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Summer 2026

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Dear Members,

I am so proud of the Maryland Federation and all that our members and clubs have accomplished!

Maryland not only met the National Federation President's Leadership Contest goal we exceeded it, reaching 106% of last year's membership by July 4th! Even more impressive, Ten Maryland clubs earned NFRW's highest membership recognition.

Congratulations to everyone whose hard work made these accomplishments possible.

Maryland has also been recognized among the NFRW's Top State Call Programs. Congratulations to the Republican Women of Anne Arundel County and Severna Park Republican Women for being recognized among the NFRW's 2026 2nd Period Top Volunteer honorees! A special congratulations to Maryland's own Amy Leahy, who was recognized as a Top Member Volunteer for Calls. We are so proud of you, Amy!

Twenty-one of our Twenty-five club presidents reported campaign hours and/or calls for the period ending June 30. Together, Maryland members reported an astounding 119,589 calls and 83,350 volunteer hours!

There has been no rest for Maryland Republicans. I continue to see the amazing work our clubs and members are doing across the state to support Republican candidates and prepare for November. Your dedication, energy, and commitment are making a difference. Keep up the excellent work!

Let's carry this momentum forward and continue building an even stronger Maryland Federation.

Please mark your calendars for our Fall Convention on November 7th at Dutch's Daughter in Frederick. Registration available [HERE](#)

I look forward to seeing all of you there!

With gratitude and determination,

Luanne

UNDERSTANDING BALLOT QUESTION 3

Question 3 allows extreme partisan gerrymandering. Over 80% of people don't think that's a good idea. **Vote against Question 3. Always use "**vote against**" not "vote NO" in any materials created for distribution so the wording cannot be confused when voters are looking at the ballot. Ballot wording shown**

This will be a huge curse to all Marylanders for years to come and polling shows Marylanders are overwhelmingly against extreme partisan gerrymandering, so let's make sure Marylanders know how to vote on Question 3.

**Question 3
Constitutional Amendment
(Ch. 881 of the 2026 Legislative Session)
Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress**

The proposed Constitutional Amendment clarifies that certain standards in the Maryland Constitution apply only to districts used to elect members of the General Assembly; authorizes the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State; and requires the criteria for boundaries of congressional districts to be determined by applicable federal laws.

(Amending Article III of the Maryland Constitution)

☐ For the Constitutional Amendment

☐ Against the Constitutional Amendment

[MORE INFO ON Q3 HERE](#)

MEMBERSHIP

MFRW Membership Chair Report

Third Quarter 2026

I'm excited to share some great membership news as we wrap up our third quarter!

First, congratulations to our **Quarter 3 Membership Drive winners**:

- **Small Club:** Anne Arundel
- **Medium Club:** Washington County
- **Large Club:** Upper Montgomery

We continue to see a very close competition between clubs, and it has been exciting to watch these clubs work so hard throughout the year. Keep up the great work, ladies! Every new member strengthens not only your local club, but MFRW as a whole.

We also have **another reason to celebrate!** Allegany County has officially grown out of the small-club category and has successfully moved into **medium-club status!** Congratulations to President **Charity Friend** and her entire team. This is exactly the kind of growth we want to celebrate across our federation.

NFRW Women of Influence

The NFRW Women of Influence recruiting period began **July 5**, and clubs can now begin entering their recruitment data. I encourage every club to participate and make sure your members receive credit for the women they are bringing into our organization. Your club can start entering this data. Anyone in need of assistance can reach out to me directly to schedule support: mlfriend@shentel.net.

2026–2027 NFRW Club Achievement Awards

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Use the award topics as a roadmap for your club. These categories can help you identify new activities, strengthen existing programs, increase member involvement, and ultimately build stronger, more active clubs.

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Awards Chair Report:

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MFRW FALL FUNDRAISER AND CELEBRATION CRUISE

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

WIN TWO NIGHTS AT WISP, DEEP CREEK LAKE! VICTORY CELEBRATION RAFFLE

SUNDAY, SEPT 20, 2026

Drawing at 3:00 pm Aboard the
MFRW Victory Celebration Cruise



- Winner chooses room for 2 nights as agreed upon based on availability.
- Transportation not included
- Includes \$100 gift card to Pine Lodge Steakhouse and \$100 to Dutch's
- Winner does not need to be present to win.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE:

\$25 EACH, \$50 FOR THREE AND \$100 FOR SIX



WISP
RESORT



DUTCH'S
at SilverTree



Buy tickets online at <https://mfrw.org/event/victory-celebration-raffle/>
or mail check payable to MFRW send to:

Anne White, 1913 Martins Cove Court, Annapolis, MD 21409



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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 34 individual and 13 club members.

2026 Bay Club Individual Members as of August 31, 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
Veronica St. Clair
Karen Tully
Amy Wagner
Anne White
Cathy Wright
Brenda Yarema
Sandy Zitzer
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 Chase 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



FALL CONVENTION



November 7, 2026

Dutch's Daughter, Frederick, MD

Optional pre-convention dinner—Friday—Frederick Elks

DETAILS & REGISTRATION OPEN [HERE](#)

MFRW Happenings from the Clubs

Republican Women of Baltimore County

On June 20th the RWBC pivoted from our routine monthly meeting and held a big “USA 250 Anniversary” and “RWBC 60th Birthday” celebration. We could not have chosen a better setting than what was offered at the Wellspring of Life Farm in Monkton. The RWBC are indebted to Wellspring President, Dr. Lester Leung, and his wife Dawn, the Executive Director.

Dr. Leung opened our celebration with prayer followed by Mrs. Lueng giving a brief history of the farm, its military influences and the therapeutic services provided to clients of all ages with a particular focus on serving veterans. Next, we heard from former RWBC first VP and recently appointed MFRW Americanism chair, Karen Tully. RWBC founder and former House Minority Leader, Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey, shared the history of our amazing club which started with a small group of ladies discussing political issues over tea. RWBC’s growth during the past 60 years of offering community service is remarkable. The club’s brand-new banner was showcased for the first time at the event.

Lastly, we heard from the club’s Newsletter Chairman and designer extraordinaire, Barbara Miller, who spoke of the design inspiration of the club’s brand-new logo which includes symbols of Maryland’s two biggest industries, Agriculture and Manufacturing.

The room was decorated from top to bottom with red, white and blue, 250 buntings and banners as well as both the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Local candidates and their family members were among the nearly 100 attendees. We feasted on good old-fashioned barbeque with a full sheet cake and of course home-made apple pie.

The highlight for many was hands on interactions with the farm’s horses, ponies, cows and goats, facilitated by the wonderful volunteers at Wellspring of Life Farm. We are thrilled that because of so much participation we were able offer a sizeable donation to this very worthy therapeutic farm. From patriotic music, to a ceremony describing the 13 symbolic folds of the American flag, to our silent auction, to Ellen’s historic corner of memorabilia, it truly was a spectacular event.



Our summer activities came to a close with our annual New Members party at the home of President Louise Baker on August 29th at which the club recognizes the women who have joined us during the past year.

Over 75 attendees including several local candidates enjoyed this spectacular day which included live music!



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

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Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Club

To raise money for activities, UMRWC holds a garage sale as a fundraiser each year and opens it to the neighbors in the area. Members bring household goods, clothing, and other items and price them to sell fast. The weather on June 28th was ideal for the event. The neighbors went home with useful articles, and the Club has stashed the proceeds to be disbursed to candidates, issues, and administrative needs.



← On July 21, UMRWC members (L/R) Stacy Sauter, Tracy Colligan, Brigitta Mullican, Vikki Birkett, and Dee Rubin carry the boxes of signatures to the Stop-the-Spend ballot initiative to present them to the Montgomery County Board of Elections.



UMRWC members at club yard sale fundraiser.

The Montgomery County Federation Republican Women sponsored a fundraiser in Brookeville, MD on August 1, 2026 to benefit local and state-wide candidates.

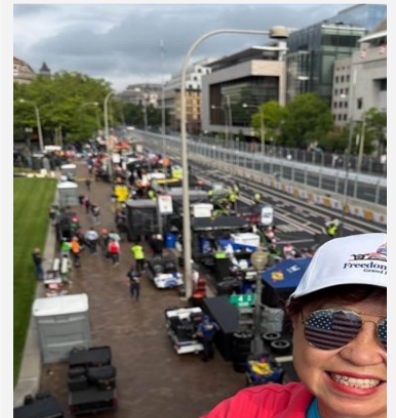


UMRWC president, Vicki Birkett, in front of the "Stop the Spend" banner.



UMRWC celebrated America's 250th Birthday at a Pool Party on August 15th.

UMRWC member Cindy Cheng at the inaugural Freedom 250 Grand Prix held in the Nation's Capital the weekend of August 23th-24th as part of the celebrations for the 250th Birthday of the United States.



MFRW GOES TO THE STATE FAIR

Labor Day was "MFRW Day" at the Maryland State Fair. Pictured L/R: Melita Friend, Lisa Herman, Luanne Ruddell, and Linda Stine Flint manned the MDGOP booth at the Maryland State Fair. Baltimore County MFRW members Carol Randall, Karen Tully, and Kathryn Jerrard also joined in the productive day in Timonium, MD

"It was a very busy day with lots of conversations and potential new members" according to MFRW President, Luanne Ruddell.



Chevy Chase Women's Republican Club

CCWRC Enjoyed a Busy and Successful Summer

CCWRC had an active and engaging summer, hosting multiple events that were offered free of charge to members and guests.

On June 14, the club celebrated **America 250** and **Flag Day** with its annual **Joyce Lyons Terhes New Members Tea** at the beautiful home of CCWRC member **Loretta Downey**. The event welcomed **10 new full members** and **17 new associate members** into the organization.



We were honored to be joined by **NFRW President Martha Jenkins** and **MFRW President Luanne Ruddell**, who warmly welcomed our new members and shared updates on the latest Federation initiatives and activities.

Holding the event on Flag Day made the occasion especially meaningful. As we honored the American flag, we also reflected on the principles it represents: freedom, unity, patriotism, and perseverance. Welcoming new members on a day dedicated to celebrating our nation's heritage served as a powerful reminder of the civic values and commitment to community engagement that unite us.



← *NFRW President Martha Jenkins, MFRW President Luanne Ruddell, MCFRW President Sandy Tuttle and CCWRC President Lorraine Kuchmy at New Members Tea June 14*

On July 29, the club hosted another installment of its popular **Let's Talk Politics** series, moderated by **Nancy Griffin**. Featured speakers included **Attorney General candidate Jim Rutledge** and **District Court Judge Michael O. Glynn III**. We were also pleased to welcome **Esther Wells, candidate for County Executive**, along with several other candidates for local office. The event provided members with an opportunity to hear directly from candidates and discuss issues affecting our community.

In addition to these programs, CCWRC hosted its monthly happy hours in June, July, and August. These popular gatherings offer members an opportunity to enjoy good food, fellowship, and lively conversation in a relaxed setting. Guests interested in learning more about club membership are always welcome. With election season approaching, these events also provide valuable opportunities for candidates to connect with members and hear firsthand about the issues and concerns that matter most to voters.

As we move into the fall campaign season, CCWRC looks forward to continuing its mission of promoting informed civic engagement, supporting Republican principles, and fostering friendships among members throughout our community.



CCWRC 2nd VP Kerry August, AG candidate Jim Rutledge, CCWRC Pres. Lorraine Kuchmy, member Annette Wolfe at Let's Talk Politics



One of the Flag Day decorations at CCWRC New Members Tea. (Trump sign illustration by Susan Baker)

← *Jim Rutledge speaks to the attendees at Let's Talk Politics July 29*

L/R: 1st VP Susan Baker, new member Sherri Mills, CCWRC Pres. Lorraine Kuchmy, NFRW Pres. Martha Jenkins, new members Marilyn Pike, Holly Stone, Helen Hou and Natalia Caryl. →



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

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Republican Women of Carroll County

Meeting: Strengthening Families & Relationships

Our June RWCC meeting was a wonderful evening as we welcomed Amy Gilford from the **Marriage & Relationship Education Center (MREC)**. MREC is a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to strengthening marriages, supporting families, and building healthier communities through practical, evidence-informed relationship education and resources. We enjoyed learning more about their mission and the important work they are doing to promote strong families throughout Maryland.



Our connection with MREC goes back to our 2026 Woman of the Year celebration in April, when MREC was selected as the local nonprofit beneficiary of the event. RWCC President Kim Zentz presented MREC Director Amy Gilford with a check representing the proceeds from the celebration.

← RWCC President Kim Zentz and MREC Executive Director Amy Gilford

RWCC Members enjoying a presentation from MREC Executive Director Amy Gilford →



Summer Ice Cream Social

In July, RWCC members and their families gathered at Hoffman's Ice Cream in Westminster for a wonderful summer evening of ice cream, fellowship, and friendship! It was a great opportunity to come together with like-minded friends and family, enjoy some delicious ice cream, and simply spend time getting to know one another outside of our regular meetings and events. The children had plenty of room to play and enjoy the evening while the adults caught up, shared conversation, and made new connections.

Events like this are a wonderful reminder that RWCC is more than just an organization—it's a community of women and families who enjoy coming together, supporting one another, and working to make Carroll County an even better place.



RWCC Vice President Shannon Hinkhaus and Member Michelle Wenstrup



RWCC Member Kay Betz (R) and Carroll County BOE Member Greg Malveaux (L)



RWCC Vice President and RWCC President Kim Zentz



RWCC Members Shannon Hinkhaus, Michelle Wenstrup, Amy Hardesty, Linda Grasley, Kim Zentz, and Kay Betz



Caring Across Carroll Chair Linda Grasley kicking off the RWCC 2026 Wreaths Across America fundraiser



DO YOU HAVE YOUR CLUB SWAG?

NEW ITEMS – CLOTHING, JEWELRY, AND OTHER FUN STUFF HAVE JUST BEEN ADDED TO THE COUNTRY STORE

Hopkins Women's Republican Club

On September 2nd, Wednesday, the HWRC met Monaghan's Pub in Baltimore featuring top rated weekend radio talk show hosts Valerie and Pat McDonogh. The McDonoghs have been involved politically for many decades sounding the bell of freedom, truth and knowledge despite what might be termed an erosion of our American liberties. Their topic was "The Political Attack on American History," as seen in institutions of higher learning, which impacts the nation's schools and their respective curricula. Of particular concern: the lack of knowledge per polling of many students nationwide, of basic information regarding our Founding fathers. On a more positive note: the *Baltimore Sun* has a new editorial head and is more prone to balanced political reporting.

Club members enjoyed a lively question and answer period with the McDonoghs. Their radio program can be heard Saturday evenings at 8 pm on WCBM 680.



Severna Park Republicans Women's Club



Severna Park Republican Women's Club participated in the Severna Park July 4th Parade by celebrating America's 250th Anniversary. Our club handed out more than 1,000 business cards to women along the parade route which featured a QR code to our club website. We received many "thumbs up" along the parade route and gained many new members by way of our advertising business cards.

← L/R: Alex Yarema, Brenda Yarema, Liz Dembeck, Melanie Dunaway, Kim Wehr, Christine Hunt, Jay Crouthers.

Republican Women Leaders of Calvert

We've had a productive summer!



← 25 Year of Freedom Party. →

June 5 - Celebrated 250 Years of Freedom! It was an amazing event full of celebration, meaning, and success. We raised over 8k and had a great time doing it.



← June 23 - Hosted a Watch Party for our candidates. We are poised to secure a conservative slate for our county.

August 15 - Summer Party to enjoy each other's company and invite friends. →



REMEMBER: REPUBLICANS WHO STAY HOME ELECT DEMOCRATS

Garrett County Republican Women's Club

Members of the GCRWC kicked off summer with a series of community events. We co-sponsored a Flag Day event with the Proctor Kildow American Legion Post 71, Oakland, by assisting in the collection of US Flags needing a dignified retirement and attending the ceremony.

Awaiting the ceremony, including Linda Bradley and Laura Ivkovich (front), Karen Meyers, Club Pres. Patty Hammond, Secretary Lisa Welch and Lisa Herman. →



← At Grantsville Days, are Secretary Lisa Welch and Membership Chair Autumn Williams sharing Republican literature and offering voter registration. Youth attendees were invited to enter a raffle drawing for a basket of historic and patriotic books, to kick off our "Stars & Stories" project.



← Joy Fernon, reading Why America Matters.

Participation in Garrett County's celebration of America's 250th Birthday was our July event. We read and shared children's books with historical and patriotic themes. Pictured are members Linda Bradley, Louise Friend and Lee Nelson (in colonial dress) with associate member Isaac.



Several of our members participated in the unfurling of a football field-sized American Flag.

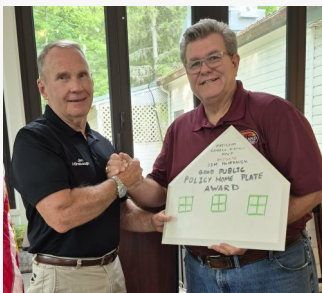
← Pictured in their commemorative t-shirts are Liz Morin, Lisa Baker, Lisa Herman, Lee Nelson, Melita Friend, Luanne Ruddell, Anne Davidson and Julie Hoffman.

Our VP and MFRW Membership Chair Melita Friend (distributed her newly-published book "250 Candles for America." Written in rhyme, the book celebrates our Country's 250th birthday. →



We joined members of the GC Republican Central Committee at the Garrett County Fair.

← Pictured are (seated): Literacy Chair Louise Friend and member Janice Layton; (standing) Sen. Mike McKay (Dist. 1), member and associate member Karen and Gerard Grater, County Commissioner Larry Tichnell, member Lisa Baker, Pres. Patty Hammond and Scholarship Chair Lisa Herman who is also the Chair of the GC Republican Central Committee.



← Pictured is Sen. Mike McKay presenting a home plate to Hinebaugh. Notably, his remarks focused on how Jim always returned to and considered his home base.

At our June meeting, we celebrated the retirement of Del. Jim Hinebaugh, a two-term representative of Garrett County.



Dan Duggan

Mike McKay

At the annual July picnic at the GC Fairgrounds, members and guests heard from Republican candidates, including Delegate candidate Dan Duggan and State Senator/candidate Mike McKay. Others speaking were Stevie Ritchey (Volunteer Dir. of the Cox campaign), Congressional candidate Robin Ficker, MD Comptroller candidate Sonia Dunn, Register of Wills Rita Watson, Clerk of the Circuit Court Bill Bittinger, County Commissioner Larry Tichnell and Lisa Herman on behalf of County Commissioner Paul Edwards.



Our August meeting featured local history enthusiast Chris Nichols who shared his newest endeavor - The Garrett County Military History Project. He outlined the ties Garrett County has to events from the Revolutionary War to present.

← Chris Nichols

Republican Women of Frederick County

A Summer of Motion

The June primary barely slowed us down. From Annapolis to the campaign trail, the Republican Women of Frederick County spent the summer learning, honoring our history, building unity, and gearing up for the work ahead.

We opened the season in May with Delegate April Miller, who gave members a candid look at just how hard the 2026 legislative session has been for Republicans in Annapolis. Trudy Tibbals joined her to walk through some of the more outrageous bills that made it through this year.

The evening sparked an idea: our members need the tools to make their voices heard in Annapolis. There was immediate interest in a follow-up session on contacting legislators, tracking bills, and giving testimony. Election integrity was front and center too. Jay Kaminsky and Kelly Foster sounded the alarm on hundreds of thousands of erroneous mail-in ballots sent to Maryland voters, and the vigilance it will take to keep our elections honest.

On June 2, we celebrated our history with the first-ever Trailblazers Dinner, honoring our founder, Bertha Trail, and remembering former president Connie Onspaugh. Connie led RWFC from 2020 to 2024, before her passing last August. More than sixty friends and family gathered that night to celebrate her life, share memories, and honor the legacy she left behind. But the evening looked forward as much as back, a commitment to carry Connie's torch and light the way for the next generation of Republican women. The Trailblazers Dinner is now a RWFC tradition. Mark your calendars: the second annual dinner is set for October 20, 2027.



Summer reached its high point on July 16, when more than 65 members, candidates, and elected officials packed J&P Pizza for a special Unity Meeting. The message was straightforward: humanize our candidates, bring the hometown feeling back to Frederick County politics, and get to work.

The lineup of speakers reflected the moment. Lieutenant Governor candidate Robb Krop reported real backing this time around for Dan Cox's campaign, from both the Maryland Republican Party and the National Governors Association. Senator William Folden and Central Committee Chairman Justin Wages spoke to the importance of unity and voter data.

Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, now serving his fifth term, put it even more plainly: it is time to play to win, not play it safe.

Incoming Central Committee member Billy Shreve reminded the room how much can hinge on a handful of votes: Dan Bongino lost his 2014 congressional race by fewer than 3,000. Every door knocked, every conversation had, every sign placed, can be the difference.

August brought a different kind of busy. While families prepared for the first day of school, our volunteers prepared to hit the road, carrying Republican candidate literature into communities that have traditionally been overlooked.

Summer gave us plenty to celebrate, but it also gave us a clear direction for the months ahead:

- ** Stop playing it safe. ** Work together.
- ** Show up. and ** **GET OUT THE VOTE.**

The primary is behind us. The real work of building a stronger Republican presence in Frederick County starts now.

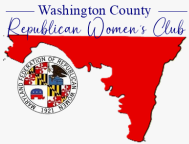


DID YOU KNOW ??

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT MFRW EVENT TO ORDER YOUR
MFRW LOGO ITEMS**

YOU CAN ORDER THEM RIGHT [HERE](#)

Washington County Republican Women's Club

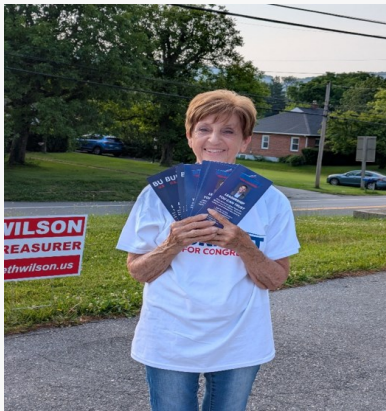


The Washington County Republican Women's Club continues to grow and gain a solid foundation in our county. Our meetings are held monthly in an American Legion hall, which happens to be one of our early voting centers, so we turned our June meeting into a wonderful club picnic in beautiful Shafer Park. The club supplied the hot dogs and hamburgers and everyone brought a dish. It was very well attended and fun was had by all.

Our July meeting featured a dynamic speaker in Clare Lopez. We learned much that evening about Islam and what we are up against. In August we were joined by the Orange Ballot Slate group. We decided it is time to retire the rotten Apple Ballot supported by the Teacher Unions and embrace the Orange Ballot supported by Conservative Parents. We are working hard on the midterms. We've opened and are managing an Election Office in Hagerstown. Organizing mailings, door knocking, enlisting poll workers and attending fundraisers are keeping us busy. Our message? VOTE REPUBLICAN!!



Clare Lopez speaking on dangers of Islamic extremism



← Member Jean Rohr working polls



← MFRW President Luanne Ruddell speaking with WCRW member, Dr. Brenda Thiam, candidate for Delegate 2B seat

Wicomico Conservative Republican Women



Christmas in July themed New Member Mingle-prospective new member chatting with members Sheryl Wolf, Diana Whitney and Susan Bounds



Wicomico County Fair 2026-left to right-Rebecca Tittermary, Susan Beauchamp and Jana Hobbs



Our literacy and scholarship winners: Kaydyn Riley, Samantha Yobst, Leah and Ashley Romanowski and Sydney Matyiko-awarded July 2026

Our club has been prepping things quietly behind the scenes this summer for the most part. We held a New Member Mingle in July that was Christmas themed which was a BIG HIT! We have a FREEDOM themed one in September planned as well. We awarded three rising college freshman scholarships to the class of 2026 and 2 literacy club prizes in July as well. We planned and manned the tent along with the Wicomico Republican Club for the 2026 Wicomico County Fair on August 14-16. We met a LOT of voters and passed out fans with our endorsements as the artwork. We are prepping to support our local candidate events this fall and making informing constituents a priority.

Republican Women of Worcester County

Summer 2026: Celebrating America and Strengthening Worcester County

The Republican Women of Worcester County enjoyed an active and patriotic summer filled with election engagement, community outreach, fellowship, and celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

In June, members volunteered throughout early voting and on Primary Election Day, greeting voters and supporting Republican participation across Worcester County. Members and friends also joined the Maryland State Firemen's Association Parade in Berlin on June 20. On June 24, 109 members and guests gathered at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club for RWWC's Red, White and Blue Dinner celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The evening featured traditional American fare, a patriotic sing-along, spirited trivia, and wonderful fellowship. Members closed the month with community outreach at Arthur's Shooting Supply Customer Appreciation Day on June 27.



The hat ladies, L to R: Pat Burton, Maggie Simpson, Raye Simpson, Marita Mike, Pat Duncan, & Libby Hahn.



*Front row L to R: Beth Rodier, Pat Schrawder, Senator Mary Beth Carozza, & Jennie Allen.
Back Row L to R: Linda Moran, Liz Mumford, & Nicole Acle.*

The club's literacy work also honored America's semiquincentennial. RWWC purchased 10 copies of 250 Candles for America by Melita Friend and donated two copies to each of Worcester County's five public libraries, helping local children learn more about our nation's founding and 250-year history.

July brought additional opportunities for members to gather and celebrate. Several members attended Senator Mary Beth Carozza's Celebrate America's 250th Birthday event. On July 28, 28 members and guests gathered for a summer Meet & Greet at Forgotten 50 Distilling in Berlin. The club's book group also met to discuss Lincoln's Lady Spymaster by Gerri Willis, underscoring RWWC's commitment to literacy, history, and civic education.

On August 1, members welcomed residents and visitors at the Blessing of the Combines in Snow Hill. The RWWC tent provided a fun gathering place for community engagement, and a stuffed-elephant raffle delighted families.



Nine-month-old Evan, visiting Maryland with his family, won the club's elephant on his very first raffle attempt. (photograph printed with permission from Evan's mother, Meredith)

RWWC's summer momentum is reflected in both membership and service. By August, the club had grown to 162 members - 34 new and 128 renewed - reaching 108% of its 2025 membership, along with 15 associate members. During the first six months of 2026, members reported 5,561 volunteer hours to the National Federation of Republican Women.



Meet & Greet at Forgotten 50 Distilling.



Mary Beth Carozza on the Combine.

Two club programs, the Red, White and Blue celebration and the eighth-grade literacy contest, were also featured in NFRW's Club Spotlight, with the patriotic celebration receiving additional recognition in the NFRW Capital Connection.

As the November election approaches, the Republican Women of Worcester County remain committed to growing the Republican movement, supporting our candidates, serving our neighbors, and preserving the freedoms that make America exceptional.

Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women

Through our political volunteer outreach, MCFRW and its four member clubs--Chevy Chase (CCWRC), Potomac (PWRC), Rural (RWRC) and Upper Montgomery (UMRWC) are on a Roll to break the one-party rule in Montgomery County!! Lots of Campaign activities taking place in MoCo!! So Exciting!!

February: MCFRW hosted the Foundation for Applied Conservative Leadership (FACL), which was designed to help candidates and their staff prepare for the upcoming election—there were 49 applicants for the one-day class. Co-chairs were: Martha Hale, Kathy Gugulis and Nancy Griffin;

March: Held a Get Out the Vote (GOTV) event and afterwards wrote patriotic postcards to President Trump;

May: Hosted the MFRW Spring Board meeting and donated the proceeds from the raffle to the MFRW;

June: Members were out and about at the polls, both Early Voting and the day of the Primary;

July: Prepared for our picnic to Celebrate America's 250 Birthday and to fundraise for our candidates;

August: Had a very successful Celebration for our 250th Birthday and fundraiser for 15 candidates. We had 115 attendees at the picnic and netted \$9,000. Co-Chairs were Lori Jaffe and Martha Hale.

Upcoming—October Early Voting and MCFRW Annual Meeting to be held at Kenwood Country Club, with guest speaker Mercedes Schlapp;

November—The Primary and visit to Arlington National Cemetery for Veterans Day, a tradition which was started by the late Kathy Raines, a long-time member.

And, we are only about halfway through the year. Looking forward to another great MCFRW year for 2027!!



Dan Thiele, Instructor for FACL Class



Sully Sullivan CC District 1



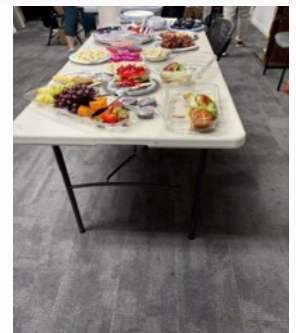
Potluck dinners hosted by Sylvia Darrow and Sandy Tuttle



MCFRW Picnic Fundraiser for Candidates—115 Attendees to support Candidates



Josephine Salazar and MCFRW team together for 2000 bags stuffed and food galore



So many other activities taking place, just too numerous to capture!!

The energy is there, not ever seen before—MCFRW and all clubs, Chevy Chase, Potomac, Rural and Upper are on board to ensure that the Republicans have a place at the table in all levels of government in Montgomery County!!



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

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



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Campaigns and Elections

The NFRW made a tremendous difference in the 2024 General Election by working diligently on Election Integrity, Voter Registration, Phone Banking, and Door Knocking.

NFRW members worked tirelessly to ensure that President Donald J. Trump returned to the White House, regained Republican control of the U.S. House and Senate, and won Republican elections up and down the ballot.

This year, NFRW is laser focused on helping all U.S. Senate and House Republican candidates win their mid-term elections, while helping all down-ballot Republican candidates, too! NFRW wants to ensure President Trump has our support to accomplish his America First Agenda.

The NFRW

army of volunteers from across the United States understand the political landscape and have the knowledge to execute a battle plan building on prior successes. With their determination, along with the get-out-the-vote (GOTV) organizational and communication skills, they will ensure victory on November 3, 2026.

Nearby Strike Force locations:

2026 NFRW STRIKE FORCE SCHEDULE Volunteer Deployments · September - October 2026				
TEAM	DEPLOYMENT	LOCATION	CANDIDATE(S)	STATUS
SF1	Sept 13 - 20	Pennsylvania · CD 10	Scott Perry	INCUMBENT
SF2	Sept 20 - 27	Pennsylvania · CD 7	Ryan Mackenzie	INCUMBENT
SF3	Sept 20 - 27	Virginia · CD 2	Jen Kiggins	INCUMBENT

**Find more information and register [HERE](#)
if you want to join the
Strike Force**



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Save the Dates: for 2026 Events

- ♦ Sunday, September 20th - MFRW Victory Cruise
- ♦ November 6/7 - MFRW Fall Convention in Frederick, MD

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

Please submit articles on club activities

by December 1st
for the Fall *Trumpeter* Issue



Deadline is FINAL — submit early — Thank you
Sorry, but unlabeled photos will NOT be used
Simple Word docs—no fancy formatting, no collages.
Max one page per club including photos.



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