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## TELL EVERYONE



### JUSTICE GINSBURG ON EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

“Every constitution written since the end of World War II includes a provision that men and women are citizens of equal stature. Ours does not. I have three granddaughters. I’d like them to be able to take out their Constitution and say ‘here is a basic premise of our system, that men and women are persons of equal citizenship stature.’”

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Gail Buckner



Greetings Sister Warriors,

Democratic Women celebrated Women's Equality Day with events that paid homage to those whose shoulders we stand upon. We should never forget the hard-fought movement that took more than a century to win women's right to vote and the many beatings, imprisonments, and force-feedings those women endured.

Because of the recent Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe, some were shouting "Women's Inequality Day." Regardless of your interpretation, women have come a long way, but the fight is not over. We are continuing to demand that the Equal Rights Amendment be added to the U.S. Constitution. The Madison Amendment was added as the 26th Amendment after 200 years and the ERA should also be added as the 28th Amendment.

During NFDW's 51st Annual Meeting, we adopted a resolution to support adding the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. The **Washington State Federation and the Oklahoma Federation of Democratic Women**

submitted resolutions on this issue, and those resolutions were forwarded to Marena Groll, Chair of NFDW's Legislative Committee's ERA Committee. She took the strongest statements from each resolution, including the Legislative Committee's existing resolution, and wove those statements into one document.

The DNC's resolutions staff sent NFDW's Equal Rights Amendment Resolution to the DNC's Resolution Committee for consideration during their September 8th meeting. NFDW's Resolution on Supporting Former President Obama's Campaign to End Disinformation was also sent to the DNC Resolutions Committee. This resolution was submitted by the Georgia Federation. Several statements from NFDW's resolution of Protecting a Woman's Right to Choose were blended into the DNC Chairman's Resolution on this subject. On Saturday, September 10, 2022 the full body voted unanimously to adopt these resolutions. Thank you to NFDW's state federations for submitting all the resolutions that were adopted at our 51st annual meeting and the DNC voting delegates.

Another item for celebration: the Oklahoma Federation of Democratic Women became the first state federation to present NFDW's newly approved True Blue Appreciation Certificates during their Women's Equality Day program. They followed the award guidelines and recognized five very deserving members.

# ELECT. MORE. DEMOCRATS.

We have just celebrated Labor Day and we must acknowledge the transformational accomplishments gained by our **Labor Sisters and Brothers**. They too have given blood, sweat, and tears in their movement to provide better working conditions for all workers. This country is what we are today because of the sacrifices of our Friends in Labor.

Now our attention must turn to **electing Democrats**. This is our single most important responsibility and we need everyone phone banking, knocking on doors, writing postcards, getting citizens registered to vote, and then getting them to the polls to cast their votes. We cannot take anything for granted. The numerous voter suppression laws that were passed around our country range from making it illegal to provide water, food, or a chair to a person standing in line to vote, to moving ballot collection boxes inside the post office where the boxes can only be accessed during post

office business hours. Attacks on election officials and candidates are frightening. The right to vote is the cornerstone of democracy, and access to voting is crucial.

We must work as if our lives depend on this election because they do.

Best regards,

*Gail Buckner*



*NFDW Intern Caroline McGraw and NFDW President Gail Buckner at the Summer DNC Meeting.*

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# DNC SPOTLIGHT

by Gail Buckner, NFDW President

## NFDW INTERN ATTENDS DNC SUMMER MEETING

**Caroline McGraw** was NFDW's Intern selected to serve at the Democratic National Committee, having been nominated for the internship by the New York Federation of Democratic Women. She stated her experience was both outstanding and life changing. The DNC kept Caroline on staff to work during the DNC's Summer Meeting that was held in Maryland September 8th-10th, proving herself a valuable team member to the DNC Staff.



The highlights of the meeting were Caroline meeting President Joe Biden, Congresswoman Nikema Williams, New York Governor Kathy Hochul, and so many other outstanding Democrats.



(L-R): New York Governor Kathy Hochul with NFDW Intern Caroline McGraw



(L-R): Georgia Rep. Nikema Williams (D-05), NFDW Intern Caroline McGraw, and NFDW President Gail Buckner

# CALIFORNIA UPDATES

by Carolyn Fowler, President



## CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S CAUCUS



We celebrated the 102nd Women's Equality Day with a virtual statewide **#ROEVENBER RALLY!** Co-Hosted with Northern California and Julie Waters, Vice Chair, EMERGE.

The "California Gurls" paid tribute to our Native Lands, held a moment of silence for victims of COVID, police violence, gun violence, abortion care, fire and flood disasters, families and soldiers in war-torn Ukraine and all other causes since we were last together.

We were reminded Women's Equality Day was intended to commemorate the 19th Amendment, a milestone giving women the right to vote, but non-white women did not gain the right to vote until 1924 (native American women), 1952 (Asian American women), 1965 (African American women), and 1975 (non-English speakers).

As we see today, existing wage differentials and most importantly the



*California State President Carolyn Fowler Led a Virtual Women's Equality Day Celebration*

loss of the right to decide what happens to our own bodies are tragic. It's the first time in modern history of this country that a Constitutional right has been withdrawn. A direct attack on women everywhere, this right and others are fragile and must be protected. The audience was thanked for being part of the rising resistance focused on winning elections and securing the full human rights of women.



The Caucus was honored that Speaker Nancy Pelosi presented an overview of the most recent legislative successes and mostly without one Republican vote. She also reminded us of the importance of staying active in supporting our candidates and that "we don't agonize, we organize!" No doubt women will play a critical role in the outreach and winning in November. We are proud of the many women in leadership service in our California Democratic Party and used Equality Day to give some shout-outs, thanking them for strengthening us and standing up for women's rights.

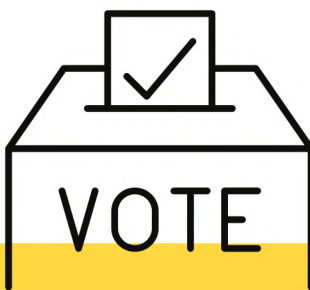
# CALIFORNIA UPDATES



We were also fortunate to hear from BOE Chair and soon-to-be California State Controller, Malia Cohen, who brought remarks from San Francisco: "Now more than ever, we need leaders at all levels of government who will fight to ensure women have equal rights." (See #Equality #teammalia)

Cohen continued: "We now have a presidency where the president has delivered the largest economic recovery plan since Roosevelt, the largest infrastructure plan since Eisenhower, the most judges confirmed since Kennedy, the second largest health care bill since Johnson, and the largest climate change bill in history. . . . The first time we have done gun control since President Clinton was here, the first time ever an African American woman has been put on the U.S. Supreme Court . . . and first time ever student debt relief. I think it's a record to take to the American people."

-Ron Klain  
White House Chief of Staff



(L-R): House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and NFDW 5th Vice President Christine Pelosi

NFDW 5th Vice President and DNC Executive Board Member Christine Pelosi closed the meeting with an update on NFDW and DNC current plans. We look forward to the report from the upcoming DNC meeting and Women in Blue 2023.



#ROEVEEMBER RALLY  
#DEMOCRATS DELIVER #ROE  
THE VOTE #IWILLVOTE

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# CALIFORNIA UPDATES

by Carolyn Fowler, State President

## SILENT SENTINEL OCTOBER 8TH

On October 8, 2022, a month before the most important election in decades, the National Women's History Alliance and the Capitol Women's Campaign invite you to become a Silent Sentinel to galvanize the vote. What is a Silent Sentinel? From 1917 to 1919, a group of determined women stood silently in front of the White House in protest of President Woodrow Wilson's lack of support for women's right to vote. They wore distinctive purple, white and gold sashes and held signs with slogans like, "Mr. President, how much longer must we wait for liberty?"

This **October 8, 2022**, we are urging women and allies to stand silently with one sign in purple and white that says VOTE. Become a modern-day Silent Sentinel by joining others on busy street corners throughout your city, state, and other parts of the United States urging people to simply vote. Imagine the groundswell! Let's do it. Interested? More information to come.



## MASTRO MONDAY! AUGUST 29TH

In partnership with Nevada Democratic Victory, California Democratic Party, California Democratic Party Women's Caucus, Women's March Action, and Women's Political Committee. Join Senator Cortez-Masto on Monday, August 29th as we continue monthly "Masto Monday's" special event phone banks! Defending Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto's seat is key to maintaining our Democratic Trifecta, which means we need to reach out and talk to voters in Nevada. RSVP "Masto Monday" Phone Bank with US Senator Cortez-Masto! Grassroots Democrats HQ ([mobilize.us](https://mobilize.us))

Join Senator Cortez-Masto for  
**MASTO MONDAY!**  
Monday, August 29 at 5pm PT/8pm ET

NEVADA VICTORY CADEM WOMEN'S MARCH ACTION W/C



# CONNECTICUT UPDATES

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SUFFRAGE AND WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2022

Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women held its CFDW Builds Back Better Biennial Workshop on May 21, 2022. Members from across the state joined the virtual gathering to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote with an historical perspective on the long struggle for women's suffrage from the mid-19th century to the Emancipation Proclamation to the 14th Amendment.

Suffragists truly suffered humiliation, threats, attacks, jailing, force feeding, etc. for their activism until the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920, giving women the right to vote.

Honored guest speaker Congresswoman Hayes (D-05) spoke of her advocacy in the House, reminding us that we all must fight for critical issues. She fears people are retreating because they are tired of political contention and issues that are exhausting, but she exhorted us to "lean in," support long-term investments in our economy, and fight for basic needs such as food security for children and families.

Passionately supporting women's reproductive health, rights to privacy, and growing politicization of education, she called out selfishness, disingenuous misinformation, critical race theory and replacement theory as destructive to democracy. She commended Democratic women for our advocacy, spreading the facts about the Biden agenda, and working to get out the vote.



*Congresswoman Jahana Hayes*

On Women's Equality Day, August 26th, CFDW held another celebratory meeting, reviewing the path to suffrage and rededicating the organization to fight for those hard-won rights under attack: voter access, ERA, equal pay, and reproductive freedom. Our Connecticut Federation is the oldest in the country, its founding coinciding with women's suffrage in 1920. Guest speaker State Rep. Stephanie Thomas spoke of her personal story as a woman of color in a family that expected everyone to vote. Her dedication to advancing voting rights is the cornerstone of her campaign for Secretary of the State. She explained the November referendum on a State Constitutional Amendment that allows early voting and cited Connecticut's leadership in expanding voting access. She encouraged everyone not to take our rights for granted and stressed "commitment to social responsibility 365 days a year."



*Secretary of the State Candidate Thomas*

# FLORIDA UPDATES



The Democratic Women's Club of Florida Observed Womens Equality Day in many different ways throughout the State. Some held Tea's or Luncheons and invited Powerful Women as keynote speakers. Others chose to spend the day supporting candidates that support women's right to choose. At the forefront: Women are still fighting for equality..



DWC of Charlotte Members Table for Equality Day at a local Democratic community event..



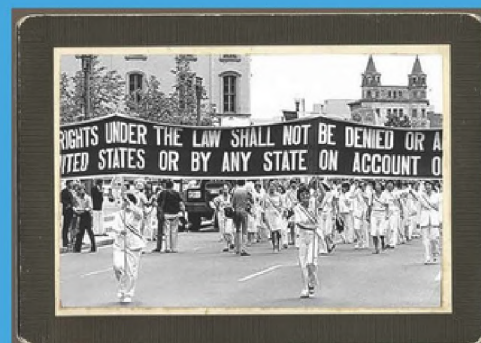
Members from the DWC of Highlands County prepare for their Women's Equality Day Tea



Region VI comes out to support the DWC of Marion County's Equal-Tea. Seen here are representaion from Citrus, The Villages & Levy Counties.



Danielle Hawk DWC of Alachua Member and FL Congressional Candidate speaks at the Equality

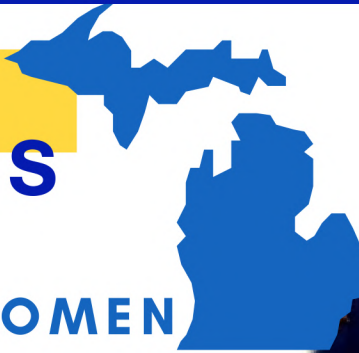


DWC of Okaloosa observed Womens Equality Day with a powerful Luncheon

# MICHIGAN UPDATES

## MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC WOMEN CAUCUS

2022 Annual Legacy  
Luncheon



Michigan Democratic women were so excited to have Valerie Biden Owens as our Keynote speaker for our Annual Legacy Luncheon, the kick-off for Midterm elections. We had 750 attendees hear from our Congressional delegation, Statewide elected officials, and political activists. Our MI Court of Appeals Judge, Cynthia Diane Stephens, received the Eleanor Roosevelt award.

# NEVADA UPDATES

by Audrey Dempsey, President

## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2022

The Nevada Federation of Democratic Women has been engaged in spreading the message of Women's Equality Day. NFDW has partnered with the Nevada Organization for Women and very successful events were well attended.

(R-L): Nevada  
President Audrey  
Dempsey with  
Commissioner Tick  
Segeberblom and  
Clark County Clerk  
Lynn Goya



NFDW's Samantha  
Crunkilton joined  
the Young  
Democrats' fund-  
raiser for  
Senator Catherine  
Cortez-Mastro



(L-R): Nevada President Audrey Dempsey  
with U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi



Nevada Senator Jacky Rosen meeting with  
her constituents



(L-R): U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff (GA) joined  
Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez-Mastro and  
NFDW Treasurer Samantha Crunkilton at a Young  
Democrat's fundraiser.

# NEW JERSEY UPDATES



## 1,500+ POSTCARDS

The Burlington County, NJ Chapter and friends of the Chapter have written more than 1500 postcards before Labor Day weekend. They will put those cards in the mail on September 19, reminding Vote by Mail voters to send in their ballots.



On a national level, we are supporting our true public servant, Congressman Andy Kim, and locally we're encouraging a vote up and down the ballot for the full slate of Democrats. The effort not only goes a long way for voters and candidates, but it has also resulted in more interest in the Federation. Below, I've attached the postcard designed by one of our Chapter members, Kelly Birch. This is the second year we've used a version of it because we are getting quite a bit of attention for it, I think because it's bright and unique.

Chapters around the state are busy working on Vote by Mail (VBM) campaigns. Somerset County chapter member Nancy D'Andrea of Basking Ridge has been busy mobilizing volunteers to send out targeted letters and Vote by Mail applications to voters from all voting cycles: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th time voters.

We are working with Congressman Tom Malinowski's campaign as well and coordinating with field operatives making phone calls and helping people turn out to meet Tom at the community "Tom intown" events around the County.

# NEW JERSEY UPDATES



Gloucester County has boots on the ground for Candidate Tim Alexander, whom they are planning to have as their next Congressman in NJ's Congressional District 2, hoping to beat Congressman Jeff Van Drew. Pictured with Tim Alexander at a recent S. Jersey fundraiser, from left to right are co-hosts Lisa Grosset & NJFDW Vice President Rachel Green; NJ Democratic State Committee Vice Chair Peg Schaffer, Former Mayor of Washington Township, Barbara Wallace, and Harrison Township Democratic Chair Kelly Redkoles.



# OKLAHOMA UPDATES

## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2022



OFDWC commemorated Women's Equality Day 2022 with **two endeavors**. On Friday, August 26, 2022, several members gathered at the Oklahoma Democratic Party (ODP) headquarters to pull the winning ticket for our \$500 Gasoline Drawing. Members from across the state had worked diligently for the past three months to ensure that every Oklahoman that wanted to participate in the drawing had an opportunity to do so. ODP Chair Alicia Andrews, who is a member of the Heart of the Party FDWC in Tulsa, pulled the winning ticket. The room erupted in applause when the name of Barbara Nicholson was drawn. Barbara is a member of the Bryan County FDWC in deep southeast Oklahoma's Green Country. She is the mother of Bryan County FDWC club president, Charlotte Young. Congratulations, Barbara!

Oklahoma Democratic Women and a few hundred of their fellow activists and friends commemorated Women's Equality Day on Saturday, August 27, 2022. OFDWC was pleased to have the support of 28 sponsors for their fellowship and fun! There were over 30 candidates/elected officials in attendance including our gubernatorial candidate Joy Hofmeister, our Lt. Governor nominee Melinda Alizadeh-Fard, our Superintendent of Public Instruction nominee Jena Nelson and both of our U.S. Senate nominees, Kendra Horn and Madison Horn. Kendra and Madison are not related but are both exceptional Democratic women who will make us proud in D.C. delivering for the people! Six of our eight statewide nominees are women and they have created some palpable excitement and mobilized Democrats across the state. Oklahoma voters have an unprecedented opportunity to make some positive change on November 8, 2022. In addition to our great group of statewide, Congressional, and Constitutional candidates, we are fortunate to have excellent candidates that will effect change at all levels of government—including municipal and county offices.



# OKLAHOMA UPDATES

The highlight of our Women's Equality Day True Blue Rally was the recognition of our NFDW True Blue Honorees—five OFDWC members who make a difference every day:

## 2022 True Blue Award Honorees:

- CD 1 Leesa Bennett - Treasurer, Heart of the Party FDWC (Tulsa)
- CD 2 Ann Weaver - President, OFDWC CD 2 (Muldrow)
- CD 3 Nancy Presnall - President, Garfield County FDWC (Enid)
- CD 4 Darla Dougan - Secretary, Carter County FDWC (Ardmore)
- CD 5 Debbie Hogue-Downing - OFDWC Immediate Past President (OKC)



TRUE BLUE  
RALLY 2022





# OKLAHOMA UPDATES

## TRUE BLUE RALLY 2022



In addition to the NFDW Certificate, each member of our True Blue 2022 inaugural class received a crystal abstract trophy and other recognitions from family and friends.

# PENNSYLVANIA UPDATES



## ANNUAL CONVENTION Pennsylvania Women - Strong and Blue

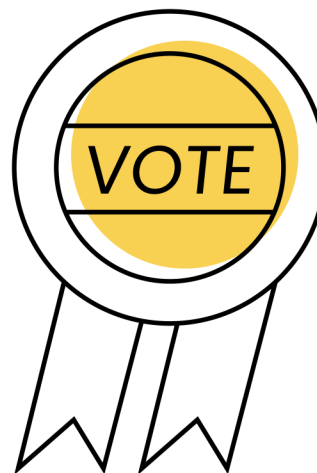
The Pennsylvania Federation of Democratic Women held its Annual Convention from July 22-24 in Lewisburg, PA. Theme for the Convention was "PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN-STRONG AND TRUE BLUE!" The Convention was called to order by President Dianne Gregg and began with its business meeting, which included nominations of officers and officers' reports. We were honored to host special guests who offered inspiring remarks: Indiana County Commissioner Sherene Hess; State Representative Patty Kim; State Representative Scott Conklin; State Senator Sharif Street, who is also Chair of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party; Giselle Fetterman, wife of Lieutenant Governor and U.S. Senate candidate John Fetterman; and State Representative and PA Candidate for Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis.

Four Scholarships were awarded during the annual Scholarship Luncheon to deserving Democratic women college students. Harriet Ellenberger was chosen as the 2022 Woman of the Year. The Convention concluded with the Installation of Officers and Regional Directors in a candlelit ceremony conducted by NFDW First Vice President and PFDW Past President Susan Rutt.

The following were installed: 4th Vice President-Shelley Glessner; 5th Vice President-Colleen Gerrity; 6th Vice President-Shantale Galloway; Regional Directors: Barbara Carroll; Mary Ann Kapacs; Shanan Miller; and Jan McCready.

PFDW is planning its 2022 Outstanding Elected Democratic Women event on Sunday, November 20 in Harrisburg. Elected Democratic women will be selected by their clubs to be recognized at this annual event. This is a fundraiser for our PAC. We will also recognize members of the PFDW Century Club. Co-Chairs of the event are Deanne McNally and Susan Rutt. The PFDW's Board meeting will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the same location.

Everyone in the PFDW is working hard to elect our Statewide ticket: Josh Shapiro for Governor, Austin Davis for Lt. Governor, and John Fetterman for U.S. Senate, as well as every member of the PA House of Representative and 25 members of the PA Senate, and members of Congress across the State.



# WASHINGTON UPDATES

by Carin Chase, President



## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2022

### Reproductive Rights Were Stolen- Mobilize NOW To Get Them Back!

The **Salish Sea Chapter** of the **Washington State Federation of Democratic Women** co-hosted the action strategy discussion on the future of reproductive freedom, equity and personal privacy with Attorney General Bob Ferguson, State Senator Manka Dhingra, Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, and Deputy Director of Pro-Choice Washington Sami Alloy.

The SCOTUS decision is a real crisis that affects millions of people across this country, including here in Washington State. Republicans are pushing for a federal abortion ban, and the abortion bans from surrounding states are already putting a strain on all of our local clinics and providers.

We facilitated breakout sessions after the Speakers Panel to ask questions and discuss ideas and strategize actions to protect and expand reproductive freedom, equity, and personal privacy.

## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2022

Free, interactive strategizing on the future of  
reproductive freedom, equity, and personal privacy

### SPEAKERS:

Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Rep. Suzan DelBene,  
Senator Manka Dhingra and Sami Alloy,  
Deputy Director of Pro-Choice Washington

August 26, 2022 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Indigenous Peoples Day Program**

**October 10, 2022**

(tentative date)

Program Planners: Carin Chase, President Washington Federation of Democratic Women, and Diane Lechner, President New York Federation of Democratic Women.

# Shop 'til We Win!



## NFDW Rectangular Scarf

\$20.00

Rectangular scarf measures 58" long and 10.5" wide. \$20 per scarf plus \$3.25 for transaction fee and shipping. If order several scarves at once, we will refund amount of shipping fee you paid that is more than it cost us.

Item Number: 64248-Large  
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## 50th Anniversary Tote Bag

\$25.00

All NFDW members are invited to purchase a bag, but the quantity available is limited, so make your purchase ASAP. The cost of this special bag is \$23 and includes shipping. A \$2 online transaction fee is added to the price making the total \$25.

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