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Dear Federated Sisters

I bring greetings from the heartland! It is an honor and privilege to serve as your NFDW Third Vice President.

So much as happened since the printing of our last Communicator. First, let me begin with our 37th Annual Convention held in Albuquerque, NM. Our deep appreciation is extended to Kathy Duffy and the Democratic Women of New Mexico for the warm hospitality that was extended to all delegates and guests. The speakers were excellent. In two days we were inspired by Valerie Plame Wilson, Chelsea Clinton, Bernadette T. Vadurro and former Senator Jean Carnahan and from the DNC, Alice Germond and Sharon Grosfeld.

Second, the NFDW made an impact during the Democratic National Convention in Denver, CO. Virgie M. Rollins, past NFDW President & NFDW's DNC Representative, served as Chair of our brunch. We send our appreciation to Virgie for a very successful brunch. Over 400 Democratic Women and guests from across the United States and Puerto Rico were in attendance. During the program, we honored our five women Democratic Governors and presented each with a gift. We were able to network with states not affiliated with the NFDW.

January 20, 2009 history was made when president-elect Barack Obama was sworn in as our 44th President of the United States of America. However, he will inherit two wars, an economy that is 2nd to the Great Depression, and the worst deficit in our nation's history-thanks to the eight years of the Republican administration. We as Democratic Women must roll up our sleeves to help restore America back to its greatness. We must set the standard for unity and healing; as long as we are united, we will not fail.

Our thoughts go with the Obama family as they prepare for their new adventures in their lives.

Hope to see you in Puerto Rico the end of May.

Anita R. Norman
NFDW 3rd Vice President

2008 CONVENTION

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2009 CONVENTION



**National Federation of Democratic Women and
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Irmgard Pagan, President and Host for the
National Federation of Democratic Women's 2009 Annual Convention
"Democratic Women United For A Bright Future"
May 26 – 31, 2009
La Concha Hotel
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00915**

(One form per person)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

State Organization _____

(Please advise us if vegetarian meals are required)

(Circle Tour of your choice below – Picture ID required on all tours)

Convention Fee	\$ 155.00
Late Registration after May 1 st	185.00
Young/College Democrat	75.00
San Juan City Tour May 27 th	45.00
Inside The Island Tour May 28 th	45.00

Total \$ _____

Checks or Money Orders made payable to: **2009 NFDW Convention**
Vivian Feliciano, Convention Treasurer
555 Alverio St., Ext. Roosevelt
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918

Note: NFDW convention cancellation policy as adopted by the NFDW Executive Board. The following rules apply to this registration. A \$25 non-refundable fee will be assessed on all registrations. There will no refund of this amount. 14 days prior to the convention, 75% of the registration can be refundable. 7 days prior to the convention, NO REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE REFUNDED.

2009 CONVENTION

HOTEL INFORMATION

La Concha Hotel • San Juan, Puerto Rico

You may make room reservations...

- By calling Marriott International toll free at **800-468-3571**. Specify that you are with the NFDW Group and the dates or the code NFDNFDD
- Through the internet at **www.marriott.com** and selecting Puerto Rico — La Concha — A Renaissance Resort and under Group Code enter NFDNFDD
- By calling the hotel directly at **787-721-7500** and requesting reservations.

Group Room Rates...

Single or Double \$165 • Triple \$195 • Quad \$225 • Additional Person \$30 • Suites \$250

Service Charges and Gratuities...

The following are the services charges for 2008. Please note that these charges are subject to change:

Government tax 11%

Baggage Handling \$4 per room, round trip

Room Attendant \$2 per person, per day

Hotel Fee 13% per room, per night

OPTIONAL TOURS

Both tours depart at 9 am • Estimated time of each tour 8 hours

Tour 1

San Juan Metropolitan City & Mountains

Tour Old San Juan Town which includes:
Governor's Mansion, Department of State, Capitol Building, Supreme Court, City Bay, Armory and Columbus Plazas,
Old Casino, Convention Center, Old Carnegie Library, New Urban Train, New Coliseum

Afterwards we will visit the spectacular mountains of Cayey Area and will have a reception cocktail with the Buayama Town Mayor at the Historical Cautino House.



Tour 2

Marvels of the Island Coastline & the Arecibo Observatory

We will travel via Las Americas Highway around the Island Marvels Coastline with impressive views of the coastline towns, Guajataca Beach Resort and visit Arecibo Observatory, the world's largest radiotelescope.

It will also include a reception by the Mayor of Caborojo Beaches.

Award Nomination Guidelines

October 10, 2008

Dear State Presidents and NFDW Officers,

NFDW presents three awards during Convention each year unless there are no nominees or nominees do not meet the criteria. These awards began informally in 1986 at Convention in Arkansas. That year Rilla Moran Woods, NFDW Founder; Dorothy V. Bush, longtime DNC Secretary; Pamela Harriman, Democratic fund-raiser; and Betty Flanagan Bumpers, founder of Peace Links, received special recognition during the Convention.

By 1987, the Awards were formalized and criteria for nominations sent to NFDW members. States were encouraged to recognize outstanding Democrats in the three categories and forward the State choices as nominees to NFDW. The Awards Committee presents the annual winners at the Awards luncheon during convention.

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS & SELECTION OF NFDW AWARDS.

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.

Outstanding NFDW Member of the Year

1. Current active member of NFDW who personifies NFDW objective (i.e., Art. II, Bylaws: The objective of 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 statewide, regional or national scope.
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.

NFDW Humanitarian Award

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

Deadline for Receiving Nominations

Nominations must be postmarked no later than April 25, 2009.

Send nominations to: Gayle Owens, NFDW Awards Committee, 6821 Haynie Rd., Jacksonville, AR 72076
Email address: gowens5639@aol.com

Since we have so many wonderful, talented, caring leaders in this organization, I look forward to receiving hundreds of nominations.

Gayle Owens
NFDW Awards Chair



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 attach additional sheets should any space provided be inadequate for your response. You may also attach 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.

Thank you!!

Deadline: April 25, 2009

Send to: Ms. Donna Ellis, 710 Peabody St. NW, Washington, DC 20011 • Phone 202-829-0027

NFDW Officer Nominees

Pat Hobbs – *Nominee for President*

Pat Hobbs is a dedicated public servant and Democratic Party worker. She was instrumental in getting the State Party and California Democratic Women's Caucus to join and support NFDW.

Pat concluded a 32 year career with Pacific Bell as Media Accounts Executive working with major broadcasting corporations and the Academy Awards. She was recognized with top sales awards five consecutive years. Pat now manages the family Political Memorabilia business which is nationwide and produces and sells only Democratic merchandise. The business helps fund Democratic headquarters and campaigns in California and returns a percent of NFDW sales to our organization.

Pat has volunteered with California Democrats since 1966 working on national, state, and local campaigns. California Women's Caucus President Lyn Shaw Hilfenhaus points to Pat's steadfast support of Democrats in what was a Republican area until it was turned around and is now a Democratic stronghold. She is a distinguished Democratic leader and has held Party and Caucus positions. California State Chair Art Torres says of Pat: "She is hard working and engaged, and brings to the table a great deal of political acumen. She is exactly the type of public servant who should be leading such a distinguished organization as NFDW."

Pat has attended 13 NFDW Conventions and served on strategic committees including Nominations, Budget, Finance/Fund Raising, Website, and Public Relations. She has served NFDW as 5th and 2nd Vice President and currently, serves as 1st Vice President.



Janice Haynes Davis – *Nominee for 1st Vice President*

Janice Haynes Davis is a 21st century woman (daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, entrepreneur, community leader, and political activist) who for approximately twenty (20) years has demonstrated her commitment to the National Federation of Democratic Women and to the Democratic Party.

Janice's leadership expertise have been demonstrated in the Federation via her service as a member, committee chair, treasurer, 1st Chair of the Political Action Committee, and currently Second Vice President. Janice's work with and for the District of Columbia Democratic Party can be summed up in a couple of statements by Anita Bonds, Chairman of the District of Columbia Democratic Party, "Janice has been an extraordinary asset and outstanding activist for more than 30 years to the local DC Democratic Party; and Janice's work in support of DC Statehood and Voting Rights is highly respected throughout Washington, D.C. from neighborhood to neighborhood and in the halls of Congress."

Janice Davis believes in the mission of the National Federation of Democratic Women and will bring the skills she uses as a managing partner in her family's financial services and employee benefit firm in her leadership role as First Vice President of the National Federation of Democratic Women.



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Anita Norman – Nominee for 2nd Vice President

Anita Norman currently serves the NFDW as 3rd Vice President and has previously served as 5th Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Recording Secretary. Anita has served on the NFDW by-laws committee, served as chair of Young Democrats committee/outreach and an active member of NFDW since 1984.

Anita was in charge of the program book for the NFDW brunch at the Denver Democratic National Convention in 2008 and co-authored a Policies and Procedures manual for our organization.

Anita served as President of the Oklahoma Federation from 2001–2003 and co-chaired the 2002 NFDW convention in Oklahoma City. She was founding member of the Adair County Democratic Women’s Club and has served in many capacities in the Oklahoma Federation of Democratic Women.

Anita was appointed to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women in July 2004, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for women, children and families in Oklahoma.

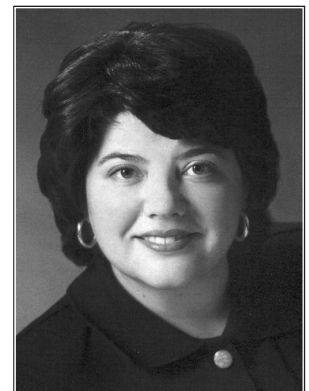


Carye Blaney – Nominee for 3rd Vice President

Carye Blaney currently serves as NFDW’s 4th Vice President. She has served on the History & Nominating Committees, was a founding member of the NFDW’s Political Action Committee, served as PAC Secretary, NFDW’s Communicator editor and Southern Regional Director 2005–2007.

Carye has been a member of West Virginia’s Federation of Democratic Women for over 20 years. At the age of 29, Carye was elected as President of WV Federation becoming the youngest woman to preside over a state federation in the country.

Carye has a master’s degree in Public Administration. She was appointed County Clerk of Monongalia County on March 16, 2007 by Monongalia County Commission. She recently ran unopposed during the 2008 general election and will be seeking re-election to the County Clerk position in 2010.



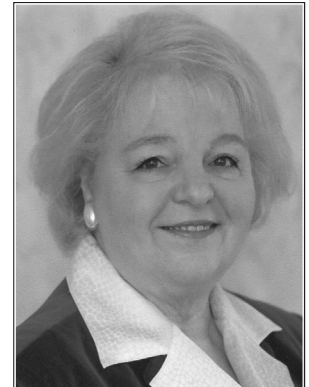
Nancee May – Nominee for 4th Vice President

Many of us became acquainted with Nancee May when she chaired the 2006 Convention of the National Federation of Democratic Women, and at the same time chaired its Resolutions Committee. Presently, she serves the NFDW as its Eastern Region Director and also as its PAC Treasurer. Since 2003, she has served as President of the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women, which she rebuilt from a struggling organization to a thriving state chapter.

On Nancee's extensive resume, she concludes with a summary of her credentials which list 22 years of State employment; 15 years of private ownership of a special events consulting company (May...We Help You); and 32 years of experience working in political activities with officials on all levels of government. She served as a member of Riverside Township Committee for more than a decade, having been the first woman ever elected to this position. She has served in a full-time capacity on congressional and gubernatorial campaign staffs, coordinating and supervising campaigns, volunteer efforts and events.

Nancee has a basic philosophy that long after people remember what you did for them, they will remember how you made them feel. Nancee's own New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women's Executive Board recognizes Nancee for her intelligence, experience and enthusiasm that they feel are necessary to help lead the NFDW as a Vice President. She is recognized in her own organization for her perseverance, personality, patience and planning, all very worthy qualities, and she is also recognized for her role as a mentor for young women in politics.

Nancee is married with two grown children and one granddaughter, and resides in Burlington County, New Jersey.



Trina Ellis – Nominee for 5th Vice President

Trina is presently serving as the Midwest Regional Director for NFDW and Chair of the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus/MFDW. She has had four successful regional meetings and has added states to the Region since she has been Regional Director. She has been active in MDWC/MFDW for the last 10 years serving on the Executive Board, Vice Chair and now the Chair.

Trina has been active in the Democratic Party and has worked on many Campaigns. She was the Field Coordinator (14th District) for the Michigan Coordinated Campaign for Gore/Lieberman and Debbie Stabenow, the Constituency Director for the Edwards for President, and many other local campaigns.

She worked as a Staff Assistant for U.S. Senator Stabenow and currently works as a Process Assistant for General Motors. She has earned a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Southern California.



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Sarah Brown – *Nominee for Treasurer*

Sarah currently serves as the Southern Regional Director, a position she has held for two terms. She has also served as credential chair.

Sarah has served as President of Democratic Women's Club of Florida, secretary of Women's Club of NE Broward, President of North Broward Democratic Club and is the Democratic Committee woman of Broward County, FL.

Sarah is known for encouraging democratic women to seek political office.



Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women

2008 ended on a sad note in Pennsylvania as we learned of the passing of Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor, Catherine Baker Knoll. She was the first woman elected to that office, and she was a loyal and certainly the most prominent member of our State Federation. She will be missed by her many friends in the PFDW.

For about the last 18 years, the PFDW has honored an Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman each year. Usually, it is presented to a statewide officeholder; occasionally to an officeholder on the local level. In 2008, we decided to present more awards to Outstanding Elected Democratic Women chosen from their own districts by their own clubs, with each of our 18 districts having the opportunity to select one. Fourteen districts responded, and on November 23 we honored the following dedicated and respected Democratic women officeholders from all across the state, representing all levels of government: Chester County Commissioner Kathy Cozzone (1); PA Senator Shirley Kitchen (2); Monroe County Commission Suzanne McCool (3); Lackawanna County Clerk of Judicial Records Mary Rinaldi (4); Wyoming County Jury Commissioner Thelma Shebby (5); Collumbia County Recorder of Deeds/Register of Wills Beverly Michael (6); York City Council Member Genevieve Ray (7); Bethlehem City Treasurer Kaija Farber (8); East Pennsboro School Director Angie McMaster (9); Township Supervisor Palmina Mould (10); Indiana County Jury Commissioner Mary Jane Dellaflora (11); Cambria County Clerk of Courts Susan Kuhar (13); Greene County Commissioner Pam Snyder (17); and PA State Representative Chelsa Wagner (18). On November 22, 2009, we hope to be honoring 18 additional outstanding Democratic Women holding office who will again be selected by their local organizations.

Another new program this year will be to present a Certificate of Achievement to those local Clubs who met various criteria during 2008, such as paying their dues on time, attending our State Convention, having an article printed in our newsletter, and inviting an officer or regional director to their club during the year. The awards will be presented to qualifying Club Presidents at our 2009 State Convention, which is being held in Lancaster from June 11 to 14.

Pennsylvania looks forward to hosting the Eastern Region of the NFDW in Philadelphia in early April. We also plan to have a large group of attendees at the NFDW convention in San Juan in May.

For more information about the PFDW, please go to www.pfdw.org.

Susan Rutt, President

Terri Holland – *Nominee for Recording Secretary*

Terri Holland has been nominated for the position of Recording Secretary for the NFDW. She is currently serving in that capacity, having been appointed in May 2008 to an unexpired term.

Terri is the Deputy Director of the New Mexico State Personnel Office. She has an MBA and is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Policy and Administration. She is the Congressional District 1 Vice Chair for the Democratic Party of New Mexico (DPNM). She also serves as Board President for Las Adelitas: Women in Politics (a group supporting pro-choice women candidates for state office).

Terri has an extensive background in New Mexico Democratic politics. She has served as the Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Bernalillo County and as the Director of Party Affairs for the DPNM. While working for the state party, she assisted in writing the State Presidential Caucus Plan. She planned and executed all State Party meetings and conventions, worked on CD Delegate Selection meetings for the National Convention, and planned and staffed the NM delegation to the 2004 Democratic National Convention. She has also worked as Operations Manager for a marketing firm that specialized in telephone contact services for political campaigns, fund raising, polling, and target marketing. She has been a member of the state federations for 16 years.



Democratic Women Rule the South

Congratulations Democratic Women, we took back the White House, have a working majority in the Senate and control of the House. Congratulations to North Carolina for sending Elizabeth Dole packing and electing Kay Hagan to the Senate. She will join our two other Southern Senators, Blanche Lincoln from Arkansas and Mary Landrieu from Louisiana. The South also claims the Chair of the Democratic National Committee, Tim Kaine.

And it gets better. It has finally happened, the thirteen states of the Southern Region of the National Federation are all Federated. As you may recall, last year Virginia became the 12th state to join the Federation and on February 9, 2009 South Carolina voted to come on board and make us complete. Nancy Kolman attended our convention in New Mexico and that convinced her that South Carolina needed a chapter of the NFDW in their state. She and Vice President Eileen Kahn will be in Puerto Rico to receive their Charter and I hope all of you will be there to welcome them.

Last year's NFDW scholarship winner, Shannon Clarke from Florida is now in Washington, DC serving her Internship. It was a long process to get her there but we look forward to receiving a full report in time for the next newsletter.

At last year's convention, the Southern Region voted not to hold an annual meeting in November due to the Presidential election but instead to hold a conference call. Unfortunately, the time has flown by without that call but that doesn't mean we are not all busy. Everyone has an eye on 2010 and continuing a Democratic sweep and to get it all started Tennessee is hosting their Convention 4/17-18. September is shaping up as a non stop Democratic Women Smorgasbord with state gatherings being held in West Virginia 9/18-20; Florida 9/24-27; Kentucky 9/24-26 and North Carolina 9/25-27. Why not plan a fall trip and visit your Southern Sisters this year.

Until then we will see you in Puerto Rico.

Sarah Brown, Southern Regional Director

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Scenes from 2008



TOP ROW FROM LEFT: Ardena Matlack, NFDW Member of the Year, with her family. Shannon Clarke, winner of the Founders Internship, with FL President Janie Holman. Monica Gomez, winner of the Agnes Bird internship, and her mother. Irmgard Pagan invites us to Puerto Rico.



MIDDLE ROW FROM LEFT: NFDW Treasurer Johnnie Patton with Senator Jean Carnahan. Hot air balloon ride. Chelsea Clinton.

BOTTOM ROW FROM LEFT: Ruth Rudy modeling her hat which has been sent to the Smithsonian Museum. Chelsea Clinton and Judy Whitehead. DNC Sharon Grosfeld and 1st Vice President Pat Hobbs.