



# The Banner

*An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party*

By Authority: FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer

May 2017

## 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 members: Millicent Hall, Josh Cramer and Lauren Beacham. New photo coming soon.)

## Chair's Corner

I am pleased to announce that the Central Committee is now complete with the addition of Lauren Beacham to fill the position left vacant with the resignation of Angela Spencer. Lauren was among fourteen highly qualified candidates who applied for the position; she is a 31-year-old progressive, energetic, business owner from Thurmont with a degree in Fine Arts and an expertise in social media. Like so many, she was shocked and outraged by the election of Donald Trump and is committed to grow the party and to build bridges to those who feel unrepresented. Welcome, Lauren!

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of three stalwarts of the Frederick County Democratic Party: Dr. Earlene Thornton, Reverend Jake Beck and Commissioner Bruce Reeder. All three made major contributions to the party and the county, and they will be missed. Earlene was a community and Democratic party activist, an educator, author and journalist. When

it comes to community service in Frederick County, no one could hold a candle to her. She received her Doctorate in education from George Washington University, taught both college and high school courses and held numerous positions with the educator's professional organization. She served on the Board of Education and was appointed to the Board of Elections by Governor O'Malley. She also was Executive Editor of the five-county *County Globe* newspaper, which focused on minority issues, and was in the National Association of Black Journalists. She was President of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, and President of the Frederick County Commission for Women. In addition, she was a member of the NAACP, the AAUW and the League of Women Voters, and was on the boards of Hood College, Heartly House and the Salvation Army. In 2013, Dr. Earlene Thornton received the Frederick County Women's Democratic Service Award.

A lifelong Democrat who grew up in Philadelphia, Jacob Beck became an Episcopalian priest and was assigned to Montana where he met his partner for life – Carla. They eventually

moved to Thurmont, where Father Jake ministered to the folks at the Harriet Chapel. Surprised by the few Democrats in the area, Carla and Jake vowed to revive the dying Democratic Party in Northern Frederick County. They organized a monthly breakfast at the Mountain Gate Restaurant, where Democrats could gather for political fellowship and discussion. The discussions were, and continue to be, always lively. Today, thanks to Jake's ardor and determination, the North County Democrats' club thrives and has become a model for Democrats in the southern part of the county and for other groups across the state. In 2011, Reverend Jacob Beck was the recipient of the Men's Democratic Service Award.

In March, we lost another great Frederick County Democrat – Commissioner Bruce Reeder. Bruce and his wife Odette were synonymous with the Democratic Party for many years. Bruce was elected as County commissioner from 1990 to 1998 and again from 2002 to 2006. Both he and Odette served on the Central Committee in the 1970's and 80's; he was chair from 1978 to 1982.

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Bruce listened to and was responsive to all his constituents and had good relationships on both sides of the aisle. He was knowledgeable on the issues, especially budget issues, and connected in a personal way with everyone in the county. His passion for service has carried over to his daughter, Susan Reeder Jessee, who ran for County Council at Large in 2014. And I doubt that we have seen the last of her!

Our first Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman event of 2017 was held on Tuesday, April 18 just seven days after Sine Die, the end of the Legislative session in Annapolis. Thanks to Senator Ron Young, our special guest was Senator Mike Miller, the President of the Maryland Senate. Senator Young not only secured our guest, he helped defray all costs for the venue, food and drink. Senator Miller has served as Senate President for thirty years, making him the longest serving Senate President in the country. While he talked about the just concluded session and the legislature's relationship with Governor Larry Hogan, Sen. Miller focused in on lackluster Democratic voter turnout and the need to rally all demographic groups to get to the polls. He was warmly received by the more than 65 people in attendance.

Even more people attended the Town Hall/Listening session held at Hood College on April 27. We appreciated the lively discussion and the variety of views and suggestions expressed. We listened to what you had to say, and plan to adapt many of the ideas as we reassess our priorities and tactics. The Democratic Party is a big tent, and that was very evident by the comments we heard Thursday evening. It's a tent where there is room for everyone who supports the basic values and principles of the party. We have our work cut out for us, but working together, we can get through this dark period. We must encourage town hall meetings and demonstrations, organize voter registration operations, build the party and next year work tirelessly to turn out the vote and elect progressive

Democrats up and down the ballot. We hope we can count on you!

This Wednesday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m., we will be celebrating our Club Blue with an event at the Smoketown Brewing Station in Brunswick. It's free to all Club Blue members. If you are not already a member, come anyway and pay \$10 for a fun evening. Even better, come and sign up to become a Club Blue member while you're there!

**Save the Date!** We have a date and special guest for our 2017 Frederick Democratic Gala (previously named the Jefferson-Jackson dinner). Senator Amy Klobuchar – senior senator from Minnesota – has agreed to join us on Wednesday, June 28, at the Springfield Manor in Thurmont. Senator Chris Van Hollen will be introducing her. We are looking forward to a large turnout.

Myrna Whitworth



## LOCAL FLAVOR Contest

We're looking for Dems with Musical Talent!

Frederick County Democrats will launch our first **PODCAST** this spring!

We would like to invite local musicians to enter an original musical theme for our **LOCAL FLAVOR CONTEST**.

**Submit a 60-second audio MP3 file (instrumental please) to [info@frederickdemocrats.org](mailto:info@frederickdemocrats.org) by Friday, May 5, 2017 – FIRM deadline.**

All entries must be original. Your name will be OUT THERE if you win!



## May 2017 at a Glance



### United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting

**Monday, May 1 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, May 9 at 8:00 a.m.**

IHOP Restaurant @ Westview Promenade

5277 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

### North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meeting

**Saturday, May 13 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, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

Café 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick

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

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

### Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting

**Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.**

C. Burr Artz – Community Room  
110 East Patrick Street, Frederick

### Frederick County Dems at the Food Bank

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

**Contact: Maureen Grayzeck – [mgrayzeck2016@gmail.com](mailto:mgrayzeck2016@gmail.com)**

Frederick Food Bank Program operated by

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



Senator Ron Young – District 3

## 2017 Annapolis Legislative Wrap Up

*Welcome, Spring! The Maryland General Assembly (MGA) passed 935 bills and 5 resolutions, of the 2,884 bills and resolutions introduced this Session. I sponsored 36 and co-sponsored 140 bills. To date, roughly 360 bills have left the governor's desk with two more bill signings scheduled for May 2 and 4. More extensive reviews of major bills can be found at [SenatorRonYoung.Org/News](http://SenatorRonYoung.Org/News) and [2017 90 Day Report](#).*

*It remains my greatest accomplishment to act on behalf of you and all residents of Frederick County. I greatly appreciate your ongoing support.*  
Ron

## Some Sponsored Bills that Passed

Financial Aid Protection (SB327/HB266), was signed into law on April 18 and sets limits on how much scholarship money a public college or university can take back when a student is awarded additional private scholarships and aid.

Child Sexual Abuse extension of Statute of Limitation (SB505/HB642): This was the third year I introduced legislation to extend the statute of limitations for child sexual assault from 7 to 20 years. Senator Kelley, Vice Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, introduced similar legislation. We combined our bills and sponsors, giving us 26 co-sponsors, and passed

the bill. On April 4, the Governor signed the House bill.

Cownose Ray Protections (SB268/HB211) as introduced establish protections from fishing tournaments for pregnant and adolescent Chesapeake Bay native Cownose Rays while in State waters. The final passed bills, waiting on the Governor's desk, place a two-year moratorium on the tournaments, while the Maryland DNR develops a management plan for the rays.

City of Frederick Hotel and Conference Center: At the request of the City of Frederick officials and the Frederick County Executive, we returned the passed 2016 funding (\$1 million) the Governor removed from the budget and secured 2017 (\$4 million) and outyear (\$11 million) funding for the project.

## Selected Sponsored Bills still under review

Affordable Community College (SB678/HB848) legislation would allow students in need to attend Maryland Community Colleges and apprenticeship programs for free.

Funding for the program would be shared by the county and the state. Options for funding the program were not developed until late in the session, so the committee is holding the bill for the 2018 Session.

Independent Film-makers support (SB723) amends the Film Production Activity Tax Credit to provide financial support specifically for Maryland-owned small and independent filmmakers. Although the bill is strongly supported by the independent film industry, the Budget and Taxation committee held the bill to review its impact on the other grantees of the tax credit.

Stormwater Management (SB472/HB656) authorizes municipalities to apply SWM fees to county and state owned property within municipalities. For the first time in four years, the bill had support of both the counties, municipalities, the House Environment & Transportation Committee, and the Senate Education, Health and

Environmental Affairs Committee. However, the Senate Budget & Taxation committee did not vote on the bill.

## Highlights of Bills that Passed both Chambers

Affordable Care Act Protection (SJ7/HJ9): The Joint Resolution calls on the governor and Maryland's Congressional Delegation to protect 400,000 Marylanders' access to health insurance provided through the Affordable Care Act. Should the president's changes to the ACA go into effect Maryland risks losing \$7.7 billion over the next four years in federal funding for health care.

Brewery Industry Modernization (HB1283) provides more flexible hours and raises the ceiling on the amount of beer sold in brewery tasting rooms. Unfortunately, the final bill does more to support the Baltimore County Guinness facility than the existing craft breweries in our communities. For this reason, I stood apart from my colleagues and voted against the bill on the Senate floor.

Full Ban on Fracking (HB1325) prohibits the practice of fracking within the state of Maryland. The governor signed this bill into law on April 4.

The Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017 (SB967), Start Talking Maryland Act (SB1060) and the "Keep the Door Open Act" seek to address addiction through a variety of prevention and treatment. The bills are waiting for the Governor's signature.

Redistricting Reform (SB1023) provided a non-partisan regional solution to redistricting that included 5 other states in the agreement.

For regular updates sign up for my email alerts at [SenatorRonYoung.org](http://SenatorRonYoung.org), and join me on [@SenRonYoung](https://www.facebook.com/SenatorRonYoung).

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Delegate Carol Krimm – District 3A

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am limited in the number of words I can submit to the Banner. If you wish me to email you a full end of session update from my office including budget detail for Frederick County then please contact my office at [carol.krimm@house.state.md.us](mailto:carol.krimm@house.state.md.us).

I am a member of the House Appropriations Committee, and all funding both operating and capital budgets are approved by my committee before being considered on the House floor for a vote. The Fiscal Year 2018 budget is within spending affordability guidelines and structurally balanced. It meets our goals of being fiscally prudent and socially responsible. I am pleased with the outcome.

The Maryland General Assembly passed a \$43.5 billion operating budget for FY 2018-2019. The budget holds the line on taxes and fees, closes a \$400 million revenue gap and provides nearly \$1 billion in the Rainy Day Fund. This puts us in a solid financial position.

Overall, Frederick County received a 3.1 percent increase in state aid. Frederick County public school funding saw a 3.7 percent increase in funding bringing the total for FY 18 to \$242,508,894 from \$233,821,826 in FY 17.

I co-sponsored the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act, which allows more than 693,000 Marylanders to no longer make the difficult choice of either reporting to work sick, sending a sick child to school or staying home and sacrificing much-needed income

- or worse - possibly losing his or her job. Under the bill, employees will be able to earn up to five days sick leave. The bill requires businesses with 15 or more employees to provide earned sick leave and exempts seasonal businesses and employers who already offer comparable benefits.

I voted for the HOPE Act to combat the growing heroin and opioid epidemic in Maryland. The HOPE Act increases funding for behavioral health community providers and expands grants for drug court programs and a statewide toll-free crisis hotline. It also requires the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish crisis treatment centers in the state and hospitals to establish a protocol for overdose patients.

The statewide fracking ban passed. Many constituents wrote to me about the Oil and Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition Bill.

I voted for the Public Integrity Act, which passed both houses unanimously. The bill will strengthen Maryland's ethics laws by increasing financial disclosure reporting requirements and broadening the definition of what constitutes a conflict of interest for state elected officials, public officials and lobbyists.

I co-sponsored a bill that authorizes Maryland's attorney general to prevent prescription drug price gouging of drugs no longer subject to patent restrictions. The legislation will help the attorney general's office investigate why prices for certain drugs skyrocket and would force pharmaceutical companies to justify those increases.

**PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS ACT (HB 978):** This bill was vetoed by Gov. Larry Hogan. I voted to override the veto. This legislation establishes guidelines for how to implement the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, while giving the Maryland State Department of Education discretion on implementing the details. The bill prohibits the state board from making test results count for 100 percent of the assessment of school progress.

Bills I sponsored and passed the General Assembly:

**HB 28 (Unappropriated General Fund Surplus – Appropriation to Pension Fund and Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund):** The bill directs general fund surplus in excess of \$10 million to the State Retirement and Pension System (SRPS) Trust Fund (which is over and above the actuarial required contribution (ARC) of the state's pension system) and Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund. The amounts contributed to each fund may not exceed \$25 million in a fiscal year.

**HB 99 (YMCA of Frederick County):** This bill provides \$100,000 to be allocated to the YMCA to repair, renovate and purchase new equipment and furnishings damaged from Hurricane Joaquin.

**HB 269 (Housing Navigator and Aftercare Program):** This bill in partnership with our county's Advocates for the Homeless. This bill will expand an existing program in the state and double its size. A housing navigator assists individuals and families in danger of a housing crisis in obtaining permanent housing. As a member of the Joint Committee to End Homelessness, I introduced this bill to address the growing problem of homelessness in our state.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 410-841-3472 or [carol.krimm@house.state.md.us](mailto:carol.krimm@house.state.md.us).

I look forward to working with you as your delegate as my term continues representing District 3A.

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Delegate Karen Lewis Young – District 3A

## Legislative Session 2017 Wrap-Up

Each year I introduce between 10 and 15 pieces of legislation on behalf of my constituents. Not all of the bills that are introduced make it to the governor to be signed into law. Often it takes more than one legislative session to pass a complex bill. What follows is an overview of those bills that have passed both Chambers as well as those that only moved in one body.

Bills currently on their way to the governor to be signed:

- **HB 584 – The Right to Try Act** is one of the most important pieces of legislation I've introduced. This bill could potentially save the lives of several terminally ill patients. Under this legislation, terminally ill patients will have access to potentially lifesaving treatments that have passed Phase I of the FDA approval process, but remain in clinical trials and are not available to pharmacies. During this session, the FDA did not oppose this bill, and those physicians who would most likely prescribe these treatments supported it. This bill received bipartisan support, full support by both the House Health and Government Operations and Senate Finance Committees, and was passed unanimously by both Chambers. If the governor signs the Right to Try Act into law, Maryland will become the 34th state to pass similar legislation. In fact, all states,

DC, and Congress, with the exception of New Mexico, are considering some form of this legislation.

- **HB 1093 – Substance Use Treatment – Inpatient and Intensive Outpatient Programs – Consent by Minor** is legislation that will have some important local impact, as well as giving parents state-wide the support and resources required to help their adolescent children suffering from the disease of addiction. The Youth Ranch of Frederick brought the need for this legislation to my attention. This bill will update the existing law to allow for substance abuse to be treated more like a disease. Specifically, it assists parents in admitting their adolescent children, who suffer from substance abuse, but lack the understanding or interest to enroll without parental direction. If this bill is signed into law, parents will not have to send their children out of state for treatment.

In addition, **HB 158 – Heritage Frederick Capital Improvements** is a bond bill providing Heritage Frederick (formerly the Frederick County Historical Society) with additional resources for upgrades to their facility. The \$25,000, which was recently approved, is to be used for Heritage Capital Improvements projects. Bond bills are not presented to the Governor for signature.

The following bills passed only one chamber by the last day of session on April 10, 2017. There may be opportunities to introduce these bills again in the future.

- **HB 398 – Salary History Information Disclosures** is a bill that would ensure that individuals being considered for a job would not have their salary or pay offer based on or contingent upon past salary. This is an important enhancement to Equal Pay legislation that goes a long way in support of pay equity. If this bill were to pass, it would help to break the cycle of pay discrimination and encourage businesses to improve their hiring policies. Maryland would be the second state to pass such legislation statewide. Unfortunately,

the senate decided not to move this bill.

- **HB 919 – Nondiscrimination Clauses and State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination** is a bill to encourage companies doing business with the state to consider making their boards of directors more diverse. We need to get more women on corporate boards of directors if we want to influence organizational employment and compensation practices. This bill saw some movement in the Senate but, by the time it crossed over to the House of Delegates, the substance of this legislation was marginalized.

- **HB 1172 – Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories (BSL-3)** is a bill that will simply require the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene to compile a list of all private BSL-3 Labs and make that list available to local Public Health and Emergency Management Officials. A majority of these labs are located in Frederick, Harford, and Montgomery counties. Private BSL-3 labs are not subject to the same level of inspection as public labs, since they do not work with federal bio-select agents and toxins. This bill will have a minimal limited fiscal impact but will provide local officials, in the event of an emergency, with information they currently do not have readily available to them. The Health and Government Operations and the House of Delegates have passed this bill unanimously, but there was no movement in the Senate.

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**A NEW and IMPROVED  
Frederick Co. Democratic  
Party Website!**





The Central Committee welcomes our newest member – Lauren Beacham!



Hello, fellow Democrats! My name is Lauren Beacham, and it is a complete honor to be introducing myself as the newest member of the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee. For the many who do not know me, I am a small business owner living in Emmitsburg with my husband and our three terriers in an old farmhouse. Like many of you in the wake of the devastating Trump win, I looked for ways to get involved in my community to take our country back. Overwhelmed with options with where to put my energy, but with many ideas of what I'd like to see happen with progressing our party, I felt the opening in the Committee was serendipitous. I was humbled to have been chosen over many incredible and highly motivated women. I have been a Democrat since I've known what the political parties stand for. To me, this big beautiful inclusive party stands for the people, the planet, and progress. I am grateful to be working in our community to make this a better county, a better state, a better country. And I look forward to assisting in the healing of our party and building bridges with you.



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**Frederick County Democrats**

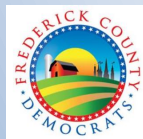
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### **Banner Newsletter Ideas?**

Send me an email with your ideas, materials or feedback for consideration.

Hope you enjoyed reading!

*Mari Lee,*

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Central Committee -

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To **RSVP** for the **ClubBlue** Happy Hour, click [here](#). Members attend for free. Non-members pay \$10.00

For more info on **ClubBlue**, see page 9.

## ClubBlue Happy Hour!



**Are you a ClubBlue member? If so, join us for a ClubBlue happy hour!**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.**

**Smoketown Brewing Station**

Historic Brunswick—223 West Potomac Street

Members attend for free, and will receive one drink ticket. | Non-members may attend by paying \$10 at the door.

Food provided.

Please **RSVP/Register by Tuesday, May 2** via our Eventbrite link.





At our April meeting, our topic was "A Civics Lesson and what you can do to exercise your rights to effect change." Both gentlemen stressed the importance of understanding your rights and exercising them. The legislative branch of government is the branch where citizens can affect the most change, but don't be too quick to attack a bill when it is first introduced since many bills never make it out of committee. It is best to conserve your energy for the real fight. Finally, if you plan on suing the government over a law, you must demonstrate you were adversely affected by that law.

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, April 3, 2017, with Antonio Bowens, candidate for Frederick City Alderman and Beth Landry, community activist and local leader of HealthcareNow. 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](mailto: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!



## SAVE THE DATES

**May 17th - 7:00pm Café 611**

### Voter Registration Certification

with Stuart Harvey

Director of Frederick County Board of Elections

**June 21st - 7:00pm Café 611**

### Candidate Training Event

Open to all Democrats

running for office or supporting candidates



**Tuesday May 9, 2017**

**8:00 A.M.**

IHOP Restaurant  
5277 Buckeystown Pike,  
Frederick  
(Westview Promenade)

Join the South Frederick  
County Democratic Group for  
breakfast on the second  
Tuesday of the month for lively  
conversation and discussion.

**Guest speaker:**  
**Joy Schaefer with the Board of  
Education**

**Need more information?**  
Please contact Rolan Clark,  
[rolan.clark@comcast.net](mailto:rolan.clark@comcast.net).

All are Welcome.

Come when you can and leave  
when you must.

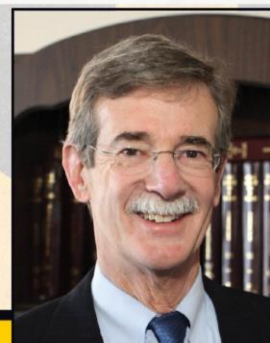
Hope to see you there!

# Birthday Celebration Fundraiser for

## Delegate Karen Lewis Young



**Tuesday, June 13, 2017 5:30-8:30 PM**  
**Heritage Frederick**  
**(Historical Society of**  
**Frederick County)**  
**24 East Church Street,**  
**Frederick, MD, 21701**



**Special Guest: Attorney General Brian Frosh**

**RSVP by June 6 to 301.639.2155**  
**or karenlewisyoung@gmail.com**

**Friends of Karen Lewis Young**  
**PO Box 3662**  
**Frederick, MD 21705**

\_\_\_ Yes, I/we would like to attend at  
the following contribution level:

- \_\_\_ \$1000 Sponsor
- \_\_\_ \$500 Patron
- \_\_\_ \$250 Supporter
- \_\_\_ \$100 Friend
- \_\_\_ \$66 Constituent

No, I/we are unable to attend,  
but \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed

Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Friends of Karen Lewis Young**

By Authority: Friends of Karen Lewis Young, Kathy Rossen, Treasurer,  
PO Box 3662, Frederick, MD, 21705





## Become a member of CLUBBLUE!

Later this year, the City of Frederick will hold its municipal elections for mayor and alderman. In 2018, we have over thirty elected positions to vote on, including federal office holders, governor, county executive and county council, our Annapolis delegation and more. As we look ahead, a question we each should ask ourselves is what difference can we make now to work toward the common goal of electing progressive Democrats in all of these positions. One way to do that is to become a member of CLUBBLUE.

### What is CLUBBLUE?

CLUBBLUE is not a traditional club. There are no monthly meetings, and there are no officers. It's simply one of the fundraising arms of the Frederick County Democratic Party. Our "members" consist of activists and everyday people who contribute a monthly monetary donation to help the Party sustain its competitiveness locally in current and future elections.

### How Will My Contributions Be Used?

Donations received through CLUBBLUE will be used to assist candidates up and down the ballot run energetic and effective campaigns, with professional polling and messaging consultants, data, fundraising assistance, and so much more.

Suggested monthly donation levels are \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25, but you are free to select an amount smaller or larger that is suitable for you.

### Benefits of membership

As a CLUBBLUE member, you will receive The Banner (monthly e-newsletter)\*, a decal and membership card, as well as discounts on Plowman/Fisherman events and our annual local Democratic Party dinner. An additional activity is also being planned this year that will be free for members. In the future, we hope to have T-shirts, hats and other items for you to show your support for the party.

### How Do I Join?

We need your help to continue the fight to get Democrats elected to office and turn FREDERICK COUNTY BLUE! Sign up today by clicking [here](#).

Thank you!



\*If you are already receiving The Banner newsletter – great! You will continue to receive it.

By Authority: Frederick County Democratic Central Committee | Treasurer: Tony Soltero

## 2017 Candidates' Corner



RE-ELECT  
**DonnaK**  
FOR ALDERMAN

### KUZEMCHAK ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID WITH MAJOR ENDORSEMENT

Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak – Donna K as she's known by many locals – made it official that she will continue to fight for what's right when she filed to run for re-election in Frederick City, MD. Kuzemchak is off to a strong start with an endorsement from one of the region's top Democrats, County Executive Jan Gardner.

"If I had to describe Donna in one word, I would choose 'fighter'," said Gardner. "Frederick City residents can always count on Donna to fight for their issues and be on their side."

Kuzemchak is the first Aldermanic candidate to receive an endorsement from Gardner in the 2017 election year.

One of the most seasoned elected officials Frederick City history, Kuzemchak has led on major causes, from affordable living, education, and historic preservation, to the arts and equality.

In 2016, Kuzemchak was featured in 'The New York Times' for her equal rights advocacy to remove the controversial Roger B. Taney statue from the grounds of City Hall.

Kuzemchak continued making headlines, in 2017, leading the Frederick March for Women, one of hundreds of Washington DC sister marches.

"I am honored to know Donna and wholeheartedly support her bid for re-election," Gardner concluded.

The Kuzemchak campaign plans to announce its first major event in the coming weeks.

"Getting things done for kids and working families is right," says Kuzemchak. "We've made amazing progress and I want to continue as a practical, open-minded and moral voice for all city residents. That will always be the fight for what's right."

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Twitter: @DonnaKFrederick

Email: [vote4donnak@gmail.com](mailto:vote4donnak@gmail.com)

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On May 31st Michael O'Connor turns



To celebrate we are holding a fundraiser on  
**Friday, June 2, 2017, 5:00pm to 7:30pm**  
FSK Hotel Lobby, 31 West Patrick Street  
Frederick, Maryland

Suggested donation \$51.00 per person

Mail your check payable to **O'Connor for Frederick**  
640 Lee Place, Frederick MD 21702 or make a donation  
online at [www.oconnorforfrederick.com](http://www.oconnorforfrederick.com)

Please r.s.v.p. by May 27 to  
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RSVP by May 27 to  
[toc21702@yahoo.com](mailto:toc21702@yahoo.com) or 301-667-4282.



### Two Events to Get to Know Jeannette Bartelt Candidate for City Alderman

On **May 14, 2017**, the Frederick Progressive's will be holding a Candidate Form at the Thurmont library starting at **1:00 pm**. Michael O'Connor and I will be presenting our platform and answering questions.

On **May 20, 2017**, C. Hillal Eastburn is holding a Meet and Greet at 5 Kline Blvd. Frederick, MD to benefit Jeannette Bartelt and her run for City Alderman.

By authority: Friends of Jeannette Bartelt, Treasurer, James French

The City of Frederick holds partisan elections for the Mayor and five-member Board of Alderman every four years.

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**Democratic Candidates for the 2017 Primary**

(Candidates' listing will be updated on a monthly basis. Filing deadline – Monday, July 3, 2017)



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**Dates to Remember:**

**Candidate Filing Opens** - Tuesday, January 3

**Primary Election** - Tuesday, September 12

**Filing Deadline** - Monday, July 3

**General Election** - Tuesday, November 7

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