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## A message from President Pat Hobbs

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**The American Woman**—Today, women are an integral part of the electorate. Across the United States, there are 78.1 million registered female voters, nearly 10 million more than the number of male registered voters. And just as the Democratic Party has led the way for the full and robust participation of women in politics since the passage of the 19th Amendment, Democratic leaders are leading the way toward full equality for women in all spheres of American Life.

Despite women’s gains nationally and in the workplace, there is still room for improvement. Women continue to earn just 80% for doing the same job as men, and in 2008, 28.7% of households headed by single women were poor, according to a U.S. Census Bureau Report. In political terms in the 2010 congressional midterm elections was the first time since 1979 there were fewer women in the congress. Our House of Representatives now ranks 90th of countries in the world when it comes to women in legislative positions. To put that in prospective only 17% of the House of Representatives are women. More facts, 3% of the Fortune 500 companies are run by women. Only 7% of the directors and 10% of the writers, in the top 250 largest grossing films, were women.

Just look at the family and gender bias in the way the Republican Congress wants to treat women and girls in their budget cuts in these hard times. They would trash Head Start for kids, kick grandma out of the nursing home, close down women’s health care and stop funding for cancer to name a few. My Democratic sisters gather all your women friends and join our National Federation in helping to take back America and to win the fight for the full equality of women.

**Fired up and ready to go!** In the organizational battle on Face Book, right now Newt Gingrich has 100,000 fans, Mitt Romney has 800,000. President Obama has a whopping 18.5 million and that’s an organization tool that his people right now are figuring out how to update for the 2012 campaign.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President 2009–2011. It has been an awesome experience meeting and working with all of you, representing you on the DNC Executive Board both here at home and abroad. I know we are going to elect a strong team of Federation Women to lead us at all levels into the future. I have a 2012 dream that together women will provide the necessary votes to re-elect President

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## President's Letter *(continued)*

Obama, hold the Senate and win a net of at least 25 seats to take back House of Representatives.

Don't believe it can happen; well that's just what we did in the 2010 election in my home state of California. Democrats won all statewide races including Governor (even though the Republican spent over 184 million dollars in losing) and we re-elected Barbara Boxer to again join Dianne Feinstein in the US Senate. We also reelected a huge majority in the State Senate, Assembly, to the US House of Representatives and yes ladies, a *large majority* of our Democratic House Members are WOMEN!

So start believing, get involved politically, roll up your sleeves, let your imagination run wild, dare to dream the dream of full equality and just remember this one fact, the more we get women to vote the more Democratic victories for a better America. May God bless you and keep you!

Democratically Yours,

Pat Hobbs, President

National Federation of Democratic Women

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# D.C. FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

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Dear Federation Members,

The D.C. Federation of Democratic Women (DCFDW) will host the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Federation of Democratic Women from May 18 – 22, 2011 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.

The 2011 Convention theme is “*Celebrating 40 Years of Service Empowering Women to Make a Difference.*” We are looking forward to bringing together women from across the nation to share ideas, raise our voices, and to prepare for Democratic victories in 2012 and beyond.

Enclosed is a registration packet that includes: registration form, information needed for the White House Tour, commemorative program advertisement form, information regarding discount airfare and car rental, hotel reservation, and a sample letter on Women in Blue Lobby Day on the Hill.

Our pre-Convention activities will include:

- **May 18 – White House Tour and Reception, Registered Participants Only.**
- **May 18 – Spirit of Washington Cruise (Wednesday evening)**
- **May 19 – Women in Blue on the Hill.**

Please review the materials and adhere to the submission of the deadline dates:

- **Commemorative Program Ads - Monday, April 4, 2011**
- **Hotel Reservation - Friday, April 15, 2011**
- **Convention Registration and Information for the White House Tour - Monday, May 2, 2011**

**We are excited to host our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Nation’s Capitol and look forward to a very meaningful, enjoyable and memorable event.**

Sincerely,

Selerya Moore, DC Federation President  
Annette Jones, National Convention Co-Chair  
Estell Lloyd, National Convention Co-Chair



# D.C. FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

*“Celebrating 40 years of Service  
Empowering Women to Make a Difference”*

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN 2011 ANNUAL CONVENTION WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011 – SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011

L’Enfant Plaza Hotel  
480 L’Enfant Plaza, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024  
202-484-1000

### REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration Fee

\$ 200.00 payable until May 2, 2011 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 225.00 postmarked after May 2<sup>nd</sup> \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 100.00 Young Democrat Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I’m attending the Sunday, May 22 Breakfast (Included in Registration Fee)

**Registration fee includes: the White House Tour, Luncheon on Capitol Hill, Taste of DC (adults only), and Banquet at L’Enfant Plaza. Extra tickets (exclusive of the White House Tour and Luncheon on Capitol Hill) will be available for your guest (s) to purchase.**

#### Pre-conference Activity – Evening

\_\_\_\_ Spirit of Washington Cruise - Wednesday, May 18, 2011 \$ 60.00 No. of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Tickets – non registrants

\_\_\_\_ President’s Luncheon - Friday, May 20, 2011 \$ 40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Taste of DC (adults only) - Friday, May 20, 2011 \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Banquet – L’Enfant Plaza - Saturday, May 21, 2011 \$ 65.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Breakfast - Sunday, May 22, 2011 \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Registration deadline is May 2, 2011. Please note after May 2, the fee is \$225.00.**

**Please make payment in the form of a money order or check payable to 2011 NFDW**

**Convention and mail your registration and payment to:**

**Deborah Sewell  
707 Elder Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20012**

**202-723-6234 Email: [dsewell54@aol.com](mailto:dsewell54@aol.com) or**

**Online Registration at [www.NFDW.com](http://www.NFDW.com)**

#### Hotel Reservations

Reservations for the 2011 NFDW Annual Convention is required by **Friday, April 15, 2011**, in order to receive the Group rate of \$169 Single/Double; Triple \$189 per/night, please identify yourself as part of 2011 NFDW Annual Convention. Reservations must be **guaranteed** with one room night’s deposit in the form of a credit card. Call the hotel directly at (800) 635-5065.



### Security Information Instructions

All visitors requesting a visit to the White House must submit the following information to Secret Service:

**Last Name**

**First Name**

**MI:** This should be your middle initial. It can also be your full middle name. This field cannot be left blank – if you have no middle name, please enter NMN (for No Middle Name).

**DOB:** Date of birth must be entered in the following format: MM/DD/YYYY

**SSN:** Your Social Security number should be entered with no dashes and must be 9 digits. (e.g. 012345678)

**Citizen:** Y/N – If you are a US citizen, put Y – if not, put N. If you have a US Social Security number, you should be listed as a US Citizen.

**Country:** This should be your country of citizenship. If you answered “Y” in the last column, the answer to this question should be US. If you answered “N” in the last column, this should be your country of citizenship. Please use the 2 letter Country Codes found below.

**Gender:** M/F – This should be the gender that you identify with.

**City:** This should be your city of current residence – whatever is on your driver’s license. For foreign nationals, this should be the city in which you are staying while in the US.

**State:** This should be your state of current residence – whatever is on your driver’s license. For foreign nationals, this should be the state in which you are staying while in the US.

#### PLEASE PRINT

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_, First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ MM/DD/YYYY

Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_ (no dashes)

US Citizen \_\_\_\_ Y/N Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Letter codes only

Gender: M/F \_\_\_\_\_ City of residence: \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit form to: Deborah Sewell (address info on Registration form)**

# Sample Letter for Congressional Representatives

## *Women in Blue on the Hill*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

I will be in Washington, D.C. the week of May 15th to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW). The theme for our 2011 convention is “Celebrating 40 Years of Service — Empowering Women to Make a Difference.”

On Thursday, May 19th the NFDW will be on Capitol Hill, dressed in blue to speak with our Congressional Representatives. We will have lunch from 11:00 A.M. to 12:45P.M. and we would love for you to join us for lunch. Following lunch we will visit our Representatives. The delegation would like to meet with you between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M.

I will call your office to arrange a time to visit and give you the exact location of the luncheon. I look forward to meeting with you on May 19, 2011. I am certain the interaction will be very beneficial as we work closely together to achieve those goals which will improve our state and nation.

Sincerely,

## 40th Commemorative Program ads

### *“Celebrating 40 years of Service — Empowering Women to Make a Difference”*

Democratic Women from around the country are excited about the upcoming 40th Annual National Federation of Democratic Women Convention to be held in Washington, D.C. on May 18–22, 2011. In commemorating this 40th anniversary, in addition to requesting ads from your state representatives, we are encouraging you to contact your Congressional representatives to take an ad in the 2011 program book. Your ad puts your state organization on record for progress and the programs and positions of Democratic women.

Please review the advertising information below and consider supporting this effort.

#### **40th Annual 2011 NFDW Convention Program Book Information**

	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
FULL PAGE AD	8½ x 11	\$ 150.00
HALF PAGE AD	8½ x 5½	\$ 100.00
QUARTER PAGE AD	3 x 4¼	\$ 50.00

Send all ads, camera ready, accompanied with checks by Monday, April 4, 2011 to:

Alice Love,  
403 9th Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-744-3961

Email: [alice.love2@verizon.net](mailto:alice.love2@verizon.net)

Make checks payable to: 2011 NFDW Convention

# American Airlines Promo & Avis Rent-a-Car Discount

## American Airlines Group and Meeting Travel

Thank you for choosing American Airlines Group and Meeting Travel to handle your meeting needs. American Airlines and Avis Rent A Car have joined together to offer a program designed to fulfill all of your transportation needs.

American Airlines will offer a 5% discount on any flights from any where in the US to Reagan National during the dates of May 16–May 24, 2011. This promotion will entitle our organization to get one free flight toward the next convention for every 50 flights booked. Please note that the **promo code for the 5% discount is 6151BV**

Avis car rental is also offering a discount to all meeting attendees. It is the Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number (**G027999**) that is assigned to this group to receive the best available rates from Avis.

The group discount number is designed to offer the best available rate, includes unlimited mileage and is available from seven days before to seven days after the event.

Reservations should be made by calling Avis directly at (888) 754-8878 or by using the link provided below.

[www.avis.com/AvisWeb/reservation/ReservationsInitializer?&AWD\\_NUMBER=G027999](http://www.avis.com/AvisWeb/reservation/ReservationsInitializer?&AWD_NUMBER=G027999)

## From the February 2011 White House Reception



*Pat Hobbs, Janice Davis, Virgie Rollins and Ruth Rudy at White House Reception, February 2011*



*Janice Davis, Ruth Rudy and Pat Hobbs, White House Reception, February 2011*

# Proposed Bylaws Changes

02/11/2011

*NFDW Members: The proposed bylaw amendments are for your review and information. They will be presented for consideration and recommended for adoption at the 2011 National Convention of the NFDW in Washington, DC.*

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE	RATIONALE FOR CHANGES
<p><b>Article VIII. Nomination and Election of Officers &amp; Election of Regional Director</b>  <b>Section 1. (ends with) No member may serve Two consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee.</b></p>	<p><b>Article VIII. Nomination and Election of Officers &amp; Election of Regional Director</b>  <b>Section 1. (add a new sentence after) No member may serve two consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee. (new sentence) “One cannot serve on the Nominating Committee and be a candidate for one of the offices being nominated.”</b></p>	<p><i>Not appropriate to be nominating one’s self for a position on the Board of Directors. You need persons on the Nominating Committee making objective decisions on who will be the candidates for the board. Good idea also to have as many Qualified persons as possible involved in some way in our organization.</i></p>
<p><b>Article VIII. Nomination and Election of Officers &amp; Election of Regional Director</b>  <b>Section 9 (a) Membership on the DNC: The President will be a permanent member and two members who are Federation members will be elected individually by a majority vote of the delegates to the Federation Convention to be held in the year of such election.</b></p>	<p><b>Article VIII. Nomination and Election of Officers &amp; Election of Regional Director (new sentence added at the end.)</b>  <b>Section 9 (a) Membership on the DNC: The President will be a permanent member and two members who are Federation members will be elected individually by a majority vote of the delegates to the Federation Convention to be held in the year of such election. (new sentence) “No member shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the position.”</b></p>	<p><i>NFDW Terms of office are for one (1) term of 2-years except Regional Directors who shall not serve more than (2) consecutive terms. The intent in the Federation has been to allow open participation for service in all offices and positions of the Federation. DNC terms are four (4) years. Limiting service to two (2) terms of four (4) years provides continuity for NFDW service on the DNC while encouraging participation for interested and qualified members to serve in these positions</i></p>
<p><b>Article IX: Committees</b>  <b>(7) Web Site: Shall consist of four (4) members, one from each region who shall be responsible for the submission of accurate information concerning the region and sent to the webmaster for posting. Members shall be appointed by the President for a term of two (2) years that shall coincide with the election of officers.</b></p>	<p><b>Article IX: Committees (rewritten language in Italic)</b>  <b>(7) Public Relations: Shall consist of four (4) members, one from each region who shall be responsible for submission of accurate information concerning their region for the web site as well as the Communicator newsletter and sending it to the webmaster for posting. Members appointed by the President for a term of two (2) years that shall coincide with election of officers.</b></p>	<p><i>The proposed language would change the name of the committee from Web Site to Public Relations. It adds the responsibility of submission of accurate information from the appointed committee member’s region, sending that info to the Public Relations Chair, who decides what goes in the newsletter. The Public Relations Chair decides what goes to the webmaster for posting &amp; what’s to be used in the newsletter.</i></p>
<p><b>Article XI: Amendment of the Bylaws</b>  <b>Section 2 Revision of these bylaws shall be considered only during odd numbered years and only upon authorization of the prior convention body. The notice of the proposed revision shall be submitted to the membership with the pre-convention issue of the NFDW Communicator prior to the convention at which action is to be taken.</b>  <b>Section 3 If a revision is authorized there shall be no other amendments proposed to the existing bylaws.</b></p>	<p><b>Article XI: Amendment of the Bylaws (Section 2 and Section 3 of Article XI are recommended for deletion.)</b></p>	<p><i>The Bylaws Committee should be reviewing the NFDW bylaws along &amp; submitting proposed amendments to the membership where they determine changes need to be made. The committee will be receiving amendments from the membership at large and the changes will be presented at the next annual convention along with the committee’s recommendation with respect to their adoption. All required dates for notices and submission will be enforced.</i></p>

**NFDW Bylaws Committee: Carolyn Honeycutt, Chair; Charli Seitz, Member; Annette Jones, Member/Advisor**



# NFDW Officer Nominees

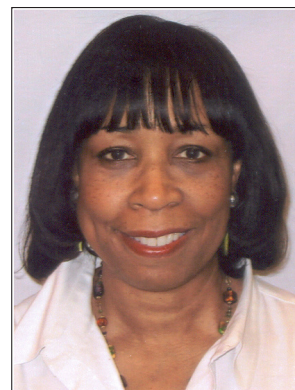
## Janice Haynes Davis – *Nominee for President*

Janice Davis, enterprising, efficient and energetic has put her talents to work for her business, her family and her community. But in our interest, she has given the National Federation of Democratic Women remarkable support as a member and officer.

Currently she is the 1st Vice President after serving the Federation as treasurer, 4th and 2nd VP, legislative chair and first chair of its Political Action Committee. Janice also is a member of the DC Federation of Democratic Women and Metropolitan Women’s Democratic club and the DEC State Committee.

“Janice has been an extraordinary asset and outstanding activist for many years to the 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.”

She has been a tireless member of the National Federation of Democratic Women and will bring the skills she uses as managing partner in her family’s financial Services firm to her leadership as President of the Federation. We look forward to serving in her term.



## Carye Blaney – *Nominee for 1st Vice President*

Carye has been the driving force behind many political campaigns and her involvement runs deep in her home county of Monongalia as well as across the State of West Virginia. Carye has worked tirelessly through the years to promote the principles of the Democrat party. Although a young women, she has dedicated her entire life to promoting and working to insure the betterment of the Democrat party and the Democrat women’s organizations.

She has participated in numerous NFDW conventions since 1998 and has served in a variety of leadership positions. She was the founding member and secretary of the NFDW PAC, Editor of the Communicator newsletter, elected member of the History Committee, elected member of the Nominating Committee, Southern Regional Director, 4th Vice-President responsible for fundraising and 3rd Vice-President working on a Membership and Bylaws Database.

In addition to her many titles in the NFDW she also is very involved with her local and state Democrat Women’s organization serving as the youngest President in the State’s history and serves on the West Virginia State Democrat Executive Committee. Carye was recently re-elected to the office of Monongalia County Clerk.

She is a remarkable woman who has unselfishly given her time, talents and resources to promote Democrat Women.



## **Nancee May – Nominee for 2nd Vice President**

**N**ancee has been actively involved in Democratic politics since 1976, having served as the first woman ever elected to the Town Council in Riverdale, New Jersey. For more than 35 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 4th 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, New Jersey.

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. Nancee also served as a member of Credentials Committee to the 2004 Democratic National Committee. Nancee’s leadership skills, enthusiasm, ability to fundraise, and dedication to NFDW and the Democratic Party make her an ideal candidate for this position.



## **Trina Ellis – Nominee for 3rd Vice President**

**T**rina Ellis has been a member of the National Federation of Democratic Women for ten years. She is being nominated to serve as the 3rd Vice President.

She has held office as the 5th Vice President, the Midwest Regional Director and a member of the Young Women’s Leadership Team. Trina has also been very active with the Michigan Federation of Women as the current Chair, as the Vice Chair and as member of the Executive Committee for the past 10 years. Trina also holds a seat as a representative of the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee.

Trina recently Graduated from Wayne State University with a Masters Degree in Urban Planning and runs her own company, Ellis Painting and Maintenance Group.

She has also held positions for Edwards for President, US. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Gore/Lieberman, Debbie Stabenow for Senate Election Campaign, Chairman Ricardo Solomon, and Michigan State Senate.



## Catherine Chambers – *Nominee for 4th Vice President*

Catherine Chambers is a resourceful human services worker with deep community ties. She is a team player and a problem solver with excellent written and verbal communication skills that will be a great asset to the NFDW Executive Board.

She is the current president of the Washington State Federation of Democratic Women; she served as Vice-Chair of the Central Washington Region for two years and as the Political Action Chair for two years as well as serving on many committees.

Catherine's Political activity with the Democratic Party includes serving as Precinct Chair; State Committee Woman for the 40th Legislative District, currently serves as 42nd Legislative District State Committee Woman and is in her second term as the President of the Whatcom County Democratic Women's Club. She also serves on the Washington State Central Committee, and on the Executive Board of the 42nd Legislative District.

Her expansive work experience will serve her well as NFDW 4th Vice-President:

- Staff Training and Service Management with a non-profit organization supervising and training 40 volunteers on goals, maintaining project records and understanding of support options.
- Counseling and Case Management of up to 65 clients, providing counseling service referral and case documentation.
- Event Planning and Fundraising for conventions and events.



## Sarah Brown – *Nominee for 5th Vice President*

Sarah has been a member of the Florida Federation of Democratic Women since 1989 and has served as her local club's secretary and president. At the state level, she has served as Region Chair, State Credentials Chair, Resolutions Chair, 2nd Vice President, and two terms as President. As the immediate past president, she was appointed to serve as the Finance/Special Events Chair for the Democratic Women's Club of Florida.

Sarah attended her first NFDW convention in 2006 and has not missed a convention since. She has served the NFDW as the Credentials Chair, as Southern Regional Director, and currently serves as the Treasurer for NFDW. Sarah's enthusiasm and dedication to NFDW and the Democratic Party make her an ideal candidate to serve on the Executive Board for NFDW.



## Judy Baker – *Nominee for Treasurer*

Judy Baker retired from the I.R.S. after twenty two years as a Revenue Agent. Currently operates Baker Tax Service in Las Cruces, NM and is enrolled as a Certified I.R.S. Agent to represent tax papers before the Internal Revenue Service.

Judy currently is President of the Dona Ana County Chapter of the Democratic Women of New Mexico. Judy was appointed by her County Chair to assist in starting a County Chapter of which Judy became president and has over 100 members at the present time.

Judy's long time commitment to the Democratic Party includes the following accomplishments:

- When living in Austin, TX. she stood side by side with Anne Richards advocating for women's rights and working towards electing them to office.
- National Women's Political Caucus Regional Vice President.
- Lobbied President Clinton to appoint Janet Reno for Attorney General.
- NFDW Convention attendee in 2008, 2009, 2010.
- NFDW Convention Audit Committee 2009/2010
- NFDW 2010 Audit Committee
- President, Dona Ana County, New Mexico 2007-Present
- Democratic Women of New Mexico District Rep. 2009-Present
- State Democratic Party Treasurer (Served a five year term)
- Dona Ana County Democratic Party Treasurer (Served two year term)

Judy takes her work with the Democratic Party very seriously and responsibly.



## Ardena Matlack – *Nominee for Recording Secretary*

Ardena Matlack is being nominated as the Recording Secretary for the National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW). She recently held office as the Corresponding Secretary of the NFDW.

Ardena has been an active Democrat for over 50 years. She served in the Kansas House of Representatives for 10 years, being one of eight women of 125 members when she was first elected. She has paved the way for many women over the years and continues to mentor and lead as a Democratic woman.

Ardena has held many offices with the Kansas Federated Women's Democratic Clubs state and local (President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Secretary, and District Director).

Ardena has worked on state campaigns, has been a Precinct Committeewomen, has been appointed to various commissions and has been a delegate to the National Convention. She has also held positions as a teacher, choir director, legal secretary, volunteer, caregiver for ailing family members and is the mother of five.

