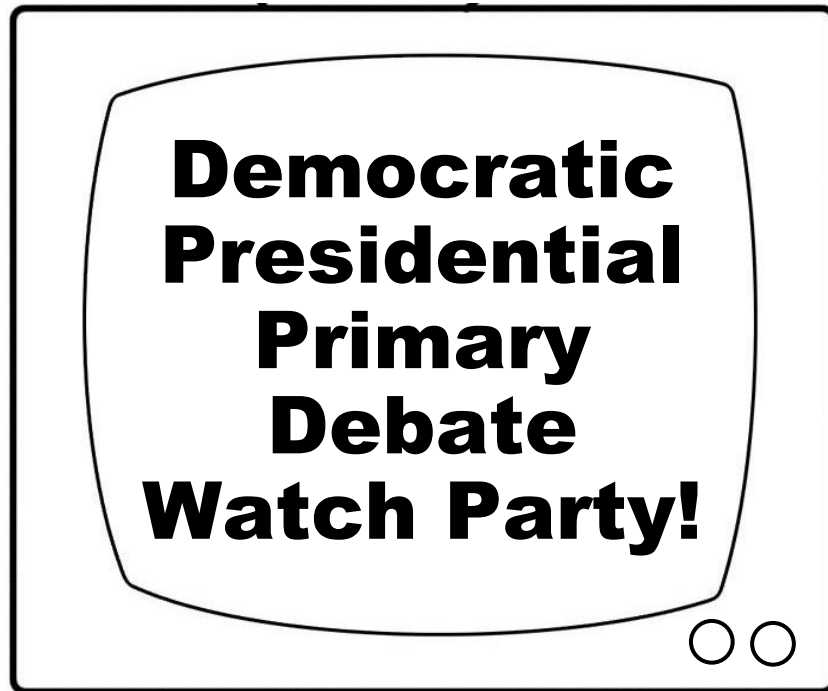

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Thursday, September 12

Debate starts at **8:00 pm**,
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The Third Democratic Presidential Primary Debate Watch Party!

Amy Porter

Come join the Broadway Democrats along with Three Parks Independent Democrats and the Upper West Side MoveOn/Indivisible Action Group to watch the Third Democratic Presidential Primary Debate on Thursday, September 12 at 7:45 pm at Serafina Restaurant, 2737 Broadway (at the corner of West 105th Street).

This event promises to be exciting and well attended, so in order to make sure you won't be turned away, please RSVP to Upper West Side MoveOn/Indivisible at:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/democratic-presidential-debate-watch-party-sept-12th>

After you RSVP, please also email me at aporter.bwaydem@gmail.com, so that we Broadway Dems know to look for and greet you.

The debate starts at 8 pm and each club will speak briefly at 7:45 pm. Many of us from Broadway Dems will be there at 7:30 pm and we look forward to meeting and talking with you.

Serafina has made their private room available, and in return has asked that each attendee spend at least \$20 (total) on food and/or drink.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS: Present your Serafina receipt for a \$10 rebate when you renew your Broadway Dems membership or become a new member (\$5 rebate on already-low senior dues).

The debate will be hosted by ABC News and moderated by George Stephanopoulos, David Muir, Linsey Davis, and Jorge Ramos. Candidates will be given more time than in the previous debates to respond to questions. The debate will be held at Texas Southern University, one of the largest public historically black universities in the country.

Recent polls have shown that Biden retains his front runner status, but his support has dropped and Elizabeth Warren has been steadily gaining ground. This will be the first debate where Biden and Warren will be on the same stage.

Only ten candidates qualified under the Democratic National Committee rules:

- Former Vice President **Joseph R. Biden Jr.**
- Senator **Cory Booker** of New Jersey
- Mayor **Pete Buttigieg** of South Bend, Ind.
- **Julián Castro**, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- Senator **Kamala Harris** of California
- Senator **Amy Klobuchar** of Minnesota
- Former Representative **Beto O'Rourke** of Texas
- Senator **Bernie Sanders** of Vermont
- Senator **Elizabeth Warren** of Massachusetts
- **Andrew Yang**, a tech entrepreneur

We look forward to seeing you on September 12 with our Sister Club Three Parks and UWS MoveOn/Indivisible Action Group!

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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.

Please note that we will consider all submissions, but we reserve the exclusive and final right to determine what to publish.



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District Leader's Report

Curtis Arluck

Save Those Dates!

Except for the atrocities committed by Donald Trump, it's been a pretty calm summer in terms of actual political events, but this is soon to change. The Iowa caucuses are less than five months away!

Here is a calendar of what's soon to happen:

September 23. – October 5. The Manhattan Democratic County Committee must by law meet somewhere in this time frame. The organizers are still looking for a space large enough to accommodate the nearly 2,000 new members created by the massive turnout in last November's gubernatorial election.

October 11. Last date to change party enrollment to be able to vote in the Democratic (or Republican, for those so deluded) primaries next year. This applies both to the Presidential primary in April and to the primaries for all other offices in June. If you are not registered at all, you can generally do so until about 30 days before the election, but if you are registered but not enrolled in a party you only have until October 11 of this year to change your registration to vote in your party's primaries next year.

October 15 (and 16 if the field expands again). Democratic Presidential debate. We'll be organizing another debate watch party, so watch your inbox!

Last Weeks in October. Early voting comes to NY! The rollout of this has been both secretive and chaotic, but it is important that the "kinks" – which are so far more like giant icebergs – be worked out this year, so things will proceed smoothly next year. All we know for sure is that each voter will be assigned to a specific early voting site; voters will not be able to vote at any open site. It is likely that the site for our entire area will be West Side High School, 102nd St. off Amsterdam, but it is possible that the northern parts of our area, around Morningside Gardens and Grant Houses, will be assigned to a different location. (If this is in West Harlem, it's sensible, if in Central Harlem, it's not.)

November 5. General Election. Not much at stake this year. The Ballot Proposal establishing Instant Runoff and therefore no second primaries for citywide offices is probably the most significant choice voters will face. We will try to have information about this at our October 8 meeting.

Mid – Late January 2020. The likely time for petitioning to begin for the April 28 NY Presidential

primary. This would also suggest that Broadway Democrats should hold its Presidential endorsement at its regular January 16 meeting; however, since petitioning for President is a centralized affair for which the club's voice isn't that important, we could wait until as late as April.

February 4. Iowa Caucuses.

Late February – early March. The likely time for petitioning to begin for the June 23 primary, which covers all other offices on the ballot this year: Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, Democratic State Committee. For these local offices, we would want to endorse before petitioning begins. It is likely that some of our local electeds will have spirited, though ultimately badly losing, challengers. Jerry Nadler already faces several opponents with large treasuries and small accomplishments.

March 2. Super Tuesday.

April 28. New York Presidential primary.

June 23. New York Primary for Congress, State Senate, State Assembly, State Committee, judicial offices.

Hold on to your seats, it's going to be a wild ride!

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Dude! Where's My Country?

Edward Sullivan

The allegorical movie of some years ago, "Dude, Where's My Car?", tells of a couple of college age fun seekers who wake up one morning after a night on the town with no idea where their car is, and more importantly, no idea who or where *they* are. Their car, so important to them, is missing. Did somebody steal it? Did they drive it somewhere they would rather not remember? What?

Those of us who live in the United States of America have a similar problem with our country. It seems to be missing.

In the America I remember, the government did not separate kids from their parents, then keep the kids, some in diapers, in cages for long periods of time, along the Texas border, in order to discourage potential immigrants – government cruelty with an unworthy purpose.

In the America I remember, the American citizens of Puerto Rico were not insulted and abused by the President himself, and denied recovery aid after a destructive hurricane. Why?

In the America I remember, the President did not order the seizure of private land illegally, along the Texas border, promising Presidential pardons for those Federal agents who might break the law in the process of seizing the private land.

In the America of President Donald Trump, we wait, apparently helpless, while the Supreme Leader of North Korea develops a submarine that will carry nuclear weapons to the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of the United States, ready to fire them into the American heartland (or Seattle, or New York) whenever Kim Jong Un decides it suits him. Yes, this is the same Kim Jong Un who exchanges love letters with the President.

ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement (the American Gestapo) - is attempting to bar entrance into Harvard by a Palestinian student who had received e-mails on his computer which were critical of US policy in the Middle East.

I have never heard of an American President attacking Congressional Representatives who are of foreign born parentage as follows: "This is our country, not theirs." In fact, it *is* their country as certainly as it is mine, or Donald Trump's (whose mother, incidentally, was born in Scotland).

When other industrial countries pitch in to help with a situation outside their political borders, the

US usually joins in. Not this time, with the fires in the Brazilian rain forest, fires that are depriving the world of oxygen and replacing it with carbon dioxide. "Not interested," has been the American reply in August. Huh?

The opioid crisis is belatedly being addressed by the American court system. But so far not a single doctor or drug company executive is even threatened with time in jail, although thousands of innocent victims have died. Thousands!

"... with liberty and justice for all?" Really?

Dude! Where's my country?

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WELCOME BACK!

Now that the days of summer are behind us, the Broadway Democrats are gearing up for a busy fall and an *even busier* 2020. Please join us! Our General Meetings are usually the second Thursday of the month, and we'll be planning lots of other activities as well. ***We'd love to see you!***

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