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President's Message

Every day, I continue to be impressed by our dedicated NFDW members. You are in the trenches making a difference in so many ways. The inspirational reports that were presented by our state presidents in their recent meeting were stellar.

On January 27, Audrey Dempsey, President of the Nevada Federation of Democratic Women, was front and center at an Equal Rights Amendment rally. North Carolina's Marena Groll submitted photos of our members working on the ERA to the national ERA Coalition, and now some of our members are featured in the exciting video that was aired nationally on January 27.

Once again, President Joe Biden made us proud when he issued his statement of support for the 28th Amendment to be added to the U.S. Constitution. He said, "No one should be discriminated against based on their sex. As a nation we must stand up for **Full Women's Equality.**"

Vice President Kamala Harris is also working hard to make transformative changes in our country. She is addressing the fact that our country has one of the highest mortality rates women giving birth, especially black women, of all industrialized countries. Likewise, she is addressing the fact that women who live in rural communities are about 60% more likely to die before, during, or after childbirth. President Biden and Vice President Harris are treating this issue as an urgent matter of public health.

The Biden Administration has achieved monumental changes by passing the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. Their successive economic programs have delivered a record number of jobs created and a record drop in unemployment. Americans are finding better jobs with better pay. We must continue to sing their praise. You are welcome to utilize our **“Democratic Women are Thankful”** graphic to show appreciation for the Biden Administration's many accomplishments.

America faces a myriad of pressing issues and you are right there. You are in the hallways of your state capitols fighting against the numerous bad bills that are flooding our state legislatures and assemblies. You are making phone calls and sending emails to state elected officials and to members of Congress. Making your voices heard is sacred right for each of you.

We must continue to fight against voter suppression and to prevent the reenactment of these undemocratic Jim Crow laws. As we move forward, a former motto comes to mind: **“Stronger Together.”**

Best regards,

Gail Buckner

President



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CALL FOR BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

CALL FOR BYLAWS AMENDMENTS (date issued: September 16, 2021)

The call for Bylaws Amendments shall be issued at the convention and mailed within the quarter thereof. 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 Bylaws 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. (NFDW Bylaws, Article IX: Committees, Section 1 (a)).

Corinne Williams Anderson, Ed.D., Chair, NFDW Bylaws Committee

Gail Buckner, President, National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW)

Communicator Deadlines Communicator

Calling all State Presidents:

The Communicator is NFDW's newsletter and is published quarterly. All State Presidents are encouraged to submit articles for publication in The Communicator and share NFDW news with their members. Executive Board members and Committee Chairs are encouraged to submit articles (and pictures) of interest to the membership as well. Information about NFDW events and the COMMUNICATOR is posted on the Federation website, www.nfdw.com.

*The next deadline for submitting articles of interest and pictures of activities in your states for the upcoming issue is **March 28, 2022**.*

Please submit any articles of interest, pictures (with captions), or other important information for inclusion in The Communicator to Joanne Sullivan @ sullivanjl1028@gmail.com

NFDW SCARVES

Here's a reminder that the "official" NFDW scarves are still available for sale. As more clubs begin to meet and more events are being held in person, this is a wonderful opportunity to show off our NFDW logo. Scarves are a white background, with our logo repeated in blue. They are 58" long by 10.5" wide. They can be ordered by going to: www.nfdw.com. Cost is \$20.00, plus \$3.25 added for transaction fee and shipping. Wear yours proudly today!



JOIN US FOR THESE OUTSTANDING VIRTUAL EVENTS!!

**THE NATIONAL
FEDERATION OF
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN**



*When Women Vote -
Democrats Win!*

*From the Courthouse to the
White House*

**MARCH 9, 2022
11AM TO 3PM EST**

*Join the 2022 Women in Blue virtual
Legislative Day to advocate Members
of Congress for voting rights and
NFDW's legislative priorities.*

REGISTRATION LINK: TBA

*All Members of the NFDW
are urged to attend.*

A VIRTUAL EVENT



**SAVE
the
DATE**

**National Federation of Democratic Women's
51st Annual Convention
June 10 - 11, 2022**

**A Virtual Event
More Details to follow...**

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CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

TIME is running out!



RESOLUTIONS DUE BY May 10, 2022

Resolutions must be submitted to the Chair of the Resolutions Committee one (1) month prior to the Annual Meeting. Please submit resolutions directly to Kellie Green, Resolutions Chair @ kgreen921@gmail.com.

The Resolutions Committee shall present all resolutions to the Annual Meeting together with their recommendations. Resolutions should be short and to the point, addressing only one concern, should contain no more than three statements beginning with "Whereas," and should make only one recommendation in the statement beginning with "Resolved."

The resolve should require action that can be accomplished. There should be only one issue in a resolution. If more than one is needed, a separate resolution should address that issue.

If you have any questions, please call Kellie Green @ 989-274-6042 or email @ kgreen921@gmail.com.

Resolutions should be sent electronically in Word Format directly to:

Kellie Green @ kgreen921@gmail.com

Deadline for submitting Resolutions is *May 10, 2022*.

Resolutions will not be accepted after this date.

N.F.D.W. STATE PRESIDENTS,

**WE
WANT
YOU!**



TO RECOMMEND MEMBERS FROM YOUR STATE FOR
INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS AND NFDW AWARDS !

INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT

WWW.NFDW.COM

SCROLL DOWN TO INTERNSHIPS AND AWARDS

June Krise, Chair, NFDW Awards Committee

junekrise47@gmail.com



Deadline for accepting applications is *May 1, 2022.*

THE POLITICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE has been proud to present programs on Redistricting with Representative Carol Hugley and on Changing the Face of Power with Melita Easters, Executive Director and founding chair of the Georgia Win List.

We are currently developing a program on Newly Elected Women and the Issues they Face.

If you would like a presentation developed for your regional meetings or would like to make suggestions on future topic programs, please contact one of the committee co-chairs--Patty Farley at pfarley_101@hotmail.com or Lovie West at lovie.west@gmail.com.

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

SUSAN RUTT, CHAIR

The Young Women's Leadership Committee is a Standing Committee of the NFDW whose purpose is to encourage young Democratic women to become interested in the political process and run for public office.

As the Young Women's Leadership Committee gets ready to kick off the new year, this is also an opportunity to review the goals and guidelines adopted by a previous committee:

- Encourage young women to attend the NFDW Convention – or your State Federation Convention – or a local event

- Form a Young Women’s Leadership Committee as part of your State Federation
- Raise money and present scholarships to young women – then stay in touch with the recipients
- Work with your State or local party to form a Young Democrats club or get to know the existing club. Keep in mind it isn’t necessary to be a member of Young Democrats – look for young women in your community even if they are not members
- Be a mentor to young women and hold political trainings for them
- If there is a YD club, support it; attend their events
- Offer a combined membership to your local Women’s Democratic Club and the Young Democrats
- All Women’s Democratic Clubs – State and local – should use social media more extensively to reach younger members
- Schedule a YD speaker at a Federation event; ask the Young Democrats to schedule a Federation member to speak at their events; ask if you can set up an information table

There will be more to come from our YWL Committee!

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REPORT FROM THE NFDW/ WOMEN IN BLUE COMMITTEE

The NFDW/ Women in Blue Committee (WIB) is excited about the invited Members of Congress, special guest speakers and entertainment planned for the 2022 Women in Blue Congressional Advocacy Day. We look forward to the involvement of every state federation and to each member’s participation in our virtual event from 11 am to 3:00 pm EST on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

We are privileged to work with a talented, committed Women in Blue Committee that has:

- Worked collaboratively with the NFDW/ Legislative Committee which researched and developed policy papers for the Women in Blue;
- Created a Women in Blue logo and masthead for the monthly "***Women in Blue Legislative Policy Alert***" to be sent to Members of Congress and to rebrand NFDW as an organization continually engaged on legislative issues; and
- Sought to reinforce the efforts of state federations and to establish a composite list of state NFDW Women in Blue events.

We are well aware that "***When Women Work, Democrats Win - from the Courthouse to the Whitehouse.***" We can do it but can't do it without YOU. Let's strategize, learn, and win together. Please register by February 23, 2022, and we hope to see you virtually on March 9, 2022.

Christine Pelosi, Esq. and Hazel Bland Thomas, Women Blue Committee Co-Chairs



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BLACK CAUCUS



TRAINING AND HIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CAMPAIGN STAFF

**Apply Today for the DNC
Campaign Readiness Coalitions
Bootcamp!**

The Campaign Readiness Project is a new train-to-hire bootcamp program at the DNC with the goal of recruiting, training, and helping to place diverse, talented, and local staff surrounding specific roles and skill sets on campaigns.

→ **February 26: Coalitions Bootcamp**

[Learn more about the Campaign Readiness Project and apply today!](#)

Applications Close February 11

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[APPLY HERE TODAY!](#)

Greetings,

We are excited to kickoff recruitment for our next Campaign Readiness Bootcamp and want to make sure you have the information to apply if you are looking for or interested in Coalitions roles in states.

The Campaign Readiness Project is a paid train-to-hire bootcamp pipeline at the DNC with the goal of supporting states in their recruitment, training, and hiring of diverse, talented, and local staff for specific roles and skill sets on Coordinated Campaigns. Participation in these bootcamps will expand opportunities for consideration for campaign roles in targeted states with the aim of helping elect Democrats up and down the ballot.

Our fourth bootcamp series will center around Coalitions positions and people who meet the outlined qualifications

are encouraged to apply. The Coalitions Bootcamp will be held virtually on Saturday, February 26. Participation in the bootcamp does not guarantee future employment.

Apply for the Campaign Readiness Project Coalitions
Bootcamp [HERE!](#)

<https://democrats.org/campaign-readiness-project/>

Applications close February 11.

Coalitions Qualifications & Job Description:

Ideal participants for the Coalitions track of the Campaign Readiness Project might have experience with any of the following: campaign/electoral staff or volunteer experience, issue campaign/organizing staff or volunteer experience, political/campaign staff or volunteer experience, or non-profit experience, are a member of the communities they hope to serve, and are interested in learning the ropes of what it takes to help lead a statewide coalitions program. Coalitions & Community Engagement teams develop and implement a comprehensive outreach and engagement

strategy to reach, engage, and mobilize key stakeholders, communities, and coalitions in support of the mission to win elections and build Democratic power; this will include, for example, specific, targeted initiatives for key constituencies – mobilizing AAPI, Black, Disability, Labor, Latino, LGBTQ+, Native, Rural Women, Youth, and other communities.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STATES?

Greetings from Connecticut

The Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women recently elected new officers and have been meeting by zoom. Welcome to the newly elected officers: President Joyce Petteway, 1st Vice President Susan Owens, 2nd Vice President Beverly Washington, Treasurer Joanne Sullivan, and Recording Secretary Judy Villa.

Plans are underway to have a workshop in May to celebrate their 100th Anniversary and celebrate 100 years of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote. Outgoing Secretary of State Denise Merrill will be invited as a guest speaker as we focus on voting rights legislation.

The Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women's Club is the oldest Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs in the country and was established in 1922. Our first president, Fannie Dixon Welch, set the standard when she founded the Connecticut Federation. Her involvement with the Suffragette Movement that allowed women to have the right to vote has given us a wonderful introduction to proudly celebrating our 100th Anniversary.

Greetings from New Jersey



The NJ Federation of Democratic Women held its annual Peg Roberts Award and Outstanding Elected Official fundraiser October 14, 2021 at Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Twp. New Jersey.

Named for the mother of past NJ State Assembly Speaker Joe Roberts, this award is given to a woman who had spent her life volunteering for her local and state Democratic Party organizations. Bessie Walker, President Essex County Chapter NJ Federation of Democratic Women is the 2021 recipient. We also recognize the dedication and commitment of a State Legislator from the South, Central, and North areas of the state. Senator Nilsa Cruz Perez LD5, Councilwoman Jennifer Keyes Maloney and Councilwoman Dr. October Hudley are the 2021 honorees.

The NJ State Senate will see the retirement of the 30 year legislator and woman's rights champion Loretta Weinberg. Senator Weinberg was honored with a special inaugural "Lifetime Achievement" award named in her honor from the NJ Federation of Democratic Women for her sustained activism and legislative acumen. We will miss her presence in Trenton, our state capital.

We have also initiated a DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) committee. We plan to disseminate and educate the public while we conduct a survey to gather additional information to aid the committee.

DC DEMOCRATIC WOMENS'S CLUB

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PANEL DISCUSSION ^{ON} CRITICAL RACE THEORY

FACILITATED BY
Ayo Sekai, Ph.D.
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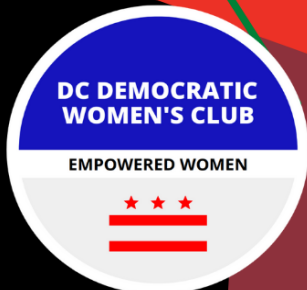
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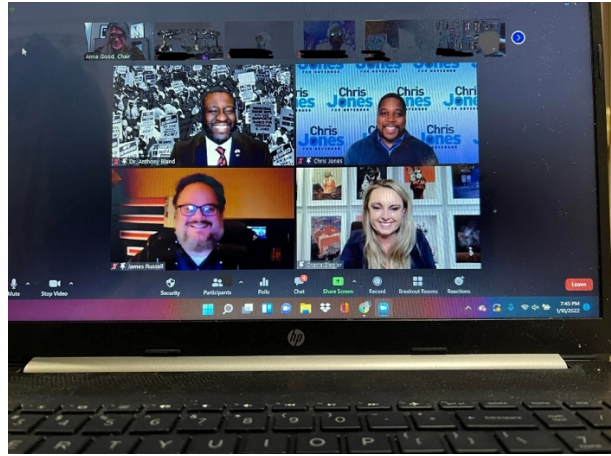
Arkansas remains focused on three pillars to EDUCATE, ENGAGE, and ELECT more Democrats to office.

ENGAGE

Community Outreach is one of our goals and reaching out to children is what we live for. Pulaski County Dem Women President, Brenda Swinton Day spent her lunch break dropping off school supplies in anticipation of a covid safe return to school early in the semester.



AFDW Leadership team and members attended the Clark County Clinton Day Dinner where General Wesley Clark was the keynote speaker. Candidates were in full force and making the rounds to ensure DEMOCRATIC WOMEN are ready for action!



EDUCATE

During the brief respite before Omicron, the **State Committee of the Democratic Party of Arkansas** actually met IN PERSON! There are many, many AFDW women who wear multiple hats as they represent various groups from their County parties to Caucus groups at the State Committee level.



AFDW President, Gracie Ziegler, was the moderator of **an online forum with the Democratic Candidates** running for Governor of

Arkansas. If you haven't heard, former Trump Press Secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, is running for Governor of Arkansas so we will have a LARGE spotlight on these candidates through primaries and then all the way up to November.

ELECT

There is ONE Democrat right now in Arkansas that needs ALL our support. Lisa Parks is running in a special election to fill a vacated (by a Republican) State Senate seat.

Learn more at LisaForArkansas.com.

AFDW members across the state are phone banking together via zoom to make calls to voters in District 7 about this VITAL race. We know it will come down to turnout and we plan to turn out as many Democratic voters as possible.

Candidate filing begins at noon on February 22 and ends at noon on March 1. AFDW is hosting online information sessions for prospective candidates to hop on and ask questions, confirm details, and make connections. Those sessions will continue after filing and through the election season as "Office Hours" for candidates to seek support.



MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

The Doors of the Mary Katherine Brown Leadership Institute are Open for Business!

Congratulations to the Mississippi Federation of Democratic Women, who are starting 2022 doing the work.

Members representing clubs from northern to southern Mississippi cut the ribbon to dedicate the Mary Katherine Brown Leadership Institute which will offer women an opportunity to enhance club operations and political skills to assist us in turning Mississippi blue.

The ceremony was held at State Democratic Party Headquarters in Jackson, Saturday December 11th along with a fabulous holiday reception which featured delicious dessert treats provided by member, Rep. Hester Jackson McCray (D) District 40.

The Hybrid event was well attended and included special guests including State Attorney Candidate, Jennifer Riley who updated guests on the latest with the push for an equal pay law for women in Mississippi.

President Lovie West facilitated the event with grace and style. She began the program with get-acquainted activities and ended with a tour of our new office In the Mississippi Democratic Party Headquarters.

The holiday atmosphere started off and remained festive for the evening with everyone getting acquainted.

The group all joined in for a special song of the 12 Days of Democratic Women sung in the likeness of the 12 Days of Christmas with the ending line being:

Madam Speaker Nancy Pelosi!

Of course, a crowd favorite was in place of Five Golden Rings it was: Kamala Harris, V.P.!

Prepared by Pamela McKelvey Hamner

MFDW Communications Chair



Washington State Federation of Democratic Women



Empowered Women Empower Women

Our eight Washington State Chapters are working hard to recruit and celebrate candidates, advocate for our shared values and honor those who have walked and trailblazer the path before us as we celebrate the future we are building.

Washington embraced the 2021 virtual platform to host a number of statewide forums topics including Defending Reproductive Rights - Action Now; Indian Boarding Schools and the continued intergenerational impact; Lobbying for Legislation; updates from Washington DNC Women's Caucus chapter members. Each meeting convenes with the Land Acknowledgment below.

WSFDW is honored to co-host the Western Regional Meeting on February 12th, 2022 with our California sisters.

The 2019 National Convention of the National Federation of Democratic Women unanimously adopted the [Resolution on Raising Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples](#)

This Land Acknowledgment by itself is a small gesture. It becomes meaningful when coupled with authentic relationships and informed action. But this beginning can be an opening to greater public consciousness of Native sovereignty and cultural rights, a step toward equitable relationship and reconciliation.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that we gather today on the homelands of the original inhabitants of this land.

As the original inhabitants of this land, the indigenous people continue to be the stewards of the land and waterways, where a way of life has been sustained with gathering, hunting, and fishing in their usual and accustomed areas, since time immemorial.

Submitted by:
Carin Chase
President, WSFDW



**Carolyn's Corner
NFDW State President
Chair, California Women's Caucus
DNC Member
Carolyn Fowler (She/Her/Hers)**

Greetings,

January roared in and our members went right to work.

*“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. **Intelligence plus character** – that is the goal of true education.”*

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



On January 14, 2022, in celebration of the King Holiday, numerous women caucus member educators participated in a worldwide Teach-In. The purpose of the Beloved Community Teach-In was to educate people of all ages about Dr. and Mrs. King’s legacy and how to champion completion of their unfinished work. The theme for the 2022 King Holiday Observance was “It Starts with Me: Shifting Priorities to Create the Beloved Community.” In keeping with the theme, PK-12 lesson plans for the 2022 Teach-In reinforced the knowledge, skills and dispositions students need to not only to be positive contributors to creation of the “Beloved Community” but also to succeed in their respective life paths.



CONGRATULATIONS BIDEN/HARRIS/PELOSI, DEMOCRATS DELIVER!

According to Kris Sanchez and Stephen Ellison California Leaders breakdown how President Biden’s Infrastructure Bill will impact us. California will receive more than \$25 billion to repair roads and highways and over \$600 million to prepare transportation systems for extreme weather, drought and wildfires. Here's a breakdown of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds California will receive:

- \$9.5 billion for public transportation
- \$47.2 billion for roads, bridges and
- \$11.3 billion for water supply and
- \$3.3 billion for wildfire prevention
- \$5.5 billion for power infrastructure
- \$100 Million for Broadband



ports
water infrastructure

Now it’s up to us to support and advocate for President Biden’s (BBB) “**Build Back Better**” plan. The greatest plan to invest in children,

caregiving, expanded Child Tax Credit, combatting climate change, affordable healthcare, creating jobs and bringing down costs for working families.

ROE V. WADE & ERA



We are still on the frontlines of winning these rights!



Medicare for All: A Civil Rights Issue. Members hosted a virtual conversation and screening of “Power to Heal Medicare and The Civil Rights Revolution” A key bill in California, AB 1400 to provide healthcare for all is under review.



Participated in National Poll Worker Recruitment Day. Poll workers across the country play a vital role in administering our elections and are unsung heroes! **Right now, there is an increased need for poll workers due to the COVID-19 pandemic** as many of these election workers are in their 60s and have increased risks associated with the virus. Anyone who is registered to vote or is a legal resident of the state can sign up to be a poll worker. Some high school students are also eligible to apply. It’s a great way for students to bolster their resumes for future college or job applications, and they can earn up to \$180 a day for their service to the community. Become a Poll Worker!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION!

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The continued health threat caused by the COVID 19 pandemic, and the violent and disturbing U.S. Capitol Insurrection remain disconcerting. Vaccines to combat the virus, along with the President's roll-out and response to it have done a lot of good, but until the pandemic is clearly in our rear-view mirrors, the virus remains an invisible and extremely dangerous enemy.

Thank you for all that you have done to support us through these challenging times.

We appreciate your leadership, and for thanking others who merit recognition and thanks for their contributions.

In Democratic Solidarity,

Carolyn Fowler

WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Federation has been busy making plans for a Democratic Women's Summit Day to be held in March. They have been meeting by zoom to plan for future meetings. In December, 2021, the WVFDW donated three checks totaling \$1,000 to the three pediatric hospitals within the state. In January, they met to finalize plans Woman Democratic Summit Day to be held on March 26, 2022 at Stonewall Resort in Lewis County Roanoke WV.

Upcoming events include:

February 2022 - Zoom Meeting for update on Women's Day at Legislature and the Women's Summit

March 2022 - Tuesday, March 1, 2022 1st Quarter in person Board Meeting in Charleston.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Women's Day at Legislature

Saturday, March 26, 2022 Women's Democratic Summit.

This is a combined program with the WVFDW and WVDP. On this day we will be focusing on the women running for office and what we need to do for SUCCESS

Submitted by,

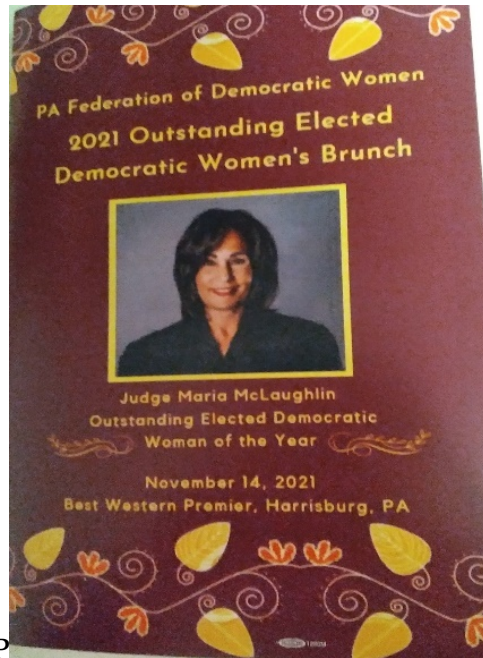
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PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

DIANNE GREGG, PRESIDENT

The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women's Executive Board meeting was held in Harrisburg on November 13. This was the first meeting chaired by its new President Dianne Gregg, and plans for the coming year were discussed by the Officers, Regional Directors and Board members. It was agreed that its next Convention would be held in August in Lewisburg, and would be chaired by the Federation officers. On the day following the meeting, the Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women honored nineteen elected Democratic women from across the state, selected by their local clubs, and one statewide elected woman. Honored were Hon. Maria McLaughlin, PA Superior Court Judge; Hon. Linda Bobrin, Bucks County Register of Wills; Hon. Marian Moskowitz, Chester County Commissioner; Hon. Jennifer Henderson, Ambler Borough Councilmember; Hon. Katherine Gilmore Richardson, Philadelphia Council-at-Large; Hon. Jennifer Shukaitis, Stroud Township Supervisor; Hon. Paige Gebhardt Cognetti, Mayor of Scranton (birthplace of President Joe Biden!); Hon. Sheila Saiman, Luzerne County Councilmember; Hon. Lisa Kennedy, York City School Board member; Hon. Johnny Cepeda-Feytitz, Reading City Councilwoman; Hon. Tara Zrinski, Northampton County Councilmember; Hon. Jean Foschi, Cumberland County Commissioner; Hon. Angela Harding, Clinton County Commissioner; Hon. Amber Concepcion, State College School Board member; Hon. Stacy Long, Grant Township Supervisor; Hon. Pamela Tokar-Ickes, Somerset County Commissioner; Hon. Deborah Roberson; Sharon School Board member; Hon. Pam Newmeyer, Perry Township Auditor; and Deborah Gross, Pittsburgh City Councilwoman. The awards program was televised and shown on the Pennsylvania Cable Network's Channel across the state several times, was attended by over 200 participants. A fundraising auction was also a part of the day's events. Our keynote speaker was State Representative Joanna

McClinton, House Democratic Leader. Chairs of the 2021 OEDW event were PFDW Regional Director Deanne McNally and PFDW Past President Susan Rutt. Pennsylvania's Women In Blue will be held at the State Capitol in Harrisburg on March 28. Pennsylvania's next meeting will be on Sunday, March 27.



NEVADA NEWS

The Nevada Federation stood in support of the ERA on this special day of January 27. Audrey Dempsey spoke on behalf of January 27. I had the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Nevada Federation which was a great way to introduce others who are not yet familiar with the Federation. In addition to the supporters there were representatives from Senator Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen as well as our Congressional leaders Dina Titus, Susie Lee and Stephen Horsford. All of them spoke about what they were doing to make sure the ERA is finally ratified! Our County Commissioner Tick Segerblom also spoke in support of the ERA. Nevada Federation 1stVP Ellen Spiegel also shared her experience growing up! The Nevada Federation is proud to join with Nevada NOW to continue the fight!!!!

Below are three photos from the event. Ellen Spiegel, 1st VP and I are standing next to each other.

In front is Jeri Burton, Executive Director Nevada NOW.



FLORIDA NEWS

Florida remains focused on four priorities: Grassroots Activism, Legislative Support and Advocacy, Community Engagement, and Member Empowerment through Training. The DWCF is a Grassroots leader in Florida as the largest Democratic Caucus and boots-to-ground organization leading the way in voter registration, education, and engagement around the state. As such, we have engaged hundreds of thousands of Florida voters via USPS, Text, Phone and Lit-drops. Most of our 13 Regions participate in the current program, with plans to increase our outreach in the coming months as we head into midterms.

Our second priority is Legislative Support and Advocacy. This has been a tremendous focus for the DWCF. We have supported our legislators by taking small groups to Tallahassee since September, with plans to continue through the end of session in March. Our members are in committee meetings doing their best to stand against Gov. DeSantis and his party's unprincipled anti-people legislation. We held a press conference at the capitol in opposition to DeSantis' Special Session and use our time in these meetings effectively by blasting Legislative Action Alerts in rapid response to high priority bills. This work is supported by our Legislative Committee who tracks hundreds of bills as they move through process, educate our members, and create statewide action alerts for priority legislation.

In January we honored the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King with a Day of Service on his Federal Holiday. Many of our Clubs spent the day assisting at Food Banks, Homeless Shelters, and Community Centers. Our Central Brevard Club had a phenomenal fundraiser raising 8K for scholarships and spent the afternoon with a Youth organization discussing voting history in FL, voter suppression, and the precarious state of voting rights today. They WILL register. They WILL vote!!

Finally, Training is a major focus for 2022-2023. The DWCF Training Committee has developed a tremendous Training Program with several tracks including: Grassroots, Social Media 101, Membership Engagement, Team Building/Mentoring/Building Your Bench, Excel/Google Suite/Zoom Basics, Fundraising, Membership Recruitment and Retention, Candidate Recruitment,

Training and MORE. The Training Committee will host a Leadership Toolkit Training webinar on February 20, 2022, 8 Workshops at our State Convention in April, and additional events throughout 2022. The Training Program Curriculum is in response to a survey of our local Club Presidents and Region Chairs.

Florida is very busy, thanks in great part to the extraordinary Chairs in our Priority Areas: Mary Lou Woods and Marie Garnes, Grassroots; Jean Siebenaler, Legislative Advocacy; Maureen McKenna, Training.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monica Readus, President
Democratic Women's Club of Florida

WE GOT SPIRIT FUNDRAISER

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF CENTRAL BREVARD

VIRGINIA OSBOURNE, PRESIDENT
FUNDRAISER CHAIRS
CORA JOHNSON, AUDRY IRVIN-JONES AND ROSETTE BROWN

THANK YOU TEAM BCU
TEAM BCU CAPTAIN: COURTENAY BLUNT
FINANCIAL CHAIR: BETTY GOINS

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM FAMU
TEAM FAMU CAPTAIN: CORA JOHNSON
FINANCIAL CHAIR: ELAINE HARRIS

VS.

Raised \$2,990

WINNER OF THE HBCU BATTLE

Raised \$5,010

WE RAISED A TOTAL OF \$8,000

PLEASE ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE AGENDA

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WE NEED TO TALK
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