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## Tarleton appointed to Harrell administration

Gael Tarleton, former state legislator representing the 36th district, has been appointed by Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell to serve as interim director of the city's Office of Intergovernmental Relations. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle since 2010.



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## Metrodems January calendar

### January 12, noon

Program: to be determined.

Business: discuss budget/plan for 2022

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Program: to be determined

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## Mayor Harrell at MDC event confirms opposition to defunding the police



Mayor Bruce Harrell

"I want people to feel safe," Mayor Bruce Harrell told members and friends of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its December 12 Winter Holiday Party, as he explained why he is not in favor of defunding the police. Mr Harrell, who was endorsed by the MDC, was the special guest at this year's annual event, held by Zoom.

He thanked the MDC for its support, adding that "the endorsement was so powerful for me" largely because he shares the values of the organization, which, he noted earlier, is "Seattle's only citywide organization of Democratic leaders and activists."

"No one," he asserted, "can question the MDC's commitment to the city."

Noting the presence of former Seattle City Councilmember and Seattle Port Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, Mr Harrell stated that "the port's loss is the city's gain" and said he would be talking to Mr Steinbrueck soon about how he can participate in the new administration.

Mr Steinbrueck, a long-time member of the MDC, commented that he had not seen coalition building in any of the last three city administrations, that the MDC should support Mr Harrell as someone who is a coalition builder and can "balance the city council." We "have to look for every opportunity to unify the city," he added.

Mr Harrell indicated that in January he will have a clearer idea of what the MDC can do to help him achieve his agenda once he has assembled his team and put structure around various issues.

"There will be all kinds of things you can help me with," he said.

King County Assessor John Wilson, who also attended the event, shared his vision for the future with the organization.

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## A message from the director

As most of you know, in an effort to keep the MDC alive and vital, the members of the MDC have been discussing changes to its governing structure and to the responsibilities of its officers. To that end, we voted at our December meeting to create the paid position of executive director to assume many of the duties of the officers. The members also voted to hire me for the position at \$500/month effective January 1, 2022. A copy of a memorandum of understanding has been signed by me and President Jack Whisner.

Several issues/tasks must be addressed as we look forward to another year. We should reasonably expect some of these to take two or three months to accomplish or in some cases, even longer. Jack Whisner will continue as president until we reorganize.

### Recruitment of officers

Allan Munro volunteered to head a committee to recruit officers. At present it seems we need a president and a treasurer; a vice president would be desirable but optional. Secretarial functions are included among the executive director's responsibilities. Allan will be calling a meeting of those who would like to serve on this committee. The committee will establish criteria for selecting candidates for the offices of president and treasurer, develop lists of their qualifications and responsibilities (which will be minimal), interview potential candidates and establish a slate of candidates.

To become a member of this committee call Allan at 206-937-9825 or email him in care of me at [eleanor.munro21@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.munro21@gmail.com).

### Budget/Planning for 2022

I will prepare a draft budget and accompanying plan for review at one of our January meetings.

### Program committee

We will adopt a practice that was successful in the past and form a committee responsible for arranging programs that are of interest to our members and to other progressive Democrats. The committee will meet periodically to consider recommendations from other members and to decide on actions to be taken. To become a member of this committee email me at [eleanor.munro21@gmail.com](mailto:eleanor.munro21@gmail.com).

*-Eleanor Munro, director*

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"We need to do more than return to normalcy," he said, "we need a new more sustainable economy and we need to help those in the shadows to find a better life. Seattle and King County should be a model and a stellar example of Biden's Build Back Better."

Mr Wilson also indicated that he will be in touch with the MDC with ideas for helping achieve these goals, which include a more progressive property tax.

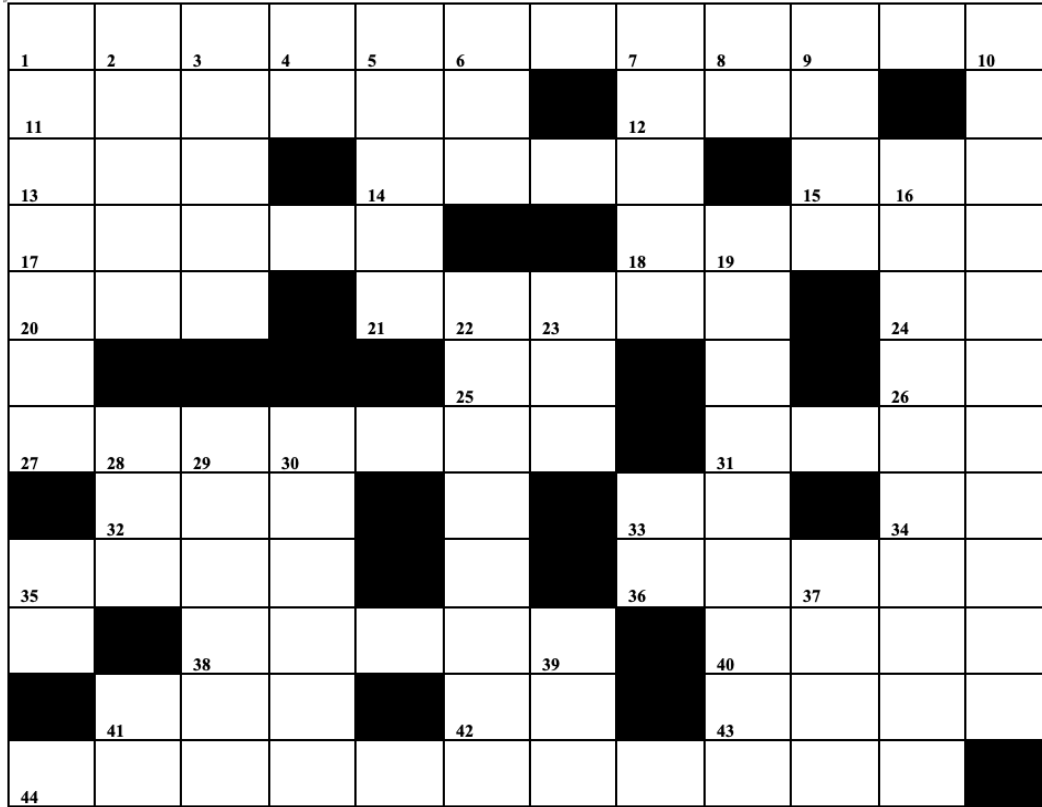
Also attending the event were MDC members former senator Maralyn Chase and her daughter, Carin Chase, an Edmonds School Board Director and MDC member Alan Charnley and his father, former senator Donn Charnley, a former member of the MDC.



## Thank you to our Winter Holiday Party sponsors:

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# Jack Whisner's Happy New Year crossword puzzle



## Across

1. My greeting to you
11. Beer bill
12. Malicious 2001 computer
13. RATP service between Paris and Versailles
14. May follow death or boat
15. Kiss or rubber-tired transit vehicle
17. Countryside land use
18. Skilled
20. Word history, in brief
21. Biblical hit
24. Prof. helper
25. High end gear firm on 1st Ave. S.
26. Mongolian rock band
27. With "Day", Normandy invasion epic
31. A favorite of Justice Kavanaugh
32. Cartoon frame
33. Chinese board game with stones
34. St. where Abrams is running for Gov.
35. Big party
36. Oaths might be
38. Chief's cornerback
40. Obvious Dalmatian name
41. Land use acronym near service
42. Russian affirmative
43. NBA Durant, Porter, and Love in short
44. Ended bus service in tunnel early

## Down

1. New Seattle Mayor
2. Early kayak user
3. New King County Councilmember
4. Operates Route 1 on Pacific Ave. S.
5. Two-masted boats with very aft mizzen
6. League with SA Spurs and NY Knicks
7. Highest valued grain in game Pit
8. Informal you
9. German river
10. Many added outside seating during Covid
16. County Councilmember; once Patterson aide
19. County Councilmember who flies
22. Seattle Councilmember, budget chair
23. Former NYC subway
28. South American tuber
29. New Seattle Councilmember; once Conlin aide
30. Hypothalamus and adrenal
33. NBA Warriors
35. NCAA school with Hoyas and Ewing
37. Opposite of closed
39. Former Governor Evans
41. An error in WNBA or NBA



obituaries

**George Wallerstein**

1930 – 2021



George Wallerstein, who first joined the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle in 1966, died May 18, 2021. He was emeritus professor and founding chair of the Department of Astronomy at the University of Washington.

Mr Wallerstein earned his PhD in 1958 at the California Institute of Technology and went on to teach at University of California Berkeley. In 1965 he was invited to chair the Astronomy Department at the University of Washington, a position he occupied until 1980. In 2000 he was awarded the American Astronomical Society’s Henry Norris Russell Prize for a lifetime of distinguished research.

For those who wish to remember George, the family suggests a contribution to the George Wallerstein Graduate Student Fund in the Astronomy Department at the UW.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

**George Fleming**

1938 – 2021



George Fleming, a former member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, died December 6, 2021. He was elected to the Washington House of Representatives in 1968 and to the Senate two years later, becoming its second African American member. He represented the 37th legislative district for 22 years.

Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell, also a former member of the MDC, called Mr Fleming “a trailblazer and warrior” and said “he forged a trail of success that I followed. He never hesitated to help me, advise me, and inspire me.”

Memorial services are scheduled for February 27 at 1 pm at the Don James Center at Husky Stadium, 3800 Montlake Blvd NE, Seattle. To receive an invitation send name, email address and phone number of attendee(s) to [senatorgeorgefleming@outlook.com](mailto:senatorgeorgefleming@outlook.com).

**Jolene Unsoeld**

1931 – 2021



Jolene Unsoeld, a former member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, died November 28, 2021. She served as US Representative, 1989 – 1995, representing the 3rd congressional district, and as a state legislator from 1985 – 1989, representing the 22nd legislative district.

Ms Unsoeld was the first woman to climb the north face of the Grand Teton. Her husband, Willi, and her daughter, Devi, both died in climbing accidents.

She is remembered for her work that led to the creation of the Washington Public Disclosure commission and her opposition to gun control and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Details about a memorial service have not been announced.



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