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Spring 2024

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Greetings MFRW Members,
It's getting hot out there!

The June 11th special election in Ohio's 6th Congressional District (6-11-24) has demonstrated that turnout is everything. The Republican nominee defeated the Democrat nominee by just 9 points in a dark red district that Donald Trump carried by 29 points. The Cook Report attributed that surprising result to abysmal turnout and to Democrats having an advantage with highly engaged voters most likely to vote.

As we steam towards the November 5th General Election, we must all be engaged. With every avenue available to you, work to Get-Out-The-Vote, promote "Bank the Vote", support all Republican candidates, and take every opportunity to remind others that the economy, personal safety, and national security were better under Trump.

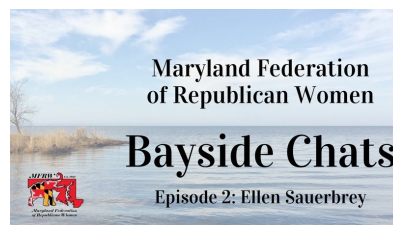
You may be interested in these recent additions to the [MFRW website](http://mfrw.org) -- mfrw.org.

AMERICANISM is a new addition at the PROGRAMS tab.

Lots of **EVENTS** have been added -- MDGOP's **Red, White & Blue dinner with Senator Joni Ernst, the presidential debates, etc.**

WEBSITES for Republican candidates who will appear on November's General Election ballot can be found at the bottom of the mfrw.org home page.

Sharon



The second episode of Bayside chats highlights the extraordinary accomplishments of Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey.

Ellen Sauerbrey has accomplished so much in her life and political journey. In this interview, Ellen looks back on the many positions and offices she has held and how Republican Women impacted her.

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.



L: Lili Norkaitis R: Ellen Sauerbrey

MFRW Membership Report

The current MFRW membership stands at 1060.

Six clubs have exceeded their 2023 membership total— Garrett, Patuxent, Calvert Leaders, Taneytown, Worcester and Upper Montgomery . WAY TO GO, LADIES!!!!

This is 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!

Empowering 70K Voices

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) continues to be the leading grassroots organization for Republican Women. This election year, it is critical that Republican Women have a significant impact, which means that we need to empower even more Republican Women voices! The NFRW's membership goal for 2024 is **70,000**, achievable if clubs and the state federation can increase their membership by **25%**.

Two of Maryland's 25 federated clubs have already reached that goal.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Republican Women Leaders of Calvert and Upper Montgomery Women's Republican Club!!

New Initiative from the RNC



The Republican National Committee has announced the launch of the **Protect the Vote** tour which marks a pivotal step in their mission to ensure a fair and transparent election. Led by RNC Chairman Michael Whatley and RNC Co-Chair Lara Trump, this nationwide initiative will recruit poll watchers, poll workers, and legal experts to mobilize during the 2024 election season. The **Protect the Vote** tour will champion election integrity, rally voters for President Trump, and train volunteers to ensure it is easy to vote and hard to cheat this November.

RNC Chairman Michael Whatley stated: "Election integrity is our top priority. Our unprecedented effort to secure our elections will build voter confidence across the country. The Protect the Vote tour will be a critical campaign to ensure that elections are fair, accurate, secure, and transparent.

RNC Co-Chair Lara Trump stated: "One of the foundations of the United States of America is that all citizens have faith in our electoral process. Chairman Whatley and I are proud to play a role in ensuring that every American knows that their legal vote matters and counts. No one can sit idly by during this election and we are excited to help every patriot play a role in the most important election of our lifetime."

The **Protect the Vote** tour kicked-off in Michigan on June 14 and continued in Pennsylvania on June 18, and moves on to North Carolina on June 20, and Georgia on June 26, with more dates to be announced.

Background:

- The **Protect the Vote** tour is part of the RNC's boots on the ground initiative to [recruit 100,000](#) poll watchers, poll workers, and legal experts ahead of the election.
- Leading up to Election Day, we are pursuing every legal action to ensure our elections are secure and transparent and inspire voter confidence. Our trained and dedicated poll watchers, poll workers, and legal experts will oversee whenever a ballot is being cast or counted this election.
- Democrats across the country have promoted election systems that are open to fraud, encouraged non-citizens to vote, and used our tax dollars for their GOTV activities. Rather than fixing their failed policies, they have focused on dismantling election integrity efforts.
- For more information visit protectthevote.com.

YOU CAN JOIN THIS EFFORT [HERE](#) for **VICTORY**



MDGOP hosts celebration of a legacy

On May 6, 2024, the Maryland Republican Party honored Ellen Sauerbrey as a decades-long pillar of the Republican Party who inspired so many others along the way.

Hosted by Governor Bob Ehrlich, Kendel Ehrlich, Rep. Andy Harris, MDGOP Chairwoman Nicole Beus Harris, and RNC National Committeewoman Nicolee Ambrose, the event drew nearly 400 fellow Republicans for a trip down memory lane and an otherwise fantastic evening.



**Hundreds of people honored Ellen
at a celebration on Monday, May 6th
at the Sheraton Baltimore North.**



Read Ellen's bio and political legacy [HERE](#)



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.

Bay Club membership for 2024 stands at 43 total individual and club members

On April 30, twenty-two Bay Club members enjoyed a unique opportunity to experience a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol led by our own 4th Vice President, Liliana Norkaitis, and one of her congressional colleagues, as well as a tour of the Library of Congress and visit to the Supreme Court.

2024 Bay Club Individual Members as of May 31, 2024

Jana Barberio	Kathryn Jerrard	Anne Rutherford
Vikki Birkett	Liz Mumford	Alma Schultz
Linda Bradley	Liliana Norkaitis	Audrey Scott
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2024 Club Members

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



Nearly every county needs Republican Election Judges.

Fair elections need watchful eyes.

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Bay Club Members Tour the U.S. Capitol

On April 30th, twenty-two Bay Club members participated in a rare opportunity to tour the U.S. Capitol led by our very own tour guide, Lili Norkaitis (MFRW 4th VP) who was serving an internship with Senator Joni Ernst at that time.

Additionally, Lili arranged a guided tour of the Library of Congress and a self guided tour of the Supreme Court. It was an informative day.



The tour group (Lili on the far right) posing with the Charles Carroll statue in "Statuary Hall" in the U.S. Capitol Building. The Charles Carroll statute was given to the National Statuary Hall Collection by Maryland in 1903. The Collection includes statues donated by individual states honoring persons notable in their respective state's history.



Fourteen MFRW members will attend the Republican National Convention in July. These members qualified to attend as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate by either running on their respective congressional district Primary Ballots (8 Delegates & 6 Alternates) or by election by State Party Central Committee members at their Spring Convention in May (2 additional MFRW Delegates and 3 Alternates). All candidates were vetted by the Trump campaign prior to acceptance on the ballot.



*.....To Be a Bay Club Member
Join Today!!!*

[HERE](#)



National Federation News

A Message From NFRW President Julie Harris

THE AMERICAN FLAG: A NEW CONSTELLATION

I recently had the privilege of speaking at a Flag Day event. Though not a federal holiday, Flag Day has been celebrated nationally on June 14 since President Woodrow Wilson established it as a national observance in 1916. It is a day worthy of our time to reflect on the historical context and profound meaning that gave rise to our beloved "Stars & Stripes."

Before the creation of the American flag, the colonists were fighting the War of Independence under their individual flags. Each colony would fly its own flag over colonial vessels. England considered these armed vessels to be pirate ships. As a result, they would capture these ships, hang their crews, and seize their property.

Recognizing the need for a unified army, the Second Continental Congress met in June 1777 in Philadelphia to establish the Continental Army. This unified army would require organization, strength, determination, and fierceness to defeat the British Army and win independence. This new unified army required a symbol that would embody the vision of our new nation.

The Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777, stated, "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

The American flag would bring unity and offer status and protection to colonies and their vessels. It warned our foes and assured our citizens that democracy lives and will be defended.

Recognizing the American flag as a new constellation was intentional, not just a clever play on words. It symbolizes unity, strength, and hope, just as the constellations in the night sky represent guidance and direction. Our founding fathers understood the potential power of the new nation they envisioned. They designed a national flag to embody the ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Just as ancient constellations guided navigators across the seas, the American flag was intended to serve as a beacon of hope. It represented everything our founding fathers envisioned for us today. The ideas and principles embodied in our flag are what turn the American dream into an American reality.

We are truly blessed to be living in the greatest nation on earth. Let us celebrate the American flag not only on Flag Day but throughout the year as a reminder of the enduring values that shape our country. Let us display our flags proudly and leave them waving all year long.





Spring Board Meeting 2024 RECAP

The MFRW 2024 Spring Board meeting was held Saturday, April 27th at the Frederick Event Center in Frederick, MD



Delegate Jesse Pippy (D4—Frederick County) welcomed the group to Frederick and offered a short recap of Maryland's 2024 General Assembly Session including the “good, bad, and the ugly” bills that passed or didn’t pass.

MDGOP Chairwoman Nicole Beus Harris stressed the importance of supporting all Republicans on the ballot with “Victory through Unity” and encouraged the use of **Numinar** for door-knocking efforts.

Former NFRW Parliamentarian Theresa Kosmoski gave an entertaining presentation on the importance of club Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order.

The agenda included an informative panel discussion on crime with State Senators Chris West (D42—Baltimore and Carroll County) and Bill Folden (D4- Frederick County), as well as Carroll County State’s Attorney Special Counsel Mike Stewart.

Sixteen clubs earned statewide awards: **Oriole**: RW of Anne Arundel County, RW of Frederick County*, Hopkins WRC, Rural WRC*, and Upper Montgomery WRC*. **Black-Eyed Susan**: Wicomico Conservative RW*. **White Oak**: RW of Cecil County, RW of Charles County*. **Maryland Shield**: RW Leaders of Calvert, Chevy Chase WRC*, Garrett County RWC*, Harford County RW, Patuxent RW, Potomac WRC, RW of St. Mary’s, and RW of Worcester County*.

* = recipient of additional special category awards. Congratulations to these hard working clubs.

The regular business meeting and a scrumptious buffet lunch rounded out the day.

Additionally, members in attendance unanimously adopted two resolutions: full texts available: [mfrw.org/About Us/Resources](http://mfrw.org/AboutUs/Resources)

1 -- [Resolution Supporting Removal of Inappropriate Materials from Schools](#) -- submitted by the Republican Women of Frederick County

2 -- [Resolution Against Recreational Marijuana \(Cannabis\)](#) -- submitted by the Republican Women of Taneytown

ELECTION 2024 – THESE ARE THE MARYLAND CANDIDATES VICTORY THRU UNITY

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CHECK FOR YOUR LOCAL CANDIDATES [HERE](#)

MFRW Happenings from the Clubs

Republican Women of Baltimore County

The Maryland GOP honored the one and only Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey at a dinner held in Towson on May 6th.

Forty plus members of The Republican Women of Baltimore County attended, showing our love and admiration for our club's founder Ellen.

Guest speakers included Governor Bob Ehrlich and Congressman Andy Harris with his wife Nicole, Chairwoman of the MDGOP. Over 370 attendees enjoyed this spectacular night!



Ellen
Republican Women of Baltimore County Icon

A collage of 16 photographs showing various events and group photos of the Republican Women of Baltimore County. The photos include group portraits, individual portraits, and scenes from social gatherings. One photo shows a woman in a red hat and sunglasses, another shows a woman in a white jacket and red scarf, and another shows a woman in a green jacket. A banner in one photo reads "REPUBLICAN WOMEN BALTIMORE COUNTY".

Thank you for your inspirational leadership!

**RWBC Leads the Way:
First Women's Club in Maryland to Pass
Keep Nine Amendment Resolution**



Formed by the Coalition to Preserve the Independence of the United States Supreme Court, the Keep Nine Amendment simply states "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine Justices"

The Keep Nine Amendment now has the support of over 200 members of Congress, as well as a large grassroots network of support across the United States.

Passage of the Keep Nine Amendment will ensure the U.S. Supreme Court remains an independent guardian of the rights and freedoms of all Americans for future generations.

**WHETHER BY MAIL,
DURING 8 DAYS OF EARLY VOTING,
OR IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY
— MAKE A PLAN AND**



Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club

by Debi Edwards, Second Vice President

The Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club welcomed guest speaker, Robert Woodson (speaker, author and Founder of the Woodson Center) for our Presidents' Day Luncheon earlier this year. Truly an inspiration to all, he has spent his life helping people in low income and impoverished conditions. The Woodson Center is a manifestation of those efforts. At the Woodson Center, leaders go door to door seeking out the "30 percent" who have overcome drug addiction or other issues to identify leaders within those struggling communities.

Mr. Woodson does not believe we have a race problem, but rather a "grace problem." In his speech, he noted that the USA's welfare and public housing programs have only enriched the ones administering these government programs. Further, the values of ingenuity, imagination, hard work, safe communities and God-fearing families are in serious decline. I highly recommend reading his book, "*Lessons from the Least of These*," which documents his success and principles in leadership.

The rhetoric of 'systemic racism' is divisive, and devalues individual and community initiatives. America's Founding Fathers were instruments in God's hands in establishing our great nation. Mr. Woodson's book "*Red, White and Black*" is his response for rescuing American history from revisionists and race hustlers.

That day, the audience was mesmerized by Mr. Woodson's recounting of his own experiences, his exuding faith in God and our America. His brilliant sense of humor and his inspiring and motivating presence left many of us captivated. I believe that his books should be available in every library across our nation, as well as our high schools. To learn more about Mr. Woodson and the Center's work, please visit: <https://woodsoncenter.org>



L/R: Bob Woodson, (wife) Ellen Woodson, Juleen Jackson, Debi Edwards, 2nd Vice President of CCWRC and Al Jackson



DO YOU HAVE YOUR CLUB SWAG?

NEW ITEMS – CLOTHING, JEWELRY, AND OTHER FUN STUFF HAVE JUST BEEN ADDED TO THE COUNTRY STORE



*To be a Bay Club Member
Can we Count on YOU?*

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Republican Women Leaders of Calvert

RWL of Calvert Work and Celebrate

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

On March 23rd the Calvert Leaders celebrated their 21st anniversary, complete with a scrumptious buffet and special anniversary cake.



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



21st Anniversary of RWL of Calvert celebration



Anniversary Cake

Featured speaker for the celebration was Fred Tillack, President of Calvert County's Patuxent Republican Club.



← Speaker Fred Tillack, at March 23rd celebration



*Calvert County Republican headquarters
424 Solomons Island Rd., Prince Frederick MD
Open M-F 1-5p.m.*

Finally, the RWLC opened a campaign headquarters for the upcoming elections where supporters can obtain candidate campaign materials. The office is staffed by RWLC and Calvert County Central Committee volunteers.

Republican Women of Worcester County

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, the Republican Women of Worcester County held their first Season Kickoff and Expo. Many vendors, organizations and entities were present to talk about life and living in Ocean Pines.

*Representing RWWC (Republican Women of Worcester County),
L/R: Liz Mumford, Campaign Chair, Jennie Allen, Membership
Chair and member Linda Sirianni.* →



L/R: Susan Ostrowski, Elena Gjoni (1st place), Hayden Wagner (2nd place), Ben Rafinski (3rd place), and Jean Delcher.

RWWC Selects Essay Contest Winners

Open to all 8th grade students in the county, the Republican Women of Worcester County awarded winners of its “Americanism Essay Contest” earlier this year. Susan Ostrowski, Literacy Chairman, looked on as the students received their monetary prizes from President Jean Delcher. The winners all attend Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, Maryland.

The RWWC May Luncheon Meeting and MFRW Awards

The Republican Women of Worcester County held their May General Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at the Worcester Technical High School in Newark, Maryland.

Eighty guests were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Phil Cropper and his students, and heard a lively talk from Amber Athey Duke, author of "*The Snowflakes Revolt - How Millennials Hijacked American Media.*"



*RWWC Americanism Chairman,
Carol Rose*

At the same luncheon meeting, Carol Rose, RWWC Americanism Chairman, presented a very moving talk on the significance of Memorial Day and the real meaning that it represents to Americans.

At the MFRW Spring Meeting, the Republican Women of Worcester County received five awards, including the Maryland Shield Award and the “Most New Members” award.

Raye Simpson, RWWC Awards chair, received the awards and was responsible for submitting all the pertinent information necessary to win.

*L/R: Sandy Zitzer, Past President RWWC, Raye Simpson,
RWWC Awards chairman, and Jean Delcher, RWWC
President.* →



*Amber Athey Duke (left) and
RWWC President Jean Delcher*



Cecil County Republican Women's Club

Cecil County's Super Saturday Get Out the Vote

by Linda Stine Flint

Kathryn Jerrard from Baltimore County, Linda Stine Flint from Harford County, and Jutilia Wilson from Cecil County all participated in Cecil County's Super Saturday Get Out the Vote efforts on Saturday, May 4th.

They knocked on a large number of doors, using the "Numinar" system, and encouraged Republicans to vote, as every vote matters in this election. Rain didn't stop them... the Get Out the Vote effort in Cecil reached 573 voters!

On an unanticipated note, the Cecil County Republican Women received a new member whom we met while door knocking. She invited us in to tour her beautiful historic home and asked us to each choose a beautiful rosary from her rosary tree.



L/R: Linda Stine Flint, Kathryn Jerrard, and Jutilia Wilson.

Montgomery County Republican Women Continue to Honor Our Police with "Back the Blue" Events

by Susan Baker, Chevy Chase WRC

I wanted to share my experience with you regarding the first Back the Blue (BTB) event I have attended. These events have been going on for five years now, and begun by members from each of the four Women's Republican Clubs in Montgomery County. It was an uplifting experience for me and I would say pretty much everyone in attendance.

Along with several other women in a car full of paper plates and napkins, drinks, and other items, I arrived at the District 4 MC Police Department on Randolph Road in Wheaton on April 30th in time to help set up the utensils and food. What a crowd of Republican ladies awaited us, and then we were joined by more as the event commenced. Officers and staff came in and out, some stayed, we mingled and talked with them. There were happy spirits all around.

I had wonderful conversations with three officers sharing my experience with the Montgomery County Police Citizens' Academy. They all said how pleased they were that I had attended, enjoyed, and learned so much from my experience taking the Academy course (which all residents may do). I even joined the Alumni Association (I had my Alumni Badge on).

I shared an exciting conversation with one of the officers about community household security, the available systems, and the physical aspects — we could have gone on for a long time. I goofed and ate a cookie, and the Officer I was talking with said that it was "OK," as I ate their cookie ... which was a good thing ... as they patted their belly.

Back The Blue signs were autographed by each of us who had made our way to spend time with the officers. I noted that there were several other BTB signs that we had brought over the course of these past five years during these annual visits.

We were surprised to learn that the Montgomery Federation's four clubs are the only citizens' groups that did these kinds of events. The officers are so appreciative of this small gesture that we do once a year for each of the six police districts in our county, the Dispatchers and the park police. It is so easy to do too. We stayed about a half hour, recognizing that the Officers had real work to do, so we finally hustled out, leaving them to a bounty of food, treats, and drinks!



Garrett County Republican Women's Club

At the conclusion of this year's legislative session, the Club co-hosted a Legislative Wrap-up event with the GC Republican Central Committee. Sen. Mike McKay and Del. Jim Hinebaugh, shared the highs and lows of their 90 days in Annapolis.

The Garrett County Republican Women's Club hosted candidates at our March and April meetings. This included Congressional District 6 candidates Chris Hyser, Mariela Roca, DrBA and Brenda Thiam, PhD in March and Congressional District 6 candidates Neil Parrott and Tom Royals, U.S. Senate candidates Robin Ficker and Lorie Friend and Board of Education candidate Matthew Trezise in April.

In May, we welcomed Steve Kelly, Garrett County Director of Planning & Community Development, to update us on the status of the County, as well as some new initiatives.



Delivery lunch to the Garrett County Sheriff's Office are: L/R: Ainsley McCroskey, Melita Friend, Club President Luanne Ruddell, and Club Treasurer Rita Watson.

During National Police Week, we showed our appreciation to Garrett County law enforcement by delivering a home-cooked lunch to each agency.

Club members were pleased that Pres. Luanne Ruddell, VP Patty Hammond and Americanism & Membership Chair Melita Friend attended the Spring Board meeting and brought home a MD Shield Award, as well as the Community Service Award and Best Newsletter Award for 2023.



L/R: Melita Friend, Luanne Ruddell, Patty Hammond



L/R: Ainsley McCroskey, Rita Watson, Luanne Ruddell and Melita Friend, Oakland Town Administrator Cindy Coddington, dropping off lunch for Oakland Police Chief Tim Sanders, who was



Present at the lunch delivery to the Maryland State Police Barracks in McHenry were L/R: Linda Bradley, Cpl. Troy Waggoner, Rita Watson, Club VP Patty Hammond, Liz Morin, Lt. Mike Sigmund, Melita Friend, and 1/Sgt. Brad Williams.

Seven of our members had a great time at the Bay Club members' tour of the Russell Senate Building, Library of Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court. Thanks to 4th VP Liliana Norkaitis for the arrangements.

Once again, the Club was pleased to award Ruth H. Umbel Scholarships, totaling \$1800, to graduating seniors at each of our high schools, as well as to a home-schooled graduate.

GCRWC VP Patty Hammond and Scholarship Committee member Linda Bradley presented Laura Huelskamp from Northern Garrett High School is with her award at the school's Awards Assembly.



L/R: Patty Hammond, Laura Huelskamp, Linda Bradley

Madison Thayer, graduating from Southern Garrett High School, also received her award at her Senior Awards Ceremony from Hammond and Bradley.

Home-school graduate Bethany Carrington will be presented her award at the Club's June meeting.

Club member Barbara Chesley makes and donates a patriotic quilt each year that is raffled, with the proceeds funding our scholarships.

During this quarter, the Club added four members and six associate members.



L/R: Madison Thayer, Patty Hammond, Linda Bradley →

Hopkins Women's Republican Club

The HWRC Faces the Issues

by Gail Thies, President

On March 6th, the Hopkins Women's Republican Club featured **Donald Scoggins, Republican Baltimore City mayoral candidate**, who gave a presentation on the many problems the city faces and their possible solutions as the Democrat political machine continues to dominate civic life there. **Community activist Deborah Brocato**, a staunch supporter of parental rights in Maryland with a pro-life perspective, informed club members on April 3rd of challenges and successes in promoting public awareness of these causes. The GOP may have a low profile in Baltimore, but on May 8th our club was addressed by **Dennis Betzel, 2nd Vice Chairman of the Baltimore City Rep. Central Committee**, offering an inside view of the local efforts of the GOP through several decades. His ability to deliver the message across differing groups was enlightening. The HWRC was represented April 27th at MFRW's Spring Board and Members Meeting in Frederick. And on May 6th, Club President Gail Thies attended the state party dinner at the Towson Sheraton honoring **Ellen Sauerbrey** – a heartfelt and well-attended evening to be sure!

Potomac Women's Republican Club

PWRC New Member Tea Focused on Schools

The Potomac Women's Republican Club held its Annual New Member Tea on April 25th. The afternoon tea was well attended and included a table spread with delicious finger foods contributed by the club's board members.

Guest speaker Rosalind Hanson, Vice Chair, Moms for Liberty-Montgomery County Chapter and Director of Development for Moms for Liberty National, challenged the 35 members gathered at hostess Kate Marshall's house to get involved in educational issues. Hanson said that **less than half of the students in Montgomery County tested were proficient in math and just over half were proficient in English during 2022-23**. "If they can't balance a budget, they can't be a productive member of society," she explained.



L/R: Rosalind Hanson, Vice Chair, Moms for Liberty, Montgomery County Chapter; Karin Walker, PWRC President



DID YOU KNOW ??

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT EVENT TO ORDER YOUR MFRW LOGO ITEMS

YOU CAN ORDER THEM RIGHT [HERE](#)

Wicomico Conservative Republican Women

The WCRW have been very active in the first half of the year.

We tied 13 fleece blankets for some local Coastal Hospice patients, as well as made a few “cozy shoulders” and scarves for local high school students.



Shari Randall, Director FAIR US and Jana Hobbs, WCRW President

We had our local Republican leaders-County Executive, Mayor, County Council-speak at our February meeting giving us updates on local concerns as well as a speaker about immigration. Shari Randall, Director FAIR US spoke with our club in January about Immigration concerns



The 13 blankets that were made.



April Babcock, Lost Voices of Fentanyl founder, joined us for our March meeting and we are working on getting her back for some school presentations locally as well.

← *April Babcock, Founder of the Lost Voices of Fentanyl*



Rebecca Tittermary, Marita Barnes, Lisa Schwartz, Jane Reagan, Juliana Smith, Jana Hobbs and 1 guest.

In April, we received training in Narcan by our local Health Department as well as heard from Sharon Carrick, MFRW President.

We held a quilt raffle for our 2024 scholarship to be awarded in June.



Sharon Carrick, MFRW President

Currently, our biggest concentration is on growing our membership through fun events like

painting ceramics and our book club, begun by our Vice President, Rebecca Tittermary.



*Crissy Bowie, Opioid Coordinator for Wicomico Health Department
Durbin Hamilton, Wicomico County Sheriff's Department →*

Upcoming Dates to Remember



Fall Board of Directors Meeting, Convention
and Fundraiser "Legacy" Dinner — November 15/16 weekend

Fall Brunch — PG County—stay tuned for details

Maryland General Election — November 5th —
GO VOTE and/or serve as Election Judge info [HERE](#).

Watchful eyes = clean elections.

Please submit articles on club activities

by September 1st

for the Summer *Trumpeter* Issue



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Newsletter Articles

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