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WDC Newsletter – May 1, 2023

From the President

Diana Conway



It's officially time for me to start getting nostalgic.

With several years under my belt as WDC president, I'm excited to pass the torch to a new president and executive committee at our **June Membership Meeting** — in person! Make sure your membership is current so you can vote and be part of this peaceful transfer of power.

At this biannual meeting, we will elect the new WDC Executive Committee: the president, three vice presidents, treasurer, and secretary. The rest of the WDC Board is appointed by the president.

As required in our bylaws, the board has created a nominating committee of five WDC members: three board members and two general members. Please join me in thanking them for their many hours of service to the club, interviewing and considering candidates. The committee members are Eden Durbin, Sally Murek, and board members Gloria Aparicio, Lisa Fuller and JoAnne Koravos. THANK you for serving on the WDC Nominating Committee and collaborating to secure WDC's future!

The committee expects to present a slate within the week that we'll share by email and on

nomination from the floor of a WDC member willing to serve. Once the voting is complete, I will officially hand over the mighty WDC president's gavel, and another page of WDC history will begin!

The target window for this biannual election is late June. Once we've confirmed with our keynote speaker we can start planning for a festive in-person party!

Finally, plan to join us for three exciting events before the June meeting:

- **May 7** Happy Hour with a Purpose: In-person with numerous state elected officials and celebrating the reinvigorated Women's Legislative Caucus, led by our own Del. Lesley Lopes (D39).
- **May 10** Conversation with [Rep. David Trone](#)
- **June 14** The Story of Juneteenth with [Reynauld Smith of the Sandy Spring Slave Museum](#)

Thank you for being engaged – There is work to do, and it is worth doing, together.

Diana

WDC Events



MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, MARYLAND
WOMEN'S
DEMOCRATIC CLUB

WDC HAPPY HOUR with a PURPOSE
Celebrating the Women's Caucus
*Accomplishments, Advocacy,
and How We Move Forward Together*

**Please join WDC as we celebrate the revitalization and successes
of the Women's Legislative Caucus.**

Hear from our Montgomery County
legislators! Special comments from Delegate
Lesley Lopez, Chair, Women's Caucus.

Enjoy Happy Hour refreshments and the
opportunity to network with our elected officials,
WDC members, and prospective members.

REGISTER NOW! **SUNDAY, MAY 7 | Private Home in North Potomac**





"Working For You: A Conversation with Congressman David Trone"

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

6:30 - 7:30 pm, via Zoom

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Join **Congressman David Trone** (MD-06) for a virtual conversation during which he will speak about his work on key issues in our communities including the addiction and mental health crises, criminal justice reform, education, and medical research.

Learn more about the Congressman [here](#).



**GREATER SILVER SPRING
DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

presents a discussion with
Council Members
Evan Glass, Laurie-Anne Sayles & Kate Stewart

Thursday, May 18 • 7–9 pm
Takoma Middle School Auditorium
7611 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910

Co-sponsors: Women's Democratic Club; Montgomery County Green Democrats;
District 20 Caucus

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In-Person Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Zoom Registration Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

2023 Membership in the Greater Silver Spring Democratic Club, \$25 per person. Please
pay via paypal link:

[Paypal Membership Purchase Link](#)

(You do not need to have a paypal account to use this link)

Or send a check to: Stephen Schiavone, Treasurer, 14203 Georgia Ave., Apt. 203, Silver
Spring, MD 20906

Keeping Up with Our State Legislators

WDC congratulates Greg Wims on his nomination for the
position of state delegate representing District 39. The
Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee chose
Wims to fill the seat vacated by former **Del. Kirill Reznik** on the
first ballot.



Wims founded the Victims' Rights Foundation, which raises
money and provides emotional support to crime victims. He was
also the first male Head Start teacher in the county and previously served as president of

Reznik stepped down after representing District 39 for more than 15 years and is now Assistant Secretary for Inter-Department Data Integration in the Maryland Department of Human Services. WDC congratulates Reznik on his new position.



Opinion: Don't Delay Montgomery County School Construction Any Longer. It's Time for a Progressive Recordation Tax Increase.

by *Laura Stewart* *

This past week, a second round of delays for school construction projects were considered by the Montgomery County Council due to lower revenue projections. Damascus High School, Magruder High School and Highland View Elementary School received the bad news in this round. Damascus High was delayed in 2020 and the other two projects were included in last year's cuts which included eight project delays.

The last few years have included many school construction project delays or even cancellations due to multiple pressures.

In light of these pending delays, Councilmembers Kristin Mink (D) and Will Jawando (D) introduced Council Bill 17-23, which would raise the progressive recordation tax (a fee you pay when you buy a house or refinance above the original cost of the house) and Councilmembers Kate Stewart (D), Sidney Katz (D) and Natali Fani-González (D) submitted an amendment to the bill with support from Council President Evan Glass (D). Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) supports these efforts. How did we get here and why should we pass a progressive recordation tax increase?

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the whole opinion piece, published in the April 27, 2023, issue of "Maryland Matters."

* *Laura Stewart is chair of the Capital Improvements Program Committee at the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations and the 1st Vice President of WDC.*

What You Might Have Missed



Ike Leggett speaks to WDC on the Blueprint for Education



"Saving the Planet: What We Must Do," a conversation with Adam Ortiz, EPA Regional Administrator for the Mid-Atlantic/Region 3



WDC Membership

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 building community and political muscle with other Democratic members, clubs, and allies to elect Democrats and support progressive

events, and service projects. Join us!

Make a Difference—Volunteer with WDC!

WDC needs you! Can you help us in one of these positions? Not sure what a position entails? Come try it out—no obligation!

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

Interested? To learn more, please contact [Diana Conway](#) and make sure to put into the subject line: "*Volunteering with WDC.*"

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](#).

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