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WDC Newsletter – July 16, 2022

WDC Events, News, and Resources

President's Message

Earlier this week during early voting for the 2022 Democratic Primary, I kept hearing Tip O'Neill's voice in my head, saying "All politics is local." WDC members understand this, and have been helping at the polls, knocking on doors for their favorite candidates, and voting! We've also stood up for our values in local commentary in [Maryland Matters](#) and were featured in [Bethesda Beat](#).

Many politicians we see on the national stage started in a local seats, relying on door knocking, word of mouth, and small budgets. Many dared to challenge incumbents, one of them our very own Jamie Raskin. Having a healthy debate between a challenger and an incumbent is important for our Democracy. Every person voted into office needs to earn your vote. This is why WDC wrote an [open letter to the Democratic Senate Caucus](#). The Maryland Democratic Caucus Committee should be using their resources on close districts, not running negative ads against a lifelong Democrat in a "safe" district. The practice of having the weight of 32 State Democratic Senators behind a fellow incumbent could have the effect of discouraging diverse and younger candidates from running for office.

WDC's letter to the *Washington Post* Editorial Board in response to an endorsement was published in a recent issue of [Maryland Matters](#). Our guiding principle is "Striving for racial,

this type of language needs to stop.

We understand that there may be backlash against expressing opinions on these difficult issues, but as President, with the support of our Board of Directors, I believe that we need to stand up for our stated values. Our club has a strong voice and using it to strengthen our Party and further our values will only ensure we remain a force to move our Party forward.

WDC also has longstanding traditions, including hosting the **Kiss and Make Up Party** on the Thursday after an election. This year it is on July 21st at 7:00 PM at the Silver Spring Civic Building. Our special guest will be Senator Chris Van Hollen, and we'll have an update by the Secretary of the Montgomery County Board of Elections, David Naimon. We will also stream the January 6th Hearing later in the evening. Please [register](#) if you haven't already!!

Don't forget to SEND IN YOUR BALLOT or DROP IT IN A BOX if you have a mail-in or to go to your polling place to VOTE on July 19th. I will be at my local polling place at the Democratic table--please volunteer to do the same if you can. See you all on July 21st.

Laura Stewart
WDC President

Important Election Dates

A blue banner with a red-to-blue gradient background. The text "Gubernatorial Primary Election" is in large white font at the top. Below it, "July 19, 2022" is in large red font. Underneath that, "Early Voting: July 7 - 14" is in large white font. At the bottom, "Montgomery County Board of Elections" is in smaller white font. On the left is the Maryland state flag, and on the right is a graphic of a castle with blue and red towers and yellow fleur-de-lis and circles.

Gubernatorial Primary Election

July 19, 2022

Early Voting: July 7 - 14

Montgomery County Board of Elections

Vote on Election Day, Tuesday, July 19 (7 AM - 8 PM)

- [Find Your Election Day Polling Location](#)

Vote by Mail by postmarking or putting your ballot in a drop box in your county **by July 19, 8 PM** (remember to sign the outside of the envelope in the space provided or the ballot won't count)

WDC Events

The poster features a background of vertical stripes in shades of blue, purple, and pink, with white stars. A large red circle on the left contains the text "DON'T MISS THIS POPULAR EVENT!" and "Hosted by the Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club". The main title "Kiss and Make Up" is in a large, stylized blue font. Below it, the text reads "The quadrennial post-primary election event — 30 years and counting!" and "Rally around all our Democratic nominees and *build unity* for the General Election!". The date and time "Thursday, July 21 | 7 to 9 pm" are in a bold blue font. The location "Silver Spring Civic Center" and "1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910" are listed. It also mentions "Cash bar | Light refreshments". The ticket prices "Members: \$15 | Non-Members: \$20" are shown. A red lipstick smudge is on the right. The logo for the Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club is at the bottom left, featuring a stylized "W" and "D" in blue and red. The text "MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND" and "WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB" is to the right of the logo. The registration information "Please register in advance. www.womensdemocraticclub.org/events/kiss-make-up" is at the bottom right.

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DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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Silver Spring Civic Center

1 Veterans Place

Silver Spring, MD

Click [here](#) to register in advance.

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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.

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

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

If you are interested in any of these opportunities and would like to learn more, please contact Laura Stewart at lmstewart120@gmail.com.

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 data base.
- Assistance with locating venues/logistics for live happy hours once they resume

To learn more please contact Enid Light at enid530@aol.com.

Take Action!



Take action with [DoTheMostGood](#)

Check out ways to get involved in and around your area!

WDC Membership

Please Renew Your WDC Membership Today!

Our new membership year began October 1, 2021. If you haven't already done so, please renew online at <https://bit.ly/323Md5r>. You may also mail your \$35.00 annual dues (\$25 for members 35 years old or younger) payable to "WDC" and mail to: WDC, P.O. Box 2181, 5056 Nicholson Lane, Suite B, Kensington, MD 20891.

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.

Strengthening Our Club by connecting to our work, joining committees, and attending the high-quality events for which WDC has been known for more than 60 years.

Democratic Clubs



additional meetings and events.

Events Calendar, [click here](#).

As County and State Democratic candidates campaign in earnest for the 2022 elections, 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 become informed about 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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