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CHAIR'S CORNER



Chairwoman Mari Lee

Whew - the primary election is over! Last week, I sent an email (see it [here](#)) to express my gratitude and to ask for your help in the general election. Thank you to the many who've signed up to volunteer since then.

I want to take a minute to thank the Frederick County Board of Elections staff and all the election judges who worked tirelessly to ensure our county voters could vote safely and securely, whether by mail-in ballot or in person. Our thanks extend to canvassing teams for their critical work. Our State and local Boards of Elections are committed to ensuring elections are free, fair, and accurate. We appreciate their dedication and election integrity.

Today, I also want to acknowledge those who were successful in the primary:

a) Angela Alsobrooks, Democratic Nominee for Senate

b) April McClain Delaney, Democratic Nominee for Congressional District 6

c) Board of Education: Josh Bokee, Veronica Lowe, Janie Monier, Chad King Wilson, Sr. They, in addition to two Republican extremists were the top six vote-getters and will advance to the general election.

d) Congressional District 6 Biden delegates to the Democratic National Convention: Jessica Fitzwater (Frederick County Executive), Karen Lewis Young (State Senator D3), Tom Slater (DCC member), and three from other counties within the district Donna Edwards, Brian Grim, and Djawa Hall.

Our work will be cut out for us between now and the election on Tuesday, 5 November. We need to collectively do all we can to ensure that Joe Biden wins the White House, that Angela Alsobrooks defeats Larry Hogan for the US Senate seat, that April Delaney defeats Neil Parrot in Congressional District 6, and that we secure all three Board of Education seats because only the top three vote-getters in the general election will win seats on the Board of Education. We will preserve our democracy, rights, and freedom if we collectively work toward a united goal to elect Democratic candidates up and down the ballot.

This month, we can use your help staffing our table at [Frederick Pride](#). Click the link to view the available times and to sign up. As the summer heats up, so will our activities, including participating in many more community events and other Get Out The Vote efforts. I'll share more about it in each month's subsequent editions.

At the end of June, please join us at our [Monocacy Plowman & Fisherman Club](#) ("Plow-Fish") kickoff [event](#) on Tuesday, 25 June, with Special Guest Maryland [Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk](#), at the home of Delegate Ken Kerr. Joseline represents District 21 (Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties) and is Chair of the Health and Government Operations Committee. Annual Plow-Fish membership is \$150 (\$140 for Club Blue sustainers) – includes this and two other events later this year for you and a guest, or a single event ticket - \$75 – includes a guest. You'll see an invitation with more details on page 6, including location and how to pay.

As I've mentioned a few times, the Central Committee is looking for office space that we can call home until this year's general election, preferably through the general election in 2026. We'd love to hear from you about potential affordable sites with good visibility and parking. You can email us [here](#).

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Join us at our next Central Committee meeting on Tuesday, 18 June, at 6:30 PM, at Common Market Community Room, 927 W. 7th Street, Frederick. Come share your thoughts and/or listen in as we discuss our business and activities.



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](#)



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

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



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

UNITY, GRATUITOUS SELF-PROMOTION, REAL LEADERSHIP, and PASSINGS

The voters have spoken and both parties now have selected their teams for the general election. Mari Lee, Shelly Beaird-Francois, Sue Hecht, Myrna Whitworth, Jessica Fitzwater, Victoria Venable, and I attended a Unity Breakfast on May 23 sponsored by the Maryland Democratic Party. We are a unified party! The Governor, both of our U.S. Senators, most of our congressional delegation, the Comptroller, the Lt.-Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and hundreds of loyal Democrats were in attendance. Many of the candidates who did not win were there including Joe Vogel, Leslie Lopez, Laurie-Anne Sayles, and Joel Rubin from the 6th congressional district. But the biggest unifier was Congressman David Trone, who gave a heartfelt and enthusiastic endorsement of Angela Alsobrooks. Alsobrooks ended the morning with a speech from the heart which shows how she relates to the average voter and why she is such a superstar candidate.

In contrast, Alsobrooks' opponent, the former governor and gratuitous self-promoter, was exposed in a recent Baltimore Sun editorial, which pointed out the "partisan hubris and

misrepresentation that the candidate claims to detest." Hogan, in a social media post, said that as governor in 2022 his administration "opened the new Nice-Middleton Bridge – which is similar in size – across the Potomac, under budget and ahead of schedule" and added that he "had been urging the Biden administration to expedite" any environmental review of the new Key Bridge and promised to "cut the red tape" if elected to the Senate. The Sun notes that the Key Bridge replacement already has qualified for an expedited permit review under the National Environmental Policy's "categorical exclusion list" and therefore there is no red tape for Hogan to expedite if he is elected to the Senate.

The Sun also points out that the Nice-Middleton Bridge, which Hogan takes credit for, was already designed and ready to go when Hogan took office in 2015 and was actually held up by Hogan when he vetoed legislation to help finance it. He then got into a dispute with Democratic lawmakers as to whether the bridge should have a bike lane that had been promised that the Hogan administration cut from the project because of cost. The Sun editorial goes on to point out that "as a better comparison of how Hogan would handle transportation construction as a U.S. Senator, we might look to the Purple Line light rail project he initiated during his first term. By the time he left office last year, the project was 66% over budget and nearly 5 years behind schedule." We cannot elect to the U.S. Senate such a gratuitous self-promoter.

A real-time comparison to the self-promoting Hogan is the rapid response that the Biden administration has provided to the Francis Scott Bridge collapse. A unified command structure for the rebuilding of the bridge was immediately established by Biden's administration including \$60 million in federal Emergency Relief funds.

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The harbor has already been re-opened so that vital commerce can again come to Baltimore and the State of Maryland. The Biden Small Business Administration provided low-interest disaster loans to eligible businesses, and the Department of Labor approved the first tranche of Dislocated Worker Grant funding to support workers impacted by the bridge collapse. President Biden has requested congressional authorization to fully cover the cost of rebuilding the bridge. Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski said, "Biden demonstrated a clear understanding of the importance of the port, had a real empathy for myself and all the individuals impacted ... and he was unequivocal that he was going to do whatever he can, legally and within his power to expedite a response." Biden is a leader, not a bloviating self-promoter.

 Recent passings of note included Peter Angelos, Larry Levitan, Doyle Nieman, Carolyn Krysiak, and Ina Taylor.

After a long illness, Peter Angelos died at age 94. We all know Angelos as the longtime owner of the Baltimore Orioles, but he was also a major player in the Maryland Democratic Party. He served one term on the Baltimore City Council and was defeated in the Democratic primary for Mayor of Baltimore. He was a major contributor to the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates. In 1997 I was attending a Democratic fundraiser in Baltimore and approached Angelos because I wanted tickets to see the Orioles play in Cleveland in the new sold-out Jacobs Field. Angelos put me in touch with his brother-in-law, and I was able to purchase great box seats for the Orioles-Indians series.

Larry Levitan, a powerful member of the Maryland Senate from Montgomery County, was chair of the Senate Budget and Taxation

Committee for 16 years. He was defeated for re-election in 1994 by Republican Jean Roesser and afterward was a lobbyist in Annapolis. He and Bob Kresslein, for a time, were partners in a large law firm. Larry was 90.

Doyle Nieman was described as a classic case of a 1960s student radical who embraced community service and electoral politics to achieve his ideals. A writer and lawyer, he served on the Mt. Ranier City Council, Prince George's Board of Education, and the Maryland House of Delegates. Doyle was an acquaintance of mine; we served on some committees together and I always admired him for his inclusivity and commitment to Democratic ideals. He was 77 and died from complications from surgery.

Carolyn J. Krysiak was an East Baltimore original. She was a housewife and mother who, after her husband served many years in the Maryland House of Delegates and was appointed chair of the Maryland Workers Compensation Commission, ran for the House of Delegates. She served in the House of Delegates from 1991 until 2011. She was outspoken in her support for the people of East Baltimore. Barbara Mikulski, quoted in the Baltimore Sun, said "She was ahead of her time. She was a reformer. She saw a new day coming. She was also the eyes and ears of her neighborhood. She was equally at home in Annapolis as she was at a neighborhood bull roast." I didn't know Delegate Krysiak, but I wish I had known her. She was 84.

Ina Taylor died this month at age 90. She had a passion for Democratic politics and owned and operated a needlecraft shop in Bel Air and lived in Cecil County. She was the perfect example of a campaign volunteer, starting with Senator Paul Sarbanes' first campaign for the U.S. Senate. She staffed headquarters, canvassed neighborhoods, put up yard signs, staffed booths at the fair, and worked the polls on election day. She attended

and staffed four Democratic conventions. In 2007 she was the first recipient of the Maryland Democratic Party's Democrat of the Year award. She was a good friend and her engaging smile and willingness to do the work of the Party will be greatly missed.



Maryland Democratic Party Unity Breakfast

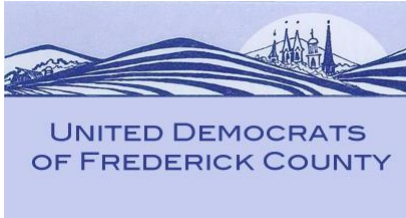


Sue Hecht, Myrna Whitworth, Shelly Beard-Francois, County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, Chairwoman Mari Lee, and Tom Slater at the MDP Unity Breakfast



Ina Taylor at the 2009 Democratic Convention in Denver with Jason Rosvold





**UNITED DEMOCRATS OF
FREDERICK COUNTY**

UDFC Members and Friends,

We invite you to attend the next UDFC Meeting at Café 611 on June 3, 2024. We will be having two guest speakers: Henry Snurr, Chair of Young Dems of Maryland, and Violet Williams, Chair of Young Dems Frederick County, MD. They will be discussing engaging young voters; getting them out to VOTE, participating in the Democratic process, and getting involved! Each of them will speak for 10-15 minutes, followed by a 20-minute Q & A session with the audience. After their program, we will have a brief business meeting along with announcements about upcoming events!

Hoping you can join us for this very important meeting!

We meet at Café 611 located at 611 North Market St. and there is street parking available. The doors open at 6 PM, and the meeting starts at 7 PM. The time from 6-7 PM is for purchasing food and beverages and socializing. You can pay dues in person at the meeting with a check or cash (\$30 for individual and \$50 for Family dues, or you can mail your checks to the following: **UDFC Treasurer, PO Box # 3882, Frederick, MD 21705.**

The UDFC Annual Picnic is being held Sunday, July 28th at Ballenger Creek Comm. Center from 3-6 PM. The picnic is free to members, and we welcome folks to pay at the door!

The Primary Election is now behind us,

and we are very fortunate to have good solid choices among those who won the primary- from Biden/Harris at the top, Angela Alsobrooks for Senate, April McClain Delaney for Congress, and our local school board candidates. We need to fight for them every step of the way by giving them our time, money, neighborhood lit drops, phone canvassing, energy, and TLC.

We must not forget that we are facing a very dangerous time in our country with a great deal at stake. Remind yourself daily that in 2016, many voters in the United States chose not to vote in the General Election when their primary candidates did not win. The republican candidate in 2016 was a person with no moral compass, and who had no idea how to fill vacancies in the government, let alone how to guide and assist his people through the worst pandemic in history. We lost more than a million Americans to the Pandemic, and it did not have to happen.

Here we are in 2024, and the same vicious lying bully sits on the sidelines as he awaits the outcome of the only court - SO FAR- that managed to bring him to trial. Many charges are pending against him, and he continues to belittle, threaten, and demonize the judges as well as his accusers.

It is up to us to get out and VOTE...let your voice be heard. It is up to us to work hard for the candidates who will support the issues we believe in: women's rights, the environment, education, housing, and immigration. We need to get busy and be involved in determining our future if not our very survival.

Maureen Grayzeck, President, UDFC



**WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC
LEAGUE OF FREDERICK
COUNTY**

Please join us on June 17th for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting at Café 611 located at 611 North Market Street in Frederick. Our Guest speaker will be Timika Thrasher, Executive Director of the Boy's & Girl's Club of Frederick County. The Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County provides a safe, fun, and affordable place for kids to go during out-of-school time to connect with caring, trained professionals, and engage in enriching programs and activities. Please visit their website at <http://bgcfc.org> for more information.

I hope you will be able to join us.

Shelly Beaird-Francois, President, WDL



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!

Please Join Us!

June 27, 2024 • 5:30-7:00 PM
Springhill Suites by Marriott
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Frederick, MD 21702

Birthday Celebration & End of Session Fundraiser



Karen Lewis Young
State Senator

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With Special Guest
Senate President
Bill Ferguson



RSVP by June 21 with email address
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or donate online at www.lewisyoungforsenate.com

By Authority: Friends of Karen Lewis Young Kathy Rossen, Treasurer

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

Sunday, 28 July 2024
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Ballenger Creek Community Building

5420 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick

The picnic will be indoors.

Take the first right after entering the park grounds.

UDFC will provide fried chicken, cupcakes, paper goods, and 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

• \$30 individual or \$50 family

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

Everyone is asked to RSVP. Please scan the QR code below, or visit
<https://forms.gle/XzTBUMCWK6BtvPc78>



Picnic will be held

or



Hope you can and will join us!

Questions? Contact UDFC at UnitedDemsFrederick@gmail.com, or
President Maureen Grayzeck at 443-414-7303.

You can't vote for the best candidate if she's not on the ballot.



**Democratic women of Frederick, do you
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**THE MONOCACY
PLOWMAN AND FISHERMAN CLUB**

IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING WITH

JOSELINE PEÑA-MELNYK

MARYLAND DELEGATE, LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21
CHAIR, HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS CMTE

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024
6:00 TO 8:00 PM

**AT THE HOME OF
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\$150 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OR \$140 FOR CLUB BLUE MEMBERS
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\$75 SINGLE EVENT TICKET: INCLUDES YOU AND A GUEST

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

Hope you enjoyed reading!

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Central Committee -

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June 2024 At-a-Glance



United Dems of Frederick County (UDFC) Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 North Market Street, Frederick

North Frederick County Dems (NFC) Monthly Meet-Up
Saturday, June 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, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Café 611, 611 North Market Street, Frederick

Frederick County Democratic Central Committee (FCDCC)
Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Young Democrats of Frederick County (YDFC) Monthly Meeting
Thursday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m.

C. Burr Artz Library, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick



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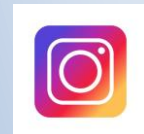
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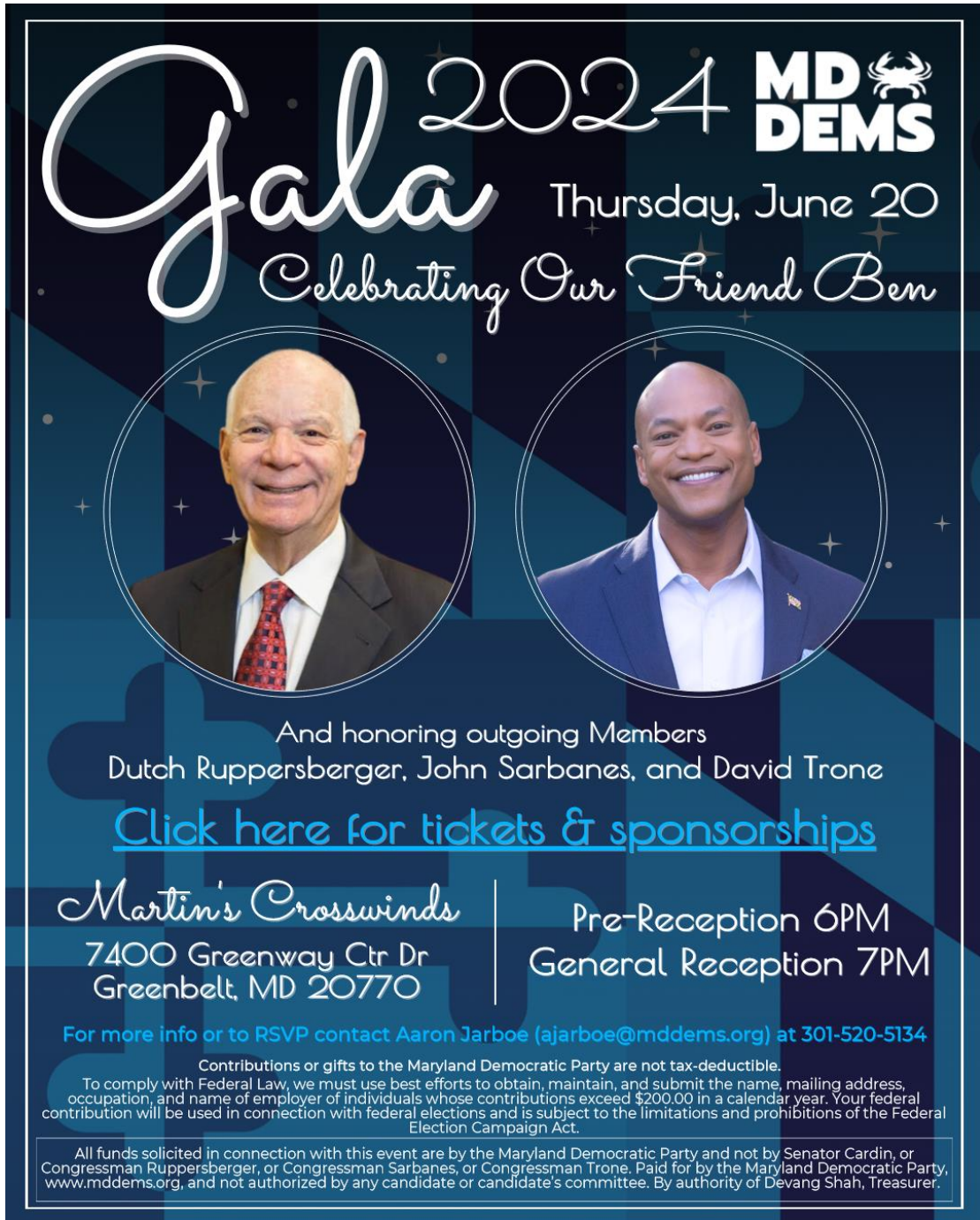


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Check us out on YouTube too!



Please click [here](#) to register for the Maryland Democratic Party Gala.

A promotional poster for the Maryland Democratic Party Gala 2024. The background is dark blue with a pattern of light blue geometric shapes and small white stars. At the top, the word "Gala" is written in a large, white, cursive font, followed by "2024" in a white, sans-serif font. To the right, the "MD DEMS" logo is displayed in white, with a crab icon above the "S". Below the date, the text "Celebrating Our Friend Ben" is written in a white, cursive font. Two circular portraits of men are shown: one on the left in a dark suit and red tie, and one on the right in a blue suit and white shirt. Below the portraits, the text "And honoring outgoing Members Dutch Ruppensberger, John Sarbanes, and David Trone" is written in white. A blue link "Click here for tickets & sponsorships" is centered below. The venue information "Martin's Crosswinds" and address "7400 Greenway Ctr Dr Greenbelt, MD 20770" is on the left, and the reception times "Pre-Reception 6PM" and "General Reception 7PM" are on the right. At the bottom, contact information for Aaron Jarboe is provided, along with a disclaimer about tax-deductibility and a statement of support for the Maryland Democratic Party.