

## **BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE**

*Statements have been printed as submitted unless they exceeded the maximum length.*

**Alex Bores** was born and raised in the 76th Assembly District and attended public school his whole life (P.S.6, Wagner, and Hunter). He completed Senator Liz Krueger's civics course and interned for Councilmembers Gifford Miller and Jessica Lappin. Alex has resided off of East End, First Avenue, and Lexington, but liked living on Roosevelt Island best. His day job is modernizing Federal Government technology, such as helping the VA better supply hospitals, enabling the CDC to track foodborne illnesses, and improving BEA's GDP calculation. Like a true NYC kid, he did not get his driver's license until he was 26.

I am **Flor de Maria Eilets**, a New Yorker of Peruvian origin. Although a relatively new member of FFDC, I have recently been convinced of the importance of taking a more active role since the last presidential elections results have highlighted the need to participate towards a progressive change with special focus on women's rights, LGBTQ rights, immigration, health care, and electoral systems. Since 2012 I have been volunteering for the Democratic Party on voter registration, sign petition, and phone banking. Currently a Social Work Clinician, I had previously work in administration, supervision, and constituent services.

**Ilyssa Fuchs** is currently a board member for the Four Freedoms Democratic Club and serves on the events committee. If you liked the Italian food at the Christmas Party, Ilyssa was responsible for setting that up. She is also a member of the County Committee and is always helping out with petitioning and campaigning for FFDC endorsed candidates. She is currently working as a civil rights lawyer where she mainly represents people who have had their rights violated by the police department. In addition, she is the co-chair of the Civil Rights Committee for the NY County Lawyers Association.

**Arlene Kayatt** is a member of the Four Freedoms Executive Committee and the County Committee. She has been elected as Judicial Delegate, is active in Four Freedoms and Upper East Side politics, and writes a regular column - East Side Observer - for Our Town newspaper.

**Nancy Lang**, a Barnard graduate and longtime NYC practicing attorney, has been an active FFDC member for two years. During that time she's served as a County Committee member, an Alternate Judicial Delegate and an enthusiastic Phone Bank participant . She's also initiated FFDC's Public Transit Subcommittee, which presented an all-star transit panel at our July 2018 meeting, had a subway repair editorial published in "Our Town" and has invited the activism director of "Transportation Alternatives" to speak at February's general meeting. Nancy, a first-time political club member, feels fortunate to have found FFDC and looks forward to contiuing to contribute to this

**Matthew Lombardi** has served on FFDC's Executive Board for 2+ years. He also serves as co-chair of the Events Committee, organizing and hosting the Club's fundraisers and parties.

Matt sits on the County Committee, and has been an FFDC alternate Judicial Delegate. Matt is a trial attorney, practicing personal injury litigation for over 12 years. He is active in the legal community, sitting on the New York State Trial Lawyers Association's Board of Directors. Matt is proud that FFDC has grown into the 76th AD's premier political club, and looks forward to assisting the Club achieve greater heights.

**Teresa Malyshev** is a founding member of the Four Freedoms Democratic Club and has served as the recording secretary and as an Executive Board Member since the Club's formation. She is an enthusiastic participant in the Club's efforts to promote a progressive agenda, through phone banking, activism and petitioning. Teresa was the Philadelphia Coordinator for the Upper East Side's volunteer force in PA in 2012. She would like to be part of the team that propels the FFDC to the top tier of democratic clubs in NYC.

**Bob Menna**

Declined to submit a statement

**Elana Schwartz** has been a member of FFDC since its inception. She has served as a committee member on the club's events committee, as both judicial and alternate delegate for FFDC, and since September has served on the Executive Board as a Member-at-Large. Elana has worked in politics for many years, including working on Capitol Hill for several high-ranking New York elected officials and has been involved in several campaigns - including petitioning, canvassing and fundraising. She holds an MPA from NYU's Wagner School of Public Affairs and a BA in political science from George Washington University.

**Lisa Smith**

Declined to submit a statement

**John Wagner** is a member of the executive board, the chair of the policy committee, the leader of an effort to make the "Democratic Party more democratic", and a member of the County Committee. He believes in developing the FFDC as a grassroots organization responsive to the member's interests and concerns. He chairs the Secular Coalition for New York. At the national level, he is the Vice President of the Committee for Freethought Equality. He is a scientist, a Professor at Weill Cornell Medicine, a UN representative, and the CEO of Sveikatal, a biotech company developing a therapy for diabetes.

MY NAME IS **RONALD WEINTRAUB** IM RUNNING ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE FFDC WHY WE HAVE NO PERSON AT ROOSEVEIT ISLAND ON EXECUTIVE BOARD AND IM ON THE COUNTY COMMITTEE BEEN ALSO WINNING ELECTION FOR CUOMO CONGRESS MALONEY AND OTHERS ME BEEN ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE FFDC BE GREAT FOR ME IM FROM ROOSEVEIT ISLAND OVER 14 YEARS LIVING THERE AS GO TO 2019 MUST PUT IN A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT BEAT PRESIDENT TRUMP IN 2020 ALSO NEED BETTER SERVICES ON THE F TRAIN STOP WEEKEND PROBLEMS EVERY WEEKEND PAST 9 YEARS PUT A R TRAIN END FTRAIN

**Esther Yang**

Declined to submit a statement

**OFFICERS**

*Per the FFDC constitution, all are deemed elected due to running unopposed.*

**Bridget Cusick, President**

Bridget has been FFDC president for the past year. She has served as a consultant to many campaigns, including those of Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright, Senator Liz Krueger and City Council Member Ben Kallos. Today she serves as director of marketing at the Archdiocese of New York and as a board member of a nonprofit committed to combating bullying.

**Frank Wilkinson, Vice President**

Frank Wilkinson, a native Philadelphian and Princeton graduate, edited books before writing the bestselling novel *Bygones* (Putnam, 1981). He has been active in Yorkville politics since the mid-'80s, served as district leader for 20 years, and still sits on New York County's Democratic Judiciary Committee. He joined FFDC soon after its founding, has been an ace petitioner and supporter of club events, and has been elected veep three times. He thanks you for your past and present support.

**John Bartos, Treasurer**

I've been the Four Freedoms treasurer since late 2017. If reelected, I will continue to ensure that our finances are accurately accounted for, and that our club is in compliance with all disclosure laws.

**Jerry Ferguson, Corresponding Secretary**

Jerry is a founding member of the FFDC. He has served as Corresponding Secretary for the past 2 years where he has overseen a significant upgrade of the FFDC website and worked to increase the effectiveness of our outreach through social media. I is a partner in the Baker Hostetler law firm where is practices focuses on Digital Media Law.

**Pierre Ratzki, Recording Secretary**

I have been an active member of the Club for several years, and served on the Board this past year as a Member-at-Large. I became Recording Secretary in November (write-ups of the minutes are available here: [https://www.fourfreedomsnyc.org/meeting\\_minutes](https://www.fourfreedomsnyc.org/meeting_minutes)), and would be honored to continue in this role in the coming year.