



PITTSBURGH 14th WARD INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

THE LONGEST STANDING COMMUNITY BASED INDEPENDENT POLITICAL CLUB

January 2021

14WIDC 2021 CALENDAR

Annual Meeting

Justice Is on the Ballot

Sunday, January 31 2021

2:00 PM Virtually

Zoom link emailed Jan 30

Endorsement Meeting

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Virtually on Zoom

Primary Election

Tuesday, May 18, 2021



14WIDC Officers and Board Members

*Term expires Jan 21, 2021

Ron Gaydos* *President*

Mary Hall

1st Vice President

Liz Healey* *2nd Vice President*

Karen Hochberg

3rd Vice President

Noel Walkington

Treasurer

Mac Booker* *Secretary*

Kathie Smith

Past President

Tracy Baton

*Miriam DeRiso**

*Julie Freeman**

*Laurie Heller**

*Saleem Khan**

Terri Klein

*Marvin Leibowitz**

*Heidi Norman**

*Ed Wrenn**

Justice Is on the Ballot 2021

This year's Spring Primary affords us a unique opportunity: the ability to respond to the stark reality of social and racial injustice with our vote. With the candidates for Mayor, City Council, School Board, County Sheriff, Magisterial District Judge, and Common Pleas and Appellate Courts all on the ballot, it is time to view this election through the lens of Justice. The Barbara Daly Danko Political Forum this year will be devoted to exactly that.

Discussion will include ending cash bail, electing anti-racist judges, police and

public safety, and our vote. Members are creating a video highlighting "Activities in the 14th Ward that Bend the Arc Towards Justice." Speakers will include David Harris and Jerry Dickinson of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law; and Jam Hammond of the City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations.

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Need Your Email Address to Send You Links for Annual Meeting and Board Elections

It is vital that we have email addresses for every registered Democratic voter in your household so each member can receive the link to the Annual Meeting and the link to vote at the meeting on Board elections and Club Constitution and Bylaws amendments. Send emails for your household members to: noel.walkington@gmail.com Put household members email addresses in the body of the message. **Your 2021 dues must be paid before the Annual Meeting to be eligible to vote.**

Pay online line at pgh14widc.org/about-us/join-the-14widc/ or mail your check to the address on the back.

Watch for the link in your email on January 30th

2021 Club Board Election: Run, Baby, Run!

Want to make a difference in local politics and government? Consider active participation as a member of the 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club Board. The 2021 Club Board will be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 31st. Any voting member in good standing is eligible to run for a two-year term on the Club Board. The board focuses on planning the Annual Meeting, organizing the Endorsement Meeting, and producing the Voter Guide. You are encouraged to step forward and put your name in nomination for the Club Board.

This year the Club membership will elect: President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Board Members (seven 2-year terms; three 1-year terms to fill vacancies).

If you would like to join the Board, email your name and office you are running for, and any questions to Julie Freeman, Chair of the Nominations Committee at juliefreeman@hotmail.com on or before January 17, 2021.

14th Ward Independent Democratic Club

The longest standing independent community-based political club

c/o Noel Walkington, Treasurer
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Pittsburgh, PA 15208-2815

www.pgh14widc.org

www.facebook.com/groups/PGH14WIDC/



Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 2021
2:00 Welcome and Program

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Virtually on Zoom



Your email?

Dear Club Member—we need your email to send you the link to the annual meeting. Please send your email address to Club Treasurer Noel Walkington noel.walkington@gmail.com

14WIDC 2020 Financial Report

Balance January 1, 2020 \$15,375

Income \$8,172
Dues, Fundraiser and Contributions from elected officials

Expenditures (\$14,758)
Mailing, Annual and Endorsement Meetings

Balance December 31, 2020 \$8,790

UPCOMING EVENT

See what we can do when we organize!

**Pittsburgh Racial Justice Summit
January 22—23, 2021**

pittsburghracialjusticesummit.org/

Club Dues and Membership Information

The 2021 Club membership dues can be paid before the Annual Meeting on January 31st, online or by sending a check. Dues are \$15 for an individual; \$25 for a family (includes all registered Democratic voters in the household). Only registered Democrats living in the 14th ward can be voting club members and therefore can vote in the board election and for constitution/bylaws amendments. Registered Democrats living elsewhere can join as Non-Voting Associate Members.

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Dues must pay dues prior to the Annual Meeting to vote in Board elections and for constitution and bylaw proposals.

Club Virtual Candidate Endorsement Meeting

Save the date – Sunday, March 21st

To vote at the endorsement meeting new or lapsed members must pay 2021 dues on or before January 20th. If the constitution/bylaws amendments are passed, then the date is February 4th.

Lapsed members are those prior members who did not pay dues in 2019 or 2020.

Election 2021: Setting Policy and Shaping the Courts

At the March Club Endorsement Meeting we will decide candidates for Club endorsement for important races for the May Primary. Those offices are listed below. The Club will be endorsing candidates for:

Judicial Offices

PA Superior Court

PA Commonwealth Court

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

Magisterial District Judge—05-2-35

Allegheny County

Sheriff

City of Pittsburgh

Mayor

City Council—District 8

School Board—Districts 1 & 5

See insert with Board Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Amendments