



THE COMMUNICATOR

National Federation of Democratic Women

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Letter from the President:

Democratic Women...those 2 words continue to have such heartfelt meaning to me. As I have traveled throughout the country as your President I have been inspired by democratic women who are doing amazing things. Women who are leading the resistance movement, participating in marches, organizing, and filing to run for office.

As an organization, we have taken official positions on various legislative and humanitarian issues and will continue to do so. Our voice is the most powerful resource of our organization and with a united chorus of voices combined with boots-on-the-ground grassroots efforts, we will have enormous impact in the election of candidates who support women and women's rights as well as policy that is set or endorsed by those candidates.

I have been welcomed in several states to visit with their federations and hope to visit with all federations throughout the year. We are organizing in states where there are currently no statewide democratic women's federations and partnering with like-minded organizations throughout the nation.

Last month, I attended the DNC Meeting in Las Vegas and was proud to represent the federation in several caucus and council meetings. We are proud of our own, Virgie Rollins, who was re-elected Chair of the DNC Black Caucus and I was proud to be in that meeting to support her.

I was thrilled to be invited to Atlanta, Georgia to speak to a group of Hillary Clinton delegates followed by the opportunity to present our 2017 Resolution to Secretary Clinton along with Legislative Chair, Gail Buckner, and author of the resolution, Beth Farokhi.

To say it is an honor to be your President is an understatement. I am encouraged, inspired, and led by you and it is a privilege to represent the National Federation of Democratic Women.



Susanna French

2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 14-17, 2018

Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
Tempe, AZ

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We're looking forward to hosting the 2018 National Convention!
Everyone is welcome!



We want to include everyone in the celebration! Information will be ready shortly on the tours for Thursday, June 14, all the events, and all the extra amenities you can enjoy.

The registration information and hotel reservations will be ready in early January.

Registration is \$225; Hotel Rooms are \$119 +tax

There is complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport, Sky Harbor-Phoenix.

There is an on-site car rental right at the hotel.

There will be so much to do you won't have a minute to be bored.

Don't forget your bathing suit - the weather will be perfect!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:
Carol Comito, Convention Chair. ccbpw@aol.com or 602-793-5326

We can't have a party without YOU!!!

New Jersey

New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women

Annual Peg Roberts Award Luncheon



Every year, NJFDW acknowledges a noteworthy woman for her exceptional work to advance the election of Democrats to State office.

The recipient is honored at a luncheon and her name memorialized on a plaque at the Office of the NJ State Democratic Committee.

Congratulations, Ms Viola Scott!



Honorable Assemblywoman, 34th District
&
Democratic Candidate for Lieutenant
Governor
- Sheila Oliver -



Honorable Assemblywoman
Nancy Pinkin, 18th District
(left)

Honorable Mayor
Mary Ann Wardlow
Borough of Lawnside



WHEN
Sunday, October 15
12:30-3pm

WHERE
Carlucci's Waterfront
876 Centerton Road
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

HOW
\$35/person at the door or send check to:
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NFDW Presents Resolution to Hillary Rodham Clinton



NFDW Presentation of Resolution to Secretary Clinton in Atlanta, Georgia. Pictured: NFDW President, Susanna French, Secretary Clinton, Resolution Author, Beth Faroki (GA) and Legislative



NFDW Women In Blue



PLEASE JOIN US

for the inaugural

National WOMEN IN BLUE DAY

where NFDW members will join together to lobby at the Capitol, meet with legislators and network with like-minded groups to promote the mission and agenda of the NFDW and the Democratic Party.

Hotel accommodations and registration information will be forthcoming by email through the Women in Blue Committee.

For additional information, contact Estell Lloyd, Chair at emlloyd@comcast.net or 202-723-2926

Democratic National Committee Winter Meeting

The DNC Representatives of the NFDW attended the winter meeting in Las Vegas during October. During a busy weekend of meetings, the DNC Executive Board approved the Chair's at-large members and were briefed on staffing and infrastructure. The NFDW members attended multiple caucus and council meetings to represent the Federation and we are proud to report the re-election of our own, Virgie Rollins, as DNC Black Caucus Chair! During the final meeting, numerous speakers addressed the delegation, including former Attorney General Eric Holder and retired Senator Harry Reid.



DNC Representatives Virgie Rollins, Maureen McKenna and NFDW President Susanna French at the DNC Winter Meeting



Missouri



Missouri's outgoing President, Margaret Gladbach presiding over annual convention. Also pictured, Missouri Democratic Party Chairman, Stephen Webber, NFDW President Susanna French, and NFDW 1st Vice President, Cindy Jenks.



NFDW 1st Vice President, Cindy Jenks, being installed as Missouri Federation of Women's Democratic Club President



Missouri Federation of Women's Democratic Club officers



NFDW President Susanna French with MDP Chair Stephen Webber and 2017 NFDW Rilla Moran scholarship winner Rachel Gonzalez

Tennessee



Middle Tennessee, annual fundraiser Houston County Ms Ann K(Decatur county club president)and (tfdw president)Glenda Carter

L-R Glenda Carter (TFDW President) Mary Mancini (State party chairperson) and Angela Callis (Division state committee woman)



State Presidents:

Please provide your current membership list to your regional director by January 15, 2018. Membership list must include name and email address. No physical address required.



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Call for Bylaws Amendments

ATTENTION ! CALL FOR AMENDMENTS TO NFDW BYLAWS

This is the official follow-up call for bylaws amendments. The first call was issued at convention, 2017 with the Bylaws Committee report.

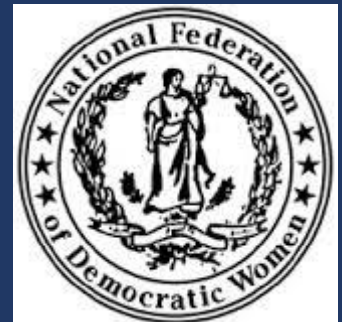
1) *Bylaws:*

*Call for Amendments to the 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 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.*

**Bylaws amendments should be submitted by federated clubs and members-at-large to:

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Kentucky



Susanna French was moderator for a panel discussion on 'Women in Politics.' Here Angie Hatton, new state representative for Letcher and Pike Counties, is introduced.



President Kathy Hinkle presents the Joyce Compton Award to Mary Allgeier, Jefferson County club president and the 'right arm' of the late Ways and Means Chair Joyce Compton



2017 Rose Award recipient Lucy Lee Sterling of Boone County thanks the club for the Award — with Judy Campbell and Kathy Hinkle. See More



Assistant Secretary of State Lindsay Hughes Thurston on behalf of Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes presents achievement award to Susanna French



New Mexico

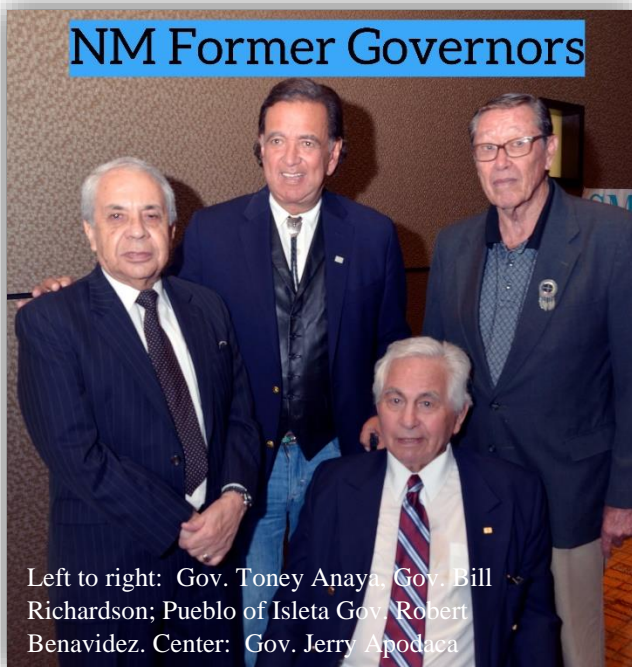


Left to right: Kristine Jacobus, Past President; Pam Cordova, President; Elida Nunez, Treasurer; Lydia Zazueta, Secretary; Beverly Michael, Vice President; Margaret Romero, CD3 Vice Chair; Lydia Piro, CD2 Vice Chair; Center: Frances Ray, CD1 Vice Chair.

NEW MEXICO FEDERATION DEMOCRATIC WOMEN (NMFDW)

NMFDW held its Annual Fall Meeting and Officer Elections on September 29 & 30, 2017, at the Isleta Resort and Casino. The two day event was hosted by Valencia County Federation Democratic Women. A reception for our membership, fellow Democrats, and primary candidates was held on Friday evening. The event was sponsored by the Pueblo of Isleta. Nearly 100 Democrats showed up to help us kick off our event and listen to our primary candidates running for office in 2018. The next morning NMFDW held its business meeting where

90 members attended, and we elected new officers for the 2017-2019 term as well as other business. The following were elected for a two year term: Pam Cordova, President; Beverly Michael, Vice President; Elida Nunez, Treasurer; Lydia Zazueta, Secretary; Frances Ray, CD1 Vice Chair; Lydia Piro, CD2 Vice Chair; Margaret Romero, CD3 Vice Chair. We adjourned our business meeting at noon and moved to the banquet hall where we hosted nearly 200 fellow Democrats and honored our former New Mexico Democratic Governors: Honorable Toney Anaya, Honorable Jerry Apodaca, and Honorable Bill Richardson. The Governor of Isleta Pueblo, Robert Benavidez welcomed us in his native tounge. Our keynote speaker was our Secretary of State, Maggie Toulouse Oliver. Our former Governors were quite spectacular and motivated New Mexico Democrats to keep our state Blue and elect a Democratic Governor and Democrats across the board in every County.



Left to right: Gov. Toney Anaya, Gov. Bill Richardson; Pueblo of Isleta Gov. Robert Benavidez. Center: Gov. Jerry Apodaca

NMFDW has 502 members in good standing at present. Since 2015 we have organized in five counties bringing us from four organized counties to nine. Our goal is to continue to organize counties across New Mexico and become a powerful voice and advocate for Democratic values.

Nebraska



Nebraska Democratic Women's member Jane Raybould running for U.S. Senate at Harvest of Harmony Parade.

Nebraska Democratic Women's Chair Janet Stewart receives a 2017 Nebraska Democratic Party Chair's Award at the annual Morrison-Exon Dinner.



Nebraska Democratic Women's State Senators honored at Holland Children's Movement Honor Roll reception. Front row Sen. Kate Bolz, Sen. Sara Howard, and Sen. Lynne Walz; Second row Sen. Carol Blood, and Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks with member Andy Holland (center) and Third row Sen. Sue Crawford; Sen. Anna Wishart not pictured.



Executive Board in Action

The Executive Board of the National Federation of Democratic Women met in Tempe, Arizona for the 2017 Fall Board Meeting. Carol Comito, President of the Arizona Federation of Democratic Women and several of her board, were gracious and welcoming hosts and provided a great atmosphere for the NFDW leadership. Those in attendance participated in team-building activities and strategic planning for the coming year.



NFDW leadership at the Tempe Mission Palms Resort, site of the 2018 NFDW Convention



DNC Rep. Virgie Rollins with Senator John Lewis at the Congressional Black Caucus event.



NFDW President Susanna French with West Virginia Democratic Party Chairwoman Belinda Biafore

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