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Celebrating Our Future



Frederick County Democratic Party
Gala

Monday, 29 April 2024 | Dutch's Daughter



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Congratulations Frederick County Democrats on your Annual Gala

We come together at a critical time.

The 2024 Election is just around the corner and we must unite to preserve and protect our democracy, our Constitution, and our freedoms.

I look forward to working with each of you to re-elect Biden-Harris, ensure I have a Democratic partner in the U.S. Senate and sweep the Maryland Congressional races.

Onwards!

Chris
Van Hollen
U.S. SENATOR

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A special thank you to Congressman David Trone
for sponsoring our cocktail social!

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Angela Alsobrooks for U.S. Senate

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Jessica Fitzwater, County Executive

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The Frederick County Democratic Party Gala 2024

JESSICA
FITZWATER
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

"Congratulations to all of tonight's honorees for furthering Democratic values in Frederick County."

Thank you to the Frederick County Democratic Party and supporters for your inspirational leadership across our community.

I'm proud to be a Frederick County Democrat!"

By Authority: Friends of Jessica Fitzwater, Paul Fulcher, Treasurer.





COCKTAIL SOCIAL

CHAMPAGNE TOAST

Deb Reynolds, Vice Chair, Frederick County Democratic Party

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mari Lee, Chair, Frederick County Democratic Party

WELCOME REMARKS

Jessica Fitzwater, County Executive

Michael O'Connor, Mayor, City of Frederick

Dr. Charlene Dukes, Vice Chair, Maryland Democratic Party

Karen Lewis Young, Maryland Senator, District 3

Jan Gardner, on behalf of Congressman David Trone

INVOCATION

Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel

DINNER

KEYNOTE

Ken Ulman, Chair, Maryland Democratic Party

RECOGNITION OF OUR HONOREES

Outstanding Volunteer

Stephen A. LeRoux Legacy Award

Rising Star

Outstanding Democrat

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Thank you!

By Authority: DSCCFC, McCamie Patterson, Treasurer



ANGELA ★★ ★

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EARLY VOTING: MAY 2-9 • ELECTION DAY: MAY 14

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DEMOCRATIC SERVICE AWARDS

Outstanding Democrat

For Dedication and Service to the
Democratic Party & Citizens of Frederick County

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| 1987 - Dottie Ewing, A.Irvin Renn | 2011 - Maggi Hays, Jake Beck |
| 1988 - Mary Schneider, Jesse Orndorff | 2012 - Florence Schell, Andrew Duck |
| 1989 - Odette Reeder, John Crum | 2013 - Earlene Thornton, Rolan Clark |
| 1990 - Mary Whitmore, Ron Young | 2014 - Candy Greenway, Russ Currey |
| 1991 - Louise Fraley, Donald Whitmore | 2015 - Mary Costello, Jim Racheff |
| 1992 - Alverta Falconer, Delbert Null | 2016 - Annette Breiling, John Daniels |
| 1993 - Laura Offut, Austin Bohn | 2017 - Judy Rice, Don DeArmon |
| 1994 - Catherine Smith, Mark Jeffers | 2018 - Stephen Slater, Tracy Racheff |
| 1995 - Beverly Byron, Tom Slater | 2019 - Diane Fink, Bob Kresslein |
| 1996 - Betty McClellan, Galen Clagett | 2020 - Not Held (Covid-19 Pandemic) |
| 1997 - Ruth Mohler, Charles Smelser | 2021 - Not held (Covid-19 Pandemic) |
| 1998 - Bess Gladhill, Frank Gladhill | 2022 - Mark Jafari |
| 1999 - Carla Beck, Dick Kline | 2023 - Carol Krimm |
| 2000 - Jane Abrecht, Bill Abrecht | |
| 2001 - Martha Ann Brittain, Robert Zentner | |
| 2002 - Lawrence Dorsey, Doris Remsburg | |
| 2003 - C. Sue Hecht, Barry Lucey | |
| 2004 - Betty Sulcer, Meade Felton | |
| 2005 - Maggie Kline, Wilbur Ford | |
| 2006 - Catherine Smith, Franklin Smith | |
| 2007 - Bonita Currey, Ted Jensen | |
| 2008 - Mary Alice Marks, Charles C. Smith | |
| 2009 - Myrna Whitworth, Ron Wolf | |
| 2010 - Alice Adams, Richard Cody | |

The United Democrats of Frederick
County (UDFC) congratulate
the 2024 Gala honorees!



UDFC has been serving Frederick
County Democrats since 1981.

Join us on the first Monday of each
month, except July and September, at
Cafe 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick.

The meeting begins at 7 PM.
Social time begins at 6 PM.

UnitedDemsFrederick@gmail.com
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DEMOCRATIC SERVICE AWARDS

Outstanding Volunteer

For Providing the Framework That Supports
the Democratic Party Volunteer Efforts in Frederick County
(Initiated in 2011)

- 2011 - David Canfield
- 2012 - Betty Durand
- 2013 - Helena Madison
- 2014 - Jamie Shopland
- 2015 - Kristopher Fair
- 2016 - Mark Long
- 2017 - Maureen Grayzeck
- 2018 - John Burkette
- 2019 - Dwight Palmer
- 2020 - Not Held (Covid-19 Pandemic)
- 2021 - Not Held (Covid-19 Pandemic)
- 2022 - Melanie Galloway
- 2023 - Dr. Amit Kumar

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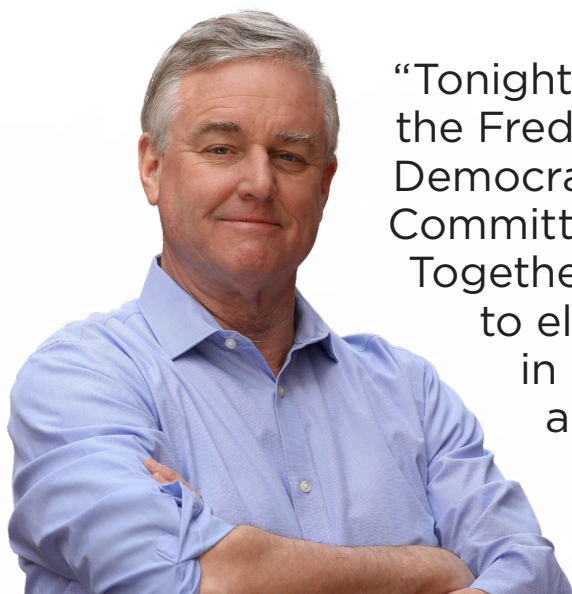


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Early Voting: May 2 – May 9
Primary Election: May 14

DEMOCRAT
DAVID TRONE
U.S. SENATE



“Tonight we celebrate the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee Gala.

Together, we’ll work to elect Democrats in November and celebrate a great 2024!”



- Making our Economy Work for All Marylanders
- Restoring Abortion Rights for All Americans
- Protecting and Improving Social Security and Medicare
- Fighting Trump and the MAGA Republicans, Protecting our Democracy



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**Congratulations to the
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DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

**on another successful Gala!
A special congratulations to all of
tonight's award recipients**

*Brad Young
President, Frederick County Council*



DEMOCRATIC SERVICE AWARDS

RISING STAR

For Showing Promise and Potential for the Party
(Initiated in 2017)

2017 - Kavonte Duckett

2018 - Andrea Schorr

2019 - Lindsay Mickey

2020 - Not Held (Covid-19 Pandemic)

2021 - Not Held (Covid-19 Pandemic)

2022 - No Honoree

2023 - John Funderburk

STEPHEN A. LEROUX LEGACY AWARD

For Embodying a Genuine Desire for Serving and Advocating
for a Just Community as the Individual This Award was Named After Did
Before His Passing in 2022

2022 - Stephen A. LeRoux (posthumously)

2023 - Barbara Kershner Daniel

DEMOCRAT for CONGRESS MD-6

April McClain

Delaney

COMMON SENSE, COMMON GROUND

**Many thanks to the
Frederick County
Democratic Party for
hosting this year's gala!**

The time and effort you
put in to make this event
possible each year is
much appreciated, and
your dedication to
connecting and
informing voters
is invaluable.



***Learn more
about April here:***

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COMING SOON!



“PLOW-FISH”

The Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club will kick off its first of three annual events in June 2024 at the home of Delegate Ken Kerr, with the second event in August at the home of Delegate Kris Fair. Stay tuned for the dates, guest speakers, and ticket/membership details. We plan to host the final “Plow-Fish” later this year.



CRAB FEAST

Join the Frederick County Democratic Party for a Crab Feast on Friday, 19 July. More details to come.



ANNUAL BEVERLY BYRON AWARD CELEBRATION

Join the Frederick County Democratic Party in late fall as we celebrate this year’s recipient of the Beverly Byron Award. We will soon announce our honoree, event date, and location.

The Beverly Byron Award will be given annually to a female Democrat who has demonstrated over a period of years a commitment to the Democratic Party and particularly to the empowerment of Democratic women to serve in elective office.

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By Authority of Friends of Karen Lewis Young, Kathy Rossen, Treasurer; Friends of Kris Fair, Peter Brehm, Treasurer; Friends of Ken Kerr, Helen Rozsics Kerr, Treasurer; Friends of Karen Simpson, Donna Flaharty, Treasurer

Thank you

Democrats, for your
continued support.



Let's Keep
Frederick
Moving
Forward.

Mayor
Michael O'Connor

By Authority O'Connor For Frederick, Tammy O'Connor, Treasurer



CONGRATULATIONS AND
MANY THANKS TO
THE
FREDERICK COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL
COMMITTEE
AND ALL FREDERICK
DEMOCRATS !



RENEE
KNAPPP
County Council At-Large

BY AUTHORITY OF FRIENDS OF RENEE KNAPPP CHRISTOPHER KNAPPP TREASURER



IN MEMORIAM

Our friends who have passed away
since our last Gala on 6 June 2023:

Dr. Peter Berman
Roy Beverage
Bonnie Borsa
Kristin Brown
Cecilia Cassidy
Carol Gill
Marsha Hall
Greg Hutton
Seymour Stern

"Congratulations to the Frederick County Democratic Central Committee on Your Annual Gala."

"When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something; you have to do something."

Senator John Lewis

By Authority: Derek4Alderman,

Robert Bowins, Treasurer

Dr. Derek Shackelford

"The Difficult We Do Immediately; The Impossible Takes A Little Longer."





FREDERICK CO. DEMOCRATIC PARTY ORGANIZATIONS / CLUBS

Please check our website often for calendar updates:

FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG

and follow us on social media:

Facebook: FrederickDemocrats

Twitter: @FrederickDems

Instagram: @Frederick_Democrats

Our party has a number of organizations that welcome your participation!

Please see the information below.

North Frederick County Democrats (NFCD) meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Thurmont Regional Library, 76 E. Moser Road, Thurmont. The organizers are Bill O'Toole (otoole@msmary.edu), Fred Wood (fwoodsr22@gmail.com), and Cathy Bodin (cathybodin34@gmail.com).

South Frederick County Democrats (SFCD) is on hiatus. Annette Breiling (818-422-6208 or annette.breiling@gmail.com) and Melanie Galloway (danmelgalloway@verizon.net) are co-organizers.

United Democrats of Frederick County (UDFC) meet on the 1st Monday of each month except July and December at Cafe 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick. The president is Maureen Grayzeck (443-414-7303). Email UDFC: UnitedDemsFrederick@gmail.com. UDFC on Facebook: UnitedDemsFrederick.

The Women's Democratic League of Frederick County (WDL) meet on the 3rd Monday of each month except September and December at Cafe 611, 611 N. Market Street, Frederick. Shelly Beard-Francois is the president. Email WDL: WDLFrederick@gmail.com. Website: WDLFrederick.com. WDL on Facebook: WomenDemsFrederick.

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6 PM at C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick. The president is Violet Williams (jvioletwilliams16@gmail.com). YDFC on Facebook: YoungDemsFrederick.

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MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!

The 2024 Presidential Primary is just around the corner. There are three ways to vote. Choose one option that best suits you.

Option 1: Vote Early (Thursday, 2 May – Thursday, 9 May) at any of the four Early Vote Centers in Frederick County. All are open from 7 AM – 8 PM, including the weekend.

Centers are located at **1)** Frederick Prospect Center (use entrance G off of Himes Avenue), 585 Himes Avenue; **2)** Thurmont Regional Library, 76 East Moser Rd, Thurmont; **3)** Urbana Regional Library, 9020 Amelung Street, Frederick; and **4)** Middletown VFD Activities Bldg, 1 Fireman's Lane, Middletown.

Option 2: Vote by Mail (Mail-in ballot). Here are four essential steps outlined on the State Board of Elections website to know when completing your Mail-in ballot: **1)** Use a Black Ink Pen to Mark your Ballot (Do not use a Sharpie), **2)** Sign the Return Envelope. Do Not Sign the Ballot, **3)** Seal Your Return Envelope, and **4)** Send your Ballot using the PostagePaid Return Envelope or drop it in one of the approved Ballot Drop Boxes. The Frederick County Board of Elections website says, "There are 10 convenient, secure, and monitored [Drop Box] locations under 24-hour surveillance." Your ballot must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, 14 May, or placed in an approved Drop Box by 8 PM on Tuesday, 14 May.

Option 3: Vote on Election Day (Tuesday, 14 May) at your assigned polling location. The polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

*I proudly endorse
Joe and hope he is our
next Congressman!*

BRAD YOUNG
FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER

THANK YOU Frederick Democrats!

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**Frederick County Council
Vice President**
Kavonté Duckett

CONGRATULATIONS

*to The Frederick Democratic Party and
all of tonight's honorees!*

**Kavonté
DUCKETT**
COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
BY AUTHORITY OF ROBERT BOWINS, TREASURER

By the Authority of Duckett for Frederick, Robert Bowins, Treasurer



THANK YOU

The Central Committee would like to recognize the committee that helped plan this evening's Gala:
Central Committee members Shelly Beard-Francois, Glenn Blanchard, Antonio Bowens (Events Chair), Mari Lee, Deb Reynolds, Teresa Schwab, Tom Slater.

We also extend appreciation to our photographer Marc Weinberg and Dutch's Daughter staff for their service and hospitality.

The Celebrating Our Heritage/Cultivating Our Future dinner program will be available soon on the Frederick County Democratic Party website.

Please visit
FREDERICKDEMOCRATS.ORG

VOTE

VERONICA LOWE

FOR FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION



As a member of the Frederick County
Public Schools Board of Education,
I will work to:

✓ Support

- The Blueprint for Maryland's Future
 - Recruit and Retain high-quality Teachers and Support Staff.
 - Increase Teachers' and Support Staff salaries and compensation
 - Promote Health and Wellness for staff and students

✓ Inclusive

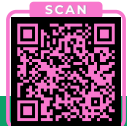
- Encourage and Support fair and equitable resources for all students.
- Promote an inclusive learning environment for all students.

✓ Partnerships

- Grow a network of partners to support the Operating Budget and Capital Budget - funding needed for adequate infrastructure and staffing to keep pace with student growth

✓ Parental Engagement

- Foster partnerships between schools, families, and the community.



SCAN HERE TO SEE HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!
AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT VERONICA LOWE, TRACEY JORDAN, TREASURER



The underlying mission of the WDL is to educate and involve Democratic women in the political process and advocating for equality under the law for all people. The WDL is also committed to community service, reaching out in support of organizations that provide for Frederick's neediest of citizens.

JOIN-

the Women's Democratic League! Membership is open to all registered Democrats.

Our membership year runs from January to December. Join or renew now and your membership will be good through 12/31/2024

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Good Luck Democrats!

Thank you for joining us tonight!

We hope you will join us again next year!