MD DEMS Weekly Newsletter

Chair Check-In

Happy Friday, Democrats! And an early Happy Father's Day to all the proud fathers across our state and to the newest father in our party - Executive Director Vincent Harrington!

I always look forward to writing this letter to you and there are a few things I want to cover this week so let's dive in.

While it is a week with Flag Day and Father's Day, Monday is also Juneteenth - a newer and long overdue federal holiday that offers the entire nation a chance to commemorate the emancipation of millions of Americans who were denied basic human and civil rights for generations. As President Biden said when he signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, "*Great nations don't ignore their most painful moments. They embrace them. Great nations don't walk away. We come to terms with the mistakes we made. The truth is, it's simply not enough just to commemorate Juneteenth... To honor the true meaning of Juneteenth, we have to continue toward that promise because we've not gotten there yet.*"

That last part - *because we've not gotten there yet* - is key. We have work to do. For every slow, deliberate, delayed step our nation has made in the fight for equality, we are reminded there are plenty more steps ahead of us. The goal of this nation since its birth has been to create '*a more perfect union*' meaning our American experiment is never fully perfect or complete. We always have more work to do, more progress to be made. Complacency is the enemy of progress, and on equality above all other issues, we simply cannot afford to stop here. We celebrate freedom, we remember the blight and sacrifice it took to achieve that, and we honor those generations of Black Americans who were never given a fighting chance for a life with liberty or the pursuit of happiness by lifting voices that have been hushed, and by moving our state to be a more just and equal home for all Marylanders.

Next week also marks one year since the Supreme Court made a historically tragic decision to overturn Roe v Wade. As Marylanders, as Americans, as women, and as

human beings we were beyond disappointed when we heard the news. Since that day we have fought back against this partisan decision which was a culmination of decades of work by the Republican Party to deny a woman the right to make decisions about her own body and reproductive healthcare. Our leaders in Annapolis took the lead during Session and we will continue to be a safe haven for reproductive rights. This week, and every week, we must rededicate ourselves to this fight. We simply cannot go back. No nation on this planet should give more rights to gun owners than to women.

Now, on a lighter note, we're less than a week from the biggest event of the year - our annual Maryland Democratic Party Gala honoring our friend, the great Steny Hoyer. It's going to be an incredible night in Baltimore with our Governor and federal delegation joining us, and our Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries making the trip up from Congress to help give Congressman Hoyer the acknowledgement and appreciation he so richly deserves. If you haven't secured a ticket already, I strongly encourage you to get one before they run out. I love when we have an opportunity to bring our Democratic colleagues together from each region of the state, and to combine our state and federal leaders in one room. I cannot wait to see you all there.

In Unity & Solidarity,
Yvette Lewis

Events & Announcements

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GALA 2023

HONORING

CONGRESSMAN
STENY HOYER

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

MINORITY LEADER
HAKEEM JEFFRIES

Martin's West

6817 DOGWOOD RD,
BALTIMORE, MD 21244

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND

VIP RECEPTION 6:00PM

GENERAL RECEPTION 6:30 PM | MAIN EVENT 7:00PM

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Latino Democrats of Prince George's County

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023
10AM TO 11:30AM
VIRTUAL MEETING

LATINO DEMOCRATS OF PRINCE GEORGE`S COUNTY

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2023 Training Series

So You Want To Run For Office?

TUESDAY JUNE 27TH 2023

IN THIS TRAINING, WE WILL DISCUSS ISSUES TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU RUN FOR OFFICE, WHAT STEPS TO FIRST TAKE, AND HOW TO SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS!

VIRTUAL EVENT **7:00PM-8:30PM**

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Chair Lewis spoke to Democrats at the Frederick County Central Committee Annual Dinner with a clear message: We haven't come this far just to come this far, we have work to do.

We were honored to host Kentucky Democratic Party Chair Colmon Elridge who attended as the keynote speaker for the Frederick County Central Committee Annual Dinner.

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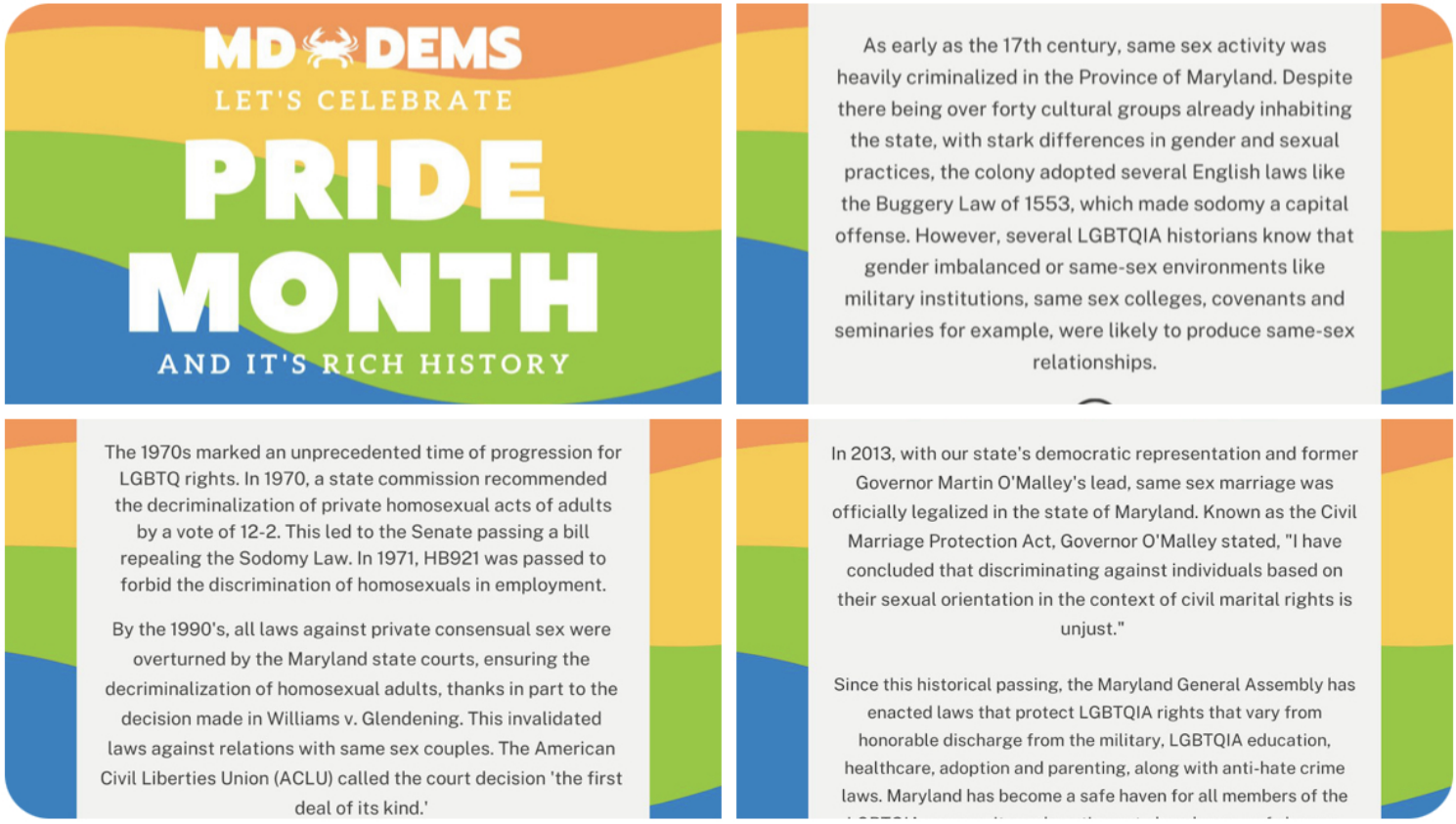
"It takes no compromise to give people their rights. It takes no money to respect the individual. It takes no survey to remove repressions."
-Harvey Milk.

This month the Maryland Democratic Party celebrates Pride Month and the LGBTQIA community's rich history and culture. #pride



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mddems This month, The Maryland Democratic Party celebrates African American Music Appreciation Month by honoring the amazing musicians and genres that are integral to American History. This week, we highlight Maryland's finest jazz musicians and their amazing contributions to American culture both on and off the stage. #swipeleft

June 7

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This month and every month, the Maryland Democratic Party celebrates our LGBTQ+ legislative members and the strides they've made to build a Maryland that's truly one for all. 🧵

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Replying to @mddems

Maggie McIntosh is a former city public school teacher & 1st woman in MD's history to serve as the Majority Leader in the HOD & 1st openly gay elected member of the MGA. She was named in the "Top 100 Women in Maryland" list in 3 seperate decades, and is widely respected.

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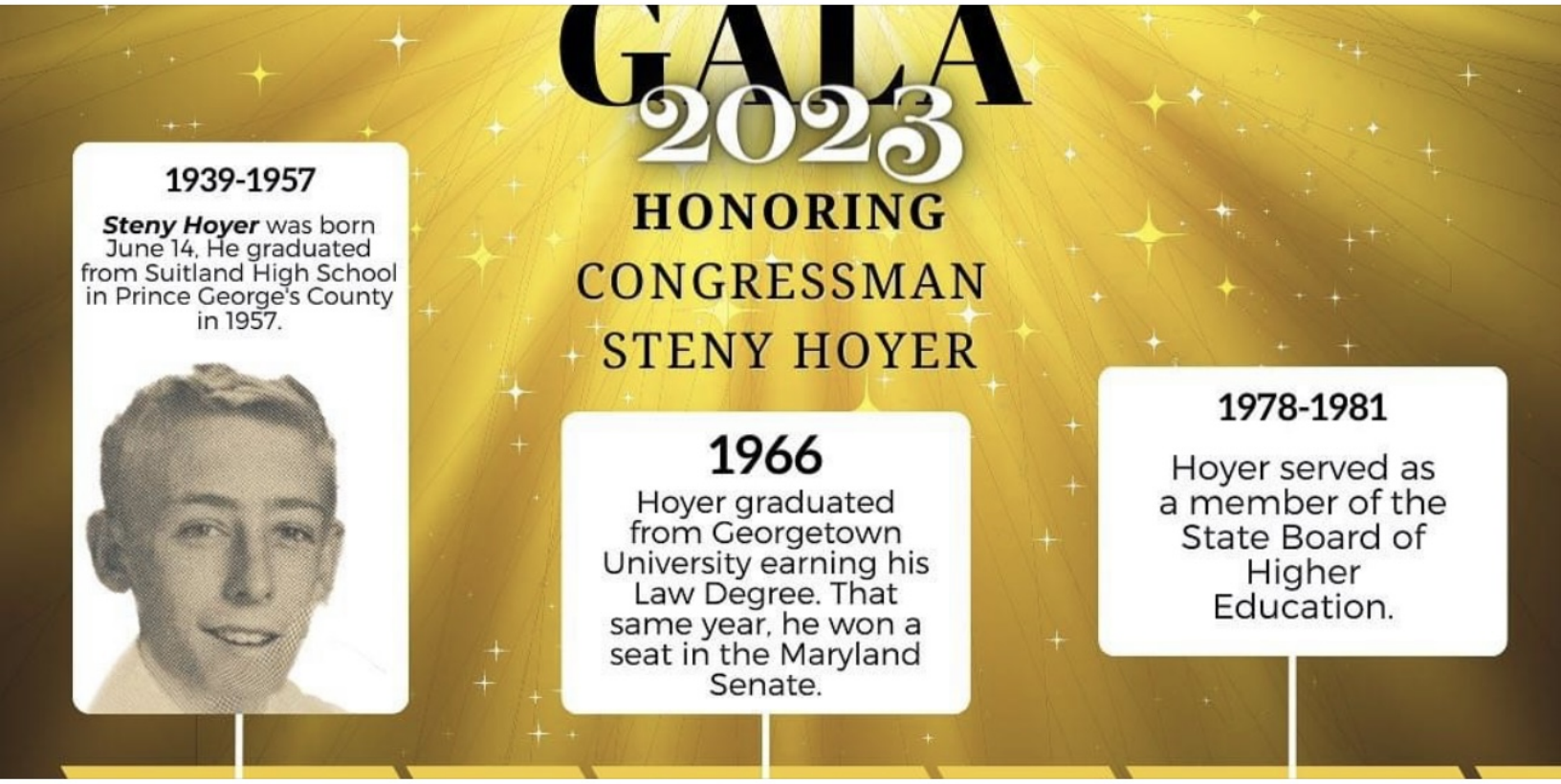
Happy Birthday, Congressman Steny Hoyer!

For over 60 years, Congressman Hoyer has dedicated his time and effort to his fellow Marylanders. To show him our appreciation, The Maryland Democratic Party will be honoring Congressman Hoyer at our annual Gala!



1981

In a special election, Hoyer joined the House of Representatives and won his reelection campaign as well.

1995-2000

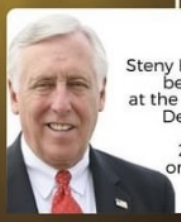
Hoyer served as Chief Candidate recruiter for the House Democrats.

2006

After the Midterm election, Democrats gained control of the House and Steny Hoyer was elected the Majority Leader.

2007-2011

Hoyer becomes the first Marylander to serve as Majority Leader and the highest ranking federal lawmaker in Maryland history



2023

Steny Hoyer will be honored at the Maryland Democratic Party's 2023 Gala on June 22.

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mddems Today and every day we honor the memory of all the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our great state and nation. We can never repay them for the sacrifices they have made, but we can honor them with our actions. We take today to reflect and remind ourselves that we are forever indebted to these service members and their families, and we strive to honor their memories each and every day.

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