



The Trumpeter

Fall 2024

From the President's Pen

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Greetings MFRW Members,

What a wonderful Election Day 2024! MFRW members were extremely active in 2024, not just in the presidential and congressional races but also in school board races, opposing ballot Question 1, and were successful in defeating local ballot questions in Charles and Wicomico counties and in passing a Montgomery County ballot question. You demonstrated once again that Republican women are a formidable force in Maryland politics.

While 49.9% of the popular vote in the presidential election is not a mandate, it is certainly a clear and resounding indication that Americans want things fixed (the economy, the border, the Woke lunacy). The popular vote combined with the electoral vote spread (312:226) was a resounding vindication of Donald J. Trump and all that he has been subjected to over the past 4 years. The 2024 election demonstrated that Americans want their elected officials to listen to them and to act accordingly, not to push upon us what “the Party”, or celebrities, or high dollar donors want. Per USAFacts, based on available voter registration data at September 30, 2024, 19% of registered voters nationwide who have declared a party affiliation were registered Republican and 24% were registered Democrat. That leaves a majority (57%) registered unaffiliated or another party.

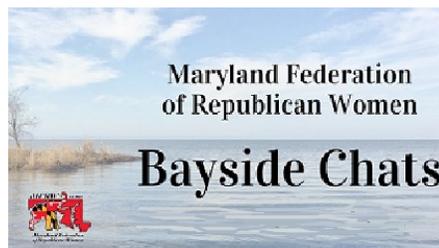
The election was not a mandate for Republican party politics or for party politics at all. Donald Trump’s win was a call for common sense government, a government that makes citizens’ lives easier, a government that understands that progress requires compromise, and that we must all work together to get things done.

Continued Republican Party success will be dependent on a Trump administration that fulfills its promise to “fix things”. There will be times when you disagree with actions the incoming Trump administration takes, or you feel they are not moving quickly enough. The Trump campaign certainly demonstrated a winning strategy in 2024, and Republicans have a strong “bench” nationally in J. D. Vance. We must be supportive.

Remove the label “RINO” from your vocabulary. It represents party division and accomplishes nothing.

It’s kinda like road construction. The damage has developed over time. Repairs often require detours and seem to take forever. Let’s celebrate the opportunity for a better future but proceed with caution!

Sharon



Bayside Chats will continue in the next issue with a video tribute to MFRW Past President Diana Waterman.

MFRW Membership Report

By Julie Krieger

MFRW is ending the year with 1154 members.

Membership Chair Julie awarded certificates to the Republican Women of Worcester for the Greatest Number of Members for 2024 and to the Republican Women Leaders of Calvert for the Greatest Percentage Increase in members for 2024 at the Fall Convention.

Parting message from Julie: "It has been a great honor for me to serve as Membership Chair for 5 years with MFRW Presidents Diana Waterman and Sharon Carrick.

I had a great time coming up with many contests and awarding fun prizes, along with 2 special awards at each Fall Board meeting.

Good Luck to all hard-working club presidents as you increase your club membership each year!"



L/R: Membership Chair Julie Krieger, RWLC President Jana Barberio, RWWC President Jean Delcher



MFRW Annual Leadership Conference

January 4, 2025 9:00 am

Renditions Golf Club
1380 Central Avenue, Davidsonville

Mark your calendars now. The Conference is free but registration is required. [HERE](#)

REGISTRATION closes on December 31st.

8:30 a.m. – Registration opens



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MFRW LOGO ITEMS
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RED SCARF DAY — March 4, 2025

Calvert House — 58 State Circle, Annapolis

REGISTRATION closes on February 25th. REGISTER [HERE](#)

SCHEDULE

- ◆ 9:15 a.m. — Registration opens – Calvert House, 58 State Circle
- ◆ 10 -10:45 a.m. – view Legislative Session from the Gallery, tour the State House, or relax at the Calvert House
- ◆ 11 a.m. — assemble on Lawyers Mall (weather permitting) for group photo
- ◆ 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Brunch with Republican legislators
- ◆ 1 – 3 p.m. – visit Senate and House office buildings, attend a committee hearing, explore Annapolis, etc.
- ◆ 3 – 5 p.m. — OPTIONAL Happy Hour — *The Lodge Annapolis*



ROOM BLOCK AVAILABLE (register by February 3rd)

Standard rooms available at \$130/night (+ tax) for Monday, March 3rd and/or Tuesday, March 4th
Call (888) 277-1552 to reserve your room.

Red Scarf Day in Annapolis is free for MFRW members .

Happy Hour is on your own.

You can join us at any point throughout the day.

The Night Before the Election

Twas the night before the election,
And all through the land
Election volunteers were out,
Placing signs in dirt and in sand.

The assignments were given
And all had major key roles.
Praying for an an election
That was fair without fraudulent holes.

And patriots were nestled all anxious at home,
Preparing for a long night hoping results would be known.

And many with Trump pins and red MAGA hats,
Were trying their best to get at least a short nap.

The next morning all election judges had ballots a flutter,
While others were watching trying hard not to shudder.
And as the polls closed more gathered and watched,
Keeping close eyes on the map while red numbers were dropped.

When out of the blue swing states became ours,
We sprang from our seats feeling bright as gold stars.
We enjoyed great food offered up by so many,
The positive cheers and hugs were abundant and plenty.

When what to our wondering eyes should appear,
Pennsylvania for Trump and our victory was near.

Now, JD! Now, Tulsi! Now, Johnson and Ron!
On, Melania! On, Don Jr ! On Tim Scott and Elon!

He was dressed all in blue from his head to his foot,
His clothes were amazingly not tarnished with gunpowder
and soot.

A bundle of our normalcy he had flung on his back,
He looked like a hero just waiting for a restored economy
to unpack.

His blue eyes they twinkled!
His Trump smile so merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
His nose shades of cherry.
His coy little mouth,
Was grinned up like a bow.
And the beard on his chin,
Was quite empty like the snow.

He spoke early morning words and went straight to work,
Inspiring stock market numbers to soar giving accounts
quite a perk.

And around 3 in the morning we certainly felt him ex-
claim,

As he walked off stage out of sight...

Happy FREEDOM to all and ohhhh what a fight!

composed by Louise Baker with apologies to Clement Moore



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.

Stay tuned for Bay Club events in the planning stages for 2025.

Bay Club membership for 2024 stands at 45 total individual and club members.

2025 membership is off to a record start with 17 members, already.

2024 Bay Club Individual Members as of December 1, 2024

Jana Barberio
Vikki Birkett
Linda Bradley
Sharon Carrick
Jean Delcher
Lynne DeMinco
Ella Ennis
Patty Hammond
Lisa Herman
Jana Hobbs

Kathryn Jerrard
Liz Mumford
Liliana Norkaitis
Barb Pivec
Laurie Plemons
Carol Randall
Beth Rodier
Kim Rosado
Gary Ruddell
Luanne Ruddell

Anne Rutherford
Alma Schultz
Audrey Scott
Linda Stine Flint
Lisa Thayer-Welch
Karen Tully
Diana Waterman
Anne White
Sandy Zitzer
Donna Zupancic

2024 Club Members

RW of Baltimore County
RW of Cecil County
Chevy Chase WRC
RW of Frederick County
Garrett County RWC

Harford County RW
RW Leaders of Calvert
Patuxent RW
Potomac WRC
Rural WRC

Severna Park RWC
RW of St. Mary's
Upper Montgomery WRC
Wicomico Conservative RW
RW of Worcester County



To MFRW members who won their Board of Education seats in the 2024 election

Dawn Pulliam — Anne Arundel County
Carrie Sutherland—Queen Anne's County
Elena McComas— Worcester County

Rest in Peace –Diana Waterman

Maryland Republicans have lost a political powerhouse and our beloved friend and mentor.

MFRW's Immediate Past President Diana Waterman passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 17, 2024. Diana had battled and conquered cancer some 8+ years ago; but the cancer reared its ugly head again in late 2023, responded positively to treatment, then roared back with a vengeance in 2024.

A virtual powerhouse in Maryland Republican politics, Diana served in nearly every capacity in her beloved Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) -- first as Eastern Region chair, 1st Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, and President (2018-2021) as well as several positions with our parent organization, the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), including Board of Directors member during her tenure as MFRW President, member of the Campaign Activities and the Caring for America committees, and member of the 2021 Nominating Committee.



Locally, she was a founding member, Treasurer, and President for 2 terms of her home club, the Chesapeake Republican Women, and served on the Queen Anne's County Republican Central Committee (2006 to present) – Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair.

Prior to her tenure as MFRW President, she served the Maryland Republican Party (MDGOP) as 1st Vice Chair (2010-2013) and Chairman (2013-2017). 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.

Additionally, Diana served on the Advisory Council of the Republican Women's Federal Forum, as Delegation Leader of the Maryland delegation to the 2016 Republican National Convention; as Chairman of the Women for Kelly Schulz for Governor campaign and as the campaign coordinator for Queen Anne's County in 2010 for the "Bob Ehrlich for Maryland" campaign.

Her competency and willingness to serve made her a skilled party worker. She never asked for credit. Instead, her interest was the good of the organization. She did not have a greater agenda or aspirations for political office. She strongly encouraged women and young people to become involved in politics and was a mentor to many.

All this in addition to volunteering with community organizations and working full-time as CFO at Coldwell Banker Waterman Realty.

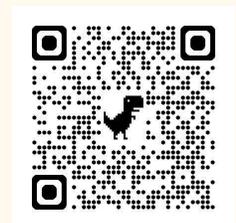
Diana grew up in Virginia Beach, graduated from the Norfolk Academy, and was an equestrian. She met her husband, Barry, while attaining her Bachelor of Science in Math and Physics from Sweet Briar College in Amherst County, Virginia. They were married in 1985 and have two children - Kevin and Caty.

Together they expanded the real estate company started by Barry's father.

She was a fan of Broadway musical theater and visited the Hippodrome and New York City theaters. Diana enjoyed walks throughout her farm with her husband. She loved dogs and owned Labrador retrievers and beagles.

For those wishing to donate in Diana's memory, a scholarship fund has been established to benefit female students in a political science curriculum. The Fund will offer an annual scholarship to a college bound young woman from Queen Anne's County planning to study political science, with the intent to bring people together for the greater good.

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]

Exciting Inauguration Raffle!

Breakfast at the Capitol Hill Club on Inauguration Day

Raffle prize includes 2-tickets to the already "sold-out" 60th Presidential Inauguration Mix and Mingle Reception at the Capitol Hill Club as Maria Sofia's guest.

Monday, January 20th -- 7 a.m. to Noon

The event features breakfast, coffee, a hot cocoa station, pastries, fruit, and 2 alcoholic drink tickets per person. Best of all, you will be right around the corner from the Swearing-In Ceremony that starts at Noon at the United States Capitol.

The winning ticket will be drawn at MFRW's Leadership Conference on January 4th. You do NOT need to be present to win.



Get your 1, 3, or 7 raffle tickets [HERE](#)

Contributions are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. The Maryland Federation of Republican Women is a not-for-profit 527 organization under the Internal Revenue Code.

Contact your Congressman for tickets to the Inaugural Swearing-In Ceremony

Summer Trumpeter Correction—MFRW members who served on the RNC Special Committees were:

Credentials Committee and Delegate: Anne Rutherford
Platform Committee & Delegate: Kathy Szeliga
Rules Committee & Delegate: Luanne Ruddell



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MFRW Fall Convention 2024 Recap

By: Karen Tully, RWBC 1st VP and Social Media Chair

This was a very special year. The hard work of our Patriot members and all the clubs paid off as Donald J. Trump was reelected and we had a historical win in the House and Senate. We won and preserved GOD'S INALIENABLE RIGHTS.



Sharon Carrick, President of MFRW stated, "The fall convention was a great success. Well attended, enthusiastic speakers and a great celebration of Republican victories everywhere."

Guest speaker, Nicole Beus Harris, MDGOP Chair gave a presentation and congratulated everyone on their hard work and looks forward to another term as MDGOP Chair.

Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman, NFRW 3rd Vice President stated, "A strong group of women and leaders top to bottom, clearly knowing the issues, smart and intelligent."



Louise Baker, President of RWBC, presented a resolution in support of the 'Keep Nine' amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which passed unanimously. The amendment would limit the Supreme Court to 9 members.

MFRW Past President Diana Waterman was honored, and Maria Sofia was elected Assistant Treasurer.



Vikki Birkett – MFRW 2nd VP and Upper Montgomery president -- "I applaud the MFRW for making strides in providing opportunities for decision – making and leadership to more of our members."



Ella Ennis, Chair of MFRW's Legislative Committee, reviewed legislation and stated, "Top legislative efforts in 2025 will address protecting girls in sports, watching for increased fees and taxes, and opposing aid in dying legislation."



Michelle Talkington – Vice Chair, Charles County Republican Central Committee – "Overall, never underestimate a room of passionate and powerful women."

MFRW had great participation at the 2024 convention.



Liliana Norkaitis, MFRW 4th VP and Chair of the Maryland Federation of College Republicans stated, "The younger generation is our most important demographic. This election will encourage them to bravely stand up."

Thank you to all those who worked hard planning the convention, including the Silent Auction donors—RWBC, RWRC, Sharon Carrick, Maria Sofia, Dwight Patel, Ella Ennis, RWWC, and WCRW, — speakers, and attendees.

It's only just begun, God Bless America.

Lost/Found →
at Fall Convention—
email Anne White
[HERE](#) to retrieve



MFRW Happenings from the Clubs

Republican Women of Baltimore County

This Fall RWBC hosted three nationally known speakers at our monthly meetings. Gordon Chang discussed China's influence over America. E.J. Antoni from the Heritage Foundation gave us a view of monetary policy and the challenges and opportunities for the Trump administration. Sarah Perry, also from the Heritage Foundation, presented on the politicization and exploitation of children within our Country's Public School System.



Gordon Chang



E.J. Antoni (L) with RWBC Past-President Jolie McShane



(L) Sarah Perry with RWBC Past-Pres Jolie McShane



RWBC continued to celebrate Donald Trump's election following our November 9th meeting

RWBC Gains Momentum at the State Level with Keep Nine Amendment

Louise Baker, President of the Republican Women of Baltimore County (RWBC), has become a driving force in advancing the Keep Nine Amendment. Her mission is clear: build momentum and secure signatures for the Keep Nine petition, accessible at www.keepnine.org. The amendment seeks to safeguard the integrity of the United States Supreme Court by ensuring its independence from political manipulation.

November 2024 marked significant progress for this cause. On November 16, the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) unanimously passed the Keep Nine resolution during their Fall Convention. Just one week later, the Maryland Republican Party (MDGOP) Fall Convention followed suit, also passing the resolution unanimously.



OH, WHAT A NIGHT!



The Baltimore County GOP and the RWBC hosted the Election Night Watch Party at the county's Victory Center.

"No words can describe the happiness and joy as Donald J. Trump was re-elected the 47th President." RWBC President Louise Baker

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Can we Count on YOU?*

Republican Women Leaders of Calvert



NFRW President Julie Harris spoke to the members of the Republican Women Leaders of Calvert County at their November 12th meeting at the Bulrushes Café in Prince Frederick, MD.

Topics included the November 5th election and what the National Federation does to serve its members.

MFRW President Sharon Carrick and Fundraising Chair Maria Sofia made the trek to attend this meeting.

← *NFRW President Julie Harris speaks to RWLC members November 12th*

The Republican Women Leaders of Calvert (RWLC) established the Joyce Lyons Terhes Scholarship to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior each year in memory to RWLC's founder. We also make a donation to a charitable organization each year at Christmas. This year we combined the fundraising for these two efforts by holding a raffle. Club members donated items for a large basket of new babies' and toddlers' clothes, diapers, etc. to be donated to the local Birthright Clinic and raffle proceeds will help fund a second scholarship for the Scholarship Fund.



The gifts that we gave to Birthright underneath the Christmas tree at Club member Carolyn Rice's house at our December 10th Christmas party and club meeting.



The \$100 gift card prize for the raffle was donated. The winner of the raffle was Janet Cosh. More than \$430 was raised toward the JLT Scholarship for 2025.

Thank you, Judy MacWilliams, Carolyn Rice, Anita Brown, Ella Ennis and Susan Cox of the Scholarship Committee for organizing this successful RWLC WIN-WIN effort.

← *Janet Cosh (R) is the winner of the raffle. She is pictured with another club member, Adele McGuire (L) at our club Christmas party at Club member Carolyn Rice's house.*

Republican Women of Calvert County

The Republican Women of Calvert County have been hard at work this past quarter, championing our Republican values!

From attending candidate events and volunteering at the polls to connecting with voters and managing the Calvert County Republican Central Committee office, we've made a difference.

A special shout-out to our efforts supporting the local Board of Education candidates who aligned with our values – resulting in wins for all three!

L/R: *Miriam Caudill, Linda Beam, Janet Cosh, Mary Smolinski, Donna Zupancic, and Jana Barberio* →



Republican Women of Worcester County

On Thursday evening, November 21, 2024, the Republican Women of Worcester County held their **40th Anniversary Gala Dinner** at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Ocean Pines, MD. After a champagne toast and a fabulous dinner, several past RWWC Presidents, current President, Jean Delcher, and one charter member were recognized.



Seated, L/R: Beverly Bigler, Lou Etta McClafin, Ellen Bunting (charter member) and Joan Gentile. Standing, L/R: MD State Delegate Charles Otto, Beth Rodier, Pat Schrawder, Jean Delcher, Congressman Andy Harris, Linda Busick, Sandy Zitzer, MD State Delegate Wayne Hartman and MD State Senator, Mary Beth Carozza. →



The Republican Women of Worcester County held their October meeting and luncheon at the Worcester County Technical High School, in Newark, MD. Retired US Air Force Brigadier General John Teichert was the guest speaker. General Teichert is an inspirational speaker, a keen strategist, a passionate innovator and a national security expert. A candidate in the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate, he is the founder and president of Capital Leadership LLC, developing the leaders of our nation's needs and fostering a leadership style that breaks barriers and challenges convention.

← L/R: Jean Delcher, RWWC President, Brigadier General John Teichert, RWWC 1st VP, Carol Frazier.

The RWWC Care About Hair

The Republican Women of Worcester County has donated \$250.00 to **Next Level Healing Hair**, a non-profit organization that supports individuals suffering from hair loss due to cancer and other autoimmune diseases by providing donated services, such as wigs, haircuts, consultations and more.

Vera Beck, RWWC Caring for America chairman, and Michele Harrington, president of Next Level Healing Hair. →



The RWWC Go into the Closet



In October 2024, the Republican Women of Worcester County collected items for **Della's Closet**, located in Pocomoke, MD. *Della's Closet* (www.dellascloset.org) is a non-profit organization that provides services to children and families in need on the Eastern Shore. Donations of new or gently used clothing for children and teens and, also toys, games and diapers are greatly appreciated.

← L/R: Vera Beck, RWWC Caring for America Chairman, and Jean Delcher, RWWC President.

The RWWC Love Their Libraries

September is Literacy Month and members of the Republican Women of Worcester took part in giving donations to the five Worcester County Libraries in appreciation for their countywide service.



L/R: are RWWC President Jean Delcher, RWWC member Linda Sirianni, OP Branch Manager Harry Burkett, RWWC Literacy Chair Susan Ostrowski, Worcester Library Foundation member Jennifer Ranck.

Red Shoe Club



November 12, 2024, the Republican Women of Worcester County held their bi-monthly Red Shoe Book Club meeting at the Ocean Pines Library. The selected book was very timely, because it was "Hillbilly Elegy" by US Vice President-Elect J.D. Vance.

Ten RWWC members participated. The group is organized by RWWC Literacy chair, Susan Ostrowski, who is seated on the left. →



Republican Women of Anne Arundel County

RWAAC President Anne Rutherford hosted the club's annual Christmas gathering at her home on December 11th.

WBAL Radio host Yuripzy Morgan spoke to the group on ways we can and have to communicate with unaffiliated and liberal voters to share our message and where we share common values. A lively exchange of ideas followed her presentation.

In addition, author Brian Colella gave a preview of his recent book chronicling his life and personal connections to many notable people.

Several new Full and Associate members and guests attended the gathering.



*L/R: Back Row: LaToya Nkngolo, Santa Donald, Tina Collins, Alex Yarema, Tracy Mathews, Nancy Almgren
Front Row: RWAAC Treasurer Anne White, Brenda Yarema, Mary Phelps, Nancy Yuill, MFRW President Sharon Carrick, RWAAC President Anne Rutherford*

Republican Women of Frederick County

On Wednesday, November 20, 2024, the Republican Women of Frederick County elected a new Board: President – Cindy Rose; Vice President – Marie Elam; Secretary – Olivia Angolia and Treasurer – Jeannie Cameron.

The new Board will be sworn in at the RWFC Christmas party on December 18, 2024.

We say thank you to outgoing President and Treasurer Connie Onspaugh and Vice-president Amanda Miller. Your dedication to our Club is appreciated.

We are looking forward to 2025 under the leadership and mandate of President Elect Donald J. Trump. We can make Frederick County stronger, unified and focused on solving the problems we face here in Frederick as well as across the country.



L/R: Sharon Carrick, Connie Onspaugh (President), Amanda Miller (Vice President), Cindy Rose (Secretary).



The Republican Women of Frederick County take this opportunity to recognize the dedicated efforts of our outgoing President, Connie Onspaugh. She has valiantly honored her promise to past president Dot Kelly to continue the proud history of the Republican Women of Frederick County, Maryland's oldest Republican women's club, pre-dating both the MFRW and the NFRW.

Through thick and thin – demographic changes, COVID, cancer treatments, etc. – Connie has done a tremendous job promoting conservative values in Frederick County and beyond.

We thank her for her years of service as club president and wish her the best for the future.



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Garrett County Republican Women's Club

Garrett County Republican Women's Club members participated in a variety of campaign events across the County. Door-knocking was organized in virtually every municipality. On "Super Saturday," over 1300 doors were knocked in Grantsville, pouring over into the Allegany County community of Frostburg. The largest effort was visible at the annual **Autumn Glory Festival's Grand Feature Parade**. The float, decorated by members of the Central Committee and the Club, placed 2nd in the Amateur category.



L/R: Club President Luanne Ruddell, Bob Hammond, Club VP Patty Hammond, Lisa Herman, Becky Heath, Lisa Baker, Billy Bishoff and Gary Ruddell



Republicans included Senate candidate Larry Hogan and the "Bus."

While club members walked through the parade, chants of "Fight, fight, fight" and "U-S-A" broke out as we turned every corner, with supporters of CD-9 candidate Neil Parrott in their signature green shirts. →



We were proud to see that, in Garrett County, President-elect Trump received over 75% of the votes in the presidential race. Also, we were the only county to resoundingly vote "no" on Question 1, the referendum establishing abortion as a constitutional right in Maryland. Informational programs continue to be presented at each meeting. In September, GC Sheriff Bryson Meyers provided updates on crime trends, particularly drug trafficking and drug use, and enforcement activities of his office.

Mike Ferris, Attorney and Past President and CEO, Alliance Defending Freedom, was the October speaker. Mr. Ferris focused on the vital importance of valuing the Declaration of Independence and our original governing documents as the foundation of our government. In particular, the movement of some in our society to denounce those documents and values by eliminating them as the foundation of our government, thereby creating a tyrannical government that places the power in the hands of the few. He noted that this movement is out of touch with grassroots electorate and their belief in our fundamental rights and the vitality of our democracy.



Mike Ferris



November's meeting speaker was Neil Parrott, Congressional District 6 candidate, who thanked the club members for all of their work and support through his campaign. A special thanks was given to his wife April and County Coordinator Becky Heath, a club member. As of the November meeting, we have 92 members, over our goal of 85 members.

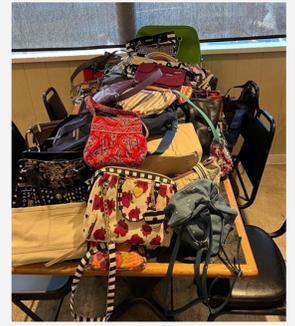
Club members also helped staff the Garrett County Republican Headquarters, located in conjunction with the Club's award-winning Dress for Success project.

←Congressional D6 Candidate Neil Parrott

Allegany County Republican Women

Allegany County Republican Women have been involved in helping our community organizations. In 2024 we hosted two events to help community agencies. Our first event was a “purse party” where we collected 80 gently used purses and filled them with women toiletries to be given to residents of the Union Rescue Mission.

Our second event was to hold a baby shower to benefit our local 1st Way Pregnancy Center. The baby shower was complete with food and games. We collected a very large quantity of items a mother would need to take care of her baby in the first year. Both agencies were very happy with the support received from our group.



Purses collected



First Way Pregnancy Center Baby Shower



Union Rescue Staff Andrea Ziler with ACRW



We placed flags at the Rocky Gap Veteran’s Cemetery for the Memorial Day Weekend.

We celebrated Police Week by donating lunch to the local city police.



Cumberland City Police receiving lunch for police week



Rocky Gap Veteran Cemetery Memorial Day Flag Placing



Allegany County Fair Week- Janie Bucy ACRW Treasurer

Many of our members were at the Republican Booth all week during our county fair.



ACRW Reagan Day Dinner 2024. Michelle Talkington- Speaker

Our members spent many hours keeping our Allegany County Republican Headquarters open for the community to come discuss politics and get yard signs.

Charity Friend ACRW-President presented the ACRW of the Year Award to Robin Park-ACRW Secretary, Janie Bucy-ACRW Treasurer, and Michelle Twigg-Vice President each receiving an equal number of votes.



Allegany County Republican Headquarters a mixture of the Central Committee and the Republican Women working together

We hosted our first Reagan Day Dinner with speaker Michelle Talkington.

Wicomico Conservative Republican Women

The WCRW Had a Busy Fall, by Jana Hobbs, WCRW President

At our September meeting, the Wicomico Conservative Republican Women heard from Deborah Brocato, of *Health Not Harm* (a group focused on protecting parental rights) on the MD ballot Question 1 establishing a constitutional right to abortion, and had a lengthy discussion on Question A calling for the elimination of the County Executive position for our County Council ballot revision. We spent a weekend working at our headquarters in Salisbury that month for the Maryland Folk Festival and engaged with a lot of voters there.

In October, we joined together with the Salisbury University College Republicans and the Maryland Young Republicans to do some door knocking for Question A and Hogan in the County. We also had a tour at the Pentagon. In our monthly meeting, we met with Jacquelyn Seldon, Executive Director of the Eastern Shore Pregnancy Center and held a “baby shower” for the center. We also arranged the volunteers for the polling place on Election Day and worked at the annual Beer Festival and also engaged with voters there.

In November, we welcomed MFRW 2nd Vice President Vikki Birkett at our monthly meeting to hear of activities across the bay. We concentrated our efforts this quarter on the election and items on the ballot more than recruiting new members, but we met many new people during our many events and hope to incorporate them into our club soon. Also, our book club continued reading a variety of relevant books including “Riding with Reagan” by John Barletta (October).



L /R) Delegate Barry Beauchamp, Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Delegate Tom Hutchison , and Susan Beauchamp at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center Election Day



Jane Reagan at Early Voting →



L-R) Two SU College Republicans, Jackie Sackstein (MD Young Republicans Chair), Julie Giordano (Wicomico County Executive), Jack and Bunky Luffman (Wicomico County Deputy Administrator), Kyle Cole, Jana Hobbs, and Rebecca Tittermary

Hopkins Women's Republican Club

by Gail Thies, Club President

The Hopkins Women's Republican Club met on Wednesday, October 9th for our annual Fall potluck meeting at the home of the Fairbanks in Ten Hills, Baltimore City. Debbie Santini, Certified Family Peer Support Specialist from the non-profit organization “**Lost Voices of Fentanyl**” was our speaker. Her presentation's topic of “Turning Bereavement Pain into Purpose via Public Awareness and Education” described the widespread overdose nationwide and LVOF's aim is to help remedy this ongoing problem via education.

I attended the MFRW's very worthwhile annual convention in Linthicum on November 16th, and joined many others in remembering the late Diana Waterman at the October 24th visitation in Centreville.

The HWRC's November 13th meeting was held at Monaghan's Pub to recognize our own loved ones and members who served in the military and local activists who previously helped promote the “Elephantine” (aka Republican) cause. Donations to the various charities which the club supports, such as “**Respect for Life**” and can top collecting to help transport veterans to medical appointments, were accepted at the meeting.



National Federation News

From NFRW President Julie Harris

Mark Cuban's comment about President Trump not surrounding himself with strong, intelligent women is insulting to the millions of women who support President Trump, including the 60,000 members of the NFRW.

The Democrats further insult women with a Kamala commercial that portrays an antiquated and demeaning view of women secretly casting their votes and hiding their beliefs from their husbands. This is not only offensive, but also it undermines decades of progress since the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The NFRW rejects any suggestion that women should conceal their political convictions – particularly from their own families.

Women are capable of being bold leaders, informed voters, and strong advocates for their beliefs. NFRW encourages all women to participate fully and openly in the political process. The notion that women must suppress their political views or vote in the shadows is insulting to all American women.

As America's largest and longest-running Republican women's grassroots organization, the NFRW stands proudly in our convictions.

We are not silent. We are not hidden. We are a part of shaping the future of our nation.



NFRW SPRING BOARD MEETING

March 7-8 — Westin Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria, VA

The NFRW hosts two board meetings each year, one in the spring and one in the summer or fall. Many are held in locations other than Washington, D.C.

At these meetings, members of the Board of Directors come together to conduct important organizational business and plan the future of the NFRW.

In addition, attendees have the opportunity to:

- ◆ Hear from and engage with dynamic elected officials, party representatives, political experts and other nationally-recognized leaders;
- ◆ Participate in related events such as educational workshops, training seminars, receptions and tours;
- ◆ Attend Legislative Day (spring of even-numbered years); and,
- ◆ Network with Republican women from across the nation.

One need not be a member of the NFRW Board of Directors to attend.



Upcoming Dates to Remember



- ◆ MFRW Leadership Forum—Saturday, January 4th—Renditions
- ◆ MGA 2nd Day distribution of MFRW Legislative Priorities-January 9th
- ◆ MFRW Red Scarf Day—March 4, 2025—Calvert House

Save the Dates: for 2025 Events

- ◆ March 7-8—NFRW Spring Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ May 17—MFRW Spring Board Meeting
- ◆ September 25-28—NFRW Biennial Convention
- ◆ MFRW Fall on the Farm—Sunday, September 21st
- ◆ MFRW Fall Convention — October 25th

Please submit articles on club activities

by March 1st

for the *Winter Trumpeter* Issue



Deadline is FINAL — submit early — Thank you
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