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Greetings MFRW Members,

Since last we spoke, we have had two great statewide events – **Leadership Conference** and **Red Scarf Day**. Terrific turnout for both events. Be sure to read about all the fun later in the Trumpeter. Coming up next is our **Spring Board of Directors and Members meeting** on Saturday, April 27th in Frederick (info later in the Trumpeter).

We're in the last weeks of the 2024 General Assembly Session. Thanks to all those who have actively participated in the legislative process this Session, either submitting testimony (written or oral) on specific bills or contacting legislators by phone or email. In case you haven't noticed, MFRW's Legislative Update can now be found on the MFRW website – mfrw.org – under the "Legislative" tab. While Republicans may be in the minority, our voices must still be heard. The more voices, the greater the attention – and "they" will know we're watching.

MFRW's greatest asset again this year is Legislative Chair Ella Ennis. The number of hours Ella has dedicated to tracking and commenting on this year's record number of bills is tremendous! Her time and effort allow our members to quickly respond to proposed legislation. My sincerest thanks to Ella!

Sharon



In an effort to capture and digitalize the incredible accomplishments of Republican women trailblazers in Maryland, the MFRW History Project has launched a new video series - **Bayside Chats**.

The first episode features Audrey Scott who has led a commendable life of public service in Prince George's County and the state. In this interview, Audrey discusses her journey through the local political arena and her favorite stories from her experience.

If you have stories to share about a Republican woman trailblazer or would like to suggest someone to be interviewed, please email liliananorkaitis@gmail.com.

Find the video by searching "MFRW Bayside Chats" on YouTube.



L: Audrey Scott, R: Lili Norkaitis



recap

MFRW's annual Leadership Conference was held Saturday, January 6th at the Renditions Golf Club, Davidsonville, MD.

Approximately 85 attendees learned about the MFRW (our organization) and the NFRW (our parent organization), information on the legislative process, how you can participate – and legislation that has been introduced to the General Assembly this session.

A highlight for this event was a presentation from Amber Duke, author of *The Snowflakes Revolt: How Woke Millennials Hijacked the Media*. Amber lost her regular spot on DC talk station WMAL after she commented that Kamala Harris' brown outfit at the 2022 State of the Union address resembled a UPS uniform. Amber is currently the Washington editor for *The Spectator* and hosts WCBM's "Unfit to Print" among other conservative endeavors.

A delicious buffet lunch was enjoyed by all, concluding with the afternoon session, which included presentations on how to run for RNC Convention delegate, club treasurer reminders on the membership and dues payment process, how to use the Maryland General Assembly website, a primer on use of social media, Awards, and much more. The printed handout contained a wealth of information about our organization, and is available on the MFRW website—[About Us/Resources](#)

Day 2 Visits to the Legislators

Twenty MFRW members from across the state met in the House Republican Caucus room on January 11th ready to visit every legislator's office with the MFRW list of priorities for the 2024 session.

After personal introductions, Legislative Chair Ella Ennis outlined our agenda for the day. We then split up into pairs to cover both the House and Senate offices, armed with the list of priorities and the latest MFRW produced brochure on "Fairness and Safety in High School Girls' Sports."

Often speaking with staff, and sometimes with elected officials themselves, we found our visits welcomed and friendly even among Democrats.

Following the visits, the group met at the Ram's Head Restaurant for a "dutch-treat" lunch and recap of the morning's efforts to reach out to the elected officials of both parties.



MFRW Membership Report

Membership is the backbone of any club and we love to support the Maryland Federation presidents and members with fun contests as they increase the membership, vibrancy and longevity of their clubs. The first contest of 2024 has come to a close and we have some exciting results! Club membership renewals from October 2023 through February 2024 were included in the contest.

2 Small Club Winners with 13 Renewals each: - Patuxent Republican Women, President Marilyn Akinfolarin
RW Leaders of Calvert, President Jana Barberio

Medium Club Winner with 28 Renewals - RW of St. Mary's, President Lynn Delahay

Large Club Winner with 101 Renewals - RW of Worcester County, President Jean Delcher

The prize is a cute crystal elephant wine stopper and bottle of wine to be presented to the clubs at the Spring Board meeting in April.

It's the perfect time to add new members to your clubs in this presidential election year that is so critical to the future of our great nation! I am noticing that some new members are bringing their passion for a cause to their new club in the form of speakers, fundraisers, voter registration, candidate door knocking, etc. Ask everyone to join, you may be surprised at how many say yes.

Please pass along any fun contest ideas for the spring or summer. Good luck!!

Julie Krieger, Membership Chair

MFRW LADIES ON THE BALLOT FOR CONVENTION DELEGATE

Nineteen MFRW members are among the 90 dedicated Republican men and women who have filed to run for either Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the RNC Convention in July in Milwaukee.

Eleven MFRW Delegates represent Congressional Districts 1,2,3,5, & 8, while 8 Alternate Delegates represent districts 1,2,3,4,5, 6, & 8.

Delegates declared for a specific candidate had to be approved by that candidate's campaign. Another ten Delegates/Alternates will be selected at the MDGOP Spring Convention in May by their Central Committee colleagues.

The full delegation will head to Milwaukee in July to participate in the formal nomination of the Republican Party's nominee for President of the United States. While Donald Trump already has the number of delegates needed to secure the Republican nomination prior to the convention, the experience itself is sure to be worth the commitment made to run for Delegate/Alternate.

As luck would have it, our own RNC Committeeman, David Bossie, is co-chairman of the Convention and has promised to take "good care" of the Maryland Delegation.



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RED SCARF DAY RECAP



Tuesday, March 5th found us once again at the Calvert House in Annapolis for our annual Red Scarf day.

This free conference, sponsored by MFRW's Legacy Fund, is one of the benefits of your local club and MFRW membership.

Approximately 85 MFRW members from across Maryland eagerly participated in this annual event. Attendees could choose to attend the Republican House or Senate Caucuses, view either the House or Senate morning floor Session from the

Gallery, or tour the State House. The gallery full of ladies dressed in red is obvious from the floor and much appreciated by "our" legislators.

Available Republican delegates and senators joined us during the lunch and shared important information on bills that have been proposed, their progress through the process, and expressed how much they appreciate our efforts and support when we submit testimony and emails in support or opposition to important bills.

A surprise visit from Congressman Andy Harris topped off the day with a positive message for the future leadership of the country. There is a very real opportunity to secure open seats in both the Senate and House of Representatives for Republicans. Hard work is ahead and that's what we do best!



Participants were then free to choose from a number of afternoon opportunities, such as touring the State House, visiting the Senate and House office buildings, attending a committee hearing, exploring historic Annapolis and the U.S. Naval Academy, relaxing at the Calvert House, or shopping in downtown Annapolis

The day ended with an optional Happy Hour at the newly revamped Lodge, located where the Greene Turtle/Smashing Grapes used to be near the Annapolis Mall.





Bank Your Vote –MFRW 2024 Participation

MFRW clubs around the state are contributing mightily to the RNC's **Bank Your Vote** effort, and many clubs are eager to join in. The Bank the Vote program encourages Republicans to vote early by using mail-in ballots or early in-person voting.

Some clubs have developed their own programs, and others are working in conjunction with the MDGOP and their central committees. I've heard from some clubs that are knee-deep in the effort, and many more that are eager to get started. Below are just some of the endeavors I've heard about, but there are many, many more happening.

The **Republican Women Leaders of Calvert** are manning the offices of their central committee to register voters, encourage early and mail-in voting, and also establishing relationships with as-yet unknown Republicans that may yield more volunteers.

The **Upper Montgomery RWC** is using the voter data platform, **Numinar**, to identify and knock on Republican doors to (1) encourage voters to apply for a mail-in ballot, (2) get signatures for their MoCo 2T ballot petition, (3) verify the voter rolls against actual residents, and (4) leave behind **Bank Your Vote** literature for those not home.

The **Republican Women of Worcester County** are beginning their effort with their own members—encouraging them to bank their own votes and asking their Republican friends and relatives to do the same. They have plans to partner with their central committee at a Spring community event to continue this outreach, register voters, and recruit volunteers.

The **Republican Women of Baltimore County** is working with their central committee on a ballot harvesting program, and many of their members have volunteered for the training and have begun the process. The RWBC is also championing election integrity, with member Kate Sullivan leading the way in the state. Election judge recruitment is also a continuous process for their club.

Some clubs are eager for direction, leave-behind literature, and **Numinar** support, so I've joined the Grassroots Committee at the MDGOP to represent the MFRW and bring you information and resources. Let me know if you would like to attend these monthly Zoom meetings, and how I can best help you!

A few resources that may be helpful:

Voter Registration: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html

Voter Registration Stats: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/stats.html

Bank Your Vote Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCs3KAN30RI>

State Board of Elections: <https://elections.maryland.gov/>

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What is the Bay Club?

The **BAY CLUB** is a donor group supporting the work of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women.

Funds generated from Bay Club membership enable the mailing of printed Trumpeters to our MFRW members who don't use the Internet, MFRW state and local leaders, women featured in Trumpeter stories, and, of course, Bay Club members.

Initial Bay Club membership for 2024 stands at 39 total individual and club members

Coming up, this Spring, an exciting benefit of Bay Club membership will be a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol led by our own 4th Vice President, Liliana Norkaitis and one of her congressional colleagues.

2024 Bay Club Individual Members as of March 20th

Jana Barberio	Kathryn Jerrard	Anne Rutherford
Vikki Birkett	Liz Mumford	Alma Schultz
Linda Bradley	Liliana Norkaitis	Audrey Scott
Sharon Carrick	Barb Pivec	Linda Stine Flint
Jean Delcher	Laurie Plemons	Lisa Thayer-Welch
Lynne DeMinco	Carol Randall	Karen Tully
Ella Ennis	Beth Rodier	Diana Waterman
Patty Hammond	Kim Rosado	Anne White
Lisa Herman	Gary Ruddell	Sandy Zitzer
Jana Hobbs	Luanne Ruddell	Donna Zupancic

2024 Club Members

RW of Baltimore County
 Chevy Chase WRC
 Garrett County RWC
 Harford County RW
 Patuxent RW
 RW of St. Mary's County
 Upper Montgomery RWC
 Wicomico Conservative RW
 RW of Worcester County

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What is an election caucus?

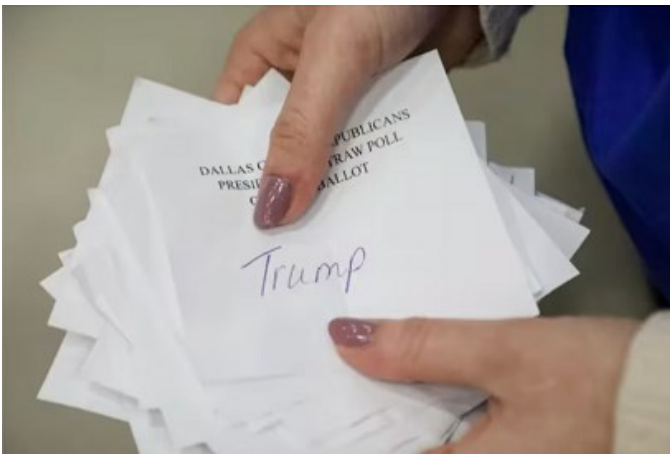
Marylanders are certainly not familiar with such a system.

Well, at least one of our curious members, MFRW 4th VP Liliana Norkaitis, knows, as she traveled to Des Moines, IA in January to observe the Iowa Caucuses!



In temperatures below freezing, Liliana was able to attend candidate events and speak with Iowans during their "First in the Nation Caucus."

On Caucus night, Liliana along with attendees of the Leadership Institute's Youth Leadership School volunteered at a precinct where she helped count the ballots!



Congratulations, Gail!

Hopkins Women's Republican Club President, Gail Thies, was honored with the 2023 Victor Clark Award for "Baltimore City Republican of the Year" at the Lincoln Reagan Douglass Dinner on March 20, 2024.





NFRW Spring Board Recap

On a gorgeous Spring Day in mid-March, MFRW leadership was well represented the NFRW Spring Board meeting in Alexandria, VA. Thursday's "Legislative Day" was actually held ON Capitol Hill for first the first time since 2018. Approximately 100 ladies dressed in red descended on the Capitol Visitors Center for a presentation by Leadership Institute on "How to Lobby" and visits from several Senators. The House of Representatives was in recess.



Washington DC's famous cherry blossoms beginning to bud on a beautiful Spring day.



A small group enjoyed a "preview" of the Bay Club sponsored tour scheduled for April 30th with MFRW 4th V.P. , Liliana Norkaitis as our guide. Yes, that is Ronald Reagan in the background.

The highlight of the afternoon session held in the Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building was guest speaker, Senator Katie Britt from Alabama, who gave members an encouraging speech with a hopeful vision for the future of the country.

After the official agenda, NFRW members visited with their senators, while others toured the Capitol Building, which was crowded with thousands of "Spring Break" visitors that day.

An ever increasing group of "Regents" members met at the Republican National Committee HQ for a reception and introduction to the new RNC Chair, Michael Whatley.

Official NFRW business, as well as Standing Committees, Special Committees, and Regional meetings were conducted during the Friday/Saturday gatherings.

Notably absent from this year's meeting were any high-profile speakers, which have been interspersed among the business agenda in years past.



A packed room in the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center for the morning session of the Legislative Day



Spring Board Meeting 2024

Saturday, April 27th

Clarion Inn's
Frederick Event Center
5400 Holiday Drive
Frederick, MD



Join us next month in beautiful Frederick County for our Spring Board of Directors and Members meeting.

The day's agenda will include a recap of Maryland's 2024 General Assembly Session by Senate and House leadership, a panel discussion on crime (where we are, where we need to be, what is needed to get us there), and other topics still in the planning stage.

We have chosen a location in Maryland's 6th Congressional District because it is one of several districts where Republicans have a good chance of winning the Congressional race in November. All Republican Primary candidates have been invited to participate in a Meet-and-Greet opportunity following our business meeting and prior to Saturday evening's fundraising dinner.

Check the [MFRW website](#) to register and for the latest information as plans are solidified.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. -- meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. -- lunch at Noon.

We anticipate the meeting will end no later than 4:00 p.m.
with Meet-and-Greet immediately following and dinner from 6-8 p.m.



Nearly every county needs Republican Election Judges.
Fair elections need watchful eyes.
Sign-up in your county — info [HERE](#)



DO YOU HAVE YOUR CLUB SWAG?
NEW ITEMS – CLOTHING, JEWELRY, AND OTHER FUN STUFF HAVE JUST BEEN ADDED TO THE COUNTRY STORE
CHECK IT OUT [HERE](#)

Republican Women of Baltimore County

RWBC Hosts Emergency Meeting – Over 100 Concerned Citizens Attend

On Tuesday, February 27th, the Republican Women of Baltimore County convened an emergency meeting in response to citizen concerns surrounding Senate Bill 484, which represents a clear power grab by the State government and undermines local zoning input. Despite the hastily organized nature of the event, it garnered attention through various channels including the RWBC website, social media platforms, the NextDoor App, WCBM radio call-ins, and word of mouth.

The RWBC had no prior estimate of the turnout, but the presence of at least 100 concerned citizens underscored the gravity of the issue. Attendees were motivated by a multitude of concerns ranging from safeguarding their families and neighborhoods to protecting property rights, ensuring safety, preserving property values, maintaining community infrastructure, addressing traffic issues, and tackling school overcrowding.

In addition to concerned citizens, members of the press including WMAR, FOX 45, WCBM, and a reporter from the Baltimore Sun were present to cover the event. The collective mission of RWBC and fellow county citizens was accomplished – their voices were heard.

However, the story doesn't conclude there.

The meeting included actionable items aimed at empowering attendees to exercise their rights and voices effectively. Guidance on delivering verbal and written testimony was provided, along with a comprehensive list containing the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of all State Delegates and Senators on the Environment and Transportation Committee, as well as the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee. Additionally, sample templates for strongly worded opposition were made available to all participants.

The RWBC are confident that they equipped attendees with the necessary information and tools to feel informed, validated, and empowered, enabling them to continue advocating for their concerns and ultimately thwarting this dangerous bill.



People in Baltimore County are concerned about future development

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The RWBC Goes to CPAC

The Republican Women of Baltimore County had an amazing turnout at CPAC 2024 at the National Harbor. Pictured here are more than a dozen full members, some of our associate members, members from Baltimore County partnering clubs as well as Congressional candidate John Thormann and Senate candidate Lorie Friend. A fabulous time was had by all and much work was done in terms of networking, recruiting future speakers and supporting Republican candidates from Maryland.



Frederick County Republican Women's Club

The FCRWC is Working To Elect All-Republican County School Board

The Frederick County Republican Women's Club ended the final meeting for the winter of 2023 by hosting three of the four Republican Board of Education candidates: Jaime Brennan, Colt Black and Pattie Worsley. The fourth candidate, Tabitha McLoughlin had a prior commitment. She has an open invitation to address our members at a future 2024 meeting.

The club is dedicated to getting Republicans elected to all three of the four available Board of Education seats this year. We have one lone Republican voice on our current Board of Education, Nancy Allen. Our goal is to provide support for her this November.

Our club has been dedicated to being watchdogs of public education here in Frederick County. This will continue in 2024. Two of our members, Nancy Allen and Cindy Rose are actively pursuing the removal of obscene, sexually explicit and vulgar materials in our public school libraries. Their advocacy has gone from filing a complaint against 36 books, to a Reconsideration Committee being convened. This was followed by the Superintendent's Report. The Superintendent supported the Committee decision to keep all but two of the materials. Ms. Allen and Ms. Rose have filed an appeal and are awaiting a public hearing before the Board of Education.

New business at the meeting discussed ideas for helping the club raise money so we can assist our candidates during the general election and beyond.



Spring Basket Raffle winner Colleen Cusimano

Potomac Republican Women's Club

A tribute to Josephine Wang – From Precinct Organizer to Central Committee Member Thirty-six Years of Service to the Republican Party



Josephine Wang's journey from her birth in Beijing, China, to her current role as a dedicated member of the **PRWC** and the Maryland Republican Party spans a remarkable story of resilience and determination. Born in 1942 to Professor Hsuan Chang and Mrs. Chang, Josephine's early life in China was marked by hardship under Mao's regime. Her family's decision to leave China due to political turmoil led them to a refugee camp in Hong Kong, where they faced immense challenges.

Despite difficulties, Josephine's indomitable spirit saw her through. She recalls vividly the struggles of daily life in the refugee camp, where necessities like food and water were scarce. Her family's eventual move to the United States in 1957 opened a world of opportunities, albeit with its own set of obstacles. Josephine's determination to pursue education, despite discouragement for her school counselor and parents, led her to graduate from Queens College with a degree in Elementary Education after years of hard work and perseverance.

Josephine's journey into politics was sparked by her interest in American ideals of freedom and opportunity. Introduced to politics by her mentor, Jean Roesser, in 1986, Josephine quickly became involved in the Potomac Women's Republican Club and later served in various roles with the Republican Party, including appointments under Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Throughout her life, Josephine has remained true to her values and principles, advocating for English proficiency among immigrants and resilience among the younger generation. Her advice to immigrants to preserve their native language at home resonates with her own experiences of adapting to a new culture while retaining her roots. Josephine's unwavering belief in the American dream and her commitment to upholding its values serve as a testament to her enduring legacy.

Republican Women Leaders of Calvert

Member of the RWLC enthusiastically attended the January 6th Leadership Conference at Renditions Golf Club in Davidsonville, Anne Arundel County.



L) to (R): Ella Ennis - Legislative Chair; Donna Zupancic - Past President; Jana Barberio - President; Amanda Dolina - Recording Secretary; Rhonda Kazer - RWLC member.

Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Club

Upper Montgomery has been busy, as always, and kicked off the new year with two informative speakers. Meetings are held at the Montgomery County GOP headquarters which enables the club to partner with and support the MCGOP. Gilberto Zelaya, PhD, was the special guest speaker in January. He talked about "The Ins and Outs of Poll Working," and encouraged everyone to become involved in the upcoming elections. Cathy Wright, an expert and leader in the MD NRA-Institute for Legislative Action, gave a riveting presentation in February, "Guns, Grassroots and Freedom."

Club members also had a fantastic time at CPAC in February. Attendees are fired up for the upcoming Presidential election which is critical to the future of this great country. Some of the favorite speakers were Kari Lake, Governor Kristi Noem and, of course, President Donald Trump!



Club members door knocking in support of 2 terms only for County Executive



L/R: Anne Koutsoutis, Louise Cox, Brigitta Mullican and Elizabeth Ohmen at CPAC



L/R: Karin Walker, Vikki Birkett, and Sully Sullivan, r at CPAC



Brigitta Mullican signing the Trump bus at CPAC

Republican Women of Worcester County

Introduction of the RWWC's New Board

Sandy Zitzer, RWWC's immediate past President, in new President Jean Delcher's absence, introduced the new 2024-2025 Republican Women of Worcester County Board members to 65 attendees at the January 2024 General Luncheon Meeting at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant.



L) to (R): Carol Frazier - 1st VP; Kris Barron – 2nd VP; Kathy Jarboe - Corresponding Sec; Jennie Allen - Assistant Treasurer/ Membership; Jane Wolnick – Treasurer; and Gwen Crisafulli, Recording Sec..

The RWWC's Red Shoes are into Bill O'Reilly

On Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the Republican Women of Worcester County held their bi-monthly Red Shoe Book Club meeting at the Ocean Pines Library. Books are selected through the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project list. In January they read "Killing Reagan" by Bill O'Reilly.



Members of the RWWC enjoying their Red Shoe Book Club meeting to discuss "Killing Reagan."

The RWWC Donates to Two Groups Supporting Local Children



The RWWC made a donation to help support Worcester Connects and the Cricket Center. Standing left to right accepting the checks are Kayla Figueroa, Director of Worcester Connects and Lauren Cooper, Director of the Cricket Center, Sandy Zitzer, Past President RWWC and Carol Frazier, 1st Vice President RWWC.

The Republican Women of Worcester County held their February, 2024 luncheon meeting at the Ocean City Golf Club, Berlin, MD. The first guest speaker was Kayla Figueroa, Director of Worcester Connects, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling. "Worcester Connects" is a youth mentoring program designed to help students in grades 1 - 12 with positive role models in their lives by increasing community involvement. Mentors are needed to fulfill this goal.

Also speaking was Lauren Cooper, Director of the "Cricket Center," a Worcester County Child Advocacy Center, who described how the organization teams up with Atlantic General Hospital, the Board of Education, Department of Education, the Life Crisis Center, Local Law Enforcement and the State's Attorney's Office. Their mission is to generate a community response where children and families experience hope and healing while holding abusers accountable through a team effort that includes forensic interviews by local law enforcement and Child Protective investigators in a safe and child-friendly environment.



Through the generosity of the members of RWWC, a collection of children's books, was given to 2 organizations. Standing left to right are Carol Frazier, RWWC 1st VP, Sandy Zitzer, RWWC Past President, Kayla Figueroa, Dir. of Worcester Connects and Lauren Cooper, Dir of the Cricket Center

Chesapeake Republican Women

Chesapeake Republican Women closed out 2023 with a bang!

We hosted Maryland Senate Minority Leader Steve Hershey and Del. Jeff Ghrist in October to learn about their legislative priorities for the 2024 session (crime bills top the list!). To celebrate Veteran's Day, the group hosted American Legion Eastern Shore Commander Nikki Randolph, who spearheads the distribution of millions of dollars for veteran and student programs and created the first statewide PTSD counseling program. And, our Christmas party was a smash, attracting MFRW leaders Sharon Carrick, Maria Sofia and Liliana Norkaitis!



CRW members plus Sharon Carrick, Maria Sofia, and Lili Norkaitis at their annual Christmas Party



L/R: Tara Clairmont, Jeff Ghrist, Steve Hershey, Diana Waterman, Laurie Plemons

*Top Left: Laurie Plemons
Top Right: American Legion
Eastern Shore Commander
Nikki Randolph
Bottom: CRW members in
attendance. →*



Allegany County Republican Women's Club

Allegany County Republican Women hosted a "purse party". We collected 79 purses and women's toiletries for inside them.

We put it all together at our February meeting and donated them to the Union Rescue Mission Cumberland Maryland.

Pictured(right) is a representative of the Union Rescue Mission with Michelle Twigg, VP of Allegany County Republican Women.



CPAC 2024—WISH YOU WERE HERE

By Laura Benson



The Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) was held at the Gaylord National Harbor, Maryland in late February with the theme “Where Globalism Goes to Die.”

The event kicked off with the first ever CPAC International Summit that denounced the tyrannical regimes of Russia, China, Brazil and Joe Biden in addition to issuing resolutions.

The General Session ran from Thursday through Saturday and the program brought both domestic and international leaders to the stage. It was three days of big names discussing topics such as the

weaponization of our government and justice system (lawfare), illegal immigration, the economy, energy, the impact of COVID, international conflicts and concerns, election integrity, child trafficking, many of the failed policies of the Biden Administration (too numerous to list).

CPAC has spread internationally and representatives from those organizations in Mexico, Japan, and Australia spoke about the importance and challenges of advancing the conservative movement in their respective countries and the negative impact of the Biden administration on their country.

Panels were filled with industry leaders, elected officials, conservative media hosts and activists. The first day ended with a speech from Nayib Bukele, President of El Salvador who was recently re-elected in a landslide victory. He stated that globalism is already dead in his country and if we want it to die in the USA, “we must be willing to unapologetically fight against everything and everyone that stands for it—fight for your freedoms, fight for your rights.” He described how he has made his country one of the safest in the world and as a result, some residents who once left are now returning.

On Saturday, President Trump spoke to a room filled-to-capacity with a high energy crowd. Being in a room prior to a Trump speech is like no other experience that comes to mind, though that sentiment is not shared by the left media who wrote negative reviews of CPAC. President Trump continued to call out the liberal media for being an arm of the Democrat Party, cited the big problems we face as a country and how he will address those if re-elected. His speech was quite humorous at times and then sobering as he brought the crowd back to the realities of what is at stake with this election.

If you have not seen the backstage encounter of President Javier Milei (Argentina) meeting President Trump, it is worth a look on the internet. President Milei spoke to the crowd after Trump left for his South Carolina primary victory party. The libertarian President said that he “was not there to herd sheep but to awaken lions.” He blamed Argentina’s decline on socialism which leads to corruption. Since taking office in December, Milei has slashed government spending and says he is putting Argentina on the road to growth and will “Make Argentina Great Again.”

The event ended with results of the straw poll which included an array of questions including who should President Trump pick for VP. The top picks were Kristi Noem and Vivek Ramaswamy tying for first place (15% each) followed by Tulsi Gabbard, Elise Stefanik and Tim Scott.

As we move forward in this election year, keep in mind the advice of President Bukele who stated that “the next US President must not only win an election but they must have the vision, will and courage to do whatever it takes to identify the dark forces that are already in our country and will conspire against them.” If you have time to listen to recorded CPAC speakers, you can find that content at www.cpac.org or YouTube.

Laura is a Member of the Montgomery County Central Committee and Upper Montgomery Republican Women’s Club

Upcoming Dates to Remember



Spring Board of Directors Meeting & MFRW Fundraiser Dinner
Saturday, April 27, 2024 — Frederick, MD

Spring Brunch — PG County—stay tuned for details

Maryland Primary Election—May 14th — GO VOTE and/or serve as
Election Judge info [HERE](#). Watchful eyes = clean elections.

Please submit articles on club activities

by June 1st

for the Spring *Trumpeter* Issue



Deadline is FINAL — submit early — Thank you
Sorry, but unlabeled photos will NOT be used

Order your MFRW Red Scarf
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