in our region. Spring - *and* election season excitement - is officially in the air in Fayette County. Connect with us on social media to see what we're up to! linktr.ee/demwomen

Democratically yours,
The DWOFC

Region 17 – The Washington County of Democratic Women
President: Deborah Holden Dellorso

Spring brings us hope of a brighter future. Trying to get Democrats to run for office and making sure they win. We have actively participated in Democratic Committee meetings, petition signing and meet and greets for our candidates, local and statewide.

Our activities include taking collections of personal and clothing items for our local women's shelter. This is based on their needs relayed to us. Donations accepted at meetings and delivered quarterly to the women's center. We have an annual picnic and a Christmas dinner. During our Christmas dinner we sign Christmas cards which are then delivered to the Area Agency on Aging. These cards then get distributed to patients in local nursing homes. We hope to have some sort of rally around June around the Dodd Decision Anniversary, still working on details.

March has been active with the focus on Women's month. For the last 2 years with have gotten a display window at the library and dedicated the display to women.

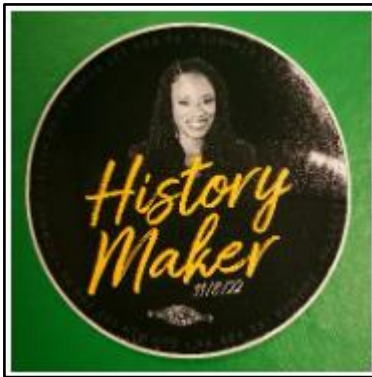


Hope for a Brighter Future!

Region 18 – The Allegheny County Club
President: Jean Milko



Congratulations to Governor Josh Shapiro and all of the Democratic winners. Allegheny County now has seven women in the PA House of Representatives, and we boast a few *History Makers too! Pittsburgh is Proud! *Allegheny County resident Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd has been promoted to Chief Justice, the first woman ever in this position.



*Kudos to Pittsburgh native Summer Lee for winning the seat on the U.S. House of Representatives, 12th District. She is the first African American woman to become a congresswoman in Pennsylvania. McKeesport native Austin Davis is the first African American Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania. Photo – fun on the campaign trail with 2nd Lady Blayre Davis, and Governor Shapiro.

Congrats to Braddock resident John Fetterman on winning the U.S. Senate seat. Best wishes to John. Pittsburgh Rapper Wiz Khalifa performs at the Shapiro/Davis Inaugural Celebration in Lititz.



We celebrated “& Share” and JoAnn restaurant in achievements



Women’s History Month with “Celebrate a luncheon by co-founders Bonnie DiCarlo Forrester, held at the beautiful LeMont Pittsburgh. The event highlights women’s in the Greater Pittsburgh region.



The panel consisted of our three newly elected State House Representatives, Abigail Salisbury, Mandy Steele and La’Tasha D. Mayes.

Regional Director: Bonnie DiCarlo



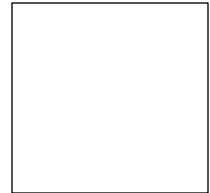
Get Out the Vote!



Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women, Inc.

P.O. Box 23773

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19143



Today the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women consists of more than 1,600 members in local affiliates throughout the counties of the Commonwealth. These associations are grouped into 18 geographic regions, each coordinated by a Regional Director. The PFGW consists of a president, six vice-presidents, a treasurer, corresponding and recording secretaries and committee chairs.

Survey Submissions

Submission Deadline for next

Survey is

Fall of 2023