

MONMOUTH COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CAUCUS

May 2019 E-Newsletter



Dear Friends,

We came together to be inspired, and *"The Power of Diversity Retreat"* did not disappoint! This engaging workshop, presented by Willa Edgerton-Chisler, allowed us to explore and connect on a deeper level. In addition, we learned important tools that will allow us to embrace our diversity, individually and collectively.

As we now move toward the November election, our primary goal is to choose and support candidates who best represent MCDWC's mission on environmental issues, women's rights, economic inequality, to name a few. Each month these candidates will join us to share their views and inspire us to support their campaign efforts.

MCDWC's annual September dinner/fundraiser, *"Year of the Woman,"* will celebrate 100 years of the women's vote. As we commemorate the courage and strength of those suffragettes, we now honor the determination and grit of today's women who, in spite of the present administration's efforts to quell their burgeoning diversity, still march forward to victory.

Everyone is looking forward to 2020, but let's first make 2019 the best year to celebrate culture, diversity, and inclusion.

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2019 Monmouth County Candidates

Assemblywoman Joann Downey, Esq. LD11

JOANN graduated from Freehold Township HS. She was inspired by her father, a NJ state Trooper, to pursue a career in public service. Joann holds a B.A. from Rutgers, a Juris Doctor from New York Law School, and cites that her experience as Deputy State Attorney General in the Department of Children and Families prompted her to earn a Masters of Social Work from Boston University School of Social Work. Joann has served as Assemblywoman since November 2015 and is currently Chair of Human Services and on the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee. She is a passionate advocate for her constituents, fighting for equal pay, employment opportunities for people with disabilities, protections for our precious Jersey shore, and much more.

Moira Nelson Monmouth County Freeholder



MOIRA—Moira's roots are here in Monmouth County where she graduated from Red Bank Catholic in 1992. Today, as an executive and entrepreneur in the fashion industry, Moira has traveled extensively, giving her a broad worldview that bridges strategic thinking at the macro level into practical, real-world execution. On the home front, she is dedicated to civic engagement as an advocacy leader with the National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. She has been recognized twice by the NJ State Legislature for her efforts in advocating for those suffering from substance use disorders. Moira sits on the advisory board of the Congressman Donald M. Payne Sr. Vocational Technical School, and is an active member of LGBTQ+ organizations and advocates for their rights. She has mentored underprivileged teens, women in recovery and young professionals. Moira's combined experience at home and abroad has equipped her with all the necessary skills to represent her constituents as a Monmouth County Freeholder.

Pamela Renee—Elected to the Council in 2014, Renee was re-elected as the top-vote-getter with overwhelming bipartisan support in 2017. She currently serves as Police Commissioner, Council President and the newest Land Use Board member. She volunteers with the Citizens Emergency Response Team, Neighborhood Watch, Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary and the Shark River Cleanup Coalition.



Pamela Renee Mayoral Candidate Neptune City

As Mayor, Renee promises to move forward on smart, strategic economic development, stabilizing property taxes and improving transportation and infrastructure. Through her years of service, Renee has learned what taxpayers want from their government, and she intends to bring new leadership and change for those residents who have made Neptune City the beautiful, hardworking community it is today.



MALINI grew up in Monmouth County and earned a degree in political science from Yale. She briefly worked for local government and non-profit organizations before moving to London where she initially worked for local government and pursued a Masters degree in Journalism at the University of Westminster. As a journalist at the Financial Times and [FT.com](https://www.ft.com), she covered companies, stock markets, the media business, technology and the pharmaceutical industry.



Malini Guha
LD12

Malini then specialized in medical journalism, working as a science writer and editor covering R&D for a publication focused on the pharmaceutical industry and owned by the UK publishing company Informa, where she won “Best Journalist of the Year” award. Malini is back in New Jersey where she continues to cover medical research. One of her main interests is community involvement, and she is committed to using her broad communications skills to advocate for **LD12** constituents when elected.



Allison Friedman, Esq.
LD13

ALLISON earned both her undergraduate and law degrees at Hofstra University, with a major in Political Science and a minor in Philosophy. She worked as a criminal defense attorney in New York’s justice system. Currently, she is a public employee doing criminal defense in Monmouth County.

Into her second term, Allison serves as Board President of the Matawan-Aberdeen Board of Education and volunteers for their Educational Foundation. Allison is active on the Aberdeen Zoning Board and a member of AIPAC, early leader initiative program. A strong supporter of women’s reproductive health, education and tax reform, she promises to bring her many years of public service to Trenton to help people in **LD13**.

Last but not least, Allison is a baseball mom, soccer mom and tennis mom!



Barbara Singer, Esq.
LD13

BARBARA attended Brooklyn Law School, receiving a Juris Doctor in 1995. She currently works at Drazin and Warshaw, where she manages all phases of plaintiffs’ personal injury cases. She negotiates Medicare/Medicaid and Workers’ Compensation claims.

Barbara has served as Vice Chair of the Holmdel Democratic Club since 2016. She is president of the Holmdel High School PTS and has served as past president/board member of the Country Woods Homeowners Association. She is a community activist on issues of fire prevention, finances, government, long-term planning and affordable housing.

Barbara plans to utilize all of these strengths to make a committed difference in **LD13**.

Don't miss MCDWC's next meeting....Thursday, May 2, 2019
Monmouth County Library—Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury—6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Joe Grillo of Sustainable New Jersey



About Sustainable New Jersey



Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. By supporting community efforts to *reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity*, Sustainable Jersey is empowering communities to build a better world for future generations through grants, incentives and technical support. Visit <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/>



Mayor
Collette J. Kennedy
Keyport Borough

Mayor
Jennifer Naughton
Spring Lake



Mayor Randi LeGrice
Atlantic Highlands



Mayor Theresa Bergen
Howell



Mayor Carol Rizzo
Neptune Twp.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

These Monmouth County Mayors protect the unique character of their communities by finding new ways to enhance revenue, control municipal property taxes, maintain a high level of community involvement, and encourage collaboration and communication within their municipalities.



Mayor Peggy Malkin
Roosevelt

DC Internships with EMERGE New Jersey

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

Application deadline is April 22nd. Any woman interested should go to the website at:
<http://www.njfdw.org/>

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE GREEN NEW DEAL?

“Addressing climate change is going to be the New Deal, the Great Society, the moon shot, the civil-rights movement of our generation.”
Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

“The United States must rapidly curb carbon emissions because the bottom line is, scientifically, the right year to implement the Green New Deal was yesterday.”
Mayor Pete Buttigieg

“There’s no question we have to be practical. But being practical also recognizes that climate change is an existential threat to us as human beings.”
Senator Kamala Harris

“Now it is on everyone to do everything we can to get the specific laws at the federal, state and local levels to match that commitment, and have the ingenuity and innovation that comes from this great country to match that challenge.”
Beta O’Rourke

The Green New Deal Resolution

<https://cleantechnica.com/2019/02/08/heres-the-full-text-of-congress-green-new-deal-resolution-introduced-by-rep-alexandra-ocasio-cortez/>

MCDWC Upcoming Events

Monday, April 19th—10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Women In Blue Lunch & Networking

New Jersey Federation of Democratic Women

NJ State House

125 West State Street, Committee Room 16

Trenton, NJ

RSVP: <http://www.njfdw.org/>

Monday, April 29th—7 p.m.—8:30 p.m. (This event is free.)

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics—

A Conversation with the Author Donna Brazile

Trayes Hall, Douglass Student Center, Rutgers University

100 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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Thursday, May 2d—MCDWC Monthly Meeting

Networking and Refreshments—6:30 p.m.

Program: Sustainable New Jersey

Guest Speakers Joe Grillo and Lauren Skowronski—7 p.m.

Saturday, May 11th—7:30 p.m.—12 a.m.

Friends In Need 7th Annual Fundraiser

Friends in Need Children's Center

618 Park Avenue, Freehold, NJ 07728

Tickets may be purchased at www.FINCC2019.EventBrite.com

Thursday, June 6th—MCDWC Monthly Meeting (PTD)

Guest Speakers—Candidates for Monmouth County Freeholders & Assembly

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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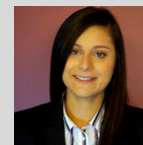
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2019 At A Glance

Monmouth County Democratic Women's Caucus



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Thursday, Jan. 24th—6:30 pm
Bone Fish Grill, Manalapan
Jan/Feb (combined meeting)

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019
Women's March on NJ 2019
11:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m.
www.2019womensmarchnj

Tuesday, Jan. 29—6:00 pm
The Political Power of
Women's Anger



Black History Month



MCDWC Retreat—TBA
*Celebrating the Diversity of
Women in Politics*

Women's History Month

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



April 4 MCDWC Meeting
Monmouth County Library
Manalapan



May 2, MCDWC Meeting
Monmouth Library East-
ern Branch
Sustainable NJ
Joe Grillo



June 4th MCDWC Meeting
Place: TBA
Guest Speakers:
Freeholder & Assembly
Candidates



Women's Candidates
Annual Fundraiser

