

**CLUBS PICK AN ISSUE AND RUN WITH IT.
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CAN ADD SPICE TO YOUR MEETINGS
YOUR CLUB CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
EVEN IN THIS COVID RESTRICTED YEAR**

Choose one or more legislative issues that your club members feel passionate about.

Have a program – or round-table to discuss the issue – pros and cons - What do you want as an outcome? Has specific legislation on this issue been introduced? Will it do the job? Does it need amendments?

Have Club Legislative Chairman follow that issue(s) during the Maryland Legislative Session. Advise Club on Committee Hearings; amendments and progress.

When bill comes up for a hearing – You can: (1) Have a Club representative testify orally, and/or submit written testimony via General Assembly Web Site (<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>). (2) Individual members can also send e-mails based on the written testimony to all Committee members and urge them to vote for/against the bill; and/or (3) make calls to Legislators on the Committee. Contact the Delegates and Senators that represent your area and let them know of your support or opposition to the specific issue.

Club President/Legislative Chairman or members can write letters to the Editor of local papers to make the public aware of the issue. Make calls to local “Talk Radio” bring attention to the issue. Use social media to share information on the issue. You can do this as a club or as individual citizens.

At the end of Session, celebrate your victories and assess the disappointments to consider how to be more effective next year.

CLUB LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN/CONTACT - Every Club Needs One

A Club Legislative Chairman/Contact:

Serves as Club’s liaison/main contact with the MFRW Legislative Committee

Contacts club members on “Calls to Action” to call or e-mail legislators

Receives weekly Legislative Status Report during Legislative Session

Provides updates at Club meetings

As available, participate in MFRW Legislative Committee Conference Calls and meetings.

Resources:

Maryland Legislative Web Site: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

MFRW Web Site: www.mfrw.org

MFRW Legislative Action Alerts

MFRW Weekly Legislative Update Reports

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