



Spring Board Meeting 2026



Dear Board Members and Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome each of you to the Spring Board Meeting of 2026. I am grateful for your presence here today and for the time, energy, and expertise you bring to this organization.

As we gather at the start of this new season, we have a meaningful opportunity to reflect on where we have been, assess where we stand, and set a clear and focused direction for the months ahead. Spring is often associated with renewal and growth, and it is an ideal time for us to reaffirm our commitment to our mission and to one another.

To our board members, thank you for your continued leadership and dedication. Your guidance plays a critical role in shaping our decisions and ensuring the strength and sustainability of our organization. To our guests, we are honored by your attendance and appreciate your interest and support. Your perspectives and engagement are valued and welcomed.

In the months ahead, we will focus on strengthening our initiatives, enhancing collaboration, and identifying opportunities to expand our impact. Success will require thoughtful planning, open dialogue, and a shared commitment to excellence.

I encourage all of us to approach today's discussions with a spirit of cooperation and purpose. By working together and drawing on our collective experience, we can continue to grow our organization, make informed decisions that will benefit not only our organization but expand our impact in Maryland.

I would also like to thank our **Spring Board Sponsor's: Dirk Haire, Gary Ruddell, Senator Mike McKay, Anne Koutsoutis and Liz & Don Morin**. MFRW is profoundly grateful for your generous support.

Thank you again for being here and for your continued commitment. I look forward to a productive and inspiring meeting.

Warm regards,

Luanne Ruddell

Luanne Ruddell, President
Maryland Federation of Republican Women

**Maryland Federation of Republican Women
Spring Board of Directors Meeting
May 2, 2026
AGENDA**

CALL to ORDER – PRAYER - Jana Barberio

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE - Karen Tully

RECORDING SECRETARY’S REPORT - Jana Hobbs 2026 Fall Convention minutes

TREASURER’S REPORT - Susan Brainerd

NFRW Liaison Report - Vikki Burkett

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Bylaws - Liliana Norkaitis, Chair
 - #1 Review of Non-Endorsement Policy
 - #2 Bylaw Submission Date Deadline: Sept 7th
- Legislative - Ella Ennis, Sharon Carrick Co-Chairs
- Fundraising - Anne Rutherford, Chair
- Membership - Melita Friend, Membership Chair
- Political Activities - Maria Sofia, Chair
- Program - Kathryn Jerrard, Chair

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Americanism - Karen Tully, Chair
- Awards – Sharon Carrick, Chair
- Literacy – Liz Mumford, Chair
- Trumpeter - Anne White/Carol Randall, Co-Chairs

Speaker

- Clare M. Lopez, a strategic policy, and intelligence expert with focus on National Defense, Islam, Iran, and Counter-terrorism issues.
- Nicole Harris, Maryland Republican Party Chair

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Leadership - Susan Brainerd
- Red Scarf - Susan Brainerd

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall On The Farm - September 20th
- Fall Convention - November 6th & 7th
- Other

TRAINING by Susan Brainerd and Rural Club Members
Adapting Quicken for Treasurers & Membership duties

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Clare M. Lopez
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Clare M. Lopez, a regular online blog contributor at *Newsmax* as well as on-air with *One America News*, *Al-Shams Iraqi TV* & *Sky News Abu Dhabi*, is Founder/President of Lopez Liberty LLC, w/a mission to alert Americans to national security threats, both international & from the Islamic Movement/Muslim Brotherhood & their Marxist collaborators in this country. She supported former Acting ICE Director Tom Homan & Tom Trento at Defend the Border/The United West & was an instructor for John Guandolo's Understanding the Threat "Into Action" program & its online National Security Academy. In mid-2023, Lopez offered expertise as national security advisor to U.S. Presidential candidate Bishop E.W. Jackson. She is also senior advisory board member & Director of U.S. Geostrategic Security Issues for Near East Center for Strategic Engagement. She served as advisor/mentor to Special Forces students in a fall 2020 DoD course. From 2014-2020, Lopez served as VP for Research & Analysis at the Center for Security Policy. In 2016, she was named to Sen. Ted Cruz's presidential campaign national security advisory team.

From 2013-2016, Lopez served as a member of the Citizens' Commission on Benghazi & continues as a member of the Citizens' Commission on National Security. Formerly VP of the Intelligence Summit, she was a career operations officer with the CIA, professor at Centre for Counterintelligence & Security Studies, Executive Director of the Iran Policy Committee from 2005-2006 & has served as a consultant, instructor, intelligence analyst & researcher for a variety of defense firms. She was named a 2011 Lincoln Fellow at the Claremont Institute.

In Feb 2012, Ms. Lopez was named a member of the Congressional Task Force on National & Homeland Security, which focuses on the Electro-Magnetic Pulse (EMP) threat & serves as its Director for Counterterrorism. She has served as a member of the Boards of Advisors/Directors for the Center for Democracy & Human Rights in Saudi Arabia, the United West & Voice of the Copts. She has been a Visiting Researcher & guest lecturer on counterterrorism, national defense & international relations at Georgetown University. Ms. Lopez is a regular contributor to a range of media on China, Russia, Iran & the Middle East. She is the co-author of two published books on Iran, author of multiple book chapters plus numerous articles on China & its civilian-military fusion Biological Weapons program. She is the author of *The Rise of the Iran Lobby* & co-author/editor of CSP's Team B II study, *Shariah: The Threat to America* as well as The Tiger Team's *The Secure Freedom Strategy: A Plan for Victory Over the Global Jihad Movement*. She co-authored *Gulen & the Gulenist Movement* w/CSP's VP for Outreach, Christopher Holton, *See No Shariah: 'Countering Violent Extremism & the Disarming of America's First Line of Defense* with Frank Gaffney, CSP's past President & is both editor & co-author of the Center's *Ally No More: Erdogan's New Turkish Caliphate & the Rising Jihadist Threat to the West*. She has contributed chapters to "*Barack Obama's True Legacy*", edited by Jamie Glazov & Elizabeth Sabbaditsch Wolff's 2019 book, "*The Truth is No Defense*".

Lopez received a B.A. in Communications & French from Notre Dame College of Ohio & an M.A. in International Relations from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. She completed Marine Corps Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia before declining a military commission to join the CIA.

MFRW Spring Board 2026 MEETING RULES

CELL PHONES – LOUD TALKING

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

DISCUSSION / DEBATE

A member must give her name and club affiliation when recognized by the chair.

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

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

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

MOTIONS

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

It must be:

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

TIMEKEEPERS

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

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

VOTING

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(A) of the MFRW Bylaws, the voting body of the MFRW Board of Directors shall be the elected officers, the regional chairmen, the regional vice chairmen, the president (or proxy) of each club, all standing committee chairmen, and all former MFRW presidents who are regular members in good standing of a MFRW club.

Maryland Federation of Republican Women

Maryland Republican women began to organize as soon as women won the right to vote in 1920. In June 1921, fifty Republican women from throughout Maryland gathered in Baltimore for an organizational meeting and returned home to form clubs in their neighborhoods. In 1938, Maryland was one of eleven state federations that joined together to form the National Federation of Republican Women.

As we said “goodbye” to 2025, there were 26 federated clubs and 1,306 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women. We will begin 2026 with 25 federated clubs.

VISION

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) is committed to a tradition of empowering women from all backgrounds to serve as leaders in political, governmental, and civic arenas. We are the strongest unified group of voting Republican women in Maryland.

MISSION

The mission of the MFRW is to support its affiliated clubs in their efforts to function efficiently, harmoniously and optimally in achieving the purposes of this organization. The MFRW also provides support and resources to empower women to establish new clubs.

PURPOSE

Purposes of this organization are defined in Article II of our Bylaws:

- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government;
- Disseminate information to its affiliated clubs;
- Inform the public through political education and activity;
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party at all levels of government;
- Promote the principles of the Republican Party;
- Work for Republican candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections;
- Support the objectives and policies of the Republican National Committee; and
- Perform any lawful activity not inconsistent with the foregoing.

VALUES

The MFRW and its affiliated clubs ascribe to the highest ethical standards. We respect, appreciate and value diverse perspectives, build relationships based on trust, and relate to others as individuals without regard for role, authority, skill, or experience.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

NFRW

National Federation of Republican Women

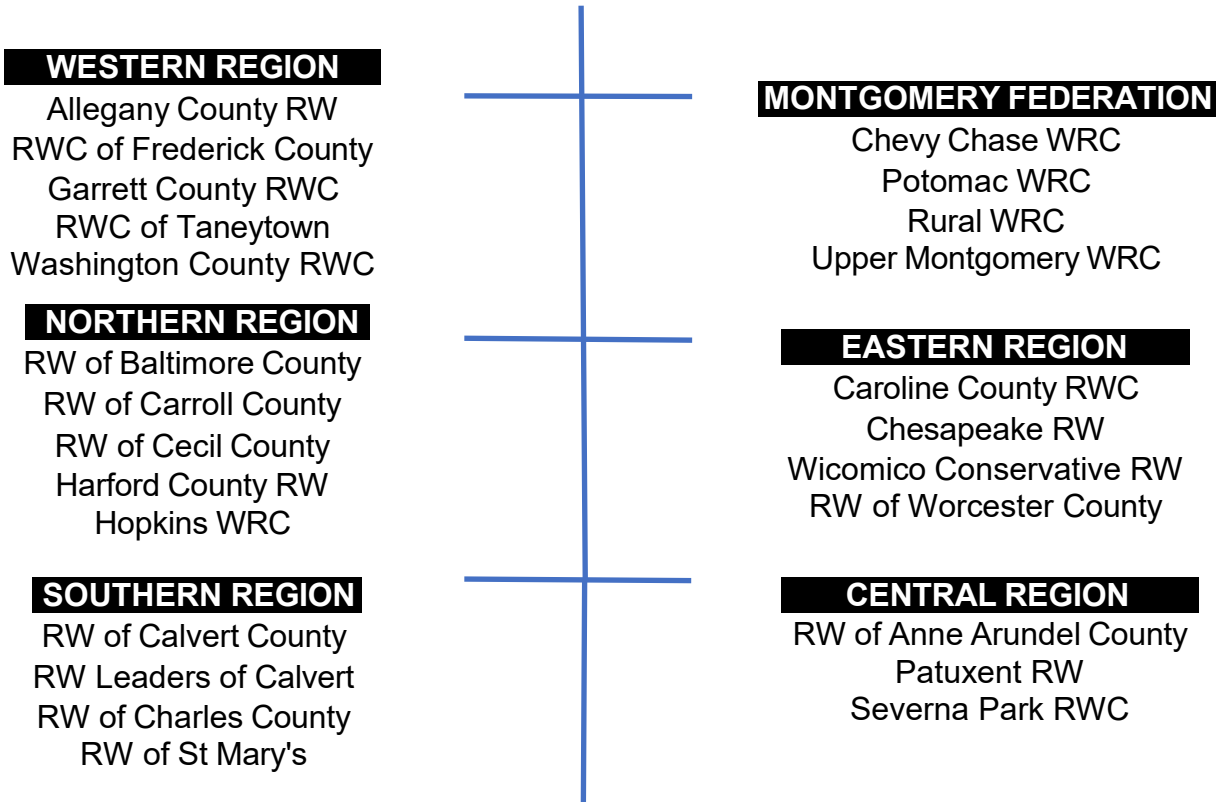
Governance: National Federation of Republican Women Bylaws (amended Sep 2025)



MFRW

Maryland Federation of Republican Women

Governance: Bylaws -- Maryland Federation of Republican Women Inc (amended Oct 2025)



Governance of affiliated clubs

National Federation of Republican Women Bylaws (amended Sep 2025)

Bylaws -- Maryland Federation of Republican Women Inc (amended Oct 2025)

Club bylaws

RW = Republican Women

RWC = Republican Women's Club

WRC = Women's Republican Club

MFRW Executive Committee 2026-2027

MFRW Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1

The Executive Committee is composed of the MFRW elected officers, the MFRW regional chairmen, and any past MFRW presidents willing and able to serve who are regular members in good standing of an MFRW club.

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The regional structure (detailed in Bylaws Article V) ensures that every region has voting representation at Executive Committee meetings and on the MFRW Board of Directors.

Election of regional chairs and vice chairs usually takes place at a regional meeting or caucus prior to a statewide meeting. Any full member of a good standing of a club in that region is eligible.

The **REGIONAL CHAIR**:

- Represents the region as a voting member of the MFRW Executive Committee and the Board of Directors
- Communicates monthly with the region's club presidents and reports on clubs' activities to the MFRW Executive Committee
- Mentors clubs in her region, providing information and advice as needed
- Connects Republican women interested in membership with a club in her region
- Attends meetings and events for the clubs in her region when possible (visiting each club at least once per year)
- Acts as a conduit between MFRW leadership and the clubs in her region, sharing updates, issues and other pertinent information
- May install newly elected club officers in her region
- Encourages qualified Republican women to run for office.

The **REGIONAL VICE CHAIR**:

- Represents the region as a voting member of the Board of Directors
- Performs the duties of the Regional Chair when she is absent or unable to perform those duties
- Performs such other duties assigned to her by the Regional Chair or the MFRW Executive Committee.
- Serves as a voting member on the MFRW Board of Directors.

While we try to allow time for **REGIONAL MEETINGS** at our statewide events, additional meetings can be held and are encouraged. These have been held in the past to offer campaign training, to present speakers of regional interest, and to offer an opportunity for fellowship among clubs.

REGIONS currently include these clubs:

- Western – Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Taneytown, Washington
- Northern – Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Hopkins
- Southern – Calvert, Calvert Leaders, Charles, St Mary's
- Montgomery Federation (with 2 Vice Chairs) – Chevy Chase, Potomac, Rural, Upper Montgomery
- Eastern Shore – Caroline, Chesapeake, Wicomico, Worcester
- Central – Anne Arundel, Patuxent, Severna Park

MFRW Bylaws, Article V

The MFRW Executive Committee, in consultation with the regional chairmen and affected clubs, and with approval of the Board of Directors, shall assign each local club to one of the six (6) regions.

Each of the six (6) regions shall have a regional chairman and up to two (2) vice chairmen, not to exceed two (2), as necessary to conduct the business of the region.

CENTRAL

Chair	(410) 940-8259	Brenda Yarema	brendayarema@verizon.net
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EASTERN SHORE

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Chair	(301) 919-7277	Sandy Tuttle	s.alexandratuttle@gmail.com
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Chair	(410) 812-4325	Amy Wagner	amywagner1@comcast.net
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SOUTHERN

Chair	(301) 769-1246	Linda Crandall	neilinda@chesapeake.net
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WESTERN

Chair	(301) 616-7507	Melita Friend	mlfriend@shentel.net
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Political Activities – Maria Sofia, Chair

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- The Political Activities committee offers guidance to clubs and individual members for election activities, promotes voter registration and voter contacts, coordinates campaign management activities, and coordinates MFRW efforts with local, state and federal campaigns. The Political Activities chair is the MFRW's contact with our Republican legislators and the Maryland Republican Party.

Program – Kathryn Jerrard, Chair

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- The Program committee scouts locations for statewide events, works with relevant committee chair(s) to determine needs, and presents to the Executive Committee (location, costs, logistics, etc.) for a final decision. The committee oversees logistics at the event.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Article VIII Section 2 of the MFRW Bylaws allows the MFRW President to establish those special committees deemed necessary to accomplish the work of the organization. The chair of each special committee is a non-voting member of the MFRW Board of Directors.

Feel free to contact the committee chair with questions and suggestions or if you would like to join the committee.

NFRW Liaison - Vikki Birkett

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- Communicates NFRW Priorities and Business to members of MFRW.

Americanism – Karen Tully, Chair

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- The Americanism committee explores opportunities to inspire patriotism in our members and our communities by fostering respect for the American flag and allegiance to the United States, its customs and its institutions. They are a resource for club programs and volunteer opportunities.

Awards – Sharon Carrick, Chair

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- The Awards committee receives and verifies annual club awards submissions then presents MFRW club achievement awards at our Spring Board of Directors meeting. The committee also facilitates submission of the NFRW's biennial club and state awards, which are presented every two years at NFRW's Biennial Convention.

Literacy – Liz Mumford, Chair

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- The Literacy committee is your source for activities (book club, hosting an author, essay contest, etc.) that promote literacy. Clubs are encouraged to donate books to local libraries, senior centers and similar organizations.

Trumpeter (MFRW's quarterly newsletter)

Carol Randall

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Anne White

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- Share articles and photographs of club activities. Deadline for submissions is generally the 1st of the month – March, June, September, and December.

2026 DATES to REMEMBER

*Legislative = Maryland General Assembly
MFRW = Maryland Federation of Republican Women
National = NFRW deadlines*

Legislative	14-Jan	General Assembly convenes
MFRW	15-Jan	Legislative Priorities distributed to legislators/\$15 NF Club FEE DUE.
National	15-Jan	Political & Campaign Awards - online reporting (Jul-Dec 2025)
	23-Jan	National March for Life - https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/
National	2-Feb	Names of club presidents to NFRW
Legislative	9-Feb	Senate bill introduction deadline
Legislative	13-Feb	House bill introduction deadline
MFRW	25-Feb	Deadline -- Red Scarf Day registration
National	28-Feb	2026 National dues submitted to NFRW
MFRW	1-Mar	Deadline -- <i>Trumpeter</i> submissions
MFRW	3-Mar	Red Scarf Day (<i>register by Feb 25th</i>)
National	12-14 Mar	NFRW Spring Board meeting -- Alexandria VA
MFRW	15-Mar	MFRW awards applications due
Legislative	23-Mar	Bill crossover deadline
	25-28 March	CPAC -- Conservative Political Action Conference - https://cpac.org/
Legislative	6-Apr	Budget bill must be passed by both chambers
Legislative	13-Apr	General Assembly adjourns -- " <i>Sine Die</i> "
MFRW	2-May	Spring Board & Members meeting, Argle Country Club
MFRW	1-Jun	Deadline -- <i>Trumpeter</i> submissions
National	15-Jul	Political & Campaign Awards - online reporting (Jan-Jun 2026)
MFRW	1-Sep	Deadline -- <i>Trumpeter</i> submissions
	17-Sep	Constitution Day / Citizenship Day
MFRW	20-Sep	Fall on the Farm - Sharon Carrick's Home Bowie, MD.
National	TBD	NFRW Fall Board & Members Meeting (ONLINE ONLY)
National	1-Oct	States can begin entering 2027 membership renewals
MFRW	7-Nov	Fall Convention – Dutch's Daughter - Frederick, MD
MFRW	1-Dec	Deadline -- <i>Trumpeter</i> submissions

**Maryland Federation of Republican Women
Fall Convention
October 25, 2025
MINUTES**

Fall Convention was opened at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance following the prayer breakfast and remembrance ceremony for members who have passed since Fall Convention 2024.

The **Board of Directors meeting** was called to order. Recording Secretary Melissa Brown announced receipt of 5 proxies for club presidents and, following roll call, that quorum was met. Spring Board 2025 minutes were approved as presented. The Board granted approval for Spring Board 2026 on Saturday, May 2nd in the Central or Montgomery region. The 2026 budget was adopted as presented. The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned.

General Session was called to order immediately following adjournment of the Board of Directors meeting. Meeting rules and agenda were approved as presented. All but 2 guests met voting eligibility requirements.

Treasurer Anne White reported the balances below at 17 October 2025. Bay Club 2025 brought in \$4,510 from 41 contributors (26 individuals + 15 clubs). The Legacy Fund Advisory Committee has recommended and the Executive Committee has affirmed a \$20K transfer to operating checking to cover the costs of Leadership 2026, Red Scarf Day 2026, and ½ Early Bird reimbursements to those attending the NFRW Biennial Convention.

Legacy Fund -- Checking		\$ 568.21
Legacy Fund		\$215,248.38
MORGAN STANLEY	\$ 215,816.59	
Zelle		\$ 4,065.32
Savings		\$ 11,309.56
Checking		\$ 14,126.66
WELLS FARGO	\$ 29,501.54	
	\$ 245,318.13	
	17-Oct-25	

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws Committee Chair Liliana Norkaitis reported receipt, review and acceptance of 3 suggested changes to the MFRW Bylaws:

1. Reference Legacy fund uses -- passed.
2. Letters of interest submitted directly to the Nominating Committee -- passed.
3. Designation of NFRW Biennial Convention at-large delegates and alternates - failed.

Maryland Federation of Republican Women
Fall Convention
October 25, 2025
MINUTES

Legislative – Ella Ennis shared thoughts for General Assembly 2026, including how Governor Wes Moore and Democrat legislators will address the budget deficit.

Membership -- Linda Stine Flint, Chair / Maria Sofia, Assistant Treasurer ○ 1,306 members at 17 Oct 2025 (vs. 1,154 in 2024 / 1,208 in 2023) ○ 8 clubs have achieved the NFRW's 70K goal (25% membership increase over 2023) -- Allegany, Calvert Leaders, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Rural, Upper Montgomery, Wicomico Conservative ○ Newly organized club -- Washington County Republican Women's Club ○ Howard County Republican Women -- leadership has moved from the area -- will be deactivated at December 31st -- club charter and monies held for 3 years by MFRW pending re-activation

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Americanism – Jean Hruz suggested that members mail President Trump brief “Thank You” messages, especially at times when his bold leadership is misrepresented by Democrats and legacy media.
- Literacy – Liz Mumford -- asked clubs to share a list of books they have donated as part of NFRW's Mamie Eisenhower Library Project over the past several years and other M.E.L.P. activities and communities they have organized or participated in.
- Trumpeter – Anne White -- next deadline: December 1st -- be sure to identify all individuals in photographs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Members were reminding of the NFRW Endorsement Policy
- Ann Hand pin raffle winning ticket was drawn -- \$605 proceeds will be forwarded to Chesapeake Charities for The Diana Waterman Scholarship

**Maryland Federation of Republican Women
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MINUTES**

- Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by member Lisa Herman. A motion to suspend the rules and elect those officers with no floor challenge passed unanimously. A written ballot was held for 1st Vice President, with Maria Sofia receiving 71 votes and Vikki Birkett receiving 34 votes.

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Floor</i>
	<i>nominee</i>	<i>Nomination</i>
President:	Luanne Ruddell	
1st Vice President:	Maria Sofia	Vikki Birkett
2nd Vice President:	Linda Stine Flint	
3rd Vice President:	Anne Koutsoutis	
4th Vice President:	Jana Barberio	
Recording Secretary:	Jana Hobbs	
Corresponding Secretary:	Rebecca Tittermary	
Treasurer:	Susan Brainerd	
Assistant Treasurer:	Anne White	

NEW BUSINESS

MFRW officers for the 2026-2027 term of office were elected at the Biennial Convention in late September:

President:	Martha Jenkins (NC)	Member-at-large:	Chelle Davis (VA)
1st Vice President:	Karen Newton (TX)	Member-at-large:	Christine Peters (NH)
2nd Vice President:	Lorie Legere (OK)	Member-at-large:	Laurel Stiffler (KS)
3rd Vice President:	Keri Abernathy (MS)	Secretary:	Cindy Casaus (AZ)
4th Vice President:	Judy Barlow (AL)	Treasurer:	Heidi Parker Martin (LA)

Maria Sofia shared an artificial intelligence presentation (*Don't be afraid of AI*), demonstrated its use to compose a press release for Fall Convention, and took audience questions.

Marie Boshoff spoke on the “Orange Ballot” effort to counter the teacher union-backed “Apple Ballot”.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

ADDENDA: Credentials Report, approved 2026 Budget, Bylaws proposals #1 and #2



National Federation of Republican Women

Endorsement Policy

The NFRW has established a policy for endorsements during election cycles. It is recognized that members of our organization are politically active and should be engaged in the support of Republican candidates. It is further recognized that building quality relationships with our elected officials is critical to our mission. The NFRW has adopted a policy to specifically address endorsements of candidates. State federations and clubs may, in their bylaws, adopt stricter limitations

- The president and campaign committee chair of NFRW or of any state federation shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in any primary, runoff, special or non-partisan race where two or more known Republicans are in the race.
- The president and campaign committee chair of NFRW or of any state federation who is a candidate or whose spouse or family member is a candidate shall be exempt from this rule; however, they may not do so in the name of the organization.
- No endorsement or evidence of support by any member shall be issued using the NFRW affiliation, logo, or stationery without the approval of NFRW.
- No one may endorse in the name of NFRW, the state federation or the local club, or in their official capacity thereof.
- In the case of contested Republican races, information may be distributed on all the candidates – such as events or fundraisers – if they are fairly and evenly distributed.*
- NFRW Bylaws provide for removal of membership for any member, state federation, or local club that advocates a split party ticket or supports a candidate who is running on an opposition ticket.

** NOTE: The use of a disclaimer (i.e., "This is being emailed for informational purposes only and does not represent an endorsement by this club.") can help prevent anyone from interpreting such communications as endorsements.*

UPDATED 2024

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Representative

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This legislator voted constitutionally on **100%** of the votes shown below.

CPH: Estimated cost per household.

★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote CPH Vote

1. Rep. Diana Harshbarger's (R-Tenn.) amendment to HR 4664 IRS Firearms and Ammunition (Rejected 187 to 238 on 11/8/2023, Roll Call 625). Strikes all funding for firearms and ammunition for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). See U.S. Const., amend 10. **Yes** ★

2. Rep. Mary Miller's (R-Ill.) amendment to HR 5894 Defunding OSHA (Rejected 131 to 300 on 11/14/2023, Roll Call 648). Defunds the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8. **Yes** ★ **+\$4.08**

3. HR 4366 Consolidated Appropriations (Passed 339 to 85 on 3/6/2024, Roll Call 64). Appropriates \$467.5 billion in federal funding for fiscal 2024. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8. **No** ★ **-\$3,557**

4. HR 8035 Ukraine Aid (Passed 311 to 112 on 4/20/2024, Roll Call 151). Provides \$60.8 billion for security assistance to Ukraine and replenishing stockpiles of military equipment already provided to Ukraine. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8. **No** ★ **\$463**

5. HR 4824 Carbon Sequestration (Passed 364 to 44 on 4/30/2024, Roll Call 156). Expands the Department of Energy's carbon-storage program to include carbon-sequestration projects. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8. **No** ★ **\$0.24**

6. HR 5403 Central Bank Digital Currency (Passed 216 to 192 on 5/23/2024, Roll Call 230). Prohibits the Federal Reserve from issuing a central bank digital currency (CBDC) without congressional authorization. See U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8. **Yes** ★



CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD

BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Rep. Andy Harris
Lifetime Score: **78%**

Scorecard 118-3
118th Session Score: **93%**

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

The following scorecard lists several key votes in the 118th Congress (January 3, 2023 – January 3, 2025) and ranks congressmen based on his or her fidelity to constitutional and limited-government principles.

Federal debt equals \$266,953 per taxpayer, as of July 16, 2024.



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The Constitution

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Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

1. IRS Firearms and Ammunition

During consideration of the fiscal 2024 financial-services appropriations bill (H.R. 4664), Representative Diana Harshbarger (R-Tenn.) offered an amendment to strike all funding for firearms and ammunition for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The federal government is not constitutionally authorized to engage in domestic law enforcement, as the 10th Amendment clarifies. IRS agents should not be armed with guns, ammunition, or military-style equipment. Rather, the IRS ought to be defunded and abolished. The American people must demand that Congress end the weaponization of the federal bureaucracy, reject all efforts to create a nationalized police force, and work to repeal the 16th Amendment (income tax).

2. Defunding OSHA

During consideration of the fiscal 2024 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill (H.R. 5894), Representative Mary Miller (R-Ill.) offered an amendment to defund the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) by \$536,922,000 — its total earmarked budget for fiscal 2024.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution does not authorize Congress to establish a federal regulatory agency, such as OSHA, to inspect workplace conditions. Nor does the Constitution empower the federal government to require Americans to take vaccines, especially experimental mRNA injections, as a condition of their employment, as OSHA tried to do.

3. Consolidated Appropriations

Representative Kay Granger (R-Texas) made a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4366, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024,” which would appropriate \$467.5 billion in federal funding for fiscal 2024. Among multiple other provisions, it would provide \$307.8 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs; \$103 billion for federal transportation and housing programs; \$50 billion for the Department of Energy; \$38.6 billion for the Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency; and \$37.5 billion for the Department of Justice.

Most of the spending would go to federal government departments, agencies, and programs that have no authorization or basis in the Constitution. Furthermore, this reckless spending is currently yielding high inflation and record increases in the national debt.

4. Ukraine Aid

The “Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act” (H.R. 8035) would provide \$60.8 billion for security assistance to Ukraine and replenishing U.S. stockpiles of military equipment already provided to Ukraine.

The United States should not interfere in the war in Ukraine by providing aid to one of the combatants. Congress has not declared war, as required by the U.S. Constitution to go to war, and foreign aid, not being one of the powers delegated to the federal government, is unconstitutional. Moreover, the United States should pursue a sound foreign policy of noninterventionism, based on U.S. national interests and the intent of the Founding Fathers.

5. Carbon Sequestration

H.R. 4824, the “Carbon Sequestration Collaboration Act,” would expand the Department of Energy’s carbon-storage program to include carbon-sequestration projects. It would also require the Energy Department to submit a report to Congress within two years “to identify and address scientific challenges for widespread adoption of terrestrial carbon sequestration.”

The federal government has no authority under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution to engage in energy or environmental policy. Furthermore, carbon sequestration is closely connected to the UN’s Agenda 2030, which is antithetical to the Constitution and U.S. sovereignty.

6. Central Bank Digital Currency

H.R. 5403, the “CBDC Anti-Surveillance State Act,” would prohibit the Federal Reserve from issuing a central bank digital currency (CBDC) without congressional authorization. It would bar the Fed from offering services directly to individuals or maintaining accounts on their behalf. These restrictions would not apply to digital currencies that are “open, permissionless, and private.” The bill would also prohibit the Fed from testing a digital currency without congressional authorization.

Article I, Sections 8 and 10 of the Constitution state that only Congress has the power to “coin Money,” referring to precious metals such as gold and silver. Not only do the Federal Reserve and fiat money violate these provisions, but a digital currency can be easily tracked, allowing the government to monitor all financial transactions.

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NFRW Achievement Awards will be presented at NFRW's 2027 Biennial Convention for activities completed in 2026 and 2027.

Awards are determined by a point system.

Be aware that the number of points required at each award level have increased substantially.

225 – 249 points	Bronze award
250 – 274 points	Silver award
275 – 299 points	Gold award
> 300 points	Diamond award

The NFRW awards form is available on the NFRW website:

nfrw.org → *Members* → *General Resources and Forms* → *Awards Forms*

Information on these additional awards are also available on the Awards page:

Armed Services ◦ Caring for America ◦ Literacy and Education
Membership ◦ Political and Campaign ◦ Public Relations

NFRW club achievement awards must be submitted to MFRW President Luanne Ruddell (luanneruddell@yahoo.com) no later than **June 1, 2027**

NFRW Campaign Award Submissions

Effective July 1, 2023, the NFRW Campaign Committee began collecting campaign hours and phone calls made every 6 months. Awards are presented for the:

- 1) Top political and campaign volunteer hours logged
 - Volunteer activities (visit NFRW website for list of examples)
 - Participating in activities benefiting the MFRW, your club, the MDGOP and/or Republican candidates (travel to/from, planning, set-up and breakdown, etc)
- 2) Top number of phone calls logged.
 - Calls for any political activities via traditional phone or phone apps

Clubs are responsible for collecting information from their members and completing the online form via the NFRW website no later than the due date to be considered for the period award. Volunteer hours and phone calls can be entered up to 6 months following the online entry deadline but cannot be considered for the period award. Total hours should be rounded to the nearest whole number. Detail by date/event is not needed. The fourth report includes a section for the 2-year totals for hours and calls.

**POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER
AWARD PERIOD DATES AND REPORTING DATES**

First Award Period Dates : July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

First Period Reporting Dates at NFRW.org: February 9 – 28, 2026.

No volunteer hours or calls from the first period can be reported after February 28, 2026.

Second Award Period Dates: January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

Second Period Reporting Dates at NFRW.org: July 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026.

No volunteer hours or calls from the second period can be reported after July 31, 2026

Third Award Period Dates: July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Third Period Reporting Dates at NFRW.org: January 1, 2027 – January 31, 2027

No volunteer hours or calls from the third period can be reported after January 31, 2027.

Fourth Award Period Dates: January 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027

Fourth Period Reporting Dates at NFRW.org: July 1, 2027 – July 31, 2027

No volunteer hours or calls from the fourth period can be reported after July 31, 2027.

The final cumulative awards, which will span the total two-year period, will be presented at the NFRW 44th Biennial Convention, to be held September 24-26, 2027 in Texas.

Upon completion of the online form, both the individual inputting the data and the MFRW President will receive a receipt with a copy of the information. The committee will also provide a spreadsheet of the information collected to the MFRW President.

NOTE: *MFRW's annual "Most Volunteer Hours" awards are calculated using the hours reported to the NFRW via Item 1 above.*

Detailed instructions, FAQs, and the online reporting form can be found at:

nfrw.org → General Resources and Forms → Awards Forms
(scroll down to *Political & Campaign Awards*)

Club online report form: <https://republicanwomen.wufoo.com/forms/political-campaign-volunteer-awards-20252026/>



Calling all Literacy Chairs and Interested Members!

Let's network!

Please join us for quarterly Literacy & Education ZOOM network meetings 2026!

Is your club eager to start a Literacy & Education activity in 2026?

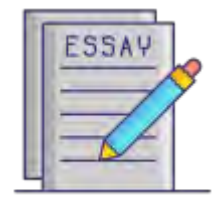
Does your club already have a thriving and successful Literacy & Education plan for 2026?

Are you interested in sharing your club's Literacy & Education successes and challenges with other Literacy chairs and members across the state of Maryland?

If any of the above questions are "YES" - then please join us on the following dates for a Literacy & Education ZOOM meetings:

- Sunday, June 28, 2026 - 6:30 PM/EST
- Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 6:30 PM/EST
- Sunday, November 8, 2026 - 6:30 PM/EST

For questions on times or topics, and/or to sign up, please email Liz Mumford, MFRW Literacy & Education Chair, at lmumford2009@gmail.com .



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LEGACY FUND

You can contribute at *mfrw.org* or mail your check payable to “MFRW” and your contact info to MFRW, Susan Brainerd 6706 Farcroft Terr, Laytonsville, MD 20882

The **LEGACY FUND** is the brainchild of former MFRW President Betty Jane Carroll (2003-2005), an endowment created by Board resolution on April 16, 2005 to provide perpetual financial support for the organization. Once the Fund reached its base endowment of \$100,000, the MFRW has been able to utilize earnings to support trainings and educational opportunities related to leadership, participation in the legislative process, and election activities.

Those earnings annually support MFRW's Leadership Conference and Red Scarf Day, free to all MFRW members. The fund also allows the MFRW to reimburse a portion of registration costs to members attending the NFRW Biennial Convention. And, of course, there are income taxes on the earnings.

Earnings in excess of \$100,000 can be used for:

- Leadership development for MFRW members
- Educating MFRW members on issues of interest to the Federation
- Skills training for MFRW members
 - Campaign management
 - Communication (oral and written)
 - Lobbying
 - Media relations
 - Outreach skills to increase membership
- Scholarship opportunities
 - State and national meetings
 - Trainings that benefit the Federation

In the past, earnings have been used for:

- MFRW's annual Leadership Conference – free to members
- MFRW's annual Red Scarf Day in Annapolis – free to members and Maryland's Republican legislators
- ½ “Early Bird” registration for MFRW members attending the NFRW's Biennial Convention
- Income taxes on Fund earnings

Maryland is the only state federation in the National Federation of Republican Women with such a funding mechanism. We are forever indebted to Betty Jane Carroll for her foresight and tenacity in bringing the Legacy Fund to fruition.

A minimum \$25 club contribution to the Legacy Fund and/or The Diana Waterman Scholarship Fund is a required element (#11) for the 3 highest MFRW Achievement award levels – Black-Eyed Susan, White Oak, and Maryland Shield.

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

About Us

- Governance – a number of documents that govern what we do and how
- Committees
 - Standing Committees (Bylaws, Communications, Finance, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, Political Activities, Programs)
 - Special Committees (Americanism, Awards, Literacy, Trumpeter)
- Newsletters – 4 most recent editions of *The Trumpeter*
- Contact info for MFRW elected officers
- Resources
 - Most recent Fall Convention handout
 - Most recent Leadership handout
 - Most recent Red Scarf handout
- MFRW History
- Regional Information

Join Us

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

Programs

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

Govt & GOP

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

Legislative

- List of Republican legislators
- Legislators by Committee
- Legislative Process
- Legislative Priorities
- Legislative Positions
- Issues Research
- 2026 Legislative Update
- MFRW Bill Testimony

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



National Wreaths Across America Day 2026

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

Sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave in 2026.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online
or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MD0672

Donations accepted now for 2026 placement





We are so thankful for our Spring Board Sponsorships:

Dirk Haire

Gary Ruddell

Senator Mike McKay

Anne Koutsoutis

Liz & Don Morin

Delegate Jim Hinebaugh

REPUBLICAN TOOLBOX

Thinking about running for office in Maryland in 2026?

Start now in 2025!

Success starts with preparation; and 2025 is the year to lay the groundwork for your 2026 campaign. Whether you're running for local office or a statewide seat, the Republican Toolbox has everything you need to get started:

- **Sample palm cards** to define your message and connect with voters.
- **Direct mail templates** to build meaningful outreach.
- **How-to guides** that walk you through every step of launching your campaign.

Don't wait for 2026 to start planning – use 2025 to position yourself for success. The Republican Toolbox is designed to help you strategize, organize, and energize your campaign from Day 1.

Your leadership journey begins here – check out the Republican Toolbox today!

Sign-up today at *RepublicanToolbox.com*.

Questions?

Contact Dwight Patel at (301) 385-3144 or dwight@dwightworld.com

STAY CONNECTED

Instagram



FACEBOOK



Stay connected with the dynamic Maryland Federation of Republican Women and be part of our movement for a stronger Maryland! Scanning these codes instantly plugs you into our network, keeping you informed about our activities across the state and initiatives that matter!

The Diana Waterman Memorial Scholarship was created to honor Diana's memory and her commitment to people working in politics in the service of the greater good, without expectation of credit or personal recognition.

Chesapeake Charities, a community foundation, manages the financial, legal and administrative details of the scholarship. Questions and contributions can be directed to them at info@chesapeakecharities.org or:

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

This fund awards scholarships to Maryland women studying a political science or related degree at an accredited college or university who demonstrate academic excellence and exemplify Diana's commitment to selfless political activism.

Criteria:

1. Female resident of the State of Maryland.
2. Current student pursuing a degree in political science or comparable field of study at an accredited college or university.
3. Excellent record of academic achievement -- minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA (validated by an academic transcript).
4. Demonstrates a record of involvement in political causes and/or organizations.



**Diana Waterman
was a powerhouse in
Maryland Republican politics.**

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

Spring Board Survey

<https://qr.link/qv7Tyt>



SCAN ME

We want to make every event successful and productive. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey!



MFRW BAY CLUB



What does it mean to be a Bay Club member?

The BAY CLUB is a donor group supporting the work of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women. It is open to all -- MFRW members, friends, family and businesses.

Your 2026 membership will fund MFRW efforts to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government, inform the public through political education and activity, and elect Republicans at all levels of government.

Bay Club members enjoy special events, often coinciding with MFRW's Spring Board meeting and Fall Convention.

Membership \$110 – Valid January 1 through December 31, 2026.



July 2025 was a fun day in Washington DC thanking MFRW Bay Club members with a White House tour. Their extra financial support allows us to keep meeting costs lower for all members.

Join for 2026

NAME _____
NAME OF MFRW CLUB or BUSINESS (if applicable): _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP CODE _____
PHONE # _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Individual Membership Business Membership Club Membership

Mail check payable to "MFRW" and send to Susan Brainerd, 6706 Farcroft Ter, Laytonsville MD 20882
or online at (<https://mfrw.org/programs/bay-club/>)

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

MFRW MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM

Celebrating Growth • Inspiring Action

CONGRATULATIONS!

We proudly recognize clubs that have achieved:

- NFRW USA 250 Membership Challenge Milestones
- 1st Quarter MFRW New Member Enrollment Awards

Your commitment is strengthening our organization across Maryland.

KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING

Membership growth strengthens:

- Community presence • Organizational impact
- Future leadership

WAYS TO GROW YOUR CLUB

- Invite at least one guest to every meeting
- Personally connect with prospective members
 - Share your club's mission and impact
 - Engage new members quickly

NEXT GOALS

- Compete in upcoming MFRW quarterly contests
 - Expand your club's influence

CLUB CHALLENGE

Can your club double its new member enrollment this quarter?

TOGETHER WE GROW STRONGER

Every Member Matters. Every Club Counts.

**Empowering Women • Advancing Leadership • Strengthening
Communities**

TREASURER'S REPORT

2 May 2026

1. Communication Info:

i) To/With the MFRW Treasurer (Susan Brainerd)

Telephone/Text Message: (301) 466-0838

Email: susanbrainerd@his.com or susanbrainerd@hers.com

NOTE: Heller Information Services in Rockville MD registered both his.com and hers.com.
Both addresses get to me.

WARNING: Recently my name has been used to create spam money requests.

PLEASE check the actual email address below my name.

ii.) For Zelle Payments:

Account Name: MD FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Zelle email: treasurer@mdfrw.org

Remember we are the “doctors” of the Federation! (Hint: “md” instead of just “m”)

2. Liability Insurance:

Contact your local GEICO Insurance branch or 866-509-9444. This is GEICO's branch for business insurance. Ask for the rates from The Hartford Insurance Company for liability insurance.

Total limit of Insurance (industry standard coverage) is: \$1M for Liability & Medical Expenses Limit, \$10,000 for Medical Expenses Limit, \$1M for Damage to Premises Rented to You, \$2M for General Aggregate Limit, \$2M for Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit, \$1M for Personal and Advertising Injury Limit

MFRW got a quote for \$260/yr if paid all at once (payment plans are available). Another club did this approach and got a policy for \$270/yr. Note that the renewal policy price from our previous insurer and current quotes from other insurance companies were at \$400.

HINT: When they ask you for the sq. ft. of your building – since we have no building and are using our home, give them the sq. ft. of your office room.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2 May 2026

Legacy Fund -- Checking #5719	\$	568.46
Legacy Fund #2167		<u>\$ 210,750.93</u>
MORGAN STANLEY	\$	211,319.39
Savings #7332	\$	14,791.05
Checking #1939		<u>\$ 19,200.70</u>
WELLS FARGO	\$	33,991.75
		<u>\$ 245,311.14</u>
		28-Apr-26
		BANK BALANCES

Wells Fargo

Zelle / Closed Clubs #6759 was closed 3/01/2026.
 Closed funds were moved to Savings.
 Zelle now directed to Checking #1939.

Morgan Stanley

Legacy Fund -- 21-day performance

Amount -- 28 Apr 2026	\$	210,750.93	
Amount -- 7 Apr 2026		<u>\$ (195,631.34)</u>	
Difference	\$	<u>15,119.59</u>	+7.73%
YTD Difference	\$	10,298.74	+5.14%

PAST EVENTS

Leadership Conference

Raffle income	\$	320.00
Food & venue	\$	(4,256.96)
Printing	\$	(986.17)
Net cost	\$	<u>(4,923.13)</u>

Paid via Legacy Fund -- no cost to attendees

Red Scarf Day

Guest lunch	\$	50.00
Food & venue	\$	(8,154.20)
Award materials	\$	(15.36)
Printing of handout	\$	(431.75)
Net cost	\$	<u>(8,551.31)</u>

Paid via Legacy Fund -- no cost to MFRW members

MGA Day 2

Printing -- RCV brochure	\$	(288.93)
Lunch for volunteers	\$	(839.71)
		<u>\$ (1,128.64)</u>

Necessary Increase to Budget Line Item “President’s Expenses”
Motion will be offered at New Business / Other

Pursuant to MFRW Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2(D), the following information is provided to the MFRW Board of Directors in support of the following motion to be presented under **New Business**:

I move that the budget allocation for President’s expenses be increased by \$4,500 to address the existing budget overrun and to cover projected expenses through the end of the year.

Sharon Carrish

CURRENT SITUATION

Total expenses at April 28th = \$3,520.85 (vs. \$3,000 budget allocation)

Budget overrun = \$520.85

MFRW was obligated to prepare the 2026 budget in mid-September 2025 for inclusion in the *Call to Convention*. While the 2026 budget allocation was substantially increased from the 2025 budget allocation of \$2,132, expenses to date have exceeded the amount designated for “President’s Expenses” in the 2026 budget.

The budget was prepared prior to the election of officers for the 2026-2027 term of office. With a rumored challenge “from the floor” for the office of president, it would have been unethical for MFRW to assume Luanne’s election and to substantially increase the budget allocation prior to Fall Convention’s election of officers.

	2026	Event / Activity	Location
388	10-Jan	Leadership Conference	Bowie / Davidsonville
406	15-Jan	MGA 2nd Day	Annapolis
404	30-Jan	MDGOP Exec Comm meeting	Odenton
408	5-Feb	Bowie	President training / Wells Fargo
414	4-Mar	Red Scarf Day	Annapolis
368	11-Mar	NFRW Spring Board meeting	Alexandria VA
2,388			
\$ 0.725		<i>federal mileage rate 2026</i>	
\$ 1,731.30	actual YTD	Mileage	
\$ 133.83	14-Jan	Historic Inns of Annapolis	MGA 2nd Day -- lodging
\$ 261.96	5-Feb	Maggiano's Annapolis	dinner w/ Past President and 1st VP
\$ 370.00	2-Feb	NFRW Spring Board meeting	meeting registration + Legislative Day
\$ 104.85	4-Mar	Calvert House / Annapolis	valet parking
\$ 85.41	11-Mar	Sake Japanese Restaurant	dinner meeting w/ MFRW Membership chair
\$ 833.50	14-Mar	Westin Old Alexandria	NFRW Spring Board -- lodging, parking
\$ 1,789.55	actual YTD	Other Expenses	

Necessary Increase to Budget Line Item “President’s Expenses”

Motion will be offered at New Business / Other

PRESIDENT’S EXPENSES -- ACTUAL -- RECENT YEARS

	Total	\$1,532	\$2,007	\$2,016
		2025	2024	2023
Mileage		\$1,264	\$1,522	\$1,702
NFRW meeting expense		\$253	\$485	\$162
Other expenses		\$15		\$152

PROJECTED PRESIDENT’S EXPENSES for the remainder of the budget year ending 31 Dec 2026

round trip			
334	2-May	MFRW Spring Board	14600 Argyle Club Rd, Silver Spring
388	20-Sep	Fall on the Farm	17710 Mill Branch Pl, Mitchellville
610	mid Sep	Worcester fashion show	10100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City
268	7-Nov	MFRW Fall Convention	581 Himes Ave, Frederick
1,600			
\$ 0.725		<i>federal mileage rate 2026</i>	
<u>\$ 1,160.00</u>			
2,400	miles	6-8 club visits	averaging 300-400 miles (round trip)
\$ 0.725		<i>federal mileage rate 2026</i>	
<u>\$ 1,740.00</u>			
<u>\$ 2,900.00</u>		MILEAGE to known events remaining + estimate for club visits	
<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>		Estimate for other anticipated costs	
		Spring Board hotel	
		Ocean City hotel	
		Fall Convention hotel	

The recommended \$4,500 increase to President’s Expenses (rounded up) represents:

\$520.85	Budget overrun
\$2,900.00	Projected additional mileage
<u>\$1,000.00</u>	Projected other expenses
<u>\$4,420.85</u>	

The last MFRW presidents residing outside Central Maryland were:

- 2010-2013 Ruth Umbel (Garrett County)
- 1997-1999 Ann Horner Granados (Worcester County)