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Watch for...

Call to Convention

coming out in mid-April



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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

April 2015

- 1 Deadline for nominations for Awards and Internship
- 1 Payment of membership dues for State Federations and individual clubs

May 2015

- 1 Resolutions deadline is 30 days prior to convention. Submit your resolutions now to Resolutions Committee to be considered at 2015 Convention

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



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JUNE 4-7, 2015

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY 

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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 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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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 \$40 / 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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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**

Auction Reminder

Please help make it a success!

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***EACH FEDERATION IS REQUESTED
TO BRING AN ITEM
TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S AUCTION.***

**Each auction item should be a “quality” item with a value of
\$75.00 - \$100.00.**

**Auction items should be brought directly to the NFDW Convention
Registration Desk**

*****The hotel will not be responsible for items shipped directly to the hotel.**

**Attention:
Viola Scott
2015 NFDW Convention**

**Questions: Contact Viola directly @ 14 Barrington Lane,
Willingboro, NJ 08046 - 609-526-4287 (home) 609-351-2662 (cell)
Email: profshopper@comcast.net**

Awards Nominations

The NFDW Convention of 2015 is fast approaching. The Awards Committee wants you to start thinking about who would be deserving nominees from your home state. We are contacting you for nominees for consideration for: **Outstanding NFDW Member of the Year, Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman Holding Public Office** and the **NFDW Humanitarian Award**.

These awards are presented annually during our NFDW Convention. The awards started with our NFDW founder, Rilla Moran Woods and others informally in 1986. In 1987, the awards were drafted, formalized with criteria and sent to NFDW members. States were encouraged to recognize Outstanding Democrats in these categories and forward the choices as a nominee for consideration to the Awards Committee Chair. The Awards Committee then presents the winners during the Awards Luncheon at the NFDW Convention.

It is the Committee's hope this year as it has been in the past, that you will encourage your members to participate in this process. Below are the guidelines for selection.

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION

1. In submitting the supporting information for a nominee, follow the criteria which is the basis for evaluating nominees for the Awards.
2. Present supportive material as numbered exhibits with the letter of nomination.
3. Nominations are to be submitted by State Federations, or where the entire state is not federated by a member club. The nominee need not be a resident of the state submitting the nomination.
4. The nominee must be present at the National Convention to receive the award, unless some unforeseen event occurs to prevent attendance.
5. Organizations are requested to limit nominations to one per category.

PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION AND LETTERS BY EMAIL
TO THE AWARDS CHAIR AT: pasirois@comcast.net

OUTSTANDING NFDW MEMBER OF THE YEAR

1. Current active member of the NFDW who personifies NFDW objectives (i.e., Article II, Bylaws: The objective of the NFDW shall be to unite women of the Democratic Party, to promote the cause of the Democratic Party and to encourage full participation of women in every level of the Democratic Party structure)
2. Contribution by the nominee to the growth, development and promotion of NFDW.
3. National scope and stature of the nominee.
4. Personal political involvement by the nominee.

OUTSTANDING ELECTED DEMOCRATIC WOMAN HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE

1. Current elected Democratic office holder of national, regional, state or local scope. *see below.
2. Demonstrated support of NFDW by nominee.
3. Significant contribution to the Democratic Party and its principles by the nominee.
4. Demonstrated commitment by the nominee to the success of other Democratic women in the Party organization and for elective office.

**This award will also include local office holders. (This year the award will be in memory of past President Helen Knetzer.)*

NFDW HUMANITARIAN AWARD

1. Significant contribution to the cause of human and/or civil rights.
2. Demonstrated support of the NFDW.
3. Nominee possesses leadership qualities.
4. Nominee's success in achieving human and /or civil rights. (The nominee may be male or female but must meet the criteria.)

DEADLINE FOR THE NOMINATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IS MAY 1, 2015.

Send nominations via email to: Patricia Sirois, Awards Chair at pasirois@comcast.net



NFDW Internship Application

Please fill out the following:

Political Campaigns in Which You Have Participated (Include Dates)

Activities, Duties or Positions You Have Been Engaged in or Performed for the Democratic Party at Any Level.

Extracurricular:

You may submit additional sheets should any space provided be inadequate for your response. You may also submit letters of recommendation from Democratic Office Holders or Party Leaders.

Please attach an essay of not less than 200 words describing your political and career aspirations and why the Founder's Internship would help you achieve your goals.

Forward your application to your Federation State President or Chair (all of these are listed on our web site www.nfdw.com). Your Federation President/Chair will provide an endorsement letter and forward with your application to:

Patricia Sirois, Chair
NFDW Awards Committee
via email at: pasirois@comcast.net

Any questions call me at 860-568-0065 or cell: 860-416-8345.

DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2015 TO BE CONSIDERED

NFDW Bids Farewell to 1st Vice President Nancee May

Nancee served NFDW in many capacities through the years. She was currently serving as our 1st Vice President and stayed very active and engaged as she fought cancer right up until the end of her life on January 10, 2015. Nancee and her New Jersey Federation have worked hard to sponsor the upcoming 2015 Convention and Nancee left a rich legacy for all of us. We mourn her loss and celebrate her extraordinary life.



Donna Lupardo

Assemblywoman Donna A. Lupardo, of Binghamton, NY was first elected in November 2004 and is currently in her sixth term representing the City of Binghamton and Towns of Union and Vestal. She has a number of leadership positions in the Assembly including: Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families; Vice Chair, Legislative Women's Caucus; and Co-Chair, New York Legislative Aviation Caucus. Assemblywoman Lupardo also serves on the following Assembly Committees: Economic Development, Environmental Conservation, Higher Education, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs. She is a former Lecturer at Binghamton University and was the Director of Education for the Mental Health Association prior to her election.



New Mexico FDW Takes Field Trip

The New Mexico Federation of Democratic Women took a field trip to our state legislature in Santa Fe last month. Many members took our local train the NM Railrunner for a great start to an action packed day. The day began with a question and answer session with our State Senate leadership followed by our introduction as guests of the Senate Majority Leader on the floor of the Senate Chambers. Following the Senate session was a luncheon hosted by our State Federation President and NFDW Western Regional Director, Kooch Jacobus featuring our newest State Representative, Stephanie Maez. The later afternoon was spent lobbying our local legislators.



*Senate Majority Leader
Michael Sanchez*

Valencia County, NM



Georgia Federation of Democratic Women

The Georgia Federation of Democratic Women currently has two priorities: Leadership Training for our members and Women in Blue.

We intend to work hard to have everyone ready for 2016. We held our first leadership training session in Valdosta, Georgia because this local chapter is a fairly new group that immediately distinguished themselves as dedicated Democratic campaigners. GFDW will conduct another leadership training session in Atlanta at the Democratic Party Headquarters on February 28.

The Georgia General Assembly went into session on January 11th and the Republican dominated chambers didn't waste any time in introducing legislation that, if passed, will be detrimental to our state. Our members are working to prevent our governor's request to cut health care insurance for school bus drivers and cafeteria workers from passing the state budget process. Likewise, we are fighting to prevent a loss of early voting days. The Georgia Legislature will be in session for 40 days and will like end around mid-March, so GFDW will stay focused.

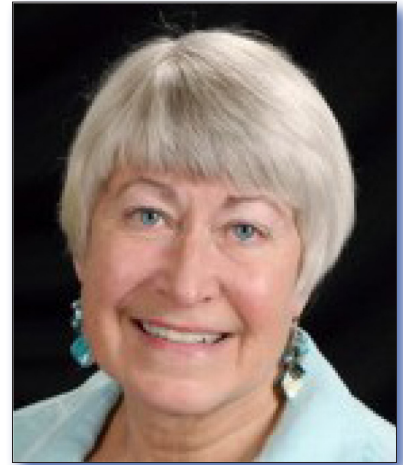
Valdosta Federation of Democratic Women



Indiana Mayoral Candidate

The first to file for mayor in Madison, IN was Democrat candidate Jan Vetrhus. This is her first campaign, and if elected, she would be the first female mayor in Madison's 200-year history.

Vetrhus is no stranger to breaking barriers. She was the first female resident student at the former Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, IN (now Concordia Seminary) where she graduated with a degree in Classical Greek. She later earned an M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and accepted a position with Cummins, Inc. as a machining supervisor. One of only a handful of women in manufacturing management, she earned the respect of the union and her peers. She organized Brown Bag Lunches to support and mentor young professional women. "Over my career at Cummins," Vetrhus said, "we went from under a dozen women to over 200."



She was the first Cummins manager to be sent to the McCord acquisition in South Dakota, where she turned around the quality system and restored the reputation of the plant. She was transferred to the Holset-Madison plant by Cummins in 1992 as Director of Quality. She was also responsible for strategic planning and new product development, before being promoted to Director of Operations. Her final assignment before she retired in 2007 was in Shanghai, China. Following early retirement she chaired Madison's successful 2009 Bicentennial celebration.

"I never thought of myself as a candidate. I've been content to work behind the scenes for other Democrats. When our Democrat mayor lost in the 2011 election, I continued to volunteer in the community, but our momentum is gone. There is no longer any real leadership at city hall and we are losing ground. Someone has to step up and lead. I realized that my skills and experience are what Madison needs. Madison deserves a leader who can listen to people from across the community and bring out their best ideas and get them implemented. The mayor has to understand business and budgets and strategic planning. As a retired executive with an international Fortune 500 company, I have that experience. The mayor also has to be a cheerleader for the community and its chief salesperson, totally committed to its success — and I am.

"This is a great community, but we have some serious challenges ahead. I am looking forward to the campaign, to bring out the best ideas for our future," she said. "The Democrat women in Jefferson County have been very supportive. I really appreciate their help in organizing my efforts."

Support Jan for Mayor. Send your check to Jan Vetrhus for Mayor, 701 E. 2nd Street, Madison, IN 47250.

South Carolina

Despite our disappointing election results in November, the South Carolina Democratic Women's Council had high hopes for our annual Fall Forum held in our state capital, Columbia, on December 6, 2014. We were thrilled to hold Debbie Stabenow, a pro-business, pro-labor, pro-green energy and Ready For Hillary senator from Michigan. This year's theme was "Effective Democratic Messaging."

SC Democratic women are preparing to play a big role in this year's South Carolina Democratic Party's Issues Conference to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC Feb. 27 and 28. DNC Chair, Debbie Wasserman Shultz, will keynote and we're promised a visit from one of two Democratic presidential candidates!

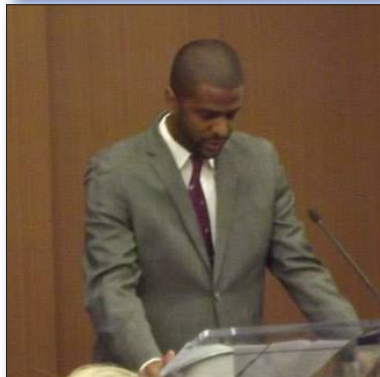
We're planning our annual Day in Blue to be held on May 13, 2015. The theme is "Building a Better Volunteer."



SCDWC president, Susan Smith & MI Senator Debbie Stabenow at the home of Don & Carol Fowler.



The great Jay Parmley moderating a panel discussion on Coalition Building.



One of our brightest Democratic stars (and reality TV series star), Bakari Sellers, introducing our keynote speaker.



SCDWC President, Susan Smith and Senator Stabenow.



US Senator from Michigan, Debbie Stabenow



After our elections...

Tennessee state Senator, Sara Kyle, revs up the crowd.



Some of our board members with Senator Stabenow.