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WDC Weekly Update – Thursday, October 7, 2021

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Earlier this week, we interviewed the Chair of the DNC, Jaime Harrison. We covered a lot of ground in a short time, from the midterm elections to voting rights, gerrymandering, the filibuster, Texas abortion law, and so much more. We heard about DNC priorities and strategies, and learned about Chairman Harrison's background and values. We were also joined by our Maryland-based Democratic leaders who are working hard on our behalf every day -- Yvette Lewis, Chair of the Maryland Democratic Party, and Linda Foley,

values that we hold so dear.

In next week's newsletter, we're going to send you a survey so that we can learn more about you, our WDC members and friends. We want to hear about the advocacy issues you are most passionate about, the topics you would like us to highlight in our online programming, and the ways you would like to become more active in WDC's work.

Thank you for your continued support of WDC!

Leslie Milano

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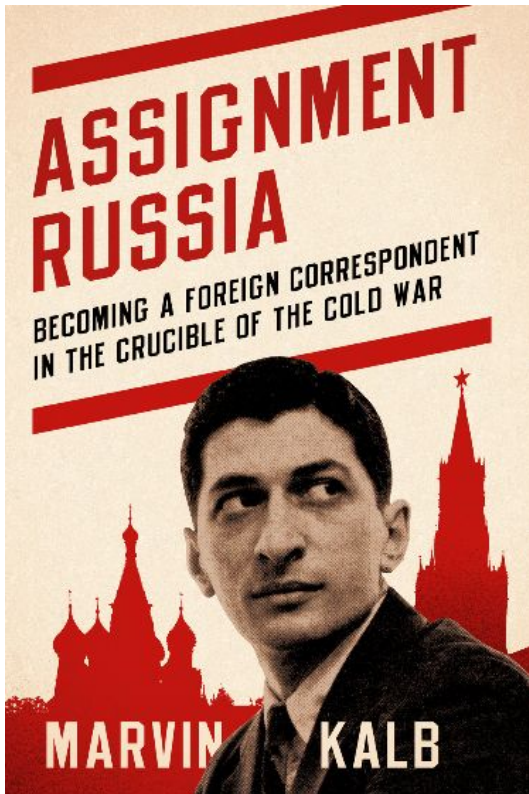
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"Assignment Russia" with Foreign Correspondent and Author Marvin Kalb



Chosen by legendary broadcaster Edward R. Murrow to become one of what came to be known as the "Murrow Boys," veteran journalist Marvin Kalb shares his journey from radio newswriter to one of America's most widely known foreign correspondents.

In his newest memoir, "Assignment Russia: Becoming a Foreign Correspondent in the Crucible of the Cold War," Kalb takes readers on a personal journey through some of the darkest moments of the Cold War and the early days of television news. Drawing from his firsthand experiences, Kalb will comment on US-Russia relations and covering diplomacy in changing times, which is increasingly important as technological advances and social media outlets change the way that we deliver information.

WDC members are eligible for a 10% discount on the book. Use the code SPECIAL10 at checkout: <https://www.politics-prose.com/book/9780815738961>

Date: Monday, October 18

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Where: Zoom

Cost: Free

[Register here.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB

In Conversation with
Jaime Harrison
Chair, Democratic National Committee
 Monday, October 4, 1

Notes

- Participants will be **muted** during the program
- For best viewing, use **Speaker View** instead of **Gallery View**
- This event is being **recorded** and will be published on the WDC website and YouTube channel
- Submit questions via the **Chat** window to 'Q&A'

www.womensdemocraticclub.org

Democratic National Committee Chair Jaime Harrison's stimulating address to WDC was followed by a lively Q&A. Click on arrow to view it on our [YouTube](#) channel.

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Montgomery County Democratic Party Fall Gala Celebration!

Sunday, October 17, 2021

1 – 4 pm

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

[Learn more](#)

Open Positions with WDC -- Volunteer To Make a Difference!

Co-Chair, and the following Advocacy positions (see below). If you are interested in any of these opportunities and would like to learn more, please contact Leslie Milano at leslie.milano@gmail.com.

If you want to:

- Help pass state legislation that impacts women and their families in Maryland
- Learn more about "how things work" in Annapolis

.....and much more, you'll want to join the Advocacy Committee. No special background or training is required. The Advocacy Committee determines legislative priorities, works in coalition with other groups to devise legislative strategy, maintains close relationships with the Montgomery County Legislative Delegation, mobilizes WDC members to support key bills, writes testimony in support of WDC priorities, and organizes an annual Advocacy Day in Annapolis.

The **WDC Advocacy Committee** has two positions we wish to fill:

1) **Affordable Housing:** We are looking for someone to advocate for the Affordable Housing issue area. No special background or training is required other than an interest in improving affordable and safe housing availability. The Advocacy Committee determines legislative priorities, works in coalition with other groups to devise legislative strategy, maintains close relationships with the Montgomery County Legislative Delegation, mobilizes WDC members to support key bills, and writes testimony in support of WDC priorities.

2) **Event Planner:** Every year during the Maryland General Assembly (MGA) Legislative session, WDC hosts an "Annapolis Day" for members to meet with their Montgomery County Delegation members, including a luncheon, tour the MGA complex, and other activities. We are looking for an event planner to help plan and execute this important event.

For more information, contact [JoAnne Dalton Koravos](#).

TAKE ACTION!



The Maryland Commission for Women is conducting an online survey to determine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the women of our state, how they experienced the pandemic, and what is

the end of the pandemic and into a state of recovery.

We invite women from all walks of life and from every jurisdiction in the state who are at least 18 years old by July 1, 2021, to participate. The questionnaire is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and French and takes less than 15 minutes to complete. All responses will be completely anonymous.

The links to the questionnaires in five languages are below. We hope you will complete the questionnaire and that you will invite all your female family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to do the same. You may also feel free to post the links to the questionnaires on your social media accounts. Let's be sure Maryland women's voices are heard!

Maryland Women and the COVID-19 Pandemic Survey:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Chinese](#)

[Korean](#)

[French](#)



Help Keep the Virginia House of Delegates Blue!

We have a legislature to keep blue (Virginia) as well as legislation to pass (e.g., For The People Act) to ensure that future elections are fair. And now we have a schedule of actions to help us all plan in advance. Our October actions are below. Please sign up for of these on our [on-line calendar page](#).

Please sign up early - that makes it so much easier for us (and you) to plan. Training and figurative hand-holding are always included.

Sunday, Oct. 10, 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Canvass for Wendy Gooditis (VA-10) in Leesburg, VA

Saturday, October 16 – 10:00 am: Canvass for Del. Josh Cole (VA-28) in Stafford, VA

Sunday, October 24 – 1:00 pm: Canvass for Debra Gardner (VA-27) in Richmond, VA

Saturday, October 30 - Tuesday, November 2: Canvassing Down to the Wire for a Blue Victory in Virginia!

Help for Afghanistan



especially what Taliban rule means for the future of women - here are a few links to organizations that are trying to help:

- <https://www.womenforwomen.org/>
- [Women for Afghan Women](https://womenforafghanwomen.org/) - <https://womenforafghanwomen.org/>
- [International Rescue Committee](https://www.rescue.org) - <https://www.rescue.org>

Democratic Clubs



Montgomery County Democratic Party

The MCDCC Calendar includes numerous additional meetings and events.

Events Calendar, [click here](#).

As County and State Democratic candidates begin campaigning in earnest for the 2022 elections (yes, already), WDC will continue its tradition of staying out of the fray until each race has a Democratic nominee following primary elections.

We urge you to get informed on the field of candidates for these critical municipal, county, and state elected offices. The [MCDP \(Montgomery County Democratic Party\)](#) has a terrific and comprehensive listing of events featuring candidates for Democratic nomination. These include free events like panels and Democratic Club meetings, as well as fundraisers. Please share the list.

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The Montgomery County COVID-19 Rent Relief Program provides short-term rental assistance to eligible households who have experienced lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused them to fall behind on their rent. The program is managed by the County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

While funds are available, the program will provide up to \$12,000 to eligible households to pay for back rent owed and/or pay for up to three months of future rent. For households below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), additional financial help may be available. Funds awarded will take into account any other local, state, or federal assistance received to pay rent.

Apply [here](#).

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- [CDC: Covid Vaccine Booster Shots--HHS has announced a plan to begin offering COVID-19 booster shots in the fall.](#)
 - [Apply to Serve! Montgomery County Boards Committees, & Commissions](#)
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