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An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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July 2017

Central Committee

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Chair's Corner

The Central Committee would like to thank all those who attended our first Frederick Democratic Gala this past Wednesday at Springfield Manor in Thurmont. We could not have picked a more perfect evening. With all we have endured under Donald Trump in the past six months and with our star power special guest, Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar, the gala sold out by the middle of June. I think the enthusiastic response illustrates the growing importance of the Democratic Party in the county and the recognition that Frederick is crucial to Democratic victories across the state.

Evidence of the growing importance of the Frederick annual fundraising event was in the number of elected officials or potential candidates who were in the room: four of the eight gubernatorial hopefuls, five potential candidates for the 6th congressional district should John Delaney choose not to run, both Frederick City announced mayoral candidates, and eight of the nine candidates registered in the aldermanic race.

Also in attendance was the new chair of the Maryland Democratic Party, Kathleen Matthews. She outlined the

party's summer canvassing campaign of Resistance and Renewal that will reach out to fall-off voters and listen to their concerns. The Central Committee is participating in this campaign and plans to contact with some 4,500 people before Labor Day.

Also joining us was our dynamic, progressive and brilliant congressman from the 8th district, Jamie Raskin, along with Senator Chris Van Hollen, who drove our special guest from Capitol Hill. Van Hollen is a true champion of the American people, fighting every day to ensure that our state and our country live up to their full promise of equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity. Since becoming senator six months ago, he has become a leading Democratic spokesman. He is everywhere. Most recently, he has been out in front arguing against attempts to overturn the Affordable Care Act. Even though the Republican Wealthcare Bill failed this time, he admonished those in attendance not to let their guard down. As he put it, "There is no time for a victory lap."

The highlight of the evening was the very thoughtful, hopeful, funny and timely remarks from Senator Klobuchar. Listed as one of twenty

potential Democratic presidential candidates in 2020, the senator focused on what the grassroots and the party have accomplished in "these first months of Trump," and citing her experience in Minnesota, she talked about the need to reach rural voters with Democratic messages.

Special congratulations to this year's awardees: Woman of the Year Judy Rice, Man of the Year Don DeArmon, and Volunteer of the Year Maureen Grayzeck. They have given much to the Democratic Party and to the Frederick community, and we thank them for their service. In recognition of the growing involvement of the younger generation and with a focus on "building our bench," this year we inaugurated a new award – The Rising Star. We were pleased to present this award to Kavonte Duckett.

Myrna Whitworth

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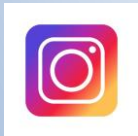
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July 2017 at a Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting

No business meeting in July

Join us at our annual picnic on **Saturday, July 29**

(See flyer on page 6 for more info)

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meeting

Saturday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m.

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

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 11 at 8:00 a.m.

IHOP Restaurant @ Westview Promenade
5277 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, July 19 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 lot across the street.

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting

No meeting in July

Young Democrats of Frederick County Monthly Meeting

Sunday, July 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Clagett Enterprises, 7540 N. Market Street, Frederick

Frederick County Dems at the Food Bank

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

Contact: Maureen Grayzeck – mgrayzeck2016@gmail.com

Frederick Food Bank Program operated by
Community Action Agency, 14 E. All Saints St, Frederick



Delegate Karen Lewis Young – District 3A

Democrats in Disarray

This has been a headline topic throughout the media during the final week of June. Our losing streak was exasperated by the congressional special election in Georgia. In general, most Democrats are in agreement that we need to do something very different, but we are not aligned on what that is.

On a national basis, we have lost more than a 1000 state legislative seats, and we control only one-third of the country's legislative chambers. Maryland's own 2014 gubernatorial race should never have been lost. For years to come, pundits will be debating how such an unprepared, morally deficient, and emotionally unstable individual became our country's president.

Before we take corrective action, we must develop some consensus about our major challenges. What follows is a summary of several of the questions that have been frequently posed:

- Is our party out of touch with families who are struggling economically?
- Is there too much of a divide between the left and moderates?
- Do we have a compelling message that resonates with a plurality of the voters?
- Are we able to inspire enough voter turn out,

particularly for state and local elections?

- Do we place enough emphasis on local elections, or do we concentrate much more heavily on the presidential cycle?
- Do we need major changes in our party's leadership?
- Are we appealing to younger voters?
- Are we aggressive enough? By always taking the high road, do we fail to defend ourselves?

I would submit that there is some truth in all of the above. So where do we begin? I believe that we need to start by building a broader coalition.

Less than a century ago, Democrats were able to unify some unlikely voting groups. During the mid-20th century, Northern progressives and Southern conservatives passed Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Civil Rights Act. Even as we lost some of those Southern conservatives, we were able to retain factory workers from the rust belt. This is no longer the case.

Unless we want to abdicate to more Trump policy supporters, we need to re-build a broader coalition. We must win back more moderates and working-class voters.

This will necessitate some compromise on ideology. We need to carefully select our most important issues and be willing to negotiate on others. If we insist on being "idiotically pure" (all or none), we will continue to lose Democratic seats in the General Assembly, the governor's mansion, Congress, and the presidency.

First, we must prioritize our most important issues within the context of healthcare, education, the environment, equality, and social justice. Next we must craft succinct messages with broad appeal that have a strong emotional connection with likely voters. (I intend to write more about this in a future *Banner* edition.) Finally, we must be bold and stop avoiding anything that appears to be controversial with respect to our

major issues. We need more spokespeople and champions!

The "wake-up call" has been blasting for several years. It is time for Democrats to stop hitting the snooze button!

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Editor's Corner

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Banner Newsletter Ideas?

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

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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or

Central Committee -

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We recently changed our Facebook page name to **FrederickDemocrats**. (former FredDems)

You'll find the same great content and interaction with the community, but our posts are now under our new name.

A New Way to Communicate to Voters: The Frederick Democrats Podcast

It is with great pleasure and much anticipation that the Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee will be debuting the Frederick County Democrats Podcast on or before July 10! For Frederick County politics, this podcast is setting us a bar above the competition in terms of getting our message out to voters, especially millennial voters who often seek their political news through non-traditional media.

Let's face it, as Democrats, we haven't done a great job in recent years of getting our message out and explaining to voters why our party is the better and stronger choice to represent their interests. When it comes to local elections, it can sometimes be difficult for candidates to spread their message because they compete with major media outlets pushing the big stories of the day; and all too often local candidates are working with a limited campaign budget, a limited number of volunteers, having a regular job, and talking to media outlets that aren't keeping pace with how voters consume information. But we can and will do a better job moving forward. This podcast series will provide our candidates with the opportunity to reach a wide audience of voters, voters that can listen to the podcast when it is convenient to their own busy schedules.

What is great about a podcast is that they can be posted to social media and are downloadable, so voters can listen to them anywhere and at any time. Voters can even binge listen in the days leading up to an election.

With Frederick City elections taking place this fall, city voters will be able to hear from our candidates while commuting to work, completing house chores, or traveling to their vacation destinations this summer.

The first episodes of the podcast will feature members of the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee. In these episodes, we

explain what the Central Committee is and what it does. We discuss the various subcommittees and how Democrats within the community can volunteer as well as other ways to get involved. Following these episodes, I will be interviewing our Democratic candidates for aldermen and mayor. Through the Fred Dems Facebook page, we have asked city residents to provide us with questions they would like to ask the candidates. This has given us a good feel for what matters most to city voters.

For more information, and to download the latest episodes of the Frederick County Democrats Podcast, go to www.frederickdemocrats.org. Soon, you will also be able to download the podcast on iTunes – just be sure to subscribe and rate the podcast with five stars. This way you will be able to automatically download new episodes as soon as they become available, and the podcast will get more exposure as our listener base increases. And one final note: you can help our candidates by sharing their podcast interviews on your social media pages.

Josh Cramer, Central Committee Member



Female Vacancy on the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee



It is with regret that the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee has accepted the resignation of Millicent Hall. But we

are excited for her as she takes on a new political position as campaign manager for her father, Andrew Duck in his bid for the 6th Congressional District. We wish them both well.

The Central Committee is dedicated to supporting Democratic causes, candidates, and elected officials; and to increasing Democratic voter registration and visibility. Our activities range from recruiting candidates at all levels and campaigning for them to raising awareness of Democratic Party principles and positions on issues affecting our community, state and nation.

Our by-laws state the Central Committee will be composed of six men and six women. In the event of a vacancy, the Committee will reach out to interested applicants, interview them and select a replacement.

We are now accepting applications to fill Millicent's seat. To qualify, you must be a female resident of Frederick County and a registered Democrat. We are looking for applicants with the time and commitment to work to grow the Democratic Party in Frederick County. Our regular meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. In addition, each member chairs or co-chairs a subcommittee.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Democratic Central Committee, please submit a letter of interest that includes your name, address, email and phone number, along with a brief resume.

Applications should be emailed no later than July 10 to

info@frederickdemocrats.org.

Applicants must also be available for a brief interview on July 20 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

If you applied for our open position in March, there is no need to re-submit your resume; however, we will ask you to let us know that you are still interested in this vacancy and to re-interview on July 20.

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UNITED DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF MARYLAND

Statewide/ Western
Region Luncheon

Saturday, July 22, 2017

NICK'S AIRPORT INN

14548 Pennsylvania Ave.
Hagerstown, MD 21742
301-733-8560

SPEAKERS

Andrew Duck, Bill Frick,
Roger Manno, Aruna Miller
& David Trone

Membership Meeting @ 11:00 am
Luncheon @ noon
Speakers @ 12:30 p.m.

\$20.00 in advance
\$25.00 at the door

RSVP BY July 14, 2017 by sending
your check payable to UDWMD to:
Denise Riley

4216 Queensbury Road
Hyattsville, MD 20781

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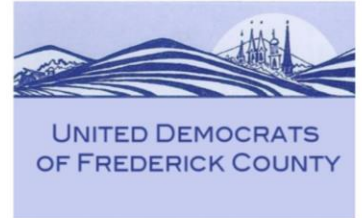


On June 5, we had a program focused on the city elections with mayoral candidate Jennifer Dougherty and aldermanic candidate Jeannette Bartelt. Jennifer talked the importance of sustainability and economic development. In addition, she would like a more transparent government and leverage the web for paying city utilities. Finally, she said she will always keep trying and will work hard for the citizens of Frederick. Jeannette feels we need to stop new construction until we have a better plan of action for schools. She would like a more inclusive city government where the city works for everyone, not just certain parts. Finally, she said we need to take care of each other and have a renewed focus on affordable housing.

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, August 7 with special guests Derek Shackelford and Roger Wilson, candidates for Frederick City Alderman. 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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**Join UDFC for fun, fellowship & a few speeches
at our Annual Picnic**

Saturday, July 29, 2017

4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Ballenger Creek Park

5420 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick
(Pavilion #1)

**UDFC will provide fried chicken, paper goods, drinks
(sodas & adult beverages)**

Please bring a dish of your choice to share.

Paid members attend for FREE!

**Non-members can attend by joining UDFC
- \$20 individual or \$35 family**

(Can be paid during check-in at the picnic; membership will be active to the end of the year.)

Picnic will be held



or



Hope you can and will join us!

**Questions? Contact President Mark Jafari at
UnitedDemsFrederick@yahoo.com or 240-630-4280**

DRINKING LIBERALLY WEEKLY HAPPY HOUR

STARTS WEDNESDAY JULY 5
7-9 PM AT CAFE NOLA IN
DOWNTOWN FREDERICK

Between our tireless activism, our continued hard work in the community, and our shared heartache from what's happening around our country, we all deserve a drink. So Lauren Beacham and Josh Cramer have decided to re-start the chapter of Drinking Liberally right here in Frederick! Drinking Liberally is a social club that encourages progressive, liberal, forward thinking folks to gather in groups around the globe to raise glasses together and discuss topics that weigh heavy on their hearts in a welcoming environment. With this group, there is no agenda, no fee, no sponsor. It is meant to simply be a regular, casual gathering where you can take a load off with some old and new like-minded friends. Whether your drink of choice is beer, wine, liquor, tea, coffee, or good old H₂O, we want you to be a part of it. So please join us, starting on July 5, every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Cafe Nola in downtown Frederick. To learn more about this global organization, please visit www.drinkingliberally.org. When our chapter goes live on the website, you'll be able to join our mailing list for updates and any special events! So bring your friends and we hope to see you there. Cheers!



Many Thanks to our June Guest Speakers!

Senator Roger Manno www.rogermanno.com

Alderman Donna Kuzemchak www.vote4donnak.com

Andrew Duck www.duckforcongress.org

Emily Hovermale www.humanesociety.org/md

David Goodman www.trublupolitics.com

Karl Bickel karlbickel@comcast.net

*We thank you for your support and
sharing your knowledge and experience!*

**Join us for our July 19th meeting
Meet the 2017 City of Frederick Candidates!**

Café 611

611 North Market Street

Questions?

www.wdlfrederick.org wdlfrederick@gmail.com

A few random photos from the Frederick County Democratic Party Gala 2017 held on June 28.

Credits: Deborah Carter, George Cassutto, Kavonte Duckett, Millicent Hall, Mark Jafari



More photos on the next page.





**Tuesday July 11, 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.**

**Need more information?
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Clark,
rolan.clark@comcast.net.**

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leave when you must.



2017 Candidates' Corner



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DONNA KUZEMCHAK ANNOUNCES FUNDRAISER AT THE DELAPLAINE

Democratic City of Frederick Alderwoman, Donna Kuzemchak, will host a fundraiser on Saturday, July 29th at 7PM, at The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

"The Delaplaine is a perfect venue," says Kuzemchak. "As an active Board Member on the Frederick Arts Council and as a strong advocate for the arts and arts education, I can't think of a better, more exciting, place for our campaign to host this event."

On the heels of a rousing campaign kickoff event in downtown Frederick in June, the names added to Kuzemchak's donor list continues to rise. The Donna K 4 Alderman campaign has also released a powerful endorsement video featuring Frederick County Executive, Jan Gardner.

Gardner is anticipated to speak the Donna K 4 Alderman fundraiser, in support of Kuzemchak, on July 29th.

"We are grateful for the growing support," Kuzemchak concluded, "and invite all City of Frederick Democrats to join us at The Delaplaine, to continue our momentum to fight for what's right for

kids, working families, historic preservation, affordable living and the arts."

For more details on the July 29th fundraiser, or to view Executive Jan Gardner's endorsement video in support of Kuzemchak, visit: vote4donnak.com.

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RED 
WHITE
& BLUES 

July 4, 2017

5 – 8 p.m.

Mullinix Park
16 South Bentz Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701



Meet the Candidate
Roger Wilson
for City Alderman

Celebrate the 4th at the **Red White & Blues** party in the park! Get the opportunity to meet Roger Wilson, candidate for City Alderman, and register to vote in this year's election. Enjoy **live music** by local jazz band **Iva Ambush and Ambuscade**, **food**, and **fun for the kids** before the fireworks begin.

This event is free to the public—all are welcome!

By the authority of Friends of Roger Wilson, Treasurer: Debra Borden

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

Frederick City
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Democratic Candidates for the 2017 Primary



Mayoral Candidates

Jennifer Dougherty
Contact – jpd1492@gmail.com

Michael O'Connor – www.oconnorforfrederick.com
Contact – moconnor1966@comcast.net

Aldermanic Candidates

Todd Anderson – andersonforfrederick.com
Contact: todd@andersonforfrederick.com

Jeanette Bartelt
Contact: jeannettebarteltcampaign@gmail.com

Antonio Bowens
Contact: bowens4frederick@gmail.com

Kris Fair – www.krisfair.com
Contact: info@KrisFair.com

Donna Kuzemchak – donnak4frederick.com
Contact: Jeffrey Keilholtz, Campaign Mgr. - (646) 335-3971

Ben MacShane
Contact: ben@macshaneforalderman.com

Kelly Russell - votekellyrussell.com (active soon)
Contact: kelly@votekellyrussell.com

Derek Shackelford – www.derek4alderman.com
Contact: Derek4Alderman2017@gmail.com

Roger Wilson – www.wilsonforfrederick.com
Contact: Michelle Corpora - michelle.corpora@gmail.com

Kim L. Williams
Contact: kwms60@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Filing Deadline – Monday, July 3

Early Voting for Primary Election*
Friday, Aug. 25 – 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Aug 26 – 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Primary Election
Tuesday, Sept. 12 – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Early Voting for General Election*
Friday, Oct. 27 – 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28 – 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

General Election
Tuesday, Nov. 7 – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

* All early voting will be done at the Frederick Senior Center, 1440 Taney Ave.

For more information on city elections, click [here](#).