



FIRST IN  
**FIGHT**  
— first in —  
**FREEDOM**

*Democratic Women of NC*

— Sept. 18-20 —  
Greensboro, NC  
*66th Annual Convention*

*Register Now*

*Reserve a Room*

*Printable form to register by mail with check*



Dear Democratic Women and Friends,

On behalf of the Democratic Women of North Carolina, it is my honor to issue this Call to Convention for our 66th Annual State Convention, September 18–20, 2026, in Greensboro, NC.

This year's theme—First in Fight, First in Freedom—is inspired by the Edenton Tea Party. In 1774, 51 women gathered and signed their names to a public protest against British tax policy. It was one of the earliest organized political acts by women in what would become the United States—women who had no vote and no legal standing, but who understood that silence was its own kind of consent, and refused to give it. We chose this theme because once again, people in power are expecting women to stand by quietly while their rights are being trampled on. The Edenton 51 didn't stand by. They organized, and so will we. While this is not the first time we've had to overcome a “king”, we will make sure it is the last. And just as they did, we will be victorious—and then start the real work of fixing things in the name of freedom.

Our Convention Committee is planning an inspiring, energizing, and empowering three-day gathering—a chance to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Democratic Women from every corner of the state, to recharge, to strategize, and to remind ourselves and each other exactly what we are fighting for.

**Highlights include:**

- Friday Welcome Reception with Lillian's List
- Saturday Morning plenary with updates from around the state and our business meeting!
- Crowd-favorite “Speed Dating” lunch with our Court of Appeals candidates.
- Breakout Sessions on incredible topics—from voter protection to helping campaigns.
- Saturday Evening Stars Banquet honoring our DWNC Stars and Woman of the Year—nominations are open now for individuals or chapters making an extraordinary impact.
- Sunday morning farewell breakfast.

Let's show up in 2026 like the women of Edenton did in 1774—first in fight, first in freedom, and, as always, first in line to get the work done. We can't wait to welcome you to Greensboro for a weekend of learning, connection, and action.

Sincerely,

*Cramer*



# AGENDA

## Friday

3:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Welcome Reception with Lillian's List

6:00 PM to 8:00

## Saturday

7:00 AM Registration Opens

Morning Plenary and Business Meeting

8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Candidate Speed Dating Lunch

12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Breakout Session 1

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Breakout Session 2

3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

VIP Reception

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

STARS Banquet

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

## Sunday

Farewell Breakfast

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Convention Closes;

10:00 AM

President's Roundtable

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM





# AWARDS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

AUGUST

SUBMIT

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NOW!!!



Recipients are deserving individuals sponsored by their DW Chapter, County Party, or fellow volunteers, in recognition of their outstanding work in energizing the party and helping elect Democrats. Stars will be recognized Saturday night with a certificate, pin, & a picture in the evening's commemorative program. **Submit nominations here: 2026 STARS, by Aug. 27, 2026.**



Updated rosters AND all dues for memberships paid must be submitted by **August 27, 2026 at 5:00 PM** to be eligible to win. More information regarding the payment of 2026 dues may be found in the Membership Letter. Awards are given for largest chapter, chapter with the greatest % growth, etc. **You may pay dues here: <https://bit.ly/26dwncdues>**



This award goes to a chapter that has demonstrated excellence in communicating with its members and with the general public about its mission and its activities. **Submit nominations here: 2026 Betty Ray McCain, by August 27, 2026.**



Nominees are active members of DWNC in good standing for a minimum of five years who have served Democratic Women at the county, regional, and state level, and/or served in an elected or appointed leadership role. **Submit nominations here: 2026 Woman of the Year, by August 27, 2026.**



# CONVENTION PACKAGES & HOTEL INFORMATION



*À La Carte & Saturday  
Pricing on Website*

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

## CONVENTION PACKAGES

### All-Inclusive Packages

Enjoy the full experience with our All-Inclusive Package—registration, all meals, break out sessions, and the Stars Banquet—all in one easy price.

**REGISTER HERE**

Early Bird Rate: **\$225** – Available through Aug. 10  
Standard Rate: **\$300** – Applies after Aug. 10

### VIP All-Inclusive Packages

Enjoy the full experience with our All-Inclusive Package— PLUS exclusive premiere reception & VIP swag bag.

**REGISTER HERE**

Early Bird Rate: **\$275** – Available through Aug. 10  
Standard Rate: **\$325** – Applies after Aug. 10



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# DON'T FORGET...

## SILENT AUCTION

Each DW Chapter is asked to contribute a gift basket or items valued at approximately \$50. Please attach a tag to each basket or item indicating the donor's name, address, or DW Chapter name, a brief description of the item(s), and their monetary value.

## IN MEMORIAM

Each year at our Annual Convention, the Democratic Women of North Carolina honor those among our ranks who we lost the prior year. Please submit one form for each person you wish to recognize in our Defenders of Democracy memorial video by 5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2026.

## SEND US YOUR PICS!

Throughout convention we feature slideshows to showcase the work all our chapters are doing across the state and we want to include YOU. Make sure to send us all of your pictures via email: [dwnc.convention@gmail.com](mailto:dwnc.convention@gmail.com).

Use the subject: DW (Your County) Pics.



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