



The ORMD Monthly

3rd Edition

May 2019

Editor's note:

We are happy to bring you the third edition of ORMD Monthly. Our mission is to report on a few of Our Revolution Maryland's activities over the previous month as well as interesting upcoming events. Please email items relating to ORMD activities email ourrevmaryland@gmail.com subject "Newsletter". For up to the minute information, please browse to www.ourrevolutionmd.com.

Maryland's New House Speaker

Maryland's Democratic Delegates held an election May 1 to determine who would replace the late Speaker of the House **Michael E. Busch**. Competition between Baltimore liberal **Maggie McIntosh** and Prince George's County centrist **Dereck Davis** caused tensions between Democratic Delegates to rise to near boiling point.

In response to the specter of one candidate winning the Speakership, after losing the Democratic vote, with support from every House Republican, Our Revolution Maryland led the chorus on the left calling for Democrats to unite.

Our Revolution Maryland President **Bob Muehlenkamp** wrote a [statement](#) in support of Maryland's Democratic Party Chair **Maya Rockey Moore Cummings'** call for unity.

Fortunately, the party came together behind Delegate **Adrienne Jones**. Our Revolution Maryland is optimistic that Delegate Jones will prove to be an excellent Speaker. You can read President Muehlenkamp's reaction to the historic ascension of an African American woman to the Speakership of the House of Delegates [here](#).



Congratulations Speaker Jones!

State

ORMD's New Officers

You elected our new state-wide officers in April. A 3-person committee of **Chris Izzo**, Chair, **Marylin Pierre**, and **Paul Butterworth**, oversaw the election in April. Results were announced April 28.

Chair/President – **Bob Muehlenkamp**

Treasurer - **Jimmy Tarlau**

Secretary – **Nabulungi (Nabi) Akinshegun**

State Organizing Director – **Keanuu Smith Brown**

Member at Large – **Ed Fischman**

In the News

ORMD officers and members were all over the media in April.



Laura Kaplan-Weissman, M.D., on CNN

ORMoCo member Dr. **Laura Kaplan-Weissman** asked Democratic Presidential hopeful Jay Inslee about his support for Medicare-for-All during CNN's April 10 Townhall.

Sheila Ruth in the Baltimore Sun

OR-Baltimore Co-Chair **Sheila Ruth's** op-ed calling for the Baltimore City Council to raise taxes was published in the April 22 Baltimore Sun.



Chapters

Anne Arundel - New chapter!

A group of dedicated Anne Arundel County activists have joined together to re-form Anne Arundel's Chapter and we couldn't be happier. The first meeting is scheduled 4pm, May 5, at **Vida Taco Bar** 541 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD 21146. If you're interested, please email State Organizer Hal Ginsberg at ourrevmaryland@gmail.com or just come to the meeting!

Montgomery County

ORMoCo members hosted and attended a number of successful Bernie Kickoff parties.

The next May Chapter Meeting will be Saturday the 18th at the Rockville Public Library.

More Chapter News

Howard County



Howard County reports a very successful Bernie Sanders kickoff event on April 27. Their next Chapter Meeting is May 8 at Grotto Pizza in Columbia, 7 - 8:30 pm. For more details, click [here](#).

HoCo is sponsoring a showing of the movie Shock & Awe about the run-up to the Iraq War on May 18 at the Elkridge Library 2 - 4:15. For more information, click [here](#).

Western Maryland

Western Maryland has a very exciting May 11 event - [Frederick County and Climate Change](#) - planned at the C. Burr Artz Public Library from 2 - 4pm. A great panel of experts and leaders will discuss how global warming is impacting **Frederick County** and what steps can be taken to address it.

Baltimore

The Baltimore chapter's Bernie Sanders Kickoff event, hosted by Steering Committee members **Suzannah Mullen** and **Justin Sindall**, on April 27 boasted 35-40 attendees.

Coffee and Conversation is scheduled for Saturday May 4, 11 - 1pm, at Charmington's, 2601 N. Howard Street.

Baltimore's May Chapter meeting will take place May 18, Saturday, at the Waverly Library from 12:30 - 2:30pm. Special Guest is Baltimore County Executive Johnny "O".



Johnny Olszewski

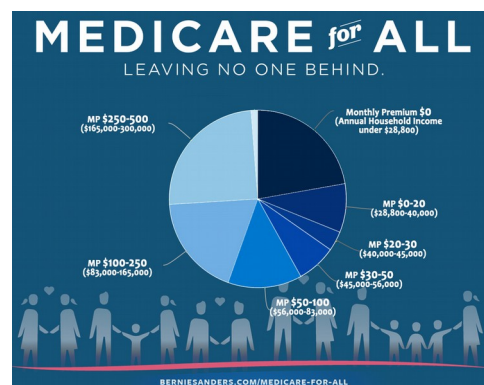
Prince George's

Prince George's steering committee members attended three separate Bernie Sanders kickoff events to gather Bernie supporters into our fold. Several kickoff attendees, some new to OR, came to the general membership meeting the following day for a spirited discussion on Prince George's politics and how Bernie's issues fit into local needs. It was great energy and moving forward was the catchword. We're looking forward to creating canvassing materials and hitting farmers markets. Join our Facebook group to connect to others. Stay tuned for the date for the next meeting.

Legislative News

Medicare-for-All

Our Revolution Maryland is a leader in the fight for single-payer healthcare. As mentioned on p.2, **Dr. Laura Kaplan-Weissman** appeared at a CNN Townhall to question Washington State Governor Jay Inslee about his commitment to healthcare as a human right. Dr. Kaplan-Weissman also represented Our Revolution Maryland on April 30 when she and other activists lobbied Congressman Steny Hoyer and Senator Chris Van Hollen.



On April 17, ORMoCo member **Janny Musselman** bird-dogged **Congressman David Trone** at Botanero Restaurant in Rockville when she asked him to support the Jayapal-Dingell Medicare-for-All bill. Likewise, State Organizer **Hal Ginsberg** asked **Senator Van Hollen** why Democrats weren't lining up to sponsor Bernie Sanders' companion legislation. You can watch the deeply unsatisfying responses of these two Maryland Democrats on the [Videos](#) page at www.ourrevolutionmd.com. If you'd like to work with us on healthcare issues, please email ourrevmaryland@gmail.com, subject: Healthcare.

Environment

We are co-sponsoring the I-495/I-270 Townhall Sunday May 5 hosted by **Councilmember Tom Hucker** at the Silver Spring Civic Center 11 - 1pm. Activists are converging to discuss how to stop the Governor's awful plan to super-size and privatize the DC Beltway in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and I-270. ORMoCo member **Dayo Akinsheye** will be speaking on behalf of **Our Revolution Maryland**.

If you'd like to work with us on environmental issues, please email ourrevmaryland@gmail.com, subject: Environment.



I-495 / I-270 TOWNHALL

Sunday, May 5 from 11am-1pm
at the Silver Spring Civic Building

Attend to make your voice heard before a critical Board of Public Works vote on the project. The event is hosted by Councilmember Tom Hucker, with speakers including County Executive Marc Elrich, Council President Nancy Navarro, State Delegate Kumar Barve, Carol Rubin, and community advocates.

RSVP at bit.ly/beltwaytownhall

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