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**THE GEORGIA FEDERATION  
OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN (GFDW)**  
*welcomes you to Atlanta, Georgia*  
as we host the

**46TH ANNUAL CONVENTION** for the  
**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN (NFDW)**

**Convention Opening Session**, Thursday, June 8, 2017  
followed by **Work Sessions** dealing with *Young Women in Politics,*  
*Bullying in Schools & Businesses and Women's Rights*

*enjoy* *southern hospitality, warm summer  
days and cool evening breezes*

- Stay at the beautiful downtown **Hyatt Regency Hotel** 265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 walking distance to the Olympic Park, Ferris Wheel, Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Aquarium and the Coca-Cola Museum
- Four-hour Civil Rights Tour available
- Visit **nfdw.com/convention/** for registration and more information or call **678-235-5732**

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

# Letter from the President



Greetings and Happy Spring!

The Georgia Federation is busily planning and making arrangements for the annual NFDW convention in June 8–11, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. It's going to be a great convention and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Look for additional information about the upcoming convention in this issue and be sure to check the [www.nfdw.com](http://www.nfdw.com) website for information about registration and additional tours.

Special thanks to Kathy Adams and her committee who have been working tirelessly for the past number of months to make this convention a wonderful success. This year's convention theme "Expanding Possibilities, Defining the Future" takes on special meaning for all of us as we continue to fight a Republican controlled White House and both houses of Congress to ensure that the rights we have all worked so hard for, remain intact and that we don't go backwards 40+ years!

Also in this issue, you will find the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the new slate of NFDW Officers for 2017-2019. It's been a busy two years and I cannot believe we are about to elect new officers. It has been such an honor for me to have served as your NFDW President for these past two years. It has been a wonderful experience. I have learned so much from all of you. I have enjoyed meeting and working with so many of you, as well as representing you on the national level.

Please plan to join us in Atlanta for the convention. It promises to be a wonderful convention with dynamic speakers and exciting workshops. Safe travels to everyone making the journey to Atlanta. Hope to see you there!

Democratically yours,

Joanne Sullivan, President, NFDW

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# 2017 NFDW Convention



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Dear Fellow Democratic Women:

We are thrilled that you're coming to Atlanta, Georgia on June 8-11, 2017 for the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women's Annual Convention. We are looking forward to you enjoying our beautiful and historic city, Southern hospitality, world-famous cuisine, and our many tourist venues right in our downtown area while meeting fellow Democrats from Georgia and around the nation.

We have a dynamite group of speakers lined up for you! We're offering workshops on Social Justice, Voter Engagement, LGBTQ rights, and other women's issues.

So get excited now and make your plans. Make your reservations and make it happen! Atlanta is an easy city to travel to by air or by car. The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is only minutes away from the Hyatt Regency, which will be our conference headquarters. While we are including registration forms in this Welcome Package, we also encourage you to register on line at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/nfdw2017> or by calling 1-888-421-1442.

Start making your plans now! As you can see from the available tourist sites in the area, there are plenty of things for families to do here. We want you to make your trip to Atlanta a special occasion for the whole family.

Welcome,

Kathy Adams, President  
Georgia Federation of Democratic Women

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February 1, 2017

Dear Friends:

The National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW) will hold its 2017 Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, June 8-11. Women in Democratic leadership positions from all over the country will attend. Our convention's theme this year is "Expanding Possibilities, Defining the Future." The NFDW is the only recognized women's entity within the Democratic National Committee.

We are asking that you consider the benefits of advertising in our program, which include national exposure for your organization and support for our organization. As the president of the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women and a member of the National Federation of Democratic Women, I have made it my mission to build coalitions with our allies. Without one another's support, we will surely be less relevant. Since most of you live in Georgia, it's a great way to show support for our organization. We are honored to have our convention in Atlanta this year. Please help us celebrate all the greatness, not only for Atlanta, but all of Georgia!

#### **Gold Level Sponsor - \$10,000**

- Designated Signage at all events
- Logo on Shared Signage at all events
- 3 Complimentary Registrations at all events
- Exhibit table
- Corporate Profile (2-page Advertorial)
- Item in Conference Bag
- Logo in press releases

#### **Silver Level Sponsor - \$5,000**

- Designated Signage at some events
- Logo on Shared Signage at all events
- 2 Complimentary Registrations at all events
- Exhibit table
- Full page – 4/color ad
- Item in Conference Bag
- Logo included in press releases

**Raffle Fundraiser** - Local businesses can donate items such as TVs, paintings, services, etc.

#### **Bronze Level Sponsor - \$2,500**

- Logo on Shared Signage at all events
- 1 Complimentary Registration at all events
- Exhibit table
- 1/2 page – 4/color ad
- Item in Conference Bag
- Logo included in press releases

#### **Ad Space and Exhibit Booths**

- Corporate Profile - \$1500
- Full Page - \$300
- ½ Page - \$175
- ¼ Page - \$120
- All display ads are 4/Color

**Vendor Space** - \$200 for full table / \$100 for ½ table

For questions and additional information, please contact Ingrid Landis-Davis or Carlotta Harrell at (678) 235-5732.

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## General Donor Sponsorships

### **SESSION SPONSORSHIP**

(\$1,500)

To sponsor an education or featured speaker, you will receive:

- Mention in press releases
- Mention in email blasts
- Registration for four (4) participants
- Designated signage for session
- Recognized as the sponsor from the podium
- Listing in the program

### **DONOR SPONSOR**

(\$250)

With a donation of \$250, you/your organization will receive:

- Mention in press releases
- Mention in email blasts
- Listing in program

### **REFRESHMENT SPONSOR** (Request a Quote)

If you would like to sponsor a reception, breakfast, lunch, or hospitality suite, please contact us.

You/your organization will receive:

- Designated signage at the reception meal
- Mentions in email blasts and press releases
- Allowed to add an item to conference bags
- Recognized as the sponsor from the podium and in the program

### **CONTRIBUTING SPONSOR**

(\$800)

With a donation of \$800, you/your organization will receive:

- Mention in press release
- Mention in email blasts
- Listing in program
- Registration for two (2) participants

### **PATRON SPONSOR**

(\$100)

With a donation of \$100, you will be listed in the program.

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## National Federation of Democratic Women

### 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

*Expanding Possibilities, Defining the Future*

June 8 – 11, 2017

The Hyatt Regency Hotel

Atlanta, GA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ State Federation \_\_\_\_\_

Will be attending as:

<input type="checkbox"/>	State President	<input type="checkbox"/>	NFDW Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee Chair
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

**Deadline for Early Registration is May 7, 2017—complete payment must be made by this time.** Late registration is May 8 to May 21, 2017. No refunds after May 23, 2107. Please register at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/nfdw2017> or by calling 1-888-421-1442 for the following:

Selection	Offering	Early	Late	Description
	Full Convention Package	\$225	\$275	(Includes registration, program, workshops and all meals on agenda and the Welcome reception on Friday)
	Friday Night Reception	\$50	\$65	Welcome Reception
	Spouses package	\$100	\$115	(Includes registration, Saturday night Banquet ticket) spouses name _____
	Young/College Democrat Full Convention Package	\$30 per day	\$35 per day	(Includes registration, program, workshops, Friday night welcome reception, and all meals on agenda on a daily basis. Indicate which day(s) you will be attending)
	Saturday night, Banquet only	\$100	\$115	Includes registration and Saturday night banquet
	Local Registration (Friday and Saturday); local resident only	\$190	\$215	(Includes registration, program, breakfast, Saturday and Sunday, and lunch Friday and Saturday; Welcome reception; does not include Sat. night Banquet)
	Single Day Registration, Friday	\$100	\$115	(Includes registration, program, and breakfast/lunch, Welcome reception)
	Single Day Registration, Saturday	\$100	\$115	(Includes registration, program, and breakfast/lunch on day)
	Breakfast only any day (each)	\$35	\$45	Specify which day: Friday, Saturday, Sunday
	Lunch only (each)	\$50	\$60	Specify which day: Friday or Saturday

\*\*\* Please indicate any dietary restrictions in the section where you register\*\*\*

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## NFDW Convention Tours & Attractions

\*\*\*All prices subject to change\*\*\*

### **ORGANIZED TOURS: (June 8, 2017)**

**\* You must pre-register for these using the Convention Registration form**

\* Guest reservations will be made on your behalf and transportation provided

#### **Atlanta Civil Rights Tour - 3 hours**

Explore Atlanta's rich Civil Rights heritage during this exciting tour.

Departs from the hotel: 10:30 a.m.  
Price: \$45.00

#### **Peachtree Trolley Tour - 90 minutes**

See why the city is called Hotlanta! From the comfort of the trolley see the hottest tourist attractions and more!

Departs from the hotel: 11:00 a.m.  
Price: \$25.00

### **PEMBERTON PLACE TOURS:**

\*All attractions are within walking distance of each other

Note: Guests are required to make their own reservations

\*No transportation provided

#### **The National Center for Civil and Human Rights**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Adults \$18.25/Students & Seniors \$16.25

Children \$14.25 (4-12) / 3 and under FREE

<https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/>

#### **The Georgia Aquarium**

10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Adults \$39.95/Children \$33.95 /Seniors

\$35.95

Veterans 10% off

<http://www.georgiaaquarium.org>

#### **The World of Coke**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Adults \$16.00/Seniors \$14.00/Children

\$12.00 / 3 and under FREE

<https://www.worldofcoca-cola.com/>

### **SPORTS TOURS:**

\*\*All attractions are within walking distance of each other

Note: Guests are required to make their own reservations

\*No transportation provided

#### **College Football Hall of Fame**

#### **Chick-Fil-A Fan Experience**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thurs, Fri

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat

Adults \$21.99/Seniors \$18.99 / Children

\$17.99 (3-12)

Active/Retired Military FREE

<http://www.cfbhall.com/fan-experience/>

#### **CNN Studio Tour**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Adults \$16.00/Seniors \$15.00

Children \$13.00/ Active, Retired Military

FREE

<http://www.cnn.com/tour/>

### **ARTS TOURS:**

Note: Guests are required to make their own reservations

\*No transportation provided

#### **High Museum of Art**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thurs 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat

Adults \$19.50/Students & Seniors \$16.50

Children \$12.00 (6-17)/ 5 and under FREE

<http://www.high.org/>

#### **Museum of Design Atlanta**

12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thurs 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Fri

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat

Adults \$10.00/Seniors, Military, Educators

\$8.00 / Children 4 and under FREE/

College Students \$5.00

<http://www.museumofdesign.org/>

#### **Center for Puppetry Arts**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thurs 10:00 a.m. -

5:00p.m. Sat

\$10.50 (2 and up) / 2 and under FREE

Additional Tour Options

<http://www.puppet.org/>

For questions and additional information, please contact Bev Jackson or Mykal Fraser at (678) 235-5732.

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Dear County Committee Chair,

This June the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women has the honor to welcome the National Federation of Democratic Women to Atlanta as we host the 2017 NFDW Convention June 8-11. Our theme for this year's convention is "**Expanding Possibilities, Defining the Future**". The program will include national Democratic leaders, educational sessions, and historic tours of the City of Atlanta, vendor exhibits and much more.

The Georgia Federation of Democratic Women convention team is a dedicated group of volunteers working to ensure the success of hosting this national event. We cannot do this on our own. By becoming a sponsor, you will help ensure the success of our convention and the hundreds of attendees who come from all over Georgia and the U.S.A.

Local Party sponsorship is vital to our success. Sponsorship to our National Convention allows us to keep convention registration affordable for attendees at \$225 for a 3 day experience and it helps to ensure that we host top national Democratic leadership and help defer overall convention costs. Please review the attached of the General Donor sponsorships. To ensure your sponsorship is recorded, in our program booklet we ask that you send your support before April 30, 2017.

Please make all checks payable and mail to:

***National Federation of Democratic Women Annual Convention***

(Please note: "2017 Annual Democratic Convention")

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Please contact Virginia Webb at (678) 235-5732 for additional information you may need for your sponsorship to our National Convention.

We can only make this happen when we all work together. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Democratically Yours,

Kathy Adams, President  
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# NFDW Officer Nominees

## 2017 NFDW Candidate Slate:

**President** Susanna French

**1st Vice President** Cindy Jenks

**2nd Vice President** Pamela Pugh

**3rd Vice President** Darcy Long-Curtiss

**4th Vice President** Sylvia Vason

**5th Vice President** Carol Comito

**Recording Secretary** Susan Shelton

**Treasurer** Susan Rutt

## Susanna French – *Nominee for President*

Susanna has been active in the Kentucky Democratic Women. She served as President from 2008–2010. She held two consecutive terms as Treasurer 2004–2008. She served as NFDW’s Southern Regional Director 2011–2015, served as Convention Chair 2012 and Young Democrats Committee Chair.

Other committees Susanna has served on are Nominating 2012–2013, Growth & Development 2014–2015, Young Women’s Leadership 2014–2015 and Communications 2014–2015. She was elected as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Emerge Kentucky 2013–present. For the Kentucky Democratic Party, Susanna is an at large member since 2012 of the executive committee, has served as Chair of fundraising committee and committee member for growth and development. She was elected and serves as Chairwoman of Marshall County Democratic Executive Committee and has served in all offices of the Marshall County Democratic Woman’s Club.

Professionally Susanna is General Manager of Alexander Development, Inc., a disaster restoration franchise firm. She is also co-owner of Personal Security Firearms. Susanna and her husband, Jamie have been married for over 20 years and have 3 children; Krista, Danielle and Matt.



## Cindy Jenks – *Nominee for 1st Vice President*

Cindy is currently an active NFDW member as 2nd Vice President and a member of the Legislative Committee. She is convention liaison from the NFDW board for the 2017 Atlanta, GA convention. Cindy is also 1st VP of the Missouri Federation of Democratic Women. Local involvement includes 1st VP of 8th District MFWDC, 1ST VP Democratic Women of Ripley County and Flatwoods Township Committeewoman of the Ripley County Democratic Central Committee.

Other current offices held are Vice Chair of the SEMO Democratic Rally Committee PAC, Vice Chair of Main Street Missouri PAC and Vice Chair of the 33rd Senatorial District.

Cindy is a published author and enjoys writing for children. She wrote the GOP STOPPER song which has been performed at two of our national conventions.



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## **Pamela Pugh – Nominee for 2nd Vice President**

**P**amela Pugh, DrPH, MS is the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus and 5th Vice President of the National Federation of Democratic Women. As a strong supporter of the community she hails from, Pamela served as an elected member of the City of Saginaw Charter Revision Commission, 2004–2007. She also served as the former Executive Director of the Saginaw County Young Democrats. Pamela has worked with several political campaigns on the local, state, and national level and was selected as a Democratic National Convention Delegate for the Democratic Convention in 2004, Boston, and 2016, Philadelphia. Pamela was instrumental in bringing Teresa Heinz Kerry to Saginaw in support of lead hazard reduction in addition to 2004 Presidential Campaigning efforts. In November of 2014, Dr. Pugh was elected, as the highest vote-getter in a statewide election, to the Michigan State Board of Education. Her term expires in January of 2023. As the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus chair, she has assisted in organizing events aimed at mobilizing women and getting them involved in the politic process. She organized an issues conference for the Midwest Region NFDW conference and co-chaired the first climate, energy, and environment roundtable at the 2016 DNC. Since October 2016, Dr. Pamela Pugh has served as the Chief Public Health Advisor for the City of Flint, Michigan where she is responsible for providing increased capacity for the City of Flint to enhance the health, wellness and resilience of its residents by providing crucial advice and support to the Mayor and City Council on all matters affecting the health of the residents. She is the owner of Regeneration LLC, a business which serves as a catalyst for economically sustainable and healthy urban communities by assisting public agencies, organizations, and businesses in building capacity through effective operations and winning partnerships. Prior to starting this business, she was employed by the Saginaw County Department of Public Health for 14 years. Dr. Pugh received a Doctorate of Public Health (DrPH) from the University of Michigan School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Florida A&M University. She has been appointed to numerous boards and policy development workgroups aimed at improving the quality of life for children and families and she is a two-time national recipient of the NAACP Dr. Montague Cobb Award for special achievement in social justice, health justice, health education and promotion, fund-raising and research. Her motto is, "Be the Change You Wish to See in the World" – Mahatma Gandhi.



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## **Darcy Long-Curtiss – Nominee for 3rd Vice President**

**D**arcy currently serves as the NFDW Recording Secretary and is responsible for taking the minutes at all Executive Board Meetings and the Annual National Conventions. She is a hardworking Democrat whose leadership highlights include: Chair of the Wasco County Democrats, Chair of the Democratic Party of Oregon's Rural Caucus, State Central Committee Member for the Democratic Party of Oregon, Chair of the Oregon Federation of Democratic Women and City Councilor for The Dalles, Oregon. Darcy is an independent Financial Advisor with her own company, Empower Financial, and has been married to her husband, Daniel, for 24 years and has two teenage sons.



## **Sylvia Vason – Nominee for 4th Vice President**

**S**ylvia currently serves as NFDW's treasurer. She was elected as President of the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women January 2017. Sylvia's background includes Municipal Clerk Borough of Lawnside, Municipal Clerk Borough of Chesilhurst, Deputy Clerk Township of Pennsauken, Senior Clerk Typist Township of Pennsauken, Clerk Typist Township of Pennsauken. Also, ongoing instructor of vital statistics at Rutgers Center for Government services.



## **Carol Comito – Nominee for 5th Vice President**

**C**arol is a very active member of the Arizona Democratic Party. She has been a state Committee person for 10 out of the past 12 years. She also serves as a precinct committee person. Carol was District Chair and board member for 4 years and a co-chair for the LGBT caucus. Carol moved into the vacated position of President of the AZFDW in February 2016 and January 2017 Carol was elected President for the Arizona Federation of Democratic Women. The AZ FDW will be hosting the NFDW annual convention in 2018.

Carol has worked in many capacities with women's organizations for the past 25 years. Most notably the Business and Professional Women and now currently serving as the President of the Virtual Chapter of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the USA, an affiliate of the International BPW. Carol is passionate about women taking on the roles of leadership in government, business and nonprofits.



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## Susan Shelton – *Nominee for Recording Secretary*

Susan has been very active in the Texas Democratic Party. Among her many political accomplishments are: Precinct Chair Travis County, State Democratic Executive Committee, State Democratic Executive Committee Texas Democratic Women, At large Board Member Capital Area Democratic Women, Vice President TX Democratic Women, and President TX Democratic Women.

She has served as Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Texas, also Political Director Lee Leffingwell for Mayor of Austin. Susan was appointed to Austin Community College, Northridge campus Advisory Committee in 2009. She was elected to Bond Advisory Committee for ACC Bond Package 2014 and elected Chair of Northridge Campus Advisory Committee 2015.

As a technical writer and editor by trade, Susan enjoys writing as a method of motivating people to vote. Getting women to participate in the political process as voters, volunteers, and candidates is a personal mission.

Susan started a twitter handle for the NFDW Southern region and compiled a spreadsheet of all social media for NFDW state chapters.



## Susan Rutt – *Nominee for Treasurer*

Susan Rutt is past president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women, 2007–2011. She previously served as president from 1989–1993, and is the longest serving president in the organization’s 88 year history. She is a member of PA Democratic State Committee, and a member of the executive board of the Lehigh County Democratic Committee. She is a member of the Women’s Caucus of Democratic State Committee. She is past president and a current board member of the Women’s Democratic Club of Lehigh County, and a member of the Northampton County Council of Democratic Women. She served as president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Pennsylvania, and as executive vice president of the Young Democrats of America. In 1981, she chaired the national convention of Young Democrats, and was selected as the Outstanding Young Democrat of America. Prior to her election as President of the PA Federation of Democratic Women in 1989, she served as regional director, young democrats representative to the board, recording secretary, treasurer, survey editor, and vice president. She helped establish the political action committee and statewide trainings for women candidates. She chaired the 1987 convention of the National Federation of Democratic Women in Philadelphia, and is treasurer of the NFDW-PAC. She established and chairs the Century Club of the NFDW PAC. In 2013, she was elected NFDW Eastern Regional Director.



# Arizona Women in Blue Celebration

Arizona Federation of Democratic Women celebrated Women in Blue and International Women's Day on Wednesday, March 8 at the AZ State Capitol in Phoenix.

About 150 people were in attendance, we had 8 groups supporting us from the state including Planned Parenthood, AZ List (related to Emily's List), EMERGE, Business and Professional Women, Democratic Women of Prescott, NOW of AZ, AFSCME, the State Democratic Party and the Maricopa County Party. We were joined by several legislators who came out to our breakfast on the Rose Garden lawn of the Capitol. Senator Katie Hobbs, the minority leader talked to us, and announced she is running for Secretary of State. It was great news for all of us there.

After that we moved into the Capitol building and had 2 workshops one with about 8 legislators discussing current bills that affect women, and the other was with Emerge & AZ List on women running for office. After lunch we sat in the galleries for the House & Senate and they recognized us as Women in Blue, we filled the galleries.

It was fun, energizing, informative, and what we all needed right now. Women "Standing Up & Standing Together"

We let them know we are here to stay!

In solidarity,  
Carol Comito  
President AZ Federation of Democratic Women



# Democratic Women's Club of Kentucky

The Democratic Woman's Club of Kentucky celebrated its 90th anniversary on March 17, 2017 in Louisville, Kentucky in the same venue where the organization was founded. The Democratic Woman's Club of Kentucky, founded on March 17, 1927, is one of the oldest functioning Democratic women's organizations in the country.

Our group was organized just seven years after the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, when on August 18, 1920, women were given the right to vote. Over 500 women gathered at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky to promote the principles of the Democratic Party in all communities throughout the state in order to reach every voter before election day. At the time, Kentucky women were new to the game of politics. Only a few women had arrived at positions of importance in the political world to represent them.

Laura Clay, daughter of Cassius Clay (now known as Muhammad Ali) was one of the founders of the Democratic Woman's Club of Kentucky and was the first woman nominated for the U.S. presidency by a major political party (at the 1920 Democratic Convention).

Founding President, Ann Shanks Bourne, was quoted in their first publication: "We have just completed the first milestone in our journey of democracy... Had it occurred to you that this organization is a band of political pioneers seeking a clearing through a wilderness of past endeavor? The journey is a difficult one but with faith in our task and determination for its accomplishment, we are impelled to go on and on until victory is ours."

The event was led by Master of Ceremonies, Alison Lundergan Grimes and featured KDP Chair Sannie Overly and Former Lt. Governor Crit Luallen.



*Past President Kathy Campbell and her mom, Judy Campbell who dressed to represent the roaring 20s when the organization was founded.*



*State Treasurer, Tiffany Carlson; Past President and NFDW 1st VP, Susanna French, Pat Butcher, and Past President Dedra Ford-Keene*



*Past Presidents of the Democratic Woman's Club of Kentucky*

# Texas Democratic Women's Club

I was honored to have been invited to attend the Texas Democratic Women's 30th anniversary and convention. Their convention was very well attended with over 250 women (and a few men!) who not only celebrated their long-history of activism, but were also fired up to turn their state blue. Their 2-day event was packed full of panel discussions, break-out workshops and fabulous speakers including Congressman Joaquin Castro.

The Texas Democratic Women appropriately titled their convention, Undaunted and More Determined Than Ever and boy are they ever.

Congratulations to outgoing President, Susan Shelton for her successful term and good luck to incoming president, Carol Jablonski.

Everything is absolutely bigger in Texas, including the energy of the Texas Democratic Women!

Susanna French  
NFDW 1st Vice President



President Susan Shelton, NFDW 5th Vice President Judy Baker, NFDW 1st Vice President Susanna French, and NFDW Committeewoman and Texas Democratic Women member, Emma Allen.



President – Carol Jablonski, President-elect – Cindy James, Vice President – Barbara Gardner, Secretary – Mary Ho, Treasurer – Susan Barrick, Board Member – Maria Regalado, Board Member – Doris Perkins, Board Member – Sharon Davis and Immediate Past President – Susan Shelton.

# New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women

The NJFDW 2017 Awards Luncheon honoring County Chapter Presidents and Young Democratic Women will be held May 20th. The Moderator will be Shavonda Sumter, Majority Conference Leader of the New Jersey General Assembly. The Keystone Speaker is Linda R. Greenstein, Assistant Majority Leader of the New Jersey Senate.

On April 19th the NJFDW, the Somerset County Young Democrats and the Montgomery Democrats are sponsoring a candidate's forum: The Race for Governor.

## Women in Blue Event in Trenton with NJ's Women Leaders



*State Senator Linda Greenstein with several state chapter members enjoying conversation and refreshments*



*Several member of the NJFDW executive board posing for a photo.*



*Assemblywoman Liz Muoio with NJFDW State chapter President Sylvia Vasson.*



# Southern Regional Meeting



*Attendees at the NFDW Southern Regional Meeting with North Carolina First Lady Kristin Cooper at the reception at the Governor's mansion.*