



The Banner

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CHAIR'S CORNER

Chairwoman Mari Lee

Happy New Year! This is our first Banner of 2023, and we're excited to be back in action. It's also an exciting time for Maryland now that our state is under the leadership of Democratic Governor Wes Moore and Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller.

Thank you to those who came to our recent town hall/listening session. We appreciate your input and feedback and look forward to more community engagement through additional sessions later this year.

This Saturday, the Central Committee will attend our annual retreat where we'll be reviewing our bylaws, drafting and/or updating our strategic plan, planning our events, determining our regular public meeting date, and more. You can check our calendar to get the most up-to-date information for Central Committee and local Democratic club meetings and other upcoming events.

One of our roles as Central Committee members is to fill vacancies in certain offices and make recommendations to the governor for members of the local County Board of Elections and, at times, other state and county boards. Tomorrow evening, we will do just that when we interview candidates for appointments to the Frederick County Board of Elections. Our local Elections Board is composed of three regular members from the majority party and two from the minority party. After the

interviews, we will select four individuals and forward their names to the governor; he will then choose three to serve. All our recommendations are subject to approval by the governor and consent of the Maryland Senate. Once approved, the new board will start its term in June 2023.

Last week, our Democratic Party Trustees attended a luncheon with Frederick County's 6th District Congressman David Trone at the U.S. Capitol Building. What is a trustee? I'm glad you asked! Check out our letter to get details on page 7.

Please mark your calendars now for our first Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club ("Plow-Fish") event of the year on Wednesday, 29 March, with Special Guest Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. Annual Plow-Fish membership is \$150 (\$140 for monthly sustainers) – includes this event and two others this year for you and a guest, or a single event ticket - \$75 – includes a guest—more details, including an invitation with online ticket link coming soon. We look forward to seeing you there.



Don't forget to check the calendar on our web site to keep up with Democratic meetings, candidate events, and more!

<http://www.frederickdemocrats.org/events/calendar>

**SOUTH
FREDERICK
COUNTY
DEMOCRATS**



South County Dems Focus on the Underserved

When Carleah Summers ran for State Senate in district 4, she heard two major concerns from voters - the need for affordable housing and the opioid crisis. Carleah was the speaker at the January meeting of South County Dems on the theme “Serving the Underserved” and shared from her extensive work with individuals with substance use disorders. Carleah is a peer leader and recovery advocate as the founder and executive director of Andrea’s House – the first transitional living home for women and children in Frederick County.

She noted that women in recovery and those who have been incarcerated often don’t know that they can vote, a gap that needs to be filled. She also learned that once women are established in recovery, it is extremely difficult to find places for them and their children to live. Without such places, they need to remain in initial housing such as Andrea’s House which prevents others from entering the supportive recovery program.

This represents a gap in government services. Given this situation, it is hard to keep these women in recovery motivated and hopeful so as not to slip back into old habits. Moreover, it is difficult for women in recovery to pay for childcare and housing when employed in a low-wage job.

Carleah is planning a gala on April 26, coordinating with David Trone and others, to raise funds to address these types of issues and to further support women in recovery and their

children. Creighton Drury, CEO of the Partnership to End Addiction, will be the speaker.

What Can Dems Do?

Following Carleah’s presentation, discussion turned to how to increase Democratic presence in South County, which remains a red district. The rationale is that Democratic leaders can be a stronger force in meeting the needs of underserved populations. The group talked about a targeted canvassing campaign to listen to voters, especially in underserved areas, in order to hear their needs, to help them feel heard, and in turn to increase Democratic presence in South County and beyond to find and fund programs that could better meet their needs.

A number of attendees signed up to volunteer for a canvassing program to be designed during the winter months for springtime canvassing of underserved populations in South County. The more volunteers for this effort, the more voters can be reached. Others are welcome to work with this group, either to support the South County effort, or to extend it elsewhere in the county. If interested, contact Annette Breiling at 818-422-6208, or annette.breiling@gmail.com.



- Annette Breiling and Melanie Galloway, co-chairs



Carleah Summers



Tom Slater, Frederick County Democratic Central Committee / Frederick County Democratic Party Historian

The Rest Of the Story

Historic Elections Results and Maryland’s Longest Serving Comptroller

In January 2023, history was made with the swearing in of Maryland’s first African-American governor, Maryland’s first woman of color as Lt. governor, Maryland’s first African-American attorney general, and Maryland’s first female comptroller. Most attention has been given to the swearing in and inauguration of Wes Moore as governor and Aruna Miller as LG, but my attention in this column is on the office of comptroller.

Last November, Brooke Lierman was elected as Maryland’s 33rd comptroller and the first one that was not a middle-aged white male. The office of Comptroller of Maryland was established by the second constitution of Maryland of 1851 to provide some safeguards for the treasury of the state. The comptroller’s job is to provide “general supervision of the fiscal affairs of the state,” including collecting taxes. In addition, the Maryland Comptroller is part of the Maryland Board of Public Works, along

with the Governor of Maryland and the Treasurer of Maryland. The Board of Public Works reviews, approves and/or oversees several statutorily mandated projects and programs, including significant state expenditures and general obligations bond issuances. Such a body is unique to the State of Maryland.

Since 1900, only one comptroller, J. Millard Tawes (1939-47, 1950-59), has subsequently been elected governor of the State of Maryland (1959-1967). Only Governor William Donald Schaefer (1987-95) became comptroller after serving as governor (1999-2007). The story of former Governor Schaefer's service as comptroller can only be understood in the context of the career of Maryland's longest serving and most colorful comptroller, Louis Lazarus Goldstein, who served from 1959 until his death on July 3, 1998.

Goldstein was born and lived his entire life in Calvert County, Maryland. His father owned significant amounts of land, and Goldstein added to those landholdings. It was said that, by the time of his death, he owned land in every county in the State of Maryland. Some of his holdings were sold to Baltimore Gas and Electric for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Before being elected Comptroller of Maryland in 1958, Goldstein served in the Maryland House of Delegates (1938-41) and the Maryland Senate (1947-1959, including as President of the Senate from 1955-68). Goldstein resigned from the House at age 29, after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Louis L. Goldstein married lawyer Hazel Horton in 1948, and they practiced law together. They had two daughters and a son. One daughter's middle name was Senate, named after Goldstein's service in the Maryland Senate.

Louie, as he was often called, was a character. He traveled throughout the state of Maryland to attend ribbon

cuttings, picnics, fairs, and just about every political event that was held. He was a vigorous campaigner. Once when campaigning in Garrett County he inadvertently started knocking on doors in West Virginia. Undaunted, when it was pointed out to him that he was in West Virginia, he remarked that some of the people whose doors he knocked on must have friends and relatives in Maryland. He was an exuberant speaker and lit up the room when he talked. He was quite folksy, ending every speech with "May God love and bless you all real good," and handed out fake gold coins with his name on them.

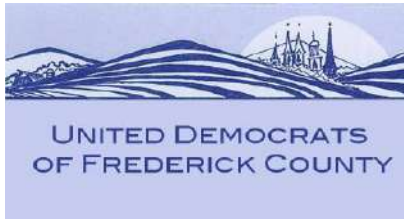
In addition to his exuberance, he also was quite smart. He kept careful track of the stock market and made sure that Maryland's money was well managed. He was proud of Maryland's AAA bond rating. He would hand out his home and office phone numbers to anyone who asked. For many years he served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and was a member of the Platform and Resolutions Committee. He was a strong supporter of his alma mater, Washington College, and served on their Board of Visitors and Governors. A building at Washington College bears his name and the Comptroller's building in Annapolis is the Goldstein Treasury Building with a statue of him holding a gold coin. The annual Democratic dinner in Calvert County is named after Louis L. Goldstein.

In 1994, before his wife died, Goldstein had considered retiring after serving ten four-year terms as comptroller. However, when Hazel died in 1996, Goldstein, still feeling fit and capable, decided to run for an unprecedented eleventh and final term. In June 1998 he announced that he was going to run for re-election. He said, "I feel as good today as when I went into the Marine Corps at age 29." Almost every day, even in winter, he swam laps in the pool at his home in St. Leonard. Three days before the filing deadline in 1998, Louie swam his last lap and died of a heart attack in his pool at the age of 85,

ending 59 years in elective office. With just three days before the filing deadline, Maryland politics was upended by the sudden death of its comptroller. Republican Tim Mayberry had already filed to run against Goldstein. Rumors flew as to possible additional Republican challengers, including Delegate John Leopold, Frederick Delegate David Brinkley, accountant Larry Epstein and others. Howard County Executive Eileen Rehrmann, who had already filed to run for the Democratic nomination for governor against incumbent Democratic Governor Parris Glendening, was mentioned as a possible candidate as well as State Treasurer Richard Dixon and Delegate (and future State Treasurer) Nancy Kopp. After consulting at the Governor's mansion with Barbara Mikulski, Mike Miller, House Speaker Cas Taylor, Steny Hoyer and Dutch Ruppersberger, Glendening first asked Montgomery County Executive Doug

Duncan to take the comptroller's position, but he refused. Then, in a surprise move, Governor Glendening named his campaign chairman and former Congressman Michael Barnes to replace Louis L. Goldstein as comptroller, making Barnes the front runner for the nomination, assuming that he would immediately file for election. To many people's surprise, ninety minutes before the filing deadline, former Governor William Donald Schaefer showed up at the State Board of Elections and filed to run as Comptroller, as did Republican lawyer Michael Steele. Also filing for comptroller at the last minute were former Baltimore City Council President Mary Pat Clarke, former state Senator Julien Lapedes, and Baltimore City Comptroller Joan M. Pratt. In the end, Barnes withdrew as comptroller, Schaefer won the Democratic nomination, Larry Epstein won the Republican nomination, and Glendening had egg on his face. Schaefer won the general election, was re-elected in 2002, but was defeated

by Peter Franchot in the Democratic primary for a third term in 2006.



**UNITED DEMOCRATS OF
FREDERICK COUNTY**

We held the first UDFC meeting of 2023 on January 9th at Café 611 in downtown Frederick and co-hosted with WDL! It was nice to see so many people turn out to start the year with fellow Dems! We had a number of business items to cover, including election of our new officers and board members for this next term:

- President - Maureen Grayzeck
- Vice President - Melanie Galloway
- Secretary - Mari Lee
- Treasurer - Mark Jafari
- Communications Director - Rachael Dussau

Board Members: Karl Bickel, Eric Brown, Brandon Duck, Jim French, Sofi Ibrahim, Richard Kaplowitz, Gary Magnuson, Michael Sowell, and Robert Van Rens

Our guest speakers for the evening were Tom and Stephen Slater, who gave us a thorough analysis of the Frederick County results for the 2022 Midterm Election. The graphs, as well as their anecdotes, provided us with an excellent overview of what the results were and how things are changing over time. Thank you to both Tom and Stephen for taking the time to join us!


We will once again co-host with Women’s Democratic League (WDL) for our next general meeting on Monday, February 6th, 2023, 7 P.M at Café 611. The address is 611 North Market St. and the doors open at 6 P.M. so members can come and order food and beverages before the program starts. We will have two

presenters for the meeting; Patrick Murray, Senior Advisor to County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, and Mrs. Joyce Harris from Columbia Maryland who will give us a dramatic presentation of Harriet Tubman in celebration of Black History Month.

We welcome new members to join us! Annual dues can be paid in person by cash or check at this time, \$20 for individual dues, or \$35.00 for family. Our online PayPal account will be up and running ASAP. If preferred, you may drop a check in the mail to: **UDFC Treasurer P.O. Box 3882 Frederick, Md. 21705.**

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!





Save the Date –

Wednesday, March 29

The First Monocacy Plowman and Fisherman Club (Plow-Fish) event of the year with special guest Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. More details coming soon.



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Elections for the 2023 Board on Director's Executive Board were held on December 19th via ZOOM.

Our officers for 2023 are as follows:

President – Shelly Beard-Francois

Secretary – Carleah Summers

Treasurer – Lara Westdorp

Director of Communications – Rachel Dussuau

Board Members: Rosario Campos, Sharon Dooley, Melanie Galloway, Maureen Grayzeck, Lois Jarman, Mari Lee, Tami McNulty, Samantha Van Rens



Bob Kresslein, Member, Democratic National Committee

MDP Re-elects Chair and Welcomes New Officers

The Maryland Democratic Party entered its new term on December 12, 2023 on solid footing. New and returning County Central Committee Members were sworn in by Governor Elect Wes Moore in a ceremony at the IBEW Headquarters in Lanham. The

incoming Governor put forth a great slate of officers for the four-year term, including another term for our fabulous chair, **Yvette Lewis**.

Welcome this dynamic and diverse group of citizen activists dedicated to the betterment of the Democratic Party:

First Vice Chair, Everett Browning of Prince George's County, Co-founder and Chairman of the Coalition of Minority Business Owners (C.O.M.B.O)

Second Vice Chair, Judy Wixted is Member of the Talbot County Democratic State Central Committee and retired corporate trainer and territory manager for Weight Watchers, International.

Third Vice Chair, Rueben Anya of Baltimore County has served in various roles devoted to public service including as a Commissioner on the Maryland Commission on The School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices, Commissioner on the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission, and as an At-Large Member for the Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee.

Treasurer Devang Shah of Montgomery County has been actively involved in the Democratic Party serving the Asian American and Pacific Islander ("AAPI") and broader communities in a volunteer capacity, has served as the Maryland Democratic Party's Deputy Treasurer and Finance Committee and is a Trustee of the MDP.

Secretary Corynne Courpas of Carroll County is a long time Democratic activist and has served numerous terms on the Carroll County Democratic State Central Committee.

Deputy Treasurer, Diana Emerson is a member of the Baltimore City Democratic State Central Committee and serves as the Senior Director of Entrepreneurial and Workforce

Experiences for Junior Achievement of Central Maryland.

Deputy Secretary, Gabriel Gough is an elected member of the Calvert County Democratic Central Committee. He is a combat Veteran who was awarded a Bronze Star for Valor in Iraq and has a master's degree in International Relations from Georgetown University.

On a personal note, I was humbled by the presentation given to me upon my leaving as an officer of the Maryland Democratic Party Treasurer, eight as Deputy Treasurer and Treasurer, though I remain a member of the Executive Committee by virtue of being Maryland representative to the Democratic National Committee.

It has been a fun ride!



Editor's Corner

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Hope you enjoyed reading!

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February 2023 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting
Co-Hosted with WDL - Monday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.
Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting
Date: TBD
Held via Zoom

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m.
Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Rd, Thurmont
(Please bring a non-perishable item for the area food bank.)

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting
No Meeting

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m.
Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

Women’s Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting
Co-Hosted with UDFC - Monday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.
Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick



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After an exciting and successful 2022 election, Frederick County Democrats are on the leading edge towards saving our Democracy and delivering better futures for the people in our county and beyond! To keep this momentum going and to achieve even further successes, we are asking you to become a **Frederick County Democratic Trustee**.

Over the last two years, the Democratic Party has continued to make impressive gains in Frederick County. In 2021, we retained the city's mayoral seat and all five aldermanic seats. In 2022, a new Democratic Frederick County Executive was elected, continuing Democratic management of County Council. The Democratic Party gained an additional seat on the County Council with a 5-2 majority. We even picked up a seat on the Orphan's Court! Democrats also excelled at the state level. We recaptured the governorship after eight years of Republican control by electing Maryland's first (and the country's third) Black governor. At the state legislative level, District 3 continued to be a Democratic stronghold, and we held onto all our existing seats, beating back well-funded Republican challengers. Even the "bad news" wasn't so bad; when our candidates were unsuccessful, their vote percentages generally increased. Finally, despite redistricting, we also helped ensure that the entirety of Frederick County is represented in Congress by democratic Representative David Trone.

Yes, we have accomplished much over the last few years. However, much work remains. We are committed to making Frederick County solidly "blue." As you may imagine, this will not be easy. Significant human and monetary resources will be needed. That's where you come in. None of our progress is possible without your generous contributions to your local Democratic Party, and for this we cannot thank you enough.

Trustees are local Democrats like you who help with substantial and reliable financial contributions. You can become a Trustee by contributing at least \$1,000 annually. As a Trustee, you'll enjoy the following privileges:

- Admission (with a guest) to our annual gala;
- Admission (with a guest) to all three Plow-Fish events during the year;
- Admission to a special members-only event during the year;
- A Frederick Democratic Trustees lapel pin; and
- Recognition at Frederick County Democratic events.

Please click [here](#) to contribute today!

We look forward to your becoming a contributor to Frederick County Democrats. Onward to further success!

Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) members:

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Glenn Blanchard, Andrew Burgoyne, Josh Cramer, McCamie Patterson, Regan Riley, Gayon Sampson, Tom Slater, Jessica Tuel,
Marc Weinberg, and Associate members: Harry Lashley, Tarolyn McKinney, Teresa Schwab

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Photos from the
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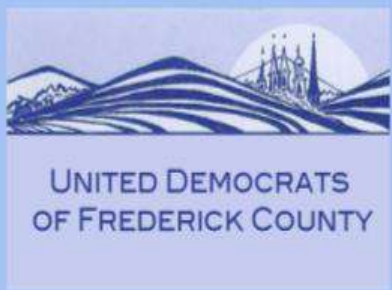


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Class of 2023

WDL
Women's Democratic League
Frederick County, Maryland



Join us for our Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 6 @ 7:00 PM

A Black History Month Event

Join WDL and UDFC for a special joint club event. Patrick Murray, Senior Advisor to County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, will provide an update on her first weeks in office. Following his presentation, Mrs. Joyce Harris, an educator from Columbia, Maryland, will give a dramatic presentation of Harriet Tubman in celebration of Black History Month.

Where: Cafe 611, 611 N. Market Street
Social time: 6:00 p.m.
Menu is available. Dinner @ patron's expense.
(Street parking is available)

Masks are encouraged.

No RSVP needed

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