

Branch Meeting, September 14, 2022

Members Diana Lennon and Teresa Neal introduced our speaker, Shelly B. Mayer, Chair of New York State Senate Committee on Education.

- Senator Mayer began with an outline of the struggle to improve the quality of education.
- Her lecture summarized the needs of working women, especially those with skills only accepted in the low paying service industry.
- The lecture turned to a powerful discussion of the impact of the Covid epidemic on women and girls. Women in service industries often had no benefits and all employed women were twice as likely as men to be out of work to care for their children.
- The State is now helping by expanding the 4-year-old pre-K, improvement of home care, and raising the general quality of education.
- Senator Mayer also informed us that abortion rights in New York medical centers are protected by law. Abortion rights are now in the process of going into the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted:

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