

2018-2019 MFRW Officer Slate



President
Diana Waterman

Diana completed her second term as Chairman of the Maryland Republican Party in January 2017. During her tenure, she led the Party through two very successful election cycles, helping to elect a Republican President in 2016, and in 2014, helping to elect Governor Larry Hogan, increase GOP numbers in both the State House and Senate, and dramatically enlarge the number of locally elected Republicans. Her first foray into the political world came when she joined the Chesapeake Republican Women in the fall of 2005. Since then she has served as president of Chesapeake Republican Women (twice), Eastern Shore Regional Chair for the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW), and the 1st Vice President of the MFRW. She has also been an active member of the Republican Club of Queen Anne's County. And she has been elected to her county Central Committee twice, serving as Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Committee. She has served on several committees for the Maryland Republican Party and in 2010 she was elected to the position of 1st Vice Chair of the Maryland Republican Party prior to becoming Chairman in 2013. Diana was born in Providence, Rhode Island, but raised in Va. Beach, Va. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematical Physics from Sweet Briar College in Virginia in 1983. She has been married to her husband Barry for 32 years, residing in Queen Anne's County.



1st Vice President
Dee Hodges

Dee is entering her second term as 1st Vice President. She was previously 2nd VP, Treasurer for two terms, and before that, Bylaws Chair. In her capacity she oversees Bylaws and Leadership Development. She is a long standing member of the Baltimore County Republican Women's Club. She is a retired banker, working in the field for some 22 years. She has been a Branch Manager, made commercial, personal, credit card and mortgage loans, and was a Regional Operations Officer heading a Private Banking Unit. After graduating from college, she worked for the American National Red Cross in Vietnam during the war. She maintains that our American Servicemen are our best ambassadors. Dee is founder and President of the Maryland Taxpayers' Association, of which there are many prominent members. She has an MS Finance from the University of Baltimore and an AB from the University of Illinois. She is a widow with grown children, and a proud grandmother.



2nd Vice President
Ella Ennis

Ella is a native Marylander and a member of the MFRW since 1973. Ella has served as Co-Chairman and Chairman of the MFRW's Legislative Committee, Public Relations Chairman and Corresponding Secretary. Since 2009 she has served on the Calvert County Republican Central Committee and is the Chairman. She is Co-Chairman of the MDGOP Grassroots Committee. A member of the Republican Women Leaders of Calvert, Ella was the President from 2006-09. In 2015, the Calvert County Commission for Women awarded Ella the Outstanding Achievement Award for Service to Community. She received the MDGOP's Belva Lockwood Outstanding Republican Woman of the Year Award in 2011. She was Volunteer Chairman for the 2012 O'Donnell for Congress Campaign, and Calvert County Chairman for the 2010 Ehrlich for Governor Campaign. Governor Bob Ehrlich named her to the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake Bay from 2004 through 2006. Ella retired from the USDA, National Rural Development Partnership in 2005. She is active in her church, and has one daughter, Judge Robyn Riddle. This is Ella's second term as 2nd VP.



3rd Vice President
Marie Fisher-Wyrick

Marie was appointed to the 3rd VP position in July, 2017. She is doing an outstanding job overseeing many Public Relations and Technology efforts. She will be overseeing the creation of videos to market our organization, and also the creation of our first virtual club. Marie is a member and co-founder of the Greater Frederick Republican Women, the Secretary of the Republican Club of Frederick County, and the former Secretary at the Republican Women of Frederick County

As you can see, Marie truly lives by her home state's nickname of "volunteer". She is from Tennessee, the "Volunteer" state.



4th Vice President
Patty Witham

Patti has served as the MFRW Treasurer for the last two years working with and meeting amazing women through this term and looking forward to serving a second term where she hopes her work can aid the women of our clubs to accomplish many things. She was born and raised in Montgomery County, Maryland, and met and married her husband of 34 years in Edgewater, MD where she spent summers as a child enjoying boating on the Chesapeake Bay. She has raised 2 wonderful girls. Currently she and her family are enjoying small town living in Brunswick, MD. Professionally she is the controller for a Maryland based construction company and has seen firsthand how the decisions of government affect business, becoming involved politically in 2002 when her husband was the Candidate for Delegate in District 39 and she was his Treasurer. She helped start the Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Club and served as President for six years and is currently serving as treasurer. She has served on the board of the Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women (MCFRW) as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for the last five years and has been of Treasurer for different campaigns.

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Recording Secretary
Anne White

A native Marylander and Annapolis resident, Anne White has increased her involvement in political activities since retiring from her work as a local businesswoman. After serving as an Election Judge for the 2016 primary and general elections, she joined RWAAC as her home club early this year, while also becoming an associate member of SPRWC. Anne enjoys serving as Secretary of the Anne Arundel County Central Committee and looks forward to using her skills in this capacity as an officer in the MFRW. An ice skating enthusiast, Anne also judges participants in tests and competitions for the U.S. Figure Skating Association.



Corresponding Secretary
Meg Carpenter

Currently Megan is serving as Corresponding Secretary of MFRW, and is Cofounding an Excellence in Public Service Series in Maryland. She has served as Precinct Committee Woman, State Committee Woman, and PAGOP Resolutions Committee member, and The Republican Committee of Beaver County Chair. Beaver County was a democrat controlled county court house for over 60 years; Megan and her team created a candidate development program, recruited 8 candidates and flipped the Courthouse to Republican Majority. Megan was a member of the PA Federation of Republican Women (PFRW). She has held the offices of Regional Director for Beaver, Butler & Lawrence Counties, State Regional Conference Chair, 4th Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Chaired the PFRW Property Transition Committee. Megan has been honored to be a featured speaker/panel member for Chatham University's Ready to Run seminar, Anne B. Anstine Excellence in Public Service Series, Republican Committee of Allegheny County's Leader seminar, and Allegheny County's Women's Hall of Achievement.



Treasurer
Sharon Carrick

Sharon previously served as Treasurer and Chairman of the QA County Republican Central Committee (17 years), as MDGOP Treasurer under Chairman Michael Steele and MDGOP Secretary under Chairman John Kane, is currently Treasurer of Patuxent Republican Women (a new club targeting Prince George's and western Anne Arundel counties), and has served as MFRW Corresponding Secretary since 2012. First appointed to the Department of Natural Resources by Governor Ehrlich in 2003, Sharon is currently director of Audit & Management Review after 14 years leading DNR's Licensing & Registration Service. She moved back to the "home place" in Mitchellville (PG Co) in 2015 after almost 30 years on the Eastern Shore.



Asst. Treasurer
Cindy Jones

Cindy Jones hails from a small farming community in southeastern Minnesota. She graduated cum laude from St. Mary's University of Minnesota with a B. A. in philosophy and a voice minor. She has been engaged in Maryland Republican politics for over 10 years and in 2010 she was elected to St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners. She has over 20 years of leadership experience, mentoring leaders in business, churches and political campaigns and organizations. Cindy has served the MFRW as Literacy Chair and Southern Region Chair, and has worked hard to bring many leadership tools to the clubs that are in her Region.. She lives on a small "hobby farm" in Valley Lee, MD with her husband, Brian, and son, Kenny.