



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

Summer's here, and our volunteer opportunities are heating up! This month, we will have a presence at four community events. Stop by and say hello! Better yet, we could use your help to staff our tent at three of them. Specifically, we will be at the Walkersville Carnival next week, Monday, 3 July -Saturday, 8 July, and Urbana Carnival Monday, 17 July - Saturday, 22 July. The tent will be staffed each evening from 6:30-8:30 Monday - Thursday and 6:30-9:00 Friday and Saturday. We will also be at Asbury Block Party on Saturday, 15 July, from 11:00-3:00. Click [here](#) to view available shifts and to sign up for the event(s) and shift(s) of your choice. If you're out and about in downtown Frederick today, we'd love for you to pop by our table at First Saturday, 3:00-5:00, at the corner of W. Patrick and Market Streets.

The Central Committee recently held interviews to fill the vacant seat due to the resignation of Christian Benford. We are pleased to announce our new

member is Paul B. Fulcher. Paul is a Senior Account Executive for Gartner, Inc. to a federal government key account. He is a resident of Frederick, where he currently resides with his partner, Alejandro Maurosa. In addition to serving as a Frederick Democratic Trustee and the newest member of the DSCCFC, Paul serves as the Treasurer to County Executive Fitzwater's campaign, on the Board of Directors for the Weinberg Center for the Arts, a Trustee to Black Cat Studios and is active in other community activities such as the Order of the Good Samaritan with Frederick Health, the Delaplaine Foundation, Frederick Arts Council and the Frederick Center. A self-proclaimed "Swiftie" Paul enjoys music, traveling, culture, arts and food.



Paul Fulcher with Gov. Wes Moore

Ready for Happy Hour? Join us on Tuesday, 25 July, at Mariachi's at 5854 Urbana Pike, Frederick, from 6:00-8:00. We will supply the first round of food while supplies last. You can also order from the menu at your expense.

Save the date! We will host our second Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club event on Wednesday, 30 August, at the home of Paul Fulcher and Alejandro Maurosa. Tickets and more details will soon be available on our website.

A few weeks ago, we held our 2023 Annual Democratic Party Gala. Thank you to everyone who supported and helped make it successful. We were pleased to have Colmon Elridge, Chair of the Kentucky Democratic Party and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer for the DNC Rural Council, as the Special Guest Speaker. Other officials who offered remarks in addition to me were Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, Maryland Democratic Party Chair Yvette Lewis, District 3 Senator Karen Lewis Young, and City of Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor.

We also celebrated the following honorees:

Democratic Lifetime Achievement

Carol Krimm – After graduating from the University of Maryland and Frostburg State University, Carol became active in politics and worked as a legislative aide to Delegate Sue Hecht and then for Delegate Galen Clagett. She was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee from 2007 to 2010, elected to the Frederick City Board of Aldermen for two terms, serving from 2009 to 2013, and then elected to the Maryland House of Delegates representing District 3 for two terms, serving from

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2015 to 2023. Carol was very active in transportation, homelessness, budget, access to rural broadband and internet, pension, housing, veterans, and remote working issues. She was the president of the Women Legislators of Maryland from 2020-21 and was active in the Maryland Municipal League, the Frederick Arts Council, and the Golden Mile Alliance.

Rising Star

John Funderburk – In 2002 and 2006, John canvassed for Rushern Baker in his bid for County Executive for Prince George’s County and served with the Young Democrats of Frederick County in 2012. More recently, he ran for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Frederick in 2021, and briefly considered running for state delegate before deciding to run for County Council in 2022.

After the primary, he shrugged off his loss and dove headfirst into essential volunteer efforts for Brad Young’s County Council campaign. From knocking on doors and attending events, John ensured that Frederick saw our outstanding Democrats with sign-waving downtown and hundreds of social media posts. His enthusiasm for engaging Frederick’s citizens was unrivaled. He diligently worked many long days and hours to get Democrats out to vote. He was everywhere!

His LinkedIn profile says, "My work to elect our Democratic general election candidates in Frederick County is one of my biggest achievements." We believe other political achievements will come to him in the future.

Volunteer of the Year

Dr. Amit Kumar – In the 2022 elections, Dr. Kumar led a group of 30 adults and 12 student volunteers in the Urbana/Monrovia area, dropping flyers at homes in the two regions. His group knocked on doors for several candidates, including the Wes Moore/Aruna Miller ticket,

Congressman David Trone, Jessica Fitzwater for County Executive, county council campaigns, and the Democratic Board of Education candidates. Dr. Kumar also texted and met with about 250 friends to talk with their neighbors about the elections. Dr. Kumar believes in equity, diversity, equal opportunity, citizen’s rights, and environment; all values that align perfectly with the Democratic Party. Dr. Kumar plans to continue to work and support candidates aligned with these values.

Stephen A. LeRoux Legacy Award

Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel – Rev. Dr. Kershner Daniel became head pastor of Evangelical Reformed UCC in downtown Frederick in 2006. During her leadership, ERUCC became a true community center, which was apparent throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. When many buildings shut down, ERUCC opened its doors, offering a meeting space for training Census workers and holding several vaccine clinics with the County Health Dept. She coordinated several Friday night voter registration events and served on the Board of the Frederick Center. Her advocacy and willingness to make sure the marginalized have a voice makes our Frederick Community a safer, stronger, and more affirming place to love and to be loved.



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>

Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for volunteers, to help us staff our Democrat Booth at various events, canvassing, and our Get Out the Vote efforts. Please click on the link below for more information and to sign up.

[Volunteer Today](#)



Did you know that in addition to voting for President of the United States in 2024 there are local races on the ballot too, including Board of Education?

Are you thinking about running for office in 2024? We would like to hear from you! Please send us an email at info@frederickdemocrats.org.



The Rest Of the Story

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

In my column in the May Banner, I asked 50 questions about Maryland politics, and in the June Banner I provided the answers. Question 13 was "Who has served longer in one office than anyone else?" The answer I provided was Frederick C. Malkus, Jr. who served for 43 years in the Maryland Senate, from 1951 to 1994. As a cautionary note I said, "More research needs to be done to determine if there are any other General Assembly members who served this long." The *Baltimore Sun* reported on June 20 that Norman R. Stone, Jr. died and that he held the record as the longest serving member of the General Assembly. He served in the House of Delegates from 1963 to 1967 and in the Maryland Senate from 1967 until 2015, a total of 52 years, 48 in the Maryland Senate. Therefore further research has shown that it is Norman Stone, not Frederick C. Malkus, Jr., who has served longer in one office than anyone else.

Fred Malkus was known as a colorful, irascible, and sometimes controversial politician. I remember watching him on the floor of the Maryland Senate and in the watering holes of Annapolis after session as he pontificated in an always-flamboyant and exuberant manner. He was known as the ruddy-faced "Silver Fox" of the Maryland Senate because

of his long flowing white hair. He never lost an election for the legislature, although he was defeated in 1973 when he ran as the Democratic candidate in a special election in Maryland's first congressional district to replace Republican congressman William O. Mills, who committed suicide after it was disclosed that he had received, and failed to report, \$425,000 from the Nixon Committee to Re-elect the President. Malkus received 25,581 votes, and his opponent, conservative and much younger Republican State Senator Robert Bauman, received 26,941 votes (Bauman was 36 years old and Malkus was 60 years old). Bauman later was defeated in 1980 for re-election by Maryland State Senator Roy Dyson when Bauman was charged with soliciting sex from a 16-year-old male prostitute.

Malkus served as chair of the Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee from 1955 to 1966 and was the president pro tem of the Maryland Senate at the time of his retirement in 1994. After he lost the chairmanship of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, he often seemed to be more of a lone wolf and an opponent of change, occasionally attempting to filibuster bills he opposed. He was a man of contradictions, described at his funeral as a conservative Democrat, pro-business, a supporter of unions, and a great environmentalist. Mike Miller, delivering his eulogy, described him as a man of "complicated political beliefs," and liberal Senator Barbara Hoffman described him as "defying political stereotyping." In 1987 when a new bridge was built to cross the Choptank River into Cambridge, Malkus's home town, the Maryland General Assembly unanimously voted to name the bridge the Frederick C. Malkus, Jr. Bridge. Because Malkus resisted desegregation in Maryland in the 1960s, the naming of the bridge after him caused some controversy. Harry Hughes called Malkus a racist, but Baltimore's African-American State Senator Clarence Blount called Malkus "an icon

and a living legend." Malkus died in 1999 at the age of 86.

Norman Stone was not nearly as colorful as Malkus, although he served in the Maryland legislature longer than Malkus. He was known as "Dundalk's senator for life" and was recognized for his strong record of constituent service. Before becoming an attorney, he was a brick layer. Unlike Malkus, Senator Stone was known for being quiet, reserved, and not flamboyant. Like Malkus, he finished his political career as president pro tem of the Maryland Senate. He was associated with Baltimore politicians Dale Anderson, James Pine, and Roy Staten, some of whom were tainted with corruption, but that taint never seemed to tarnish Stone's reputation. He loved to fish and play the saxophone, known to always carry a fishing pole and a sax in the trunk of his car. He was 87 when he died last month. Stone was succeeded in the Maryland Senate by Republican Jonny Ray Salling, who defeated Democrat and current Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski.

Charles Smelser served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1955 until 1963 and in the Maryland Senate from 1967 to 1995, a total of 38 years in the Senate, thus becoming the Frederick County member of the Maryland General Assembly who served the longest time in one position since at least 1940. Smelser was an Air Force pilot in World War II who flew 35 bombing missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 5 Oak clusters. After the war, he was a dairy farmer in Frederick County near Union Bridge and was a director of the New Windsor State Bank. He was a well-respected Democrat in the Maryland Senate, known for his fiscal conservatism but also had a reputation for "bringing home the bacon" for Frederick County. Despite his conservative views on

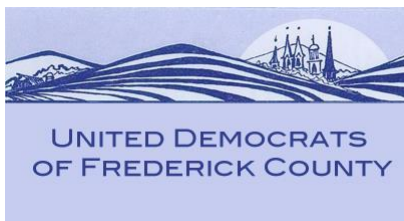
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most matters, he was pro-choice. He died in 2009 at the age of 88.

In Frederick County, the legislator who has served the second longest time in one position since at least 1940 is C. Clifton Virts, who was the answer to question 41: "Who was legally blind as a result of an exploding dynamite cap?" Virts served in the Maryland House of Delegates for 32 years, from 1947 until 1979. He was given a special office in the basement of the State House so that he and his seeing-eye dog could have easy access to the House floor. He was known as a wise and effective legislator. His wife, Stella, often assisted him. Clif was a graduate of the Virginia School for the Blind, the University of Virginia, and the Law School of the University of Maryland. He was an equity examiner appointed by the Circuit Court for Frederick County. In 1981, he was the first recipient, along with Charlotte Y. Kerrigan, of the achievement award from the Frederick County Democratic Party. Charles See, a Republican from Allegany County, who was blinded at age 16 as a result of the influenza epidemic of 1918, also served in the Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate for 28 years until he retired in 1963. Virts died, at the age of 75, in 1985.



Delegate C. Clifton Virts



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

United Democrats are delighted to invite you to our annual picnic! This is an event we all look forward to especially since we had no picnics during Covid years 2020 and 2021! We came back to the picnic in 2022, and this year we are gathering on Saturday, July 29th, 2023 at Middletown Park Shelter # 2, from 4-6 PM. (See ad in the Banner!!) It is a beautiful, covered venue with lots of room- come rain or shine and join us!

We provide Fried Chicken, beverages (Water, soda, beer and wine), as well as paper products, utensils and cups. We ask that guests bring a dish to share- can be a side dish or dessert!

- The cost is free to members of UDFC
- Others pay \$20 per individual
- \$35 per family

- Pay with cash or checks only at this time

Note: The picnic is in lieu of our regular business meeting in July, so no meeting at Cafe 611.

In June we met at Café 611 and welcomed our guest speakers: County Executive Jessica Fitzwater and Frederick County Community Liaison Ysela Bravo. They both spoke to us about what they are working on in the first 6 months of their efforts on behalf of all of us here in Frederick County!

Hope to see you at the picnic!

- Maureen Grayzeck
President, UDFC



Ysela Bravo, Maureen Grayzeck and County Executive Jessica Fitzwater



4/16/93 J-J Day Dinner, Maryland Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein and MD Senator Charles



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Our June Monthly Meeting was held on Monday, June 19, at Cafe 611. Patty Morison, Program Director, Child Care Choices was the speaker. Patty shared how residents can find affordable childcare and the challenges that childcare providers face.

The next WDL Monthly meeting will take place on Monday, July 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Café 611. The speaker will be Linda Ryan, Executive Director of Mission of Mercy. Since 1994, Mission of Mercy has been providing free healthcare, free dental care, and free prescription medication to the uninsured, underinsured, and those who "fall through the cracks" in our healthcare system.

I hope you will join us for this meeting!

- Shelly Beard-Francois, President



Patty Morison, Program Director, Child Care Choices, speaking at the June WDL Meeting



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

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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July 2023 At-a-Glance



North Frederick Co. Dems (NFC) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Women’s Democratic League (WDL) Monthly Meeting
Monday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick

Frederick Co. Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC) Meeting
Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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

United Dems of Frederick Co. (UDFC) Summer Picnic
Saturday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Middletown Park – Shelter #2, 7638 Coblenz Road, Middletown

South Frederick Co. Dems (SFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
On Hiatus until September 2023

Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd, Frederick

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



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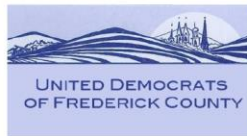
Check us out on YouTube too!





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Join UDFC for fun, fellowship, and a few speeches at our Annual Picnic

Saturday, 29 July 2023

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Middletown Park

7628 Coblenz Rd, Middletown, MD
Shelter #2

UDFC will provide fried chicken, paper goods, drinks (water, sodas, & adult beverages)

Please bring a dish of your choice to share.

Paid members attend for FREE!

Non-members can attend by joining UDFC
- \$20 individual or \$35 family

(Can be paid during check-in at the picnic; membership will be active to the end of the year.)



Picnic will be held

or



Hope you can and will join us!

Questions? Contact Secretary Mari Lee or President Maureen Grayzeck at UnitedDemsFrederick@gmail.com or 443-414-7303.

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WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE

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Class of 2018



Michele Guyton
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Class of 2021



Robin Harvey
Board of
Education
Class of 2020



MaKeda Scott
Past Board of
Education member
Class of 2013



Nia Duggins
Baltimore County
Democratic
Central Committee
Class of 2015



Jennifer Dwyer
Baltimore County
Democratic
Central Committee
Class of 2020



Lisa Belcastro
Past State Delegate
Class of 2020



A Taste of Emerge Maryland's Training
Saturday, July 15 2023
The class will begin promptly at 10:00 pm and end at 3:00 pm.
Pikesville Meeting Room at the Pikesville Library

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Photos from June Events

Frederick County. Democratic Party Gala, 06.12.23



Honoree Carol Krimm could not attend the gala. Central Committee member Tom Slater presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Carol's sister Doris Brady and former delegate Sue Hecht on her behalf.



Honoree John Funderburk could not attend the gala. Central Committee Vice Chair Deb Reynolds presents the Rising Star Award to County Council President Brad Young on John's behalf.



Megan LeRoux presents the Stephen A. LeRoux Legacy Award to honoree Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel.



Maryland Democratic Party Chair Yvette Lewis, Frederick County Democratic Party Chair Mari Lee, with Special Guest Colmon Elridge, Kentucky Democratic Party Chair



Central Committee Editor Shelly Beaird-Francois presents the Volunteer of the Year Award to honoree Dr. Amit Kumar

Frederick Dems @ Frederick Pride, 06.24.23



Frederick Dems @ Juneteenth, 06.17.23



Frederick Dems Happy Hour, 06.14.23

