

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.



Our next meeting:
Saturday, May 21st at 12:30 PM
Beck's Ice Cream Parlor
Announcement of YCFDW
Scholarship Recipient
Guest Speaker: Kathleen Lucas
The State of the Death Penalty:

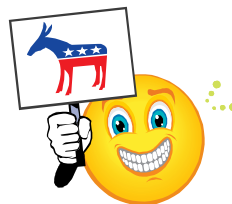
Are we getting what we're paying for or is it just bad public policy? PA has the 4th largest death row population in the country. The USA is one of only a handful of "civilized" countries that still retains the use of capital punishment. Hear the pros and cons. Learn who ends up on death row: it may not be who you think.

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Upcoming Events

July 23 PAC Fund Raiser
at Susan Crawford's home
10 Wetherburn Court,
York, PA 17404
featuring
York Little Theatre's
Spotlight Singers



This will be the last newsletter to go out until the end of the summer. As a result, please make special note of the date for the PAC Fund Raiser. It should be an absolutely lovely evening at Susan Crawford's home. If the weather is nice we will enjoy being on her back patio that faces her beautiful garden. York Little Theatre's 'Spotlight Singers' will entertain us with a combination of show tunes and other well-known songs.



Have a Happy Summer!



Marion McAfee's Memorial Delayed

Peggy McAfee is still recovering from her mother's death. She says she is "doing okay", but she is quite exhausted. Initially, she thought she could return to PA in about one month. However, in addition to getting much needed rest, she has things at her own home that need to be taken care of. As a result, her original plans to return to York have been postponed.

Peggy said she would let us know when she does plan to return to York and she still would like to have a memorial for all of Marion's friends to attend. Peggy appreciated all of the kind cards sent to her. If you did not have her address and would like to send her a message, the address is: Peggy McAfee, 71 Pinon Hts. Rd., Sandia Park, NM 87047.



Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women to host the 84th Annual Convention



Pennsylvania

Federation of

Democratic Women

June 10 -12, 2011

**Ramada Inn, 820 Northern Boulevard,
Clarks Summit PA**

Join others from PA to celebrate Lackawanna County - the birthplace and childhood home of VP Joe Biden; the hometown of former PA Governor Robert P. Casey and our current US Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.; the hometown of Hugh Rodham, father of Sec. of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Lackawanna County is also home to the first female Sec. of the PA House of Reps, former State Rep., Marion L. Munley.

**If you have any questions please contact 2011 Convention Co Chairs:
Charlene Doyle (cdoyle@echoes.net) or Susan Patte (sapatte@comcast.net)**

***IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE A GROUP FROM YORK GO TO THE CONVENTION.
PLEASE LET KATHY, 845-4086, KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND!***

Youth Public Service Careers Workshop

On May 7th the YCFDW collaborated with the Democratic Party of York County's Event Committee to present a "Public Service Careers Workshop" for youth. Approximately two dozen students between grades 8 and 12 learned about possible careers in politics and public service.

The day featured speakers such as: York County Commissioner Doug Hoke, State Rep. Eugene DePasquale, Mayor Kim Bracey, City Councilwoman Toni Smith, and Democratic Party Chairperson, Bob Kefauver...talk about public service.



The youth were very attentive and thanked us for inviting them to the program. We will review the students' evaluations and determine if we want this to be an annual event. We want to thank Bob Kefauver, Marlene Nelson, Alana Haag and Darlene Smith for helping with this project.

(The following is an abbreviated/adapted piece from Bell's website.)

2011 Mental Health Awareness Month Art Show May 20 & 21: OPENING MINDS, OPENING DOORS

For the 2nd year, Bell Socialization's mental health awareness month art show will be held at the [York Galleria](#) to offer a great public venue for sharing the creative expressions of residents of York and Adams counties who are living with mental illness.

The main exhibit opens **Fri. May 20 & Sat. May 21, 10 AM – 9 PM** in a 2nd floor store front next to the mall office. Select pieces will also be displayed in [The Bon-Ton](#) by the 2nd floor escalators. We are grateful to these 2 community partners and our co-presenter [NAMI-York County](#) for helping to showcase the art.

Additional thanks goes to the [York County Federation of Democratic Women](#) and NAMI for creating doors in support of eliminating the stigma of living with mental illness. Both doors will be part of the show displays.

The awards ceremony is scheduled for 12:30 on Friday, May 20. This year's judges are Kevin Lenkner, ED at [York Arts](#), and local artists Natasha Bucalo and Patty Smith. The exhibit features ten categories: Collage; Drawings; Photography; Found & Recycled Objects; Mixed Media; Original Paintings; Ceramics/Painted; Beads/Florals/Needlework/Crafts; Clay/Papier Maché/Woodworking/Stained Glass; and Poetry & Prose.

(I would like to thank Rebecca Cook's husband, Paul, for all of his help in creating our door. If you have an opportunity, go out to see our door on the 2nd floor of the Galleria and let me know what you think of my design idea. – Kathy)