



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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February 2018

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Chair's Corner

Frederick County Democrats should be encouraged by the growing number of qualified residents who are filing to run for office in 2018. Many of them joined the Central Committee at our January 27 campaign school held at Hood College. We titled this year's training "All the Way Blue, The Democratic Tsunami." And judging by the caliber of the more than 40 attendees and their enthusiasm and commitment, we are on the road to making that a reality.

In her opening remarks, County Executive Jan Gardner set the tone for this full day of workshops and discussion on how to build a team, run a campaign and win an election. We want to thank her and our other presenters who gave of their time and provided their expertise and experience on the many facets of campaigning. Stephen Slater, former vice chair and 2014 candidate for legislative district 3B, used the recent results from the Frederick municipal election to discuss "win numbers" and voter targeting. Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor and the city aldermen joined us to talk about that

election and the role of teamwork in accomplishing their success. Democratic activist Tyler Oylar of GNP VAN spoke about building a field operation and the importance of getting out the vote.

Stephanie Mellinger of Mellinger and Associates took the group step-by-step through the exercise that most candidates like least: fundraising. She demystified the art of the "ask" and outlined an approach and schedule for bringing in those needed dollars. From the state party, we want to thank Fabion Seaton who talked about messaging, dealing with the press and the importance of social media. State party database guru Tyler Carr took the group through a crash course on using MDVAN, a software that allows campaigns to access information about voters and volunteers.

Teamwork and team building were important aspects of Saturday's training, and we are very grateful to our elected officials and former candidates who came to talk about their jobs and their campaigns for office. Senator Ron Young spoke to a large group of those seeking legislative office in both district 3 and 4; Councilman Jerry Donald, who

won his district 1 race by 25 votes, discussed running for county council; Mari Lee and Bonnie Nicholson talked about the challenges and opportunities in the courthouse races; Brad Young and Ken Kerr spoke with candidates seeking a seat on the Board of Education.

We want to give a huge shout-out to the Hood College Democrats, especially Sam Kebede and Hannah Christen, for obtaining the facilities and ensuring the day ran smoothly. If you are interested in running for office, you still have until February 26 to file. If you were unable to attend our campaign school, we have copies of the material that we would be happy to share with you.

Mark your calendars for two events coming up. On Thursday, February 22, we will be celebrating our great volunteers in the lobby of the Francis Scott Key Hotel on Court Street. Our first Plowman/Fisherman event will be on March 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Museum of Frederick County History. Four of our gubernatorial candidates have been invited to attend that function. Hope to see you there!

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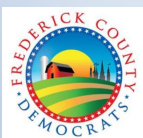
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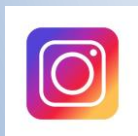
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February 2018 at A Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 5 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 lot across the street.

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Meet-Up
Saturday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: New location – Thurmont Kountry Kitchen,
17 Water St., Thurmont
(Please bring a non-perishable item for the area food bank.)

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Meet-Up
Tuesday, February 13 at 8:00 a.m.

IHOP Restaurant @ Westview Promenade
5277 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting
Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Urbana Regional Library, 9020 Amelung St, Frederick
Programming Room – 2nd floor

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting
February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick
(Social time/dinner @ patron's expense at 6:30 p.m.)

Frederick Co. Democratic Party Volunteer Thank You & Local Organization Networking Event
Thursday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Francis Scott Key Hotel Lobby, 31 W. Patrick Street, Frederick
RSVP by Feb. 15 – info@frederickdemocrats.org
(See flyer on page 8)

Young Democrats of Frederick County Monthly Meeting
Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Clagett Enterprises, 7540 N. Market Street, Frederick

Frederick County Dems at the Food Bank
Every Friday in February 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



Senator Ron Young – District 3

We are into our third week of session, and the bills are being introduced at a rapid rate. It appears that we may have a record number of bills introduced in the senate this year, which means we will be in hearings late into the evenings.

In the last Banner I discussed six of my major statewide bills. In addition, there are several local alcohol and bond bills, along with additional bills I have introduced that are important to our community. To start, we are seeking funding for four new bond projects in Frederick: (1) Phase II of Culler Lake revitalization, (2) Heritage Frederick improvements, (3) the Boys & Girls Club at the old Washington Street School, and (4) the completion of the Helen Smith Studio. In addition, we are requesting a technical change in order to release the 2017 funding for the New Spires Art Center, and we will continue our efforts to secure this year's funding for the downtown conference center.

As always, I am working to improve the opportunities for local brewers to grow and prosper across the state. As a delegation, we have introduced four local alcohol bills:

- reducing the number of seats required for a restaurant license from 50 to 28,
- creating an arena liquor license for local colleges and universities,

- eliminating the capital investment requirement for banquet facilities, and
- introducing a new license for gourmet cheese and deli shops.

I will also be sponsoring bills that update the Forest Conservation Act, allow students to opt out of dissecting animals in school, and provide cannabis growers and dispensaries the same tax deductions that are granted to other businesses. In addition, I have signed on as a co-sponsor, lending my support to many other bills that will help create jobs, protect the environment, support public schools, alleviate some of the tax burden created by the so-called Federal Tax Reform Bill, and ameliorate some of the adverse effects created by the attacks on the Affordable Care Act.

I am actively working to build bipartisan support for each of these bills in both the Senate and House of Delegates. I'm working with Delegate Clark to functionally end veterans' homelessness in Maryland, Delegate Stein to make tuition assistance a reality for working families, Delegate Lewis Young on a Patient's Bill of Rights, and so many other colleagues to build a prosperous Frederick and a better Maryland.

You can follow these bills and any others on the Maryland General Assembly web page at MGALEG.maryland.gov. Please feel free to contact us, write support letters, or come to Annapolis and testify on a bill.

We are always grateful to hear from you and to serve as your voice in Annapolis.

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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!

Mari Lee,
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Delegate Karen Lewis Young – District 3A

We are excited to be back in Annapolis for the 2018 legislative session, and we are off to a strong start as we begin to debate and move legislation forward. I am happy to report that the state legislature overrode Governor Hogan's veto on a paid sick leave bill, which requires employers with 15 or more employees to provide up to five earned paid sick days per year.

A major emphasis will be placed on protecting Marylanders from the harmful actions of the Trump administration. Under the Taxpayer Protections Plan, three bills will:

- 1) Restore Maryland's personal exemptions,
- 2) Prevent the top .1% from paying zero MD estate tax, and
- 3) Allow Marylanders to make new charitable contributions that benefit public education.

In addition, my committee (Health and Government Operations) will be hard at work protecting quality, accessible, affordable healthcare for Marylanders through a variety of initiatives that are intended to combat the federal efforts to sabotage the Affordable Care Act.

While we continue to work on numerous issues, I am excited to share with you the legislation that I am sponsoring in 2018.

Patient's Bill of Rights

Mandates consistency and expectations of a Patient's Bill of

Rights for all hospitals in Maryland. This effort is expected to result in better health outcomes for patients by fostering better communication between patients and health care providers.

Equal Pay–Salary History

Prohibits employers employing 15 or more employees from seeking salary history information as a basis for screening job applicants and making compensation offers. Salary should be based on position responsibilities as well as candidate skills and qualifications, not based on past positions.

Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) Laboratories

Requires the Department of Health to develop and make available a list of private BSL-3 labs to emergency management and public health officials so that they can respond to emergencies more appropriately.

Optometry Scope of Practice

Maryland has some serious health access challenges, particularly in rural areas. This bill expands the scope of practice for optometrists in a manner that makes Maryland more consistent with other states.

Opioid Conversation with Doctors

Requires doctors to have conversations with patients regarding addictive properties, signs of dependency, and alternatives when prescribing opioids.

Sunscreen in Schools

Expands the counties in Maryland that allow students to use sunscreen without written consent from their doctor.

Any Willing Provider

Requires health insurance carriers to allow any health care provider to become a member of the carrier's network of providers as long as certain conditions are met.

Brotherly Love

After two administrations of Naloxone in a week or three in one month, individual has choice of enrolling in a treatment plan or referral to a peer counselor.

Highway User Revenues

Restores local County control of how Highway User Revenues are spent.

Expanded Treatment for Lyme Disease

Modeled from legislation passed in other states that requires insurance companies to cover extended treatment of Lyme Disease.

I will have more news about the progress of these initiatives in the March Banner. In the meantime, you can reach me at

Karen.Young@house.state.md.us or 301-858-3436.

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Are you a ClubBlue member?
If not, now's the time!

We are in the midst of the 2018 election cycle. 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**. Click [here](#) to learn more, and to join!



Delegate Carol Krimm – 3A

The Maryland General Assembly session began on January 10, 2018. We will continue our work for 90 days until April 9, 2018, when we will adjourn sine die.

We started the session by overriding the governor's veto of the sick leave bill. This bill is commonsense legislation for Maryland's working families. Employees earn one hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked, up to five days (or 40 hours) per year at businesses with 15 or more employees. Workers can use up to eight days of leave annually and carry over up to four days from year to year. Businesses do not have to pay workers for any unused leave.

The bill does not apply to workers under the age of 18, those who work part-time, and seasonal employees. New employees must wait 106 days before using any of their earned sick leave.

I serve on the Appropriations Committee and Transportation and Environment Subcommittee. The governor's proposed fiscal 19 budget of \$44.5 billion represents a 2% increase over the fiscal 18 budget. There is a deficit of \$75 million. Under the administration's proposal, the structural deficit projects to grow over the five year forecast period reaching almost \$1.2 billion by fiscal 23. As you can see, the budget committees have much work to do.

K-12 education is fully funded in the budget and tuition for in-state tuition at the University System of Maryland is capped at 2%. The Opioid Crisis Fund increases to \$13.7 million. The

federal funding of the Children's Health Insurance program (CHIP) saved the state from needing to fund that program for 148,000 Maryland Children in the amount of \$128 million. However, we are still getting information about the federal tax bill and how it will affect Maryland taxpayers.

I am serving as co-chair of the Women's Caucus work group on sexual harassment prevention and policy improvement. We are having great meetings and presented recommendations on training and reporting. This is an issue that we need to address for all state elected leaders and staff as well, so we make the General Assembly a safe and comfortable work environment.

Thank you for keeping in touch. Please send me your input on issues: Carol.krimm@house.state.md.us or 1-800-492-7122 extension 3472.

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Monday, February 19





Tom Slater – Frederick Co. Democratic Party Historian

The Rest of the Story

In November, the Central Committee had another successful Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman event with Maryland Democratic Party Chair, Kathleen Matthews. The history of the Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman Club goes back to 1991. When I was chair of the Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee, I suggested that we establish a fundraising organization and call it the Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman Club. It was modeled after similar organizations in Prince George's County and Montgomery County. The Plowman and Fisherman come from the Maryland seal, which includes depictions of a farmer (plowman) and a fisherman. Some were initially critical of the name, suggesting that it should not include references to a man but should be more inclusive. Nevertheless, the name has remained. Monocacy, of course, comes from the Monocacy River that runs through Frederick County.

The very first Monocacy and Plowman event was held on August 12, 1991, at the home of James "Doc" and Betty McClellan. Special guest was Maryland Comptroller Louis Goldstein. The second event was held at the home of Beverly Byron on September 10, 1991, with Senator Barbara Mikulski. In 1992, events were held at the home of Barry Lucey with National Democratic Party chair Ron Brown as the guest and at the

home of Tom and Debbie Hattery with U.S. Senator Paul Simon as guest. Over the years since, approximately 50 events have been held with special guests such as Doug Duncan, Ann Lewis, Janet Owens, Hodding Carter, Lanny Davis, Earl Blumenauer, Martin O'Malley, James Robey, Ellen Moyer, Ike Leggett, Chuck Larson, Mike Busch, Mike Miller, Ben Cardin, Peter Franchot, Jim Smith, Doug Gansler, Ken Ulman, Anthony Brown, Chris Van Hollen, Bill Sheehan, Sid David, April Delaney, Mark Shriver, Stephanie Rawlings Blake, Heather Mizeur, Brian Frosh, Rushern Baker, Katherine Van Hollen, Donna Edwards, and Jamie Raskin. Maryland Democratic Party Chairs Terry Lierman, Michael Cryor, Susan Turnbull, Yvette Lewis and Kathleen Matthews have also been special guests.

If you are not already a member of the Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman Club, you should sign up to help your local party and enjoy meeting the special guests who are invited.

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Betty McClellan and Mary Alice Marks chat at the first Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman event on August 12, 1991.



Illinois Senator Paul Simon speaks at a Plowman and Fisherman event on June 21, 1992



Senator Barbara Mikulski with Democratic loyalists at the second Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman event on September 10, 1991



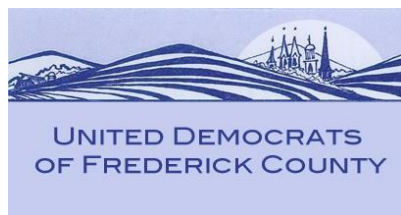
National Democratic Party Chair Ron Brown at a Plowman and Fisherman event in 1992



Hodding Carter about to speak at a Plowman and Fisherman event on October 30, 1996 at Meta and Mike Nash's home with Senator Paul Sarbanes and Maryland Comptroller Louis Goldstein looking on



The Banner



We did not have a monthly meeting in December; instead we had our Annual Joint Democratic Holiday party with the WDL, YDF, South County and North County Democrats on Saturday, December 2, at Richland Golf Club in Middletown. This was the largest holiday event in many years. Candidates for House District 6 were in attendance to meet local Democrats and to show their support for the Democratic clubs and the Central Committee. We would like to thank the UDFC board and Barbara Clary for making the event a huge success.

2017 was a rebound year for local Democrats that started with the Resistance Movement in January and ended with a clean sweep of the city elections by great Democratic candidates. Congratulations to Mayor Michael O'Connor and the entire board of Aldermen (Kelly Russell, Donna Kuzemchak, Dr. Derek Shackelford, Roger Wilson, and Ben MacShane). We are fortunate to have such great leaders. The UDFC will continue to bring together Democrats behind liberal/progressive issues facing our community like public education, affordable housing, quality job creation, criminal justice reform, supporting local businesses, environmental concerns and civil rights.

The January meeting was cancelled due to potentially dangerous weather conditions. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, with special guests Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner and Dan Jacoby. CE Gardner will discuss her agenda items for 2018 and beyond. Mr. Jacoby has extensive experience with campaigns from coast to coast. He specializes in political organizing, field experience and messaging. This will be a great event for anyone

interested in running for office or helping out with a campaign in 2018. The 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.

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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The **BIG** Picture – Elected Official Infograph



Frederick County residents:
Confused about who your
elected officials are?
Click [here](#) for a complete
breakdown.



Many thanks to the Maryland Congressional District 6
candidates for their participation in our January Forum
at Hood College!

Nadia Hashimi David Trone Chris Hearsey
Roger Manno Aruna Miller Andrew Duck

Join us at our next meeting!
Wednesday, February 21st at 7pm
Café 611

611 North Market Street
(Social time - 6:30 p.m. | Menu available)

Speaker: Karl Bickel
Candidate for Frederick County Sheriff

Policing in America

Web: www.WDLFrederick.org
Email: wdlfrederick@gmail.com
Facebook: [Facebook.com/WDLFrederick](https://www.facebook.com/WDLFrederick)



Central Committee members Deborah Carter, Mari Lee, Deb Reynolds with Nurse Practitioner Chris Haas and Dr. Julio Menocal

Every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Menocal Family Practice opens up its office to young patients who need homework help. With volunteer tutors and access to the office wifi, children from Hillcrest, Lincoln, and Waverley elementary schools are now getting the assistance they need to be more successful in school. We recently donated a pair of Chromebooks to contribute to Dr. Menocal's efforts with these most vulnerable students.

If you are able to help out one hour a month, please call Michelle at 240-215-1138.



**Tuesday,
February 13
@ 8:00 A.M.**
(weather permitting)

IHOP Restaurant
5277 Buckeystown Pike,
Frederick
(Westview Promenade)

**Come to the South Frederick
County Democratic Meet-Up on
the second Tuesday of the month
for breakfast, lively conversation
and discussion.**

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

All are Welcome. Come when you
can and leave when you must.
Hope to see you there!

YOU'RE INVITED!

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR HARD WORK WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
& CONNECT WITH LOCAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS FOR A STRONG 2018

**What: VOLUNTEER THANK YOU +
LOCAL ORGANIZATION NETWORKING EVENT**

**When: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**Where: FRANCIS SCOTT KEY HOTEL LOBBY
31 W. PATRICK STREET, FREDERICK**

This is a FREE event. Refreshments will be provided.
RSVP TO INFO@FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG BY 2/15/18



BY AUTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, TONY SOLTERO, TREASURER

**GROUNDHOG
DAY**
February 2nd

Democratic Candidates for the 2018 Primary Elections

Listing includes candidates that have **officially filed** as of 01/26/ 2018

Filing deadline – Tuesday, February 27, 2017



Federal

U.S. Senator

Debbie "Rica" Wilson - [Email](#)

Richard "Rikki" Vaughn - [Email](#), [Website](#)

Jerome "Jerry" Segal - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Chelsea Manning - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Twitter](#)

Representative in Congress - District 6

Andrew Duck - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Nadia Hashimi - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Aruna Miller - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Roger Manno - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

David Trone - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Chris Hearsey - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Representative in Congress - District 8

Jamie Raskin - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

State

Governor

Ralph Jaffe – [Email](#), [Website](#)

Comptroller

Peter Franchot - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

State Senator - District 3

Jennifer Brannan - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Jennifer Dougherty - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#)

Ron Young - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

House of Delegates - District 3A

Carol Krimm - [Email](#)

Ryan Trout - [Email](#)

Karen Lewis Young - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

House of Delegates - District 3B

Ken Kerr - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#)

House of Delegates - District 4

Darrin Smith - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Twitter](#)

Ysela Bravo - [Email](#)

Democratic Candidates for the 2018 Primary Elections

(Filed candidates as of 01/26/ 2018. Filing deadline – Tuesday, February 27, 2017)

**County****County Council - District 1**

Jerry Donald - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

County Council - District 2

Lisa Jarosinski - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Twitter](#)

County Council-At-Large

Kai Hagen - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#)

Sheriff

Karl Bickel - [Email](#)

Democratic Central Committee - Female

Lauren Beacham - [Email](#)

Deb Reynolds - [Email](#)

Democratic Central Committee - Male

Antonio Bowens - [Email](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Josh Cramer - [Email](#)

Thomas Gill - [Email](#), [Facebook](#)

Gene Stanton - [Email](#), [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Info taken directly from the State Board of Elections

For important dates and more information on 2018 elections, click [here](#).