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Elliot Chabot, Editor

Capital Campaign to Purchase Office Equipment

By Odessa Shannon
Chair, MCDCC Capital Campaign

The Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee's Capital Campaign has gotten off to an excellent start with over \$12,000 in donations received as we go to press. While all contributions of \$50 or more are acknowledged as "a donor for a day" on our calendar, (see page 4), we especially want to thank the following for their extra generosity in helping the MCDCC meet its financial goal of \$20,000 for a new, modern copier, computers, folding machine, and printer:

Hon. Mike Gordon	\$3,000
Hon. Sidney Kramer	1,000
Hon. Carol Petzold	500
Mr. Michael McCurry	500
Montgomery Country Career Fire Fighters PAC	500

Great Beginning

To date, well over 100 of our fellow democrats have responded to our campaign. Our campaign runs until December, 2007, so there is still time to make your donation of \$50 or more and become "Democrat for a Day."

To Donate

Make checks payable to MCDCC, and mail to 3720 Farragut Ave, Kensington, MD 20895 or to donate on-line, go to www.mcdcc.org and click the Capital Campaign link.

Two Young Democrats Named to Fill Delegate Seats in Districts 16 and 39

By Milt Minneman

The Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee voted on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, to submit the names of Charles William (Bill) Frick of Bethesda, and Kirill Reznik of Germantown, to the Governor to fill the vacant delegate seats in Districts 16 and 39 respectively.

Mr. Frick is a life-long resident of Montgomery County, a graduate of Northwestern University and the Harvard Law School and is an attorney at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP. He resides in Bethesda with his wife Bethany and their infant daughter.

Mr. Reznik works for the QED GROUP, an international development company. He is a graduate of Florida International University, holds a Master of Arts degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University and a law degree from American University Washington College of law.

"We are excited about the election of two young, intelligent and talented Democrats," said Marc Korman, former President of the Montgomery County Young Democrats. "We are starting a new chapter in Montgomery County with two new young officials."



Charles Frick, D16



Kirill Reznik, D39

Mr. Korman continued, "We know they will learn a lot from the rest of the Montgomery County Delegation and will look to them for direction and guidance. With this election, we have helped to ensure that Montgomery County's strong Democratic leadership will be maintained."

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It is preferred that articles be emailed to the Editor at: mcdccNewsletter@msn.com. Articles may also be mailed or faxed to MCDCC. Consideration will be given to all articles submitted; space limitations may require editing. The Central Committee has established a firm deadline of the Friday after the MCDCC meeting for submissions to *The Montgomery Democrat*.

Advertising must be submitted with payment by the 15th. Full page - \$180; Half page - \$90; ¼ page - \$45.

The deadline for the November newsletter is October 11, 2007*

Condolences to Darius Harvey, Kyra Harvey and all of the family members of former MCDCC member **Elnora Harvey** (District 20) who passed away on September 13.

Condolences to former MCDCC member **Anthony Puca** on the passing of his father.

Condolences to the friends and family of former MCDCC member **Esther Zander** who passed away in Florida. Esther was the 1995 Democrat of the Year. She was Dollars Drive Award winner in 1977-78, 1979-80, and 1980-81. Her husband was a Delegate representing District 18 in the legislature 20 years ago.



Calendar of Events

October 1: BCC Breakfast Club, 7:30 am, our guest will be Lissa Muscatine, who will speak as a representative of the Hillary Clinton Presidential Campaign. meet us at The Original Pancake House, 7700 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda.

October 6: 10am to noon or **October 7,** 5-7 pm, DNC National Canvas Day. Host a precinct phonebank. Please contact Jose Vazquez at 301/237-2674 or Karen Czpanski at 301/758-3970.

October 7: Wynn Family Smokey Glen Farm Picnic featuring Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, 1-4 pm. Come with the family and enjoy Smokey Glen Farm Famous BBQ, Kosher hot dogs, baked breads, pies and other delectables! Activities for kids and adults. Tickets are \$30 for adults; \$12 for kids under 12; 3 and under are free! Visit www.albertwynn.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

October 7: "Paint the County Blue" fundraiser by The Montgomery County Young Democrats, 12:30pm at Dave & Busters at White Flint Mall. Pre-Purchased - \$40 Student - \$25 (must have valid college or high school I.D.) zublaw@yahoo.com or 301-643-7333.

October 10: Democratic Presidential Forum and Campaign Fair, 7pm at the Kensington Armory, 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD. Please RSVP and/or submit questions for the campaigns to mcdempresident@yahoo.com. Contacts: Mark Woodard at (301) 592-1811 or Paul Mitchell at (301) 588-7126. Sponsored by The Greater Silver Spring Democratic Club.

October 11: Mike Cryor, Maryland State Democratic Chairman will be the chief speaker at the October meeting of the Leisure World Democratic Club in the Clubhouse 1 Ballroom. Contact Sandy Rovner, 301-438-0644 or (cell) 240-401-0590.

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* Please note that the Deadline for Newsletter Articles, Events, and Photos is now Thursday noon the week of the MCDCC meeting. Thank you.

Hispanic Democratic Club of Montgomery County Elects New Executive Board

By Milagros V. McGuire

The Hispanic Democratic Club of Montgomery County is pleased to announce the results of elections held on May 20, 2007.

The new officers are: Oscar T. Ramirez, President, Jose Vazquez, Vice President, Gerald Sejas, Secretary and Milagros V. McGuire, Treasurer. Executive Board Members are: Lillian Cruz, Ana Maria Delgado, Ana Sol Gutierrez, Carmen Larsen, Dennis W. McGuire and Julio Rodriguez.

Our new leadership looks forward to working together with all other Montgomery County and Maryland Democrats in electing effective legislators and government officials who will endeavor to provide good government to all of our communities.

Donna Edwards' Campaign Builds Momentum

*By Daniel Weber
Communications Director*

Labor Day has come and gone and as the weather begins to cool, Donna Edwards' campaign for Congress continues to heat up. Back in August we kicked things off with our official Prince George's County campaign office opening party. It was a wonderful event with friends, supporters, and volunteers in attendance. The event helped get everyone excited and energized to do all they can to make this a successful campaign.

A group of volunteers joined Donna in the Gaithersburg Labor Day Parade. We handed out treats and bubbles to the kids and literature about Donna's leadership and vision. The enthusiastic crowd

cheered as Donna ran the parade greeting families throughout the route. Donna's parade entry was a hit with everyone.

Finally, the newest addition to our campaign team, Gina Angiola of Olney, will serve as the campaign supervisor for activities in Montgomery County. Ms. Angiola has tremendous experience in grassroots politics and played an integral part in Sen. Jamie Raskin's campaign in 2006. She is a wonderful addition to our team.

Please visit the campaign website at www.donnaedwardsforcongress.com. Also, please feel free to call the office anytime at (301) 316-1880.

MCDCC Interns Meet on Capitol Hill



Thank you Interns for your many many hours and job well done!



MCDCC Capital Campaign to Purchase Office Equipment;
below are our October "DEMOCRATS OF THE DAY"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1) ● Ellen Atlas ● Judith Heimann ● John Seachrist	2) ● Bill Frick ● Judith Heimann ● Carol Petzold	3) ● Ryan Modlin ● Ira Laster ● Mike Gordon	4) ● Adrienne Mandel ● Walter Behr ● Samuel Kecker	5) ● Daphne Bloomberg ● Molly Ruhl ● Hon. Charles Barkley	6) ● Jon Weintraub ● Rita Molyneaux ● Ben Lewis
7) ● Isabel Abrahams ● Larry Bruneel ● D16 Club	8) ● Michael Benefiel ● Mathew Quinn ● Connie Lierman	9) ● Helen Strang ● Michael Novelli ● Michael McCurry	10) ● Robert Bernard ● Dana Berger ● Hon. Kathleen Dumais	11) ● Gordon Allen ● Farook Sait ● Renee Carlson	12) ● Janice Watson ● E. E. Bernice Mills ● Margaret Vogel	13) ● John Scott ● Marilyn Tenenbaum ● Shirley Johnson
14) ● Deborah Bragg ● Lola Oberman ● Laurel Barron	15) ● Dee Schofield ● L C McElroy ● MCDCC member Oscar Ramirez	16) ● Michele Gehshan ● Alma Brown ● Edward Abrahams	17) ● Sally Warner Watts ● Rose Diaz	18) ● Steve Beckman ● Karyln Strickler ● Hon. Nancy King	19) ● Liz Greenouse ● Darrell Anderson ● Jon Rudd	20) ● Francisco Turcios ● Rev. Kenneth Jones ● Priscilla Tapley
21) ● Jayne Greene ● Sidney Kramer ● MCDCC member Elly Shaw-Belblidia	22) ● Ken & Trina Armstrong ● Philip Singerman ● Esther Gelman	23) ● Fran Abrams ● Nancy Suniewick ● Gail Ewing	24) ● Kay Jones ● MCDCC member Tracy Terrell ● Lennie & Ned Preston	25) ● Jon Weintraub ● Gladys Young ● MCDCC member Aruna Miller	26) ● Jonathan Fleming ● Norman Locksley ● Juliana Franz	27) ● Fran Breneman ● Hon. Ike Leggett ● MCDCC member Beth Siniawsky
28) ● Don & Dot Gish ● Carl Leventhal	29) ● Marian Breier ● Florence K Millar	30) ● Charles Chester ● Emma Shelton	31) ● Hon. Rona Kramer ● Tracey Gallagher			

Please Join Your Fellow Montgomery County Democrats for National Community Service Day on October 27, 2007

By Adam Luecking

The Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee and the Montgomery County Young Democrats will lead a major park clean-up in eastern Silver Spring.

We ask that all fellow Democrats join us on Saturday, October 21, 2007 for the annual Montgomery County Community Service Day. We will be part of a countywide volunteer effort with projects taking place from East Silver Spring to Poolesville and from Bethesda to Damascus.

The Democratic Party project will include a park and stream clean-up of the Long Branch Community Center area, taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are

asked to meet at the Long Branch Community Center (8700 Piney Branch Road) in eastern Silver Spring starting at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Elected officials, Democratic activists and community members are invited to participate. Long Branch community non-profits and businesses have also been invited to attend.

Supplies and t-shirts will also be provided to all participants by the Montgomery County Volunteer Center and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Also known nationally as "Make a Difference Day," because it truly does make a difference, this event started right here in Montgomery County and has grown into an international day of service.

This nationwide Community Service Day brings out residents of all ages from families, school groups, scouts, religious and civic groups, and businesses. Feel free to bring your family members; they are welcome to help us with this unique opportunity to work together to help Montgomery County.

Contact Adam Luecking at AdamLuecking@hotmail.com or 301-775-2979 to RSVP.

Democratic Presidential Forum and Campaign Fair

Moderated by Charles Duffy Host of Channel 16's "The Political Pulse"

Remarks by Congressman Chris Van Hollen

All eight Democratic Presidential Campaigns

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 7 PM

Place: Kensington Armory 3710 Mitchell Street Kensington, MD
Montgomery Municipal Channel will telecast it

***RSVP and/or submit questions
for the campaigns to mcdempresident@yahoo.com***

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Paul Mitchell at (301) 588-7126

Kramer Elected Chair and Madaleno Vice Chair of Montgomery County Senate Delegation

The members of Montgomery County Delegation have elected State Senator Rona Kramer (District 14), Chair of the Senate Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly. State Senator Rich Madaleno (District

18) was elected Vice Chair.

Senator Kramer was first elected to the Senate in 2002 and is a member of the Budget and Taxation Committee, where she serves as

Chair of the Pensions Subcommittee. Senator Madaleno served for four years in the House of Delegates prior to his election to the Senate in 2006. He is a member of the Budget and Taxation Committee.

Let's Put Homeowners FIRST!

By Albert Wynn,
US Congressman District 4

With home prices stagnating, the stock of homes for sale steadily increasing, and an alarming number of subprime borrowers missing balloon payments, we are reaching a point of economic crisis for millions of homeowners.

We have to provide funding for non-profit programs, such as Neighborworks and the Homeownership Preservation Foundation, that provide homeowners

the credit counseling needed to prevent foreclosures.

We have to give more flexibility to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to allow them to purchase more loans held by subprime borrowers. We must increase the cap on the total amount of loans Fannie and Freddie are permitted to hold, without sacrificing the safety and soundness of the market.

We must put an end to predatory lending and other abusive lending practices that target homebuyers in underserved and lower-income communities.

We need Congress to join together to produce a solid solution that will put homeowners first, and not leave them to fend for themselves.

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Calendar of Events

October 13: Meeting of Hillary supporters at the Kensington Town Hall 10:30 am.

October 15: Hispanic Dems Club (HDC) Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration and Award Ceremony 7:00-9:30 pm at Bethesda Marriott 5151 Pooks Hill Rd., Keynote Speaker: Sen Ken Salazar, D-CO (invited). Business attire.

October 20: Woman's Suburban Democratic Club continues with its series of presidential primary campaign speakers. WSDC will hold a tea for Maryland Attorney General Douglas Gansler, who is co-chair of Senator Barak Obama's MD campaign. Mark your calendar for **Oct. 20** from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., location TBA. Check www.mcwsdc.org.

October 21: HDC Speaker Series-Census. Event highlighting some of the difficulties in counting minority communities, and stressing the importance of an accurate count and other hard-to-count populations. The HDC will be joined by Mr. William Ramos, Director of the Washington, D.C. Office of the National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials (NALEO), 11am-

12:30 pm MCDDC 3720 Farragut Ave. Kensington, MD 20852.

October 25: Montgomery County for Obama monthly meeting. New Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Avenue, 2nd floor meeting room. 7:30-8:45 pm. Find out how you can support the Barack Obama for President campaign. Info: Call 301-216 9549 or email mcfrobaroma@gmail.com.

October 28: Shirley Johnson, President of District 19 Democratic Club, will be roasted, toasted, and appreciated! No fee. 3:00 p.m. RSVP to Sandy Zimmet at mollymature@gmail.com or Regina Crutchfield at 301-460-4620.

November 3: Low Dollar Fundraiser Featuring Maryland Democratic Party Chairman Michael Cryor. 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Home of Lucy Freeman 4708 Dorset Ave., Chevy Chase (Just a few blocks from the Friendship Metro Station), \$25 to attend / \$100 to host!

November 4: District 16 Democratic Club brunch (12:30 - 2:30 p.m.) with Senator Brian Frosh, Delegates Bill Bronrott and Susan Lee, and Honorable

Marilyn Goldwater. Location: Daily Grill, One Bethesda Metro Station, Bethesda. Tickets: \$20 for Club members/\$25 all others. Information: 301/229-0762 or 240/223-7282.

February 10, 2008:

1:00 - 3:00 pm, Annual Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee Brunch.

February 12, 2008:

Primary Election

May 3, 2008:

6:30 pm - 11:00 pm, Annual Montgomery County Democratic Spring Ball.

**NATIONWIDE DEMOCRATIC
NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR DAY**

IT'S EASY TO DO! Get 4 or 5 of your neighbors to bring their cell phones and join you at your home. We'll provide a calling list, scripts and supplies. You provide some refreshments and a comfy chair.

When you and your friends are done, return your marked-up calling lists to the office.

What you accomplish is great -- you let your neighbors know about our active Democratic Party and you update our database to make it easier for us to stay in touch with every Democrat in the County.

TO GET INVOLVED, please return the commitment form below to the MCDCC Office as soon as possible or call the office at 301/946-1000. Thanks!!

For more information, contact

Jose Vazquez: jose_vazquez@comcast.net, or Karen Czapanskiy: karensyma@yahoo.com.

YES! YOU'VE GOT MY COMMITMENT!

SIGN ME UP FOR (CIRCLE ONE)	OCTOBER 6 10 am to Noon	OCTOBER 7 5-7 pm
NAME	_____	
PRECINCT	_____	
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	_____	
ADDRESS	_____	
PHONE NUMBERS	_____	
EMAIL	_____	

Please tear off this commitment form and send it to the MCDCC right away! Thanks!!

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Democrats Nominate Additional Members to the Board of Elections

By Milt Minneman

On September 11, 2007, the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee voted to nominate John Sullivan of Chevy Chase, as a Democratic member of the Board of Elections. Jerrold (Jerry) Garson of Potomac was nominated to serve as the substitute Democratic member of the Board. The nominations will be sent to the Governor, who upon concurrence will appoint and submit them to the State Senate for confirmation.

The vote to increase the number of members on the Board of Elections, comes as a result of a new law that

goes into effect October 1, 2007. The law increases the number of voting Democratic members from two to three. So, the Democratic Party will have three regular members and one substitute member.

The Members of the Board of Elections serve a four-year term, direct and oversee the operations of the Elections Director and the other members of the staff. Sullivan and Garson will join the current Democratic members of the Board -- Sam Statland, President and Mary Carter-Williams, Vice President.



John Sullivan



Jerry Garson