

## 14th Ward Independent Democratic Club

*The longest standing independent community-based political club*

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[www.pgh14widc.org](http://www.pgh14widc.org)

[www.facebook.com/groups/PGH14WIDC/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PGH14WIDC/)



### Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, February 6, 2022  
2:00 Welcome and Program

### Democracy is on the Ballot

Virtually on Zoom



### Your email?

We need your email to send your ballot for the Club Board election. Send your email address to Club Treasurer Noel Walkington

[noel.walkington@gmail.com](mailto:noel.walkington@gmail.com)

### 14WIDC 2021 Financial Report

Balance January 1, 2021 \$8,790

Income \$9,396  
Dues and Contributions

Expenditures (\$6,987)  
Mailing, Annual & Endorsement Meetings,  
Picnic

Balance December 31, 2021 \$11,199

### PA Redistricting

*U.S. Congress.* Progress on the development of a new PA map for Congressional districts is moving slowly. Pennsylvania will lose one U.S House seat beginning this year, dropping from 18 to 17 seats for the 2022 elections. Based on population growth in southeastern PA, it is anticipated that western PA will lose that seat. Boundaries of Congressional seats across the country are being redrawn based on the population as counted in the 2020 census. In Pennsylvania, a bill with the new boundaries will proceed through both chambers of the General Assembly and will then be signed into law by the Governor.

*PA State House and Senate.* The PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission redistricts both chambers. As we go to press the PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission, chaired by Mark Nordenberg, voted to approve the maps for both the PA House and the PA Senate for the 2022 state legislature. The Commission scheduled four public hearings on the PA Senate and PA House maps for the state legislature with the last public hearing on January 15, 2022. For updates on development of the PA map for the U.S. Congressional districts, and the PA House and Senate districts go to <https://www.fairdistrictspa.com/>

### Facebook LIVE

*Interviews with Congressional Candidates*

January 13: Jerry Dickinson

January 20: Summer Lee

January 27: Steve Irwin

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Indivisible Grassroots Pittsburgh  
Indivisible Forest Hills

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3085750785087452?ref=newsfeed>

### Club Endorsement Meeting

Save the date – Sunday, March 27

To vote at the endorsement meeting new or lapsed members must pay 2022 dues on or before February 10th. Lapsed members are those prior members who did not pay dues in 2020 or 2021.

### Election 2022: Impacting Congress and State Government

At the May primary we will be selecting Democratic candidates for Congress, state government, and state and local Democratic Committee members. The Club endorsement will have increased impact in these mid-term elections. The Club will be endorsing candidates for:

#### Congress

U.S. Senate

U.S. Congress, 18<sup>th</sup> District (district number and boundary will change with reapportionment)

#### State

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

PA House – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Districts (district numbers and boundaries may change)

PA State Democratic Committee



# PITTSBURGH 14<sup>th</sup> WARD INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

THE LONGEST STANDING COMMUNITY BASED INDEPENDENT POLITICAL CLUB

January 2022

## 14WIDC 2022 CALENDAR

**FB LIVE Interviews with Congressional Candidates**  
January 13, 20 & 27, 2022

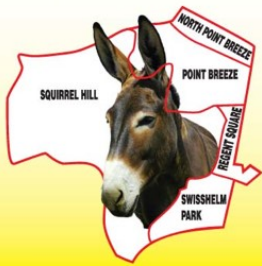
**Annual Meeting  
Democracy Is on the Ballot**  
Sunday, February 6, 2022  
2:00 PM Virtually

**Barbara Daly Danko Forum  
U.S. Senate Candidates**  
Sunday March 20, 2022

**Club Endorsement Meeting**  
Sunday, March 27, 2022  
Schenley Skating Rink

**Primary Election**  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

**Club Picnic**  
Sunday, June 12, 2022  
Vietnam Vets Schenley



## 14WIDC Officers and Board Members

\*Term expires Feb 6, 2022

Karen Hochberg  
*President*

**Mary Hall\***  
*Vice President for Annual Meeting*  
Liz Healey  
*Vice President for Endorsement*

**OPEN**  
*Vice President for Fundraising*  
Mac Booker  
*Secretary*

**Noel Walkington\***  
*Treasurer*  
Ron Gaydos  
*Past President*

**Tracy Baton\***  
Theresa Chalich  
Sabina Deitrick

**Julie Freeman\***  
**Saleem Khan\***

**Terri Klein\***

**Greg Kochanski\***  
Marvin Leibowitz  
Jane Louik  
Christine Milcarek

**Kathie Smith\***  
Ed Wrenn  
Chris Zurawsky

## Democracy is on the Ballot. The Fierce Urgency of Now

Barton Gelman, a journalist covering American Democracy for The Atlantic, warns that America's small "d" forces are not organizing fast enough to counter the anti-democratic forces that have overrun the Republican party. Links at: [pgh14widc.org/](https://pgh14widc.org/). We are those small "d" forces! We must actively work to increase voter turnout by confirming that every vote counts. In 2022, the Club and its friends must increase all of our efforts to engage our families, friends, and neighbors in the process of saving Democracy. We will kick off the year virtually with our **Annual Meeting on February 6, 2022**, featuring a panel discussion that will outline real threats to PA fair elections, including attempts to suppress the vote and wrest power away from the voters. Also, retiring Congressman Mike Doyle will be honored at the Annual Meeting.

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February 6, 2022  
2:00 PM

Link will be emailed

As a Club member, we know your commitment to researching issues and selecting candidates that best represent ethical, progressive governance. This year we will hold more forums, make more calls, knock on more doors, and passionately work to elect Democrats to every office. This year we must elect Democrats for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, and PA Governor.

## Pay your Club dues now!

Members who live in the 14th Ward need to pay their dues in advance of the Annual Meeting to vote for the Club Board at the Annual Meeting (to be done virtually) and to pay in time to vote in the Spring Club Candidate Endorsement process. Only registered Democrats living in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward can be Voting Club Members and therefore can vote in the board election and in the Club Endorsement. Registered Democrats living elsewhere can join as Non-Voting Associate Members.

Pay annual dues online at: <https://pgh14widc.org/about-us/join-the-14widc/>

Or mail your check payable to "14WIDC" to:

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\$15/year for Individual membership  
\$25/year for Household membership  
(includes all registered Democratic voters in the household)

## You are Invited to Run for the Club Board

If you would like to join the Club Board and you're a voting member of the Club (registered Democrat living in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward), email your name and office you are running for, and any questions to Julie Freeman, Chair of the Nominating Committee at [juliekfreeman@hotmail.com](mailto:juliekfreeman@hotmail.com) **on or before Monday, January 19, 2022.**

See the listing of the Board and Officers for positions on the ballot at the Annual Meeting. No incumbents are running for the Vice President for Fundraising, 2 two-year board positions, and 1 one-year board position.

## Need Separate Email Address for Each Member to Vote

See your mailing label with the number of email addresses we have for your membership. Each member of your household must have their own email address to receive their unique Club ballot and vote.

To add email addresses to your membership send a message to Noel Walkington at [noel.walkington@gmail.com](mailto:noel.walkington@gmail.com)