



The Banner



An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer

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

Chair's Corner

The central committee hopes to see many of you tomorrow evening at our special event from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Francis Scott Key Hotel on the corner of Patrick and Court Streets. The event is designed to send a strong message that we will resist the politics of polarization and hate and continue our mission to keep Democratic principles and values alive in Frederick County.

The event has over 65 sponsors who have given from \$75 to \$6000 to jump start our fundraising efforts. We thank them all for their most generous contributions and for their commitment to Democratic Party success. There is no charge for tomorrow's event, but contributions are most welcome.

All proceeds will go toward electing Democrats in Frederick County in the very important races coming up in 2018 as well as the city elections in 2017. The money is going into our so-called "lockbox." In 2014, the central committee was able to provide professional polling and consulting services to Jan Gardner and our county council candidates, our legislative team, and other county and state candidates for the first time ever, to the tune of about \$55,000. We are hoping to double that amount by the beginning of 2018, and we are about halfway toward that goal.

We also hope to focus on the down-ballot races and those offices (such as the legislative district 4 positions) that historically have gone to Republicans. We are seeing unprecedented activist energy across the county since the Trump election. People are angry and fearful, and they want change for the better. Change begins right here; it begins with harnessing some of that activist

energy and applying it toward fielding candidates with progressive and positive values. In 2018, we will have over forty positions to vote on; they range from U.S. senator and governor to central committee members and judge of the orphan's court. With the funds we are now raising, the central committee should be in a position to assist candidates running in the down-ballot races with data access, training and support.

To help prepare activists to run for office, the central committee will also be conducting two full day workshops – one in May, the second in November. For potential candidates under the age of 35, one very helpful website is www.runforsomething.net. It is our hope that the anger and frustration many now feel can be positively redirected toward making Frederick County a better place. We all seek change; let's start by making some changes right here at home.

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As we begin to formulate our strategy for the upcoming elections, we want to hear from you. We want to know your concerns, your ideas for changing conditions for the better, your suggestions for what the central committee has not done and/or should be doing. I think we all agree that change is needed and that some serious rebuilding and reassessing is needed in the Democratic Party. We value your input and your ideas. Over the next few weeks, we plan to meet with a number of our stakeholders to get their thoughts. On Thursday, April 20, we will be holding a town hall meeting in the Community Room at the C. Burr Artz Library, which will be open to everyone. We will have more details in the coming weeks. Please join us for what we hope will be a lively discussion that will lead to some concrete proposals for moving forward. Come with your ideas, your criticisms, your aspirations.

For some time now, the central committee has been grappling with the name of our annual fundraising event – the Jefferson Jackson Dinner. This year, it was a major item on the agenda of our annual retreat that was held last weekend. Not unlike central committees across the country, we have been torn between evaluating the contributions of both men within the context of the time in which they lived and embracing a more contemporary identity for today's party. At issue is whether Presidents Jefferson and Jackson represent the values of the modern Democratic Party – inclusiveness, equality and diversity. While recognized as major historical figures and party founders, both were men of controversy and contradiction. They were both slave owners, and Jackson cannot escape condemnation for his policy

against Native Americans. At the same time, changing the name could erase the reminder of where the Democratic Party first began. After considerable debate, we agreed to simplify the name. Beginning with the June 2017 event, our major annual fundraiser will be called the Frederick County Democratic Gala. Only the name will change; everything else you have come to expect from our annual dinner will remain the same, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Myrna Whitworth



With the first half of the 2017 session already complete, I wanted to bring you up to date with some of the more recent legislative efforts in Annapolis. With less than 45 days to go, we have already passed some legislation and will continue to focus on passing bills to help all Marylanders.

On February 16, the Maryland Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 5, the Maryland Defense Act. This bill passed the House and became law as Joint Resolution 1 (JR1), giving the attorney general the authority to protect Maryland against the disastrous acts and policies of the current presidential administration. Unlike 41 other states, the Maryland Constitution does not give our attorney general the authority to act without permission from the general assembly or governor. JR1 provides the Maryland attorney general the ability to act the way our citizens expect.

The senate also voted to override a veto of the Renewable Portfolio Standards Bill. This bill focused

on clean, renewable energy that creates jobs, cuts down on long-term power bills, and makes sure that Maryland does its part in the fight against climate change. In addition, the bill established that Maryland receives 25% of its electricity from renewable energy sources like wind, solar, and other renewable energy fields. I voted to override the veto and keep Maryland on track with renewable energy, growing and keeping new energy jobs in Maryland, and improving the air quality and health of all residents.

On February 13, the senate passed my bill (SB268) to place a moratorium on cownose ray fishing tournaments. You may have seen one of the [videos](#) on this brutal practice which have gone internationally with upwards of three million hits. Working together, the senate was able to create a compromise to stop this practice, giving Governor Hogan an opportunity to study the cownose and better regulate their protections. I am proud of the bipartisan work the senate did to protect these Chesapeake Bay natives.

In addition to Cownose Ray bill, my bill to not tax new unleaded forms of aviation gas (SB54) also passed the senate on February 20. Several other bills I introduced are moving through the committee process to be sent to the senate floor for vote. I will report on them further as they pass the senate.

I greatly appreciate your ongoing support; it remains my greatest accomplishment to act on behalf of you and all residents of Frederick County. If you would like regular updates on what is happening in Annapolis please follow me on Facebook (SenatorRonYoung), Twitter (@SenRYoung).

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For info on the Maryland Day Celebration activities, click [here](#).

March 2017 at a Glance



Special Democratic Party Event
Thursday, March 2 | 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
(See invitation on page 5)

United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 6 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.

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meeting
Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m.

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

NEW: Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Meeting
Saturday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Location: TBD
Contact: Michelle Clapp - mclapp92@gmail.com

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 14 at 8:00 a.m.

IHOP Restaurant @ Westview Promenade
5277 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick

Women's Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 15 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, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Frederick County Dems at the Food Bank
Every Friday in March from 2 - 4:00 p.m.
NEW Contact: Maureen Grayzeck – mgrayzeck2016@gmail.com

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



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Delegate Karen Lewis Young –
District 3A

As I am writing this column, we are exactly at the midpoint of the 2017 legislative session. Three of my bills have been heard, and two have moved forward to a sub-committee for a more extensive hearing. What follows is a complete list of my legislative initiatives for this session and the scheduled hearing dates:

HB is the House Bill number, and SB refers to the Senate cross-file. HB158 is a bond bill for the Frederick County Historical Society, which will probably be heard on 3/11.

If you are interested in attending any of these hearings or would like to provide written testimony, please contact my office at 410-841-3436. Also, if you are interested in shadowing me for a day, my office can arrange that as well.

Whitney Duck is now working with us three days a week and doing a fantastic job of keeping us organized and efficient!

HB0158 (SB0208)	Creation of a State Debt - Frederick County - Heritage Frederick Capital Improvements	First Reading Appropriations	Appropriations	Primary	State Debt (Bond Bills) (B2)
HB0398 (SB0404)	Labor and Employment - Equal Pay - Job Announcement and Salary History Information Disclosures	Economic Matters – Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters 2/14/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	Private Sector Labor and Industry (K3)
HB0584 (SB0572)	Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices - Right to Try Act	HGO - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/2/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	Public Health (J1)
HB0807 (SB0611)	Health Occupations - Requirements for the Practice of Optometry - Miscellaneous Revisions	HGO - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/21/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	Health Occupations (J2)
HB0808 (SB0660)	Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights	HGO - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/2/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	Health Care Facilities and Regulation (J3)
HB0919 (SB0971)	Procurement - Nondiscrimination Clauses and State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination	HGO - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/15/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	State Government - Procurement (P2)
HB1028 (SB0804)	Frederick County Board of Education - Student Member Voting Rights	Ways and Means - Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/28/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	Education - Local Bills (F3)
HB1093 (SB0433)	Substance Use Treatment - Inpatient and Intensive Outpatient Programs - Consent by Minor	HGO - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/7/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	Public Health (J1)
HB1141 (SB1094)	Criminal Procedure - Statewide Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Tracking System - Requirements	Judiciary - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 2/21/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	Criminal Law - Procedure (E2)
HB1172 (SB0400)	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories	HGO - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/13/2017 - 1:00 p.m.	Primary	Public Health (J1)
HB1556 (SB0090)	Public and Nonpublic Schools - Classwork and Assessment Involving Live and Dead Animals - Student Right of Refusal	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	Primary	Primary and Secondary Education (F1)

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\$100 to \$199

Karin Tome, Michael Sowell, Howie & Shari Scher, Meta & Mike Nash, Mark Long, Peter Brehm & Jack Day, Mari Lee, Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak, Cheryl Dapsauski, Ann McDermott, Jay & Frances Croft, Robin Bell & Kim C. Dine, Susan Reeder Jessee, Doris Vona, Stephen Parnes, George & Carolyn Smith, Mary & Larry Costello, Maureen & Ed Grayzeck

**Invite You to Join Them For
A SPECIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY EVENT**

Thursday, March 2

5 to 7 PM

Francis Scott Key Hotel Lobby

at the corner of West Patrick and Court Streets

Contributions accepted but not required.

Contributions can either be made at the door or by sending a check to
FCDCC, P.O. Box 793, Frederick, Maryland 21705 or at www.frederickdemocrats.org.

All proceeds will go toward electing Democrats in Frederick County by providing professional polling, data and consulting services for our local candidates. So much depends on Democratic Party success!

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



Tom Slater - Frederick Co.
Democratic Party Historian

“The Rest of the Story – “Doc”

Last month, I wrote about former commissioner and delegate Wally Hutton, whose political career ended in 1974. Hutton died on December 6, 2016, at age 87. James “Doc” McClellan also served in local government (as Frederick City alderman) and the Maryland General Assembly; however, his political career lasted for twenty years, and longer if you count his service on the Liquor Board after retiring from the Maryland House of Delegates. Unlike Wally, Doc was very much a part of the Frederick establishment. Both he and his father were well-respected veterinarians for large and small animals. McClellan was born in Frederick, whereas Wally came to Frederick from Montgomery County. McClellan died on November 26, 2016, at age 90.

My first memory of Doc was during his 1973 campaign for alderman. My Young Democratic Club colleague, Ron Young, had been elected to the Board of Aldermen in 1969 (our fellow Young Democratic Club member, Galen Clagett, got through the primary for alderman but finished 121 votes behind Republican Glenmore Rice for the 5th slot on the Board of Alderman in 1969). In 1973, Young beat Glenmore Rice for mayor; and Doc, in his

first run for political office, finished first in the alderman race. Ron, a dynamic young, progressive mayor, and Doc, representative of the Frederick establishment and fourteen years Ron’s senior, formed a lifetime political relationship during the 1973-1977 Frederick City administration. Ron was re-elected mayor in 1977 and continued to serve until 1990. Doc decided not to stay in local government but to move on to the state legislature and was elected to the House of Delegates in 1978, leading the ticket. He continued to serve four more terms until he retired in 1994. After retiring from the House of Delegates, McClellan was appointed to the Frederick County Liquor Board and served there until 2012. He also served on the Frederick Fair Board for 65 years. Doc and his wife, Betty, hosted the first Frederick County Plowman and Fisherman event at their house on Rockwell Terrace, with special guest Comptroller Louis Goldstein.

McClellan was a powerful and popular member of the House of Delegates, particularly as he teamed with Frederick Senator Charles Smelser to make sure that Frederick County received its share of the state budget, particularly capital projects. Doc was instrumental in gaining support from the Maryland General Assembly for state funded projects for Frederick City while Ron was mayor.

While Ron had a positive relationship with Doc, the relationship between Galen and me and Doc was not particularly good. I think that Doc perceived me, eighteen years his junior, as a troublemaking young challenger to his establishment proclivities. Truth be told, I respected him as a legislator, and he probably had

Frederick’s most progressive record as a member of the Maryland General Assembly during his time, with the possible exception of Charlie Smith.

The picture includes the then Maryland House Speaker Cas Taylor, Doc, and me at a Jefferson Jackson Day dinner.



Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 a.m.

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On February 6, we hosted Ahmad Mohibi, founder and president of Rise to Peace, a non-profit organization focused on empowering peace, education and tolerance as tools to eliminate extremist ideology and its pervasive brutality around the world (risetopeace.org). He spoke about his own journey from Afghanistan as an interpreter for the U.S. military to his current role as an ambassador of peace. A lot can come from reaching out and saying "hello" to someone. He strongly believes the only way to defeat extremism and mistrust is through dialogue and understanding. We hope you enjoyed the meeting and our speaker.

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, March 6* with a forum on Frederick County Activist Groups. We have invited leaders and representatives from the new and existing Frederick County Progressive/Liberal/Democratic groups so that we can learn more about them and their goals and discuss how we can help each other. 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!

* UDFC Inclement Weather Policy – In case of inclement weather, the UDFC meeting will be rescheduled to the 2nd Monday at the same time and location. In the case of inclement weather on the 2nd Monday, the meeting will be cancelled and no business meeting will be held that month. Notifications as to meeting status, postponements and/or cancellations will be emailed to the paid general membership, as well as updated on the Facebook page by noon, or you can call President Mark Jafari.



Nevertheless, She Persisted.

Thank you, Senator Warren, for your efforts to bring FACTS to the conversation regarding Senator Sessions's nomination.

Thank you to everyone who recently answered the call to champion Frederick's commitment to

- Facts
- Truth
- Ethics
- Equality
- Fairness
- Compassion
- Statesmanship

Now more than ever, we must unify behind equality, freedom

and democracy to push back against the tyranny of the minority and misinformed.

The Women's Democratic League remains steadfast in its dedication to educating, training, and supporting women and Democrats. Our monthly meetings for the next five months (on the third Wednesday) will focus on providing the tools and resources necessary to productively engage at the local, state, and federal levels.

Join us on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Café 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick. Social time at 6:30 p.m. Menu available. All Democrats are welcome to attend.

For details follow us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/WomenDemsFrederick](https://www.facebook.com/WomenDemsFrederick)) and WDLFrederick.com.

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Western Maryland Democratic Summit
April 28 & 29, 2017

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

Additional guests, keynote speaker, and workshop descriptions coming soon at www.westernmddems.org.

Registration, hotel and sponsorship information can be found by clicking [here](#).

By Authority Western Maryland Democratic PAC, Robin Summerfield, Treasurer

First day of

SPRING

is Monday, March 20



Tuesday, March 14, 2017

8:00 A.M.

IHOP Restaurant
5277 Buckeystown Pike,
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(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?
Please contact Rolan Clark,
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All are Welcome.

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when you must.

Hope to see you there!

Editor's Corner



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

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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

Frederick City elections 2017

Democratic Candidates for the 2017 Primary

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



Mayoral Candidates

Michael O'Connor - www.oconnorforfrederick.com

Contact - moconnor1966@comcast.net

Jennifer Dougherty

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Aldermanic Candidates

Kris Fair – www.krisfair.com

Contact - Info@KrisFair.com

Kelly Russell – votekellyrussell.com (active soon)

Contact - kelly@votekellyrussell.com

Dates to Remember:

Candidate Filing Opens - Tuesday, January 3

Primary Election - Tuesday, September 12

Filing Deadline - Monday, July 3

General Election - Tuesday, November 7

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