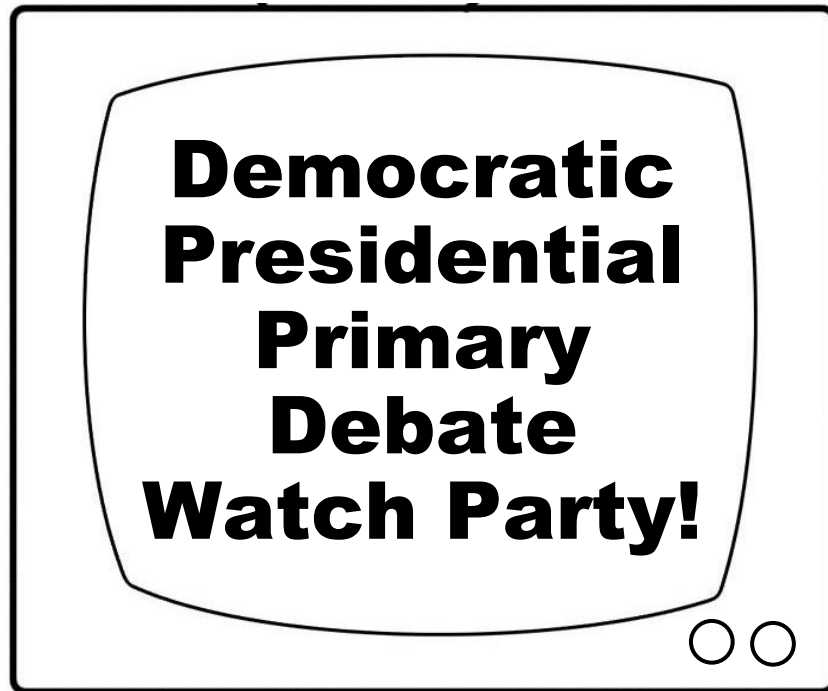

THE BROADWAY DEMOCRATS

♦ District Leaders: Curtis Arluck, Paula Diamond Román ♦ President: Noah Kaufman ♦



Tuesday, January 14

Join **Broadway Democrats** and
Three Parks Independent Democrats
to watch the seventh Democratic Presidential Primary Debate!

Debate starts at

8:00 pm

but come at **7:30 pm** to meet and greet

Casa Mexicana

894 Amsterdam Ave. (b/w W. 103 and W. 104)

RSVP here: tinyurl.com/debate-watch-1-14-20

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January General Meeting

Annual Club Elections

Please join us to elect club officers and twelve Steering Committee members. Nominees are listed in this newsletter, and additional nominations may be made from the floor.

To vote in Club Elections you must have attended at least one of the previous nine meetings and you must be current on your dues (seniors \$10; \$25 all others). Vote in person or by proxy.

Elections will be followed by a presentation on the Club's GoBlue 2020 initiative.

Please note: at our next meeting (Feb. 13) we'll be endorsing for Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, and other offices. In order to be eligible to vote on endorsements, you must have attended one of the Club's prior nine meetings and be current on your dues.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020

7:45 p.m. registration

Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. sharp!

Bank Street College

610 W. 112th Street (between Broadway and Riverside Drive)

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Annual Club Elections

The following club members seek seats on the 2020 Steering Committee (alphabetically):

Gretchen Borges
John George
Katie Hanner
David Isaacson
Noah Kaufman
Bob Liff**
Zoila Marte
Meika Musturangi
Joe Nunley
Mary Peppito**
Barbara Trelstad*/Luis Roman*
Dan Zweig

*if not elected Treasurer

**will run only if there are vacancies – others are encouraged to run!

The following club members are running for Club offices:

For President: Amy Porter

Amy Porter has served as Vice President for the last two years, on the Steering Committee for the last four years, and as a judicial delegate and county committee member for the Broadway Democrats. She is a coach, mediator and co-organizer for the Club's debate watch parties.

For Vice President: Susan Crawford

Susan Crawford has been a member of the Steering Committee for the past four years. During that time she has organized and moderated several forums, and has helped organize several "Spring Flings," our annual fundraiser. Her particular concerns include voting machine fraud and expanding ground-level participation in decisions that affect all of us. She is also Director of The Right to Read Project.

For Secretary: Richard Seigel

Richard A. Siegel has been a member of the Steering Committee for over 10 years. He is a former President of the Broadway Democrats.

Richard is the Director of Social Work at Metropolitan Hospital (one of the NYC public hospitals). He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Hunter College (Silberman) School of Social Work. He is a fierce advocate for social justice.

For Treasurer: Luis Román

Luis Román has been a Broadway Democrats member since 1993. He's previously served as President, Treasurer and Secretary, as well as a judicial convention delegate and County Committee member. Luis grew up in Grant Houses and is a resident of Manhattan Valley, and he's been a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society, representing indigent defendants in Supreme Court and Criminal Court in the Bronx, for more than 25 years.

For Treasurer: Barbara Trelstad

Barbara Trelstad has been a member of the Steering Committee of the Broadway Democrats for 4 years. She has served as Secretary, County Committee member, and publisher of the monthly newsletter. She formerly served as Assistant Treasurer for a Congressional Campaign.

Nominations for Steering Committee and Officers may be made from the floor at the meeting:

**Thursday, January 16
8:00 p.m. (7:45 p.m. registration)
Bank Street College
610 W. 112th Street**

Remember: in order to vote in club elections, you must have attended at least one of the previous nine meetings, and you must be current on your dues:

**\$10 seniors
\$25 all others**



Announcements

Debate Watch Party – Tues., January 14, 7:30 pm

Our last debate watch party in December was at Casa Mexicana, where the food was delicious and the atmosphere festive. Each time we've held our debate watch parties, we see old friends and keep meeting new people from the neighborhood and all over the city. This time, we were visited by a few candidates running for political office, including, of course, my incredible co-organizer, State Committeeman Dan Cohen, who is also running for City Council.

We so much enjoyed watching the debate while having the restaurant all to ourselves that we have decided to hold our next debate watch party there again in January. Once again we are offering a rebate for new or returning Broadway Democrat memberships to those who save and give us a \$15 (or more) receipt from Casa Mexicana that night.

Julián Castro has now dropped out of the 2020 Presidential race. Marianne Williamson has laid off her entire campaign staff, but says she is remaining in the race. As of the time this newsletter is going to print, there are only five candidates who have qualified for the debate. They are Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar. Meanwhile the deadline to qualify for the debate is January 10. As the number of candidates diminishes, the debates have become more substantive and we have been learning much more about the remaining candidates.

You really don't want to miss this debate. So instead of watching it alone at home, why not walk a few blocks, have some dinner, a drink and come watch with us? Join Broadway Democrats, Three Parks Independent Democrats, and new and old friends at our seventh Debate Watch Party

- **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**
- **7:30 pm**
- **Casa Mexicana, 894 Amsterdam Ave.
(b/w W 104 & W 103)**

There is limited space at the restaurant, so to be sure to get a seat, arrive at 7:30 pm and register at: tinyurl.com/debate-watch-1-14-20

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Annual Club Elections – Thurs., January 16, 8:00pm

If you are a voting member of the Broadway Democrats and are interested in being on our Steering Committee, please get in touch with any of our Steering Committee officers, members or

District Leaders, or with Amy Porter at aporter.bwaydem@gmail.com.

Following our elections we will hear about upcoming Go Blue Activities from Mary Peppito and we will make plans to meet together to join in the New York City Women's Unity March on Saturday, January 18.

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Please stay tuned for our announcements, any last minute news or time changes to all our events by signing up for and following the Broadway Democrats listserv:

pairlist8.pair.net/mailman/listinfo/bwdupdates

Next week will be a busy one for Broadway Dems and I look forward to seeing many of you then!

The author, Amy Porter, is Vice President of the Broadway Democrats.



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I'm a Democrat!

Ed Sullivan

Timeo Ergo Sum – “I am afraid, therefore I am.” What a sad state of affairs this nation and this world have plunged themselves into. Not enough that we tremble ourselves to sleep each night, pulling the covers up tight around our necks as we gaze down into the tunnel of night, eyes wide shut, looking in vain for a glimmer of light. We are afraid of being who we are.

Are we in the United States going to bear witness to the end of our brave, bold country, a country that has taken in millions of the “wretched refuse” of the earth as immigrants and transformed them into world class champions of sport, politics, medicine, music and space exploration? In 1962, President Jack Kennedy challenged God to challenge us. We choose to do things, he proudly said, “not because they are easy but because they are hard.”

Now, in 2020, God has accepted our challenge. He has given us some hard tasks. He has given us an imbecile as President of our country and has said to us, “What are you going to do about it?”

God has emboldened former colonies and protectorates of France, England, Portugal and others to rebel against the United States as the super-rich heirs of their hated European masters, and has asked us, “What are you going to do about it?”

God has granted our children the wisdom to see, more clearly than their parents, that the economic structures that made Mom and Pop wealthy and powerful are soon going to destroy the very planet we call home, and has asked us, “What are you going to do about it?”

God once guided us as a nation to create, in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, superlative documents for governing a free people, but – now that it's evident that there are some crippling flaws in these political instruments – we are being asked, appropriately, “What are you going to do about it?”

Are we Americans going to embarrass the spirit of Jack Kennedy and say that these challenges are too hard for us? Or are we going to analyze the causes of these problems, select the Americans who can best lead us to solve these problems, set down a work schedule for solving these problems, roll up our sleeves, and get to work – solving these problems?

We are Americans. We can accomplish anything we set our minds to accomplish. But the time to solve these problems is not “someday.” The time is now. No more fear. It's time to get to work.

Sum Ergo Laboro!

The author represented the 69th District in the NYS Assembly from 1977 until 2002, during which he was Chair of the Higher Education Committee.

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Upcoming Events

Women's Unity March & Rally NYC:

January 18

(<https://tinyurl.com/Jan-18-womens-march>)

President's Brunch:

February 2

Democratic Presidential Primary Debates:

February 7, 19, and 25

Club Endorsement Meeting:

February 13 (endorsing for Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, and other offices)

Spring Fling Fundraiser:

Late April or early May

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We want to hear what you have to say! Email submissions to the editor (in MS Word, please) at palmonrode@gmail.com.

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