

**President (2-year term) (vote for 1)**

**Karen Hochberg**

Karen is running for Club President. As president, Karen will work to make sure the 14WIDC endorsement and voter's guides continue to educate citizens on the best progressive candidates seeking office. She also hopes to expand the Club's influence by convening important conversations on important progressive topics. Karen will work to create a climate where new ideas are welcomed and we collaborate with other community groups to inspire people to vote and keep elected officials accountable for good government.

Karen has actively participated in the Club for many years as Secretary and recently 3rd Vice President. She is the elected Democratic Committeewoman for 14-30. Karen helped to start the Indivisible Pittsburgh Chapter and has been instrumental in planning the local March for Truth and the Women's Marches. She believes the 14WIDC has the reputation as the independent convener that interviews and conducts candidate forums, which empowers our members to endorse candidates who share our progressive values. She has been proud to join with the fellow board members who do so much to keep our politics independent and honest.

Karen has held leadership roles in government serving as a press secretary and chief-of-staff, was the marketing director for a large nursing association, and currently is the executive director of the Plum Community Center. She earned a master's degree in professional leadership from Carlow University.

**2nd Vice President (2-year term) (vote for 1)**

**Liz Healey**

Liz has been committed to diversity and progressive issues for years. That is why she ran for and served on the School Board for 8 years, and why she founded the Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center, a nonprofit that started in Pittsburgh and grew to be statewide. She is a longstanding member of the Club Board and the Democratic Committee Member in 14-24. She has worked for numerous progressive candidates. She cares deeply about health care reform, protecting our environment, and social and economic justice.

**3rd Vice President (1-year term due to vacancy mid-term) (vote for 1)**

**Krycia Kubiak**

I've been an attorney for 25 years and have lived in Squirrel Hill since 2009. I've worked on numerous political campaigns, starting with President Obama in 2008. I was on the Board previously, but had to step away for family reasons. I was honored to help moderate a number of debates hosted during the Barbara Daly Danko Political Forum during that time. I would like to work to help this Club continue to educate on vital issues and organize events.

## **Secretary (2-year term) (vote for 1)**

### **Mac Booker**

Mac is a lawyer who lives in Squirrel Hill with his wife, Kate, and three children. He spent a number of years working in Democratic politics, both inside and outside of Pittsburgh, before attending Pitt Law. Races he worked on in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas include Pittsburgh Mayoral, Pittsburgh City Council, and Allegheny County Council. Further-flung races include races for US Senate and Governor in South Carolina and Alabama, and US Congressional races in Alabama, Michigan, and Central Pennsylvania. He also worked with the Pennsylvania League of Young Voters, as a field organizer and field director. While Mac is no longer in politics professionally, he remains active, and hopes to work with the 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club to improve governance and insure justice in Pittsburgh, as well as in Pennsylvania and the United States more generally.

## **Board (2-year term) (vote for up to 7)**

### **Theresa Chalich**

As a registered nurse with years of public health and mental health nursing, I have centered my clinical care and community organizing work on ensuring the accessibility and the availability of comprehensive health care. I became involved in the securing of and advocating for health care when the steel industry and its infrastructures declined in the 1980s. I was a co-founder of the Homestead Rainbow Kitchen Community Center in the early 1980s. Simultaneously, I was pursuing a Master's in Public Health at Pitt. For my master's thesis, I conducted a household survey in Homestead to determine the health care needs during this period of increased unemployment. An impact of steel job losses was that health insurance is connected to employment. No job, no health care coverage was my lightning rod for action. For me, a one seamless national health care plan to end the for-profit industry was the solution. Clinically, I founded a free health care clinic in 1991, the Rainbow Health Center that was transitioned to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in 1998. Politically, I extended my work with health care and advocacy-related programs and projects with the aim of organizing others to become engaged. Currently, I am pursuing Medicare for All, a national and universal health care plan, through the statewide initiative Health Care 4 All. During this Covid-19 pandemic, I actively volunteered with the Nurses of PA. This statewide group presented *The Nurse Plan for PA's Recovery* in the early months of the pandemic. A goal of the plan was to secure support for it and action on it from all levels of state government. Theresa is a Democratic Committee member in 14-33.

### **Sabina Deitrick**

Sabina is a 21 year resident of the 14th ward, a 30 year resident of Pittsburgh, and long time Club member, as well as a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh. She serves on the City of Pittsburgh Planning Commission and is a board member of the Steel Valley Authority. Sabina would be honored to serve the Club as a board member and work for the continued activism and involvement of the Club in coming elections and critical issues.

### **Marvin Leibowitz**

I am an attorney with a downtown law practice with a focus on bankruptcy, civil litigation, criminal, law, and social security. I have been involved in progressive causes

all my life. I have been a member of the 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club board and an Allegheny County Democratic Committeeman for a long period of time; I was elected in May 2018 to my fourth term as a State Democratic Committeeman.

### **Jane Louik**

As a registered nurse, Jane worked in clinical nursing at West Penn and Presby hospitals, taught prepared childbirth classes at Magee-Womens Hospital, and volunteered at the Pittsburgh Free Clinic. She has registered with the Commonwealth's Department of Health to administer COVID-19 vaccinations when supply becomes available. In addition to nursing, Jane worked as an attorney. While now retired, she volunteers with Casa San Jose to provide legal representation to those detained by ICE at its Southside Pittsburgh facility. Jane served as the Democratic Committeewoman for the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward, 11<sup>th</sup> District, from the 80's until 2001 and worked on the campaigns of McGovern through Biden. As a Club board member, she would continue to pursue the election of progressive candidates and would recruit younger Democrats to become involved in the Club's membership and leadership. Jane and her husband Michael have been involved in the Club for at least four decades. Their children and now grandchildren have been imprinted with the Club's iconic yellow flyer, the same yellow flyer we rely upon. She thanks you for your consideration.

### **Christine Milcarek**

Chris was born in Pittsburgh on the South Side near J&L, attended Duquesne University, Johns Hopkins, and MIT. She returned to Pittsburgh in 1983 and has lived in Squirrel Hill ever since. She taught medical and graduate students at Pitt and retired in 2019 as Professor Emerita of Immunology. She is married to Robert Baron, who she met in Boston. They have two children who attended Allderdice and went to western PA schools for higher education. The family attends First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh where Chris is part of the folk orchestra, choir, and an environmental action group. Chris' hobbies include fiber arts like knitting, crocheting, and quilting for charity. She has been a life-long democrat having first voted for Hubert Humphrey for President in 1968. She has been Democratic Committee woman in the 14<sup>th</sup> ward, 21<sup>st</sup> district for several years. She believes in justice, equity, and compassion.

### **Caroline Mitchell**

I'm a lawyer of 4 decades' experience, a former assistant DA, and assistant general counsel for Pa. Human Relations Commission. (I'm also an engineer and taught 30 years at CMU.) I served 9 years on the bar association's Judiciary Committee, and 10 years on election boards. I'm on ACLU Pittsburgh's Legal Committee (and was a cooperating lawyer on ACLU's recent 4th amendment search and seizure case, and on its injunction against a school district for eliminating the special needs program 2 days before school started.) I volunteer in county Election Court providing nonpartisan voter assistance. My law practice is *pro bono* zoning and election law. I'm on State Democratic Committee for Jay Costa's SD 43, and am committee woman in 14-38. Dems won 2 US Senate seats for a New Georgia. I'd be honored to be a board member of The 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club to work towards a new Pa.

### **Ed Wrenn**

I have enjoyed being on the board during the past 2 years. I am on the steering committee of PASUP (Pittsburghers Against Single-Use Plastic) and have appreciated the opportunity with other members to make our 2019 (with 2020 having been virtual) annual fund-raiser and endorsement meetings as "zero waste" as feasible and to bring

attention to issues with the Shell cracker plant during last year's Barbara Daly Danko Forum. I am a family medicine trained hospitalist, but I have transitioned to "casual status" this year in order to pursue outside interests including politics and especially co-founding a sustainable landscaping company. I have been active in canvassing for federal, state and local candidates. I enthusiastically encourage others to become more active in our often frustrating, rarely boring, precious democratic republic.

### **Chris Zurawsky**

Chris Zurawsky is a past president of the 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club and was a candidate for city council in 2011. He is a long-standing Allegheny County Democratic Committee member (14-38) and is employed as communications director for the Pittsburgh-based Association of American Cancer Institutes, a national advocacy organization with 102 member cancer centers. Chris grew up in Brentwood and has lived in Squirrel Hill since 1998 with his wife and two sons.

### **Board (1-year term due to board vacancies mid-term) (vote for up to 3)**

#### **Julie Freeman**

Julie has been involved in progressive politics all of her life and comes by the interest naturally. Her mother, Janet Kreisman, was one of the founding members of the Club in 1964. Julie is a lawyer who has worked for the Court of Common Pleas, PA Supreme Court, in private practice, and now as in-house counsel to a medical school where she also teaches. She has used her organization skills on too many tasks to count for the Club including a stint as President, revision of the Club bylaws, editing newsletters, and helping to plan and execute Club activities. She is a Democratic Committee member in 14-14 and was an attorney on the Democratic election protection team for three U.S. presidential elections. Julie appreciates the friends that she has made in this journey to work grassroots politics and hopes to continue to expand the reach and effectiveness of the Club in promoting progressive candidates for office.

#### **Saleem Khan**

I am a long-time resident of Point Breeze and actively involved in promoting progressive causes. I am a 14th Ward Democratic Committee member and I also serve on the Board of the 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club. I am a grassroots organizer and my house has served as the staging location for various local, state and national campaigns.

#### **Kathie Smith**

Hi. I am a current board member, and a proud liberal and feminist. I am also a member of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee. Most of my political effort has been to help elect liberal women to local, state and national offices. I believe the Club provides a much-needed progressive voice in local Democratic politics, and I hope I can continue to be on the board. Thank you for considering me.