



Fall Convention 2024

DIANA WATERMAN

April 25, 1961 – October 17, 2024

With us in spirit – celebrating
in Heaven – encouraging us to
continue the fight for our
Republican ideals.



Diana Waterman was a powerhouse in Maryland Republican politics:

- Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) -- Eastern Region chair, 1st Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, President (2018-2021)
- National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) – Board of Directors member during her tenure as MFRW President, member of the Campaign Activities and the Caring for America committees, member of the 2021 Nominating Committee
- Chesapeake Republican Women – founding member, Treasurer, President (2 terms)
- Maryland Republican Party (MDGOP) – 1st Vice Chair (2010-2013), Chairman (2013-2017)
- Queen Anne's County Republican Central Committee (2006 to present) – Treasurer, Vice Chair, Chair
- Republican Women's Federal Forum – Advisory Council
- Leader of the Maryland delegation to the 2016 Republican National Convention
- Women for Kelly Schulz for Governor -- Chairman
- Bob Ehrlich for Maryland 2010 -- campaign coordinator – Queen Anne's County

During her tenure as MDGOP Chair, the party gained 11 seats in the Maryland General Assembly and elected Governor Larry Hogan. More than 50 Republicans were elected to local offices. When she assumed office, the MDGOP was \$150K in debt with \$10K cash on hand. She worked tirelessly to reverse that, leaving the MDGOP with \$250K cash on hand and no debt.

The Diana Waterman Scholarship
c/o Chesapeake Charities
101 Log Canoe Circle, Ste O
Stevensville MD 21666

https://ccharities.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=2155



AGENDA

Fall Convention 2024

Welcome / Prayer / Pledge

Sharon Carrick +

BOARD of DIRECTORS meeting

Call to Order

Sharon Carrick, President

Roll Call

Melissa Brown, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes -- Spring 2024 Board meeting

Melissa Brown, Recording Secretary

Spring Board 2025 -- site selection

Anne Rutherford, Program Chair

Adoption of 2025 budget

Anne White, Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer vacancy

Sharon Carrick, President

Adjourn

GENERAL SESSION

Call to Order

Sharon Carrick, President

Roll Call / Credentials

Melissa Brown, Recording Secretary

Meeting Rules

Treasurer's Report

Anne White, Treasurer

Membership Report

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws

Liliana Norkaitis

Fundraising

Maria Sofia

Legislative

Ella Ennis

Membership

Julie Krieger

Political Activities

Tracey Longo

Program

Anne Rutherford

Special Committee Reports

Americanism

Jean Hruz

Awards

Bay Club

Luanne Ruddell

Literacy

Liz Mumford

Unfinished Business -- NONE

New Business

NFRW -- Biennial Convention

Vikki Birkett

Campaign management trainings

Resolution -- *Keep Nine* (Baltimore County)

Louise Baker

Adjournment

GUEST SPEAKERS

Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman, NFRW 3rd VP

Dwight Patel, MDGOP 3rd VP

MFRW Fall Convention 2024

MEETING RULES

CELL PHONES – LOUD TALKING

All cell phones must be turned off or placed on vibrate. There shall be no loud conversations during the meeting. Those wishing to have a private conversation should move outside the meeting room.

DISCUSSION / DEBATE

A delegate/member must give her club affiliation or title when recognized by the chair.

No delegate/member shall speak for more than 2 minutes without the general consent of the voting members present. If there is an objection to the general consent, a formal vote must be taken, with a 2/3 vote required to extend the time for not more than 2 additional minutes.

No delegate/member may speak a second time until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so. No delegate/member may speak more than twice on the same issue and only if time allows.

Debate on each substantive issue shall be limited to 15 minutes except for issues that were pre-approved for a longer period of time.

ELECTIONEERING

There will be no electioneering (signs or other election materials) in the Crawford Room (breakfast and meeting location) or within 6' of the registration table.

FILLING VACANT OFFICE (Assistant Treasurer)

- Nomination by a member of the Board of Directors (no nominating speech).
- 2-minute speech by each nominee.
- Vote by secret ballot -- Post-It provided on which the voter will write her choice.
- A plurality vote (nominee receiving the most votes) will determine the new Assistant Treasurer.

MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS

A motion or resolution not on the agenda will be considered under New Business.

It must be:

1. Introduced by a member of the voting body,
2. Seconded, and
3. Submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary to ensure accuracy in stating it and recording it in the minutes.

TIMEKEEPERS

A timekeeper shall be appointed by the president to serve at the meeting.

The timekeeper shall indicate to each speaker a 30-second warning before the expiration of the time allowed.

MFRW Spring Board of Directors & Members meeting
April 27, 2024
Frederick, Maryland

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Delegate Jesse Pippy welcomed the group to Frederick and provided a summary of the 2024 Session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Nicole Beus Harris, Chair of the Maryland Republican Party, emphasized “Victory through Unity” -- the importance of Maryland Republicans coming together to support all Republicans on the General Election ballot. Get-out-the-vote will be extremely important. Members were encouraged to utilize Numinar for door-knocking. The MDGOP is in the process of establishing Victory Centers throughout the state.

Recording Secretary Melissa Brown conducted Roll Call and confirmed that quorum was met. Meeting Rules were adopted as presented.

This was followed by a very informative panel discussion on the current state of criminal law and enforcement in Maryland. The panel included Mike Stewart (Special Counsel, Carroll County State’s Attorney’s Office), Senator Chris West (member of the Senate’s Judicial Proceedings Committee since 2019), and Senator Bill Folden (member of the Senate’s Judicial Proceedings Committee and a law enforcement officer).

Theresa Kosmoski, former NFRW Parliamentarian and former President of the Texas FRW, gave a very entertaining presentation on the importance of Bylaws and Robert’s Rules

BUSINESS MEETING

MFRW officers and committees reported on their activities.

- Treasurer’s Report – Appendix 1
- Assistant Treasurer – Membership stats – Appendix 2
- Recording Secretary -- Fall 2023 minutes were approved as presented.
- Americanism – Jean Hruz – meaning of Memorial Day (vs Veterans Day)
- Awards – Appendix 3
- Fundraising Committee – Maria Sofia – proposed fundraisers
 - September 22nd *Fall on the Farm* lunch
 - November 15th – *Legacy Dinner* in conjunction with Fall Convention
- Legislative Committee – Ella Ennis
 - Thanks to all for 2024 MD General Assembly Session efforts
 - Working on MGA 2025 strategy for protecting girls’ sports
 - Concerned about new Title IX regulations
- Literacy – Liz Mumford – concerned with limitations of 2024-2025 NFRW book list – recommended continued use of 2022-2023 book list
- Membership – Julie Krieger – awards for membership renewals

MFRW Spring Board of Directors & Members meeting
April 27, 2024
Frederick, Maryland

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- none

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion offered by Vikki Birkett – PASSED
 - The delegate positions allotted to the MFRW from the NFRW for the 2025 Convention in Orlando, Florida (which numbered around 7 in 2023) shall be offered first to the elected officers of the MFRW, and not selected by the MFRW President. If an elected officer cannot attend the 2025 convention, the MFRW President may appoint a delegate in her place.

- Mark your calendar
 - Fall Convention – Friday, November 15 / Saturday, November 16
 - Leadership Conference 2025 – Saturday, January 4th @ Renditions
 - Red Scarf Day 2025 – Tuesday, March 4th @ Calvert House

- Resolutions
 - *Keep Nine* resolution offered from the floor by RWBC – did not meet the April 22nd submission deadline
 - Motion to suspend the rules – FAILED – did not attain required 2/3 vote

 - Resolution supporting removal of inappropriate materials from schools
 - Submitted by the Republican Women of Frederick County, Connie Onspaugh, President
 - PASSED UNANIMOUS
 - *RESOLVED, that the Maryland Federation of Republican Women at its Spring Board of Directors and Members meeting held April 27, 2024 in Frederick, Maryland (1) stands firmly in support of the removal of “pervasively vulgar,” “age inappropriate,” and “educationally unsuitable” materials from our K-12 school libraries and classrooms; and (2) urges Maryland Boards of Education and legislators to pass sound policy and regulations to remove inappropriate materials from our schools.*

MFRW Spring Board of Directors & Members meeting
April 27, 2024
Frederick, Maryland

- Resolution against recreational marijuana (cannabis)
 - Submitted by the Republican Women of Taneytown, Robin Frazier, President
 - PASSED UNANIMOUS
 - *RESOLVED, That the members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) at its Spring Board of Directors and Members meeting held April 27, 2024 in Frederick, Maryland strongly oppose legalized recreational marijuana in Maryland, and affirm the express duty of judges and all Maryland citizens to obey federal law as it applies to recreational marijuana, recognizing federal law as superior to state law, namely the Cannabis Reform Act and the 2023 ballot referendum.*

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING COMMENTS

- Bylaws amendments must be submitted 60 days prior to the Fall Convention.
- Many thanks to Melissa Brown and Liliana Norkaitis for their great work on our social media postings.
- Legislative Update on MFRW website should be updated by mid-week.
- Be aware of the Dems manipulating terminology
 - Those released from incarceration are now referred to as “returning citizens”
 - Charging statistics are reported rather than crimes committed (e.g. a child under the age of 13 cannot be charged with a crime)
- Ignore all emails reportedly from me requesting the purchase of gift cards.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Signed and submitted by Melissa Brown, Recording Secretary

Proposed Budget		to Oct 31
2025	MD Federation of Republican Women	2024
\$ 4,950 <i>(45 members)</i>	Bay Club dues (<i>projecting 45 members</i>)	\$ 4,840
\$ -	Other income	
\$ 4,950	Income	\$ 4,840
\$ (400)	Expense	\$ (216)
\$ 4,550	Bay Club	\$ 4,620
<i>60 @ \$75</i>		
\$ 4,500	Income	\$ 3,610
\$ (3,500)	Expense	\$ (5,026)
\$ 1,000	Spring Board meeting	\$ (1,416)
<i>50 @ \$50</i>		
<i>Fall on the Farm</i>		<i>Fall on the Farm</i>
\$ 2,500	Income	\$ 1,605
\$ (1,500)	Expense	\$ (1,111)
\$ 1,000	Other events	\$ 494
<i>60 @ \$125</i>		
\$ 7,500	Income	\$ 910
\$ (6,500)	Expense	
\$ 1,000	Fall Convention	\$ 910
\$ 20,350	Event income (net)	\$ 4,608
<i>1,200 mbrs</i>		<i>1,149 mbrs</i>
\$ 30,000	Dues (\$25 per member -- paid to MFRW by club)	\$ 28,725
\$ 390	Club fees (\$15/club)	\$ 390
\$ (390)	Club fees to NFRW	\$ (390)
\$ (24,000)	Member dues to NFRW (\$20/member)	\$ (22,980)
\$ 6,000	Net to MFRW for member dues	\$ 5,745
\$ 300	Legacy Fund -- donations	\$ 300
\$ 1,500	Legacy Fund -- dividends	\$ 1,684
\$ 400	Legacy Fund -- L/T capital gains distributions	\$ 327
\$ 5,000	Legacy Fund -- Unrealized Gain	\$ 23,515
\$ 200	Donations	\$ -
\$ 20	Interest income	\$ 3
\$ 500	MFRW logo items -- Zazzle store	\$ 607
\$ 1,000	Raffles (net)	\$ -
\$ 300	Miscellaneous income	\$ 19
	Total OTHER	\$ 26,456
\$ 41,570	INFLOWS	\$ 36,808

Proposed Budget 2025	MD Federation of Republican Women	to Oct 31 2024
	Administrative expenses	
\$ 3,000	Accounting services	\$ 3,045
\$ 175	Bank charges -- annual Legacy account fee	\$ 175
\$ 300	Donations	\$ -
\$ 500	Memorials	\$ -
\$ 300	Office supplies	\$ 277
\$ 165	Payment costs (PayPal, credit card)	\$ 193
\$ 200	PO Box -- annual rent	\$ -
\$ 50	Postage & shipping	\$ 41
\$ 150	Printing	\$ 148
\$ 1,200	Quick Books Online	\$ 900
	Communications	
\$ 500	MailChimp	\$ 476
\$ 150	Zoom	\$ 149
\$ 750	Trumpeter / Call	\$ 865
\$ 1,200	Other (website, domain, etc)	\$ 1,153
	Leadership	
	Mileage \$1,100	
	NFRW meetings \$785	
	NFRW Regents membership \$1,000	
	Other expenses \$247	
\$ 3,300	President's expenses	\$ 3,132
\$ 300	Executive Board expenses	\$ -
\$ 750	Committee expenses (Standing & Special)	\$ 473
\$ 205	Insurance & bonds	\$ 205
	Other	
\$ 200	Miscellaneous expense	\$ 29
\$ 1,200	MFRW logo items (pins, shirts, scarves, etc)	\$ 1,156
\$ 500	NFRW - donations (funds/scholarships/fundraisers)	\$ -
\$ 3,000	Political education	\$ 238
\$ 7,500	Leadership Conference	\$ 6,384
\$ 7,500	Red Scarf Day (venue & materials)	\$ 6,686
\$ 3,000	Taxes (on Legacy Fund earnings & unrealized gain)	\$ 1,669
\$ 36,095	OUTFLOWS	\$ 27,394
\$ 5,475	Excess / Deficit	\$ 9,414
\$ 7,000	<i>Anticipated transfer from Legacy Fund to checking in Oct/Nov 2025 to reimburse NFRW Biennial Convention attendees 1/2 of Early Bird registration.</i>	

BUDGET 2025

Note that the actual numbers in the right-most column are through October 31, 2024.

1. Inflation has increased costs for all events. Bay Club revenue has helped tremendously in allowing us to keep our meeting registration fees reasonable. Our sincerest thanks to all Bay Club members.
2. Member dues, club fees and Bay Club revenue will not match exactly (quantity x \$) because collections begin in October of the previous year.
3. Accounting Services – state and federal tax returns, and other required reports -- higher in election years (7 reporting periods – just 2 in non-election years)
4. PO Box rent -- \$194/year -- was paid in November.
5. Political Education @ \$238 – 1/2 reimbursement to an NFRW Biennial Convention 2023 attendee – issued in 2023 but cashed in 2024.
6. MFRW logo items – \$1,125 of that expense was to replenish (+50) our supply of MFRW scarves.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Legacy Fund -- Checking		\$ 243.10
Legacy Fund		\$ 189,571.41
MORGAN STANLEY	\$ 189,814.51	
Closed clubs		\$ 3,572.14
Savings		\$ 11,308.53
Checking		\$ 18,110.36
WELLS FARGO	\$ 32,991.03	
	\$ 222,805.54	
	31-Oct-24	



**MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
FALL CONFERENCE 2024**

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

MARYLAND STATE SENATOR MARY BETH CAROZZA

REPRESENTING MARYLAND'S COAST (District 38 - Worcester/Wicomico/Somerset)

GOOD MORNING, PRESIDENT CARRICK, MFRW LEADERSHIP TEAM, AND ALL MFRW MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE. I SEND YOU GREETINGS FROM MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE AND A MESSAGE OF MY DEEP APPRECIATION AND RESPECT FOR THE MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN. IF I WERE NOT RINGING THE SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE BELLS TODAY IN SALISBURY, I WOULD BE WITH YOU IN PERSON.

AS A LONG-TIME AND PROUD MEMBER OF THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY AND CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH MFRW MEMBERS FROM WICOMICO, SOMERSET AND ACROSS THE STATE OF MARYLAND, I KNOW AND HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRSHTHAND THE PASSION, EFFECTIVENESS, AND SUCCESS OF MFRW IN SUPPORTING AND ELECTING REPUBLICANS AT EVERY LEVEL - MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR ALL YOU DID TO REGISTER AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REPUBLICANS IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND TO CHASE REPUBLICAN ABSENTEE BALLOTS THIS PAST ELECTION.

I WAS SO IMPRESSED TO LEARN FROM MARIA SOFIA THAT THE MFRW ORGANIZED AN EFFORT THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION TO REACH 17,085 REPUBLICAN WOMEN STATEWIDE WHO REQUESTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS WITH OVER 7,000 OF THOSE WOMEN RETURNING BALLOTS. THAT'S AN INCREDIBLE 41% RETURN RATE! WAY TO GO MFRW!

LOOKING FORWARD WITH THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT TRUMP, LET US USE THIS MOMENTUM TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND. I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ELLIE

ENNIS AND MFRW'S LEGISLATIVE TEAM ON OUR SHARED PRIORITIES- PUBLIC SAFETY, ELECTION INTEGRITY, LOCAL CONTROL OF EDUCATION, AND FAIRNESS IN GIRLS SPORTS, WHICH I AM PROUD TO JOIN WITH DELEGATE KATHY SZELIGA IN SPONSORING.

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU HOW PROFOUNDLY MFRW, AND OUR BELOVED PAST PRESIDENT DIANA WATERMAN, HAVE SUPPORTED MY PUBLIC SERVICE.

DIANA WATERMAN WAS AMONG THOSE WHO NOT ONLY ENCOURAGED ME TO RUN FOR STATE SENATOR AGAINST AN ENTRENCHED, POPULAR DEMOCRAT INCUMBENT, BUT SHE STUCK WITH ME EVERY STEP OF THE CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING SPEARHEADING A STATEWIDE MFRW FUNDRAISER FOR ME WITH FIRST LADY YUMI HOGAN AS OUR SPECIAL GUEST.

THOSE FUNDS WERE ESSENTIAL TO COUNTER THE BIG OUT-OF-STATE MONEY THAT WAS COMING IN FOR MY OPPONENT, AND HAVING THE SUPPORT OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN ACROSS THE STATE OF MARYLAND WAS A TREMENDOUS BOOST TO MY CAMPAIGN AND KEY TO OUR SHARED VICTORY IN 2018.

FROM MY LONG ASSOCIATION WITH MY OWN REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY AND THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FROM THE SHORE, I KNOW IT'S THE WOMEN IN THIS ROOM WHO LOVE OUR COUNTRY AND PUT THEIR BLOOD, SWEAT, AND TEARS INTO SUPPORTING MARYLAND REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR SUCCESS.

I PUBLICLY EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT MFRW HAS DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO TO MAKE MARYLAND AND AMERICA GREAT AGAIN. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.

27 EOY 2020	27 EOY 2021	27 EOY 2022	26 EOY 2023	26 31-Oct-24	# clubs	
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		SINCE
1,287	1,480	1,426	1,220	1,149		
18	38	21	15	13	Allegheny	2004
39	42	43	25	24	Anne Arundel	1937
140	178	189	144	127	Baltimore	1959
29	40	17	18	13	Calvert	1995
38	35	40	17	43	Calvert /Leaders	2003
19	21	28	21	18	Caroline	1990
17	30	31	16	10	Carroll	1948
12	41	36	28	20	Cecil	2018
23	26	13	25	15	Charles	2005
65	79	76	62	54	Chesapeake	2005
135	119	112	111	111	Chevy Chase	1959
23	30	29	20	12	Frederick	1920
62	65	84	81	92	Garrett	1954
115	113	81	76	41	Harford	1947
11	11	10	13	12	Hopkins	1923
32	28	44	30	26	Howard	1981
4	21	12	12	11	Maryland RW Empowered	2020
52	55	19	n/a	n/a	Mid Shore	1999
13	14	14	12	14	Patuxent	2017
128	134	131	110	91	Potomac	1958
29	27	33	42	37	Rural	1962
92	110	112	98	87	Severna Park	1965
27	33	42	37	37	St Mary's	1956
11	12	11	11	12	Taneytown	1960
10	24	35	32	54	Upper Montgomery	2006
13	19	17	19	22	Wicomico Conserv	2018
130	135	146	145	153	Worcester	1984

Maryland Federation of Republican Women

2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CLIMATE / HOUSING / TRANSPORTATION

- 1) Modify *Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan* to reflect balanced energy policies that provide citizens multiple, reliable, and affordable energy choices.
 - a. The timeline for new and increased energy sources is out of sync with increased demand for electricity required by *Plan* mandates.
 - b. Mandates are excessively costly and unfairly limit citizens' right to choose where and how they live (e.g. all electric homes, electric vehicles only).
 - c. Zoning changes that would allow increased density or auxiliary dwelling units in communities of stand-alone single-family homes must remain with the local government authority, not be usurped by the State.
 - d. The plan will burden businesses (especially agriculture and manufacturing) with costly modifications, leading to higher prices for all.
- 2) Repeal annual Consumer Price Index increases to Maryland's motor fuel tax.
- 3) The new electric vehicle surcharge is less than a fair share of transportation construction and maintenance costs when compared to fuel tax paid by gas and diesel vehicles. A replacement (not additional) funding source is needed for the gas tax.

PUBLIC SAFETY -- Support for law enforcement and safety in our communities.

- 1) We support increased training for police officers in non-lethal methods of restraint and control of individuals or groups, including training for de-escalating tense or potentially violent demonstrations.
- 2) We "Back the Blue" – Overzealous press and prosecutorial decisions have negatively impacted recruitment and retention, resulting in understaffing and reduced enforcement.
- 3) We must develop and implement effective tests for drug intoxication, distinct from alcohol intoxication. Statistics need to separate drug from alcohol intoxication.
- 4) We need to strengthen penalties for persons who:
 - a. Physically attack bystanders, police, or other protesters.
 - b. Set fires, destroy private or public property with graffiti or physical destruction, or participate in looting and theft during protests, demonstrations, or riots.
 - c. Use lasers or projectiles with the intent to obstruct or harm others.

ELECTION INTEGRITY

- 1) SUPPORT
 - a. Government-issued photo ID requirement for voter registration and voting
 - b. Vote count accuracy and security
- 2) OPPOSE -- Ranked choice voting and approval voting

Maryland Federation of Republican Women

2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CULTURE OF LIFE

1) SUPPORT

- a. Protection for pain-capable unborn children as a compelling interest of the state.
- b. Education and action to address the deadly rise in fentanyl trafficking and fentanyl overdoses.
- c. More effective treatment (vs. incarceration) for opioid addiction.

2) OPPOSE

- a. Physician-assisted suicide or “death with dignity” legislation.
- b. All attempts to apply the “Right to Reproductive Freedom” constitutional amendment to gender affirming care or to restrict parental rights as they relate to reproductive care for minors.

EDUCATION

A Department of Legislative Services fiscal briefing in January 2024 projected that deficits directly attributable to the *Blueprint* will appear in 2025 and reach nearly \$2.9B in fiscal 2029.

1) SUPPORT

- a. Altering the *Blueprint for the Future*. The plan does not require that students perform at grade level and adds extra layers of bureaucratic control. It limits parental involvement and does not require parental knowledge or consent for education, social and health services.
- b. Fewer administrators / more teachers - fewer consultants / more tutors.
- c. Education reform emphasizing the basics, with the goal of every child performing at grade level.
 - MCAP proficiency rates for the 2023-2024 school year (grades 3-8):
 - Language arts – 48.4%
 - Mathematics – 24.1%
 - Reading -- 33% NAEP proficient – students in grade 8 (2022)
 - Science – 23.9% MCAP proficient -- 5th grade students (2024)
- d. School choice (vouchers, charter schools, home schooling).
- e. Limit girls’ competitive sports to biological girls. Disproportional muscle mass and other physiological advantages in transgender girls (biological males) increase the danger of life-altering injuries and give transgender girls an unfair competitive advantage.

- 2) OPPOSE teaching, counseling or promoting gender transition in schools, including agreements between Boards of Education and hospitals or clinics for “gender-affirming” counseling, treatments, or surgeries for children under 18 years of age.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 2024 18-Nov Voter registration reopens
- 2025** Jan 4 Leadership Conference
Renditions Golf Club -- Davidsonville
- 8-Jan MD General Assembly (MGA) convenes
- 9-Jan MFRW Legislator Visits
- 3-Feb MGA filing deadline -- Senate bills
- 28-Feb Deadline -- member dues to NFRW
Minimum 10 members per club
\$15 annual club fee paid to NFRW
- 7-Feb MGA filing deadline -- House bills
- 4-Mar Red Scarf Day
Calvert House -- Annapolis
- 17-Mar MGA Opposite Chamber Crossover Date
- 7-Apr MGA adjourns -- *Sine Die*
- 17-May Spring Convention
Cecil County
- 30-Jun Number of club members this date
determines the number of credentialed
delegates to the NFRW Biennial Convention
- 21-Sep Fall on the Farm
Hungry Hollow Farm, Bowie (Mitchellville)
- Sep 25-28 43rd NFRW Biennial Convention
Rosen Shingle Creek -- Orlando FL
- Oct 24-26 Fall Convention
Ashore Resort, Ocean City (Sunfest!)

MARYLAND'S REPUBLICAN WOMEN BY THE NUMBERS



Maryland has 513,137 Registered Republican Women

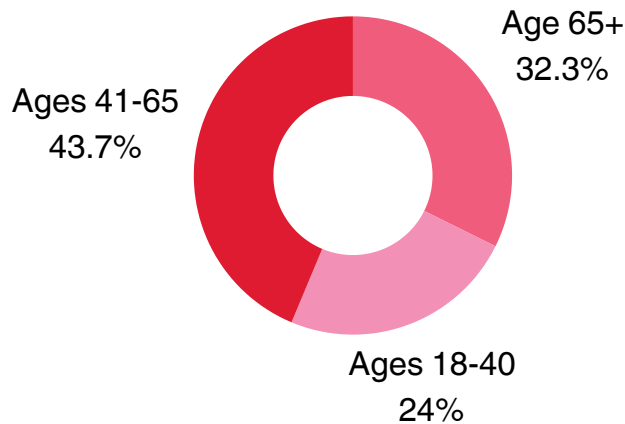
FAST FACTS

- ★ 45,998 or 9% of registered Republican women are permanent absentee voters
- ★ Republican women make up 14% of registered voters in Maryland
- ★ 83,882 or 16.3% of registered Republican women are high propensity 4/4 Voters
- ★ 144,795 or 28.2% of registered Republican women voted in the 2024 Primary Election
- ★ 267,133 or 52.1% of registered Republican women voted in the 2022 General Election
- ★ In the last year, 11,098 women have registered as Republican - 18,539 Republican women in total since 2022

REGISTERED REPUBLICAN WOMEN BY COUNTY

- Allegany - 12,174
- Anne Arundel - 66,623
- Baltimore City - 13,743
- Baltimore County - 70,356
- Calvert- 14,631
- Caroline - 5,597
- Carroll - 32,491
- Cecil - 18,133
- Charles - 12,143
- Dorchester - 4,749
- Frederick - 34,801
- Garrett - 7,167
- Harford - 41,818
- Howard - 23,831
- Kent - 2,691
- Montgomery - 50,186
- Prince George's - 19,229
- Queen Anne's - 10,215
- St. Mary's - 16,751
- Somerset - 3,131
- Talbot - 6,108
- Washington - 23,594
- Wicomico - 12,665
- Worcester - 10,310

REP. WOMEN AGE BREAKDOWN



THE 2024 ELECTION

The weekend before the November Election, the MFRW texted 17,085 registered Republican women who requested Absentee Ballots but had not yet returned their ballots.

As of Nov. 11th, 7,052 of those Republican women have returned their ballots since this effort.

That is a 41.3% response!

2025 MUNICIPAL RACES (108 municipalities – 332 seats)

Allegany

- Lonaconing – May 2025

Anne Arundel

- Highland Beach – July 2025
- Annapolis – November 2025

Caroline

- Henderson – April 2025
- Hillsboro – April 2025
- Preston – April 2025
- Ridgely – April 2025
- Goldsboro – May 2025
- Denton – November 2025
- Greensboro – November 2025
- Marydel – November 2025

Carroll

- Hampstead – May 2025
- Manchester – May 2025
- New Windsor – May 2025
- Sykesville – May 2025
- Taneytown – May 2025
- Union Bridge – May 2025
- Westminster – May 2025
- Mount Airy – May 2025

Cecil

- North East – February 2025
- Charlestown – March 2025
- Cecilton – May 2025
- Perryville – May 2025
- Port Deposit – May 2025
- Chesapeake City – June 2025
- Rising Sun – October 2025

Charles

- Indian Head – May 2025
- LaPlata – May 2025

Dorchester

- Church Creek – April 2025
- Brookview – May 2025
- East New Market – May 2025
- Secretary – May 2025
- Vienna – May 2025
- Galestown – September 2025
- Hurlock – November 2025

Frederick

- Rosemont – May 2025
- Woodsboro – May 2025
- Burkittsville – June 2025
- Emmittsburg – September 2025
- Thurmont – October 2025
- Frederick City – November 2025

Garrett

- Friendsville – February 2025
- Accident – March 2025
- Oakland – March 2025
- Kitzmiller – April 2025
- Grantsville – May 2025
- Mountain Lake Park – July 2025
- Loch Lynn Heights – November 2025

Harford

- Havre de Grace – May 2025
- Aberdeen – November 2025
- Bel Air – November 2025

Kent

- Millington – March 2025
- Galena – May 2025
- Rock Hall – May 2025
- Chestertown – November 2025

2025 MUNICIPAL RACES (108 municipalities – 332 seats)

Montgomery

- Barnesville – May 2025
- Brookeville – May 2025
- Chevy Chase – May 2025
- Chevy Chase View – May 2025
- Chevy Chase Village – May 2025
- Chevy Chase, Section 3 – May 2025
- Chevy Chase, Section 5 – May 2025
- Garrett Park – May 2025
- Glen Echo – May 2025
- Laytonsville – May 2025
- Martin's Additions – May 2025
- North Chevy Chase – May 2025
- Somerset – May 2025
- Washington Grove – May 2025
- Kensington – June 2025
- Gaithersburg – November 2025

Prince George's

- Forest Heights – March 2025
- Brentwood – May 2025
- Cheverly – May 2025
- Cottage City – May 2025
- Glenarden – May 2025
- Hyattsville – May 2025
- Landover Hills – May 2025
- Morningside – May 2025
- Mount Rainer – May 2025
- New Carrollton – May 2025
- Riverdale Park – May 2025
- University Park – May 2025
- Eagle Harbor – August 2025
- Bladensburg – October 2025
- College Park – November 2025
- Greenbelt – November 2025
- Laurel – November 2025
- Upper Marlboro – November 2025

Queen Anne's

- Queen Anne – April 2025
- Sudlersville – May 2025
- Barclay – June 2025
- Church Hill – June 2025
- Centreville – October 2025
- Queenstown – November 2025

Talbot

- Easton – May 2025
- Trappe – May 2025
- Oxford – June 2025

Washington

- Hancock – April 2025
- Clear Spring – November 2025

Wicomico

- Hebron – April 2025
- Willards – May 2025
- Mardela Springs – August 2025
- Delmar – November 2025
- Pittsville – November 2025

Worcester

- Snow Hill – May 2025

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REPUBLICANS TO UNITE BEHIND THE KEEP NINE AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, The proposed “Keep Nine” amendment states that “The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices.”.

WHEREAS, The number of Supreme Court justices has remained at nine (9) since 1869.

WHEREAS, The public’s trust in the U.S. Supreme Court must be guided by legal principle, not politics¹;

WHEREAS, Polling² shows that a majority of voters (68%) reject “court-packing”, 61% believe those efforts are purely political, and 62% believe that court-packing threatens civil liberties;

WHEREAS, The “Keep Nine” amendment would help to preserve the independence of the Court and respect for the rule of law;

WHEREAS, The “Keep Nine” amendment would prevent divisive and polarizing attempts by any party or political faction to change the size of the Court;

WHEREAS, Expanding the Supreme Court so a president could load the bench with like-minded jurists would politicize the high court and erode its independence³;

WHEREAS, Nineteen (19) state legislative chambers have passed resolutions urging Congress to propose the “Keep Nine” amendment;

WHEREAS, More than 200 members of Congress and 800 state legislators support the “Keep Nine” amendment;

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Republican Women unanimously endorsed the “Keep Nine” amendment to ban “packing” of the Supreme Court;

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Federation of Republican Women at its Fall Convention held November 16, 2024 in Linthicum, Maryland, joins with the National Federation of Republican Women in endorsing the “Keep Nine” amendment and encourages the Maryland General Assembly and Maryland’s Congressional delegation to affirm their support for passage of the “Keep Nine” amendment.

Passed unanimously – 16 November 2024



President, Maryland Federation of Republican Women

Submitted by the Republican Women of Baltimore County -- Louise Baker, President

¹ Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, April 2021, addressing Harvard Law School

² <https://firstliberty.org/news/poll-americans-strongly-oppose-radical-court-reform/>

³ Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 2019, interview with NPR

MFRW website – <https://www.mfrw.org>

If you haven't visited lately, check it out!

About Us

- Governance – a number of documents that govern what we do and how
- Committees
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- Newsletters – 4 most recent editions of *The Trumpeter*
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 - Municipal races 2025
 - Fall Convention handout
 - Leadership handout
- MFRW History
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Join Us

Contact information, website and social media links for each of our 26 clubs

Programs

Information on Awards, the Bay Club, the Legacy Fund, and lots of resources under the Americanism heading

Govt & GOP

Contact info for the Republican House and Senate Caucuses, the MDGOP, the NFRW, Congressman Andy Harris and the RNC

Legislative

- MFRW's Legislative Priorities 2025
- List of Republican legislators
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MAKING A MOTION

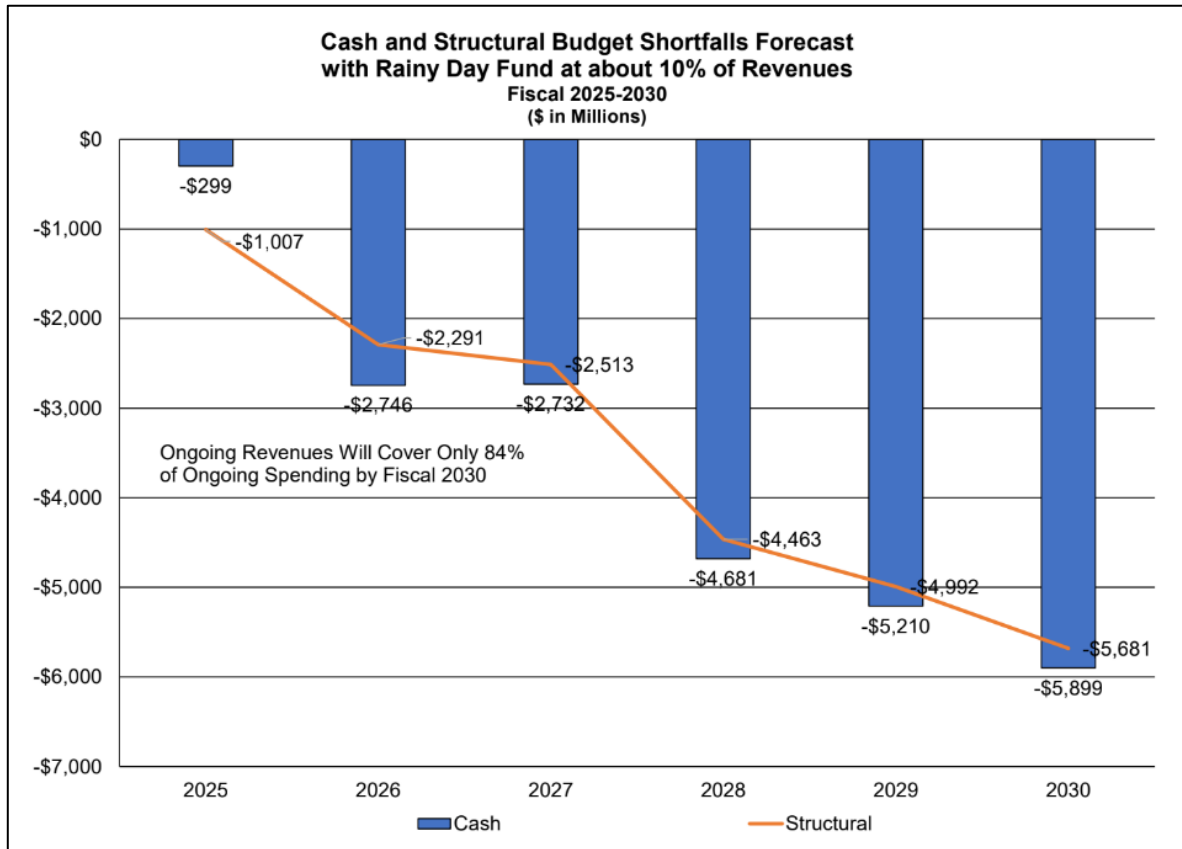
RONR (12th ed.) 4:4 – *The member then makes his motion, in simple cases by saying, “I move that...”*

not “I motion that...”

TAX INCREASES

MFRW Legislative Chair Ella Ennis cautions to be on the lookout for tax increases during the 2025 legislative session, not in 2026 (an election year).

In a recent presentation to legislative leaders, the Department of Legislative Services warned that, at the current pace of revenue growth and spending, Maryland will face a wider gap than it faced in the depths of the Great Depression.



NFRW website

Lots of valuable resources available under the “Members” tab.

“My Account” – you can update with a photo and other information about yourself (brief bio, add a photo, enter your occupation/employer, DOB, etc.)

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MAIL CHIMP

MailChimp reports an average open rate of 21.33% across all industries. The MFRW has an open rate of 49% -- more than double!

FACEBOOK

Many thanks to Melissa Brown and Liliana Norkaitis for their continued exceptional efforts with our Facebook posts. Who knew there were so many holidays and celebratory designations?

CLUB BUDGETS & EXPENDITURES

Clubs are reminded that the higher levels of both the MFRW and the NFRW awards include donations that should be made by the end of the year:

- MFRW Club Achievement Award
 - Level 2 – Black-Eyed Susan – Item 11 – *donated at least \$25 to the MFRW Legacy Fund and/or the Diana Waterman Scholarship Fund*
 - Level 4 – Maryland Shield – Item 33 – *contributed at least \$25 to NFRW's Marion Martin Building Endowment, The Federation Fund, and/or the Kathy Brugger Residential Fund.*
- NFRW Club Achievement Award
 - Community Relations – *donated a minimum of \$25 to the:*
 - *Marion Martin Building Fund to help maintain NFRW headquarters*
 - *Federation Fund*
 - *Kathy Brugger Residential Fund.*

And remember to submit your political and campaign volunteer hours.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – What now?

In response to efforts against the *Right to Reproductive Freedom* amendment, its supporters repeatedly stated that the amendment does not deny parental rights currently existing in Maryland law nor does it guarantee a right to gender reassignment treatment for minors.

Our vigilance going forward must be as a watchdog to identify and oppose any efforts to the contrary.

NFRW Biennial Convention 2025

Rosen Shingle Creek • Orlando FL

Friday, September 26, 2025

Welcome reception – generally 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Convention General Sessions – morning and afternoon

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Voting for National officers (2026-2027 term) – generally 7-9 a.m.

Convention General Session – generally 9 to Noon

Optional networking luncheon

*** Attendees are reimbursed 1/2 the “Early Bird” registration via MFRW’s Legacy Fund.*

Credentialing is the process by which local clubs and the state federation designates their delegates to the NFRW Biennial Convention. These members have a voice and a vote on behalf of their local club or state federation when NFRW business is conducted during the Convention General Sessions, including election of national officers.

Delegates and alternates must be certified according to NFRW Bylaws:

Article 9, Section 3. Representation:

A. The voting body of the Biennial Convention shall be:

1. one delegate from each club,
2. five delegates-at-large from each state federation, and one additional delegate-at-large for each 500 members or major fraction thereof in the state federation based on the payment to the NFRW of the current year’s dues and postmarked ninety days prior to the convention, # of delegates-at-large and # of alternate delegate-at-large
3. presidents of state federations...

Prior to being certified, delegates and alternates must be a current member in good standing (2025 dues paid) and have registered for the full Convention. Late registrants cannot be credentialed to vote.

- Delegates and alternates under Article 9, Section 3, A(2) will be calculated on the number of paid club members 90 days prior to Saturday, September 27, 2025 – June 29th
- Club delegates and alternates must be certified 30 days prior to Saturday, September 27, 2025 -- by August 28th at 5:00pm ET
- State at-large delegates and alternates must be certified 20 days prior to Saturday, September 27, 2025 – by September 7th at 5:00pm ET

MFRW officers for the 2026-2027 term of will be elected at Fall Convention 2025.

**MFRW Bylaws (amended 15 Oct 2023)
ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS**

Section 1

- A. A Nominating Committee consisting of one member elected from each region will be presented at the MFRW Spring Board of Directors meeting in the odd-numbered calendar years.
- B. Any member of the Nominating Committee wishing to be considered for election shall be immediately and automatically removed from the Nominating Committee and replaced by another MFRW member from her region.
- C. No two members may serve from the same Region.

Section 2

- A. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate one candidate for each office.
- B. No two Vice Presidents may be from the same region.
- C. No person may run for more than one office simultaneously but submissions under Section 3(c) of this article may express an interest in more than one office.
- D. Each candidate must be contacted and be willing to serve.

Section 3

- A. Within 14 days following the MFRW Spring Board of Directors meeting in the odd-numbered years, a call for letters of interest shall be posted on the MFRW website and distributed to members via the MFRW email list.
- B. The announcement shall include the offices to be filled, the Bylaws sections that delineate the duties of each office, and the email address and deadline for submission.
- C. Those interested in serving as an elected officer of the MFRW shall electronically submit their letter of interest to the MFRW Corresponding Secretary within 30 days of the website posting and email announcement.
- D. After the submission deadline and at least 14 days prior to the meeting of the Nominating Committee at which letters of interest will be reviewed, the MFRW Corresponding Secretary will forward submissions to all members of the Nominating Committee.
- E. In the absence of interest for a particular office, the Nominating Committee may reach out to individuals who did not submit a letter of interest.
- F. The Nominating Committee shall interview all who expressed interest in an office.

Section 4

Nominees shall be members in good standing within the MFRW.

Section 5

- A. The Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of names, together with the affiliated clubs they represent, to the MFRW President to include with the mailing of the Call for the state convention.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall submit a list of all submissions sorted by office to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the minutes.

ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS

Section 1

Nominations, with the consent of the nominee, may be made from the floor at the Biennial Convention.

Section 2

The election of MFRW officers shall be by ballot unless there is only one candidate for each office, in which case it may be by voice vote. A majority vote will elect.

Join Us in Our Mission

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★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

**Join the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW)
in honoring our local heroes!**

Sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave this December.
Scan the QR code to make a donation online
or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MD0672



Donate by December 3rd



BAY CLUB 2025

Bay Club 2025 is a donor group supporting the work of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women. Your **\$110** contribution helps to keep event costs affordable for all MFRW members and demonstrates your support for our programs and activities. You will be invited to special Bay Club events, generally held in coordination with our Spring Board meeting and Fall Convention.

Bay Club membership is open to all – clubs, members, friends, and businesses.

Bay Club membership follows the calendar year -- January 1 through December 31.

NAME _____

NAME OF MFRW CLUB or BUSINESS (if applicable):

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

- Individual membership
- Business Membership
- Club Membership

Mail with your check payable to "MFRW" to MFRW @ PO Box 6040, Annapolis MD 21401.

*The Maryland Federation of Republican Women is a 527 Political Organization.
Contributions are not tax deductible.*

MFRW CODE of CONDUCT

Robert's Rules of Order [RONR (12th ed.) 61.1] states that "*an organization...has the ultimate right to make and enforce its own rules, and to require that its members refrain from conduct injurious to the organization or its purposes*".

We welcome all Republican women into our organization. We are an organization that does not discriminate based on race, religion, ethnicity, age, or otherwise. We understand that this will mean a diversity of interests and opinions.

The goal of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women is to provide an open and supportive environment for civil discourse, where all sides of an issue are examined and members feel comfortable expressing differing views. It is imperative that we work together in a respectful and collaborative way to provide our members the opportunity to learn, engage, and flourish in the political process.

This Code of Conduct is intended as a guide to acceptable behavior that includes respect for the individual and an environment free of abusive, offensive or harassing behavior. All members are expected to observe the highest standards of civility in their conduct.

Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Everyone should feel comfortable to speak her mind, so long as the communication is respectful, impersonal (not directed at or about a specific individual), and devoid of malice.

A culture of open and honest communication brings out the full potential in each member which, in turn, contributes directly to the positive impact that we make in our mission.

Ethical behavior is the product of clear and direct communication of behavioral expectations, modeled from the top and demonstrated by example. The MFRW Executive Committee and club leadership has the added responsibility for demonstrating the importance of this Code through their actions.

The wisdom of Ronald Reagan

*The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time
is a friend and an ally – not a 20 percent traitor.*

*Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation away from
extinction. It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and
defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people.*