

2026 Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women • Annual Convention Report

For the Middle Tennessee Grand Division Vice President



The following correspondence have been dispersed to the Middle TN Club Presidents, Secretaries or respective County Club members:

1. A 2025 Convention Summary from the Federation President
2. An introduction letter from the incoming Middle TN Grand Division VP
3. Welcome announcement regarding Putnam and Montgomery County clubs.
4. Requests for input regarding the 2028 Annual Convention planning
5. Treasurer's Report for term ending, April 2025
6. Mid-TN Grand Division Proposed Submission Deadlines for Reports/Information from County Club Presidents
7. A list of the TFDW Committees and the Committee Interest form
8. TFDW Bylaws/Policy and Procedures Manual Amendment/Revision Information and Updates
9. Link to the newly adopted NFDW Bylaws 06 June 2025
10. TFDW 2025 Fall Board Packet [*Inclusive of Registration Information, information/notifications regarding our 32 Auction online Silent Auction, TFDW Meeting Rules, County Club Reports, TFDW Committee Reports, the Fall Board Agenda & the Proposed TFDW 2025 – 2026 Budget, etc.*]
11. Reports and information from the National Federation of Democratic Women committee activities
12. Announcements from the TNDP
13. Link to the Fall Quarter NFDW Communicator
14. Information regarding the 21 November, 2025 NFDW Virtual Holiday Reception at 4:30pm, EST.
15. Announcements related to the 2026 NFDW annual Convention in Las Vegas, NV scheduled for 04 June – 07 June 2026.
16. TFDW Bylaws/Policy and Procedures Manual Amendment/Revision Information and Updates
17. TFDW 2026 Winter Board Announcement/Packet [*Inclusive of Registration Information, TFDW Meeting Rules, County Club Reports, TFDW Committee Reports, the Winter Board Agenda & the Proposed TFDW 2025 – 2026 Budget, etc.*]
18. Shared the Bylaws Committee Recommendations, Club & Individual Recommendation form for submissions.
19. Limited details available regarding the scheduled 2026 Convention in Oakridge TN (*East TN Grand Division*)
20. Requested notification of dues & roster submissions.
21. Link to the Spring Communicator
22. Distributed information regarding TFDW/ NFDW events/ activities [*Voting Information, TFDW Convention Registration information w/link, reminder about the ABCO Scholarship w/application link, Information about the JLMF Blue Wave Challenge w/link, the scheduled Resolutions Training w/Zoom link, the 2nd Quarter NFDW Book Club information, NFDW Virtual Women in Blue event w/link, notification regarding the passing of Betty Fraley of the FCDW, TFDW Outstanding Democratic Elected Dem Woman submission [Robin Kimborough Hayes], Necrology Submission form w/link,*]
23. Information submitted for inclusion in the 2026 Call to Convention packet from the MTNVP: MTNGDVP comprehensive report (*April 2025 – April 2026*), Bylaws Committee Chair report, History Committee Chair report, JLMF Chair report, Link to the JLMF video, link to the ABCO

Scholarship video, Resolution for establishment of a Betty Newman Fraley Community Service Award, Candidacy Information for Re-election for Gina Sims-Johnson, MTNGDVP]

Vice Presidents Activities/Reports: (April, 2025 – March, 2026)

- Sent requests to all Middle-TN Grand Division Club Presidents to submit Reports on 12 January, 2026b at 10:00am, CST.
- Sent out a follow-up request for Bylaws on Monday, 12 January, 2026, to the following clubs: Davidson, Franklin, Hickman, Maury, and Wilson County Clubs.
- Correspondences have continued to be provided to County Club Presidents and Secretaries in an attempt to encourage greater distribution of information sent out from the EC, President, VPs and all Committee Chairs.
- There is a scheduled Zoom meeting for a Presidents Round Table – Sunday, 22 February, 2026 at 500pm CST, during the meeting the support of the Anna Belle Clement O'Brien Scholarship, and Jean Livingston Memorial Fund, will be discussed, as well as new and successful ongoing fundraising ideas and activities across the division. As previously stated, because of overspending in the previous administrations, there is a pressing need to engage in statewide fundraising efforts. Without the financial input and support from the Clubs, TFDW Committees, the Federation will be unable to function in the manner as experienced during previous years.
- Sent out notification regarding the Executive Committee Officer Elections and the 20 March, 2026 deadline for Candidacy Declaration submissions and the link to the form.
- Posted information related to the NFDW *40 under 40 Women in Leadership* program to be officially launches on 31 January, 2026.
- Shared the deadline for the annual Club dues with the County Club Presidents across the region.
- Shared the notification about the NFDW Southern Regional meeting on Saturday, 25 October 2025 as well as West Virginia Democratic leader Courtney Balestier's "Grandma Hobby" Renaissance Power Point presentation material that focused on building connections across generations through traditional skills and art craft ideas.
- Provided links for the 14 December NFDW Book Club regional clubs and interested non-federation members as a means of expanding membership.
- Attended as representative at the NFDW Leadership Training forum on Saturday, 10 January. 2026 11:00am, CST
- Attended and encouraged members across the federation to attend the quarterly Book Club virtual forum, hosted by the NFDW Political Education and Training Committee on Sunday, 08 February 2026 at 4:pm, CST. Tennessee had six (6) members in attendance, four (4) from Middle TN.
- Participated in a membership drive in Franklin County at the Historic Townsend School on 07 February 2026, received applications for five (5) new members and two (2) reclaimed memberships.
- Hosted a Reorganization of the Franklin County Democratic Women, Saturday 14 March 2026
- Currently working to produce a Leadership Toolkit for new leaders & improved leadership strategies in conjunction with the NFDW Growth & Development & Membership Committees.
- Will meet with the ladies of Warren County to re-establish a women's club in that county on 28 March for a Meet & Greet/ Information Session with 15 women who have expressed serious interest in the TFDW/ Federation membership.

Current eight (8) active, federated clubs:

■ ***Davidson, Franklin, Hickman, Maury, Montgomery, Putnam, Williamson & Wilson***

Middle TN Club Activities: (April 2025 – April 2026)

Davidson Co: President – Cheryl Mayes/President Elect – Lee Jones (April 2025 September 2025)

- Show your PRIDE event 07 June 2025, Harlinsdale Farm Park from 12p – 6pm, CST
- FLIP the 7th Initiative with the Davidson County Democratic Party for Green's vacant seat.
- #NoKings protest event on 14th June.
- Nashville Pride – Sunday, 29 June 11am – 7pm, CST
- DCDW Annual Picnic 20th July at Ellington Ag Center- 2pm – 4pm, CST
- Members participated in the TNDP 3 Star Dinner, held at the Music City Center on 12 July 2025, Nashville TN.
- Participated in “Take Back TN 7th” events on August 2nd, 9th & 16th.
- Promoted & participated in two events on August 13th: 1. Fundraiser for JB Smiley fir Memphis Mayor & 2. Fundraiser fir Tennessee High School Democrats.
- Participated in the Candidate “Meet-& -Greet” on August 26th at the Kanye Ave Missionary Baptist Church
- Promoted & participated in the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators (TBCSL) “Town Hall Tour Stop” on August 21st at the TSU Avon Williams Campus.
- Sponsored a phone banking/post card writing event on August 28th for the 7th District US Congressional candidates.
- Promoted & participated in a community Town Hall Meeting with Representative Congressional Black Caucus Chair Representative Yvette Clark (NY- 9th District) on September 11th.
- Participated in a “Meet-the-Candidate” event with TN Gubernatorial Candidate Jerri Green
- “Meet-the-Candidate”.... From Our Neighborhoods to the Nation's Capitol” event on September 9th with the candidates running for the 7th US Congressional seat vacated by Republican Mark Green.
- Recognized Past President Kim Troup as the 2025 Davidson Co Woman of the Year.
- Participants in the “Stand Up” for TN comedy event w/State Senator Heidi Campbell on September 30th at the Third Coast Comedy Club in Nashville.
- To participated in the DCDP Fall Honors Dinner with keynote speaker Colorado Representative John Crow scheduled for October 10th.

Davidson Co: President – Lee Jones (October 2025 – March 2026)

- September 9th – supported the Nashville Candidates forum for the Congressional District #7 seat at the Jefferson St Missionary Baptist Church.
- September 10th – posted a press release, expressing condolences on the death of Charlie Kirk.
- September 11th – supported the Town Hall Meeting with Congressional Black Caucus Chair, US Rep. Yvette Clarke
- September 12th – supported Jeri Green (Gubernatorial Candidate) at a Meet the Candidate forum.
- September 30th – supported the “Stand Up for TN” fundraiser for Sen Heidi Campbell's campaign at the Third Coast Comedy Club.
- October 8th – participated in a Unity Breakfast for Rep Aftyn Behn.
- October 10th – supported the Davidson Co Democratic Party Fall Honors dinner
- October 23rd – Woman of the Year recognition of former club President, Kim Sober Troup
- November 8th – hosted a “Postcard Party” fir Aftyn Behn's campaign.
- Presented donations to candidate Aftyn Behn with Federation President Glenda Whitfield.
- November 11th – participated in “Meet Me at the Branch” activities with Rep. John Ray Clemmons.
- November 29th – Day of Action fir Rep. Aftyn Behn
- Engaged in encouraging members & fellow Democrats to get out and participate in district-wide canvassing, putting boots on the ground in preparation for the 2025 7th District US Congressional

Special election for state Rep Aftyn Behn, the Democratic primary winner for the Congressional District #7 seat.

- December 14th – Annual Holiday Tea & the swearing in of the new club officers.
- Hosted their annual December Holiday Toy Drive.
- Consistency posted information and updates regarding club and community activities.
- Notified VP of dues submission & number of members as of club as of December 31st.
- Continuing work in the community, through engagement & outreach efforts

Franklin Co.: President - Diane Hand (April 2025 – September 2025)

- The FCDW participated in conjunction with the FCDP in the #NoKings protest on June 14th, approximately 20 members were present.
- Participated in a Juneteenth event with FCDP.
- Confirmed FCDW will be participating in the MoveOn protest organization training online, members will attend the Wednesday training on June, July & August.
- Members attended the TNDP 3 Star Dinner @ the Music City Center in Nashville TN, 12 July.
- Posted material about Gubernatorial Candidate Dr Carnita Atwater (Memphis/Shelby Co).
- Posted the Women's Equality Month Highlights featuring dynamic Democratic Women from across the state.
- Members participated in rallies with the 4th District Indivisible organization in July & August.
- Members attended a Breakfast Sponsored by the Coffee Co VFW Post.
- Active in distributing information regarding Voter Registration, Poll locations for voting and candidate information.
- Participated in a "Conversations-the-Candidate" events with Republican State Senator Janice Bowling
- Participated in a Listening Session with TN House Caucus Chair Representative John Ray Clement.
- Participated in the Cowan TN Heritage Festival in September.
- Participated in ongoing rallies in conjunction with the FCDP in protest of cuts to Medicaid, the SNAP program, cuts to fundraising for public schools, voter purging, the negative effects of the BBB passed by the majority Republican party in the House & Senate as well as threats to our voters rights & harmful changes to our voting process & privileges.

Franklin Co: President – INTERIM Gina Sims-Johnson (October 2025 – March 2026)

- Engaged in encouraging members & fellow Democrats to get out, put boots on the ground in preparation for the 2025 7th District US Congressional Special election for state Rep Aftyn Behn, the Democratic primary winner for the Congressional District #7 seat.
- Participated in ongoing rallies in conjunction with the FCDP in protest of cuts to Medicaid, the SNAP program, cuts to fundraising for public schools, voter purging, the negative effects of the BBB passed by the majority Republican party in the House & Senate as well as threats to our voters rights & harmful changes to our voting process & privileges.
- Notified VP of dues submission & number of members as of club as of December 31st.
- Submitted club dues & roster to the Corresponding Secretary on **February 29th, \$165.00 paid/33 members** as of December 31st 2025. **Currently we have 45 members on our roster.**
- Submitted the five (5) Convention Delegates to the Corresponding Secretary on March 2nd.
- Hosted a FCDW Biennial Reorganization Meeting on, Saturday, 14 March, in an effort to recruit new members in/around the Franklin County area, focusing on counties with no Women's club, & putting programming into place in efforts to reclaim lapsed members.

- In the process of revisions of the Bylaws, crafting a Policy & Procedures Manual, re-establishing bimonthly meeting dates/times, producing a recruitment/marketing trifold brochure.
- Working with Professional Leadership Development At-large member Daphne Sykes to set up webinars & online training sessions centering on:
Webinar Topics for Leadership Preparedness & Member Retention Strategies (*45 – 60 minutes per Modules: Utilize slides, periodic questions to gauge the effectiveness & viewer comprehension of the training; offer books and host roundtable discussions and/or utilize NFDW political education and training opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of the program*).
 - What Are Expectations For Successful Leadership
 - Why Effective “People Skills” Is Important
 - Listening To “Understand”: Learning to Listen Without Interpreting
 - Interpersonal Communication: How It Builds & Solidifies Connections
 - The Digital World: Leveraging Technology to Your Advantage
 - Basic Leadership Skills Development: What’s Am I Missing?
 - Leadership Archetypes: Identifying Your Leadership Style
 - The Roles of Leadership: Knowing What the Job Requires
 - Team Building Strategies: The “Big Tent” Approach
 - Best Practices: Understanding & Using Your Bylaws, Policy & Procedures Manual, Roberts Rules & Financial Stewardship
 - Strategies to Promote Organization Unity : Leaders Leading
 - Member Expectations: Understanding What They Want From the Organization & Managing Them
 - Leadership through Mentorship: Why Mentoring Promotes Increased Engagement
 - De-escalation Strategies & Techniques: Effective Strategies for Handling Grievances & Complaints
 - Reading The Room: Understanding Non-verbal Cues & Body Language
 - Realistic Goal Setting: Goal-oriented Planning & Strategies
 - Setting A Solid Agenda: Managing Time & Member Interest
 - “Lead, Follow, But Don’t Impede”: Recognizing Your Limitations & When to Ask For Help
 - Staying Connected: More Than Simply Showing Up
 - Women In Politics, Why Is Our Presence Essential
 - Membership Recruitment Strategies
 - Democratic Messaging – Knowing Your Audience & Your Platform
 - De-escalation and Redirecting: Techniques to Avoid Being Sucked into Political Landmine Topics During Interactions
 - Reaching Outside of Your Comfort Zone: Fighting through the Fear of the Unknown
 - Candidate Recruitment, Running for Office & Campaign Fundraising
 - PAC Guidelines: Avoiding Pitfalls & Rule Violations
 - Understanding Legislation & Resolutions
 - Techniques For Reaching Rural Communities
 - Voter Registration, Understanding the Community Dynamics
 - ABC’s of the Democratic Ideologies (Trifold Brochure)
- • Continuing work in the community, through engagement & outreach efforts

Hickman Co: President – Stacey Warren (April 2025 – September 2025)

- Participated in a #NoKings event on 14 June 2025 w/HCDP and area Democrats.
- Taco Tuesday get together, 17 June at Mezel’s restaurant, the event started at 6pm, CST

- Members working to elect a Democrat to the 7th Congressional District seat
- Members attended the TNDP 3 Star Dinner @ the Music City Center in Nashville TN on 12 July 2025.
- Participated in the annual “Beans & Bull” event, hosted by the Dickson Co Democratic Party.
- The HCDW President Stacey Warren resigned, Vice President Kim Walker is currently the POC for the club until a new President is elected.
- Participated in a Town Hall Meeting with the 4 candidates running for the 7th District US Congressional seat recently vacated.
- Co-host a 4 County “Meet-the-Candidates” event & hosted three of the District #7 candidates. Present were candidates: Representative Aftyn Behn, Darden Copeland & Representative Mitchell.

Hickman Co: President - Kim Walker (October 2025 – April 2026)

- Vice President Kim Walker is currently the POC for the club until a new President is elected.
- Participated in “Bull & Beans” reception with the Dickson Co Democratic Party.
- Participated in a Town Hall Meeting with the 4 candidates running for the 7th District US Congressional seat recently vacated.
- Co-host a 4 County “Meet-the-Candidates” event & hosted three of the District #7 candidates. Present were candidates: Representative Aftyn Behn, Darden Copeland & Representative Bo Mitchell.
- Notified VP of dues submission & number of members as of club as of December 31st.

Maury Co: President - Celia Parrott (April 2025 – September 2025)

- Pride Month support
- Silent Auction at UAW Local #1853 event, Spring Hill, TN.
- Maury Progress Banquet, Saturday 07 June
- 2025 Legislative Day Town Hall event • Monday, 09 June, 6pm CST – CSCC (Columbia State Community College) Cherry Hall.
- Participated in a #NoKings event in Pulaski TN, • Saturday, 14 June.
- Members attended the TNDP 3 Star Dinner on 12 July at the Music City Center, Nashville.
- Participated in ongoing rallies & protest in conjunction with the MCDP.
- Posting information regarding meetings, activities, dates & locations on their social media platforms.

Maury Co: President – Jacque Lightfoot Marshall (October 2025 – April 2026)

- September Business Meeting - 6:30pm, CST/ Maury Co Senior Center, Columbia TN
- September 20th – Duck Rover Clean-up/ Riverwalk Park
- Engaged in encouraging members & fellow Democrats to get out, put boots on the ground in preparation for the 2025 7th District US Congressional Special election for state Rep Aftyn Behn, the Democratic primary winner for the Congressional District #7 seat.
- Posting information regarding meetings, activities, dates & locations on their social media platforms.
- Notified VP of dues submission & number of members as of club as of December 31st.

Montgomery Co: President - Jessica Johnston (April 2025 – September 2025)

- Attended MCDWC virtual meetings on each 1st Monday, May 6pm - 7pm, CST, couldn't connect on the 1st Monday in June.
- Pride Month support at events & on social media platforms.
- #NoKings Day protest participation on
- Members attended the 3 Star Dinner hosted by the TNDP on 12 July, at the Music City Center.

- Ongoing efforts to support protests of the Republican BBB.
- Posting information about scheduled MCDWC meetings on social media.
- Posting & communication of community events, Democratic Party information on social media platforms.

Montgomery Co: President – Katharine Vachon (October 2025 – April 2026)

- Participated in Postcard writing, Phone banking in support of Aftyn Behn, Democratic candidate for the Congressional District #7 seat.
- Posting information about scheduled MCDWC meetings on social media.
- Posting & communication of community events, Democratic Party information on social media platforms.
- Notified VP of dues submission & number of members as of club as of December 31st.

Putnam Co: Chairwoman – Anne Austin (April 2025 – September 2025)

- 04/10/25 12 Founding Members met via Zoom and adopted Bylaws and elected Officers to form PCFDW.
- 04/20/25 PCFDW Chartered issued.
- 06/01/25 50 PCFDW members and their guest participated in the PCFDW Picnic at Cane Creek Park.
- 06/01/25 PCFDW started Postcards to Swing States campaign to write 3200 postcards to voters in PA, NJ, & VA to turn out voters for the Nov. 4, 2025 elections.
- 06/07/25 10 PCFDW members volunteered at PCDP booth at Upper Cumberland Pride Festival.
- 06/09/25 31 PCFDW members participated in Virtual Quarterly Business Meeting with guest speaker Gina Sims-Johnson, TFDW VP Middle TN.
- 06/11-20/25 PCFDW member participated in Juneteenth Helping Hands Food and Commodities Drive which collected \$1,251.00 and 468 pounds of food and commodities for our local food bank.
- 06/14/25 Many PCFDW members participated in the “NO KINGS DAY” protest at the Putnam County Courthouse.
- 06/21/25 PCFDW Chair attended TN Veterans Caucus Town Hall Event at Veterans Park, Crossville, TN
- 06/29/25 PCFDW members participated in the Jackson County Democratic Party picnic at Cummings Fall State Park.
- 07/11/25 50 PCFDW members participated in a Wine, Cheese, & Ideas Brainstorming Party at the PCDP Office.
- 07/12/25 10 PCFDW members participated in the TNDP 3 Star Dinner in Nashville.
- 07/17/25 PCFDW members attended Cookeville City Council Meeting.
- 07/18/25 PCFDW members participated in PCDP Ice Cream Social/Trivia Night
- 07/19/25 PCFDW participated in UC Indivisibles “GOOD TROUBLE LIVES ON” documentary and panel discussion at Wesley Chapel Theater.
- 07/19/25 PCFDW started Signs of Justice Postcard Campaign sending postcards to our MOC.
- 07/19/25 PCFDW started Vote Forward Letter Writing Campaign to write 340 letters to voters in PA to be mailed in September for Nov. 4 elections
- 07/25-27/25 PCFDW Chair participated in TAPP Campaign Crash Course
- 07/28/25 PCFDW members attended Putnam County Commission Meeting and spoke out in support of PCYD Trenton Strode and Aaron Cofer, who were wrongly arrested at the previous month’s Commission Meeting.

- 07/31-8/9 PCFDW members assisted PCDP in staffing their booth at the Putnam County Fair.
- 08/2/25 PCFDW members participated in the PCDP Picnic
- 08/7/25 PCFDW members attended Putnam County School Board Meeting.
- 08/15/25 PCFDW members participated in PCDP Social/Bingo Night
- 08/18/25 PCFDW members attended Putnam County Commission Meeting.
- 08/19/25 13 PCFDW members attended a “Taco Tuesday” lunch at Pueblo Viejo Mexican Restaurant to socialize and get to know each other better.
- 08/23/25 27 Democrats attended the PCFDW training on “How to be a Super Campaign Volunteer”, including several potential 2026 candidates. Each attendee was provided the link for a practice VPB and minivan canvassing and was trained on using them.
- 09/01/25 PCFDW Co-Sponsored and many of its members participated in the “Workers Over Billionaires” protest at the Putnam County Courthouse. We signed up 3 new members.
- 09/5-6/25 10 PCFDW members assisted PCDP in staffing their booth at the Cookeville Fall Fun Fest. We signed up 9 new members and sold some of our t-shirts and buttons.
- 09/08/25 21 PCFDW members participated in PCFDW Virtual Quarterly Business Meeting with guest speaker Gina Sims-Johnson, TFDW VP Middle TN
- 09/09/25 PCFDW Chair attended VoteBuilder training at PCDP Office.
- 09/09/25 PCFDW Officers and Members attended Putnam County Public Library Board of Trustee Meeting and spoke out in support of keeping diversity book in the children’s section at the library.
- 09/10/25 13 PCFDW members attended a “PCFDW Wednesday Walk in the Park and Sack Lunch” for socializing and walking.

Putnam Co: Chairwoman – Anne Austin (October 2025 – April 2026)

- 09/20/25 PCFDW & PCYD Pancake and Waffle Breakfast at PCDP office.
- 09/25/25 PCFDW members will participate in hosting the NAACP State Conference Hospitality Room.
- 09/27/25 PCFDW members will participate in the PCDP Democracy Dinner.
- 10/1 11/30 PCFDW members will participated in a Virtual Phone Bank of Putnam County Women who have voted in a democratic primary 2020-2024.
- 10/1 11/30 PCFDW members will participated in a Distributed MiniVan canvassing campaign of Cookeville City Voters who have voted in a democratic primary 2020-2024
- The Putnam Co Women are active and growing quickly, their goal is 200 – 2050 members by December 31st.
- The PCFDW cosponsored a fashion show in conjunction with the county’s NAACP chapter to foster pride and pose in young women and girls 6 – 21.
- Helping Hands Food Bank, collected over 1300 lbs. of personal hygiene/+sundry items and canned goods.
- Selling PCFDW t-shirts and buttons: t-shirts \$20/pins \$2.50.
- Published their Quarterly Newsletter/Calendar of Events
- Engaged in encouraging members & fellow Democrats to get out, put boots on the ground in preparation for the 2025 7th District US Congressional Special election for state Rep Aftyn Behn, the Democratic primary winner for the Congressional District #7 seat.
- Posts updates about meeting times/dates on their social media platforms.
- Notified VP of dues submission & number of members as of club as of December 31st.
- Continuing work in the community, through engagement & outreach efforts

Williamson Co: President - Dr. LaRhonda Williams (April 2025 – September 2025)

- Annual Pride Month activities
- Hands Over Hearts Ice Cream Social for Justice
- Holding expungement clinics
- Juneteenth celebrations
- #NoKings protest participation June 13th & 14th
- Participated in sports a county Blood Drive – 16 June
- Members were in attendance at the TNDP 3 Star Dinner in Nashville TN at Music City Center on 12 July.
- Participated in a “Meet & Greet” in conjunction with WCDP.
- Participated in Campaign Volunteer Training Sessions in July.
- Cosponsored a Candidate Recruitment Clinic in conjunction with WCDP & WCYD.
- Co-hosted Gubernatorial Candidate Jerri Green at a Meet-the-Candidate event.
- Participants in the Williamson Co “Good Trouble “ Marches on July 20th w/District #7 candidate Aftyn Behn
- Hosted a “Coffee With Dems” Event in July
- Sold WCDW Tees as a fundraiser.
- Participated in an African American Heritage Society event “Porch Talk” on July 28th.
- On September 18th, they launched a 2025 Engagement Series regarding empowerment & encouragement with keynote speaker State Senator Charlene Oliver.
- Engaged in community canvassing, encouraging members & fellow Democrats to get out & put boots on the ground in preparation for the 2025 7th District US Congressional election.
- Posted material & information on their social media platforms regarding club meeting dates/times, information about the Democratic candidates in the 2025 Special Election, 2025 special election dates/updates & other election relevant information.

Williamson Co: President - Dr. LaRhonda Williams (October 2025 – April 2026)

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- Engaged in encouraging members & fellow Democrats to get out, put boots on the ground in preparation for the 2025 7th District US Congressional Special election for state Rep Aftyn Behn, the Democratic primary winner for the Congressional District #7 seat.
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Wilson Co: President – Brittany Offurt-Hilton (April 2025 – September 2025)

- Volunteer Phone banking training, Sunday, 01 June 12:30pm, CST
- Pride Social – June 1st at Twin Lakes Brewing
- WCDW Friends & Family Hangout- 08 June 2pm – 4pm, CST at E Nashville Beer Works – Lebanon TN.

- Pride Celebration – Nook, Mt Juliet - 10am until...promoting Love, Kindness, Inclusivity & Acceptance. Juneteenth celebrations canceled to participate in the #NoKings protest event in Nashville TN.
- Attended the TNNDP 3 Star Dinner at the Music City Center in Nashville.
- Participated in the “Tennessee Listening Tour” with Representative John Ray Clemmons & Memphis Mayor Lee Harris on August 30th.
- Members were in attendance at the Music City Center for the TNNDP 3 Star Dinner on 12 July.
- Promoted & participated in the Wilson Co Labor Parade
- Promoted the “So You Wanna Run” virtual event; co-hosted by State Senator London Lamar & Representative John Ray Clemmons on September 10th.
- Participated in a “Meet-the-Candidate” event for Gubernatorial Candidate Jerri Green at the Nashville Beer Works in Lebanon on September 14th.
- Participated in a Virtual “Run for Local Office “ information session on October 2nd.
- Promoted & posted information regarding their monthly organization meetings on their social media platforms

Wilson Co: President – Jennifer Wells (October 2025 – April 2026)

- Participated in a “Meet-the-Candidate” event for Gubernatorial Candidate Jerri Green at the Nashville Beer Works in Lebanon on September 14th.
- Participated in a Virtual “Run for Local Office “ information session on October 2nd.
- Promoted & posted information regarding their monthly organization meetings on their social media platforms.
- Engaged in encouraging members & fellow Democrats to get out, put boots on the ground in preparation for the 2025 7th District US Congressional Special election for state Rep Aftyn Behn, the Democratic primary winner for the Congressional District #7 seat.
- Held Officer Installations on Monday, 08 December 2025 with the Grand Division VP.
- Notified VP of dues submission & number of members as of club as of December 31st.
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2028 Mid-TN VP Pre-Convention Committee, chaired by the Mid-TN VP & TFDW President, planning will begin with an Ad-hoc committee to be chosen. We will meet on ***Sunday, 26 April, 2026 at 5pm, CST*** to set initial framework and tentative planning for the 2028 Federation Convention scheduled to take place in Middle-TN as well as planning as outlines per the current Bylaws *adopted on April 2022*, that states the Convention planning will begin two (2) years in advance, of the annual Convention. The group will submit a proposed packet for the 2028 event to the TFDW EC on the appropriate date for future consideration before presenting the plans to the body for approval. The Chairs will work closely with the Committee, to ensure full compliance for the State Convention guidelines per the TFDW Bylaws and best practices.

As of March 1st, the following activity has taken place by the clubs in Middle TN:

- ❖ **Club Bylaws Received From:** *Davidson, Montgomery, Putnam, Williamson*
- ❖ **Bylaws Not Submitted By:** *Franklin, Hickman, Maury, Wilson*
- **Club Rosters/Membership Numbers Received From:** *Davidson, Franklin, Montgomery, Putnam, Williamson*
- **Rosters NOT Received From:** *Hickman, Maury, Wilson*

- ✓ **Club Response Regarding Club Meetings (Dates/Times/Frequency):** *Davidson, Franklin, Maury, Montgomery, Putnam, Williamson, Wilson*
- ✓ **No Response Regarding Meetings:**, *Hickman*

As per the March 1st deadline, when all information and reports were requested to be submitted, the response for Club Presidents Reports are as follows:

- **Reports Submissions from:** *Davidson, Montgomery, Putnam, Williamson, Wilson*
- **No Reports Received from:** *Franklin, Hickman, Maury*
- **Dues/Rosters submitted:** *Davidson, Putnam, Williamson, Wilson*

As Vice President, I will continue to support the Middle TN organizations, encourage community engagement in those clubs not currently do so, when necessary, seek measure for impacting club growth and diversity, while continuing to support the vision of the current TFDW administration, the NFDW and the Democratic Party.

- **Active Middle TN Clubs:** *Davidson, Franklin, Hickman, Maury, Montgomery, Putnam, Williamson, Wilson*
- **Division Charter Activities: (Re-federation Efforts Ongoing/Processes Pending/Contact Made):** *Bedford, Coffee, Dickson, , Jackson, Lincoln, Marshall Rutherford, Sumner, Warren*
- **At Large County Members:** *Peggy Monroe, formaly of Wayne Co Democratic Women*

End of Report

Respectfully Submitted to the TFDW Corresponding Secretary Lee Jones on 01 March 2026 for President Glenda Whitfield



★ **Gina Sims-Johnson** ★ **Middle Tennessee Vice-President** ★

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