



# MARYLAND FEDERATION of REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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In accordance with the Bylaws of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW), Article XII, I hereby call the MFRW Fall Convention at Ashore Resort & Beach Club, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland the weekend of October 24-26. The program will include a delicious lunch, exciting speakers, election of MFRW officers for the 2026-2027 term of office, and much more.

My thanks to the Republican Women of Worcester County for their help in pulling this together.

**All MFRW members are invited and  
encouraged to attend – guests are welcome too!**

The voting body of the MFRW state convention is composed of the Board of Directors (elected officers, the regional chairmen and vice chairmen, club presidents, all standing committee chairmen, and all former MFRW presidents who are regular members in good standing of a MFRW club) and credentialed delegates.

The number of credentialed delegates for each club is proportionate to its membership on June 30<sup>th</sup> – 1 delegate for every 5 members. The club president will be notified if more club members register for Fall Convention than the allowed number of credentialed delegates. The club president would then designate the club's voting delegates.

A club president who is unable to attend may name a proxy (form attached) to represent her club at the meeting. The proxy named must be a full member in good standing of the club she is representing.

Hope you can join us!

President

Register online at [www.mfrw.org](http://www.mfrw.org) or via the attached Registration Form.

**Fall Convention 2025  
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE  
\$125 Full registration**

Guest -- Prayer breakfast \$25

Guest -- Lunch \$65

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

3 - 7 p.m. Registration open

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Welcome reception at Ashore Resort & Beach Club  
sponsored by the MFRW 2026-2027 Slate

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast  
Orange and cranberry juice, seasonal fresh whole fruit, sliced seasonal fruits and berries, freshly baked morning muffins and pastries, coffee, teas, hot cocoa.

9:30 a.m. Registration reopens

**BUSINESS MEETING**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (or earlier)

Budget 2025 -- Spring Board 2026 -- Election of Officers 2026-2027  
Speakers – Officer reports – Committee reports – etc.

Lunch @ Noon

- Maryland crab soup ◦ Ocean Club salad bar
- Buttermilk fried chicken ◦ shrimp scampi ◦ honey ham with grilled pineapple
- White cheddar mac & cheese ◦ sauteed seasonal vegetables
- Cornbread with sweet cream butter
- Bread pudding with warm vanilla sauce ◦ assorted fruit pies

Saturday evening -- not included in the Convention registration fee

For those who don't have other plans, the Republican Women of Worcester County have arranged an opportunity for continued fellowship at *Saltwater 75*, a relaxed bayfront venue at 115 75<sup>th</sup> St, Ocean City. Details will be in your *Welcome* packet.

## **LODGING / ROOM BLOCK**

**Room block cutoff date is September 23rd.**

Group booking link: [Maryland Federation of Republican Women Rooming Block](#)

There are rooms (\$129/night) available for Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th — a limited number of rooms available for Sunday, October 26th.

Guests can book online within the contracted dates. If you'd like to arrive early or stay later at the contracted rate, contact the hotel directly at (410) 524-3535 using the room code MFORW927.

If booking online, the General Policy indicates a \$35 per night resort fee. Ashore has graciously waived that charge for our stay. The resort fee will not show as a charge.

### **DEADLINES**

August 26<sup>th</sup> -- proposed Bylaws changes → [bylaws@mdfrw.org](mailto:bylaws@mdfrw.org)

September 25<sup>th</sup> -- proposed Resolutions → [president@mdfrw.org](mailto:president@mdfrw.org)  
(single page -- a single "Resolved" -- 10 font or larger)

### **Report of the Nominating Committee** **SLATE of OFFICERS 2026-2027**

			Region	Club
President	Luanne	Ruddell	Western	Garrett County RWC
1st Vice President	Maria	Sofia	Central	RW of Anne Arundel Co
2nd Vice President	Linda	Stine Flint	Northern	Harford County RW
3rd Vice President	Anne	Koutsoutis	Montgomery	Chevy Chase WRC
4th Vice President	Jana	Barberio	Southern	RW Leaders of Calvert
Corresponding Secretary	Rebecca	Tittermary	Eastern	Wicomico Conservative RW
Recording Secretary	Jana	Hobbs	Eastern	Wicomico Conservative RW
Treasurer	Susan	Brainerd	Montgomery	Rural WRC
Assistant Treasurer	Anne	White	Central	RW of Anne Arundel Co

Pursuant to Article X, Section 1 of the MFRW Bylaws (revised Nov 2022), *“Nominations, with the consent of the nominee, may be made from the floor at the Biennial Convention”.*

MFRW’s contract with Ashore Resort & Beach Club includes the provision that *“no sign, banner or display shall be affixed to any part of the hotel”.* There will be no campaigning at the prayer breakfast or in the meeting room. Candidates for offices with more than one candidate will be afforded 2 minutes each to address the assembly.

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
**SLATE OF OFFICERS**  
2026-2027



**LUANNE RUDDELL**  
PRESIDENT



**MARIA SOFIA**  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT



**LINDA STINE FLINT**  
2ND VICE PRESIDENT



**ANNE KOUTSOUTIS**  
3RD VICE PRESIDENT



**JANA BARBERIO**  
4TH VICE PRESIDENT



**JANA HOBBS**  
RECORDING SECRETARY



**REBECCA TITTERMARY**  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



**SUSAN BRAINERD**  
TREASURER



**ANNE WHITE**  
ASSISTANT TREASURER

**LUANNE RUDELL** -- nominee for **PRESIDENT**

*Home club: Garrett County Republican Women's Club*

*Western Region*

It is with immense pride that I have been slated to become the President of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women.

Through God's grace, I have had strong women in my path that have taught me strength, independence, and a unique ability to lead.

In late 2016, I served on the GC Republican Central Committee as an associate member. That is when I met and became a close friend of Ruth Umbel. She took me under her wing and strongly encouraged me to become a member of GCRWC. I joined in 2016 and served as Vice President in 2017/2018. In 2019, I became President of GCRWC. Sadly, Ruth passed away in September of 2019 and I became Chair of the GC Central Committee. I have learned significant qualities (both good and how to avoid the bad as well) from Ruth, as well as, from my deep friendship with Diana Waterman, who lost her battle with cancer in October of 2024. In 2021, Diana encouraged me to run for the 4<sup>th</sup> VP position that opened in 2021. In 2022, she encouraged me to run for 1<sup>st</sup> VP, which I have served the last two terms.

I currently serve as Rules Committee Chair for the MD GOP and attended the 2024 Republican National Convention as a Delegate. In addition, I served on the RNC Rules Committee.

It would be my great honor to serve as President, using my faith in God, years of experience with MFRW leadership, and the years of knowledge gained from my mentors. I will use my leadership skills to encourage, motivate, and mentor the members of this Federation, and lead them to the next level, while working diligently to increase our membership with the expressed goal of empowering future Republican women who will lead us into the future.

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**MARIA SOFIA** -- nominee for **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

*Home club: Republican Women of Anne Arundel County*

*Central Region*

Over the past decade, I've been fortunate to serve in a variety of roles within Maryland Republican politics—each one offering new opportunities to grow, contribute, and learn. I've been a part of both major wins and difficult losses, all of which have fueled my commitment to never become complacent in the fight for our values.

Throughout my time on both the MFRW and NFRW Boards, I've taken on a variety of responsibilities—fundraising, growing membership, speaking to clubs, and being a consistent resource to those who've reached out. I would be honored to continue serving the MFRW and contributing to its future success.

Political Leadership

- MFRW
  - Assistant Treasurer -- Nov 2024 -- present
  - Fundraising Chair -- Jan 2024 -- present
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President (2022-2023)
- Maryland Republican Party -- Chair, Municipal Committee (Jan 2025 -- present)
- National Federation of Republican Women -- Chair, Youth Outreach (2022-2023)



- Maryland Republican Women Empowered -- Interim President (Dec 2021 - May 2022), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (2021-2022)
- Maryland YRs -- Chairman (2019-2021), Vice Chairman (2017-2019), Secretary (2017)
- MD Teenage Republicans / Montgomery County -- Advisor (2016-2019)

#### Professional Experience

- Cato Institute, Manager of Government Affairs (Nov 2023 -- present)
- MD Department of Planning -- Deputy Legislative Officer (2020-2023), Executive Associate / Office of the Deputy Secretary (2019-2020)
- Office of the Governor, Executive Services, Special Assistant (2017-2019)

#### Campaign Experience

- Kelly Schulz for Governor (Jul 2021 - Jul 2022)
- Mary Beth Carozza for State Senate (May 2018 - Nov 2018)
- Amie Hoeber for Congress (Nov 2015 - Nov 2016)
- Scott Rolle for Circuit Court Judge (2014)

#### Education

- Bachelor of Arts, International Studies & Political Science (Minor in History)
- Master of Arts, Political Science
- The Campaign School at Yale (Jun 2024)

### **LINDA FLINT -- nominee for 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

*Home club: Harford County Republican Women*

*Northern Region*

My experience, both political and non-political, and leadership roles at both Harford County Republican Women and the MFRW demonstrate my enthusiastic support of Republican values.

I have worked with many MFRW clubs and other political groups, speaking about growing membership, using social media, volunteering, the importance of bylaws, event planning, fundraising, and encouraging women to run for office.

I am a committed individual with a strong belief in personal accountability and follow-through. My faith, values, beliefs and principles guide me to always do the right thing. I look forward to working together with the MFRW leadership team and the clubs.

#### Political Service

- Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW)
  - Membership Chair – Jan 2025 - present
  - 2nd Vice President (2022 – 2023)
  - Bylaws Chair (2018 – Sept 2022)
  - Northern Region Chair (2018 – 2021)
- Harford County Republican Women
  - Current President (Jan 2025- present)
  - Treasurer, Membership Chair, Social Media (2023 – 2024)
  - Past President (2016 - 2020)

- Vice President (2020)
- Community Chair and Co-Chair (2012 - 2016)
- Other political organizations and activities
  - Managed Harford County Trump Election HQ in 2016, 2022 and 2024
  - Chartered the Republican Women of Cecil County (2018)
  - Associate member of several MFRW clubs
  - Past Advisor to the Harford County Teenage Republicans (TARs)
  - Harford County Young Republicans -- Associate Member (present) and advisor, helped charter original YRs
  - Republican Alliance (formerly Republican Club of Harford County) -- Board member -- Lifetime member
  - MDGOP volunteer and supporter
  - Completed several candidate training/management classes, digital strategy class, GOTV and 12-week Campaign Academy through Leadership Institute.

### Community Service

- Community Advisory Board for Harford County (2025-present)
- Harford County Commission for Women

## **ANNE KOUTSOUTIS -- nominee for 3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

*Home club: Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club*

*Montgomery Region*

My professional and volunteer experience has provided me with skills and knowledge that will benefit the MFRW. I have a proven record in strategic planning, and developing and implementing successful initiatives, while fostering collaboration and team leadership.

### Political Experience

- Montgomery County
  - Montgomery County Republican Central Committee -- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman (2021 - 2022)
  - Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women
    - President (2024 - 2025)
    - Past President (2016 - 2017)
  - President, Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club (2021 - 2022)
  - President, Olney Women's Republican Club (2016 - 2017)
  - Editor, Mid-Montgomery Women's Republican Club newsletter (2015)
- Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW)
  - Regional Chair -- Montgomery County (2024 - 2025)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (2022 - 2023)
  - Regional Chair -- Montgomery County (2016 - 2017)
  - Standing Committee (Campaign) Chair (2016 - 2017)
  - The White House -- volunteer, Office of Presidential Correspondence (2017 - 2020)

- National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) -- National Regent Coordinator, responsible for coordinating and planning events (including a White House fundraiser honoring First Lady Laura Bush and coordinating a Sky Box fundraiser at the 2008 National Republican Convention)

During my career, I managed financial functions in non-profit, academic, medical, defense, and financial sectors, supervising up to 30 staff members with responsibilities in financial reporting, planning, and information systems.

- Georgetown University -- Accounting Finance Manager
- Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory -- Disbursements Director
- Consultant for United Airlines, project team leader during implementation of United's integrated accounting software system in Chicago, Illinois.

### Education

Master of Science degree in Applied Behavioral Science /Organizational Development -- Johns Hopkins University  
 Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting -- American University

## **JANA BARBERIO** -- nominee for **4<sup>th</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

*Home club: Republican Women Leaders of Calvert*

*Southern Region*

Thank you for considering me as the MFRW 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President. I have learned a lot about the Maryland Federation of Republican Women while serving as the Southern Region Chair. I am willing and happy to serve.

### Political Experience

- MFRW Southern Regional Chair (2023 - 2025)
- Republican Women Leaders of Calvert
  - President (2023 - 2025)
  - Vice President (2022 - 2023)
- Calvert County Republican Central Committee
  - Republican Woman of the Year (2023)
  - Education Committee (since 2022)
  - Headquarters -- Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator
    - Staffed full-time in 2024 and on Tuesdays in 2025
- Testimony (written and presented -- edited others' testimony)
  - Calvert County Board of Education meetings
  - Calvert County Commissioner meetings
  - Other County government meetings
  - Maryland General Assembly with other MFRW Members (Boys in Girls' Sports)

### Work Experience

- Tour guide for Windsail Cruises, Chesapeake Beach (2020 - present)
- Writer/editor -- magazines, newspapers, newsletters, press releases, etc.
- Fundraising for non-profit special events
- Computer technology -- marketed technical contractors to client companies, etc.



- Paralegal -- utilized case management software, cite checked pleadings and motions, litigation support for EPA contracts
  - Cable television production
  - Phone counselor -- crisis hotline and information hotline
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**REBECCA TITTERMARY** -- nominee for **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

*Home club: Wicomico Conservative Republican Women*

*Eastern Shore Region*

Rebecca Tittermary is a trusted and engaged conservative leader with extensive experience in campaign finance, Republican women's leadership, and grassroots organizing. Known for her strong organizational skills and clear communication, she plays a key role in supporting Republican candidates and strengthening conservative infrastructure at the local and state levels.

Rebecca currently serves as Corresponding Secretary for the Maryland Federation of Republican Women. In this role, she has contributed as needed to statewide communications and internal coordination and looks forward to the opportunity to take on a broader leadership role in the coming term.

At the local level, Rebecca is Treasurer of the Wicomico County Republican Central Committee, where she manages all financial transactions, campaign finance reporting, and regulatory compliance. She also serves as Vice President of the Republican Club of Wicomico County, supporting local programming and strategic outreach efforts to grow Republican engagement.

Rebecca is a reliable and experienced campaign treasurer, providing critical financial oversight for several local campaigns and conservative organizations, including:

- *Friends of Barry Beauchamp* (County Council)
- *Citizens for Susan Beauchamp* (School Board)
- *Citizens for James Winn* (County Council)
- *Conservatives for Maryland PAC*
- *Delmarva Conservatives* (2021–2024)

In each of these roles, she ensures accurate reporting, responsible spending, and full compliance with Maryland campaign finance law.

Rebecca also serves as Vice President of Wicomico Conservative Republican Women, where she leads outreach efforts and supports the advancement of Republican women in leadership and public service.

Dedicated to Republican values, Rebecca continues to work toward building a more effective and connected party through service, transparency, and principled leadership.

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## **JANA HOBBS -- nominee for RECORDING SECRETARY**

*Home club: Wicomico Conservative Republican Women*

*Eastern Shore Region*

During the election of 2020, I watched in horror as the election was a fraud and stressed over what was becoming of our great nation. I was approached to join a group of similarly minded people and the Delmarva Conservative Movement was formed. Our goal was to make a difference in our elections. During the 2022 election, we had 9 candidates out of 11 win our elections.

I joined the Wicomico Conservative Republican Women in 2021 and looked for ways to help further Republican ideals in our community. I currently serve as president of this club and will be running for a second term.

I was elected to serve as the Third Vice President of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women in 2023 and am near the end of that term.

I would love to serve in the role of Recording Secretary for the MFRW as I have good attention to details and enjoy the recording of minutes. While I am a new addition to the MFRW (and WCRW) groups, I hope to continue bringing a fresh perspective and address the needs of all our members.

### Political Service

- Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW)
  - Third Vice President - 2023-present
- Wicomico Conservative Republican Women (WCRW)
  - President - December 2023-present
  - Secretary - 2022-2023
  - Fundraising Chair - 2022-2024
  - Historian - 2021-present
- Worcester County Republican Central Committee
  - Secretary - 2023-2025
  - Associate Member - 2022-2023 (appointed in 2024-2025)
- Other political organizations and activities
  - Delmarva Conservative Movement - 2021-present  
Secretary from 2021-2024
  - Republican trainings for election 2022 - Aug/Oct/Nov  
Candidate training and Electioneering and Poll Watcher training
  - Electioneering elections - 2022, 2024

### Education

- Bachelor of Music Education (Longwood University)
- Masters in Education (Salisbury University)

### Profession

- Full time high school Music Appreciation/Musical Theatre teacher -- 2017-present, 1999-2002
- Full time middle school band director - 2002-2017

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**SUSAN BRAINERD** -- nominee for **TREASURER**

*Home club: Rural Women's Republican Club*

*Montgomery Region*

I'm looking forward to the opportunity to fully utilize my organizational, communications, financial and technical skills to further the goals of the Republican Party.

Critical to the position of MFRW Treasurer is proficiency with QuickBooks, the small business equivalent of Quicken, intended primarily for personal finance management. Both financial software products were developed by Intuit.

For decades, I have used Quicken for check writing, budgeting, and even tax preparation. I reworked Quicken program cells to help clubs automate financial reporting and organize membership data, for a software cost of \$100/year. During 2023 and 2024, I created a prototype system utilizing Quicken. For those years, there were 2 systems in operation for the Montgomery County club -- the Treasurer's existing system using Excel and my Quicken prototype system, into which I input the same data, and which automatically produced financial reports with no additional inputting.

As a Senior U.S. government employee in the field of Intelligence, I purposely stayed away from any political affiliations & activities during my "working" years. Work positions held during those years: Operations Officer, Contracting Officer, Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), Program Manager, Manager of Mission (Technical Activities) & Plans (Budget, Finance) at the Office level, then Senior Manager.

Bookkeeper, Shawsheen Chemical Co. and Printworks Ltd (family business) -- accounts payable, accounts receivable, trial balances, worked with the tax attorney.

Professional communications: Radio stations in Maine & Connecticut.

Once able to participate in political activities, I have worked with campaigns (envelope stuffing, securing petition signatures, etc) and attended club events and fundraisers.

Skills -- data analysis, project management, communications, organization, problem solving, and advanced Excel.

Education

- Master of Science - Telecom Management (2001) -- U.M.U.C.
  - 14 MBA courses -- (1983-1986) -- Northeastern University
  - Bachelor of Arts - Government major / Pre-Law (1978) -- Bowdoin College
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**ANNE WHITE** -- nominee for **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

*Home club: Republican Women of Anne Arundel County*

*Central Region*

The position of Assistant Treasurer works very closely with the Treasurer to register members and maintain the membership records of the organization. This position would be a natural progression after 4 years as Treasurer. It's a good "fit" for me and will allow me to continue to serve the Federation.

Experience

- Maryland Federation of Republican Women
  - Treasurer (2022-2025)
  - Recording Secretary (2018-2021)
- Republican Women of Anne Arundel County
  - Current Treasurer
- Anne Arundel County Central Committee
  - Secretary -- currently and 2015-2018
  - Communications Sub-Committee - website and database maintenance
  - Events Sub-Committee - planning committee
- Proficient in the use of Excel spreadsheet software and the NFRW website

Political Involvement

- Grassroots volunteer for several Anne Arundel County and statewide candidates, including Super Saturdays, Voter Registration, Election Judge and Ballot Canvasser
  - Election Judge every cycle since 2016
  - Ballot Canvasser 2022 Primary and General Elections and 2024 Primary Election
  - Alternate Delegate to 2020 and 2024 RNC Conventions
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