

Notice to Woman's Democratic Club Membership 2015-2017 Slate of Officers

The WDC nominating committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2015-2017. All members present at the June 4 general membership meeting may vote on the slate. Biographies for the proposed officers follow.

President: Linda Kolko
1st Vice President: Betsy Loyless
2nd Vice President: Riki Poster Sheehan
3rd Vice President: Almina Khorakiwala
Secretary: Bonnie Wicklund
Treasurer: Judith Heimann

Linda Kolko, President.

Political: First Vice President of the WDC. Volunteered for 2014 MD Democratic Gubernatorial and Attorney General campaigns; 2012 Obama campaign, Takoma Park Maryland Neighborhood Team Leader; OFA, Greater Silver Chapter, manager of immigration reform issues team; Co-campaign manager, Kay Daniels-Cohen's campaign for Takoma Park's Ward 3 Councilmember, 2011 and 2013. **Professional:** Forty years of federal service including 20 years at the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), serving as interim president, Vice President for Operations, Vice President for Programs, and Vice President for External Affairs, where she managed the IAF's corporate outreach program. Worked for 18 years at the Peace Corps in various capacities including serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Belize, Deputy Director in Belize and Jamaica; Deputy Director of the Africa Region. **Volunteer:** Treasurer of the Board of the International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights. Volunteer coordinator for the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Shared Use Community Kitchen. Executive Committee of the Potomac Pedalers Bicycle Club. **Education:** BS in Mathematics Education, University of Vermont.

Betsy Loyless, First Vice-President.

Political: Woman's Democratic Club, 2013-to present, co-chair of Membership & Outreach Committee; Volunteer Fundraiser, Obama for America, 2012; Voter Outreach, Fundraising, and Constituency Networking for Carter, Mondale and Gore Campaigns. **Professional:** Environmental & political consultant; former Donal C. O'Brien Chair for Birds & Wildlife & Sr. V.P. for Public Policy & Advocacy at the National Audubon Society; V.P. for Policy at the League of Conservation Voters; Political Director, League of Conservation Voters; Deputy Political Director, Sierra Club. Professional staff for several U.S. Senate and House campaigns, as well as Statewide and Mayoral campaigns. **Volunteer:** Alaska Wilderness League, 1998- to present, Treasurer, 2015; Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Association, 2010-to present, Secretary. **Education:** BA in Chinese History, University of Alabama.

Riki Poster Sheehan, Second Vice-President.

Political: Volunteer for numerous national, state and local campaigns including events coordination, fundraising and door-to-door canvassing. Speaker prep staff for the 2012 Democratic Convention in Charlotte, NC. Long-time WDC member including 2 years on board as program co-chair. **Professional:** *Sheehan Associations, Inc.* – senior analyst. *U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee*- Professional staff/budget analyst. *U.S. Senate personal staff*– legislative assistant and projects director. *Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation*- Information Specialist. Consulting work for Pew Charitable Trusts and John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Volunteer:** The Hospitality and Information Service for Diplomats (THIS); American Institute for Stuttering (AIS) annual gala organizer, NYC. **Education:** BS in Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University.

Almina Khorakiwala, Third Vice President.

Political: Board Member of Emerge Maryland; Former member of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC); Delegate to the 2012 DNC for President Obama; Former Co-Chair of the Asian American Pacific Islander Diversity Leadership Council for the Maryland Democratic State Party. **Professional:** Events Marketing Manager for Microsoft, former Vice President at The Walker Marchant Group, former aide to Senator Barbara Boxer. **Volunteer:** 2013 Graduate of Leadership Montgomery, Former Chair of the Women's Information Network (WIN); Former President of Alpha Chi Omega alumnae chapter (Washington, DC/Maryland). **Education:** University of California, Irvine; BS in Political Science; George Washington University; Certificate in Event Management

Bonnie K. Wicklund, Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Political: Democratic Party chair of Precinct 7-32 in District 18. **Professional:** Montgomery County Public Libraries (retired in 2008). **Volunteer:** Woman's Democratic Club, Library of Congress on the visitor information desks. **Education:** BA in History, University of Denver; MLS, University of Maryland.

Judith Heimann, Treasurer.

Political: Precinct chair; Democratic election judge; numerous campaigns. **Professional:** Lecturer in Zoology, Researcher in Bacteriology; Legislative Aide to Board of Education. **Civic:** Various County Committees (e.g. Charter Committee, Bicentennial Committee, Ethics Committee); Planning Board MNCPPC 1979-87; Chair, Montgomery County Board of Appeals, 1987-95. **Volunteer:** President, League of Women Voters (LWV) of MOCO; Board of Directors U.S. LWV. Awards: Various citations including a gubernatorial citation. **Education:** Germany, Switzerland, England; University of Arizona, BA in Bacteriology.

Submitted by WDC Nominating Committee on April 25, 2015.

Carmela Cowgill, Chair

Janet Lowenthal, Lucile Freeman, Margaret Hadley, Jean Kahl