



# The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

By Authority: FCDCC, Tony Soltero, Treasurer

October 2020

## Central Committee

(Front Row L – R)

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## The Chair's Corner-

Welcome to Election Month! Do you have a plan to vote? Mail-in ballots are on their way (or you may already have yours), and in-person early voting starts October 26.

This year is different from all past elections in so many ways, so double-check everything and read all the directions carefully. Remember that almost 36,000 ballots were rejected in Maryland's primary earlier this year because people didn't follow directions; you definitely don't want that to happen to you on November 3. You'll find a lot more information about 2020 voting in this edition of the Banner.

You'll also see information about our virtual fundraiser on October 13 with Pennsylvania Congresswoman Madeleine Dean. A donation of any amount gets you a ticket, or you can join us as a sponsor for \$250. Click here to see the sponsorship levels and to contribute: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/green-blue-virtual-fundraiser>.

Our office is open expanded hours this month: Mondays 12:00-5:00, Wednesdays 3:00-7:00, and Saturdays/Sundays 9:00-3:00. We have distributed more than 1,000 Biden/Harris signs so far and (as of this moment) still have about 500 in

stock, along with bumper stickers – and of course signs and info for the congressional and school board races. We're at 1080 West Patrick, suite 4, to the right of ALDI.

We especially hope to see you there this Saturday, October 3! Congressman Jamie Raskin plans to stop by at 10:30 to kick off a West End voter registration event. Afterward, feel free to join us for "contactless canvassing" to distribute information about the best ways for voters to ensure that their votes are counted.

Finally, the Central Committee is engaging in a Get Out The Vote sign-waving effort every Monday and Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., until Election Day at three locations: N. Market St. and East St.; Hillcrest and W. Patrick St.; and the Urbana Park and Ride. Everyone should bring their own Biden/Harris and David Trone signs. Don't have a sign? No problem! Stop by our office to pick one up. Click here to sign up for one or more shifts:

[https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/gotv\\_sign\\_waving](https://frederickdems.ivolunteer.com/gotv_sign_waving)

ONE DECISION CAN CHANGE YOUR FUTURE

**REGISTER YOUR VOICE  
WEST END REGISTRATION DRIVE**

Be impactful in your community.  
Be a VOICE for the voiceless.  
Be a registered voter!

IT'S EASY! JOIN US ON  
OCTOBER 3 FROM 11AM - 2PM

Frederick Vista Shops (ALDI Shopping Center)  
1080 W. Patrick Street

Opening remarks from Congressman Raskin

-Deborah Carter, Chair

October 2020 - At-a-Glance



**Joint meeting of United Democrats of Frederick County (UDFC) and Women's Democratic League (WDL)**

**Monday, October 5th at 7 p.m.**

For info please visit [WDL.Frederick.org](http://WDL.Frederick.org)

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

**Thursday, October 15th at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be virtual.



Senator Ron Young- District 3

At some point during every election, we hear that this will be the most important election of our lifetime. Every election is important and brings with it several consequences from policy changes to judicial nominees. With the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the role of the president and the U.S. Senate to nominate and confirm judicial nominees is now front and center in this election. Additionally, with issues like healthcare, the COVID-19 pandemic, and racial justice, as Vice President Joe Biden says, we are in a battle for the soul of this nation. He and Senator Kamala Harris need our help to win this election.

I am disappointed but not surprised by Senate Republicans' decision to move forward with nomination hearings and a vote to fill the vacancy left by Justice Ginsburg despite their repeated pledges not to hold hearings for a Supreme Court nominee in an election year just four years ago. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said in 2016 that the American voters should decide through the election who should make the nomination to fill the vacancy left by conservative Justice Antonin Scalia. Now he doesn't think you

should get that opportunity since there is a Republican president.

Make a plan to vote. The deadline to register to vote in Maryland is October 13. If you want to vote by mail, your request must be received by October 20. When mailing in your ballot make sure that you sign the oath and return your ballot by USPS or drop it in a designated ballot drop box located at eight locations across the county. Ballot drop box locations are listed at the following link:

<https://frederickcountymd.gov/7654/Make-a-plan-to-vote>.

If you are planning to vote in person, Frederick County will have four early voting locations between October 26 and November 2 (including Saturday and Sunday) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You will be able to vote in person at any of the four early voting sites. In the state district 3 area, early voting will take place at Governor Thomas Johnson High School 1501 North Market Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701 and Urbana Regional Library 9020 Amelung Street, Frederick, Maryland 21704. Election Day is November 3. Due to COVID-19 and a shortage of election judges, there are a limited number of polling locations in Frederick County, so your usual polling location may not be available. There will be 14 Election Day polling locations throughout Frederick County. For a complete list of polling location and voting options visit the Maryland State Board of Elections website at:

[https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html#vote\\_in\\_person](https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html#vote_in_person).

-Ron



All Hands On Deck

As I write this, we are 39 days from the presidential election. Never in my life have I been so concerned about the survival of democracy in our country. That's why so many of us are involved in a way that we have never been before.

If you are not volunteering yet, please get involved as soon as possible. With small margins in some of the swing states, every phone call, post card, text, or letter makes a difference.

Since Maryland is safely in the Biden/Harris camp, volunteers have been reaching out to voters in VA, NC, PA, FL, AZ and several other swing states where the election will be decided. I would like to tell you about some Frederick County initiatives and our heroes that are leading them.

First, there is Richard "voter registration" Kaplowitz. Kap said that as of late August there were about 3000 more Democrats registered in Frederick County than Republicans. This is a great turnaround from just a few years ago and Kap deserves a large piece of credit for turning Frederick County blue.

Kap is also involved in a texting effort that has had some very positive results. Kap has sent over 4000 texts himself!

Do you know Melanie Galloway? I continue to be amazed by the persistence of this woman and her team. They have sent over 22,250 postcards to swing states. There is no doubt that they will exceed their goal of 25,000. In addition, they have sent out over 1370 letters in order to turn out under represented and Dem leaning voters in swing states.

Have you been to the Dem headquarters in the ALDI shopping plaza? If you have, surely you have met the tireless Maureen Grayzeck. She is there frequently recruiting volunteers and dispensing information. Of course, you are also likely to see several of our Central Committee members as well, who pitch in for elections at every level.

Perhaps the largest statewide drive is making phone calls into swing states. Maryland is recognized nationally as a major "export" state in this election. Maryland Women for Biden is playing a leading role but many men are volunteering also. We have had thousands of good phone conversations with potential voters in swing states and we are confident that this is making a difference.

Again, Melanie Galloway and Maureen Grayzeck have been leaders in Frederick County for these calling efforts. I know that several others are making calls as well but these two dedicated ladies have been recording their calls regularly. If you are making calls, please report your numbers to me or to the state party so that Frederick County efforts are recognized.

If you are interested in making some calls during the final weeks, there are training resources available to assist you. Phone banks are occurring every day of the week. If you would like to participate, contact me at [kewisyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:kewisyoung@hotmail.com) or go to [mddems.org](http://mddems.org) and click on "volunteer."

On November 4, let's ensure that we have no regrets!

-Karen Lewis Young



Tom Slater- Frederick County Democratic Party Historian

**The Rest of the Story**

The recent death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg focuses our attention on the Supreme Court. Five U.S. Supreme Court Justices were born in the State of Maryland. The first was Thomas Johnson. Johnson was born in Calvert County but moved to Frederick County when he was in his late 20s. Eventually he built a nice home known as Rose Hill Manor, which is now owned by Frederick County government. Governor Thomas Johnson High School is named after him. Johnson was the first non-colonial governor of Maryland, was a delegate to the Continental Congress who supported the break with England and, despite the fact that he owned slaves, drafted the Declaration of Rights for the first Maryland Constitution. George Washington appointed Thomas Johnson to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1792, but Johnson resigned due to health issues after serving only 163 days, the shortest tenure of any member of the Court. He is buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick.

Samuel Chase was the second Supreme Court justice who was born in Maryland. A member of the Maryland Assembly and signer of the Declaration of Independence, he was also appointed to the Supreme Court by President Washington. He was an ardent Federalist and, after Jefferson was elected president, the House of Representatives impeached Chase for his alleged political bias. The

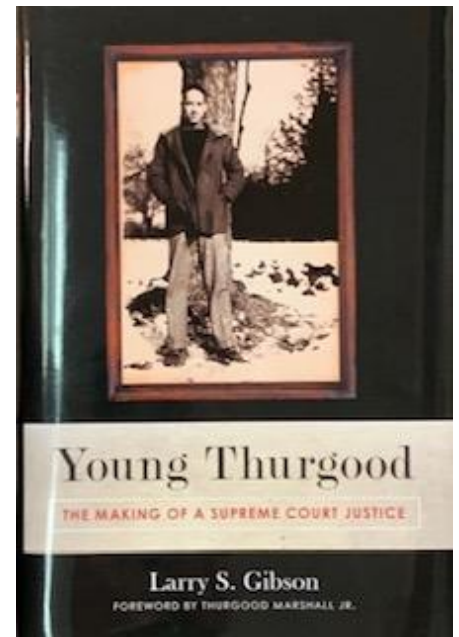
Senate did not remove him from office. He served on the Supreme Court for 15 years.

Probably the least known Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court who was born in Maryland was Justice Gabriel Duvall. Duvall was appointed to the Supreme Court by President James Madison to replace Samuel Chase. Duvall, from Prince Georges County, was confirmed within three days of his nomination and served for over 23 years on the Court when he retired at age 82, some say because he was too deaf to hear oral arguments. Some have questioned whether he is the most insignificant justice in the history of the U.S. Supreme Court.

One of the most famous of the Supreme Court justices from Maryland was Roger Brooke Taney, whose infamy lives on associated with the famous Dred Scott decision. Taney, like Johnson, was born in Calvert County but lived for much of his life in Frederick where he was elected to the Maryland Senate. Starting as a Federalist, he became a Democrat. Taney was President Andrew Jackson's Attorney General and was appointed by President Jackson to succeed Chief Justice John Marshall. Taney served on the Supreme Court for 28 years until his death in 1864 at age 87 (the same age as Ruth Bader Ginsburg when she died). He was married to the sister of Francis Scott Key. He wrote many important decisions of the Supreme Court, but will always be associated with the Dred Scott decision which held that African-Americans, whether free or slave, were not citizens of the United States and were inferior to white citizens. Recently his statues in Frederick, Annapolis, and Maryland have been removed.

Born in Baltimore and a graduate of the Howard University School of Law, Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American Justice of the Supreme Court. Associated with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Marshall argued many cases before the Supreme Court including Brown v. Board of Education and was eventually appointed by President Kennedy as

Solicitor General of the U.S. and to the U.S. Court of Appeals. Appointed by President Johnson, Marshall served on the court for 23 years from 1967 until 1991. He was succeeded on the Supreme Court by Justice Clarence Thomas. *Young Thurgood: the Making of a Supreme Court Justice*, published in 2012 and written by 2020 Biden delegate from Maryland, University of Maryland Law Professor Larry Gibson, focuses on Marshall's early years in Baltimore.



Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh was born in Washington, DC, but grew up in Montgomery County, Maryland, where his mother was a prosecutor and Circuit Court judge. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Trump and confirmed by a narrow 50-48 vote. Having served only two years, it is too early to fully access his legacy on the Supreme Court, but many of us have already formulated strong opinions.

Who will succeed Justice Ginsburg, and more importantly, who will appoint her successor, will be a burning issue in this election?

On another subject, how frivolous can our Republican State Senator, Michael Hough, be? *Maryland Matters* reports that President Trump issued an executive order creating the Interagency Task Force for Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes and has requested state and local leaders to make recommendations on historical figures who should be honored with a monument or statue to be featured in his proposed National Garden of American Heroes. Of all the Marylanders that Senator Hough could recommend, he has recommended that Whittaker Chambers be honored. What about Frederick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall, Babe Ruth, Nancy Pelosi, Rachael Carson, Cal Ripken, Harriet Tubman, Benjamin Banneker, William Paca, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Sister Elizabeth Seton, Francis Scott Key, and many others. Whittaker Chambers?!

Sorry to hear of the death of Harry deMoll. Harry was a retired lawyer in Frederick. He served on the Frederick County Board of Education in the early 1990s, upon the recommendation of the Frederick County Democratic State Central Committee.

-Tom



Fellow Democrats,

November is almost here! Just wanted to give a quick update on campaign efforts. I have two new volunteers for my campaign, and one of them is still in high school! Our youth are our future! I have been learning about social media technology and tools our youngest voters use; it is amazing to become the student rather than the teacher! One thing I can say is we have much to learn from our youth and their insights are very valuable for any candidate. It has been reassuring to get student perspectives on matters including racial equity in AP and dual enrollment courses, perceptions of School Resource Officers, bullying, and extra-curricular activities.

I have been consulting with my volunteers with national campaign experience. The official Joe Biden for Maryland group asked to use a photo of our Biden flag raised on our 30-foot commercial grade flagpole, which is on proud display on our farm which sits in an area with only about 30% registered Democrat voters. I am pleased to report no attempts at vandalism. The outreach team of Congressman David Trone has asked to place a 4 foot x 8 foot sign on our farm, which affronts a state road. That should be up next week.

On Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. I will be one of the candidates participating in a League of Women Voters Forum for candidates running for a seat on the Frederick County Board of Education. Due to continuing COVID19 concerns, the LWV has decided that the forum will be conducted via ZOOM to adhere to the best public practices.

I hope Banner readers join in viewing the forum!

Thanks for the support,

Sue Johnson





David Bass

Board of Education 2020 candidate

Friends,

The month of September has been a busy one for the campaign. We have distributed dozens of yard signs. We have continued our canvassing efforts, speaking to voters and leaving literature at their doors. At the end of the month, I look forward to participating in the Frederick County Teacher's Association Candidate Forum.



It was a great honor this month to be endorsed by our Frederick SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) chapter. I hope this endorsement will allow me to highlight even more directly my commitment to racial justice. As a school system, we must examine our hiring practices to ensure equity. We must ensure that authors of color are present throughout the curriculum. And we must be explicit in condemning any racism, anti-Semitism or homophobia in our schools

This month, we mourn the loss of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Her work as an attorney and as a justice created a more equitable society. Kudos to Frederick's March for Justice for organizing a powerful vigil for Justice Ginsburg. May we continue to live by the creed written in the book of Deuteronomy, showcased on Justice Ginsburg's office wall and imbued throughout her life: "Justice, justice, shall you pursue."





Greetings!

Fall has officially arrived, and with it the return to school in the most unprecedented environment most of us have ever experienced. I am impressed and amazed by all the incredible efforts of FCPS educators as they launched into the school year mostly behind the computer screen. As a current BoE member, simultaneously focusing on the many issues in the forefront of discussion while working full-time from home and supporting my 5- and 7-year-old's virtual education – all while thinking about how to best reach voters in the midst of a pandemic – is both exciting and challenging. I sincerely appreciate all the support of the Frederick County Democrats during this election season.

Over the summer, I partnered with a local minority-owned business to create and print new signs which are going up around the County. I had the opportunity to do literature drops as a replacement to the more traditional canvass approach. And in the next upcoming weeks as mail-in ballots start to go out, I will be reaching out to potential voters through social media and other advertising.

I welcome any support with literature drops in the upcoming weeks. I am appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the Frederick County Teachers Association candidate forum held on September 29. The League of

Women Voters will also be conducting a virtual forum on October 13 – I hope you will join to hear more from all six of the BoE candidates.

Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering at literature drops or sign waving at the polls! [RaeforFC@gmail.com](mailto:RaeforFC@gmail.com)



The UDFC and the Women’s Democratic League (WDL) held a joint meeting with representatives from the state and county Biden-Harris campaign. Maryland State Senator James Rosapepe is the co-chair of Biden for Maryland and the former ambassador to Romania. He stressed the importance of helping the campaign here in Maryland as well as critical swing states to ensure a Biden-Harris victory in November. Next, we heard from Diane Fink, Dr. Billy Reid and Tom Slater, all delegates to the 2020 DNC Virtual convention. While we may have only seen the evening sessions, they were busy for weeks before preparing for this important event. They had daily sessions as well during the week of the DNC. Mrs. Fink and Dr. Reid were new delegates, but Mr. Slater has attended every DNC since 1972 (13 straight). They were generally pleased with the event and it was a rousing viewership success, but they did miss the in-person interaction.

Delegate Karen Lewis-Young is the chair of Frederick County for Biden and she shared with us how we need to ensure everyone is registered and ready to vote by mail. She stressed the importance of voter turnout and helping other states as well. Finally, Mari Lee, Vice Chair of the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC), detailed the efforts of the local central committee (postcard writing, phone calls, texts, etc.) and the location of the Democratic Campaign Headquarters (1080 W. Patrick Street, suite 4, Frederick). Maureen Grayzeck is the office manager with regular office hours each week; please go to [frederickdemocrats.org](http://frederickdemocrats.org) for the latest hours and to volunteer at the front desk. There are signs and campaign literature there, along with information on assisting with voter turnout. We would like to thank the WDL for partnering with us.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 5, on the topic of Voting Information with the Director of the Frederick County Board of Elections, Stuart Harvey. Mr. Harvey is one of the preeminent authorities on voting in the state. You will not want to miss this important event where you can ask questions to dispel a lot of misinformation that is being circulated. Again, we are partnering with the WDL to bring you this event. You can find the link by following us on Facebook for the invitation or send us an email at the address below. Please register by Oct 3, 2020.

Finally, we will be holding elections for officers and board members at the January 2021 meeting. If you are interested in running or getting more information, please contact us via email.

Become a member! Dues are \$20 individual or \$35 family. As a reminder, dues are payable in January of each year. You can contact us at [UnitedDemsFrederick@yahoo.com](mailto:UnitedDemsFrederick@yahoo.com), by phone at 240-630-4280, or by mail at P.O. Box 3882, Frederick MD 21705. We’re also on Facebook, so please “like” the page and interact with us there!

2020 VOTING MYTHS

**MYTH:** “Absentee” voting and “mail-in” voting are two different things.

**FACT:** The terms are often used interchangeably, and the preferred language (and the ease or difficulty of voting by mail) varies from state to state. In Maryland, the General Assembly passed legislation this year making the official term “mail-in.”

**MYTH:** I must postmark my ballot request by October 20.

**FACT:** The Board of Elections must RECEIVE your ballot request by October 20. The sooner you submit your request, the better.

**MYTH:** Mail-in voting makes fraud easier.

**FACT:** It’s just as secure as voting in person. You are actually more likely to be struck by lightning than encounter election fraud. However, you need to read and follow all directions carefully or risk having your ballot thrown out; in the primary, almost 36,000 mail-in ballots were rejected in Maryland because voters did not follow all the directions. You can’t over-vote or make any extra marks on your ballot, and you must sign the oath and make sure your ballot is in a dropbox or postmarked by November 3.

**MYTH:** If I request that my ballot come to me electronically, that saves time and money.

**FACT:** Actually, it **costs** time and money. When you print out your own ballot at home, the paper is the wrong size for the scanners to read. Therefore, every home-printed ballot must be reviewed by a pair of elections workers (one D, one R), and every vote must be transcribed onto an official ballot before it can be counted.

**MYTH:** I can return my ballot electronically.

**FACT:** No one in Maryland can vote electronically. You cannot vote via email or on any website. Your three options are voting by mail, early voting in person, or traditional Election Day voting in person. You **can** return your mail-in ballot at one of the eight dropboxes around Frederick County if you prefer not to use USPS.

**MYTH:** Putting a single first-class stamp on the mail-in ballot will result in first-class attention, and my ballot will arrive more quickly. Alternately, failing to put sufficient postage on my ballot will result in non-delivery.

**FACT:** In Maryland, USPS must deliver your ballot to the Board of Elections regardless of how much or how little postage you put on the official envelope. If you ask for a paper ballot, it will come with a postage-paid, first class return envelope anyway. If you printed out your own and use a standard envelope, you will need to affix postage.

**MYTH:** Those dropboxes make it easy for people to stuff them with fake ballots or to steal ballots.

**FACT:** They are secured, monitored, and emptied frequently. Frederick County experienced no tampering of dropboxes in the primary, and there is no reason to believe that the general election will be any different.

**MYTH:** If I request a ballot but don’t return it, I can change my mind and vote in person.

**FACT:** Technically, that is true – but you will have to vote provisionally, and provisional ballots are the last ones counted (which adds delays to the process as well as cost to the taxpayer). When you request your ballot, it is sent to you with a unique

code. Since the Board of Elections now has a record that you requested a ballot, and since the deadline for them to receive your ballot is November 13 (postmark deadline November 3), the poll workers must ensure that you’re not trying to vote twice. Therefore, you will fill out a provisional ballot, which will be counted after November 13, when it has been determined that you did not already vote by mail.

**MYTH:** Yes, but if I bring my unused ballot, I can vote normally.

**FACT:** No, you still will be required to complete a provisional ballot.

**MYTH:** Yes, but if I made a mistake on my mail-in ballot and show the poll worker, THEN I can vote normally.

**FACT:** No, still provisional. However, if you do make a mistake before the October 20 deadline, you can request a new ballot. Call 301-600-VOTE (8683).

**MYTH:** I should go to my regular polling place if I want to vote on Election Day.

**FACT:** There are 14 voting locations in Frederick County this year, and you may use whichever one is most convenient for you. They are Brunswick Middle School, Catoctin High School\*, Cornerstone Fellowship Church, Frederick High School, Governor Thomas Johnson High School\*, Linganore High School, Middletown High School, Middletown VFD Activities Building\*, Oakdale High School, William R. Talley Recreation Center, Tuscarora High School, Urbana High School, Urbana Regional Library\*, and Walkersville High School. (\*These four locations are also early voting sites.)



THE FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC  
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"Give Green-Get Blue"  
with U.S. Representative Madeleine Dean

Tuesday, October 13 6:30-8:00p.m.

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT  
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GOLD SPONSOR: \$1000

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THE FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

## "Give Green-Get Blue"

Tuesday, October 13 6:30-8:30p.m.

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

**GOLD SPONSOR: \$1000**

\*8 EVENT PASSES\*

\*RECORDED MESSAGE (ONE MINUTE) TO VIEWERS\*

\*FULL SCREEN AD RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM\*

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**SILVER SPONSOR: \$500**

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**BRONZE SPONSOR: \$250**

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**Important Note:** Please help us by spreading the word about the necessity of voting by mail. We must fight the false notion that it will lead to fraud. Contact your representatives and let them know that you support national vote by mail for the general election this November. Fight lies with truth.

-Gabriel Cassutto



Editor's Corner

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

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# Delegate Ken Kerr's Trivia Night

**October 3rd at 6:30 (game starts at 7pm)**

**I know many of you are not in a position to contribute at this time, as you are sending money to other important races, but I really want you to be part of this. So, join us.**

**Contribute if you can, or just play along.**

**Details are at the link below, and the link to the game will be posted on that page the day of the event.**



Please join us!  
**October 3rd**  
at **6:30pm**

Details here:

[www.delegatekenkerr.com/trivia](http://www.delegatekenkerr.com/trivia)



UNITED DEMOCRATS  
OF FREDERICK COUNTY



Monday, October 5  
Combined Monthly Meeting  
7:00pm-9:00pm

*\*Special Date for this Co-Hosted Zoom Event\**  
Guest Speaker

Stuart Harvey, Election Director  
Frederick County Board of Elections

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**Trivia Masters**



**Hon. Phylcia Porter**  
Emerge MD Class of 2015  
Baltimore City Democratic State Central  
Committee (2018-present) & Democratic  
Nominee, Baltimore City Council District 10



**Hon. Odette Ramos**  
Emerge MD Class of 2019  
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Committee Member (2014-2020) &  
Democratic Nominee, Baltimore City  
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Hon. Brian Feldman, Helene Grady, Hon. Shelly Hettleman, Amanda LaForge,  
Maryland State Education Association, Kathleen Matthews, Wes & Dawn Moore,  
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