



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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Not Pictured: Regan Riley



Chair's Corner

Welcome to the first Banner of 2020! Thank you to everyone who came to our kickoff party last month, and look for more opportunities to celebrate and to help in the near future. In addition to our next happy hour (February 18, 5:00 at the Mount Airy Inn), we'll be opening our permanent office at 1080 West Patrick (suite 4) very soon. Be sure to watch our website and Facebook page for updates.

Also, the Western Maryland Democratic Summit is coming up in March at Rocky Gap, but don't wait to get your tickets, as it will likely be sold out before our next Banner reaches you. Your \$80 registration (\$35 for students) includes admission to the opening reception on March 20 as well as all meals and workshops on the 21st. This year, it's all about uniting to defeat Trump; be sure to see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

As it's the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, we're declaring 2020 the Year of the Woman. Our gala this year will feature a redesigned program with that theme, and our special guest speaker is

Pennsylvania Congresswoman Madeleine Dean. Save April 22 for what will surely be an event to remember.

Today, the Central Committee is attending an eight-hour retreat, where we're hearing from DNC and Maryland Democratic Party officials, revising our bylaws, planning for upcoming events, and generally taking stock of where we are and where we can do better. We'll be back to our regular public meetings on the third Thursday of the month starting in March.

One thing that's new in the last year is that registered Republicans no longer outnumber registered Democrats in Frederick County! As of January 27, we now outnumber Republicans by 213, and gaining. But the key will be to get people out to VOTE.

There's also a need for election judges. If you are interested – and we hope you are – please contact the Board of Elections as soon as possible (electionjudge@frederickcountymd.gov or 301-600-4141).

The assignment and training of judges will begin this month!

One last thought on the Year of the Woman: I recently heard Rush Limbaugh comment on this year's Women's March, saying that attendance was low because women, with an "obvious lack of interest," had moved on. "Under President Trump," he claimed, "the economy is so good that many of these formerly bitter, angry, liberal women aren't mad anymore. They didn't want to march because they had other plans. They went shopping, or else they died."

In fact, this year's march in D.C. did not attract the attendance of 2017, but perhaps it's because the original Women's March did what it was intended to do: It galvanized us. Those liberal women are still mad, Rush, and there is no lack of interest. On the contrary, many women are now too busy doing the work to attend a march.

They didn't get tired. They got active. They got involved.

Rush, they got elected.

-Deborah Carter

February 2020 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Cafe 611 Restaurant, 611 N Market St, Frederick, MD 21701
Social Hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

(NFCD) North Frederick County Dems Meet-Up

Saturday, February 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Rd, Thurmont (please bring a non-perishable food item for the area food bank.)

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Meet-Up

Tuesday, February 11th at 8:00 a.m.

IHOP Restaurant @ Westview Promenade
5277 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

Young Democrats of Frederick County Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m.

C. Burr Artz Library CBA Room, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick.

Frederick County Dems at the Food Bank

Every Friday in February from 2:00 - 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

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting

There is no February WDL Meeting

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting

There is no February FCDCC Meeting



Senator Ron Young- District 3

The first two weeks of the legislative session have come and gone. I will recap some of the highlights. We have a new president of the Senate after thirty-three years. Senator Bill Ferguson, the second youngest senator, was elected unanimously. Former President Mike Miller, who retired from his position as president, remains in the Senate and is serving on the Budget and Taxation Committee.

We have a new president pro-tem in Senator Melony Griffith, a new majority leader in Nancy King, and two new committee chairs. Guy Guzzone is now chair of Budget and Taxation, and Will Smith is chair of Judicial Proceedings, on which I now serve after nine years on Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs. I remain chair of the Executive Nominations Committee.

On the first Monday night session, we unveiled two new paintings in the Senate chamber. The first was of Senator Venda Welcome. Senator Welcome was a trailblazer in this country and was the first black woman ever to be elected to a state senate seat. The second was of Senator Thomas V Mike Miller, Jr., who served as president of the Maryland Senate for 33 years. This is the longest any senate president

served in the history of the United States.

The governor revealed his budget, which will now go to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee for consideration. He funded the \$350 million for education as passed by the General Assembly last session. We have the state funding in place for the first few years for the Kirwan Commission recommendations. He covered several other needed issues, but he did not leave money for any legislative awards to local government by the legislature. His budget also leaves a \$37 million deficit and predicts growing structural deficits over the next five years. He also cut mandated increases in provider rates for the developmentally disability and behavioral health workers. I will discuss more budget issues as the session moves forward.

We have moved forward with bill hearings. I have already had hearings on four of my bills. I will discuss action on my bills and other important bills as I have more to report. We are not sitting back and have already voted nearly twenty bills out of third reader.

I have several new staff members this session. Josh Cramer is my chief of staff. Jeff Harold is my legislative aide. Jill Whittall is my legacy leader, and Helen Chin is my administrative assistant.

We are already receiving numerous letters of support and opposition to various bills as well as questions and general comments. Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns you might have.

-Senator Ron Young

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**Delegate Karen Lewis Young-
District 3A**

What follows is a summary of the bills that I will be introducing this session. They are in varying stages of drafting, negotiating, and hearing preparation.

Salary History - prohibits employers with 15 or more employees from seeking salary history information as a basis for screening job applicants and making compensation offers. Salary should be based only on position responsibilities as well as candidate skills and qualifications. This has passed the House twice. We are optimistic that it will move in the Senate also this year.

LOCAL Act - protects the ability of municipalities and counties to pass stronger laws for their own communities by preventing state government from passing legislation that preempts local law. It is also intended to avoid lawsuits by bringing greater transparency.

Athletic Training Expansion – expands athletic training practices by giving athletic trainers greater flexibility to practice in additional settings.

Pharmacists Administration of Medicine - expands access to

medication by allowing pharmacists to administer certain types of medicine directly to patients. Maryland would join 27 other states that give pharmacists greater flexibility to administer medication. The focus will be on medications that treat mental health and addiction.

Living Donor Support Act of 2020 - expands a tax credit for financial support and reimbursement for state residents who are living organ donors and whose donations go to a resident of the state; increases this tax credit to \$10,000.

Healthcare Discrimination – protects vulnerable populations by requiring hospitals and related institutions to admit and treat individuals regardless of certain immutable characteristics and type of treatment sought.

Self-Direction Preservation Act - allows persons living with developmental disabilities the freedom to allocate funds to caregivers.

Mental Health Admission - gives psychiatric nurse practitioners more flexibility to admit patients with mental health and psychiatric ailments. There is a statewide lack of available mental health treatment beds and authorized admitting practitioners. Many patients are going untreated.

Patient Brokering - eliminates the practice of healthcare kickbacks. Paid brokers, who lack transparency and integrity, are misleading many individuals seeking treatment for opioid dependence toward illegitimate treatment facilities.

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. This passed as a Frederick County delegation bill on 1/24.

Physician Dispensing - ensures patient safety and expands access to healthcare by allowing patients to receive specialty medication at the point of care without the intervention of Pharmacy Benefit Manager middlemen, who take a large cut of the price and drive up costs.

Expanded Insurance Coverage for Lyme disease - introduces legislation passed in other states that require insurance companies to cover extended treatment of Lyme disease.

Voting Rights for Student Member of the BOE – Working with two students from FCPS to obtain voting rights for the student member on all issues except for budget and personnel.

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Tom Slater- Frederick County Democratic Party Historian

The Rest of the Story – What's in a Name?

We frequently see signs, either on buildings, names of streets, or tourist notices, and often don't realize that they are named after prominent or noteworthy people. This month's column is a quiz. See how many of these signs you can identify, who they are named after, and where they are located. They all have something to do with Frederick County history, Maryland history, or United States history.





Named After:

A – Born in Frederick in 1839. Graduate of the U.S. Navy Academy. Served in the Civil War and the Spanish-American War when he was commissioned commodore, eventually becoming an Admiral and put in command of the U.S. South Atlantic Squadron. Died in 1911.

B – Longtime teacher and basketball coach at Walkersville High School.

C – Delegate to the Continental Congress. Signer of the Articles of Confederation. Elected first President of the Confederation Congress. Born in 1721 in Port Tobacco Parish in Charles County, but later moved to Frederick County.

D – Named after the daughter of a Democratic Frederick County Commissioner who served on the Board of County Commissioners from 1978 to 1986 and the Maryland House of Delegates from 2002 to 2014.

E – Member of the Board of Aldermen; Mayor of Frederick from 1951 to 1954.

F – Farmer. Born in 1936 in Harford County. Member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1975 to 1983 and the Maryland Senate from 1983 until his death in 1997.

G – State trooper, insurance agent, and Democrat who represented Frederick County in the Maryland House of Delegates from the 1950s until his retirement in 1970.

H – Democratic member of the Maryland House of Delegates, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, State Senator, and member of the U.S. House of Representatives; United States Senator from 1927 to 1951. Born 1890 and died in 1961.

I – Democratic member of the Frederick City Board of Aldermen; Maryland House of Delegates from 1978 to 1994. After serving in the House of Delegates, served as Chair of the Liquor Board for Frederick County. Born in 1926, died in 2016.

J – Born in Calvert County in 1777. Moved to Frederick County and married Francis Scott Key's sister. Elected to the Maryland House of Delegates and to the Maryland Senate. Was at first a Whig and then became a Democrat. Served as the 5th Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court until he died in 1864.

K – Born in Calvert County in 1732. Became a lawyer and moved to Frederick County, where he was elected to the Maryland Provincial Assembly. Was a delegate to the Continental Congress. Elected as Maryland's first governor in 1777. Served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1792 to 1793, the shortest tenure of any U.S. Supreme Court justice. Lived at Rose Hill Manor in Frederick. Died in 1819.

L – Born 1865 in Bombay, India. He was an English journalist, short-story writer, poet, and novelist. Married an American and moved to the United States in 1892 and lived there until 1896. Died in 1936.

M – Born in 1779. American lawyer, author, and amateur poet from Frederick, Maryland. Wrote the lyrics for a very famous song. Died in 1843.

N – Frederick civil rights activist and long-time president of the Frederick County NAACP. The Democratic State Central Committee named an award for him in 2005 but has not given the award to anyone since then.

O – Born in 1925 in Hagerstown. His family business was next door to the Byron Tannery in Williamsport. (Four Byrons have served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Western Maryland.) Served in the Maryland Senate from 1977 until 1990, when he was appointed to the Maryland Public Service Commission. His wife was appointed to succeed him in the Senate, but she was defeated for election in 1990. He died in 1991.

P – Born in 1892 in Hagerstown, Maryland. Lawyer, married Dorothy Byron. Held important statewide offices in Maryland. Instrumental in the enactment of Maryland's first state sales tax to help pay for the building of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. This legislation contributed to his defeat in the 1950 election. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge is named for him.

Q – Born in 1743 in Charles County, Maryland. The first bishop of the newly formed American Episcopal Church USA and the third chaplain of the United States Senate. Died in 1816.

- Location: 1 – Court Street, Frederick, Maryland
- 2 – Downtown Frederick at the corner of 2nd and Bentz Street
- 3 – outside Williamsport, Maryland
- 4 – Outside Havre de Grace, Maryland
- 5 – Court Street, Frederick, Maryland
- 6 – Frederick City, just west of route 15
- 7 – On Taney Ave. in Frederick, Maryland
- 8 – Outside Havre de Grace, Maryland
- 9 – Frederick City, just west of Route 15
- 10 – Along Route 85, located at entrance to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center
- 11 – Along Route 15, near entrance to Cunningham Falls
- 12 – Interstate 68 at Sideling Hill
- 13 – Off of North Market Street, in Frederick, Maryland
- 14 – Frederick City, just west of Route 15
- 15 – Along Route 85, south of Buckeystown at the intersection of route 80
- 16 – East Street - Frederick, Maryland
- 17 – Brattleboro, Vermont

As my wife pointed out, not a single woman appears on the list above. My intention is to repeat a similar quiz in the future, and I will make a diligent attempt to include some women.

Answers:

- John Hanson National Memorial – C-1 or 5. John Hanson
- McClellan Veterinary Clinic – I-1 or 5. James E. McClellan
- Claggett Center – Q-15. Thomas John Claggett
- Marcie's Choice Lane – D-10. Galen R. Claggett
- Schley Avenue – A-6, 9, or 14. Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley
- Taney Village – J-6, 9, or 14. Roger Brooke Taney
- Tydings Lane – H-4 or 8. Millard E. Tydings
- Francis Scott Key Post II – M-7. Francis Scott Key
- Thomas Johnson Drive – K-6, 9, or 14. Thomas Johnson
- William R. Talley Recreation Center – B-2. William Talley
- Lord Nickens Street – N-13. Lord Nickens
- Rice Tire – E-16 Donald B. Rice
- William Houck Area – G-11. William Houck
- Victor Cushwa Memorial Bridge – O-12. Victor Cushwa
- Gov. Lane Blvd. – P-3. Governor William Preston Lane
- Kipling's Restaurant & Pub – L-17. Rudyard Kipling
- Senator William H. Amoss Agricultural Center – F-4 or 8. William H. Amoss

Jay Mason

Dr. Carter G. Woodson initiated the first Negro History Week in February, 1926, through his organization, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. February was chosen because of the contributions of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. Frederick Douglass chose to celebrate his birth on February 14, 1818. Douglass did not know the year or date he was born, as was the case with many blacks born into slavery. It is noted that he was born around 1818.

Negro History Week remained until 1976, when the ASNLH expanded the recognition to the month of February. That year, President Ford also delivered the first presidential speech commemorating African Americans with his message on the observance of Black History Month. Memorializing black history recognizes the inequities of the history of the United States and boasts the accomplishments.

The Frederick County Board of Education recognized that inequality impacts student achievement. On June 12, 2019, the Board issued Regulation 100-09, which established the Racial Equity Committee. Over 50 community members and school-based staff submitted applications for appointment to the committee. The Racial Equity Committee was established on September 25, 2019, consisting of fifteen community members, three Superintendent selected FCPS senior staff members, three school-based staff, and two Board of Education liaisons. The community members and school-based staff will be committee voting members.

The community members are a passionate and knowledgeable group with a variety of professional and educational backgrounds. A small work group developed the bylaws and the committee is in the process of editing and finalizing the bylaws. Upon completion and approval of the bylaws, the committee will begin to work on the charge created by the Board's Regulation 100-09. The committee guidelines will be fully established when the bylaws are complete (February) and the Executive Committee has been voted into leadership, which will be during the March meeting. Until then, the committee cannot commit to working with community groups.

There are many established community groups in Frederick, and when the time comes the Racial Equity Committee will request the involvement of local community groups. Until then, the Board requests patience to allow the committee to become established, build a working relationship, and establish methods to fulfill the Regulation's charge. I am excited that this community-based committee, along with Central Office Staff, school-based staff and Board liaisons fully support the mission of the regulation and is extremely capable of fulfilling the mission.

As I stated in my public comments on Wednesday, January 24, 2020, FCPS has been teaching the history and culture of many races for years via the curriculum. Speaking for myself and not for the board in the remaining sentences of this paragraph: Black History Month is great and puts our history in a box. I was taught, at a young age, that black history happens all year, we should be appreciative of an established recognition and we need to learn and teach black history all year long, which FCPS does.



Picture #1 – The 1988-1992 Central Committee (7 elected and one “add on” member): First row – Kitty Smith, Maggi Hays, Mary Borawski, Helen Alexander. Back row – Tom Hattery, Brian Young, Bob Kresslein, Tom Slater



Picture #2 – The 2002-2006 Central Committee (12 elected members, 6 men and 6 women): First row – Patty Wolf, Kitty Smith, Tom Slater, Bob Kresslein. Second row – Sushil Bhattacharjee, Catherine Beverage, Mike Kuster, Ron Wolf, Maggi Hays, Shelia Leatherbury, Candy Greenway, Russ Currey



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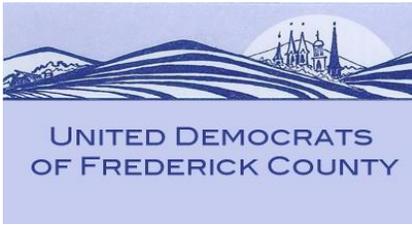
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Happy 2020! We at the UDFC would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year. We have a lot of work to do this year to take back the White House and the Senate, while maintaining our majority in the House. Plus, at the local level, we have three seats on the Board of Education up for election.

Our guest at our first meeting of 2020 was Robert Van Rens, Partner at NVR Associates Government Affairs and former Legislative Director in the MD General Assembly. Robert spoke to us about the different ways bills are introduced to lawmakers (constituents, special interest groups, and the lawmakers themselves) and the process it takes for those bills to make it to the floor for a full vote. While many people feel frustrated about the length of time it can take to reach a full vote, it is important to fully vet bills for unintended consequences before they become law. That is why it can take multiple legislative sessions to see an idea become a law. We are grateful for his insight, and we encourage everyone to reach out to their state legislators, since they are here to serve their constituency, regardless of their party affiliation.

We hope you will join us for our February meeting on Monday, February 3, to meet the many of the people running for the Board of Education in 2020. The list of attendees can be found on our Facebook event page, updated as more people accept our invitation.

The doors open up at 6 p.m., with the program starting at 7 p.m. If there are any weather issues, we will post updates by noon on the Facebook page and send out an email. Per our policy, if the meeting is cancelled, we will move it to the next Monday evening at the same time.

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!](#)

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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 19, 2020
Emerge Maryland is
having a PARTY!

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2020 Western Maryland Democratic Summit & Straw Poll

Join Maryland Democrats at the 16th Annual Western Maryland Democratic Summit!

The Western Maryland Democratic Summit features appearances by Maryland's Democratic Party leadership and elected officials; valuable workshops and exhibits on topics of interest to activists, candidates, and political junkies; and networking opportunities that have established the Summit's reputation as a signature event in Maryland politics.

Space will be limited so register early!

Make plans now to kick off the weekend at Friday evening's reception. The reception is included with your registration.

Summit Registration includes admission to the opening reception, all meals, conference, and workshops

General Admission: \$80

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Hotel Information

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[Rocky Gap Casino Resort](#)

Phone: 1-800-724-0828

Group Name: Western Maryland Democratic Summit

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Reservations must be made no later than February 21, 2020 in order to receive the preferred rate and rates cannot be changed upon check-in or at check-out times for guests who fail to identify their affiliation at the time of registration.

