



THE SURVEY

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

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SAVE THE DATE

Election Day
April 23rd 2024

Next Board Meeting
April 6, 2024

**96th Annual
Convention**
July 19-21, 2024

Fall Survey
October 2024

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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.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

It's TIME...



LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION!

President's Message



Spring begins to awaken and present her beauty; I am aware of the promise that comes every year at this time. I see new life in my garden as the flowers wake from their winter slumber, the birds begin to chirp, daylight grows longer, and I see the sun shining more than I see grey skies. I believe that our political landscape is also emerging from a slumber. New energy is occurring as we prepare for upcoming primaries this April. Clubs across the state are preparing to work for new candidates, to support and grow the campaigns of old & unfamiliar faces, and an energy is being directed toward renewing her commitment to protect and defend democracy against a recurring threat. The Federation is busy preparing several events to energize and renew our commitment together to celebrating and supporting women across the state. On March 20, we will convene at the Capitol Complex in Harrisburg for our annual Women in Blue. The committee has created a great event, and

her longtime mentor, Catherine Baker Knoll, will be honored with a portrait unveiling in the Rotunda. On Sunday, April 7, we will celebrate our Outstanding Elected Women of 2024. We are thrilled to have so many wonderful honorees and look forward to seeing many if you come to share in this event which helps to support our future candidates for this fall. Please remember to join our Century Club and consider placing an ad or sponsorship, as these efforts continue to support the wonderful women who are courageous enough to step up and run for state and federal seats. I am looking forward to our annual convention on July 19, 20, and 21, returning this year to Scranton, Pennsylvania. I know the women of the Lackawanna County club are unleashing their tireless energy and creativity to make this fabulous event and I look forward to all of you attending our annual meeting.

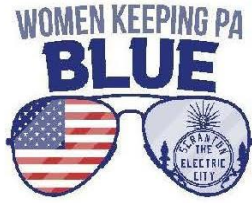
While I am hopeful for all of the great efforts and energy that we are all making on the board, our respective committees, and with our individual clubs, I am still concerned at the influence of dark money, constant negative messaging, and egregious lies that attack our country. During the spring, crew teams emerge for their support. When I lived in Philadelphia, I saw them practicing on the Schuylkill, moving silently, quickly, steadily, and with purpose. I think about what it takes for that team to be successful-everyone must pull together, move as one, and stay focused to win the race. Let's take that same philosophy as we move beyond the primary election to the greater goal of winning every race up and down the ticket this November, especially President Joe Biden, Senator Bob Casey, and our outstanding Congresswomen. With the energy and talent in this Federation, I know we can glide on to victory.

I am proud and honored to serve you and indebted to all of you for the effort and commitment to work for the preservation of Democracy in the state of Pennsylvania.

Gratefully yours,

Lori Vargo Heffner

Lori Vargo Heffner



Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women
96th Annual Convention
Welcome to the Home of the 46th
Scranton Hilton & Conference Center
July 19 through July 21, 2024

Greetings from Scranton!

The Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women are looking forward to hosting you at the 96th Annual PFDW Convention. We will be holding the Convention at the Scranton Hilton & Conference Center in downtown Scranton. We will be highlighting some of the best things that Scranton has to offer! We are planning three very informative workshops and are reaching out to several high-profile speakers. While these plans are still in the works we can share the following.

We will be asking each club to donate either a basket of items that represents their area of the Commonwealth or let us do the work for you and donate \$50 in cash or in \$35-\$50 in gift cards (that can be used across the Commonwealth) and we will make the basket! We are ***Scratching the Dollar Gifts*** this year and instead are asking each member to bring **10 \$1 PA Lottery Scratch Offs!!** Your clubs will be receiving a letter from us very soon with more details on these items. We are also planning a raffle but the details are still being worked out. We will have tickets available for each club at the April Board Meeting.

Rooms will be \$149 a night and include free parking. Room reservations can be made by using this link www.hilton.com/en/attendmyevent/PAFederationofdemocraticwomen The link will not open until April 1st. *The deadline for room reservations is June 19th.*

Stay tuned for more information and remember, "Ain't no party like a Scranton party 'cause a Scranton party don't stop!!"

Susan Notarianni
Co-Chair

MaryAnn Kapacs
Co-Chair

Cathy Wechsler
Co-Chair



PFDW CONVENTION 2024

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, July 19, 2024

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Convention Registration |
| 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Committee Meetings |
| 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM | PFDW Board Meeting |
| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Welcome Luncheon |
| 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Workshop |
| 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Convention Registration |
| 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Welcome Reception |
| 6:30 -PM | Welcome Dinner & Recognition of Club Presidents – Come Dressed for “The Office” |

Saturday, July 20, 2024

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| 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM | Registration |
| 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Breakfast in the Trolley Room (Vouchers Provided with Convention Package) |
| 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Yoga—Beginner Mat/Chair Yoga (get your sponsors – proceeds benefit PFDW Scholarship). <i><u>If you haven't tried Yoga yet – now is your chance!!</u></i> |
| 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Election of Regional Directors (Even Regions) |
| 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Workshop |
| 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM | Scholarship Luncheon |
| 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM | Election of Officers |
| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM | Workshop |
| 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Political Bingo |
| 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Reception |
| 7:00 | Woman of the Year Dinner |

Sunday, July 21, 2024

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| 8:15 AM | Breakfast |
| 9:00 AM | PFDW Closing Session and Installation of Officers |



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FOOD PACKAGE RESERVATION FORM

___ FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE - **\$225.00**. PACKAGE INCLUDES: Friday Luncheon, Friday Reception/Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Luncheon, Saturday Reception/Dinner, Sunday Breakfast and Convention Fee.**

___ FRIDAY TO SATURDAY PACKAGE - **\$185.00**. PACKAGE INCLUDES: Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Luncheon, Saturday Dinner and Convention Fee.**

___ SATURDAY TO SUNDAY PACKAGE - **\$135.00**. PACKAGE INCLUDES: Saturday Luncheon, Saturday Reception/Dinner, Sunday Breakfast and Convention Fee.**

Make checks payable to PFDW Convention 2024. Attach check and mail your registration form to: Charlene Doyle, 127R Bates Patch Road, Greenfield Twp, PA 18407 no later than July 1, 2024. Questions please call 570-947-5254 or email cdoyle@echoes.net.

Name: _____ County: _____ Region: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ *If you are a Club Presidents Please Check Here:* _____

****SATURDAY DINNER/RECEPTION PLEASE CHOOSE ENTRÉE ___ PRIME RIB OR ___ SALMON**

___ Check for special dietary needs and please write instructions on back (Menu items will include chicken, prime rib and salmon) **Special needs must be requested before start of convention.**

INDIVIDUAL TICKET ORDER FORM

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ___ Friday Luncheon | \$30.00 | ___ Saturday Reception/Dinner** | \$60.00 |
| ___ Friday Reception/Dinner | \$50.00 | ___ Sunday Breakfast | \$25.00 |
| ___ Saturday Breakfast | \$25.00 | | |
| ___ Saturday Luncheon | \$40.00 | ___ REGISTRATION FEE \$10.00* | (Required with all ticket purchases) |

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**The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women
2024 Program Advertisement Authorization**

The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women will be holding their 96th Annual Convention in Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, on July 19th, 2024, through July 21st, 2024. We are asking for your participation in the form of an advertisement in our Program Booklet. Approximately 200 booklets will be printed and distributed to participants across the state. The cost of the advertisements is as listed below. All ads will be printed in color unless otherwise noted. **Ads and payment are due no later than June 1st, 2024.** Thank you in advance for your participation.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Back Cover -- \$250.00 | _____ | Full Page -- \$150.00 | _____ |
| Inside Front Cover -- \$225.00 | _____ | Half Page -- \$75.00 | _____ |
| Inside Back Cover -- \$225.00 | _____ | | |

Authorized Signature _____

Phone Number _____

PFDW Member Securing Ad _____

Address _____

Email _____

Please make checks payable to **PFDW Convention 2024**. Please send your ad electronically to Mary Kate Donahue at pfwdad2024@gmail.com. Please mail check to LCFDW at P.O. Box 1282, Scranton, PA, 18501.

P.O. Box 1282, Scranton, PA, 18501
Printed in House



PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN, INC

2024 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

2024 PFDW Century Club Lapel Pin

DIAMOND CIRCLE - \$1,000

RUBY CIRCLE- \$500

EMERALD CIRCLE - \$250

TOPAZ CIRCLE - \$100

Fiscal Year is January 1 – December 31, 2024

Please respond by December 31, 2024

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

I am enclosing a contribution of \$_____ for membership in the 2024 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.






**Pennsylvania Federation
of Democratic Women**

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

**May 1st
Deadline**



FOR MORE INFO

 610-923-0803

 <https://pafdw.org/memorial-scholarship-application/>

 523 Paxinosa Road East, Easton, PA 18040

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2024

ELIGIBILITY:

Any applicant or recipient must be a female registered as a Democrat to vote in Pennsylvania. The applicant must be registered in the sophomore or junior class of an accredited college or university pursuing a four-year degree and be in good academic standing. The applicant must be an active participant in activities of the Democratic Party or possess a Democratic family background.

WITH THIS APPLICATION SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. A one page essay explaining:
 - o *Your need for the scholarship*
 - o *Your professional goals*
 - o *Your Democratic Party activities*
 - o *Your family Democratic Party involvement*
2. Letter of recommendation from a faculty member within your major
3. Letter of sponsorship from a PFDW club president or board member
4. A sealed official transcript from your college/university registrar

AWARD: *Scholarship award to be used during recipient's junior or senior year. Presentation will be made 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:

SEND APPLICATION BY MAY 1, 2024 TO:

Patrice Schwartzman, PFDW Scholarship Chair
523 Paxinosa Road East
Easton, PA 18040

QUESTIONS:

Patrice Schwartzman
610-923-0803 (H)
patricemschwartzman@rcn.com

Woman of the Year 2024

Each year the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women honors an outstanding woman as *Woman of the Year*. This award is announced at our annual convention on Saturday evening. This is an opportunity to highlight the achievements of our membership, but also serves as a fundraiser to support our annual Scholarship funds.

Criteria for Woman of the Year

The nominee must:

- Be a participating paid active 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 June 1, 2024. Each club and board member is asked to nominate a PFDW member they feel has demonstrated exceptional dedication and meets the required criteria in the previous year. From these nominations, the committee will tally votes and select this year's winner. Winners are NOT determined by the amount of money raised, only by vote totals. We request that you consider sending at least \$5 with your vote – but you are welcome to donate more to support future democratic leaders. Previous recipients are NOT eligible to be nominated again.

Past recipients are below as well as the nomination form.

Women of the Year

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------------|------|-------------------|
| 2023 | Jennifer Savino | 2001 | Patsy Hebor |
| 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 |
| | | 1978 | Anna Mae Dugan |

**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 2024 PFDW Woman of the Year

NOMINATED BY: Individual or organization

CONTACT PERSON, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL

Please return this form June 1, 2024 to:

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

Vote for Woman of the Year

Voter: _____

Region: _____

Club: _____

I am voting for: _____

For woman of the year.

I am enclosing \$_____ to support the
scholarship fund in the recipient's name.

PENNSYLVANIA
FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
President, Lori Vargo Heffner

2024 OEDW BRUNCH



*Kindly join us as we celebrate & honor
Outstanding Elected Democratic Women
from across our Commonwealth*

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10AM RECEPTION & AUCTION BEST WESTERN PREMIER
11AM BRUNCH 800 EAST PARK DRIVE
NOON HONOREE RECOGNITION HARRISBURG, PA

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY @ \$60.00

TABLE OF 8 @ \$450.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PFDW PAC

PLEASE NOTE: NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

Deadline for payment to be received by March 30th

Featured Speaker: Rep Joanna e. McClinton

Speaker of the Pennsylvania House

MAIL THIS PORTION & PAYMENT TO: CHARLENE DOYLE,
127R BATES PATCH ROAD, GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP, PA 18407

Contact Name (print): _____

Home/Business address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please provide name of club or attendee names you would like seated at your table: _____



Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women

SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING OPTIONS

Celebrate the remarkable achievements of Democratic Women in Pennsylvania by becoming a sponsor or advertiser in the OEDW (Outstanding Elected Democratic Women) Brunch program.

This special occasion is dedicated to recognizing the outstanding women who have made a significant impact on our communities through their passionate service.

Show your support for these inspiring leaders by participating in our sponsorship program or placing an advertisement. Your contribution will play a crucial role in honoring these exceptional individuals.

Join us in making the OEDW Brunch a memorable and impactful event!

April 7, 2024

**Best Western Premier
800 East Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA**



pafeddemwomen@gmail.com

www.PAfdw.org

Sponsorship Packages

PRESIDENTIAL SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: \$1,000

- Designation as a Presidential Sponsor on all Pre-Brunch Marketing
- Designation as a Presidential Sponsor in On-Site Signage and Brunch Materials
- Top Placement of Logo on Signage, Marketing Materials
- Full Page Ad in Brunch Program Book (7.5 x 4.5)
- Sponsorship of Mimosa Cocktail Hour
- Logo on Cover of Brunch Program Book
- Press Release Announcing Your Company as a Presidential Sponsor

SENATORIAL SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: \$500

- Designation as a Senatorial Sponsor on all Pre-Brunch Marketing
- Designation as a Senatorial Sponsor in On-Site Signage and Brunch Materials
- Placement of Logo on Signage, Marketing Materials
- Half Page Ad in Brunch Program Book (3.5 x 4.5)
- Logo on Cover of Brunch Program Book

CONGRESSIONAL SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: \$250

- Designation as a Congressional Sponsor on all Pre-Brunch Marketing
- Designation as a Congressional Sponsor in On-Site Signage and Brunch Materials
- Placement of Logo on Signage, Marketing Materials
- Logo on Cover of Brunch Program Book

Payments accepted at www.PAFDW.org or checks payable to PFDW PAC

Advertising

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Back Cover | \$250 |
| Inside Front Cover | \$225 |
| Inside Back Cover | \$225 |
| Full Page (7.5x4.5) | \$150. |
| Half Page (3.5 x 4.5) | \$75. |

Ad Specs

Ads must be submitted in a high resolution PDF and must be prepped to the exact size of your ad placement at 300dpi or higher.

Email ads to pafeddemwomen@gmail.com by March 22.

Questions:
call Trinetta Cunningham at 724.809.6224

Contact name(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Total Amount Due: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

Checks payable to PFDW PAC and mail this portion of the form and payment to:

Charlene Doyle, 127R Bates Patch Road., Greenfield Township, PA 18407

Region 2

Regional Director: Barbara Carroll

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

WE'RE ON THE MOVE!

Concerned Women on the Move held its first meeting since COVID on January 28, 2024. There were a lot of things talked about during the meeting that was held at Mrs. Vanessa Williams' house. Our fourth vice President, Shantale Galloway spoke about the upcoming activities with our group. The Annual Convention to be held in February 2025 is in the planning stages, and we have looked at several hotel venues.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Women in Blue on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Our next Club meeting will be Saturday, March 23 at Mrs. Delores Butler's home to speak about the upcoming events and elections.



l-r Latrice Bryant, Denise Tucker, Pat Bryant, Kathryn Huggins, Lakey Bryant



l-r Denise Tucker, Rep Joanna McClinton-Speaker of the House, Kathryn Huggins



Region 2 – Philly Democratic Women Caucus (PFDW)
President: Shantale Galloway

Regional Director: Barbara Carroll

PDWC has been focused on increasing membership. We were able to gain 4 members in the month of January, and counting!

We have also been coming up with great fundraising ideas for 2024, so we can be more involved with the community by making ways to educate about the importance of voting, and bridging the gap between the community and the candidates who are running. Our goal is to get candidates in front of the people they want to serve. It's happened far too often that people don't know who they are voting for.

The Philly Democratic Women Caucus CONGRATULATES our first female African American MAJOR of Philadelphia, PA, Ms. Cherelle Parker! We look forward to the great work she has lined up for our great city!



Region 3 – Monroe County Democratic Committee
President: Tameko Patterson

Regional Director: Claudette Williams

Tameko Patterson, PMP - Chair, Monroe County Democratic Committee made the following statement after the 2023 General Election results were finalized:

“Monroe County has reason to rejoice, with over 33,400 individuals casting their ballots—an impressive 33% of registered voters making their voices heard. Our triumph extends to securing all four State Judicial seats, from the Supreme Court down to the Commonwealth Court. Additionally, we successfully re-elected our Democratic Commissioners, Sharon Laverdure and John Christy, while managing to keep out the “Woman for Trump” Christine Wilkins.

Democrats clinched victory in four out of the five row offices. A special acknowledgment is for John Huddleston, who came within less than 1 percentage point of unseating the long-time incumbent Republican, George Warden, for Prothonotary.

Our MCDW celebrated by hosting a “Cookie Party” at their final meeting of the year. Members brought a Democratic friend to join our group and cookies to share. We invited representatives from the Women Veterans Museum. They talked about plans for the upcoming expansion of the museum to add services for mental health counseling for ALL Veterans.

Members also made donations to the organization as part of our MCDW’s annual holiday community service project.

MCDW “Jump Started” the “2024 Petition Signing” by hosting a party on January 24 at the Monroe County Democratic Committee Headquarters. Candidates and their representatives were invited to bring petitions. Democrats from the came out to meet our candidates and sign their petitions for the Primary Election.

This event was a great success!



Pictured Left to Right:
Teresa Daly, President of West End Democratic Association
Tameko Patterson, PMP, Chair of Monroe County Democratic Committee
Betty Turrell-Cruz, President of Top of the Mountain Democratic Club
Nellie Gordon, President of Monroe County Democratic Women



**Region 4 – Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women
President: Patti Reider**

The Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women held their annual holiday party on December 13th at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Scranton. Members brought items to donate to Maternal and Family Health Services.



LCFDW members in the lobby of the Radisson at their holiday

On January 25th the LCFDW hosted their 9th annual Cocktails & Petitions event. Both local and statewide candidates had their petitions available for signatures and several also attended. Many LCFDW members were on hand to volunteer. Those attending were treated to a complimentary drink. Pizza and dessert were also available.

Regional Director: Susan Notarianni

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

Adams County Federation of Democratic Women finished 2023 out with our Annual Christmas drive. We were able to give a beautiful young lady a nice Christmas. The school counselor sent a text out stating the young lady skipped into her office stating “I have a PINK Tablet”. This is why we do this each year. I thank the generous family that purchased this item, as well as, several others that made this Christmas Season another success.



Our membership drive is winding down welcoming back old members and new.

We are trying to implement a plan to invite young ladies across the country from the high schools and Gettysburg College. It is our hope to have a plan in action prior to the PFDW Convention in July.



We are excited to share our member and County Chair Marcia Wilson as Adams County OEDW Honoree. Marcia wears many hats. Marcia has made history in Adams County as the first female to be elected as County Chair.

As President of the Adams County Federation of Democratic Women, we know the importance of NOT allowing #45 to return to DC.

Helen Cook
President of the Adams County Federation
Democratic Women

Regional Director: Laura Quick



**Region 8 – Berks Democratic Women
President: Linda Woleslagle**

**WOMEN POWER, PROMOTE WOMEN LEADERS
AND RECLAIM WOMEN’S HEALTH RIGHTS!**

Berks Democratic Women emails monthly newsletters to the membership. The Berks Democratic Women’s goals are: Women Power; Promote Women Leaders and Reclaim Women’s Health Rights.

We have been creating virtual Zoom programs for the third Thursday each month:

January – Latino Women Leaders; February – Black Women Leaders; March – Women Leaders Promoting Young Women Leaders and Reclaiming Women’s Health Rights; In April we are planning to start having in person monthly meetings again with our membership as the Flu and COVID season should be behind us. In April we will be doing Earth Day tabling event in Reading City Park where we will register new voters and will be talking to women about becoming members of the Berks Democratic Women.

We collaborate with various Berks County organizations, such as, the Berks Intercultural Association, that have sponsored events such as “Banned Book Bingo” which has been held at our local libraries; the Reading Branch of the NAACP Women are promoting young professional black women leaders; Intercultural Diversity Fund Raisers occur as Reading has a very diverse population. The Zion Baptist Church sponsors free dinner meals every Tuesday evening and is supported by funds raised in Philadelphia. The Google Works Task Force meets monthly at the Zion Baptist church.

The Task Force is working on getting food to those who are in need.

One of our members is very artistic and has created a “Ramadan Observance” poster as several of our members are Muslim. The Ramadan 2024 Observance is from March 11th to April 10th.



Region 8 – Greater Eastern Democratic Women’s Club

President: Sandy Vulcano

The Greater Easton Area Democratic Woman’s Club met In Jan. to collect dues and to discuss the upcoming Democratic events being held in Northampton County. Petitions were passed around for all to sign. We enjoyed a new member who has moved back to PA from Florida. Ruth Stien was an active member of PFDW for so many years and we are very excited to have her back. It was so much fun catching up with her and welcoming her back into the fold. This club will be meeting quarterly and will be supporting Democratic functions and working for all the Democratic candidates.

Regional Director: Leslie Altieri

Region 8 – Northampton County Council of Democratic Women

President: Pamela Pearson

Northampton County Council of Democratic Women is having a busy year!

We have been meeting bi-monthly and are planning two fundraising events for 2024 to build up our PAC funds to help more candidates in the future. We will be holding a “make your own succulent garden” event in June, and a “Hats Off to Democrats” event in September.

Our Club is thrilled to honor Terri Fadem at the annual OEDW Brunch. She serves on Hellertown Borough Council and is our Club’s past Recording Secretary.

We will work diligently to get our Democratic candidates elected!

Regional Director – Leslie Altieri

Region 9 – Women’s Democratic Club of Franklin County

President: Alice Elia

The WDCFC members were instrumental in getting a record number of petitions signed for candidates in both state and federal elections. Petition signing events were held across the county and culminated at Ice Fest in downtown Chambersburg. OF NOTE: Cameron Schroy, candidate for PA Senate District 33, had more signatures on his petitions than his Republican incumbent opponent, Doug Mastriano.

Our members have been helping staff and manage our local Democratic Headquarters. Walk-ins have access to campaign literature, information on voter registration and a small library of political non-fiction.

OF NOTE: Meeting attendance has noticeably grown since the WDCFC has been meeting in this Chambersburg location.

We hosted Beth Farnham, candidate for the 13th Congressional District. As a former School Board Director, Beth is a defender of quality public education, reproductive rights, and immigration reform.

OF NOTE: Beth Farnham was registered Republican until 2019.



Pictured left to right: Alice Elia (President), Beth Farnham (candidate for the 13th Congressional District), Jenny Sefcheck (Secretary) and Lark McClure (Treasurer)

Region 10 – Clinton County Democratic Women President: Debbie Meder

Spring Happenings

Clinton County Democratic Women and Clinton County Democratic Committee's Relay for Life team (CC Dems Kick Cancer) is in full swing selling daffodils and working hard to raise money for Relay for Life. The team is hoping to beat the team's 2023 high of \$22,336.23 raised for the American Cancer Society.

CCDW sponsored a Hometown Hero banner in honor of Elsie McClintik, a lifetime member of the club who recently passed away. Elsie registered as a Democrat in 1949, and was honored as Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman of PFDW's District 10 in 2011, and Democrat of the year in 2019.

CCDW held a meet and greet for a candidates swing through Clinton County. Many candidates were in attendance including Keir Bradford-Grey, Eugene DePasquale, Ryan Bizzaro and Malcolm Kenyatta.

Clinton County's petition brigade was able to be a filing county for 7 candidates. We are especially proud of this achievement as Clinton County is a red county where republicans outnumber democrats 2 to 1.

Ahead of the November elections CCDW are gearing up to do postcard campaigns, raising money to support our candidates and GOTV.

Regional Director: Shannon Miller

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act. The rest is mere tenacity." – Amelia Earhart

Region 11 – Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County
Co-Presidents: Jane Mitchell and Theda Ray

Regional Director: Lynne Alvine

The FDWIC held a Diaper Drive in the fall of 2023. FDWIC collected diapers and donations to purchase diapers for three local agencies: Chevy Chase Community Center, Indiana County Community Action Program and Children and Youth Services of Indiana County.

From left: Donna member; Megan Dospoy, FDWIC board member; Linda Cline, FDWIC board CCCC and FDWIC board Westburg, FDWIC



DonGiovanni, FDWIC board ICCAP; Lynne Alvine, Angle DonGiovanni, CYS; member; Arlene Wanatosky, member; and Nancy president.



Spaghetti
Dinner/Petition

Our Spaghetti
Signing took

January 28, 2024 at the Chevy Chase Community Center. Our numerous volunteers played a crucial role in its success. This event serves as the primary fundraiser for the FDWIC during which we collect signatures for candidates in the upcoming 2024 election. We surpassed our previous record by serving 165 meals.



Signing

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From left: Kimberly Felan, Congressional Candidate for 14th District, Theda Ray, FDWIC Co-President, Chris Dziados, Congressional Candidate for 14th District, Lynne Alvine, FDWIC Political Action Chair, Event Chair, Jane Mitchell, FDWIC Co-President, Ken Bach, Congressional Candidate for 14th District and James Smith, Indiana County Democratic Committee

Holiday Party

At their annual Holiday Party on December 3 at Spaghetti Benders, the FDWIC collected food items and cash for Indiana County Community Action Program. Alongside FDWIC members, the event was attended by a diverse group of Pennsylvania Democrats.



James Smith, ICDC Chair
and Ken Bach, Congressional Candidate for 14th District.

**Region 13 –Democratic Women of Westmoreland
President: Phyllis Friend**

The Democratic Women of Westmoreland have a lot going on!



WOW members at our November '24 meeting

Democratic Women of Westmoreland members are working toward raising WOW's visibility in the county. Service projects have connected us with charitable organizations that provide food for elementary children over weekends and for adults in need. WOW has, in addition, donated goods to local women's shelters.

WOW has connected with Fair Districts; Red, Wine, and Blue; and the local organization Voices of Westmoreland. WOW members have participated with these organizations and brought their insights back to enhance the workings of our group. WOW's Facebook page shows increasing membership. The Book Club is thriving. Those members share important information from reading and podcasts, which helps to inform action we take. We have several active "letter to the editor" writers. New By-Laws that encourage committee leadership are in place. A new slate of officers was inducted in December and began duties in January.

Action items, i.e., issues of concern about which we should contact elected officials, come to members each week. Some are local; others ask us to contact state or federal officials. Members continue to participate in making these contacts.

Recently, members were active in gathering signatures for ballot petitions. We are now inviting candidates to our meetings for policy talks and questions from us. We will be canvassing, writing postcards, and offering other assistance to them. We are delighted to have one member running for the state House in a heavily Republican district and plan to offer her much support.

Regional Director: Harriet Ellenberger

**Region 14 –Lawrence County Action
President: Juliann Mangino**

Regional Director: Juliann Mangino

LCA Activities

LCA strives to educate and inform voters while working to get Democrats elected locally, regionally, statewide and nationally. Many LCA members attended the Western PA Petition Swing at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, hosted by the Lawrence County Democratic Party, and then joined for their regularly-scheduled meeting at the New Castle Public Library.

Eugene DePasquale, candidate for Attorney General, spoke to the group of nearly 40 participants about his campaign and varied background. Eugene thanked LCA members for carrying his petition and has been traveling the state with his message.

Preston Nouri, candidate for U.S. Congress, District 16, presented the reasons he is running for Congress, many of which includes the poor decision making of the current U.S.

Congressman, Mike Kelly. LCA members had the opportunity to ask questions and even provide some advice to the candidates.

Since it is petitioning season, LCA is making the effort to collect signatures for campaigns who have reached out for assistance. “This can be a daunting task for candidates and helps put Lawrence County on the map as a ‘carrying county’,” said Kathy Rentz, Petition Organizer for LCA.

Howard Thompson, a delegate candidate for Biden, provided some background information on delegates and thanked LCA for helping to secure signatures for the five chosen Biden delegates in our region.

Stay up-to-date with events and activities by visiting the LCA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lawrencecountyaction

If interested in an LCA membership please email lawrencecountyaction.lca@gmail.com and request a membership form.



Eugene DePasquale, candidate for PA Attorney General.



Preston Nouri, candidate for District 16, U.S. Congress

Region 17 – Democratic Women of Fayette County
President: Pam Newmeyer

Regional Director: Melinda Thomas

On June 10, 2023, the Democratic Women of Fayette County enthusiastically participated in their inaugural Pride in The Park event at Yough Park in Connellsville, PA. The occasion was a resounding success, aligning seamlessly with our commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Our group, consisting of individuals from diverse genders, orientations, and backgrounds, remains dedicated to advocating for the interests of those who need it most. During the event, we set up a table where we actively registered voters. As a token of appreciation, individuals who joined our group, registered to vote, or followed us on social media were rewarded with a raffle ticket, offering them a chance to win a tote bag filled with fantastic items generously donated by our members, featuring pride-themed items.

The event proved to be a delightful experience for all ages, fostering a sense of community among attendees. Members who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we were honored to have several local political candidates join us on that day. It presented a valuable opportunity for us to be visible in the community and engage new individuals in our group's activities.

The success of the event has inspired us to return this year. We are excited to announce our participation in the upcoming Pride in The Park event, scheduled for June 8, 2024, once again taking place at Yough Park in Connellsville, PA. We look forward to building on the positive momentum and continuing to make a meaningful impact in our community.



Region 17 – Washington County Democratic Women
President: Kelly Watson

With each Spring comes a sense of rebirth and renewal. For the Washington County Council of Democratic Women, this Spring is also a time to revisit the founding principles of our organization and recommit to putting them into action during this critical election year.

That means reinforcing our strengths and successes (like the recent surge of enthusiasm and participation of our members!) and finding ways to keep that momentum going up to and through this year's races. But it also means identifying areas where we need to grow and improve, so that our council is firing on all cylinders.

Recruiting new members, expanding our online presence, and collaborating with fellow Democratic Women are just a few of our ambitions.

We are hoping to gain a better insight into all of these through anonymous written feedback from our members, this includes: The issues that matter most to them, how they would like to volunteer for candidates and our community allies, and which aspects of our party and platform they would like to learn more about: Getting to what most drives these women will ultimately be what drives our council forward.

Regional Director: Melinda Thomas

LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION!

**Region 18 – Three Rivers Democratic Women
President: Helen Whalen**

The PFDW is growing in Western Pennsylvania with the launch of the Three Rivers Democratic Women – Greater Pittsburgh East club. Check out our new logo – WE LOVE IT! In February, we had our official 2024 kickoff event and many state and local candidates were in attendance. After a welcome by Deanne McNally, PFDW 3rd Vice President, our new president Helen Whalen discussed the benefits of joining PFDW with a fantastic presentation she designed. We are so proud to have Helen accept this role! We had a great response, and

many women were excited to join us. Our focus is to continue to grow 3RDW's membership and partner with other clubs to elect women to all levels of government.



Regional Director: Bonnie DiCarlo



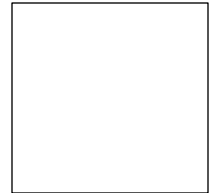
Pictured, Erica Rocchi Brusselars, founding member and new Allegheny County Treasurer addresses the crowd.



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Survey Submissions

Submission Deadline for next

Survey is

October 2024