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Spring 2026

From the President's Pen

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Dear Members,

As I enter my six-month serving as President of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women, I am filled with gratitude, optimism, and renewed determination for the important work ahead.

It has been an incredible honor to lead such a dedicated and enthusiastic organization of women who believe deeply in the principles of freedom, faith, family, and responsible government. Over the past six months, we have worked together to strengthen our clubs, expand our outreach, and continue building a strong Republican presence throughout Maryland.

Together, we have welcomed new members, supported local and statewide Republican candidates, supported the Maryland Republican Party by attending Spring Convention as well as other meetings and events, took part in community service projects, and engaged voters on the issues that matter most to Maryland families.

I am especially proud of the energy and enthusiasm I have seen at our meetings. Your willingness to step forward, share your talents, and dedicate your time has made a meaningful difference in our organization and our communities.

While we celebrate the progress we have made, we also recognize that much work is still ahead. The coming months will require continued unity, persistence, and leadership as we prepare for future elections and advocate for conservative values throughout Maryland. We also need to continue to focus on gaining new membership in our clubs. Use every opportunity you have to invite someone to your club meeting. I am confident that, together, we are ready to meet those challenges.

As your President, I stay committed to supporting our local clubs, encouraging new leadership opportunities, strengthening communication across our federation, and ensuring that every member feels valued and empowered to contribute.

Thank you for your trust, encouragement, and unwavering dedication to the Maryland Federation of Republican Women. It is a privilege to serve alongside each of you. I look forward to all we will do together in the months ahead.

With gratitude and determination,

Luanne

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The MFRW Fall Convention scheduled for November 7th.

The Bylaw's Committee led by Jean Delcher, Chair (delcherjean1@gmail.com) is currently accepting proposed amendments to the MFRW Bylaws. All submissions must be to Jean (60 days in advance of the Fall Convention) no later than September 8, 2026.

The 60-day period deadline allows the Bylaws Committee to review the submissions, make any edits to the submitted proposal, and accept or reject. If edits are made to a club submission, the club will have the opportunity to review and either accept or withdraw their submission.

Proposed amendments must originate from the Bylaws Committee or be made by a Club and the "Bylaw Amendment Template" must be used. Template will be emailed to all Club Presidents or upon request.

MFRW MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM

Celebrating Growth • Inspiring Action

CONGRATULATIONS!

We proudly recognize clubs that have achieved:

- NFRW USA 250 Membership Challenge Milestones
- 1st & 2nd 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

WE NEED YOU!

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

[HERE](#)

2026 Spring Board Meeting

Eighty-three MFRW members from 21 clubs gathered on May 2nd at the Argyle Country Club in Montgomery County for the Annual MFRW Spring Board meeting.

The Montgomery County Federation provided patriotic centerpieces and a variety of candy on the various tables to keep everyone awake with a sugar-high.



Harris

The agenda included a welcome message from MFRW President Luanne Ruddell, a GOP update from State Party Chair Nicole Harris, and the usual business items, including a budget modification, as well as a delicious lunch.

Without a doubt the highlight of this meeting was the amazing speaker, Claire Lopez, Founder and President of Lopez Liberty, LLC, whose mission is to alert Americans to national security threats. Her presentation focused on the urgent situation with immigration and what it means for the future of the country.

Another much anticipated segment of every Spring Board meeting is the presentation of Annual Awards (see below) Several clubs earned a higher level award than in previous years. Congratulations to all!

MFRW Treasurer Susan Brainerd gave a presentation on streamlining club financial records after the close of the meeting.



Lopez

MFRW CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

ORIOLE -- RW of Carroll County

BLACK-EYED SUSAN -- Hopkins WRC, Rural WRC

WHITE OAK -- RW of Anne Arundel County, RW of Cecil County, Chesapeake RW

MARYLAND SHIELD -- RW of Baltimore County, RW Leaders of Calvert, Chevy Chase WRC, RW of Frederick County, Garrett County RWC, Harford County RW, Patuxent RW, Potomac WRC, Upper Montgomery RWC, Wicomico Conservative RW, RW of Worcester County

SPECIAL AWARDS

Most new members -- Allegany County RW (small club), Rural RWC (medium club), Harford County RW (large club)

Most volunteer hours -- RW of Frederick County (small club), RW of St Mary's (medium club), Upper Montgomery RWC (large club)

Most effective political event -- RW of Frederick County

Most effective club meeting -- Upper Montgomery RWC

Greatest % membership increase -- Allegany County RW (small club), Rural WRC (medium club), Harford County RW (large club)

Greatest % member retention -- Hopkins WRC (small club), RW of St Mary's (medium club), Harford County RW (large club)

Best newsletter -- RW of Baltimore County

Best website -- Garrett County RWC

Community service award -- RW of Baltimore County

Literacy award -- RW Leaders of Calvert

Club size categories

Small (10-30 members) - Medium (31-75 members) - Large 76+ members)

NFRW Club Achievement Awards for 2026-2027

To be presented at the NFRW Biennial Convention • September 24-26, **2027** • Gaylord Texas

Substantial changes have been made to the NFRW Club Achievement Awards form (available at nfrw.org/drl-awards). Items related to the *America 250 Membership Challenge* have added 39 points. Points needed for each of the 4 awards levels have increased by 60+ points.

Clubs are encouraged to re-evaluate your program plans for 2026 and 2027 now for any needed adjustments.

NFRW awards are due to MFRW President Luanne Ruddell by 1 Jun **2027**.



What is the Bay Club?

The **BAY CLUB** is a donor group supporting the work of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women.

Bay Club Membership helps fund MFRW efforts to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government, inform the public through political education and activities, and elect Republicans at all levels of government.

2026 Bay Club membership now includes 32 individual and 13 club members at the half-year mark.

2026 Bay Club Individual Members as of June 10, 2026

Nicolee Ambrose
Jana Barberio
Valerie Borek
Linda Bradley
Sharon Carrick
Sylvia Darrow
Jean Delcher
Lynne DeMinco
Valerie Farrell
Carol Frazier
Melita Friend

Martha Hale
Patty Hammond
Lisa Herman
Jana Hobb
Jean Hruz
Kahryn Jerrard
Anne Koutsoutis
Amy Leahy
Carol Randall
Beth Rodier

Gary Ruddell
Luanne Ruddell
Anne Rutherford
Diane Sadowski
Linda Stine Flint
Karen Tully
Amy Wagner
Anne White
Brenda Yarema
Sandy Zitser
Donna Zupancic

2026 Club Members

RW of Baltimore County
RW of Calvert County
RW Leaders of Calvert
Rw of Cecil County

RW of Charles County
Chevy Case WRC
RW of Frederick County
Garrett County RWC
Harford County RW

Montgomery County FRW
RW of St. Mary's
Wicomico Conservative RW
RW of Worcester County

**JOIN THE MARYLAND
FEDERATION OF
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

FALL ON THE FARM

September 20th

1:00 PM until 4:00 PM

Fellowship & Country Cookin'!

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
AT MFRW.ORG

Bay Club excursion to NFRW HQ

On Friday, June 5th, fourteen Bay Club members traveled to NFRW Headquarters and enjoyed a personal tour of the historic building on North Alfred Street in Alexandria, VA.

The NFRW purchased this historic building in Old Town in 1989 with funds generously donated from state federations, local clubs, and Republican men and women from all across the country.



Gathered in the conference room with NFRW President Martha Jenkins (center) are: L/R: Linda Stine Flint, Veronica St. Clair, Patty Hammond, Anne White, Martha Hale, Amy Wagner, Lisa Herman, Luanne Ruddell, Lynne DeMinco, Lorraine Kuchmy, Anne Rutherford, Jana Barberio, Sharon Carrick, and Kathy Mohan



After renovations from the previous occupants, the NFRW moved into their long awaited new space consisting of eight spacious offices, a conference room, a copy/mail room, kitchen, four bathrooms, a recording studio, and a parking driveway.

Each room was named for the state federation that donated that particular room. Maryland has naming rights the front garden at the main entrance.

While the building itself is owned “free & clear,” maintenance of this historic building is the purpose of the Marion Martin Building Fund that you see on the NFRW donor options.



The 2026 NFRW Membership Challenge



This campaign honors the enduring legacy of 1776 while empowering our clubs to grow stronger, engage more deeply, and prepare the next generation of conservative women leaders. Just as our Founding Fathers united with courage and vision to build a free America, we are called to rekindle that patriotic spirit within NFRW—ensuring our Federation thrives for centuries to come.

Patriot Keepers Guild — Honoring clubs that **maintain** membership strength, keeping the flame of commitment alive. To achieve this level in 2026, clubs must meet or exceed their 2025 membership count by March 1, 2026. Focus on renewing all of your 2025 members! **Fifteen MFRW Clubs have earned the Patriot Keeper Guild:** Allegany County RW, RW of Anne Arundel County, RW of Calvert County, Caroline County, RW of Carroll County, RW of Charles County, Chesapeake RW, RW of Frederick County, Harford County RW, Patuxent RW, Rural WRC, RW of Taneytown, Upper Montgomery RWC, Washington County RWC, Wicomico CRW

Liberty Builders Brigade — Recognizing clubs that actively recruit **new members**, bringing fresh voices and energy to our cause. To achieve this level in 2026, clubs must increase their 2025 membership count by 10% by July 4, 2026. New clubs chartered in 2026 need 25 members by December 31, 2026. **Fourteen MFRW Clubs have achieved this level:** RW of Anne Arundel County, RW of Calvert County, Caroline RWC, RW of Carroll County, RW of Charles County, Chesapeake RW, RW of Frederick County, Harford County RW, Patuxent RW, Rural WRC, RW of Taneytown, Upper Montgomery RWC, Washington County RWC, Wicomico CRW

Signers Circle — Celebrating clubs with exceptional **growth**, echoing the bold courage of the original signers of the Declaration. To achieve this level in 2026, clubs must **increase their** 2025 membership count by 25% by July 4, 2026. New clubs chartered in 2026 need 50 members by December 31, 2026. At the pinnacle awaits the prestigious Founders Honor Medal, awarded to clubs that achieve Signers Circle status for two consecutive years. These exemplary clubs embody the consistency, leadership, and unity that have defined both our nation and NFRW since our founding in 1938. **Nine MFRW Clubs have met the Signers Circle level:** RW of Anne Arundel County, RW of Calvert County, Caroline County RW, RW of Carroll County, RW of Charles County, Chesapeake RW, RW of Frederick County, Harford County RW, Wicomico CRW

MFRW Happenings from the Clubs

Republican Women of Baltimore County

On April 23, 2026 RWBC spearheaded the second of three planned Republican Primary Governors Debates which was held at the Cub Hill Church in Parkville. Five of the nine invited candidates attended the packed event with over 150 people in attendance. The event was co-sponsored by the Central Baltimore County Republican Club, The Patriot Club of America and the Eastside Republican Club. Many thanks to CBCRC President Maria Zickuhr, PCA President Jeff McDonald, and Kathy Smero 2nd Vice Chair of the Maryland Republican Party for their partnership.

Candidates L.D. Burkindine, Douglas Larcomb, John Myrick, Micheal Oakes and Shannon Wright answered 6 questions with opportunity for rebuttal. The debate was moderated by former State Delegate and RWBC founder Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey and best selling author and award winning FOX 45 investigative journalist Chris Papst. The RWBC 1st Vice President kept time. At best count 18 candidates running for various county, city and State offices attended the social hour prior to the debate.



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Larcomb



Myrick



Oakes



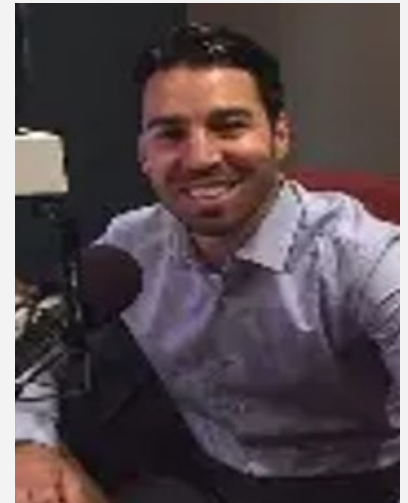
Wright



Special thanks to Ginny Deise and Lynn DeNicholas who assisted with voter registration, Donna Mell for assisting with the *One Love Foundation* fundraising raffle basket and Jolie McShane who organized the straw poll.

You can watch the debate [HERE](#)

← Debate moderators: Ellen Sauerbrey (L) and Chris Papst (R)



The RWBC Congratulates Del. Nino Mangione

State Delegate Nino Mangione was selected by the Baltimore County Republican Central Committee on May 30th to fill the vacant District 3 seat on the Baltimore County Council, succeeding longtime Republican Councilman Wade Kach, who resigned earlier in the month due to health issues.



DO YOU HAVE YOUR CLUB SWAG?
NEW ITEMS – CLOTHING, JEWELRY, AND OTHER FUN
STUFF HAVE JUST BEEN ADDED TO THE COUNTRY
STORE

CHECK IT OUT [HERE](#) (ZAZZLE.COM)

Wicomico Conservative Republican Women

Our club has been working at becoming informed and inspired.

We had our annual State of the County meeting in February with local leadership letting us know what is happening in Wicomico County.



Jana Hobbs and Sheriff Mike Lewis at our March meeting

In March, we heard from our Sheriff Mike Lewis about the concerns of the county.

In April, we enjoyed being inspired to recruit young ladies by Christine Peters, close friends of one of our associate members.



April meeting attendees with our speaker, Christine Peters, NFRW Region 7 Representative

In May we held: a golf tournament, a Welcome Back State Leadership meeting, worked at a Arts in the Park event celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country, and prepared for our County Council forum.

We are ready for the primary election!!!!



Speakers for February meeting- Mayor of Salisbury, Randy Taylor; County Executive, Julie Giordano; County Councilmember, James Winn



L/R: Marita Barnes, Suzi Dupont and Susan Bounds-fundraising committee at our 2nd annual Golf Tournament



REMEMBER: REPUBLICANS WHO STAY HOME ELECT DEMOCRATS



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

- ♦ GOVERNANCE
- ♦ COMMITTEES
- ♦ NEWSLETTERS
- ♦ PROGRAMS
- ♦ LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
- ♦ MFRW SUBMITTED TESTIMONY
- ♦ MFRW HISTORY
- ♦ AMERICANISM

Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Club



Hand-addressing envelopes for the Fitz Mofo campaign

Montgomery County GOP candidates know they can count on UMRWC for support! When the planned activity of sign-waving on May 23 for District 9A candidate Fitzgerald Mofo was canceled due to the pelting rain, members pivoted to another crucial activity, addressing envelopes to voters in Fitz's district. We completed over 500 folded, stuffed, addressed, and stamped in a single afternoon.

At the May meeting, Dr Matthew Spalding brought his newly-published book, ***"The Making of the American Mind: The Story of Our Declaration of Independence."*** Dr Spalding walked us through some key phrases in the Declaration and discussed the significance of the word choices the Signers made. He added details and history that moved us all to contemplate the uniqueness of our heritage and the duty we have to preserve it.

Faced with an ever-growing budget, onerous taxes, and a lack of transparency and accountability in the County government, citizens have put forward a ballot measure to limit spending in the County to not more than the rate of inflation. The measure needed 10,000 signatures, and UMRWC members collected those signatures at locations around the county, including Metro stations.



To collect signatures for the "Stop the Spend" ballot petition, UMRWC members Jean Breen, Tracy Colligan, and Brigitta Mulligan went to the Glenmont Metro station during rush hour on April 10th.



Vikki Birkett, UMRWC President, receiving awards from Luanne Ruddell, MFRW President at the MFRW 2026 Spring Board Meeting



UMRWC members gathered around our speaker, Dr Matthew Spalding of Hillsdale College (sitting on floor, front row)



Invitation for the April 18th meeting



Save the Date

FALL CONVENTION

November 7, 2026

Dutch's Daughter, Frederick, MD

Optional pre-convention dinner—Friday—Frederick Elks

Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club

CCWRC Rings Lots of Bells With a Unique Candidate Forum

The Chevy Chase Republican Women's Club (CCWRC) continues to distinguish itself by promoting Republican principles through education, outreach, and—true to form—a dash of creativity and fun. The April 22 general meeting and candidate forum, aptly titled “**Local Candidate Connection**,” embodied everything the club stands for. In more ways than one, it was a *bell ringer* of an event.

Breaking away from the traditional podium-style forum, CCWRC unveiled an innovative, “speed-dating” format that energized candidates and attendees alike. Twelve local candidates participated in this one-of-a-kind experience, engaging directly with every person in the room. Meanwhile, attendees had the rare opportunity to interact personally with each candidate—asking questions, sharing concerns, and making meaningful connections in a relaxed, conversational setting.

The event was held at the Race Bar at Clyde's Chevy Chase, an ideal venue that provided both a welcoming atmosphere and outstanding food. Following appetizers and a period of socializing, a brief club meeting and announcements set the stage for the main event. Nearly 100 attendees then enjoyed a generous buffet that included a pasta bar—featuring rigatoni bolognese and a vegetarian option accompanied by assorted salads—as well as a slider bar with cheeseburger and chicken sliders served alongside crowd-pleasing tater tots. The festive spread helped create an upbeat and convivial mood for the evening.

Then came the main attraction. For one hour, a bell rang every five minutes, signaling candidates to rotate from table to table. This well-orchestrated system ensured that each candidate personally visited every table, maximizing interaction and eliminating the need for attendees to choose between competing conversations. The fast-paced yet personable format kept energy levels high and conversations focused.

Candidates were encouraged to bring palm cards and informational materials, and many took full advantage of the opportunity to share their vision and priorities. While several statewide and congressional candidates attended as guests, participation in the rotation was reserved for county offices and Maryland State House and Senate candidates, ensuring the forum maintained its strong local focus.

CCWRC has a well-earned reputation for producing high-quality, thoughtfully designed events. Its long-running **Let's Talk Politics** series has often been imitated but never duplicated, and *Local Candidate Connection* appears poised to join that tradition. Judging by the enthusiastic response from candidates and attendees alike, this signature-style forum may well become another hallmark of the club's commitment to meaningful civic engagement.



CCWRC President Lorraine Kuchmy rings the bell at CCWRC Local Candidate Connection



Once again, CCWRC demonstrated that informed political dialogue doesn't have to be dull—and that sometimes, all it takes is a bell and a bold idea to bring people together.

← CCWRC members listen to Ann Guthrie Hingston talk about her campaign for the Maryland House of Delegates.



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](#)

Hopkins Women's Republican Club

by Gail Thies, President of the HWRC

On Wednesday, May 6th, the Hopkins Women's Republican Club met at Monaghan's Pub in Baltimore, featuring as its speaker Richard Fairbanks - longtime Baltimore City Republican activist. His topic: "My Life in Australia During the Early Reagan Years and Subsequent Grassroots Baltimore City Republican Activism." Both he and wife Barbara who resided in Alice Springs in the Northern Territory from 1979-1983 maintained rather favorable memories of their time "down under." What might be considered an endearing memory per Mrs. Fairbanks: "Children were encouraged to truly behave as children during their formative years, as reflected in the overall Australian early education process with encouragement to talented students re: performing solo at an early age."

Of interest: 1) getting used to the local dialect — e.g. "do you want a 'cuppa?'" translates to, "do you want a cup of tea?" ; requesting "suppa" translates to having a meal in addition to dinner. 2) Adjusting to automobile travel on rugged dirt roads. 3) Adapting to the many different local community-sponsored festivals and circus productions featuring friendly elephants.

When Richard Fairbanks returned home to the States, he got involved in the Independent-Republican (Baltimore City) Coalition alongside David Blumberg and was often seen at city fairs in a booth registering voters, assisting with candidates' sign installations and serving on the Baltimore City Republican Central Committee alongside Victor Clark.

His activism continues to this day, as an Associate Member of the Hopkins Women's Republican Club with member wife Barbara serving on its board, as well.

Other administrative business was conducted at this meeting, including announcements by President Gail Thies re: thank you recognition from Pregnancy Center North and Baltimore City Republican Central Committeewoman Angela Dudley re: Right-to-Life updates in Baltimore City. Angela also circulated information regarding Jim Rutledge, Republican candidate for Attorney General. Associate Member Mark Hart then mentioned today (May 6th) was Richard Fairbanks' 87th birthday — at which point President Thies surprised R.F. presenting him with a 1939 historical event birthday book card and large stuffed animal elephant. Treasurer Cornelia Mueller announced her participation on the N.S. Savannah ship as a docent on May 17th, and encouraged all to take a serious interest in Baltimore's historic and internationally-recognized port.

Republican Women of St. Mary's

After the closing gavel of the 2026 Maryland General Assembly session in Annapolis, the Republican Women of St. Mary's once again hosted their annual "Welcome Home Delegation" reception and fundraiser. This tradition, now several years strong, draws many Republicans from both St. Mary's and Calvert Counties.

Along with a variety of Brown Bag auction items, the event features larger donated items auctioned off by the Senator and Delegates themselves.



Items auctioned by the Delegation (over \$1,650.00 made).

Each elected official brings a unique and often humorous style to the role of auctioneer, making the bidding lively and entertaining. After each item is sold, the Senator or Delegate takes a moment to share reflections on the legislative session and what unfolded in Annapolis.

According to the Delegation, this year proved challenging for Republicans, as the Democratic majority controlled much of the agenda.



(L-R) Jana Barberio, Tina Detwiler, Josh Guy, Linda Crandall and John Barberio in the buffet line. →



Roy Alvey looking at the "Brown Bag" raffle items

Harford County Republican Women

At the April 18 monthly luncheon of the Harford County Republican Women, the luncheon was legislative wrap-up with Senator JB Jennings and Delegate Teresa Reilly. At the end of the luncheon, Diana Sadowski and Linda Stine Flint, presented a Maryland bouquet to Delegate Susan McComas, as she completed her last legislative session as Delegate for District 34B. The presentation was to thank her for her 24 years of service!! Delegate McComas was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2002. Member of the House January 8, 2003 to January 14, 2015, representing District 35B, Harford County. She then representing District 34B, Harford County, beginning January 14, 2015 through present 2026.



L/R: Amy Wagner, Kim Zentz, Linda Stine Flint, and Kathryn Jerrard at Rededicate 250.

On Sunday, April 26, Northern Region Chair Amy Wagner, along with former Northern Regional Chairs Linda Stine Flint and Kathryn Jerrard, all attended the Republican Women of Carroll County Annual Woman of the Year Luncheon, supporting President Kim Zentz! It was a beautiful event and facility.

On Sunday May 17, Harford County Republican Women members, Linda Stine Flint, Amy Wagner and Veronica St. Clair attended the Rededicate 250: A National Jubilee of Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving. It was a beautiful day, early start, and it comes only once in a lifetime! It was a beautiful faith-filled experience! So many great speakers and music..... so much history telling and how God had his hand in America!



Harford County Republican Women had their May Book Club on Sunday May 31. It was a very interesting and lively discussion on the book by Dennis Prager ***If there is no God...The battle over who defines good and evil.***

←Members attending were Linda Stine Flint, Ali Paskun, Michele Martin, Michelle Urbanski, Amy Wagner (Literacy Co-Chair), Sandy Ekas and Liliana Norkaitis (Literacy Chair).



L/R: 1st VP Diana Sadowski, Del. McComas, and Pres. Linda Stine Flint



L/R: Linda Stine Flint, Amy Wagner, and Veronica St. Clair at the National Day of Prayer event

Rural Women's Republican Club

In April, we took our founding member Dorrine Armstrong out to lunch for her 98th Birthday!! She was an original member when our club started in 1962. At 98 she still participates in many of our big events!

Mid-April we held our last bonfire meeting for the spring season. Our speakers were local candidates running for office Ester Wells running for County Executive, Brenda Diaz running for Board of Education, and Jeff Balkin a dad in Frederick County whose speech before the Frederick County school board went viral concerning parental rights. We also collected 165 pairs of socks for the organization Soldiers Angels. It's a small item but so needed and appreciated by the soldiers.



Dorrine Armstrong



At the end of April Rural members crossed the river to Virginia to help our neighbors door knocking. This was an effort for a special election vote in Virginia to stop the redistricting of the maps in the state. We were hosted by the Fairfax county GOP office.

Six Rural members attended the MFRW spring meeting at Argyle Country Club and received awards for increasing our membership!!

In May we hosted a yard sale fundraiser for our club. Later in the month we held our annual picnic. We enjoyed food, music and yard games.

← We awarded our *Scholarship to the Trades* to a young Poolesville high school student going off to study Obstetrics Sonography at Montgomery College. The winner, Camilla, and her family enjoyed a wonderful picnic with the Rural community and was very excited to accept this scholarship from our club.



Rural members receiving awards at the spring MFRW meeting.

Garrett County Republican Women's Club



The GCRWC continues its project of donating needed items to Rose Terrace for the residents needing temporary shelter.

← Joanne Ashby, Caring for America Chair, delivering recent donations to Community Action representative Wendy Rodeheaver.

Our March meeting speaker was Allison Barker, project outreach liaison for NextEra Energy Transmission's MidAtlantic Resiliency Link (MARL). This project is a 107.5-mile transmission line planned to strengthen energy reliability for our communities, Maryland and the region. A West Virginia native and former Associated Press reporter with 13 years in the energy industry, Allison used her regional knowledge, industry experience and communications background to share information and answer questions.

In April, "An Overview of Maryland's Current Condition" was presented by David Shepard who has spent decades in politics-campaign consulting, raising money and lobbying. He is the author of "Elections Have Consequences a Cautionary Tale" and his latest book, "Norton's Choice; A Political Expose." His

columns can be found on Substack at davidsheward.substack.com.



David Shepard

Club member Joy Fernon spoke in May about the Convention of States and the movement to restore self-governance in America that is gaining momentum. The current Resolution calls for reining in debt, stopping overreach and setting term limits. Of the 34 needed, 20 state legislatures have passed legislation to sign on to the calling of the Convention. In Maryland, the organization recognizes the futility of proposing legislation for Maryland to become part of the 2/3 needed to call the Convention. Instead, it proposes a framework for how Maryland should respond to a Convention being called. The group did propose legislation for "Civics Excellence Programs" to be required in Maryland schools, which passed and will be implemented in 2027.



Joy Fernon



← We presented our annual Ruth Umbel Scholarships at the Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner. Scholarship Chair Lisa Herman presented scholarship checks to Emelee Parks (L) from Southern High School and to Kendall Huber ® from Northern High School.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Week found Pres. Patty Hammond and members Lisa Herman, Louise Friend and Janice Layton delivering boxed BBQ lunches to the Maryland State Police Barracks W and the Garrett County Sheriff's Office .



MD State Police Barracks



Garrett County Sheriff's Office



Three of our Club's Bay Club members recently spent the day in Alexandria, Virginia, touring the headquarters of the National Federation of Republican Women.

← Scholarship Ch. Lisa Herman, MFRW Pres. Luanne Ruddell and Club Pres. Patty Hammond at NFRW HQ

Potomac Women's Republican Club

First, the PWRC recently celebrated its 68th anniversary Congratulations PWRC!

In April PWRC held its New Member Tea at the lovely Potomac home of member Kate Marshall. The club was honored to have the NFRW President, Martha Jenkins, speak to the group. This well attended annual event welcomes new members in a gracious setting with delicious refreshments and time to socialize.

PWRC attendees enjoyed a delightful afternoon at the annual New Member Tea →



Club President, Karin Walker, with NFRW President, Martha Jenkins →



←L/R: Lora Applegarth, Kate Marshall, Anita Cox, Caren Brinker and Gail Plamondon at the new Member Tea



Six PWRC members attended the MFRW Spring Board meeting on May 2nd in Montgomery County and PWRC was honored to receive the Maryland Shield Award and is grateful to its members for their dedication and support of the many activities throughout 2025

PWRC members –L/R: Cherie Aker, Nanci Banks, Karin Walker, Ruth Melson, Carole Joseph and Kitty Szabo in attendance at MFRW Spring Board meeting in May →



← Accepting the award on behalf of the club membership, is PWRC President, Karin Walker, from MFRW President Luanne



The PWRC May General Meeting was held at Charley's Chesapeake Chophouse in Gaithersburg, where members and guests enjoyed an informative and engaging afternoon.

Our guest speaker, Cathy Wright, a member of the NRA Board of Directors, presented a timely program titled "Guns, Grassroots and Girls in Red." Cathy shared her perspectives on grassroots engagement, advocacy, and the importance of citizen involvement in the political process. Her candid and insightful remarks sparked interest and provided attendees with much to consider.

Members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch while listening to Cathy's presentation and participating in fellowship with one another. Club reports were presented, highlighting current activities and upcoming events. The meeting concluded with door prize drawings and the distribution of club favors, which were received with smiles and appreciation by all. It was a terrific afternoon filled with good food, meaningful conversation, and camaraderie among members and guests.

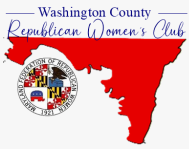
PWRC members Cecelia Chike, Enma Ascosi, and Valerie Patterson with NRA gift bags from Cathy Wright, 2nd from left.



PWRC 1st VP Cherie Aker presenting a handmade quilt in appreciation to guest speaker, Cathy Wright



Washington County Republican Women's Club



The WCRWC is a new Chapter chartered this year. We had a few organizational meetings, established a club logo and then got off to a strong start. Our membership stands at 41 paid members and 24 Associates currently (as of June 1st). Each new member receives a WCRWC denim tote bag filled with goodies.



Member Tote Bag



A wonderful Christmas Party was held at Elmwood Farms with 112 people in attendance. The music, food, and social bonding was amazing. A good time was had by all - even Santa dropped by! We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Boonsboro American Legion.

← **Commissioner Randy Leatherman attended our Christmas Party**



Kate Sullivan



Barry Jackson



Kevin Tucker



WCRWC leadership: L/R: Ginger Bigelow, President, Deb Moser, Treasurer, Jean Robert (representing April Parrott Vice President), Deb Steenburg, Secretary Attending the MFRW Spring Board meeting in May

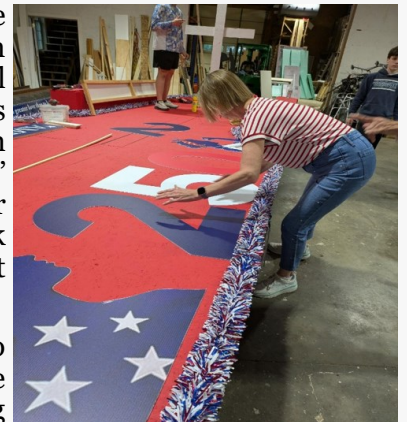
We've had excellent speakers at every meeting, including County Sheriff Brian Albert, Kate Sullivan from "Secure the Vote," Board of Elections Director Barry Jackson, County Clerk of Court Kevin Tucker, our Western Maryland Legislative Delegation for a "Round up Session," Kathy Wright of the NRA, Derek Harvey and other County Commissioners. At every meeting we have a business section, a fun/social section with a prize, speaker and a 50/50 raffle whose proceeds go to our newly formed Scholarship Fund.



Ginger Bigelow, April Parrott, Deb Steenburg, Deb Moser swearing in by KuAnne Ruddell swearing in by MFRW President Luanne Ruddell (off screen)

The club participated in the Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade on May 23rd with a float that was very well received. The parade's theme was "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday." We had "Rosie the Riverter" and "Lady Freedom" onboard. Our June meeting will include a pot luck picnic featuring hamburgers, and hot dogs.

Helping Republican get elected to office is a top priority this year, while we are having lots of fun and making great memories and relationships. Our first fundraiser was a raffle for an "Expert Car Detailing Session" which was quite successful.



Building the parade float

We are looking forward to growing this chapter and contributing to the Maryland Federation of Republican Woman!



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Republican Women of Worcester County

What's happening with the Republican Women of Worcester County....

The April "Welcome Home" meeting was well attended. A total of 89 members and guests helped to welcome back Senator Carozza and Delegate Hartman.



RWWC gave "Welcome Home" gifts to our speakers. The gifts included Old Bay Seasoned Goldfish Crackers and pewter crab mallets engraved with RWWC 2026

← L/R: Delegate Wayne Hartman, President Jennie Allen, 1st Vice President Caroline Bloxom, & Senator Mary Beth Carozza



L/R: Senator Mary Beth Carozza, President Jennie Allen, & Delegate Wayne Hartman

Our 3rd annual 8th-grade essay contest was a huge success. We received 18 essay letters written to "Dear King George". The 3 winners were present at our April General Meeting and received their awards.

L/R: Linda Sirianni, Susan Ostrowski, 3rd place Most Blessed Sacrament's Bryn Wanner, 2nd place Stephen Decatur's Lily Riehl, 1st place Stephen Decatur's Natasha Gonzalez-DeRoche, Jennie Allen, and Mary DiBartolo →



L/R: anice Novak, Linda Moran, Susan Ostrowski, Jennie Allen, Nicole Aclé, Bev Bigler, Liz Mumford; missing from the photo is Julie Koehler.

We sincerely thank Susan Ostrowski and the judges of our 8th Grade Essay Contest for their time, thoughtful consideration, and encouragement of our young writers. Such dedication helps inspire the next generation to share their voices with confidence and creativity. Our judges this year were: Jennie Allen, Yvonne Babcock, Mary DiBartolo, Linda Sirianni, and Nina Willett

In May The Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC) partnered with Worcester County Republican Central Committee (WCRCC) to host a candidate forum.

Mike Bradley, host of The Talk of Delmarva WGMD 92.7 and 98.5 FM, was the emcee. There were 27 candidates and over 100 guests who attended the event.

What is to come in June?.....

America's 250th Anniversary with the Republican Women of Worcester County.



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Upcoming Dates to Remember
Save the Dates: for 2026 Events



- ♦ Sunday, September 20th - MFRW Fall on the Farm in Bowie, MD
- ♦ November 6/7 - MFRW Fall Convention in Frederick, MD

Details on the MFRW website (www.mfrw.org)

Please submit articles on club activities

by September 1st

for the Summer *Trumpeter* Issue



Deadline is FINAL — submit early — Thank you
Sorry, but unlabeled photos will NOT be used



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