



The Banner

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

We're excited to announce that Colmon Elridge will be the keynote speaker at our annual Frederick County Democratic Gala on Monday, 12 June! Colmon, Chair of the Kentucky Democratic Party and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer for the DNC Rural Council, has been a leader in Kentucky and national politics and governing for over a decade. Coming from humble beginnings, Colmon broke the cycle of poverty through hard work, education, and opportunities afforded to him through the Democratic Party. He has served as the Outreach Director for the Kentucky Democratic Party, served two terms as the Executive Vice President of the Young Democrats of America, and served for eight years as the Executive Assistant and Senior Advisor to Kentucky's 61st Governor. Colmon is the first African American to serve as the Chair of the Kentucky Democratic Party.

As mentioned in last month's Banner, our Gala will be at Dutch's Daughter, 580 Himes Avenue, Frederick. Tickets

are available now - \$90 (\$80 for Club Blue members). You can purchase your tickets [online](#) or mail a check payable to DSCCFC, PO Box 793, Frederick, MD 21705. Please write "2023 FCDP Gala" on the check's memo line. That evening, we will gather for the camaraderie, to enjoy great food, and honor recipients of the following awards: Democrat of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Rising Star, and the Stephen LeRoux Legacy Award.

This Saturday, we'll be at First Saturday in downtown Frederick. Stop by our table from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the corner of West Patrick and Market Street to register to vote, pick up Party literature, or say hello (or all three!)

We were so pleased with the turnout at our kickoff Happy Hour last month. Join us and fellow Democrats at our May Happy Hour on Thursday, 11 May from 5:30 to 7:30 at Cugino Forno, 1705 N. Market St. They have pizza, salad, beer, and wine and outside seating, weather permitting. We will have food available while supplies last. You can also order from their menu at your cost.

In older news, if you haven't heard, Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins and a local firearms business owner were [indicted](#) on 5 April. I won't go into why they were, but the allegations are shocking and concerning. Just as shocking was learning that Chuck knew of this investigation before the elections last year and didn't mention it. For the following nine days after the indictment, the Sheriff continued to go about his daily work despite the fact that other Frederick County Sheriff's Office employees are immediately

placed on administrative leave when criminal charges are levied. We learned that Council Vice President Kavonte Duckett issued a statement asking for the Sheriff to go on leave, and the members of the Democratic Central Committee felt strongly that we should do the same, which we [released](#) on 7 April. We were glad that the Sheriff placed himself on leave as of the end of business on 14 April because it was the right thing to do.



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>

The Rest Of the Story



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

Maryland Politicians Quiz – the answer to each of these questions is someone who has been elected in the State of Maryland since 1940 to the Maryland General Assembly, the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Senate, Governor of Maryland, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Comptroller of Maryland, or Attorney General of Maryland:

1. Whose spouse was born in Siberia, grew up in Shanghai, and once worked as a secretary to General George C. Marshall?
2. Whose mother was the first female elected to the U.S. Congress from Maryland?
3. Who served as Governor of Maryland, was never married, and lived with his mother until being elected governor?
4. Who spent much of his boyhood years at Mar-a-Lago?
5. Who are the only two persons who have served as both Attorney General and Lt. Governor of Maryland?
6. What two father-son combinations have

- represented Maryland in the U.S. Senate?
7. Whose spouse was born in England?
8. Who was a licensed social worker?
9. Who was the youngest person to serve as the President of the Maryland Senate?
10. Who was a professional baseball player before getting into politics?
11. Who shared an apartment in Washington, D.C. with Mamie Eisenhower during World War II?
12. Who was born in Karachi, Pakistan?
13. Who has served longer in one office than anyone else?
14. Who has served the second longest time in one office?
15. Who has sung in an Irish band?
16. What three governors also served as Mayors of Baltimore City?
17. Which of the three governors who also served as Mayor of Baltimore, served a term as Mayor of Baltimore after finishing one of his terms as governor?
18. Whose second wife's father was the Republican candidate for Congress whom Goodloe Byron defeated when he was elected to Congress in 1970?
19. Who was a direct lineal descendant of Benjamin Franklin and also a descendant of a passenger on the Mayflower?
20. Who was the first African-American to be elected to the U.S. Congress from Maryland?

21. Who is the only female African-American to be elected to the U.S. Congress from Maryland?
22. Who was the first African-American woman to be elected to the Maryland Senate and the second African-American woman to be elected as a state senator in the United States?
23. Who are the only two persons who were elected governor of Maryland who had not previously been elected to a political office?
24. Who played a leading role in a Broadway musical?
25. Who, after leaving elective office, became an expert on World War II and Wyatt Earp?
26. Who defeated his law school roommate to be elected to the U.S. Senate?
27. Who suffered a stroke and was in a coma, was re-elected 5 days later, and continued to serve in office until the office was declared vacant approximately six months later?
28. Who are the four Maryland Attorney Generals who have run unsuccessfully for Governor of Maryland?
29. Who has descendants who served as Comptroller of Maryland, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and two U.S. Senators?
30. Who are the two Maryland Attorney Generals who have been elected Governor of Maryland since 1940?

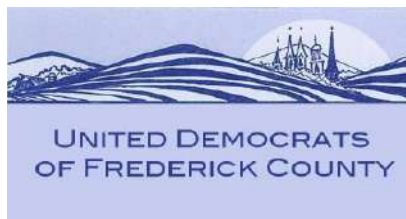
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31. Who was first chosen to be Governor of Maryland by the Maryland General Assembly?
32. Who are the four Republicans to serve as Governor of Maryland since 1940?
33. Who sponsored the resolution to form the Women's Caucus in the Maryland General Assembly in 1972?
34. Who is the youngest member of the current Maryland House of Delegates?
35. Who is the only Maryland Governor to serve as Maryland Treasurer after serving as Governor?
36. Who is the only African-American to serve as Maryland Treasurer?
37. Who is the only person to serve as Acting Governor of the State of Maryland?
38. Who are the seven African-Americans to serve in the U.S. Congress from Maryland?
39. Who are the five Democrats to represent the First Congressional District of Maryland since 1940?
40. Who was the first female Lieutenant governor of Maryland?
41. Who was legally blind as a result of an exploding dynamite cap?
42. Who has held elective office continuously since 1967?
43. Who has served in the U.S. Congress from Maryland for the longest period of time?
44. Since 1940 the 6th Congressional District has been represented by which seven Democrats?

45. Since 1968, which six chairs of the Maryland Democratic Party have served in the Maryland General Assembly?
46. Who is the only Comptroller of Maryland who was elected Governor of Maryland?
47. Which five former General Assembly members have buildings named after them in Annapolis?
48. Who are the three African-Americans who have served as Lieutenant Governor of Maryland?
49. Who was President of the Maryland Senate immediately before Mike Miller?
50. Who was Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates immediately before Michael Busch?

Have fun. Answers will be in next month's Banner.

Passings: we are sorry to report the passing of Chip Jewell's father, Clarence E. "Pete" Jewell (92), and Ronald A. Valenti (75), an active member of the North County Democrats.



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

UDFC had a number of members who attended the Western Maryland Democratic Summit at Rocky Gap

Resort/Casino/Conference Center the weekend of May 21-22. We heard speeches made by state leaders such as Governor Wes Moore, Lt. Governor Aruna Miller, Comptroller Brooke Lierman; as well as our Frederick State Senator Karen Lewis Young, and State Delegate Kris Fair. There were other elected officials from Frederick and across the state present to celebrate Western Maryland and the many successes from the recent election.

May Meeting:

UDFC will hold the next Business meeting on Monday, May 1st at Café 611 (611 North Market Street 7PM.) We will be holding a panel discussion with our Frederick state legislators, Karen Lewis Young, Ken Kerr, Karen Simpson, and Kris Fair. The meeting will be a joint event with the Women's Democratic League (WDL), and the doors will open at 6 PM so that folks can have social time and order dinner and beverages if they wish. It has been an extremely busy and productive legislative Session in 2023, and our Senator and Delegates will bring us up to date!

Last month, in April, our guest was County Council Member-at-Large Renee Knapp and she spoke about her first several months in office. This included County-wide community meetings held in each council district with the County Executive, and the council members listening to questions, comments, and concerns from constituents about the upcoming budget.

We look forward to seeing members of UDFC and WDL (and friends!) at the May 1 meeting to hear what our legislators have to share with us. Remember, 7PM at Café 611 (6-7 PM social hour and dinner if you wish!). Join us!

Membership and Dues:

We welcome new members to join us! Annual dues can be paid in person by

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cash or check at this time, \$20 for individual dues, or \$35 for family. You may also drop a check in the mail to: **UDFC Treasurer P.O. Box 3882 Frederick MD 21705**. Our online PayPal account is not available yet.

We look forward to seeing you at the UDFC April 3rd meeting at Café 611!

- Maureen Grayzeck
President, UDFC



Renee Knapp, Frederick County Council Member-at-large speaking at the UDFC April Meeting.



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

The WDL held its April Monthly Meeting on Monday, April 17 at Cafe 611. The speakers were Rae Gallagher and Karen Yoho from the Frederick County Board of Education. The ladies discussed their first few weeks in office, hot topics, areas of concern, and what WDL members can do to help the BOE members.

The WDL is co-hosting with the UDFC for its May meeting featuring the

Frederick County Democratic District 3 Delegation on Monday, May 1 at Cafe 611.

The next WDL Monthly meeting will take place on Monday, May 15th at 7:00 PM at Café 611.

- Shelly Beaird-Francois, President



Karen Yoho and Rae Gallagher, Board Members, Frederick County Board of Education speaking at the WDL April Meeting



SOUTH FREDERICK COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Join South County Dems on May 13!

Help us turn more of Frederick County blue!

We have a special speaker coming all the way from the Eastern Shore. **Justin Butler is the Maryland State Democratic Organizing Director** who has a focus on organizing to gain blue votes in red areas. Melanie and I heard him speak at the Western Maryland Democratic Summit and I was very impressed with him and the strategies he offered.

We'll be meeting as usual from 9:00-10:30 am at BarT Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd in Urbana. **The meeting is open to all in the county**, as this topic is important for all of us, not just those

from south county. While use of the space is free, optional donations are welcome to BarT Mountainside Environmental Education. Feel free to bring your own food and drinks.

Finally, we will have an additional focus at the meeting on another topic of great relevance to underserved populations – Medicare for All.

Hoping for a good turnout.

- Annette Breiling and Melanie Galloway, co-chairs



State Senator Karen Lewis Young, District 3

The 445th state legislative session ended at midnight on April 10. It was highly productive as well as consequential in terms of the significant policies that were passed. Please follow this link to review my end of session report: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/End-of-Session-Summary.html?soid=1132855588299&aid=DaXtrtTFXuY>

In the event that my summary wets your appetite, here is a link to the full

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90 Day Report:

https://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/RecurRpt/23rs_90_Day_Report.pdf

If there are issues that you would like to discuss, please contact my office at Karen.Young@senate.state.md.us or come out to the United Dems session wrap-up on May 1 at Café 611.



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

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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May 2023 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, May 13 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

Women’s Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting
Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Common Market Meeting Room, 927 W. 7th Street, Frederick



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Annual Gala



MONDAY, 12 JUNE 2023

6 PM SOCIAL HOUR | 7 PM DINNER | 7:45 PM PROGRAM

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581 Himes Avenue, Frederick MD 21703

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We had one of our most successful and well-attended events ever on April 18, and we could not have done it without you!

Huge thanks to Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater and First Lady Dawn Moore for being our featured speakers, and to Kathleen Matthews for hosting us in her beautiful home.

YOU, our supporters, make it all possible!

Now that's something to celebrate!

Here are some photos of the evening.

For more photos, visit our Facebook page. Enjoy!

