



# The Trumpeter

Spring 2025

## From the President's Pen

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### WE HAVE SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE



Take June 14th—3 celebrations —

- ◆ Flag Day,
- ◆ 250th birthday of the United States Army,
- ◆ President Donald J. Trump's birthday.

During the Maryland General Assembly Session 2025, MFRW members were instrumental in helping our outnumbered Republican legislators stop “bad” bills in committee, amend some “bad” bills that made it “to the floor” to give them some semblance of fairness, and to secure legislative “wins” for Republicans.

Even *Maryland Matters*, a purported nonpartisan news site, praised “the minority party in both chambers..... for its ability to get its message out” and for getting some Democrats to vote with them on some key budget and other votes.

Just 5 months into Trump 2.0 and we see progress everywhere:

- ◆ Lowest immigration numbers in history—expelling the worst of the worst
- ◆ California's authority to set tailpipe emissions standards revoked, making Maryland's piggyback on those regs invalid
- ◆ English declared as the official language of the United States.
- ◆ Two biological sexes.
- ◆ Nuclear energy acknowledged as clean energy
- ◆ Restored equality of opportunity — hiring advancement based on merit, not race—or sex-based favoritism
- ◆ And so much more

Then, there are the polls that show a continuing decline in the percentage of respondents who have a positive perception of the Democratic Party. The Democrats continue to ignore the results of the 2024 election. Their vicious attacks on absolutely anything and everything the Trump Administration does continues, and the public is tired of it.

Let's acknowledge and celebrate incremental wins. Keep up the good work. The mid-term elections will be here before you know it.

*Sharon*

### MFRW Campaign Workshops

FIND OUT WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU  
“RAISE YOUR HAND” TO RUN FOR OFFICE



July 12th—American Legiois—Talbot Post #70—Easton  
August 9th—Allegany County Library—LaVale  
August 23rd via Zoom

You will hear from candidates and support personnel about the election process and the financial aspects of a run for office. Details [HERE](#)—registration **IS REQUIRED**

# MFRW MEMBERSHIP

## *MFRW Membership Report*

Current MFRW Membership stands at **1202**. The goal is 125% of the 2023 total which is 1525. Five MFRW clubs have already met this goal. Keep up the good work!



Allegany Co. RW  
RW Leaders of Calvert  
Rural WRC  
Upper Montgomery RWC  
Wicomico Conservative RW



Every member invites a friend to Club events, meetings

The club membership submissions deadline is June 30th for determining the number of voting delegates for the NFRW Biennial Convention and the MFRW Fall Convention. Members who have not yet paid their 2025 dues should get them to their club by mid-June to allow time for entry before the deadline.

The “Each One, Bring One” campaign continues for all clubs.



## *NEWS FROM NATIONAL*

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**43rd NFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
THE ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK RESORT  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 25-28**

**REGISTER *NOW* FOR EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT**  
**AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE ELECTION OF**  
**OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027 TERM**  
**NFRW.ORG**  
**EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT ENDS JULY 2nd**



**CHECK OUT THE MANY RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON  
WWW.MFRW.ORG**

- ◆ LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
- ◆ MFRW SUBMITTED BILL TESTIMONY
- ◆ EVENT HANDOUTS (ABOUT US/RESOURCES)
- ◆ PROGRAMS—AMERICANISM

## MFRW Spring Board Meeting 2025

The 2025 MFRW Spring Board Meeting was held on May 17th at Sinking Springs Retreat—a very unique venue in Cecil County.

RW of Cecil County President Christel Petrizzo, Immediate Past President JT Wilson, and the ladies of the Cecil County RW club arranged and executed an outstanding event.



State Party Chairman Nicole Harris gave an update on the Party's efforts and successes in recent municipal elections with more victories to come over the next several months. She encouraged us to keep up our efforts to do something everyday to get Republicans elected to office.

Awards Chairman Barb Pivec presented Awards to 21 of the 26 clubs for volunteer and club activities in 2024.



### AWARDS

**Oriole:** RW of Anne Arundel County, RW of Carroll County, RW of Frederick County, Hopkins WRC, and Severna Park RWC

**Black-Eyed Susan:** Allegany County RW, Rural WRC

**White Oak:** RW of Cecil County, Chevy Chase WRC, Upper Montgomery RWC

**Maryland Shield:** RW of Baltimore County, RW Leaders of Calvert, RW of Charles County, Chesapeake RW, Garrett County RWC, Harford County RW, Patuxent RW, Potomac WRC, RW of St Mary's, Wicomico Conservative RW, RW of Worcester County

In addition, the following "Special Awards" were presented:

Best newsletter: **RW of Baltimore County**

Best website: **RW of Baltimore County**

### "Most" Awards

Most new members — Large club—**RW of Baltimore County**

Most new members— medium club — **Upper Montgomery RWC**

Most new members — Small club — **Wicomico Conservative RW**

Most effective club project — **Wicomico Conservative RW**

Most effective club meeting— **Rural WRC**

Most volunteer hours —medium club — **Upper Montgomery RWC**

Most volunteer hours -- Large club — **RW of Worcester County**

Most effective political action project— **Upper Montgomery RWC**

Greatest % membership increase — Small club -**Patuxent RW**

Greatest % membership increase — Medium club—**RW Leaders of Calvert**

Greatest % membership increase — Large club—**Garrett County RWC**

Greatest % member retention — Large club — **Potomac WRC**

Greatest % member retention — Medium club — **RW of St Mary's**

Community service / Caring for America — **RW of Worcester County**

Literacy -- most MELP donations — **RW of Worcester County**

Literacy -- most diverse donations — **RW of Worcester County**



**RW Cecil County ladies who hosted the 2025 Spring Board meeting**



**Winner of the Spring Fundraiser Raffle Presidential Cuff Links was El Diffendel**

**WE WANT YOU**

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

**JOIN 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.

2025 Bay Club membership has exceeded its 2024 membership with 26 individuals and 15 club members.

Upcoming Bay Club events include a White House Tour in July for 19 members who have registered for

### 2025 Bay Club Individual Members as of May 31, 2025

Martine Baker  
Jana Barberio  
Linda Bradley  
Sharon Carrick  
Sylvia Darrow  
Jean Delcher  
Lynne DeMinco  
Ella Ennis

Barbara Freilich  
Patty Hammond  
Lisa Herman  
Jana Hobbs  
Jean Hruz  
Karen McKinley  
Erin McPate  
Liliana Norkaitis  
Carol Randall

Beth Rodier  
Kim Rosado  
Gary Ruddell  
Luanne Ruddell  
Anne Rutherford  
Linda Stine Flint  
Anne White  
Sandy Zitzer  
Donna Zupancic

### 2025 Club Members

RW of Calvert County  
RW Leaders of Calvert  
RW of Cecil County  
RW Charles County  
Chesapeake RW

Chevy Chase WRC  
RW of Frederick County  
Garrett County WRC  
Harford County RW  
Patuxent RW

Potomac WRC  
Severna Park WRC  
RW of St. Mary's  
Wicomico Conservative RW  
RW of Worcester County

## *THE SUMMER FUNDRAISER IS LIVE*

*THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FEDERAL FORUM FEATURES A LUNCH-TIME SPEAKER SERIES AT THE CAPITOL HILL CLUB IN D.C. 10 MONTHS OF THE YEAR.*

*DIANA WATERMAN SERVED ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION.*

*THE SUMMER RAFFLE FEATURES HER ANN HAND MEMBERSHIP PIN*

*RAFFLE TICKETS IN QUANTITIES OF 1, 5, OR 7 ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT MFRW.ORG*



## MFRW Happenings from the Clubs

### Republican Women of Baltimore County

#### Republican Women of Baltimore County Welcome J6 Prisoners, Communist Refugees & Supports Veterans' Therapies

by Louise Baker, President



Three of RWBC's recent meetings are worth a mention. On March 15<sup>th</sup> we welcomed six recently pardoned J6 political prisoners and their families who were so eager to share their individual stories of their treatment, the weaponization of Government and their denial of due process. It was an extremely compelling meeting with an overflow number of members and guests attending.

← L/R: Steven Cook, Chris Alberts, Cynthia Price, Jacob Therres, Howard Richardson and Adam Obest

In April we hosted three speakers who fled Communist/Socialist Countries to hear about their treatment in their countries of origin and paths to legal American citizenship. Each touched on concerns and fears of our country's potential to head down a socialist path if citizens don't wake up and fight for our common sense conservative values.

L/R: Arnot from Zimbabwe, Anastasiia Obest who sought asylum from Russia and Patrick Hyde who was evicted from his family farm also in Zimbabwe. →

On April 19<sup>th</sup> our Caring for America Spring Fundraiser raised over \$600 for the "Wellspring of Life Farm" in Monkton. Wellspring offers therapeutic services, particularly to veterans using horses, small ponies, and hairy goats. A field trip social has been planned for June 9<sup>th</sup> for our members to visit the farm and interact with the animals.

#### Jim Simpson presents the "Manufactured Crisis" to RWBC

by Karen Tully, RWBC Reporter



L/R: Jim Simpson, Karen Tully

Mr. Simpson was a very well-received speaker at the May meeting of the Republican Women of Baltimore County. He formerly worked with the Clinton, Reagan, and George H.W. Bush White House. He is a prolific author who wrote the best-seller *Who Was Karl Marx?: The Men, the Motives, the Menace Behind the Rampaging Left*. Glen Beck has remarked that "This book should be in every household in America." Jim gave us a quick review of his books *The Red-Green Axis* and his latest, *Manufactured Crisis: The War to End America*. Interestingly, he is also a certified pistol instructor.

Jim Simpson can be contacted on Facebook. Books are available on Amazon. For more information, please go to: [www.crisisnow.net](http://www.crisisnow.net)

This meeting was most informative with Delegate Kathy Szeliga and Delegate Ryan Nawrocki updating us on the latest legislation and energy proposals for the state of Maryland.

L/R: Delegate Ryan Nawrocki, and Delegate Kathy Szeliga →



# Republican Women of Frederick County

## RWFC Running Full Steam Ahead

by Cindy Rose, President

The Republican Women of Frederick County are pleased to share that after a bumpy start to 2025, we are now running full speed ahead. A new Board was elected in November of 2024: Cindy Rose, President; Marie Elam, Vice-President; Jeannie Cameron, Treasurer and Olivia Angolia as Secretary.

We are attracting new ladies full of enthusiasm and ideas. After years of discussing a change in our logo, we saw the election of the new RWFC Board, along with the re-election of President Donald J. Trump, as the perfect opportunity to make another go of it. It was time to breathe new life into our honorable and historic club. Forty-some odd years ago Dorothy Kelly created an impromptu logo by hand for the RWFC. It is a much beloved and hard to let go representation of who we were and are.



*The late Dorothy Kelly and her original club logo (center), and the recently adopted new logo by Marie Boshoff.*

Before she became a member, Marie Boshoff offered her creative services to help with a new but traditional vision. It didn't take long for her to put who we are in a logo. Our new logo represents tradition and faith by incorporating Dorothy's Clustered Spires. In totality you can see we are about family, faith, farming, Frederick, Republican principles and with the colors of both the United States of America and the State of Maryland. We couldn't be more pleased with how our new branding captures the essence of who we are and from where we came.

We spent this spring creating "Welcome" packets for the newly registered and relocated Republicans in Frederick County. With the help of the MFRW and Maria Sofia, we have a walking list and are beginning the joyful task of introducing ourselves to the people of our county.

Tapping into the common sense, hope filled and joyful direction the election of President Trump has given us, we are going to take full advantage. Here's to a magnificent Red Wave in 2026 for Frederick County, Maryland and the United States of America!



*The Welcome Committee shown stuffing packets for newly registered and new Republican residents of Frederick County.*

# Republican Women Leaders of Calvert



## TAX ME 'MOORE'

RWLC members joined the Freedom Caucus rally in Annapolis, MD to protest the wave of new taxes advancing during the 2025 Maryland legislative session.

*Pictured (left to right): Deena Fisher, Donna Zupancic, Jonse Sutana-Shomo, and Rhonda Kazer.*



## ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH

RWLC proudly celebrated 22 years of supporting Republican candidates and values with a brunch hosted by member Debbie Kelly.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Each meeting features a legislative update from Ella Ennis (pictured above), keeping RWLC members informed on key issues moving through Annapolis. These updates highlight where action is needed and help members stay engaged in stopping harmful legislation. Written updates are also available at [mfrw.org](http://mfrw.org).

# Wicomico Conservative Republican Women

Jana Hobbs, WCRW President

Our club met at Mission BBQ in March and our speaker was the Lower Shore Young Republicans chair (and newly elected Salisbury University Republican Club President) Colin McEvers. We worked on some ideas on how to help the college Republicans. We also held a Women's Safety fundraiser in collaboration with Atlantic Tactical Firearms, a local company. In May, we attended our county's annual Prayer Breakfast, hosted a Forum about a local Downtown Density issue, held our Welcome Back Legislators luncheon, hosted a golf tournament, attended the MFRW Spring Board of Directors meeting (winning the Maryland Shield Award) as well as analyzed our applicants for our annual scholarship to be awarded in June.



← L/R: Colin McEvers, LSJR President and SU College Republicans President and Jana Hobbs, WCRW President



← L/R: Mary Ann Fardlemann — our new member and Paula Donalds at the Wicomico Prayer Breakfast



The attendees at our Women's Safety event— Kelly Kennan, Juliana Smith, Mary Ann Fardlemann, Judy Kennan, Lisa Schwartz, Jana Hobbs, Cathy Townsend and guests



**DID YOU KNOW ??**  
**YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT MFRW EVENT TO ORDER YOUR MFRW LOGO ITEMS**  
**YOU CAN ORDER THEM RIGHT [HERE](#)**

# Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Club

## Team-Building in the Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Club

On May 31, a wet Saturday in Montgomery County, the Upper Montgomery County RWC held its monthly meeting: a trail-blazing event focused on team-building. LtCol Christopher Burnett, USMC (Ret.), who is well-experienced in teamwork and relationship building, facilitated the day's activities. Club Members participated in exercises such as speed dating (getting to know you) and a team relay through a minefield (team competition). Vikki Birkett, President of the UMRWC commented, "Think of your favorite sports team and how each member strives to deliver a win. By building trust among ourselves and committing to a common goal, UMRWC members are strengthening our team capabilities." A picnic lunch featuring hotdogs and lots of side dishes and desserts wrapped up the event.



In the 2024 General Election, Donald Trump received 6% more votes in Montgomery County than in 2020. The UMRWC is developing team skills to keep that momentum going for the 2026 mid-terms.

Our club is also supporting the *Committee to Control MoCo Spending* with their ballot petition initiative. We are helping the committee to obtain 10,000 valid signatures to place a question on the 2026 ballot that would limit Montgomery County government spending to the rate of inflation, or the prior year's CPI.

The Upper Montgomery RWC also racked up 4 awards at the MFRW Spring Board Meeting in Cecil County: **The White Oak Award, The Most Effective Political Action Event 2025, The Most Volunteer Hours (medium club), and the Most New Members 2025 (medium club).**



Laura Benson and Vikki Birkett working at a local Giant Food Store collecting signatures for the committee.

WE NEED YOU!

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

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## Republican Women of Carroll County

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Republican Women of Carroll County held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Woman of the Year brunch. Each year the club will join together with the Carroll County community to honor one of its inspiring Republican woman. The first honoree was former Delegate Susan Krebs. It was a beautiful morning with many paying tributes to Delegate Krebs' dedicated leadership and service to Carroll. Every year a portion of the proceeds will go to a local nonprofit. This year the club was able to donate \$2000 to the Pregnancy Support Center of Carroll County.



Former State Delegate Susan Krebs



The RWCC Woman of the Year Subcommittee with Susan Krebs



Members of the RWCC delivering a check to Executive Director Laura Wolf of the Pregnancy Support Center of Carroll County.

## Republican Women of St. Mary's County

St. Mary's Club "Welcomes Home" Their Legislative Delegation,

by Lynn Delahay, President

On April 28, 2025, the Republican Women of St. Mary's held their annual "Welcome Home Delegation Reception." This meeting is also our only fundraiser of the year. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine, with cake for dessert was served followed by a live auction, with the delegation members serving as the auctioneers! A 'Brown Bag Auction,' in which participants buy tickets and place them in the bag next to items which they want to win, was available. The St. Mary's Legislative Delegation was invited to come and report back on what went on in Annapolis during the last Session, with Delegate Matt Morgan, Delegate Todd Morgan, and Senator Jack Bailey in attendance. They spoke of their challenges, successes, and accomplishments. We are so fortunate to be represented by such dedicated, hardworking individuals.



L-R, Del. Matt Morgan, Sen. Jack Bailey ( & State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling) & Del. Todd Morgan with their constituents.

# Potomac Women's Republican Club

## PWRC Holds Successful Annual Fundraiser Auction

The Potomac Women's Republican Club hosted its Annual Fundraising Auction on the evening of May 30th at the stunning Potomac home of one of its members. More than 50 women and men gathered for an evening of camaraderie, spirited bidding, and engaging conversation.

The highlight of the evening was our distinguished guest speaker, Hans von Spakovsky, Senior Legal Fellow at The Heritage Foundation. His insightful presentation captivated attendees as he addressed a range of timely topics, including DOGE, government waste, tariffs, and more. Mr. von Spakovsky also took time to thoughtfully answer a wide variety of questions from the audience.

Guests enjoyed browsing and bidding on an exceptional array of auction items—from luxurious vacation packages and dazzling jewelry to handcrafted treasures and unique experiences. It was a fantastic Friday evening filled with purpose, connection, and very generous support for the Club's ongoing mission!



L to R: Hans von Spakovsky and President Karin Walker



← Winning bidders show off their fabulous items. — L /R: President Karin Walker, Carolyn Claudis, Kate Marshall, & Rita Beck



← Fundraising Chairman Sharon Creed (L), with committee member, Carole Joseph.



Auction Attendees



 Our Store

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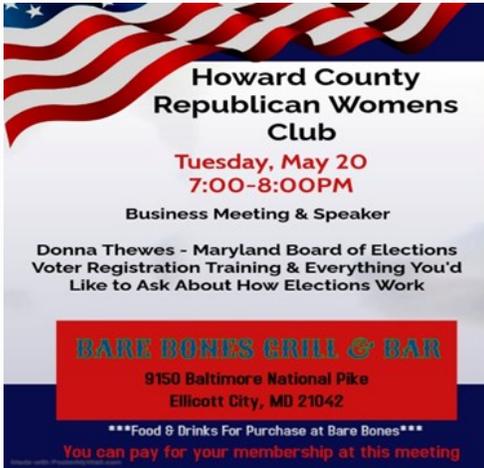
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# Howard County Republican Women

by Lisa Tavelli Feinberg

The HCRW enjoyed several great speakers at our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. These included John Myrick, a decorated combat veteran and national security expert who is seeking the Republican nomination for Governor, and Donna Thewes, Vice-President of the Howard County Board of Elections. (See below.) We're currently making summer plans to hold a county Republican picnic, volunteer at various Republican festivals, and complete a Caring for America project. We currently have 25 members for 2025. Of those members, the breakdown is Women - 16 members, Men - 9 associate members.



# Severna Park Republican Women's Club

SPRWC members attended the Leadership Conference in January



← -R: Anne Rutherford, Sylvia McAdoo, LaToya Nkongolo, Erin McPate, Amy Leahy, Bev McPate, Dawn Pulliam, Chris Hunt

SPRWC was presented with 2024 Republican Club of the Year from the Anne Arundel County Republican Central Committee at the Lincoln/Reagan Dinner in March.



Anne Arundel County Central Committee member Anne Rutherford presenting award to SPRWC President Amy Leahy (March 2025) →



L-R: Kari Maltz, Amy Leahy, staffer for Del. Brian Chisholm, Zach Lundfelt, Sharon Wood, Betty Wells (May 3, 2025)

SPRWC participated in the Severna Park Chamber's Shop Local event with a table and materials highlighting the 2025 legislative session.

SPRWC celebrated its 60th anniversary at our annual fashion show fundraiser with NFRW President Julie Harris, NFRW Political Director Nikki Beaver, and MFRW President Sharon Carrick.



MFRW members in attendance with NFRW President Julie Harris (on right in red)

# Garrett County Republican Women's Club

For "Red Scarf Day" Garrett County was well represented by left to right: Lisa Herman, Luanne Ruddell (MFRW 1st VP), Pres. Patty Hammond and VP Melita Friend, who also serves as the Western Region Chair. Members Joanne Ashby and Linda Bradley also attended

Our meetings continue to focus on timely topics. State's Attorney Christian Mash spoke at our March meeting about the juvenile justice system, including some of the short-comings that have recently been in the news.

We traveled to the CTTC Building of Garrett College for our April meeting. Members toured the facility to learn of the trade and technology offerings.



← Representatives of The James Isaac House spoke at our May meeting. At left are Executive Director Jared Showalter and Dir. Of Clinical Services Shannon Porter taking questions. They shared the support and assistance they can provide, not only to those parents who choose birth over abortion, but to pregnant women generally and post-abortion parents.

Secretary Lisa Welch, who handles our publicity, attended "Social Strategy and Ads that Deliver", a seminar at Garrett College with Amanda Robinson, a/k/a The Digital Gal. She is a Meta Certified Trainer who explained how to enhance our digital platforms and activity. To that end, we have increased our Facebook views by 41%, our reach by 48%, and our interactions by 74% in less than two months.



We selected the Rose Terrace facility as our newest Caring for America project. Rose Terrace provides temporary housing for the homeless and has an outreach program for the homeless in the community. Members collected items requested by the program. We will continue this project quarterly through the year.

Caring for America also included our Law Enforcement Appreciation event, with lunch delivered to the Garrett County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police McHenry Barrack.

← Delivering to the GCSO are L/R: Capt. R. Zimmerman, Caring for America Ch. Joanne Ashby, Secretary Lisa Welch, Pres. Patty Hammond, Membership Ch., Janice Layton, and Capt. M. Pfaff.



Making the delivery are L-R: Shawnee Reynolds, Service Coord. & Asset Development Dir. for Community Action; Wendi Rodeheaver, Site Manager; Joanne Ashby, Caring for America Ch.; Janice Layton Membership Ch.; Linda Bradley, Legislative Ch.; and Patty Hammond, President.

The Club co-hosted a Legislative Wrap-up event with the GC Republican Central Committee at the conclusion of this year's legislative session.

A "Pot O Gold" fund-raiser was held in March with live daily drawings from March 1-16 and a final drawing for \$200 on St. Patrick's Day.

The 2025 Scholarship Committee has made its selections which will be highlighted after all have been awarded.



L/R: with the MSP are: M/Tpr Delmas Brick, Sr/Tpr Rob Hook, Layton, Hammond, Sr/Tpr Jeff Smith, GCRWC Legislative Chair Linda Bradley and Sgt. Garrett Vonstein.



L/R: Del. Jim Hinebaugh, Club and Central Comm. Member Lisa Herman and Sen. Mike McKay, who shared the highs and lows of their 90 days in Annapolis.



We have also begun selling tickets for our annual quilt raffle that funds our three \$750 Ruth Umbel Scholarships. Member Barbara Chesley makes and donates the quilt annually.

# Republican Women of Worcester County

## RWWC Welcomed New Members in May

Four new members were welcomed into the Republican Women of Worcester County at its May 22, 2025 luncheon meeting. In the photo (L-R) are Jennie Allen, RWWC Membership Chair, new members, Annette Pennewell Furst, Alice Wigfield, Susan Wilgus-Murphy, Barbara Firchak, and Jean Delcher, RWWC President. For more information on membership in the club, please contact Jennie Allen at [gopwomenofwc@gmail.com](mailto:gopwomenofwc@gmail.com).



At the luncheon meeting of the Republican Women of Worcester County on Thursday, May 22, 2025, Sheriff Matt Crisafulli spoke to the attendees about the increasing incidence of fraud and scams. He spoke on how to be aware of scams, how to recognize them and report any suspicions to the Sheriff's Office.

← Sheriff Matt Crisafulli

any suspicions to the Sheriff's Office.

At the April 24, 2025 luncheon meeting of the Republican Women of Worcester County, they saluted "Welcome Home" to our state legislators. The legislators spoke of the results of the 2025 Maryland General Assembly and the impacts that its actions will have on our state and county. Receiving certificates of our appreciation for the work they do, are State Delegate Wayne Hartman, RWWC President Jean Delcher, State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, State Delegate Charles Otto and RWWC First Vice President Carol Frazier.



In February, The Republican Women of Worcester County sponsored an essay contest that was opened to all 8th graders in Worcester County public and private Schools. The topic was the "U.S. Constitution". They were asked to write a 600-800 word essay on one of the Amendments to the Constitution and what it means to them.

The winners were; First place, Seamus Wilkinson, Most Blessed Sacrament; Second place, Tyler Smith, Most Blessed Sacrament; and, Third place, Brock Hidell, Worcester Prep.

L/R: RWWC President, Jean Delcher, Tyler Smith, Seamus Wilkinson, Brock Hidell and Susan Ostrowski, RWWC Literary Chair.

The Republican Women of Worcester County invite you to our Summer Meet & Greet at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Come join us for appetizers & a cash bar on Wednesday, July 23rd from 5-7pm. Bring a friend, meet old and new friends, stay for dinner and enjoy good conversation while enjoying the beautiful view of the water.

## Save the Date

The Republican Women of Worcester County will sponsor their 16th Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show on Monday, September 22, 2025 at the Ashore Resort and Beach Club, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD.

# Hopkins Republican Women

by Gail Thies, President



On April 2nd, 2025, our featured speaker was retired librarian and Baltimore Sun editorial writer Mary Dagold, who spoke on the topic: "Is Extra-legal Activity Threatening Our Democratic Republic?" Her presentation invited a debate-style question and answer follow-up. Of note: our speaker was able to document her historical anecdotes relating to the same.

Our May 7th, 2025 meeting featured speaker was Dennis Betzel, who spoke on the topic: "The Tournament: Political Jousting in the 21st Century." His metaphorical reference to "jousting" concerned the strategic use of social media and online posts as a means of political mind control. He also enlightened us in the area of local Baltimore City political history — information only a "feet-on-the-street" native Baltimorean would happen to know. Another topic addressed at the meeting concerned a good-of-the-order situation involving another Dennis Betzel

accomplishment: per Gail Thies' recommendation, he was able to contact a local councilman who could remedy a City dumping quagmire and the trash was removed.

We continue to collect can tops for medical veteran transportation and donations for Pregnancy Center North in Towson, a medical, faith-based nonprofit assisting women and their babies during and after untimely or distressful pregnancies.

# Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club

by Susan Baker, 1st Vice-President

The Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club's "Let's Talk Politics" welcomed Economist Stephen Moore for an early evening event on Wednesday April 23rd, 2025.



Stephen Moore, with Nancy Griffin and Lorraine Kuchmy



"Let's Talk Politics" guests at Columbia Country Club

Economist and author Stephen Moore lit up CCWRC's "Let's Talk Politics" event at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase MD, talking about the State, finances, economy, social, and political current events.

With deft juggling of timing to accommodate Mr. Moore's newly scheduled dinner with President Trump that evening, Nancy Griffin produced a successful waltz of activity.

So despite the time crunch, there was ease of good conversation, excellent food, and a very interesting and informative talk. Mr. Moore gave a well measured and humorous presentation, entertained a question-and-answer segment, and enjoyed a fun photo shoot with attendees before he had to rush away.

The evening was closed with an appreciation for our Club's former president and former Montgomery County FRW president, Laurie Halverson, who has moved to start new adventures in North Carolina.



Nancy Griffin and Laurie Halverson

# *Rural Women's Republican Club*

## **We Back the Blue in Montgomery County,**

by Patsy Dillingham

“Back the Blue” began approximately 6 years ago as a small effort to be more supportive of the Montgomery County police. We are proud to say that this effort has turned into something much more in the ensuing years!! That effort accelerated a year or two later when it became clear that there were efforts to defund policing around the country. While calls for the effort to defund the police appear to have dropped significantly, there are other ways to 'reimagine policing' in Montgomery County.

This combined effort is comprised of the Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club, Potomac Women's Republican Club, Rural Women's Republican Club, Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Club, the Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women and the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee. They not only show their physical support at each visit, but also support financially in their yearly budgets. This public outreach is in keeping with our Caring for America promise, as well as our support for law and order in Montgomery County.

As part of this effort, we provide lunch -- usually the main course and drinks to each of the 6 police districts. Members of all the various clubs will often supplement these lunches with various side dishes, salads, snacks, energy bars, etc. The “Back the Blue” team have large poster signs that we ask every supporter there to sign--this sign is left at the police district. The police look forward to our visits each year and many of them will display the signs from years past. Last year, we were told by one of the officers that the Republicans are the only group that shows this kind of support.

Because of the increased financial support over the years, we have expanded and are pleased that we could add the Maryland-National Capital Park Police and the 9-1-1 Dispatchers, who provide an invaluable link to the police. Also, we were able to add the Gaithersburg City Police, the Rockville City Police and soon Takoma Park Police.

This year, we have begun working with restaurants in the area that openly support the Montgomery County police, and the restaurants are happy to give us a discount that enables us to purchase healthier, hot meals. This has also helped in many ways to provide beneficial networking with Republicans in the county, as well as supporting local Republican friendly businesses in Montgomery County.

Our hope is that all of the clubs will have some version of our “Back the Blue” program. It is easy to do (having more than one chairman helps) and it feeds and reconfirms to the police that they are supported by us and feeds the souls of those who attend.



**2025 District 2**



**2025 District 3**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

MARYLAND HAS 332 MUNICIPAL RACES THIS YEAR.

THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN **90 REPUBLICAN WINS** AND REPUBLICANS  
HAVE WON ALL THAT THEY ENTERED

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RACES AND HELP BUILD THE REPUBLICAN BENCH**

## Upcoming Dates to Remember



### Save the Dates: for 2025 Events

Details on the MFRW website ([mfrw.org](http://mfrw.org))

- ◆ Sunday, September 21st - MFRW Fall on the Farm
- ◆ September 25-28 - **NFRW** Biennial Convention, Orlando, FL
- ◆ October 25-26 - MFRW Fall Convention in Ocean City (Sunfest weekend)

Please submit articles on club activities

**by September 1st**

for the Summer *Trumpeter* Issue



Deadline is FINAL — submit early — Thank you  
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