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WDC Newsletter – October 2022

WDC Events, News, and Resources

From the President

November 9 Will Be Too Late

We're in the final countdown: Less than a month until the November 8 election, and too many races feature alarming right-wing extremists and yet are startlingly close—or worse. Can you help? (Hint: Yes.)

This election cycle will show just how far MAGA-cult candidates and their ilk can ride hypocrisy and division. And we are not exempt: The list includes, shockingly, the Maryland races for governor, attorney general, comptroller, and two of our U.S. House seats. More on that below, along with ballot information.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court's new term has already delivered ominous hints about just how far this emboldened court majority may take its taste for shredding precedent. All the more reason to make sure we maintain or expand Democratic control of the U.S. House--and of the U.S. Senate for those votes on Supreme Court nominees.

A respite, if you need a lift: It is a joy to listen to Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson step right up with incisive questions on Alabama's gerrymandered map. Take a [LISTEN](#) to Justice Jackson, the first Black woman Justice in 233 years of SCOTUS history. Of the 114 people previously nominated and confirmed to the Court, all but six have been white men. Make that seven now.

[Hispanic Heritage Month.](#)"

Beyond voting, [see below](#) to volunteer to door-knock, call, text-bank, deliver signs, write to voters in swing districts, register voters, run a table on election day, and give what you can to close races in Maryland and beyond.

Because November 9 is too late.

For democracy and Democrats,

Diana Conway



In the News



Clockwise from 6 pm: Gabriela Lemus, Gloria Aparicio, Barbara Zelenko, Amanda Farber, Diana Conway, Laura Stewart, Jessica Spielman, Holly Syrrakos, and Scott Webber (behind the camera).

'22 Goes Blue—County Dem Party Gala

WDC was well represented at the MoCo Democratic Party awards gala on Oct. 2.

Immigration Advocacy Chair Fatmata Barrie joined in the festivities honoring grassroots organizers and precinct officials for their tireless work getting Democratic voters to the polls.

The Hon. Ike Leggett reminded the crowd how far we have come in Maryland, noting that we are poised to elect the most diverse set of statewide leaders ever: Candidate for Governor **Wes Moore**, **Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller**, and **Atty. General Anthony Brown**, each underscored that point and emphasized the need to keep working until the election is finished on Nov. 8. **Sen. Chris Van Hollen** spoke forcefully to the urgency of GOTV activity.

Rep. Jamie Raskin delivered the barnstorming speech, affirming that in this climate, the only party standing for democracy is the Democratic party. And **MD Democratic Party Chair Yvette Lewis** reminded us that field polls are not a reason for either happy complacency or disengagement in challenging races.

So!

- To work on the critical re-election of **Rep. David Trone** to Congress, sign up [here](#).
- To send a MAGA incumbent packing and elect **Heather Mizeur** to Congress, sign up [here](#).
- To write letters to voters in other states, volunteer with **Do The Most Good**, **JWalkers and Indivisible Montgomery**, or **Silver Spring Progressive Action**.
- And of course, our candidates need your financial support—another reason to work for campaign finance reform.

What will YOU do to make a difference in this election? Who will you bring with you?

WDC Events

We are excited to share two upcoming events that the Women's Democratic Club is hosting in October. See below for information!



Hispanic Heritage Month Panel Discussion

October 12, 2022, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Zoom

RSVP [here](#).

**Free!
Everyone
Welcome!**

Happy Hour

October 18, 2022, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Join WDC members at an up-county venue Happy Hour to meet the six Democratic women who will (most likely) join the Montgomery County Council

RSVP: bit.ly/HHOct18




Natali Fani-Gonzalez
Kristin Mink
Marilyn Balcombe
Dawn Luedtke
Kate Stewart
Laurie-Anne Sayles
(left to right)

Happy Hour for Six Democratic Women Councilmember Candidates

October 18, 2022, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate this slate with us in person, free, outside at a North Potomac home. Please [RSVP](#) to help us plan.

Important Maryland 2022 Election Dates



Time to Vote! Know How to Register, How and Where to Vote, and Be Prepared! Find everything you need to know below:

The Gubernatorial General Election **early voting centers** will be open from **Thursday, October 27, 2022, through Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 7 am until 8 pm**, and **election day polling places** will be open from **7 am until 8 pm on November 8, 2022**, for election day. You may vote early at any early voting center in your jurisdiction of residence or at [your assigned polling place](#) on election day.

2022 Gubernatorial Election - Voter Resources. Click [here](#).

Early Voting starts Oct. 27, 2022. Click [here](#).

Early Voting Sites. Click [here](#).

Mail-In Ballot request. Deadline Oct. 18! Click [here](#).

VOLUNTEER ! Elect Democrats Up and Down the Ballot. Click links below.

[Montgomery County Democratic Party](#)

[Maryland Democratic Party](#)

The Most Important GOTV Action You Can Take Between Now and Election Day Is to Phone Bank. Here's How! Click on the organizations below:

[Do the Most Good](#)

[JWalkers Action Group](#)

[Silver Spring Progressive Action Group](#)

8, 2022, general election ballots. There is [one local referendum](#), passed by the General Assembly, that will appear on the ballots in Montgomery County. The Secretary of State is responsible for preparing and certifying the statewide ballot question language. A [non-technical summary](#) of the statewide questions is provided by the Department of Legislative Services. Additionally, [these local ballot questions will appear in certain counties \(Pages 24-26\)](#).

Sample General Election 2022 Montgomery County Ballot. Click [here](#).

Know your Congressional, State, and County District Numbers. Click [here](#).

[State Board of Elections Announces Process for Hospitalized or Quarantined Marylanders to Vote.](#)

Drop Box Locations. Click [here](#).



LWVMC Voters' Guides Available

[Voters' Guides](#) or [VOTE411](#)

Paper Copies at MC Public Libraries and Community Centers or [outlets sites](#)

During elections, League volunteers reach out to EVERY CANDIDATE to include them in our Voters' Guides and on VOTE411. This edition includes pros and cons on ballot questions!

In Memoriam



Dee Schofield, long-time WDC member, friend, and Democratic volunteer extraordinaire, sadly passed away on August 11, 2022.

You are invited to a celebration of Dee's life on Sunday, October 23, 2022. The event will start at 12:30 p.m., at [Bacchus of Lebanon, 7945 Norfolk Avenue, Bethesda, MD](#). A Lebanese buffet will be served. Invited speakers include Chris Van Hollen, Jamie Raskin, Dee's cousin, and close friends. You're invited to

[RSVP here](#) so that we may prepare for the appropriate number of attendees.

Donations in Dee's memory may be made to the [Davidson Scholarship Fund at Montgomery College](#). Contact [Alan Banov](#) with any questions.

The WDC Member Directory Is Back!!

We are pleased to announce that we will be publishing a new member directory this fall. The Directory will include active members of the club as of October 1, 2022. Join WDC and stay involved in local and state policy and politics. After the directory is published, any current member can obtain one free copy at WDC in-person events. **Be on the lookout for our letter to current members regarding the deadline to review and update your directory entry.** This is your opportunity to change how you are listed, including opting out entirely, for all current, new, or renewing members. Also, remember to check the box to receive our **Advocacy Alerts** upon joining the club! Advocacy alerts keep our grassroots membership informed and help make our voices heard in Annapolis!

WDC Membership

Please Renew Your WDC Membership Today!

Our new membership year began October 1, 2021. If you haven't already done so, renew online [here](#). You may also mail your \$35.00 annual dues (\$25 for members 35 years old or younger) payable to "WDC" and mail to: WDC, PO Box 34047, Bethesda, MD 20827.

By renewing your membership, you are joining other Democrats to achieve the following three goals:

Strengthening Our County and Our State by advocating for progressive democratic policy objectives; keeping Democrats informed through our luncheon/dinner speakers and our education and training programs; and building alliances with other Democratic clubs, issue-oriented coalitions, and political groups.

Strengthening Our Party by intensifying the work WDC has always done to elect and support Democratic candidates and increase voter involvement, with a new emphasis on strengthening our Party at the county and state levels.

Make a Difference—Volunteer with WDC!

WDC is looking forward to expanding its scope and has several open positions within our committees and on our board:

- Membership Co-Chair
- Community Education Co-Chair
- Finance Committee Member
- Historian Co-Chair
- Communications Committee Members
- Advocacy Member or Co-Chair

Interested? To learn more, please contact [Diana Conway](#).

Are you friendly, persuasive and interested in helping WDC build up our active membership? If yes, please join our Membership and Outreach Committee! In particular we are looking to recruit assistance/expertise in the following areas:

- Membership follow-up/outreach to WDC members--reaching out via phone calls, texts, or emails
- Membership outreach to non-WDC members who have attended WDC events
- Technical Assistance with data reports. We will teach you how to use our MyWDC database.
- Assistance with locating venues/logistics for live happy hours once they resume

To learn more please contact [Enid Light](#).

Technology Help Wanted

WDC uses several software tools to support our members and programs, including website development and management, social media, various Google products, MailChimp, NEON CRM, Zoom, Box, Word, and Excel. If you enjoy using software and would like to support our organization, please volunteer to help us. You can learn one or more of our tools and have a real impact. Contact Mary Lou Fox at WDCtreasurer1@gmail.com.



The image is a YouTube video player thumbnail. On the left, there is a logo for the Montgomery County, Maryland Women's Democratic Club, featuring a blue star with a red 'W' and 'D' inside. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND" and "WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB". Below this, the title of the video is displayed: "Meeting the Moment with Moxie" with Heather Mizeur, Candidate for Maryland Congressional District 1, on Wednesday, September 14th. A large red play button is centered over the text. To the right of the text is a portrait of Heather Mizeur, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a light-colored blazer over a blue top, with her arms crossed. Below the title, there is a section titled "Notes" with a bulleted list: "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", and "Submit questions via the Chat window to 'Q&A'". At the bottom of the notes section is the website "www.womensdemocraticclub.org".

"Meeting the Moment with Moxie," with WDC Guest Speaker, Heather Mizeur, Candidate for Maryland Congressional District 1.

Other Ways to Help

Want to Help with the Elections? Election Judges Are Needed-- Be Part of This Important Process!

Election judges earn a stipend of up to \$320 for their service to the community. Every election approximately 3,500 judges ensure that polling places run smoothly, and the election is conducted honestly and accurately. Applications are accepted year-round; however, the deadline to apply to work in a specific election is 21 business days prior to the election. Click [here](#) to apply. If you can't work the polls due to health risks or other obligations, encourage others who do not have those limitations to consider serving.

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WDC Social Media & Email

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WDC has gone **GREEN** by using electronic communications.

Please continue to receive WDC event notices and news and do not unsubscribe.

Replies to this update will be sent to

wdc@womensdemocraticclub.org

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