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Central Committee

(Seated L – R) Derek Shackelford, Michael Sowell, Myrna Whitworth, Mari Lee, Mark Jafari
(Standing L-R) Bob Kresslein, Tom Gill, Jamie Shopland, Helena Madison, Deborah Carter, Angela Spencer, Tony Soltero



(New member: Millicent Hall. New photo coming soon!)

Chair's Corner

While one usually ushers in the New Year with wishes of goodwill and hopes for prosperity, peace and well-being, this year we welcome 2017 with more than a little trepidation. I hope you are all buckled in for what promises to be a very bumpy and challenging ride. And no matter how hopeless it seems as we watch our democratic values and principles pummeled and undermined at every turn, we **MUST** stay involved. We must hold accountable those on the national level who threaten our constitutional precepts. Maryland is fortunate to have strong progressive representation in both the House and the Senate, but our members are in the minority; they need to know we are behind them. There are also many national non-profit and political

organizations that will need our assistance in money and time to combat policies and programs that benefit the few at the expense of the many.

And there is much to be done right here at home. As Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill famously said, "All politics is local." The legislative session opens in Annapolis in just eleven days. Our Democratic members from Frederick will be working hard to pass legislation that will benefit Marylanders and their Frederick constituents. Ron, Carol and Karen have served us all well and have accomplished much,

which is why Governor Hogan and his Republican establishment have targeted them for defeat in 2018. Likewise, the races for County Executive and County Council will be hard fought, as will the down-ballot races. We have our work cut out for us to maintain and increase our Democratic leadership and continue to move Frederick County forward.

But we don't have to wait until 2018 – Frederick City elections will be held this year, and let's make sure that 2017 is the year Democrats take back the mayor's office and carry all the aldermanic seats. Frederick is a dynamic, progressive city, and it deserves city government that recognizes and capitalizes on its potential.

After taking off the month of December, the Central Committee is ready to get back to work to energize and hopefully build the Democratic Party in Frederick County. But we can't do it alone; we need your help. Together we can make 2017 a productive and successful year.

Myrna Whitworth





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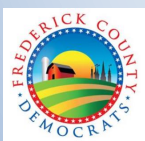
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January 2017 at a Glance



Holidays

New Years Day – Sunday, January 1

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 16

United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick

(Social time/dinner @ patron's expense at 6:00 p.m.)

NOTE: Parking may be prohibited in Habitat lot across the street.

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 10 at 8:00 a.m.

IHOP Restaurant @ Westview Promenade

5277 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meeting

Saturday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Mountain Gate Restaurant, 133 Frederick Rd, Thurmont
(Please bring a non-perishable item for the area food bank.)

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick

(Social time/dinner @ patron's expense at 6:30 p.m.)

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Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m.

C. Burr Artz Public Library – Community Room

110 East Patrick Street, Frederick

Frederick County Dems at the Food Bank

Every Friday in January from 2 - 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Sandy Brouard, sandy.brouard@comcast.net

Frederick Food Bank Program operated by

Community Action Agency, 14 E. All Saints St, Frederick



SENATOR RONALD YOUNG



2017 Legislative Preview Senator Young Sponsored Bills For Frederick County

Barber Shop Alcohol License – Under current law Frederick County beauty shops have authority to provide beer and wine to their clients. This bill would provide Frederick County barber shops the same authority.

Cigar Shop Alcohol License – This bill would allow cigar shops in Frederick county to sell alcohol up to 17% of gross cigar sales.

Downtown Frederick YMCA – This bond bill provides \$150,000 to assist in the repairs and renovations of the YMCA due to the extensive water damage sustained in 2015.

Frederick County Board of Education – Student Member Voting - This bill will allow the student representative of the BOE to vote on selected issues and attend executive sessions on collective bargaining.

Helen Smith Art – This bond bill provides \$25,000 for the renovation and relocation of the Helen Smith studio to the Lucy School in Middletown, Maryland.

Historical Society of Frederick County - This bond bill will support capital improvements including a museum gift shop and an access way linking the shop and museum.

Restaurant Food to Alcohol Sales Ratio – Given the rising cost of alcohol, the current Maryland law that food costs must exceed alcohol sales is outdated. This bill modernizes the law to a ratio of 40% food costs and ends the ratio requirement at 10 p.m.

Sunday Hours and Alcohol Sales and Consumption – In Frederick County this bill would extend the hours of beer and wine sales to accommodate Sunday brunch hours.

Tasting Room Barrel Limitations – Current Maryland law puts a limit on the amount of alcohol a brewery can provide to visitors as samples in their tasting rooms. This bill would either raise or eliminate the annual limit.



SENATOR RONALD N. YOUNG
DISTRICT 3 – FREDERICK COUNTY

2017 Legislative Session - Office Hours

Annapolis Office

301 James Senate Building

Monday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am – 6:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am – 6:00pm
Thursday	9:00am – 6:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 3:00pm

Frederick Office

253 East Church St.

Monday	9am-12:30pm & 2pm-5pm
Friday	9am-12:00pm & 1:30pm-5pm





Delegate Carol Krimm, District 3A

Happy New Year, Frederick County Democrats! As we welcome a new year, I am focused on the upcoming General Assembly session that begins January 11. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, my first order of business is analyzing the fiscal year 2018 budget submission from the governor. Our committee work starts immediately with budget hearings and briefings from the very capable Department of Legislative Services staff.

In addition to the committee work, I have drafted bills that address homelessness, senior care, heritage area funding, and retiree healthcare funding. Another hot issue may be the transportation scoring system law that passed the legislature last year; the legislature overrode the governor's veto of this bill. The law is good public policy because it provides transparency to citizens/taxpayers to understand why a transportation project is prioritized for funding by the administration. The law gives the governor complete autonomy in choosing which projects to fund.

The governor continues to resist this transportation funding transparency policy and has announced one of his priorities is to repeal this law. He has also made the very important issue of building transportation infrastructure a partisan issue.

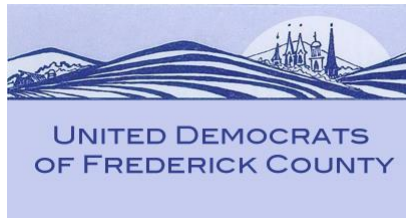
Congress may increase transportation infrastructure funding within the next year. It is important for Maryland to speak with a unified voice so that we can maximize transportation funding opportunities that may be available through the federal government.

You may email me at carol.krimm@house.state.md.us or call 800-492-7122, extension 3472, during the legislative session. My office number in the House Office Building is room 215. Please stop by if you are in Annapolis during the legislative session.

Budget documents are available online at mlis.state.md.us. And you may watch a bill or budget hearing online at the same website.

I need your support to continue working for you and Maryland families in the legislature. I am having a fundraiser on January 4, 2017, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Delaplaine. I would appreciate your attendance. Thank you.

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On December 10, we held our Joint Democratic Holiday Party at Richland Golf course in Middletown. We are very grateful to Senator Ben Cardin and Congressman-elect Jamie Raskin for their sponsorship of the event. Our great volunteers like Barbara

Clary, Jim French, Mari Lee, and Lara Westdorp made the event a huge success. The DJ was a new addition this year, and folks really let loose after a very long presidential election year.

Although it was a disappointing election for president, we did elect some wonderful people for US Senate (Chris Van Hollen), US House (John Delaney and Jamie Raskin) and local school board (Mike Bunitsky, Joy Schaefer, and Ken Kerr). We have so much to be thankful for, and we hope to see everyone at an upcoming meeting in the New Year. UDFC usually meets the first Monday of each month and gives Democrats an opportunity to discuss topics of interest to the membership and /or the community, as well as to organize to promote Democratic causes. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2017. We will hold elections for officers and board members; plus there will be a yet-to-be determined program. UDFC meets at Café 611, 611 North Market Street in Frederick. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and socializing; meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Become a member! Dues are \$20 individual or \$35 family. As a reminder, dues are payable in January of each year. You can contact us at UnitedDemsFrederick@yahoo.com, by phone at 240-630-4280, or by mail at P.O. Box 3882, Frederick MD 21705. We're also on [Facebook](#), so please "like" the page and interact with us there!

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Delegate Karen Lewis Young - District 3A

In just a few days, we will be heading back to Annapolis for the 2017 legislative session. We expect to be continuing debates on the appropriate level of education funding, an improved methodology for prioritizing transportation projects, the transparency of prescription drug costs, fracking, and a large variety of tax issues.

I will be bringing back three bills from last year:

- “Right to Try” – This bill will allow an individual who has a terminal illness the ability to try an investigational drug, biological product, or device that has passed Phase I of a clinical trial.
- “Patients’ Bill of Rights” – This will ensure that the rights of patients are protected in a consistent and transparent manner throughout the state.
- Private Biosafety Level-3 Laboratories – Reporting Requirements and Safety Program – This will require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to develop a reporting methodology so that Emergency Management is aware of the locations of laboratories that do not work with federally regulated biological select agents or toxins.

In addition, I will be introducing another seven or eight bills that are new this session. Some of them are as follows:

- Equal Pay Salary History and Salary Range - This bill will build upon successful legislation from 2016 by prohibiting a practice that disproportionately hurts women. It will also require transparency in salary ranges.
 - “Women on Board” – This will require companies with state procurement contracts to proactively seek gender diversity on their corporate boards.
 - Patient Options for the Treatment of Lyme Disease – This will build on our work during 2016 to bring greater knowledge and treatment options to those who are afflicted by Lyme disease.
 - Sheriff’s Youth Ranch Treatment - Parents are limited in their ability to admit children under 18 to an outpatient treatment facility for drug abuse. This bill will define some special circumstances when additional treatment is clearly needed.
 - Student Member Voting Rights – We are working with members of the Board of Education (BOE) to craft legislation that will permit the student representative on the BOE some limited voting rights.
 - Bond Bill for Frederick County Historical Society – This bill will help to fund capital improvements, which will expand the museum gift shop and promote better connectivity between the shop and the museum.
- The legislative process can be very fluid, so expect several changes to this agenda. New issues surface every day and

compelling reasons to withdraw or delay a bill can occur as well. I will try to update you on a monthly basis with the progress of my bills and the session overall.

Please feel free to call my office with questions or input (410-841-3436). If you would like to observe a House of Delegates Session or attend a meeting of the Health and Government Operations Committee, my assistant Jennifer can help with coordinating that.

I am looking forward to a very productive session and the challenge and opportunity to do my small part in advocating for progressive values and policies in Maryland.

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Editor’s Corner



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Hope you enjoyed reading!

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Tom Slater - Frederick Co.
Democratic Party Historian

Barbara Mikulski Waves Goodbye

On Tuesday, January 3, Chris Van Hollen will be sworn in as Maryland's junior United States Senator. When he is sworn in, Senator Barbara Mikulski will be a former United States Senator. A little reflection on Senator Mikulski's career is in order. With her degree in social work, she started as a community organizer in Highlandtown in opposition to the building of an interstate highway through south Baltimore. In 1970, she was a speaker at a conference on Ethnic Americans at The Catholic University, and people began to take notice of her rousing speaking style. After being noticed as someone who had a gift with words and organizing, she was elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1971. While serving on the Baltimore City Council, Barbara was appointed by Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss to chair the Democratic Party Commission on New Delegate Selection and Party Structure. Councilwoman Mikulski ran a quixotic campaign against Republican U.S. Senator Charles "Mac" Mathias in 1974 and received 43% of the vote against the popular Senator from Frederick. While traveling the state during the 1974 Senate campaign, Mikulski built up a reservoir of good will and support.

When Paul Sarbanes vacated his Baltimore City-based House of Representatives seat to run against Republican U.S. Senator J. Glenn Beall in 1976 (after a bruising primary against former Senator Joseph Tydings), Barbara ran and was elected to the House of Representatives. When Mathias announced his retirement before the 1986 election, the about-to-be retired Governor, Harry Hughes, and Montgomery County Congressman Mike Barnes filed for the Democratic nomination for Mathias's Senate seat. So did Congresswoman Mikulski. Mikulski romped in the primary with almost 50% of the vote to 31% for Barnes and only 14% for Governor Hughes. Republican U.S. Senate candidate Linda Chavez attacked Mikulski as a "San Francisco-style, George McGovern, liberal Democrat." Barbara won with 60% of the vote.

Much has been written about how much a force Senator Mikulski has been in the U.S. Senate. She has been a champion in the Senate for women's issues, the space program, and working class Americans. She was notorious as an appropriator, especially when she rose to the Chair of the Appropriations Committee. She was noted for being tough on her staff (which at one time included, among others, Maryland Delegate Maggie McIntosh, former Court of Appeals Judge Lynn Battiglia, Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner, Hillary friend and Bill White House Staffer Ann Lewis, and State Department official and Iran deal negotiator Wendy Sherman). Someone said that she changed staff like most people changed underwear. She was named by The Washingtonian Magazine as the meanest member of Congress. But "Senator Barb" remained popular

at home. She never received less than 60% of the vote in five elections to the Senate from Maryland and even carried Frederick County.

My specific recollections of Senator Mikulski include first meeting young Martin O'Malley at the C. Burr Artz library as he worked as an organizer for Mikulski, serving in the Kennedy delegation to the 1980 Democratic Convention with Barbara when she was the co-chair of the delegation, seeing the fear in the eyes of a staffer when the Senator left her pocketbook behind the podium and sent the staffer back to retrieve it, and telling her in 1986 that I did not think she had a chance to defeat Governor Hughes in the 1986 Senate primary.

She will be missed but not forgotten and, for sure, will continue to lend her powerful voice to the issues she cares about in the future.





Tickets

To purchase your ticket(s) for the fundraiser for Delegate Carol Krimm, click [here](#).

NOTE: The link to purchase tickets will work with Internet Explorer, Safari or Firefox, but may not work with Google Chrome.

Questions?

Contact Friends of Carol Krimm at friendsofcarolkrimm@gmail.com

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Frederick City Alderman
Michael O'Connor

Happy New Year! 2017 is shaping up to be an exciting year in the City of Frederick. To understand how, we need to look at some important developments from 2016.

The mayor and Board of Alderman presented budget priorities in late December for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2017 (FY 2018). Setting departmental goals, as part of a **Citywide Strategic Plan**, that can drive our budget decisions continues to be a priority, along with encouraging innovation.

Budget growth in the city is positive but slow. The effect is we must maximize our collaboration to move important projects forward. One such partner is the county. In December, the Board of Aldermen voted 4-1 to move the construction of the center section of **Monocacy Boulevard** forward. Frederick County is providing essential funding to this project, which exceeded budget estimates. Once completed, it will be an important safety improvement, create a missing transportation link, and offer new economic development potential for the city's east side; a win, win, win.

We are also looking to the county to move forward with funding an

oversized gym at the new **Butterfly Ridge Elementary School** in 2017. Once completed, it will be a home for City of Frederick Parks and Recreation programming, a critical need on Frederick's west side.

Also in 2016, we received a master plan proposal for the **Westside Regional Park**. In early 2017, we should be approving it, allowing the city to begin working with the community and potential funding partners on this long-term community and economic development opportunity.

Another recurring budget priority for me is how we allocate resources in support of **Poverty Elimination**. It is a goal that encompasses everything from our approach to affordable and workforce housing, to how we deliver services to those who are living in need or who are homeless. For example, Alderman Bokee and I have been collaborating on a resolution in support of the Frederick County Coalition for the Homeless Strategic Plan for ending homelessness. With it, we can begin identifying appropriate city resources needed to see the plan implemented.



I was honored in 2016 to be elected the President of the Frederick County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League, and additionally to again be selected to serve on the statewide organization's Legislative Committee. MML allows member municipalities to work together on local and state priorities, one of which continues to be full restoration of state **Highway User Revenues**, a critical funding source for local street maintenance projects.

Finally, 2017 is an election year in the city. It's hard to believe I am completing my second term already. On January 6, I will be making a **Campaign Announcement** at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you then and working with you throughout the coming year and beyond to keep the City of Frederick moving forward, working for everyone.

Please join me for a
CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT
Friday, January 6, 2017 • 4:00-6:00pm
Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center,
40 South Carroll Street, Frederick, MD
I'm looking forward to an exciting new year
and hope to see you on the 6th!

Michael O'Connor

For more information call 301-696-0378 or email moconnor1966@comcast.net.
By authority of Michael O'Connor for Alderman, Tammy O'Connor, Treasurer

Central Committee Member's Corner:

Opinion article as published in the
Frederick News Post on
December 21, 2016

With Voting Rights, History Repeats Itself

One thing I never considered would be an issue in 2016 was worrying about someone, or the government, trying to impede my constitutional right to vote. Furthermore, I never thought I would have to worry about my children being denied the right to vote.

But more and more, I began to think about my forefathers and the struggles they had to endure in obtaining the right to vote. After the Civil War, several legislative actions were taken to bring millions of African-Americans into mainstream America. First was the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, guaranteeing citizenship without regard to race, color, or previous condition of slavery or involuntary servitude. This Act was passed primarily to protect the civil rights of African-Americans born or brought in to the United States. Second, in 1870 Congress passed the 15th amendment, guaranteeing all males the right to vote.

Even though the Civil War had ended and legislation was passed to protect African-Americans' civil rights and their right to vote, the debate continued between northern and southern state legislators who wrestled with what to do about all these freed African-Americans. When the election for president in 1876 ended with a dispute over electoral votes, the Republicans

made a deal with the Southern Democrats, who agreed to support Republican candidate Rutherford B. Hayes for president. In turn, the Republicans promised to withdraw federal troops from the South and abandon federal enforcement of black Americans' rights, which, of course, included the right to vote.

Within a few years, Southern state governments passed voter suppression laws requiring blacks to pay voting taxes, pass literacy tests, instituted the grandfather clause ("if your grandpapa did not vote back in the day, well you can't vote now") and other unfair restrictions on their constitutional right to vote. For example, in Mississippi, 67 percent of the black adult men were registered to vote in 1867; by 1892 only 4 percent were registered.

But here we are, in 2016, just like after 1870 when the 15th Amendment was ratified, North Carolina and several other states have passed voter-suppressing laws targeting a select sector of the population's (i.e. African-Americans) right to vote.

Before passing voter suppression laws, lawmakers in North Carolina sought data on voting patterns of African-Americans in the state. They specifically wanted to know the number that did not have a driver's license or student IDs; how many voted out of district; how many voted on Sundays. They wanted to know how many voted on Sunday because African-American churches held "Souls to the Polls" voter drives on Sundays after church.

The state legislators asked nothing about voting patterns of white voters, only African-Americans and then Hispanics. The justification for all this was to eliminate voter fraud. It didn't

matter that over a 12-year period and 40 million votes cast by North Carolinians; the election board only reported two cases of voter fraud. Forty million votes and two cases of fraud! But Republican state legislators insisted a voter ID law was necessary.

As you might imagine, the law passed by state legislators required voters to have an ID, reduced the hours for early voting, took away voting out of precincts, eliminated voting on Sunday and reduced the number of voting stations in minority communities. After many appeals and lawsuits over the bill, the Supreme Court held firm to a lower court ruling banning the law and stated there was not enough time to institute all the measures before the election. In other words, voters did not have enough time to digest all the changes in the new voting law. Notice the Supreme Court did not throw out the law on the basis that it violated the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was passed to protect the voting rights of African-Americans, particularly in the South. It seems like the clock had been turned back to 1876.

The Supreme Court was split 4-4 (Republicans refused to hold hearings on president Obama's nominee to the Court, so it remains short a justice) since there were only eight judges on the case. The four Republican justices stated they had no problem with the North Carolina law. In fact, if the court had not been down a member, the North Carolina voting law would have passed.

My major concern is the president-elect will not only appoint one new Supreme Court judge, but possibly two more judges, during his first term in

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office. With the court leaning more to the right, there would be no recourse to prevent other states from duplicating the voter ID laws North Carolina tried to enact this year. I never thought I would have to worry about voting as my forefathers did, or become a target of voter suppression in 2016. But history does repeat itself. The terminology may change but the actions are still designed to obtain the same results – voter suppression.

Michael Sowell

**Central Committee
Member's Corner:**

Letter to the Editor as published in
the Frederick News Post on
December 28, 2016

Speak Out Against Injustice

Bread and circuses contributed to the fall of the Roman Empire and history may be repeating itself. The daily circus-like antics of Donald Trump and bread we are constantly fed when he repeatedly twitters that he alone can fix things are meant to keep us distracted and submissive while the destruction takes place. We are told we must give him a chance, accept what has happened and move on. That does not mean we should simply keep quiet.

Those of us who did not vote for him tend to be rational, thinking, logical people who believe that right is right, justice will prevail. Hopefully that is true, but it doesn't happen in a vacuum. More than 100 years ago, Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote, "To sin by silence when we should protest makes cowards out of men. The human race has climbed on

protest. Had no voice been raised against injustice, ignorance and lust, the inquisition yet would serve the law. ... The few who dare must speak and speak again to right the wrongs of the many."

We owe it to ourselves and to our children as well as the country and the greater good to speak out when we see injustice and abuse of power. Pick at least one issue that will be threatened, health care, a more equitable income tax, a living wage for everyone, gun control, a woman's right to choose, affordable education, etc., and speak out. Be ready to become involved. The time to be heard is now and every day for the next four years.

Helena Madison

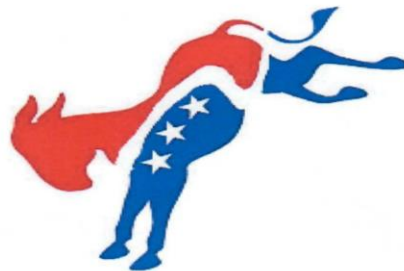


South Frederick County Democrats

**Announces: No Meetings during November and
December of 2016**

We will reconvene on January 10, 2017

**at
8:00 a.m.**



With the many campaign events between now and election day in November and the Holiday Season after that in late November and December, We look forward to a fresh look at Frederick County's 2017 political landscape in January.

Please put the second Tuesday of each 2017 month on your calendar as a time to Join the South Frederick County Democratic Club at the Westview IHOP, for knowledgeable speakers regarding National, State and local governance.

Need More Information? Please contact rolan.clark@comcast.net or Ed Burrell (301-810-5775)

All are Welcome

and as we say: Come when you can and leave when you must



Meet the women of the Class of 2017!

We are pleased to introduce the class of 2017. We have already met twice and are looking forward to continuing the training after the New Year begins.

Due to a high number of applicants and especially those who are already planning to run in the short term, we expanded our class from 15 to 23!

They come from 7 counties across Maryland and Baltimore City, they range in age from 28-60. It is a majority-minority cohort reflecting our belief that diversity in government is the key to a healthy society.

The women of the Class of 2017 are:

Lorig Charkoudian	Montgomery County
Charlotte Crutchfield	Montgomery County
Lenora Dawson	Baltimore City
Wanika Fisher	Prince George's County
Michelle García	Prince George's County
Shaneka Henson	Anne Arundel County
Lois Jarman	Frederick County
Marisol Johnson	Baltimore County
Debra Jung	Howard County
Robbyn Lewis	Baltimore City
Lesley Lopez	Montgomery County
Denise Mitchell	Prince George's County
Ellie Mitchell	Baltimore City
Allison Pickard	Anne Arundel County
Lily Qi	Montgomery County
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Stephanie Maddin Smith	Baltimore City
Dea Thomas	Baltimore City
Jennifer Wilder	Calvert County
Jheanelle Wilkins	Montgomery County

Emerge Maryland Alumnae WIN!

Congratulations to Shebra Evans on winning her seat on the Montgomery County Board of Education. We know she will prove to be a very valuable asset to the Board and her community.



We also congratulate Shannon Sneed on her win for Baltimore City Council. She is exactly what that council and Baltimore needs!



Emerge Maryland in the Press

We have enjoyed some amazing press coverage since the elections and some of it was even local, thanks to Danielle Gaines for her piece in the Frederick-News Post.

<http://bit.ly/EMDFNP>

The Baltimore Sun ran our press release with some reporting by Luke Broadwater on the seating of our class.

<http://bit.ly/23in17>

And then the home run came with this piece by the amazing Ovetta Wiggins of the Washington Post.

<http://bit.ly/EMDWashPo>



**We wish you all a
Happy and
Peaceful New Year.**

Random photos from the December 2016 Plow-Fish Volunteer Appreciation & Victory Party.

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