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WDC Newsletter – June 5, 2023

From the President

Diana Conway



Get ready to celebrate—and vote—with WDC!

Please join us for a festive WDC meeting and reception featuring keynote speakers **Rep. Jamie Raskin** and **Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller**, at WDC's annual meeting on **June 20th at 6:30 pm.**

This **in-person reception** includes a brief election for WDC's new Executive Committee for two-year terms. The proposed slate is below, along with a link to the candidates' outstanding bios. Please join me in thanking them for stepping forward to lead the club for the next two years. All WDC members who are present may vote. See below to register for the event, including how to join or renew your WDC membership. While you do not need to be a member to attend, we are grateful to each person who chooses to support our work and to amplify our club's voice in this way.

In addition to hearing from our speakers, this event celebrates our shared successes. It's a chance to recommit to the important work that remains, and to sustain and reconnect with each other. From reproductive and other health care, to equal pay, affordable childcare, a functioning safety net, educational equity, environmental justice, gun safety

programming and effective advocacy.

Sign up for this energizing evening on June 20th, and be sure to register for our **June 14 program on Juneteenth** featuring the five-generation oral history from **Reynauld Smith**, some of whose family were enslaved in Texas when word of the Emancipation Proclamation came. Register below for this virtual program, June 14 at 6:30 pm, and please share.

Come to the WDC Biennial Meeting and Elections



MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, MARYLAND

WOMEN'S
DEMOCRATIC CLUB

BIENNIAL MEETING and WDC Officer Elections

featuring Special Guests

Congressman Jamie Raskin

and **Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Glen Echo Park Bumper-Car Pavilion

TICKETS

Free to WDC Members

\$38 Non-Members, 36 and older

\$25 Non-Members, 35 and younger

Costs less to become a WDC member!

All current WDC members who are present may vote.

Register at: bit.ly/meeting-june20





WDC Nominated Slate • June 2023	
President	Tazeen Ahmad
1st Vice President	Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
2nd Vice President	Lisa Fuller
3rd Vice President	Melissa Bender
Secretary	JoAnne Koravos
Treasurer	Mary Lou Fox

Join us for an in-person reception to celebrate another year of activism and community-building, and to elect our new WDC Executive Committee.

See [WDC's website](#) for more information on our slate of candidates.

Register to attend the meeting [here](#).

Upcoming WDC Events



**CELEBRATION
of JUNETEENTH!**

**An Oral History of Five Generations
Reynauld Smith's Real Juneteenth**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 | 6:30 PM
via ZOOM

REGISTER NOW

Join us to hear from Mr. Smith, whose family hails from Texas where his ancestors celebrated Juneteenth and their freedom. Mr. Smith has a proud past as a voter registration activist with SNCC while a student at Tuskegee University.

When: Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

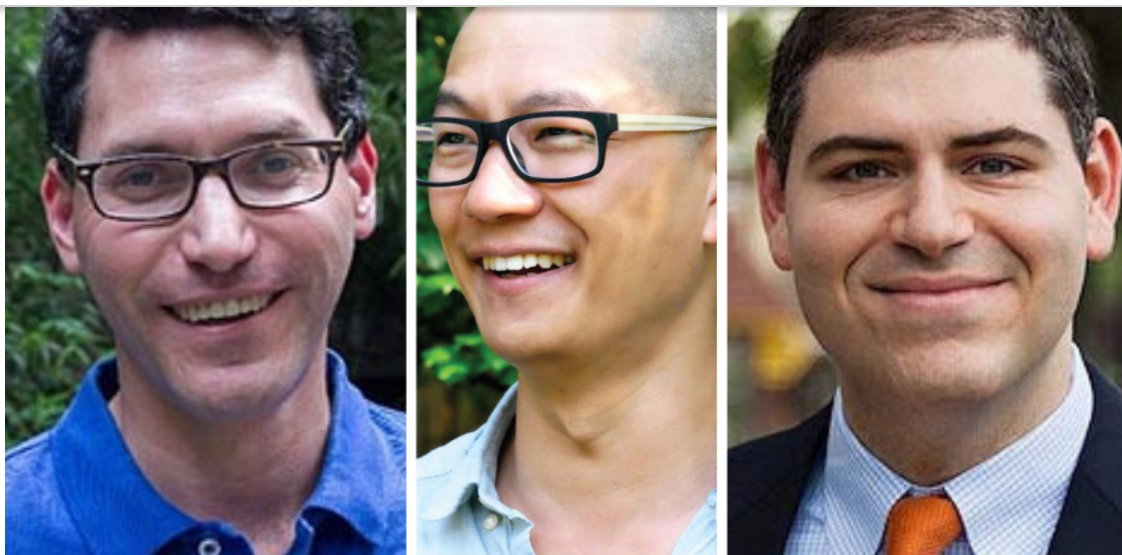
Register [HERE](#).

The story of the Juneteenth flag:



The Juneteenth flag is a symbol for the **Juneteenth holiday** in the United States. The first version was created in 1997 by activist Ben Haith. The current version was first flown in 2000. The colors and symbols on the flag are representative of freedom and the end of slavery. In 2020 and 2021, many states began recognizing Juneteenth by flying the flag over their state capitol buildings, especially after Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday by President Biden in June 2021.

Keeping Up with Our State Legislators



WDC congratulates members of the Montgomery County delegation who have taken on new leadership positions in the House of Delegates. **Del. Marc Korman** (D-16) will become chair of the House Environment and Transportation Committee. **Del. David Moon** (D-20) has been appointed the new majority leader. And **Del. Jared Solomon** (D-18) will become chair of the House Appropriations Personnel Subcommittee. Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones (D-10) made these appointments in May.

Read more in the May 17, 2023, issue of [Maryland Matters](#).

Del. Bernice Mireku-North: Abundant Ideas and Spirit of Reform Mark Her First Term

Appointed to represent District 14 less than one week before the 2023 General Session convened, Del. Bernice Mireku-North brings a holistic view of state issues and how they impact county government, residents, and youth. She taps into her experience as a former assistant state's attorney, criminal defense attorney, and co-chair of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, among other positions, to support bills that improve the overall health and mental health of Maryland's communities and make residents safer.



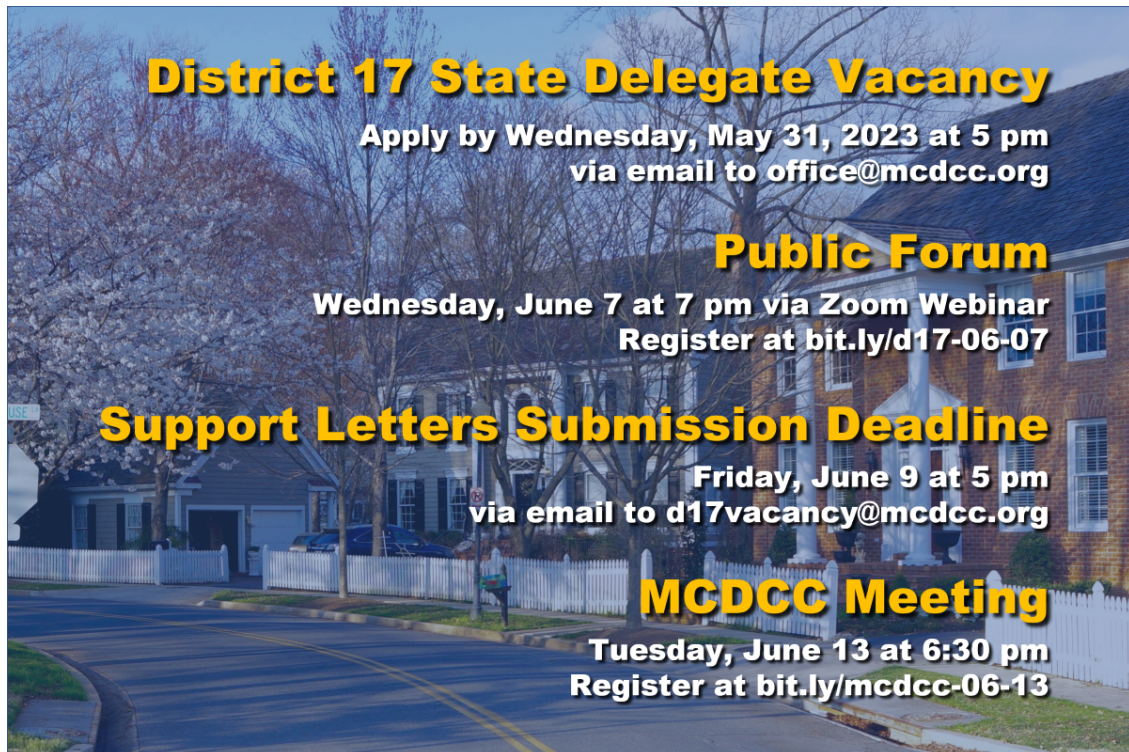
In this interview, Del. Mireku-North talks about the impact some of the bills passed during the last session will have on public safety. She also shares her priorities and her ideas about upcoming bills.

What are your priorities for the 2024 session?

...[One] is the [Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act](#), which unfortunately hasn't progressed beyond the committee in its previous attempts. Currently, if a woman has

eligible for pre-release status to stay in at the future pre-release unit for women and bond with the child for up to a year. Infants could live in the facility with their mothers with access to health care. The bill also expands mother-infant visitation and baby bonding at the facility. I am committed to working with all the stakeholders to make this bill become law in Maryland.

Read more [here](#).



District 17 State Delegate Vacancy
Apply by Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 5 pm
via email to office@mcdcc.org

Public Forum
Wednesday, June 7 at 7 pm via Zoom Webinar
Register at bit.ly/d17-06-07

Support Letters Submission Deadline
Friday, June 9 at 5 pm
via email to d17vacancy@mcdcc.org

MCDCC Meeting
Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm
Register at bit.ly/mcdcc-06-13



You are cordially invited to the
Swearing-in Ceremony for Members of the
Montgomery County Board of Elections
and Election of Officers

Keyna I. Anyiam, Member
Diane Nash Dillon, Member
Amoretta M. (Amie) Hoeber, Member
Daniel A. Koroma, Member
David A. Naimon, Member
Margie C. Delao, Substitute Member
Alexander C. Vincent, Substitute Member

Monday, June 5, 2023
2:30 PM

Montgomery College Germantown Campus
Bioscience Education Center
20200 Observation Drive, Room BE 151/152,
Germantown, Maryland 20876

Please RSVP by June 2, 2023 at
elections@montgomerycountymd.gov
or by leaving a message at 240-777-8549



This celebration honors the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and lifts up LGBTQ+ rights, activism, and culture. It was first celebrated the following year, in 1970, but was not recognized by the federal government until 1999 by President Clinton.

HELP ME: A New Service for WDC Members

Did you forget your password? Are you having trouble registering for an event? Logging into MyWDC? Renewing your membership? Have you changed your address? Email? Phone number?

WDC HAS A NEW WEB HELP SERVICE FOR MEMBERS. When you click on HELP ME on the WDC website, you will receive a form to complete. Please give us as much information as possible so we can fix the problem. Response time will typically be within a day.

The graphic features a laptop with a red "HELP ME" button on its screen. A person's hands are shown typing on the keyboard. The background is a pattern of colorful hands.

WDC Membership

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 Democratic policy goals. WDC is excited to work with each of you, as we advocate for our WDC priorities, and present our Speakers Programs, Community Education Panels, social 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 Members

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

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