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The New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women has planned a wonderful convention June 4 – 7, 2015 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Special thanks to all the women who have worked tirelessly for months to make all of the arrangements. We appreciate all you have done and can't wait for you to help us "Pump Out the Vote"!

Safe travels to everyone making their way to New Jersey and traveling throughout the summer. We have a lot of work to do.

Best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Carye H. Blaney

President

Calendar of Events and Important Deadlines

If you have an upcoming event happening in your State and want it to be included, please email to caryeblaney@hotmail.com

June 2015

- 2 NFDW Executive Board Meeting
- 4-7 2015 NFDW Convention at the Resorts Hotel
- 12 Tours of Interest for surrounding Atlantic City, NJ area and PAC Reception

Democratic Women's Club of Florida

The Democratic Women's Club of Florida members journeyed to the Florida state capital of Tallahassee on March 30 and 31, 2015 to learn about current legislative issues as well as hone their advocacy techniques. Known as DWCF's "Tally Days", legislators and noted experts presented to DWCF members on Monday. On Tuesday, DWCF members visiting the Capitol, advocated at committee meetings, made their voices heard by their legislators and participated in a DWCF Press Conference with key state Democratic leaders.

Dr. Maureen McKenna
President
Democratic Women's Club of Florida



President Dr. Maureen McKenna and Democratic Women's Club of Florida members at the Democratic Women's Club of Capitol City's Tally Days Welcome Reception which was held at Florida Democratic Party Chair Allison Tant's Tallahassee home on March 29, 2015.

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2015

Dear Friend:

With the untimely recent passing of our beloved state President Nancee May, the New Jersey Chapter of the National Federation of Democratic Women is working hard to fulfill her wishes for a tremendously successful convention. Nancee — who was poised to be elected President of the NFDW — was once again successful in bringing the NFDW 2015 Convention to New Jersey — an effort she also accomplished in 2006. In fact, just this past November, Nancee was successful in bringing NFDW Executive Board and Eastern Region members to Atlantic City for a regional meeting.

To honor Nancee's legacy, the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women is proud to host the National Federation of Democratic Women's 44th Annual Convention from June 4-7, 2015 at Resorts Casino-Hotel in Atlantic City. The convention will bring together women from across the nation to share ideas, raise voices, and prepare to *Pump Out the Vote* for democratic victories in 2015 and beyond.

The NFDW was founded in 1971 during the Democratic Women's Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. During the period 1972-1977, the Federation gained recognition from the Democratic National Committee as the official women's organization and received a seat on the DNC Executive Committee and three seats on the DNC. To this date, it is the only women's group given that privilege. The National Federation of Democratic Women has chapters in states and US Territories.

It would be an honor to have you join with us in Atlantic City by registering to attend the convention, purchasing an ad in the souvenir Ad Journal, or setting up a vendor table. We have enclosed forms and further information for your review. Any questions you may have please contact us 732-674-4983 or email abpapi@comcast.net.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlantic City.

Sincerely,
Amy Papi, 2nd Vice President
NJ Federation of Democratic Women
2015 NFDW Convention Chair

Dr. Gail Cook, President
Burlington County Chapter of the
NJ Federation of Democratic Women
2015 NFDW Convention Co-Chair



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN



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NFDW CONVENTION
JUNE 4-7, 2015
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY



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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN 44TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION THURSDAY, JUNE 4 - SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

For room reservations, call the Resorts Casino-Hotel and mention the “National Federation of Democratic Women” **group code VNFDW** to get the reduced room rate.

Important Hotel Details

Resorts Casino Hotel
1113 Boardwalk
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401
Toll Free Telephone No 1.888.797.7700
www.ResortsAC.com

Rates for Rendezvous Tower and Guest Rooms:

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 and Thursday, June 4, 2015	\$ 89 + applicable taxes
Friday, June 5, 2015	\$149 + applicable taxes
Saturday, June 6, 2015	\$249 + applicable taxes

(\$5.00 per room night occupancy fee)

Cancellations or no-shows at the time of arrival become the property of Resort Casino-Hotel and all replacements are subject to availability. The “cut-off date” for reservations for the hotel is **May 19, 2015.**

Check in time: 4:00 p.m.; check out time is 11:00 a.m.

Parking: Valet and self-parking is available for hotel guests. The rate for self-parking is \$5.00 per car, per stay. For Valet Parking, the rate is \$10.00 per car, per stay.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

To register, please send a check or money order for \$225 made payable to “2015 NFDW Convention” no later than May 1, 2015. **Please note, after May 1, 2015, there will be a late fee for registration assessed at \$50.**

Mail completed Registration Forms to: **NJFDW c/o Lena Bishop, 505 Exchange Avenue, Endicott, New York 13760 - Email: lenabishop505@gmail.com
Phone: 607-343-4351 (cell)**

Registrations made/received after May 1, 2015 – add \$50
No refunds after May 14, 2015

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Resorts Casino-Hotel
Atlantic City, New Jersey
Toll Free Telephone No 1.888.797.7700
www.ResortsAC.com

REGISTRATION FORM – One Form Per Person

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ (Home/Office/Cell)

Name on Badge to read: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STATE FEDERATION: _____

Will be attending as (please check one category):

State President Delegate NFDW Board Guest Young Dem

FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE - \$225

Includes registration, convention program, workshops, and all meals as set out on agenda

YOUNG DEMOCRAT OR COLLEGE DEMOCRAT FULL CONVENTION PACKAGE - \$185

Includes registration, convention program, workshops, and all meals as set out on agenda

YOUNG DEMOCRAT OR COLLEGE DEMOCRAT PARTIAL CONVENTION PACKAGE - \$100

This includes Breakfast and Lunch for Friday and Saturday and Registration for the Convention – does not include the Saturday Night Banquet.

YOUNG DEMOCRAT OR COLLEGE DEMOCRAT DINNER ONLY - \$70

INDIVIDUAL GUESTS BREAKFASTS \$30 / LUNCHESES \$45 / DINNERS \$70

Please list, any dietary restrictions you may have: _____

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Day in Victorian Cape May Thursday, June 4, 2015

Cape May, a National Historic Landmark, is known world-over for its enchanting 19th century Victorian heritage. Our first stop will be at the Emlen Physick Estate built in 1879, Cape May's only Victorian house museum and its Carriage House's current exhibit. Then it's time to get acquainted with Cape May on a narrated Trolley Tour of the Historic District as a guide presents entertaining and educational stories about the Victorian homeowners and the city's architectural styles and folklore. Many of the town's beautiful homes double as B&B's. The next stop will be for lunch at one of Cape May's most popular and historical restaurants. Then you'll have the opportunity to take a walk along the Cape May Boardwalk, enjoy the gingerbread homes up close, and experience "one of a kind" quaint shops on the Washington Mall.

Fee for Services: Based on 40 people (\$65 per person)



Atlantic City Trolley Tour Thursday, June 4, 2015

Enjoy your "Day in AC" as you journey through Absecon Island learning about its past, present and future. The first stop will be at the Atlantic City Historical Museum where you'll see photos and lots of AC paraphernalia. Learn about the Boardwalk, Miss America, saltwater taffy and the plethora of icons that have made Atlantic City famous. Then it's off to the newly restored 1857 Absecon Lighthouse. You'll have the chance to climb the 228 steps to the top and experience the spectacular view of the coastline in addition to hearing the lighthouse keeper's commentary. The next stop is Historic Gardner's Basin where you'll hear about Rumrunners, Bootleggers, Shipwrecks, The Grave Yard Inlet, the Widows Walk and much more. You'll have the chance to walk around and visit the crafters' lane and enjoy the back-bay views. Lunch will be at a popular AC restaurant before it's off for one last drive-through the city with narration and the showing off of many more AC popular historical and current spots.

Fee for Services: Based on 30 people (\$65 per person)

Includes roundtrip trolley transportation, admissions to all attractions, guide, lunch, all taxes and gratuities, bottled water and snacks, ACA escort, all pre-event and onsite coordination with Resorts and all venues/vendors, and ACA management fee.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4 - SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015**

Payment for all events:

\$ _____ Full Registration

\$ _____ Thursday Tour Day

Please check Tour Selection:

Tour A – Atlantic City Trolley Tour

A day learning about Atlantic City's past, present and future visiting sites of interests in this beautiful Jersey Shore beach community.

Tour B – Victorian Cape May

Visit Cape May's charming beach front community exploring its charming historical Victorian homes and sites on a narrated trolley tour.

\$ _____ **Total Amount Enclosed**

Please return pages 3 & 5 of registration and mail completed Registration Forms to:

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GETTING THERE:

Driving from Philadelphia: *From Philadelphia*, take the Atlantic City Expressway E onto Christopher Columbus Blvd. Follow Christopher Columbus Blvd to Pacific Ave. Turn left onto Pacific Ave. Take Pacific Ave to S North Carolina Ave. Make a right onto S North Carolina. Resorts Hotel-Casino, 1133 Boardwalk, Atlantic City will be on the left. *From New York*, take the New Jersey Turnpike to the Garden State parkway south, to the Atlantic City Expressway E (follow above from Christopher Columbus Blvd).

From Baltimore/ Washington, D.C.: Take I-95 North across the Delaware Memorial Bridge and follow Route 40 East to the Atlantic City Expressway E. Take the Atlantic City Expressway E (follow above from Christopher Columbus Blvd).

THE CLOSEST AIRPORTS:

Atlantic City International Airport, (888) 235-9229
Spirit Airlines flies directly to Atlantic City.

Airport Shuttle Service: Tropiano Transportation, Inc. is the only official airport shuttle company of the Atlantic City International Airport. Tropiano Airport Shuttle services ALL locations to/from Atlantic City and Atlantic City International Airport. 2600 Tilton Road Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 (609) 383-3402 (800) 559-2040

Atlantic City Jitney Service: Jitneys (13 passenger licensed vehicles) are available for all incoming flights. The airport route services all Casinos, Convention Center, Rail Terminals, and Bus Terminals. For more information, please call 609-576-2776. Cost: \$10.00 per person from the airport to Atlantic City. \$15.00 per person from Atlantic City to the Airport Note: Reduced group rates are available.

Philadelphia International Airport, (215) 937-6937

Shuttle Service from Philadelphia International Airport to Resorts Casino-Hotel, Atlantic City: AAA Airport One Direct, (215) 677-3544 — American Limo, (484) 368-7041 — Atlantic Sedan Service (610) 659-8513 — Rapid Rover, (856) 428-1500 — Tropiano (800) 559-2040

Newark International Airport, (973) 961-5000

Shuttle Service from Newark International Airport to Resorts Casino Hotel, Atlantic City: Airport Chariot Limo & Shuttle, (609) 748-3506 — AA and D Limo Taxi & Van Service, (609) 839-9541 — Galloway Limousine Service, (609) 748-9777 — 4 Acres Limo, (609) 927-1009

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ADS FOR PROGRAM BOOK

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Full Page (8 x10 in)	\$200
Half Page	\$150
Quarter Page	\$100
Business Card	\$ 50
Inside Front Cover	\$300
Inside Back Cover	\$300

Special Ad for Members of the Federation of Democratic Women

Honor your members through a *“Women of Valor”* ad for \$100 in memory of Nancee May, 1st Vice President, NFDW. Please include a picture and a 50 word description of how this member is a *“Woman of Valor”* and personifies a voice for Democratic Women.

All Ads should be printer ready and sent via email in PDF format (only) to:

Marge Dellavecchia
417 Downes Drive
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
856-904-1047
Email: marge.dellavecchia@gmail.com

no later than **May 15, 2015.**

**All checks are made payable to:
2015 NFDW Convention**

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VENDOR TABLE INFORMATION

Join us in celebrating the 44th Annual National Convention of the National Federation of Democratic Women hosted by the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women. This year's convention is located at the Resorts Casino-Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 4-7, 2015.

We invite you to participate in this convention by purchasing space at a vendor table. Participating vendors will enjoy two days of national exposure with hundreds of conference participants.

Please fill out the attached Vendor Information form and return it prior to May 15, 2015 to Amy Papi, 47 Patton Drive, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 - 732-674-4983 (cell). Email: abpapi@comcast.net

Checks should be made payable to 2015 NFDW Convention and in the **memo section of the check, indicate it is for a vendor table.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Vendor Information

Name of Company: _____

Address of Company: _____

Business Telephone #: () _____ Fax # () _____

Contact Person and Telephone: _____

E-mail Address (for confirmation): _____

Number of tables requested: _____

Type of Display/Items: _____

Vendor Table Rates:	one table	\$200
	two or more tables	\$ 75 each

A Posthumous Nomination for Nancee May as NFDW President

The NFDW Executive Board and the Eastern Region had the opportunity to be with Nancee May in Atlantic City in November. For most of us, it was the last time that we saw her. Nancee was excited and looking forward to planning the annual convention and being a candidate for President of the National Federation of Democratic Women. Rolling around in her scooter, giving directions and flaunting her new blond hair, she smiled, made jokes and re-assured us that this would be the best convention ever.

Given Nancee's dedication to her New Jersey Federation and the National Federation, her state took the unprecedented step to nominate her as President of the NFDW. As a member of the nominating committee and executive board we would like to honor her life and work with NFDW by including some words from the New Jersey letter of nomination.

"Always a team member, Nancee's lifelong work was dedicated to building the base of the NFDW and the Democratic Party. Until her untimely passing, she continued to enhance the activities of Democratic Women and just a mere four days before she passed on, Nancee dictated a list of needs she wanted accomplished to a small convention committee she assigned to make the NFDW's 44th Annual Convention a tremendous success. As NJFDW President she worked tirelessly each and every day to increase membership and revive its chapters."

"Throughout her personal and public life, Nancee was committed to developing the potential of women by escalating women's participation in the political process and improving their lives. She had an incredible ability to bring together people from all walks of life, interests and professional pursuits and encouraged them to work together to effectuate positive change for them, their families and the communities in which they live."

New Jersey, we acknowledge your nomination and we thank you, Nancee, for everything.

Janice Haynes Davis

Immediate Past President on behalf of the Nominating Committee and Executive Board of NFDW



National Federation of Democratic Women

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE , 2015 FOR THE CALL TO CONVENTION, April 1, 2015

Corinne W. Anderson, Chair Dorothy Adams , Emma Allen , Lena Bishop, Ingrid Landis-Davis, Carol Grippen , Kristine Jacobs, Rose Juzang ,
 Ardena Matlock, Susan Smith

(NOTE: The underlined phrases are the proposed changes)

NFDW BYLAW	Proposed Change	Bylaws Committee Recommendation
<p>CURRENT BYLAWS STATEMENT</p> <p>ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES</p> <p>(6) History: The committee's purpose shall be to receive all NFDW records, artifacts and memorabilia for deposit at the organization's permanent storage site. The committee shall be responsible for collecting, organizing and archiving such items. Five members (5) members shall each serve staggered terms of two (2) years. Members from the Eastern and Midwest Regions shall elect their members in the even numbered years; the Southern and Western Regions shall elect in the odd numbered years at the Annual Convention. The President shall appoint the fifth member who shall serve a term of two (2) years. The committee shall choose the chairman.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES</p> <p>(6) History: The committee's purpose shall be to receive all NFDW records, <u>including Executive Board records, publications, and official correspondence</u> and all committee records, publications and official correspondence for deposit at the organization's permanent storage site, the United States Library of Congress.. <i>"The NFDW recording secretary of each two year administrative term shall collect and supply the committee with all of the materials mentioned above."</i> The committee shall organize the collected materials according to the regulations of the Library of Congress and deposit these materials at the Library of Congress at the end of each two year administrative term. Five (5) members shall each serve staggered terms of two (2) years. Members from the Eastern and Midwest Regions shall elect their members in the even numbered years; the Southern and Western Regions shall elect in the odd numbered years at the Annual Convention. The President shall appoint the fifth member who shall serve a term of two (2) years. The committee shall choose the chairman.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of the underlined changes with the deletion of reference to the NFDW Recording Secretary.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Article IX, section 6 addresses the function of the History Committee. The discussion re: the responsibilities being delegated to the Recording Secretary to collect all of the materials mentioned above ...relieves all elected officers from the responsibility of turning in NFDW records. 3. Furthermore, the collection at the <i>end of each administrative term may be interpreted</i> as relieving the seated History Committee from designated responsibility for on-going monitoring of collection of materials. That is the primary reason for electing committee members from each region. 4. Bylaw Committee Recommendation: The Recording Secretary's support role can be outlined in the Policies and Procedures as "assistive in securing and providing minutes and committee reports...as related to the duties of the office" see: Robert's Rules

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<p>ARTICLE V.:DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 1 (e) Recording Secretary: Shall be responsible for recording or having recorded the minutes of all meetings of the NFDW and all meetings of the Executive Board. She shall be the repository of such minutes and other communications as required or requested; including those from regional meetings. (delete the following: <u>She shall also collect and supply the History committee with Executive Board records, publications, and official correspondence and all committee records, publications and official correspondence for deposit at the organization's permanent storage site, the United States Library of Congress at the end of the two year administrative term) - .delete from this section)</u></p> <p>ADD:</p> <p>Section 1 (h). Appointed officers shall be named no later than the first quarterly Executive Board Meeting.</p> <p>Section 1(i) Any national board member not fulfilling duties as described for the office and/or who has exceeded absences as defined and described (see: Policies and Procedures Manual) shall be considered as having vacated her office. The process for appeal and for filling the vacancy will proceed as described in the Policies and Procedures Manual.</p>	<p>ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS</p> <p>Bylaws Committee Recommendation</p> <p>No change in section 1e.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p>(1) See the discussion as related to the suggested changes for Article IX. Delete reference to the Recording Secretary in section 1(e).</p> <p>(2) The History Committee is elected to collect these Executive Board records, publications etc., during the two years of each term and filing them at the end of the term.</p> <p>(3) The bylaw section 1e. is clear as to the role of the Recording Secretary (also see: Robert's Rules of Order)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Accept addition to Article V. Duties of Officers and Regional Directors, sections 1h and 1i.</p> <p>New section: 1h. Accept change.</p> <p>.. .. .</p> </div> <p>Bylaws Committee Recommendation #1:</p> <p>1. Include the underlined section re: the Recording Secretary in the <u>Policies and Procedures Manual</u> : <u>The Recording Secretary is expected to be assistive in aiding the History committee in the collection of Executive Board records, publications, and official correspondence and all committee records, publications and official correspondence for deposit at the organization's permanent storage site, the United States Library of Congress at the end of the two year administrative term) - ..</u></p> <p>2. This should be stressed and elaborated upon this to make it</p>	<p>ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 1(e) Recording Secretary: Shall be responsible for recording or having recorded the minutes of all meetings of the NFDW and all meetings of the Executive Board. She shall be the repository of such minutes and other communications as required or requested; including those from regional meetings. (delete the following: <u>She shall also collect and supply the History committee with Executive Board records, publications, and official correspondence and all committee records, publications and official correspondence for deposit at the organization's permanent storage site, the United States Library of Congress at the end of the two year administrative term) - .delete from this section)</u></p> <p>ADD:</p> <p>Section 1 (h). Appointed officers shall be named no later than the first quarterly Executive Board Meeting.</p> <p>Section 1(i) Any national board member not fulfilling duties as described for the office and/or who has exceeded absences as defined and described (see: Policies and Procedures Manual) shall be considered as having vacated her office. The process for appeal and for filling the vacancy will proceed as described in the Policies and Procedures Manual.</p>
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<p>clear that all elected officers share the responsibility of providing NFDW documents in their possession to the History Committee. This is interpreted to be beyond recorded minutes, committee reports and shared communications .</p> <p><u>Bylaws Committee Recommendation: #(2)</u> Section 1(h). Section 1(i). All other suggestions under these two new additions should be expounded upon in the <i>Policies and Procedures Manual</i>.</p>		
<p>Article VIII: Nomination and Election of Officer and Election of Regional Directors</p> <p>Bylaws Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>Adopt the change to Sec. 4. Add section 4(c).</p> <p><u>Bylaw Committee Organizational Recommendation:</u> <i>New ADDITION. Section C.</i> <i>The Policies and Procedures Manual will need to be definitive on the steps in the process for efforts to be used by the Nominating Committee in making the recommendation (s) for filling the slot(s) . This will allow flexibility in coming up with recommendations, should all efforts have been expended and the need arises.</i></p>	<p>Article VIII: Nomination and Election of Officer and Election of Regional Directors</p> <p>ADD: Sec. (c). <u>The Nominating Committee shall make every effort to fill the NFDW offices with qualified candidates, in consultation with the elected representatives from each region (Southern, Midwestern, Eastern, Western). In those instances where no candidate has been found to be nominated, the committee reports the vacant slot in the final Call to Convention. The final recommendation (see: Policies and Procedures Manual) to fill the position is at the will and vote of the Convention body.</u></p> <p>Sec. 6 Proposed: To be eligible for election to the office of President, First, Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Vice President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer and members of the Democratic National Committee, a nominee must have been a Federation member of good</p>	<p>Article VIII: Nomination and Election of Officer and Election of Regional Directors</p> <p>Sec. 4(b) Duties of the Nominating Committee shall be: (b) To compile a list of names of proposed officers for the NFDW; a brief resume of each nominee shall be included in the Call to Annual Meeting that has as part of its agenda the election of officers. Nominating Committee members shall receive copies of all resumes.</p> <p>Sec. 6 Current: To be eligible for election to the office of President, First, Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Vice-President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer and members of the Democratic</p>
<p>Bylaw Committee Recommendation:</p> <p>Adopt the changes to Article VIII. Section 6.</p> <p><u>Committee Organizational Recommendation:</u> A verification form should be designed and included in the <u>Bylaws</u></p>		

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<p>National Committee, a nominee must have been a club member and State Federation member for no less than the last three (3) years and have participated in at least one (1) NFDW meeting in addition to the one where the election of officers is held. No other officer shall serve more than one (1) term in the same office, except members of the Democratic National Committee.</p>	<p>standing <u>in the state she resides, for no less than two (2) years and have</u> participated in at least (1) NFDW meeting in addition to the one where the election of officers is held. <u>ADD letter: (a)No officer shall serve more than one (1) term in the same office, except members of the Democratic National Committee.</u> <u>ADD: (b) All nominees must include in their nomination package verification of club and state federation membership.</u> (See; Policies and Procedures Manual)</p>	<p>application/nominating packet. Accepted forms/types/signatories for verification must be clearly defined and communicated. The <i>Policies and Procedures Manual is the vehicle for this action.</i></p> <p>The <i>Policies and Procedures Manual</i> must be clear on this and spell out the steps by which the Nominating Committee and eventually Credentials Committee works in conjunction with the Treasurer to validate the status of all levels of membership.</p>
<p>Article IX: Committees (1) Currently states: Bylaws: The Call for Bylaw Amendments shall be issued at convention and mailed within the quarter thereafter. All proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to both the Chair of the Bylaws Committee and to the President no later than February 1st. All amendments either proposed by the members-at-large or the committee shall be mailed with the Call to the Annual Meeting. The committee shall review all proposed amendments and make recommendations to the Annual Convention with respect to their adoption.</p>	<p>Article IX: Committees Recommended Change: Bylaws: Section 1. (ADD heading)Call for Amendments to the bylaws (1) The call for bylaw amendments shall be issued at convention. All proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to both the Chair and to the NFDW President no later than March 1st or 60 days before the annual convention, whichever comes first. All amendments either proposed by the members-at-large or the Bylaws committee shall be mailed (may be sent electronically) with the Call to the Annual Meeting. The committee shall review all proposed amendments and make recommendations to the Annual Convention with respect to their adoption. <u>ADD:Section 2. Reporting of Committees Chairs of Standing and Special Committees</u> <u>Committees shall be required to regularly provide written progress reports as requested by the Executive Board. A summative annual report is required from each Committee for the annual</u></p>	<p>Article IX: Committees Bylaws Committee Recommendation No change to section (1). ADD: Section (2)</p> <p>Rationale: 1. The proposal submitted is to delete the phrase “ ...and mailed within the quarter after “. Deleting the phrase literally means that if the call is issued at convention, there is to be no mandate for a formal issuance to those not at the convention 2. Moving the date for receipt of bylaws closer to convention does not take into consideration the work that has to be done by a committee . 3. The dates proposed also assume the convention will always be in June, which is contrary to our current bylaws. Our bylaws state that the annual meeting shall be held between April 1st and June 30th. Rationale for New section (2) : 1. . Currently committees do not report regularly on the progress of business. 2. This should be further delineated with specific</p>

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<p>clarification in the <i>Policies and Procedures Manual</i> .</p>	<p><u>meeting</u>.</p>	<p>meeting.</p>
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Wake Up Call to Action

An excerpt from a Call to Action by Hazel Bland Thomas, DCFDW's Representative DC Democratic State Committee

As we approach local elections and the 2016 Election Season, we should remind ourselves and others that “Political Action begins in us and ends in others.”

I. REMEMBER YOU ARE A LEADER

- Know that you are a leader. You have worked on campaigns, been the block captains, have run the phone banks, gotten out the vote and raised the money!
- You are a leader! Own it! This knowledge will empower you to help others.
- Knowing you are a leader will give you the impetus to utilize your network and sphere of influence to give your issues and organization power.
- If you call 10 or Facebook 10 or blog 10 and they contact 10, very soon you can start a movement.
- Be sure to use your influence to educate, mentor and open avenues to others, particularly young people. Reach back and raise up new, innovative leaders and candidates/Lean forward to help new people realize their leadership potential.

Leadership begins with YOU and ends in others.

II. YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY

- Democrats are inclusive. We believe everyone can fit under the “Big Tent.” We care for the “last, the lost and the least of these.”
- We believe in equal access to jobs, health care, a women’s right to choose, and we believe in helping people at wherever station they are. We don’t believe anyone should have to wait for economic empowerment to “trickle down” from the rich.
- Commit to others. You may “have to go up in the ‘Cut’ to bring out the folks” who have been marginalized or disenfranchised. Remind them that they matter.
- You may need to change your tactics “from having the black tie to having a fish fry” or whatever it takes to engage disenfranchised or alienated people.
- Share the knowledge and the depth of your experience to give newcomers and young people clearer perspective on local and national politics.
- Let others know they count and welcome them to political action. We do social things, but this is NOT as social cub. Don’t wait for others to take action – You do it!

Remember, if it’s worthy for you to do – it’s up to YOU!!

YOU CAN DO IT

- Use your critical thinking to recognize that everything in the media or on tv or on a blog isn’t accurate, true or even relevant.
- Ask yourself – what is the media’s end game? If their end game doesn’t match with your core values, use your own instinct to make critical decisions.
- Use your knowledge and influence to register voters, get out the vote, endorse candidates and advise younger members of the Democratic Party.
- Set up your own score card to weigh the effectiveness of political officials and candidates on the issues that matter to you.
- Commit to becoming Tech Savvy. Remember one blogger can have the impact of 100 – even 1,000 people.
- Use of social media for legislative and community advocacy is how today’s political game is played. You can’t win the game if you don’t know the rules!!
- Being tech savvy will enlarge, magnify and extend your sphere of power. You have the POWER if you will just use it.

Remember the movement begins with YOU!

YOU ARE A LEADER – YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY – YOU CAN DO IT!!

NFDW Officer Nominees

JoAnne Sullivan – *Nominee for President*

Joanne has been actively involved in Democratic politics in Connecticut for more than 25 years. She has dedicated her life to public service, working to elect Democrats at the local, state, and federal level. Joanne is a member of the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women and the immediate Past President of this organization, having served as president from 2007 – 2011. She has also served as Treasurer and Vice President of the Connecticut Federation. In 2005, she was awarded the prestigious “Susan B. Anthony” award by the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women.



In addition to this, she also has served as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of the Democratic Women’s of East Hartford, Connecticut, is an active member and Vice Chair of the 2nd District Democratic Town Committee in East Hartford, CT and currently serves as the Vice Chair of the East Hartford Democratic Town Committee. She has also actively served on various campaigns at the local and state levels throughout this time.

Joanne has been active in Democratic politics at both the local and state level. She was elected to the East Hartford Town Council in 1995 and served on the Town Council for 8 years, 6 of which she was the Vice Chair, while raising her 3 small children and working full time as an educator.

The 1st NFDW convention that she attended was in Puerto Rico in 1996, just after being elected to the Town Council for the 1st time. She was previously nominated as a “Democratic Diamond” at the Portland, Oregon NFDW convention in 1995 by the East Hartford Democratic Women’s Club.

She has attended NFDW conventions annually for close to 20 years and was named the “Outstanding Member of NFDW” in 2009. She has served on the nominating committee for NFDW in 2003 and again in 2011. She was elected as the 4th Vice President of NFDW in 2013, has served as the Resolutions Chair of NFDW for the past 4 years.

She was appointed to act as the liaison to the 2015 NFDW convention in Atlantic City by the NFDW executive board at their annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri in June, 2014 and has worked very closely with the members of the New Jersey Federation to ensure its success.

Joanne holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology and Elementary Education, a Master’s Degree in Curriculum & Instruction, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Reading and Educational Leadership. After 36 and ½ years in Education as a teacher, certified Reading Consultant, Literacy Coach, and School Administrator, she retired in June, 2013 from her career in Education and continues to remain actively involved in a wide variety of civic and political activities on a volunteer basis.

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Susanna French – *Nominee for 1st Vice President*

Susanna has been active in the Democratic Woman’s Club of Kentucky. She served as President from 2008–2010, the youngest woman ever elected as President. She held two consecutive terms as Treasurer from 2004–2008. She instituted a Wall of Recognition at the Kentucky Democratic headquarters showcasing the former presidents of the DWCK. She also represented the Democratic Woman’s Club on the State Central Executive Committee.

Additionally Susanna was Secretary/Treasurer of the 1st Congressional District Democratic Woman’s Club from 2006–2007 and 2010–2011. She’s served as Vice Chair of the Marshall County Democratic Executive Committee from 2004 to present and was named Young Democrat of the Year in 2007. For the Marshall County Democratic Woman’s Club she was Secretary 2004–2006, President 2006–2008 and Vice President 2008 to present.

Professionally Susanna is General Manager of Alexander Development, Inc., a disaster restoration franchise firm. She is also co-owner of Personal Security Firearms, a retail firearm and accessories business. Susanna has also been employed as a paralegal.



Cindy Jenks – *Nominee for 2nd Vice President*

Cindy Jenks is a current active member of the NFDW and at this time serves as the NFDW Recording Secretary and a member of the Finance Committee. She is currently the 2nd VP of the Missouri Federation of Women’s Democratic Clubs (MFWDC), and Chair of the Finance Committee. District involvement with the Democratic women’s club is 1st VP 8th District MFWDC. Local involvement with the Democratic women’s club is 5th VP of the Democratic Women for Ripley County (DWFRC) and Chair of the Ripley County Democratic Central Committee.

Other current Democratic offices held are Vice Chair of the SEMO Democratic Rural Caucus, Vice Chair of the SEMO Democratic Rally Committee PAC, Vice Chair of Main Street Missouri PAC, Vice Chair of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee, Chair of the 153 Legislative District, Vice Chair of the 33rd Senatorial District and State Committeewoman, and on the Missouri Democratic Party Executive Board. She was recently the Chair of the 8th District Democratic Committee and held the nomination meetings to elect the Democratic Candidate for the special election June 4, 2013, for the 8th District US Representative. She wrote the GOP STOPPER song which has been performed at two of our National Conventions and numerous meetings, rallies and conventions in our State and 8th District.



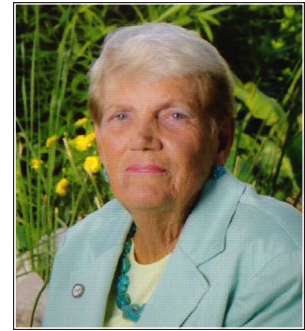
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Judy Baker – Nominee for 3rd Vice President

Judy has been a leader in the Democratic community in Texas. She is a tireless advocate for women and electing Democratic women to office. She attends the Texas Democratic Women state board meetings and conventions, reporting to the members on the activities of the NFDW and encouraging members to attend NFDW events.

In addition, Judy has helped establish new chapters of Texas Democratic Women, freely offers advice to the state board and chapters on how to become better in the mission to elect Democratic women, and sets the example of how to lead people.

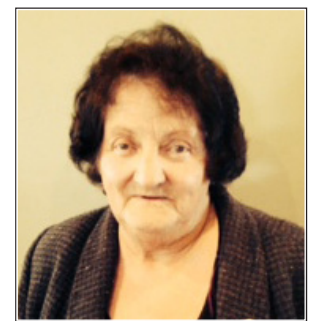
As the second largest state in the country, Judy Baker's help and advice have been immeasurable to Texas Democratic Women's organization.



Lena Bishop – Nominee for 4th Vice President

Lena has been active in the Democratic Party for 40 years in many capacities. She's worked on many campaigns in Broome County—local, state and federal—congressional campaigns, presidential campaigns (JFK, Walter Mondale, John Kerry, Bill Clinton), Hillary Clinton's 1st Senate campaign and coordinated her presidential campaign locally. She has been campaign manager for mayoral races, legislators and village seats. Lena has coordinated Get Out the Vote efforts, was appointed by the NY Democratic Committee to chair the Neighborhood Network in 2006.

She was instrumental in starting the NYSFDW. Offices she has held include Corresponding Secretary of NFDW 2014–15, President of the Democratic Women of Broome County for eight years, President of the NYSFDW four years and on the executive committee of NYSFDW and DWBC. She has worked to get 11 counties to join as members of NYSFDW. She's also been active on many committees: bylaws, nomination, program, scholarship.



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Darcy Long-Curtiss – *Nominee for Recording Secretary*

Darcy is the Oregon Federation of Democratic Women Chair (since 2012), has served on the NFDW nominating and foundation committees. She was a candidate for Wasco County Commissioner in 2010, is the past chair and current precinct committee member of the Democratic Party of Wasco County. She's been involved with the Democratic Party of Oregon as State Central Committee delegate, 2nd Congressional District Delegate, Platform Convention Delegate and Delegate to the 1992 New York national convention.

Darcy has been involved in going door-to-door and making fundraising calls to get Democrats elected since the late '80s and continues to be involved today.



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