



The Banner

An Online Monthly e-Newsletter for the Democratic Party

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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table or helped staff our tent at various community events in July. We're moving full speed ahead in August, and we'll continue to be out and about in the county. Tonight is National Night Out, and we'll have tables at all three city locations: Carrollton Park, Hill Street Park, and Mullinix Park. This Saturday, we'll be at the corner of W. Patrick and Market Streets 3:00-5:30 for First Saturday. Other community events you'll see as at this month include the Frederick County Craft Beverage Festival and the Mountain City Elks Lodge #382 Parade. As always, we welcome volunteers to help staff our table. Click [here](#) to view available shifts and to sign up for the event(s) and shift(s) of your choice.

The Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club is hosting its next fundraiser on Wednesday, 30 August with Special Guest Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman at the home of Paul Fulcher and Alejandro Maurosa. Plow-Fish Membership - \$120 (\$110 for Club

Blue Members) – covers you and a guest for this + one more event later this year. Single event only is \$75 for you and a guest. You can pay [online](#), or mail a check payable to DSCCFC, PO Box 793, Frederick, MD 21705. Not familiar with “Plow-Fish”? Learn more [here](#) .

Ready for Happy Hour? Join us on Thursday, 24 August at Frederick Social, 50 Citizen's Way, Frederick 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.

The 2024 elections will be here before we know it. Starting next month, you will be able to view a listing of Democratic candidates for US Senator and Congressional District 6 on the last page of this e-newsletter. Banner Editor Shelly Beaird-Francois will continue to add other Democratic candidates that we become aware of between now and the filing deadline on 9 February 2024. The Democratic Party does not endorse Democratic candidates in a contested primary election. However, we will happily circulate information regarding campaign launches, events, and grassroots efforts on our social media if they provide the details to us. We will also include their name and contact information on our website. We encourage you to help the campaign(s) of your choice in any way you see fit.

For those who don't know, there will be three open seats on the Frederick County Board of Education next year. If you're thinking of running for one of those seats, we'd love to connect with you. Please email us at

info@frederickdemocrats.org, and I'll reach out to schedule a time to meet. As a side note: because the Board of Education is non-partisan, unaffiliated voters will be able to vote for this race in the primary election, too.

It's not too early to think about being an election judge (aka poll worker) for the 2024 presidential elections. You can get the details, including how to apply, compensation, and more on the Frederick County Board of Elections [website](#).



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](#)



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

The Rest Of the Story

Now that the speculation is that former County Commissioner and County Executive Jan Gardner is contemplating running for the Democratic nomination for the 6th congressional district, I thought it might be instructive to take a look at the history of Frederick County Democrats and C.D. 6.

Maryland's 6th congressional district was one of the original districts that had a congressman starting in 1789. The district has always included at least a portion of Frederick County and all of the counties west of Frederick (Garrett, Allegany, and Washington), and sometimes counties east of Frederick County. At times it has included parts of Carroll County, Howard County, Baltimore County and Montgomery County. The current configuration of the district, which includes a significant portion of Montgomery County, started after the 2010 census, when much of the conservative sections of Carroll County and Frederick County were included in the 8th district, which was and is centered in Montgomery County, thus enabling Democrat John Delaney from Montgomery County to defeat conservative Republican Roscoe E. Bartlett, Jr. for the 6th congressional seat in 2012 and David Trone to succeed him in 2018. After the 2020

census, and considerable judicial attention to the district, the 6th district was made much more competitive by including all of Frederick County, including its most conservative areas, back into the district. Congressman David Trone was able to win re-election, but by a considerably reduced percentage (54.7% compared to his two previous runs when he received 59%). The Cook Report's current Partisan District score for the C.D. 6 is Democrat +2.

Even before the 6th congressional district became more favorable for Democrats, Democrats were able to win in the district. Until 1837, most who were elected were either Democratic-Republicans (followers of Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe) or Jacksonians. Whigs held the seat from 1843 until 1855 and Democrats from 1855 to 1873. (For ten years, from 1963 to 1873, Western Maryland and Frederick County were in the 5th congressional district as a result of redistricting and the State of Maryland being reduced from 6 to 5 congressional districts.) Two persons born and raised in Frederick County were elected to Congress before 1873: William C. Johnson from Jefferson (who was associated with the Anti-Jackson party and served from 1837-1843) and Jacob Kunkle from Frederick (a Democrat who served 1857-61). From 1873 until 1992, only eight Democrats held the seat as opposed to twelve Republicans. Two of the Democrats who represented the C.D. 6 during that period were from Frederick County: Goodloe E. Byron and Beverly B. Byron, husband and wife. Goodloe served from 1971 to 1978, and Beverly served from 1979 to 1993 after Goodloe died of a heart attack while jogging on the C and O canal towpath. Goodloe's mother and father, William D. Byron and Katharine Byron, who lived in Washington County, represented the district from 1939 to 1943. Katharine was the first woman elected to Congress from Maryland when she won a special election in May of 1941 to succeed her husband when he died in a

plane crash that year. The other Democrats elected in the 6th congressional district after 1873 and before Dulaney's election in 2012 included William Walsh, William McKaig, and David J. Lewis, all from Cumberland, and John R. Foley from Montgomery County, who served one term from 1959 to 1961.

Republicans from Frederick County who represented the 6th congressional district after 1873 included Milton Urner (1879-1883), Charles M. Mathias, Jr. (1961-1969) and Roscoe G. Bartlett, Jr. (1993-2013). All of the other Republicans who represented the district during that period were from Allegany County (Lloyd Lowndes, George Wellington, George Pearre, Frederick Zihlman, J. Glenn Beall, and J. Glenn Beall, Jr.), except for John McDonald (1897-1899) and DeWitt S. Hyde (1953-1959) from Montgomery County and Louis E. McComas (1883-1891) from Washington County. McComas, a Republican, was Katharine Byron's grandfather. In recent years several Democrats from Frederick County have secured the nomination for the 6th congressional district seat but were unable to defeat Republican Congressman Bartlett including Tom Hattery in 1992 (46% of the vote in the general election against Bartlett),

Stephen Crawford (1996, 43%), Timothy McCown (1998, 37%), Don DeArmon (2000, 39% and 2002, 34%), Andrew Duck (2006, 38% and 33%, 2010), and Jennifer Dougherty (2008, 39%)

Frederick County Democrats have had a rich history of involvement in congressional elections in the 6th congressional district.

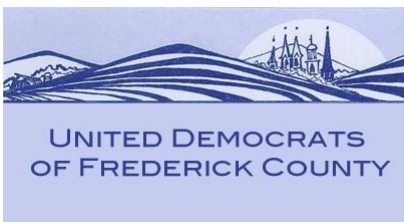
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Democratic congressional candidate Goodloe E. Byron campaigning at Staley Park in Frederick in 1970 with Senator Joseph D. Tydings



A recent picture of Don DeArmon with former 6th District congresswoman Beverly B. Byron



UNITED DEMOCRATS OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Dear UDFC Members and Friends,

UDFC did not have a regular July meeting at Café 611 because we scheduled our picnic on July 29th, 2023

at Middletown Park. Our annual picnic was canceled due to the extreme weather conditions predicted for that Saturday and out of concern for the health and safety of our members and guests!

UDFC is holding a Business meeting on Monday, August 7th at 7 PM at Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street in downtown Frederick. As always, the doors open at 6PM for social time and purchase of dinner and beverages at attendees' expense! It is an ongoing way to thank the Jones family for making Café 611 available to us for our meetings.

UDFC's special guest speaker from 7:00-7:40 will be Denny Rensburg, President of the Frederick County Farm Bureau. Mr. Rensburg will speak for 20 minutes about the importance of Frederick County agriculture, how it is changing, and efforts to update and implement the County Agricultural Strategic Plan, which is an action recommended in the County Executive's Transition Team report! At the end of his talk, we'll have 15-20 minutes with a Q & A session. With climate change issues always front and center, it is important to keep up to date with what is happening on the front line of our farming community. We very much appreciate Denny's visit!! From 7:45-8:15, the business portion of the meeting will be an opportunity to hear the recommendations of the Audit committee. This is the first time in our history that we have had an audit. There are suggestions as to how to move forward in the future.

We are looking forward to the Great Frederick Fair which is September 15-23, 2023. The Central Committee organizes the Democratic tent with help from many volunteers! There will be a "United Dems Day" when UDFC Members are encouraged to take a shift at the tent. We try to schedule at least 3-4 people a shift so there is plenty of company! I encourage all members to sign up to work at the Fair!

NOTE: Just a suggestion, anyone who submits entries of baked goods; cakes, cookies, breads, muffins, or jam into the fair for judging, gets an automatic free pass to use to enter the fair every day the fair is open.

The pass gives you more flexibility for entering the Fair to volunteer!!

Keep your eyes open for the details that are posted closer to fair time for entry procedures at the Home Goods and Food Preservation exhibit hall.

Be safe and enjoy this last month of summer 2023 – despite the weather!

- Maureen Grayzeck
President, UDFC



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF FREDERICK COUNTY

The WDL held its June Monthly Meeting on Monday, July 17, at Cafe 611. Linda Ryan, Executive Director of Mission of Mercy Maryland/Pennsylvania, was the guest speaker. Mission of Mercy provides free health care, dental care, and medications to the uninsured, underinsured, and those who "fall through the cracks" in our healthcare system.

The next WDL Monthly meeting will take place on Monday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Café 611. The Speaker will be Renee Knapp, At-Large County Council Member.

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Looking Ahead - Please join the WDL for our 100th Anniversary on Wednesday, October 11, at Ceresville Mansion. The WDL is the longest-continuously meeting democratic club in Maryland. Tickets are now on sale and sponsorship are still available. Please [click here](#) for more information.

I hope you will join us for our next meeting!

- Shelly Beaird-Francois, President



State Senator Karen Lewis Young, District 3

Interim

Many people wonder what state legislators do when we are not in session. The purpose of this article is to answer that question.

After session ended, I gave “end of session briefings” to about seven groups. Among them were the Chamber of Commerce, AARP, the American Legion, United Dems, a community forum, and two other groups. We also sent out a session wrap-up newsletter to anyone who contacted our office.

For the past six weeks, we have been working on scholarship decisions. We awarded about \$44,000 to thirty-one students who are continuing their education after high school. These awards are for four years, so, on the average, each applicant will be receiving approximately \$6000. We really strive to ensure that this is done

in a very fair and objective manner. It is incredibly rewarding to know that we may have played a small part in assisting young people to achieve their dreams.

We have started the process of preparing our 2024 legislative agenda. First, we are looking at bills that didn’t cross the finish line in 2023 and making decisions about restructuring them and bringing them back. In addition, we will probably have at least three new bills that will deal with education funding and student support initiatives.

During interim, I will continue my work with the Maryland Crisis System Workgroup and the Bed Registry Workgroup. The latter is an endeavor to ensure that we have a statewide view in real time of all available hospital beds so that we can reduce wait times for placement. This methodology also looks at the right bed for the illness.

I have been appointed to an additional workgroup that will study and recommend actions to reduce the wait times in hospital emergency rooms. Maryland hospital emergency rooms have the longest wait times in the nation. I had a bill this session to address that, but it was on the Speaker’s desk as the clock struck midnight on *sine die*. Nevertheless, we will attempt to fulfill the bill’s goals through this workgroup.

Finally, the Senate President has appointed me to be the Senate’s representative on the Green Space Equity Program board. This group will ensure that more parks, open space, and recreational opportunities will be funded near neighborhoods that have not had access to these opportunities.

During August, I will be attending two important conferences. The National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) will be held in Indianapolis this year. This is always a great opportunity to connect with legislators from all over the country and share “best practices.”

The MACO conference (Maryland Association of Counties) will be held in Ocean City immediately after NCSL. This is a forum for state legislators to learn about local issues and connect with the various state departments and agencies. In the past, I have been able to resolve numerous constituent issues by just making the rounds of the convention center. Thus, this experience helps to address two of our greatest endeavors: addressing community needs and resolving constituent problems.



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>

Join **CLUBBLUE!** Our sustainers are activists and everyday people who contribute a monthly monetary donation to help the Party sustain its competitiveness in current and future local and statewide elections. Click [here](#) for more details. Donate as little as \$5 a month and let the Frederick County Democrats do all the work!



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.



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

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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JOIN FREDERICK DEMS FOR HAPPY HOUR!

WE WILL HAVE FOOD AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. YOU MAY ORDER FROM THE MENU AT YOUR COST.

**Thursday, 24 August
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**FREDERICK SOCIAL
50 CITIZEN'S WAY,
FREDERICK**



August 2023 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick Co. Monthly Meet-Up
Monday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick

North Frederick Co. Dems (NFCD) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, August 12 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, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street, Frederick

Democratic State Central Committee of Frederick Co. (DSCCFC)
Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Frederick County Democratic Party Happy Hour
Thursday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m.

50 Citizen’s Way, Frederick

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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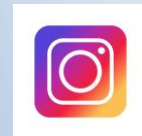
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WDL
WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE

Invites You To Celebrate

100 Years

October 11, 2023 • 6:00 pm
Ceresville Mansion
8529 Liberty Rd, Frederick, MD

www.WDLFrederick.org | WDLFrederick@gmail.com

EMERGE MARYLAND

Applications for the 2024 Emerge Maryland Signature Candidate Training cohort are now open!

Are you a Democratic woman interested in running for office in 2025 or 2026?

Our signature candidate training program has proven successful for the past 11 years!

Applications are now open for our 12th cohort!

Emerge Maryland seeks Democratic women who are committed to effective political leadership and are interested in running for elective office.

We have always embraced diversity and encouraged applications from all women regardless of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or physical ability. Our mission to build the bench of Democratic women ready to run for office acknowledges systemic and historic barriers to running for office and the barriers women impose on themselves.

To be considered for the Emerge Maryland training program, applicants must complete a written online application.

To apply:

<https://bit.ly/EMD2024Application>



Plow-Fish with Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman

Pay for your membership or single event tickets [online](#) here.



**THE MONOCACY
PLOWMAN AND FISHERMAN CLUB**

IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING WITH

STUART PITTMAN
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2023
6:00 TO 8:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF
PAUL FULCHER & ALEJANDRO MAUROSA
936 LINDLEY ROAD | FREDERICK, MD

\$120 MEMBERSHIP OR **\$110** FOR CLUB BLUE MEMBERS –
COVERS YOU AND A GUEST AT THIS AND OUR NEXT EVENT.
\$75 SINGLE EVENT TICKET INCLUDES YOU AND A GUEST.
NO TICKET CHARGE FOR 2023 PAID MEMBERS.

TICKETS: PLEASE MAKE CHECK TO DSCCFC
MAIL TO: P.O BOX 793, FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21705
WITH "PLOWFISH 2023" ON CHECK'S MEMO LINE.

OR PAY ONLINE: **WWW.FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG**

RSVP: MARI LEE
MARI@FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY

A LOOK BACK AT FREDERICK DEMS IN THE COMMUNITY IN JULY 2023.

Walkersville Carnival 06.24.23



Urbana Carnival



Asbury Block Party



First Saturday

