



"To carry his load without resting, not to be bothered by heat or cold and always be content: these three things we can learn from a donkey" - Indian Proverb

York County Federation of Democratic Women

January 2010

Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Small minds discuss people.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The York County Federation of Democratic Women, Inc. promotes the appointment and election of Democratic women to responsible positions within all branches of government, encourages the advancement of women in both the public and private sectors, and advocates the core values of the Democratic Party.

DUES ARE DUE

If you have not paid your dues for 2010, please send a check for \$10 made out to YCFDW to Linda Thomas, 618 Misty Hill Lane, Dallastown, PA 17313

Membership Drive ends Mar. 15

Member who signs up the most new members will get a prize!

Our numbers will have an important effect on our voting at state convention.

Thank you.

Newly Elected Officers

Kathleen Rauhauser, President
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Jan. 16 Installation of Officers & Bob Kefauver, guest speaker



With best wishes for a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year!

Meeting Dates for 2010

3rd Saturday of the month

Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 20, May 15, June 19 (picnic), Sep. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 & Dec. 18, 2010



I will regularly attend the YCFDW meetings!

January 22
Roe v. Wade Anniversary 1973

Let us remember those who were murdered by anti-abortion terrorists & the women who lost their lives or were injured as a result of illegal abortions.

"If men could become pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament."
Florynce Kennedy

Meetings are held at Spataro's, Roosevelt Ave., York

PLEASE NOTE TIMES!

11:00 AM – Lunch on your own, optional and time to socialize
12:30 PM – meeting starts

When the people fear their government there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty.

President's Message:

January 11, 2010

The new board and I met in December with Baba to get things started and again today. There is a lot to do and everyone is encouraged to attend our meetings, bring guests and participate to the fullest.

Baba has been most helpful and I thank you, Baba, for this. A valuable asset, Baba will continue to be active with our club and has graciously offered to help in many capacities upon her return from visiting with her mother.

Some of you have already told me what you would like to see this club do. If I haven't spoken with you yet please call or email me with your ideas. In a group this size not everyone is going to agree all the time. I just ask that we agree to not be disagreeable. If there is a complaint please let me know. Let's respectfully voice our opinions so that we can discuss them & try to come to mutually agreeable solutions.

Attached is a questionnaire to help provide the board with feedback about how you would like us to proceed and a volunteer sign up sheet. We would appreciate it if you would please take the time to answer and return it to us ASSP.

First we need to address our membership drive. If you haven't paid your 2010 dues, please do so now and see if you can get at least two of your Democratic friends to join us. We need to do this to increase our membership and reach more Democratic women. How many women belong determines our voting power at convention time. Linda Thomas said at our first meeting her goal for our membership is to become more inclusive. The rest of the board completely agrees with her and we supports all efforts to welcome more diversity in our membership. This needs to be a club where every Democratic woman in York County feels genuinely welcomed and included.

Next a pressing priority is to create our by-laws. Part of that is deciding what committees we will have. If you would like to serve on a committee, please let me know. Also, we need to have a PAC fundraiser to support Democratic candidates as soon as possible.

Two of my goals are 1. to have interesting programs so we all can become more informed on political issues and so you will look forward to attending our meetings, and 2. to facilitate getting female candidates to enroll in workshops on the election process/campaigning. With an increased membership it is my hope more Democratic women will become interested in running for office. To that end Our January meeting will feature Bob Kefauver who will talk about York's headquarters' plans for 2010, -- what he sees our club doing to help York's Democratic headquarters and what they can do to help us. One thing they have offered to do for us is send out an email to their known York County Democratic email addressees. So please look for it and talk to other Democrats about joining us.

Linda Small will talk to us at our February meeting about her candidacy for the seat of State Representative Ron Miller. And Sonia Pitzl will come to talk about how our contribution is being used for the Homeless Students in our area.

We will continue to have service projects. Another way we can give back and promote education is to help provide scholarship opportunities for deserving Democratic women. We need to decide if we want to donate to the state scholarship fund, and/or create our own scholarship fund next year or both.

I hope to see YOU at our club meetings & events, and also at our state & national Democratic women's events. Our next state convention will be close to us in Harrisburg in 2010. By working together we will grow and contribute towards positive change. I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 16th at Spataro's. Come at 11 am if you can join us for lunch. Our meeting will start at 12:30 pm.

May you have a Happy and Healthy New Year! Kathy Rauhauser

If you do not wish to receive email from the YCFDW, please contact Kathy Rauhauser and ask to be removed from the contact list.