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Dear Federation Sisters:

It's convention time again and we are off to West Virginia for a Democratic adventure with great speakers, exciting workshops and time to share ideas, our accomplishments and set new goals.

I am so very proud of our NFDW ladies. You worked in your home towns and cities to become delegates to the Democratic convention and it was great seeing you in Charlotte. You played pivotal roles in your states in the re-election of President Barack Obama and many of you traveled to neighboring jurisdictions to insure a Democratic victory. You knocked on doors and made phone calls to persuade voters and encourage voter participation and you were ever-vigilant in making sure that all Americans who went to the polls could vote. You raised money for our candidates and our Party.

We are happy that our President again chose our magnificent Chair, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who led our party to victory. She serves as a role model for all women who aspire to public office. She is multi-talented, brilliant and a great spokesperson for our issues and our Party. With the last election a record number of women were elected but the number still does not reflect our population. We were happy to beat back the Republican assault on women but it continues in the state legislatures and in hidden addendums to proposed legislation.

Under the leadership of our President and our Party we have had some great victories—Health Care Reform, Re-authorization of the Domestic Violence Act and the end of war in Iraq, to name a few. We have emerged from the brink of financial disaster and devastating unemployment to an economy with record stock prices, increased consumer protection and more jobs. We must still address pay-equity and the difficult issues of immigration reform, the reform of gun laws and a Congress that prefers to filibuster and sequestration over compromise. We must lobby, write, twitter, vote, run for office and support one another to effect change,

Thank you so much for a wonderful and exciting two year journey. It has been a pleasure to serve with an amazing and talented Board and energetic and focused committees. I have gotten to know many of you much better in my role as president and have enjoyed listening and learning from each of you. I know that NFDW will continue to grow through membership and the federation of new states. We will discover new ways of communicating and expanding our horizon in order to accomplish our mission and the goals of our Democratic Party.

See you in June.

Janice Haynes Davis, NFDW President



Resolutions submitted to NFDW as of April 24, 2013

Deadline for submitting resolutions for annual convention to be held in Charleston, West Virginia, June 13–16, 2013 is May 1, 2013.

Resolution in support of Gun Control Legislation and the Expansion of Background Checks on Gun Sales in support of the families of Newtown, Connecticut, submitted by the NFDW Executive Board and the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women.

Resolution in support of improved Preventative Programming and Treatment Services for Mental Health concerns in support of the families of Newtown, Connecticut, submitted by the NFDW Executive Board and the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women.

Resolution Condemning Patriot Coal, Peabody Energy and Arch Coal for their corporate Greed submitted by the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women.

Resolution in support of enacting legislation for improved standards of cleanliness in all public hospitals to eliminate the prevalence of widespread hospital infections, submitted by the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women.

Resolution in support of enacting legislation for the Evacuation of the Elderly and Citizens with Disabilities in the event of a disaster, submitted by the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women.

Resolution in support of the Violence Against Women Act, submitted by the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women.

Resolution in support of Statehood for Puerto Rico. This is a reaffirmation of the original resolution submitted by the Puerto Rican Chapter of NFDW.

Resolution (2013) Advocating D.C. Statehood and Full Voting Representation in Congress for Residents of the District of Columbia. This is a reaffirmation of the original resolution submitted by the D.C. Federation of Democratic Women.

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Nominating Committee Report

The NFDW Nominating committee would like to recommend the following for Officers for 2013–2015. Nominations will also be made from the floor for the positions of 4th Vice President and 5th Vice President as followed by Roberts Rules of Order. We will be electing one Vice President from the Southern Region, and one Vice President from the Eastern Region.

Article VIII: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ELECTION OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Sec 6: 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 club 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 officer shall serve more than one (1) term in the same office, except members of the Democratic National Committee.

NFDW Officer Nominees

Carye Blaney – Nominee for President

Carye has served on the board of the WVFDW, Inc. since 1988 and served as President from 2000-2004 becoming the youngest state president in the WV Federation history. Carye has served the NFDW as Southern Regional Director, fourth, third and first Vice President. She has served on various NFDW committee's including editor of the Communicator, history and nominating committees. Carye holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Carye currently serves as an elected official in WV holding the position of County Clerk in Monongalia County.

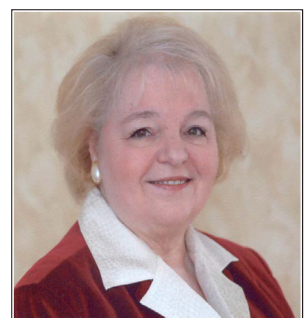


Nancee May – Nominee for 1st Vice President

Nancee has been actively involved in Democratic Politics since 1976, having served as the first woman ever elected to the Town Council in Riverdale, NJ. For more than 36 years, she has dedicated her life to public service, working to elect democrats at every level of government — federal, state, county and local.

She has served as the Eastern Regional Director of the NFDW and currently serves as the 2nd Vice President of NFDW. She has served as the President of the New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women since 2003 and was instrumental in bringing the New Jersey Federation together to organize and host the 2006 NFDW annual convention in Atlantic City, NJ. Nancee has served as the Chair of the Resolutions Committee for NFDW, as a member of the Convention Guide Committee, and as the PAC Treasurer for NFDW. She also served as a member of Credentials Committee, and as the PAC Treasurer for NFDW. Nancee also served as a member of Credentials Committee to the 2004 Democratic National Committee.

Nancee's credentials include 29 years of State employment, 19 years of private ownership of special events company and 36 years' experience working in political activities.



Kellie Green – Nominee for 2nd Vice President

Kellie is a dedicated professional with strong organizational, leadership and interpersonal skills. Her political experience includes, but is not limited to: GOTV organizer, Obama Presidential campaign; Caucus assistant Democratic National Convention; Deputy GOTV coordinator, Michigan 5th Congressional District; Chair Women’s Caucus Michigan Democratic Party and Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign. Kellie was the 1999 recipient of NFDW’s Founders Internship. After her internship, she was asked to stay on at the DNC as Director, Office of the Vice Chairs 1999–2002. Kellie has a Masters degree in Health Administration from Eastern Michigan University and a Masters degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University.



Barbara Harris – Nominee for 3rd Vice President

Barbara is a member of the Idaho Democratic Women’s Caucus and a past president of this organization. From the backroom to the boardroom she has worked in every capacity. She served as President of the North Idaho Central Labor Council 1992–2008. Barbara was Trustee-Central Labor Council 1983–1992. She is the recipient of many awards and recognition for her volunteer work in a number of campaigns. She was awarded Labor Leader of 2004 from United Vision. Barbara is currently serving as 5th Vice President on the NFDW board.



Cindy Jenks – Nominee for Recording Secretary

Mary S. “Cindy” Jenks has been active in multiple campaigns from US Senate, US House, Missouri statewide and Missouri House and Senate. She has served as Vice Chair of Democratic Party committee’s and traveled all over south central MO with delegations organizing and encouraging Democrats. Cindy helped form new women’s democratic clubs in the 8th congressional district of MO. She is currently Vice Chair Ripley County Democratic Central Committee, recording secretary democratic women for Ripley County and Corresponding Secretary to our NFDW President Janice Davis.



Terri Holland – Nominee for Treasurer

Terri has an extensive background serving in New Mexico politics. They Include: Scheduler for Michelle Lujan for Congress and Diane Denish for Governor, Special Assistant Bernalillo County Assessor’s Office, Deputy Director State Personnel Office, Executive Director Democratic Party of Bernalillo County and Director of Party Affairs, Democratic Party of NM.

Terri currently serves as Western Regional Director & is NFDW’s past Recording Secretary. She has an MBA and is working on her Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration.



Coalition Formed for Democratic Women Candidates

By G Snyder on March 22, 2013

INDIANAPOLIS—Last night more than 200 female Democrats came together from all corners of the state to celebrate the formation of a coalition to promote the election of Democratic women candidates in Indiana. The Indiana Federation of Democratic Women, the Indiana Chapter of NOW, the 51% Club, and the Democratic Women's Caucus hosted the event.



These groups will form the core of the new coalition. Each group will maintain its unique identity but will work together to accomplish their shared mission: the election of progressive Democratic women to the state legislature in 2014.

The evening celebrated the accomplishments of six Hoosier women heroes:

- Glenda Ritz, a 34-year teacher veteran who overcame an enormous fundraising disadvantage to become the first Democratic to win the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in forty years
- Cordelia Lewis Burks, a licensed practical nurse who began as a Democratic Party volunteer and worked her way up to become the Vice Chairwoman of the State Democratic Party of Indiana and National Democratic Committee member
- Vi Simpson, former Monroe County Auditor who became the Indiana State Senator for District 40 and later the Minority Leader of the Senate Democratic Caucus; she was the 2012 candidate for Lt. Governor
- Karen Freeman-Wilson, a graduate of Harvard Law school, she is a former Indiana Attorney General and currently the first female mayor of Gary, Indiana;
- Kathy Davis, a graduate of MIT and Harvard Business School, she served as Controller for the City of Indianapolis before later being unanimously confirmed by the Indiana General Assembly to serve as Lt. Governor
- Ann Delaney, a former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Marion County and head of the state Democratic Party, she transformed The Julian Center into a national powerhouse.

These inspiring women shared their vision of an Indiana led by bright, progressive women who promote political, social, and economic equality. According to Cordelia Lewis Burks, “Our coalition of groups will give voice to economic issues that impact women directly; pay equity, health care, and education access.”

DC Federation of Democratic Women

On Thursday, March 28, 2013 more than 25 members of the DC Federation of Democratic Women (DCFDW) dressed in blue and white lobbied the thirteen members of the Council of the District of Columbia on their annual Women- in -Blue Lobby Day.

Council Members were briefed on DCFDW's legislative agenda in relation to the 2014 budget as it relates to women, families and children. Position papers were presented on: victim's rights, housing for victims of domestic violence, seniors and single women. Members also advocated for safety net supports to address the chronic truancy problem which disproportionately affects minority schools and neighborhoods.

Members of DCFDW's legislative committee also met with Mayor Vincent C. Gray and his cabinet where they further discussed DCFDW's legislative agenda. As a result of this meeting, Mayor Gray has scheduled a city-wide Town Hall for Women on Saturday, April 27th where women throughout the District of Columbia will be provided an opportunity to participate in an interactive discussion on how the District of Columbia should invest in programs and services for women, children and families. The town hall is hosted in partnership with the DC Federation of Democratic Women and the DC Commission for Women

Estell Mathis-Lloyd, President of DCFDW, stated that she is elated that the Mayor as well as the members of the Council of the District of Columbia are giving special attention to our legislative priorities and concerns. "There are many challenges concerning women, families and children. Discussing these challenges affords all parties and opportunity to share information and discuss proposed solutions."

Building up to our lobbying day, the DCFDW held a workshop to identify and prepare women for elective office entitled, "Unlocking the Leader in YOU." The highly successful workshop introduced the DCFDW to potential members from a cross-section of organizations, identified by President Estell Lloyd as "a prime target audience for the DCFDW." President Janice Haynes Davis brought greetings on behalf of the National Federation of Democratic Women and acknowledged that Anita Bonds, a DCFDW member is running for a DC Councilmember-at-large seat.

The workshop presenters included DCFDW member, Jeannette Mobley, currently the chief of staff for DC Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, who spoke on the topic: "The basics of leading a volunteer campaign staff." Enid Doggett, COO and Executive VP of VERGO Productions, a multimedia and public relations firm, spoke on the topic: "Successful use of social media in political campaigns." Darryl G. Gorman, the DC Director of the Office of Boards and Commissions spoke on the subject: "Opportunities for public service through appointed positions."

Marquita Sanders delivered the keynote address, "Unlocking the Leader in YOU." The youngest member of the presenters, Ms. Sanders was the Director of Volunteer Operations for President Obama's 2013 Presidential Inauguration and was formerly the Director of Volunteer Coordination for the 2012 Democratic National Convention Committee in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she recruited and mobilized over 12 thousand volunteers. The workshop was spearheaded by members of the Education and Outreach Committee chaired by Hazel Thomas and Gloria Jeff and was a continuation of the DCFDW's outreach efforts to unite women as change agents under the theme of "1,000 Women across Washington."

For more information about the DCFW legislative agenda, to obtain copies of position papers on the DCFW legislative priorities or to get more information about the Women's Town Hall meeting, contact us at DCDemocraticWomen@gmail.com or at DC Federation of Democratic Women.



*Proudly hosted by the
West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women, Inc.*

Susan Hubbard, President
Belinda Biafore, Convention Chair
Carye Blaney, NFDW, 1st Vice-President

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Dear Convention Attendee:

It is with distinct pleasure we welcome you to the great State of West Virginia for the 42nd Anniversary of the National Federation of Democratic Women. This year's theme: *"Democratic Women, the Heart of the Party, 53% and Counting"* will showcase the progress our Women are making in this past election and future elections.

Our State Federation was a proud host of the NFDW Convention in 1976 and 2007. We are certainly looking forward to hosting you again and providing you with a tremendous amount of southern hospitality...West Virginia style.

Our goal is to make this a highly educational, informative and fun event. The Convention will run June 13 – June 16, 2013. Please find a registration form, tour information, hotel form and vendor form following this cover letter. Please log online at **nfdw.com** for more information.

Please make sure you use the airport code CRW when making your airline reservations. We want to make sure you arrive in Charleston, West Virginia.

We hope you will make plans to join us. If we can provide you with any additional information or assistance please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

Democratically yours,

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Registration

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Each delegate and each guest must fill out an official registration form.

Each form must be accompanied by a check or money order. No one will be registered without payment in advance.

This year's registration fee for delegates and guests will be **\$200.00**. Young Democrats or College Democrats fee will be **\$100.00**.

(The fee includes all leadership sessions, Awards Luncheon and Annual Banquet on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday morning.)

All guests who register and pay their fee will be admitted to all events. Guests will not have voting privileges at the annual business meeting.

Registration will be conducted on Wednesday (from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.), Thursday (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

When you register you will receive a registration packet, which will include your credentials (name tag and ribbon), your tickets to all events, information about things of interest in the area, and the official Annual Meeting Commemorative Program Book.

Each person registering for the Annual Meeting is responsible for their own hotel reservation.

Registrations will not be accepted after May 5, 2013

National Federation of Democratic Women, Inc.

42nd Annual Meeting Registration Form

June 13-16, 2013

Marriott Town Center

Charleston, West Virginia

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER PERSON

Please Print Clearly

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

NAME to appear on name tag: _____

Email address: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Will be attending as:

Please check one category:

State President:___ Delegate:_____ NFDW Board _____ GUEST:_____ Young Dem _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$200.00 by April 30, 2013

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100.00 Young Democrats or College Democrats by April 30, 2013

Make checks payable to: **NFDW 2013**

Mail this registration form **with check or Money Order to:**

Meg Cianfrocca
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REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

REFUNDS WILL NOT BE MADE AFTER May 15, 2013

**Registration Forms Must Be Received No Later Than
May 5, 2013**

Hotel Reservations

Please contact:

Charleston Marriott Town Center
200 Lee Street East
Charleston, West Virginia 25301
(304) 345-6500

Emphasize you are attending the National Federation of Democratic Women Convention in order to be given the discounted rate.

Convention rates will be available until May 14, 2013.

Room Rates:

Single and Doubles

Wednesday, June 12th thru Sunday, June 16th - **\$114.00 per night (plus 12% tax)**

Check in: 4:00 p.m.

Check out: 12:00 p.m.

**Complimentary shuttle service provided by the Marriott to and from the airport.
Please call the Marriott upon arrival.**

******* Please make sure you double check your airline reservations to arrive in Charleston, West Virginia. The airport code is CRW.**



Registration

TOUR FORM

One form per person

Personal Information (Please Print)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Tour Sign-Ups

____ Tour: Greenbrier Excursion \$60.00 \$ _____

Total Tours Fee \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **2013 NFDW Convention**

Mail this entire registration form to:

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Tour Information

All tours held on Thursday, June 13, 2013

Tour: GREENBRIER EXCURSION : Tour of Bunker, Gambling Casino and Shopping \$60

Travel to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia in the heart of southern West Virginia. Over two centuries ago, in fact, more than 230 years, in a valley nestled within the eternal majesty of the Allegheny Mountains in White Sulphur Springs, WV, a most extraordinary happening occurred – the first guests were pampered. And from that moment, until today, when you enter the grounds you become part of a haven rooted in hospitality and luxury. Welcome to the Greenbrier Resort- Americas Resort since 1778. The Greenbrier is an award winning resort with exquisite interior design, carefully sculpted landscape, impeccable service and outstanding amenities and is known to have hosted distinguished guests from around the world. The Greenbrier is widely regarded as one of the finest luxury resorts around the world. It offers exclusive services and amenities, 40,000 square foot five star spa and a 103.000 square foot gaming and entertainment venue. Transportation is included and snacks will be served.

Schedule: 7:00 — Boarding Begins
 7:30 --- Depart Charleston Marriott
 9:30 — Arrive Lewisburg- Tour of Greenbrier, Bunker, Shopping, Gambling Casino, Lunch
 2:00 — Depart for Charleston
 4:00 — Arrive Charleston Marriot

More Details to be announced once quota for bus is reached

PLEASE NOTE AT LEAST 35 MUST SIGN UP FOR TOUR

Shopping and Gambling Opportunies.....

Plenty of Shopping opportunities right across the street

Charleston Town Center is the premier shopping and dining destination in the Tri-state area for the Mid-Atlantic region. Conveniently located across the street from the Marriot. It provides the perfect mix of shopping and dining opportunities.

Slots Free

Spend an afternoon enjoying the video slot machines. Tri-State Greyhound Racetrack & Gaming Center in Cross Lanes, West Virginia is your one-stop gaming facility. Join the Player's Club to track your points and experience 90,000 square feet of gaming entertainment with 1,800 slot machines, including penny slots in over 100 game themes

GREENBRIER - - THE BUNKER AND BEYOND ORIGINS

The story of The Greenbrier begins at the sulphur water spring that remains the center of the resort property. It issues forth below the green dome of the white-columned Springhouse that serves as The Greenbrier's symbol. Since 1778, people have come to "take the waters" to restore their health. In the 19th century, visitors drank and bathed in the sulphur water to cure everything from rheumatism to an upset stomach. Because of the water's draw, the resort was known as White Sulphur Springs.

In the late 1950s, the U.S. government once again approached The Greenbrier for assistance, this time in the construction of an Emergency Relocation Center-a bunker or bomb shelter-to be occupied by the U.S. Congress in case of war. The classified underground facility was built in conjunction with an above ground addition to the hotel, the West Virginia Wing, between 1959 and 1962. For thirty years the facility codenamed Project Greek Island was maintained at a constant state of operational readiness. At any point during those years, one telephone call from officials in Washington, D. C. fearing an imminent attack on the capital would have turned the lavish resort into an active participant in the national defense system. At the end of the Cold War, and prompted by exposure in the press in 1992, the project was terminated and the bunker decommissioned.

In the overt world above the bunker resort life proceeded normally as Jack Nicklaus arrived to redesign the then fifty year old Greenbrier Course, bringing it up to championship standards for the 1979 Ryder Cup Matches. That course was also the site of three PGA Seniors tournaments in the 1980s and the 1994 Solheim Cup competition. In 1999, The Meadows Course evolved when Bob Cupp redesigned, rerouted and upgraded the older Lakeside Course, a project that included the creation a new Golf Academy. Sam Snead's remarkable career was enshrined when the Golf Club was virtually rebuilt featuring the restaurant bearing his name with museum quality displays of memorabilia from his personal collection.

As the 21st century dawned, attention turned to an extraordinarily ambitious expansion, the largest at The Greenbrier for many decades. The Greenbrier Sporting Club developed selected portions of the resort's 6,500 acres into neighborhoods of custom-designed homes featuring panoramic views of the surrounding Allegheny Mountains. Membership in the Club includes access to a Tom Fazio-designed golf course, The Snead, as well as a private lodge, spa, exercise facilities, tennis courts, and outdoor pool. Members also have access to all of The Greenbrier's facilities.

Totally new programs emerged-including the Falconry Academy and the Off-Road Driving School-as the resort reached out to wider audiences looking for unique family vacations. Old favorites at The Greenbrier were updated as well. For example, golf course architect Lester George created a challenging new version of the Old White Course based upon a historic restoration inspired by the original C. B. Macdonald design. That renovation was completed in 2006.

AUCTION



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

**If you would like to ship your item ahead please ship to:
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Charleston , WV 25301**