



2012 Petition Signing Ends

FEBRUARY 2012



Did you help gather signatures for our candidates for public office?

From Newberrytown to Delta, from Hanover to Wrightsville, and everywhere in-between, our candidates and their supporters took pen and petitions in hand to obtain the required number of signatures so their names could appear on the 2012 PA Primary ballots.

Their task was made more difficult this year because of the recent PA Supreme Court decision to invalidate the Republican-drawn redistricting plan and revert back to legislative maps as they had been drawn in 2001.

State and Federal Offices were not affected by the decision but many candidates — who had already begun obtaining signatures based upon the re-drawn district maps — had to

back up and start over. Not all districts were affected, but several in York County were affected.

With no specific information (about their decision) coming from the high court, candidates weren't sure how to proceed.

Republican attempts to postpone the April Primary have (so far) been unsuccessful and candidates will be running for office based upon the 2001 Legislative District maps.

Please offer your help and support to our Democratic candidates. Information about candidates who are members of the YCFDW can be found on our website:

www.yorkdemwomen.org

2012 Meeting Schedule

We're lining up some great Guest Speakers for our meetings. Take a look at who's coming in the next few months:

- February 25 – Andy Hoover, Director of the PA ACLU
- March 24 – Barb Rooney, Marcellus Shale Committee and York County Gas-Truth Chapter
- April 28 – Maria Payan, Community activist
- May 26 – Tom Wolf, CEO of Wolf Management and former PA Secretary of Revenue

- June – No meeting
- July – Wine and cheese 'Meet and Mingle' with the Candidates. *(Date and site to be determined)*
- August – No meeting
- September – Woman of the Year luncheon *(Date and site to be determined)*
- October 27
- November 24
- December – Holiday Social *(Date and site to be determined)*

“Quick Hit” Information

YCFDW meetings are usually held the 4th Saturday of each month at Spataro's Restaurant, 1239 Roosevelt Avenue in York, PA and begin at 12:30pm.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade



The YCFDW will participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown York on March 17. The parade begins at Penn Street, proceeds east along Market Street and ends at Duke Street.

Invite your family members to join us! If you think you might not be able to walk that far, there may be room for you to ride in the vehicle.

We also need volunteers to make signs and/or banners to carry and to decorate our vehicle. If you can help us with the signs, there will be a sign-making party at the home of Alana Haag, 211 Fleetwood Drive, Red Lion, PA on Sunday, February 26 — so mark your calendar.

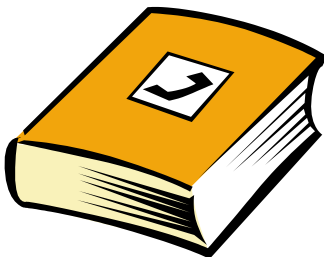
Nancy Murphy and Jane Heller are the committee chairpersons for this project.

To volunteer, or for more information, contact Jane Heller at hssmdpets@aol.com (845-3797) or Nancy Murphy at nanmurph@yahoo.com (292-2396)

Pampered Chef

The YCFDW will hold a Pampered Chef Party this spring as a fund raiser to benefit our various programs. The date and time are to be determined.

Coming Soon!! - YCFDW Membership Directory



Have you ever wondered how to contact other members? Would you like to know a little bit more about each other? The YCFDW Membership Directory will help answer those questions.

Please take a few minutes and complete our **Member Information** form. It is available by a direct link from our website or you may use the form on page 4 of this newsletter.

The form asks members to update their personal information in our membership data base.

Once all the information has been gathered, we will prepare an updated membership booklet.

The Membership Directory will include photos to help us identify each other. *(Be assured your personal information will only be available in the hard copy of the directory, it will not be posted on the Web site)*

Members may have their photo taken at any monthly meeting or submit a personal photo for the booklet.

REMINDER:

It's time to renew your membership in (or join) the YCFDW for 2012. Complete the enclosed **Membership Application** form (*on page 3*), make your check payable to YCFDW, and mail both items to Shirlee Smolin (3729 Silverwood Drive, York, PA 17402) so it arrives before March 1.



For those of you who spend time exploring the social networks, we are now on FACEBOOK. We have our own FACEBOOK Page (**York Dem Women**) and our own FACEBOOK Group (**YCFDW**). Join our Group or become one of our "friends", then post your comments and ideas for all to see.

ycfdw@groups.facebook.com

**York County Federation of
Democratic Women
2012
Membership Application**



The York County Federation of Democratic Women 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.

Membership Levels:

FULL: available to women who reside in York County and are registered to vote as Democrats, provided they have paid dues to the YCFDW for the current membership year. Full members have voting privileges on all matters coming before the membership and may hold office in the organization.

ASSOCIATE: available to women who reside outside of York County and are registered to vote as Democrats and men who are registered to vote as Democrats, provided they have paid dues to the YCFDW for the current membership year. Associate members cannot hold office and do not have voting privileges except on matters relative to the adoption of, or amendments to, the Bylaws.

STUDENT: available to any person who has not attained voter registration age but wishes to become more knowledgeable about the Democratic Party and Democratic principles. They are not required to pay dues, cannot hold office and do not have voting privileges except on matters relative to the adoption of, or amendments to, the Bylaws.

Please complete and return *(along with your check made payable to YCFDW*)* to our Membership Secretary, Shirlee Smolin, 3729 Silverwood Drive, York, PA 17402

Please enroll me as a: FULL, ASSOCIATE, STUDENT member of the York County Federation of Democratic Women for 2012.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: am _____ pm _____ cell _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my membership check for \$15.00* _____ *(Full or Associate Membership only)

An additional gift of \$15 _____ \$20 _____ \$25 _____ Other Amount \$ _____

Complete the Member Information — on the back of this form — for our Membership Directory.

YCFDW Member Information:

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **ZIP:** _____

Phones: Home: () _____ **Cell:** () _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: ____ **Mail** ____ **email** ____ **Home Phone** ____ **Cell Phone**

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ *(Month and day are sufficient)*

Highest Level of Education: _____

Occupation/Career: _____

Interests: _____

Hobbies: _____

Special Skills: _____

Marital Status: _____ **Name of Spouse/Significant Other:** _____

Children: _____

Grandchildren: _____

Other Information you may wish to provide or questions you may have: _____

YCFDW Scholarship Program

2012 YCFDW Scholarship Application Available

The YCFDW offers a scholarship to any woman from York County who is in her junior year at any accredited college or university.

The award is to be used during the recipient's senior year and may be used to offset the costs of tuition, books, and/or other academic fees.

To be eligible, she must be in good academic standing, a registered Democratic voter, and an active participant in the Democratic Party.



Deadline for entries is May 1, 2012.

M. Baba Whisler is the chairperson of this committee.
Contact her at 428-3919 or by email: nkoko12@gmail.com.

Order your Democratic Specialty Jewelry

Looking for something special that shows you're proud to be an American and a Democrat?
The YCFDW has just what you're looking for.

Choose from among an assortment of colorful pieces. Hurry! Limited quantities on some items.

Prices have been reduced on all jewelry.



Committee Chairpersons Still Needed

We still need committee chairpersons and members for the following committees:

Fundraising Committee,
Public Relations Committee,
Woman of the Year Luncheon Committee,
Youth Education Day Committee (to take place in 2013)

Contact Alana Haag (244-5046 or alana.haag@comcast.net)
for more information or to volunteer to serve on one of these committees.



Membership Cards to be Available

Show your pride in our organization and promote us to your friends and neighbors: carry a YCFDW Membership card.

The card will include space for your name and your contact information and it will have information on meeting dates, locations and contact information, together with our web site and Facebook addresses.

211 Fleetwood Drive
Red Lion, PA 17356

OFFICERS:

President: Alana Haag
Vice President: Mary Toomey
Sec'ty/Treas: Darlene Smith
Membership Sec't: Shirlee Smolin

Visit us on the WEB!!

www.yorkdemwomen.org



Who We Are

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If you have a question about The York County Federation of Democratic Women, you can probably find the answer on our newly updated web site: www.yorkdemwomen.org

The site includes meeting dates, guest speakers and upcoming events, how to contact our officers, links to the sites of members who are running for office, our membership application form, our scholarship information and application form, links to other Democratic sites, fundraising information, our newsletters, correspondence from members, photos of past events and more.