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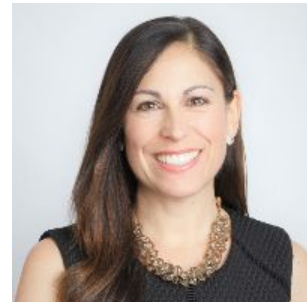
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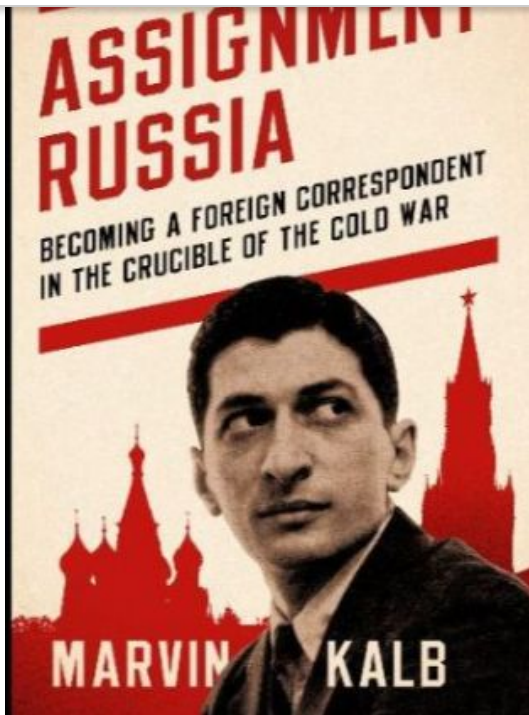
As we enter the election season here in Maryland, WDC is planning three live forums to be held at the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza in 2022. The forum for gubernatorial candidates will be held on April 28. The forum for candidates running for County Executive in Montgomery County will be held on May 4. And, last but not least, the forum for candidates running for State's Attorney will be held on May 12. Note that the State's Attorney is not the Attorney General of Maryland, but instead is an elected role within each County in Maryland whose primary responsibility is the investigation and prosecution of all criminal defendants. As you consider your choices in these races and others, we hope that you will consider candidates' views on the issues that matter to women and families. More to come on this topic as our Advocacy team gears up. Stay tuned!



All the best,
Leslie Milano

UPCOMING WDC EVENTS

"Assignment Russia" with Foreign Correspondent and Author Marvin Kalb



Where: Zoom

Cost: Free

[Register here.](#)

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>



to come!

Congressman John Sarbanes returns with a timely update on the bills aimed at protecting our democracy. Congressman Sarbanes represents Maryland's 3rd Congressional District and is a lifelong Marylander. In Congress, he serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he is the Vice Chair of the House Subcommittee on Health, and a member of the House Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change. He also sits on the House Committee on Oversight and its Government Operations subcommittee. Congressman Sarbanes authored H.R. 1, the For the People Act, to fix our democracy and give voice back to the people. He has worked tirelessly to bring Covid relief to Maryland families during the current crisis.



November 30, 2021

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Save the Date - Details and Registration Link to Come!

Jennifer Rubin, *Washington Post* journalist and author, will speak about her latest book:

Resistance: How Women Saved Democracy from Donald Trump.

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.

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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](#)

WDC is looking for a Membership Co-Chair, Community Education Co-Chair, Finance Committee Member, Historian 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
- Get connected with cool effective kick-ass women making a difference at our state and county level

.....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!



Message from Doreen Paster, leader of SSPA

Hi all. Have you been reading the papers? There are dastardly things going on in Virginia -- [racist and anti-Semitic postcards](#) being used against 3 of our 6 candidates! Well, when they go low, we go high (after we call them out for going low).

And going high means, well, actually going. There are lots of ways to make a difference in the upcoming elections this week, with more to come in future weeks. Early voting has already started, so voting decisions are being made now - let's encourage our neighbors to the south to make good choices.

We'll have Wednesday Evenings of Action on 10/20 and 10/27 - see 'em [here!](#) When you sign up, you'll be able to choose between:

- Making calls to get out the Dem vote (your choice - you-control-the-dial (Open VPB) or speed dialer (Hubdialer))
- Canvassing 101
- Learn about other options to ensure a blue win in VA - helping to cure ballots, observing polls, and more
- Learning about political texting
- SSPA Orientation

Next weekend (Saturday 10/16 at 10 am) we'll be canvassing for Josh Cole in Stafford. After that, we'll be in Chesterfield for Debra Gardner on Sunday 10/24... and then canvassing, possibly at multiple locations, on Election Weekend through Election Day (10/30-11/2). Check out our whole [sign-up calendar!](#)

One more thing - **SSPA has endorsed the upcoming "Freedom to Vote Relay and Rally,"** which will start on Wednesday October 20 in Harpers Ferry, WV, and end with a rally at the Capitol on Saturday, October 23. We don't have a full sign-up ready, but please **contact me if you'd like to bike or walk for all or part of the route, if you can lead a team, or if you can provide support (be a marshal, etc.).**

And save the date for the 10/23 DC rally!

Dori

"When they go low, we go high." - Michelle Obama

"The best revenge is massive success." - Frank Sinatra

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

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!



The Freedom to Vote Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and D.C. Statehood will stop threats to our freedom to vote and help us realize the promise of democracy for all.

The Freedom to Vote Act:

- Protects Our Freedom to Vote
- Ensures Fair Representation in Government
- Reduces the Influence of Big Money in Politics
- Combats Partisan Election Subversion

Urge the Senate and President Biden to protect our freedom to vote!

Learn more at [FreedomToVoteRelay.org](https://www.freedomtovoterelay.org)



Online Survey: How the Pandemic Has Affected Women

the COVID-19 pandemic on the women of our state, how they experienced the pandemic, and what is needed to begin a "new normal." The findings from the survey will be used to help leaders across the state make informed decisions on policies and programs that impact women as we move forward towards 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 for Afghanistan

For those who are watching the news unfold in Afghanistan with anguish as so many of us are - especially what Taliban rule means for the future of women - here are a few links to organizations that are trying to help:

- [Women for Women International](https://www.womenforwomen.org/) - <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



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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COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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.

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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