

Lake of the Woods Democratic Club Newsletter

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The Annual Club Picnic!

The Pavilion shelter at the LOW Community Center has been reserved for the Club Picnic on Saturday, June 19th at 5 PM. Juneteenth – also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day – is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. Mark your calendars! We will have fried chicken and all the fixin's. Entertainment has been arranged. The charge will be \$12 per person. This will be our first in-person gathering since the pandemic. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Meet the Candidates!

Jennifer Heinz, our Program Chairman, has scheduled Terry McAuliffe, who is running for Governor of Virginia for our next meeting. McAuliffe previously served as Governor of Virginia from 2014 to 2018. In 2017, McAuliffe was named "Public Official of the Year" by Governing magazine in recognition of his economic development work, including the creation of 200,000 new jobs in the state and a drop in unemployment. During his term, unemployment fell from 5.4% to 3.6% and personal income rose by 12.3% ***Please note: This Zoom meeting time has been changed to 1 PM on Wednesday, April 14.**

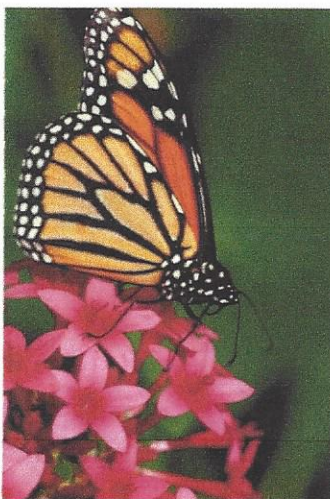
New Project for the Environment Committee

Jeanne Allen is the new Environment Committee Chairman. According to the Environmental Defense Fund, a top rated charity that has been working to protect the environment and wildlife since 1967, more than 90% of the Monarch butterfly population has been wiped out in North America due to habitat loss.

How can we help? The Monarch butterfly only lays its eggs on milkweed. Without milkweed, you don't have Monarchs. Jeanne has been working with Grant, the LOW grounds keeper, to identify where we can plant a butterfly garden in the common areas.

Did you know that the volunteer gardeners at Montpelier planted milkweed in 2019 and Monarch butterflies now come to visit? After the eggs laid hatch, the caterpillar lives on the leaves of the milkweed. Then eventually turns into the orange and black butterfly.

You can join Jeanne in this and other projects. Contact her at: JeanneMAllen23@gmail.com or call her at 540-972-9262



Democratic Club Book Club

Join us Thursday, March 18th at 7 PM as the Democratic Club Book Club discusses *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson.

This book explores the divisions in American society. It guides us in re-examining our culture and politics. Even if you have not had a chance to read the entire book, you are welcome to join in the conversation.

Get ready for some interesting discussions. Want to join us on Zoom? Please contact the Book Club Chairman, Sheila Clark at: sheilaclark769@gmail.com or call 540-972-0305

Help for Patients at Mary Washington Hospital

Gerri Colucci, our Membership Chairman, remembered being hospitalized for surgery. She brought her cell phone so she could talk to friends while recovering in her hospital bed. She was dismayed when she found her phone needed to be charged. She voiced her concern and a kind gentleman offered to give her his charger. With that in mind, Gerri took the initiative to gather cell phone chargers for other hospitalized patients. She managed to collect 25 chargers from club members and delivered these to the guest services representative at Mary Washington Hospital. Thanks Gerri for your random act of kindness!

