



The National Federation of Democratic Women Collection

Series Descriptions

Series I---Executive Board

The Executive Board series includes the history of the NFDW, history committee reports and correspondence, NFDW bylaws, information and personal papers of most of the 21 residents, and the chronologically organized papers of the executive board. Among the papers of the presidents and executive board are letters from and pictures of significant political figures of the last 45 years. Series I provides an overview of the activities of the NFDW from its origin in 1971 to the present.

Series II---Annual Convention

This series contains convention programs and information about most of the national conventions held in a variety of locations from 1975 to 2015, including preconvention planning, local arrangements, financial records, a convention guide and manual, minutes, reports, and attendee's evaluations. These file folders provide a researcher with a thorough view of the annual convention, the speakers and guests, the activities during the convention, and the cost, not only for the individual attendee, but also for the entire organization.

Series III---NFDW Regional Activities

The NFDW is divided into four regions--- eastern, mid-western, southern, and western. Series III contains information and reports of annual regional meetings.

Series IV---Publications

The publications series includes the NFDW newsletter dating from 1976 to 2015. Often several newsletters were published each year providing the subscriber with news from the NFDW president and officers, regional areas, and annual convention information. Also included in this series are a number of other NFDW one time publications, and newsletter publication information, financial records, and photographs of members. Finally, there are materials on the origin of publication of the newsletter on the internet, and website materials from 2012 to 2015.

Series V---Other Organizations

This series contains information from many other organizations to which the NFDW presidents, officers, and members have belonged. Three members, including the president and two annually elected members of the NFDW, belong to the Democratic National Committee, and this series provides a variety of information about the DNC, its activities, and meetings. In addition, there are papers from individual state Federation of Democratic Women's organizations, which are voting members of the National Federation of Democratic Women. Finally, there are materials from a variety of other women's and Democratic organizations.

Series VI---Oversized

The oversized series contains a variety of papers and certificates and a picture from the papers of Rilla Moran Woods, the 1st president of the NFDW. In addition there is a 2009 Puerto Rico proclamation.