

MONMOUTH COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Riding the Blue Wave

January 2019 E-Newsletter



MCDWC 6th Annual Fundraiser, Asbury Park Yacht Club

SPECIAL EDITION

YEAR OF THE WOMAN

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- Making History—The Blue Wave
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Monmouth County Democratic
Women's Caucus



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Greetings and Happy New Year,

As the new Chair, I am thankful and humbled to have been chosen to help lead the Caucus into a new season. In 2019 we have cause to celebrate the hundredth year since women received the right to vote, the diversity of the women who were newly elected to Congress, and the fact that there are more women in Congress than ever before. We look forward to your participation in "*Celebrating the Diversity of Women in Politics*" at our Annual Women's Caucus Retreat during Women's History Month.

The main goal of the Caucus is to help women candidates get elected to office, as it's been proven that when women are leading, everyone benefits...our families, communities and nation. Therefore we will continue the path set forth by our former Chair, Retha Onitiri, to build a cohesive and constructive dialogue that will engage many more women in this process. On this journey, finding and maintaining a healthy balance is the key to giving our best. Let us begin the new year by taking care of our mental, physical and spiritual well-being. This concept of "Self-Care" was recently highlighted by none other than Rep. Ocasio-Cortez who, after winning her hard-fought battle, recommends making "Self-Care" a priority in our lives.

Finally, I congratulate our newly elected mayors and councilwomen, and thank all the candidates for their courage, determination and sacrifices. You are so valuable to all of us and hope you will share your experiences to empower other women seeking office.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings to share your voice and concerns.

Dr. Veverly Wyche , MCDWC Chair

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Retha Onitiri

The Holidays provide a special time to celebrate friends and family. On this special evening Caucus members came together to honor Chairperson Retha Onitiri, who breathed life into the caucus six years ago and has seen it expand to reach all 53 municipalities in Monmouth County. Veverly Wyche, the new Chair, presented flowers on behalf of the MCDWC, and Vice Chair of Monmouth County Mary Foster and Norma Rosenbloom presented plaques to commemorate Retha's dedication and service.



Veverly Wyche

Casa Freehold

Rita Dentino, Executive Director of *Casa Freehold* invited local clergy, congregants and members to a meeting on November 13th for the purpose of building a coalition concerned with providing emergency housing for undocumented families currently homeless or at risk of deportation. Rev. Seth Kaper-Dale joined the conversation by Skype from The Reformed Church of Highland Park to share his success in housing immigrants in his community. By providing subsidies from a coalition of local churches, Freehold would also be able to subsidize family housing, secure employment and sanctuary for undocumented asylum seekers.

Due to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program's (SNAP) reduction of food stamps, *Casa Freehold* has started a food bank in their office at 6 Throckmorton Street. Donations are welcome. Free ESL and Spanish lessons are available at *Casa Freehold*.

MCDWC Supports

Casa Freehold

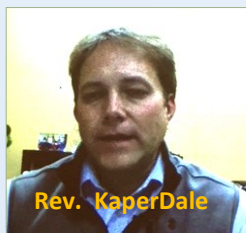


Caucus Members donated dry and canned goods + gift certificates to Rita Dentino at the above Holiday Dinner, acknowledging the mission of *Casa Freehold* to help immigrants integrate into the community.

Education, housing, local laws, and healthcare are some of the top priorities that offer hope to asylum seekers and immigrants in Monmouth County.



Rita Dentino—Sara Mendoza



Rev. KaperDale



Carlos Mendoza



Spanish Class

Can You Help?

Volunteers
are Welcome!
(732) 409-3111

Meet MCDWC's New Officers



Rev. Veverly Wyche
Chair

- Faith Leader—Pastoral Care Counselor

- Women's Advocate for over 25 years
- Motivational Speaker
- Women's Empowerment and Leadership Trainer
- Millstone Township Committeewoman
- Board Worker for Monmouth County Elections
- Husband—Larry
- Son—U.S. Army Specialist Darius Newman



Aimee Humphries
Vice Chair

- Engaged activist since the 1960's

- Planned Parenthood
- League of Women Voters
- Monmouth County/Red Bank Democrats
- Former Councilwomen Fair Haven
- Professional Self-Employed over 40 years
- Alternations/Tailoring Business
- Husband—Michael; Children—Lucy & Michael



Patricia A. Bennett, Esq.
Treasurer

- Graduate of Seton Hall Law School

- Elder Law Attorney, Owner, Red Bank, NJ
- First President of Ocean-Monmouth Chapter of National Association of Women Business Owners
- Former President Ocean-Monmouth Legal Services
- First Democratic Woman elected to a Countywide Office in Monmouth County
- Husband—Bill; Daughter—Dr. Pauline Robinson



Audrey Tyler
Secretary

- Monmouth County Activist

- MCDWC Secretary 2018-2019
- President, Hazlet Township Library Committee
- Former Democratic Municipal Chair, Hazlet
- Lifetime Girl Scout, Former Troop Leader
- Past President PTO, 3 schools; former CCD teacher
- Husband—Jeff; Children—Evan & Stacey

From Veverly's Desk.....

My goal is to provide and guide the Three E's for success:

Education

Make sure that resources are easily available to explain the political process on running for office, which will help increase the number of women elected in Monmouth County.

Empowerment

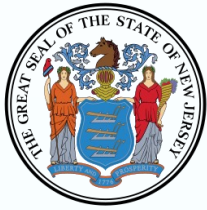
Create policies that will impact women of many cultures, allowing us to reach a cross section of demographics, promoting diversity.

Economic Success

Provide financial support through fundraisers to insure that democratic women candidates will have seed money available for their campaigns.

As more women are elected into office, we have a greater opportunity to have a fair and just representation for all people, not based upon gender, race or religion.

With your support, I will work to ensure that we offer women entering politics a clear pathway to Education, Empowerment and Economic Success. Together we will encourage women to get involved in the political process, knowing that they do not stand alone.



Congratulations New Jersey Dems!

MCDWC applauds the hard work of the women who campaigned to win seats in the following 11 municipalities.

Lori Hohenleitner, Atlantic Highlands Borough Council

Jasmine Story, Eatontown Borough Council

Lisa Murphy, Eatontown Borough Council

Sharon C. Shutzer, Freehold Borough Council

Annette Jordan, Freehold Borough Council

Margaret Maloney, Interlaken Borough Council

Collette J. Kennedy, Keyport Borough Mayor

Virginia Kropac, Lake Como Borough Council

Tiffany Miller, Middletown, Board of Education

Michelle Lewis, Neptune City Council

Carol Rizzo, Neptune Township, Mayor

Katherine Triggiano, Red Bank Borough Council

Syd Whalley, Spring Lake Borough Council

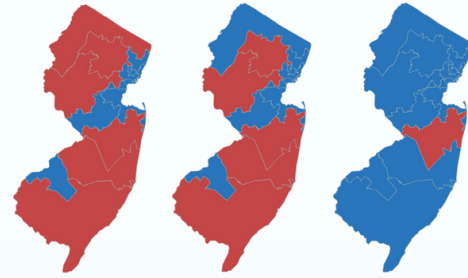


The Monmouth County Women's Caucus encourages its members to seek public office. **Emerge New Jersey** offers a six month, 80 hour training program. Participants meet one day a month and receive comprehensive training on the following topics:

Creating Your Message
Building Blocks Democrats 101
Messaging
Media and Messaging
Fundraising
Cultural Competency
Mock Campaign
Labor/Power Brokers
Field Day
VAN and Targeting

Apply to be a part of **Emerge New Jersey's** next class of aspiring political leaders!

<http://nj.emergeamerica.org>



New Jersey has felt the waves wash over the State, flipping four U.S. House seats, leaving just one holdout for the first time since the 1912 election.

(Can you guess which one?)

Even though the gerrymandered congressional map, redrawn in 2011, was heavily skewed in favor of Republicans, Democrats were able to find their voices, double down, and color New Jersey **nearly** All Blue!

U.S. Senate

Bob Menendez

U.S. House

Donald Norcross #1

Jeff Von Drew #2

Andy Kim #3

Josh Gottheimer #5

Frank Pallone #6

Tom Malinowski #7

Albio Sires #8

Bill Pascarell #9

Donald Payne, Jr. #10

Mikie Sherrill #11

Bonnie Watson Coleman #12

NJ State Senate

Joseph Lagana

NJ State House

William Spearman #5

Verlina Reynolds-Jackson #15

Linda Carter #22

Pedro Mejia #32

Britnee Timberlake #34

Clinton Calabrese #36

Lisa Swain #38



Alexandria
Ocasio-Cortez



Ayanna Pressley



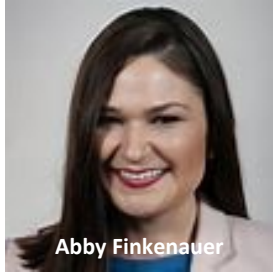
Jahana Hayes



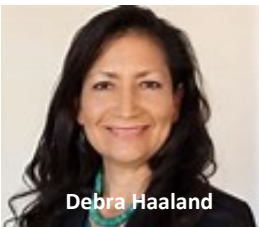
Lauren Underwood



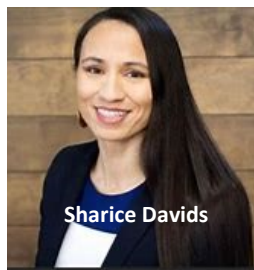
Veronica Escobar



Abby Finkenauer



Debra Haaland



Sharice Davids



Rashida Tlaib



Ilhan Omar

Year of the Woman

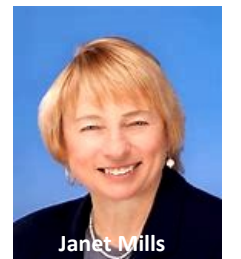
Trailblazer.....

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	Youngest Member-Elect
Abby Finkenauer, IA #1	First Woman from Iowa
Deb Haaland, NM #1	First Native American Woman
Sharice Davids, KA #3	First Native American, Openly Gay
Rashida Tlaib, MI #13	First Muslim Woman
Ilhan Omar, MN #5	First Muslim Woman
Ayanna Pressley, MA #7	First Afro-American Woman in MA
Jahana Hayes, CT #5	First Afro-American Woman in CT
Lauren Underwood IL #14	First Afro-American Woman in #14
Veronica Escobar TX #16	First Latina in TX
Sylvia Garcia TX #29	First Latina in TX
Janet Mills, ME	First Female Governor of ME
Katie Hill, CA #25	First Openly Bisexual Member-Elect
Elissa Slotkin, MI #8	Former CIA Agent
Lucy McBath, GA #6	Gun Control Activist
Mikie Sherill, NJ #11	Former Navy Helicopter Pilot
Elaine Luria, VA #2	U.S. Navy Commander
Kyrsten Sinema, AZ	First Openly Bi-Sexual Senator

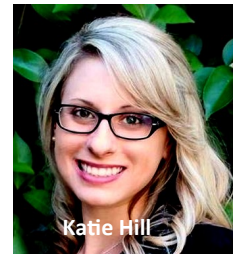
....one who blazes a trail for others



Sylvia Garcia



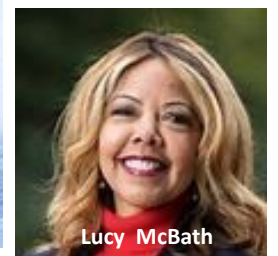
Janet Mills



Katie Hill



Elissa Slotkin



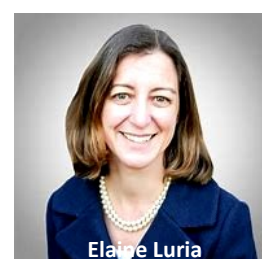
Lucy McBath



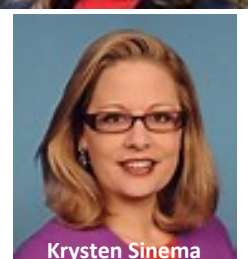
Mikie Sherrill



Abigail Spanberger



Elaine Luria



Krysten Sinema



Laura Kelly



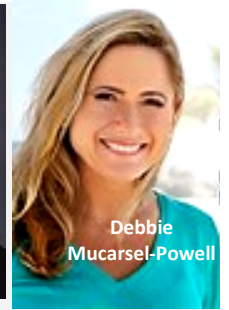
Katie Porter



Madeleine Dean



Stephanie Murphy



Debbie
Mucarsel-Powell



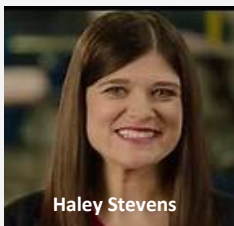
Ann Kirkpatrick



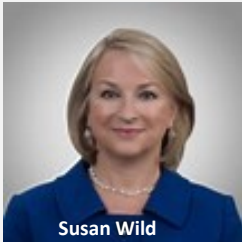
Xochitl Torres-Small



Cindy Axne



Haley Stevens



Susan Wild



Donna Shalala



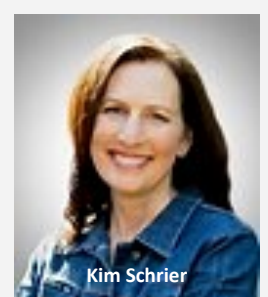
Kendra Horn



Susie Lee



Chrissy Houlahan



Kim Schrier

A New Look for the House!

A two-thirds majority with an ethnically diverse and robust democratic female presence vs. a 90% majority of white males in the GOP has tipped the scales in a positive way on issues that face American women—economics, education, women's rights, immigration, gun safety and climate change...
and ARE THEY EVER READY!

Laura Kelly, KS
Ann Kirkpatrick, AZ#2
Xochitl Torres-Small, NM#2
Cindy Axne, IO#3
Haley Stevens, MI#11
Susan Wild, PA #7
Donna Shahala, FL#27
Kendra Horn, OK#5
Susie Lee, NV#3

BLUE WAVE

How Can MCDWC Help?

These new members of Congress are lawyers, educators, activists and public servants. They now take up the gauntlet to bring a fresh perspective to the House of Representatives. MCDWC's support for these trailblazers has already heightened and re-enforced our determination to encourage our members to join these strong women in seeking public office.

Chrissy Houlahan, PA#6
Kim Schrier, WA#8
Angie Craig, MN #2
Jennifer Wexton, VA #10
Lizzie Fletcher, TX#7
Mary Gay Scanlon, PA#5
Debbie Powell, FL#26
Stephanie Murphy, FL#7
Madeleine Dean, PA#4
Katie Porter, CA #45



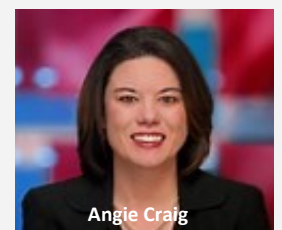
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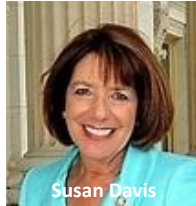
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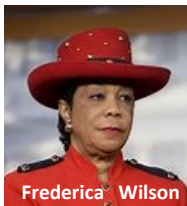
Terri Sewell



Judy Chu



Susan Davis



Frederica Wilson



Chellie Pingree



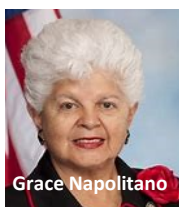
Nydia Velazquez

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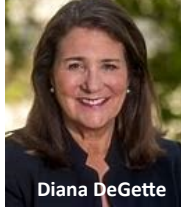
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 Pelosi CA12
 Lee CA13
 Speier CA14
 Eshoo CA 18
 Lofgren CA19
 Brownley CA26
 Chu CA27
 Napolitano CA32
 Torres CA35
 Bass CA37
 Sanchez CA38
 Allard CA40
 Walters CA43
 Barragan CA44
 Davis CA53
 DeGette CO1
 DeLauro CT3
 Rochester D
 Demings FL10
 Castor FL4
 Frankel FL21
 Schultz FL23
 Wilson FL24
 Gabbard HI2
 Kelly IL2
 Schakowsky IL9
 Bustos IL17
 Trahan MA3
 Clark MA5
 Dingell MI12
 Pingree ME1
 B. Jones MI13
 B. Lawrence MI15
 McCollum MN4
 Kuster NH2
 Titus NV1
 Coleman NJ12
 Rice NY4
 Meng NY6
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 Fudge OH11
 Bonamici OR1
 Lee TX18
 DelBene WA1



Doris Matsui



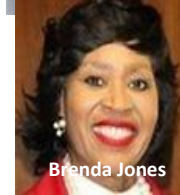
Grace Napolitano



Diana DeGette



Tulsi Gabbard



Brenda Jones



Joyce Beatty



Nancy Pelosi



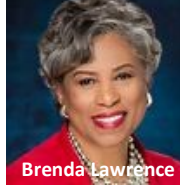
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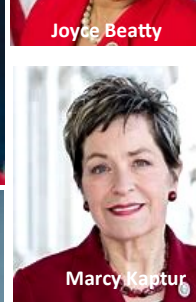
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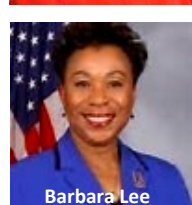
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Brenda Lawrence



Marcy Kaptur



Barbara Lee



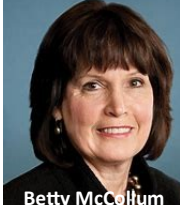
Karen Bass



Lisa Blunt Rochester



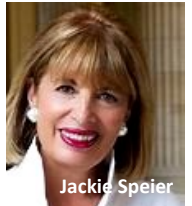
Jan Schakowsky



Betty McCollum



Marcia Fudge



Jackie Speier



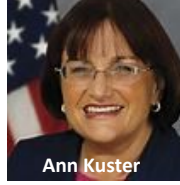
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Cheri Bustos



Ann Kuster



Suzanne Bonamici



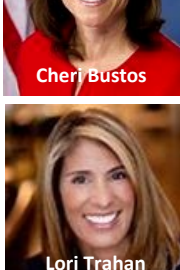
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Lucille Robal-Allard



Kathy Castor



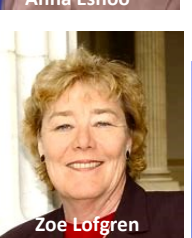
Lori Trahan



Dina Titus



Sheila Jackson Lee



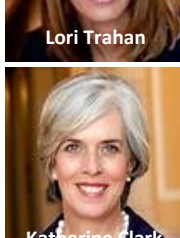
Zoe Lofgren



Maxine Waters



Lois Frankel



Katherine Clark



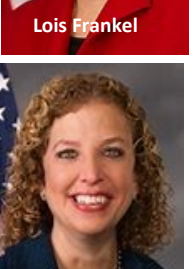
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Julia Brownley



Nanette Barragan



Debbie Wasserman Schultz



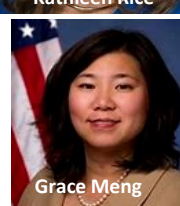
Debbie Dingell



Kathleen Rice



Suzan DelBene



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Coming Back to Serve.....



Supporting A1094.....

Members of the caucus attended the book talk and signing of Mary Gatta's ***Waiting on Retirement*** which highlights the plight of women whose work record and salary history often intersect with an employer's use of multiple forms of discrimination; i.e. race, creed, age, marital status, pregnancy, to name a few. Speaker Assemblywoman Joann Downey(D11) explained the merits of **A1094**, a bill that she introduced along with Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling which

addresses these unlawful hiring practices and pay inequity. Other assembly members throughout the State have joined in support of **A1094**. You can find this bill at

https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/A1500/1094_I1.PDF

What can we do as members of the caucus? Joann asks that we use our collective voice to rally support for **A1094** to its successful conclusion by calling and e-mailing our representatives. Yes, it takes a few moments, but the results will be enormous for all of our sisters who continue to be discouraged and frustrated until justice is attained in the workplace. Please contact your representatives today!

MCDWC Membership Dues

The Monmouth County Democratic Women's Caucus is celebrating its 6th year with over 70 active members. The main goal of the caucus is to support, train and fundraise for women seeking office in the 53 municipalities of Monmouth County. In order to better serve our future candidates, we ask that you renew your **Membership Dues of \$25.00 by next meeting, February 7th.**

MCDWC is proud to work with The New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women whose recent resolutions include *"Families Belong Together"* and *"Fight Voter Disenfranchisement in Florida and Georgia."*

Membership Dues of \$10 to the NJFDW
add to their ongoing efforts to promote unity among women of the Democratic Party.

Caucus Fees may be paid online at www.monmouthdemswomen.com/membership (Dues are paid separately)

MCDWC Membership Dues: \$25.00

NJFDW Membership Dues: \$10.00

Checks will also be accepted at our next two meetings—January 3rd and February 7th

We thank you for your continued support.

Pat Bennett, Treasurer
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From the Communications Desk:

When an important issue requires the support of the Women's Caucus, it is incumbent upon our members to lend their voices. Today's social media makes it easier than ever to share an article on Facebook, send an e-mail, a letter, blog or twitter. To facilitate this communication, please add these contacts to your electronic address books to instantly voice your opinion, whether on behalf of the Women's Caucus or for your own personal interest.

YOUR VOICE AFFECTS CHANGE!

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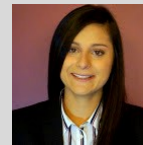
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2019 at a Glance

Monmouth County Democratic Women's Caucus Upcoming Events



Aimee
Humphries



Jan. 24th—Dinner/Networking
Bone Fish Grill, Manalapan
Jan/Feb (combined meeting)

Saturday, January 19, 2019
Women's March on NJ 2019
NJ State House Annex
131-137 W. State St., Trenton
11:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m.



Black History Month



MCDWC Retreat—March 2d
Celebrating Year of the Woman

Women's History Month

Ready to Run Campaign
Training for Women
Rutgers Center
for Women & Politics
Fri. & Sat. — March 15th & 16th



Women's Candidates
Fundraiser (TBA)

