

Charles Carroll of Carrollton

He was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. Maryland was established as a Catholic colony, but by the time of Charles's birth had become governed by Protestant law. Because he and his family were Catholic, Charles was barred by law from going into politics, from practicing law, and from voting. With his urgings the Electoral College was added by his fellow Patriots to our Constitution, to protect the minority, from the same excesses he had endured.

In spite of these challenges, Charles became one of the wealthiest men in the colonies. This wealth came mostly from his huge collection of agricultural estates, and in lesser part from his providing money to finance new businesses on the western shore of Maryland.

In 1772, Charles engaged in the public debate through the local newspapers, writing anonymously under the name "First Citizen," arguing that the colonies should be in charge of deciding their own taxation and to argue against the decrees of the governor of Maryland to increase the amount of money paid to state officers and Protestant clergy. Charles also served on several committees of correspondence and was a leading participant in the burning of the Peggy Stewart ship in Annapolis harbor, an event that became known as the Annapolis Tea Party. To this day, Maryland has a state holiday on October 19th, the anniversary of the burning, called Peggy Stewart Day.

Although he opposed slavery he had slaves, and at his death in 1832 He was the longest lived signer of the Declaration of Independence, and also the President of the Maryland State Colonization Society (MSCS).

The Maryland State Colonization Society was responsible for founding the Republic of Maryland, in West Africa, a short lived independent state that in 1857 was annexed by Liberia. The goal of the society was "to be a remedy for slavery", such that "slavery would cease in the state of Maryland by the full consent of those interested".

As the wealthiest man in the colonies at the time, Charles stood to lose much if the American Revolution if it was not successful. He put everything he had on the line for the issue of independence, in which he was a passionate believer. Putting his money where his beliefs were, he gave a lot of money to the American military during the Revolution. Charles married Mary Darnall in 1768, and they had seven children together, three of whom survived childhood. Charles and Mary's descendants still own Doughoregan Manor in Maryland, with one hundred acres of historically preserved land.

Tribute to the Last Patriot

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Our Country

Charles Carroll of Carrollton

1737 - 1832

on his 286th Birthday

Thank you for Joining us we explore
a glimpse of the hearts and mindsets
of our Founding Fathers

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

6 :00 pm

Byron Memorial Park

2 Park Rd. Williamsport, Md



Producer Rick Bibbee Wears many hats. He lives a Fraternal Life Insurance Lifestyle as an agent with Modern Woodmen of America, Touching Lives and Securing Futures. His motto is 1+1=3, believing that it is not what you do, nor what he does, but by working on it together, that we can truly make a difference. Rick is an advocate of Article V of the US Constitution to allow the Voices of We the People, to resonate upwards from the 50 State Houses. He holds a meeting monthly called Cobblers and Carpenters for Liberty in Hagerstown, Maryland discussing Article V.

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Speaker 5 Grace Ellis is a Student at HCC, a believer in Jesus, an artist, musician, sheep and goat farmer, equine enthusiast and trainer, 4-Her, FFA member, mechanic in training, a Certified Vet Assistant and Vet Technician in training. She is the oldest of four, was home schooled for four years by her mom before being accepted for the Visual Arts program at Barbara Ingram in 9th grade. Her passion for animal husbandry, however, landed her in the Animal Science program at Clear Spring High, where she graduated in 2023.

She plans to study at Texas A&M for her DVM.

Speaker 6 Mariela Roca is a United States Air Force veteran, a proud working Mother to two amazing kids, and is now a Republican candidate for Maryland's Sixth Congressional District. Mariela has earned three degrees: a B. S. in Computer Information Technology, a MBA from Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, and a Doctor of Business Administration from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Joining the Air Force at age 20 she rose quickly to Staff Sergeant. She Deployed to Afghanistan in 2007, during Operation Enduring Freedom, providing lifesaving Medical Logistics Supply Chain support to the wounded. After her honorable discharge, Mariela made Frederick, Maryland her home, continuing her Medical Logistics career as a Federal Employee, at Fort Detrick.

Speaker 7 John Gundling Sr. has been a student of the constitution since age 10, starting in the 5th grade in parochial grade school, after learning about God. At age 15 he was introduced and became fascinated with American history. The ideas of America originated when humanity itself became self-aware and capable of understanding what liberty and freedom really are, and the Providential responsibility invested and entrusted to their Posterity that actualization requires.

Speaker 8 Brooke Grossman is a Married Mother of 6, born in Michigan and transplanted to Maryland where she graduated from Brunswick High School in 1996. She has forged a career in Human Services with stops at The Way Station and Horizon Goodwill, where she now holds the title of Chief Mission Officer. In 2022 she was elected into the Maryland House of Delegates for District 2b, where she serves on the Ways and Means committee, and other subcommittees. She also is involved in various Homeless Projects in Washington County and through the Maryland Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness Workforce subcommittee.

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Speaker 9 Mike McKay Has Made Appalachia Maryland his home For the Last 27 Years. The McKay's Are Actively Involved In The Faith-Based Community, And Are Members Of Cornerstone Baptist Church. While He Is A Public Servant, His Most Important Role Is That Of Husband And Father to His Wife Kimberly and Their Eight Children. He is a Career Small Business Owner. He Currently Serves As The Senator Of District 1, and Previously Represented Maryland District 1C From 2015 To 2023. Throughout His Time In Public Service, he Has Been A Passionate Champion For Appalachian Maryland And The State's Rural Communities.

Emcee **Kevin Booth's** story starts at 5 years old when he heard " Burning Love", by Elvis on the radio. It set the trajectory for his life! At 12 he formed his first band paying tributes to Elvis., by 17 he placed in the top 10 Elvis acts in America at the first ever Elvis tribute competition. At 21 he and his band jumped on the country music circuit. The 90's brought much success opening for country acts such as Brad Paisley and charting a top 10 country hit in Europe with a song called " Heartbreak Beach". Today Kevin still performs country as well as tributes to Elvis, Conway Twitty and Gospel! He has a strong faith in God and loves his country! He is active in his hometown of Gerrardstown, WV trying to restore founding principles to the state of WV .

Opening Prayer : Stephen R. McDow II, has a servant's heart and is excited about possibly serving you, from the bottom-up as a Candidate for US Congress in the 6th District. He is a graduate of Duke Ellington School of the Arts and Northeastern University in Boston, MA. His experience spans the world of policy, advocacy, outreach and public affairs, and has spent more than 18 years advocating for small-business owners, from Amish farmers, bookstore merchants, physicians, to educators and students. He believes we can work together with a shared purpose to achieve many of his 22 Identified Objectives for Western Maryland. He is an international speaker, co-producer and co-host a global podcast yet still has time for a local homestead called McCritter's selling fresh non-GMO eggs.

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!
O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country love And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine!
O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

God Bless the USA

If tomorrow all the things were gone
I worked for all my life
And I had to start again
With just my children and my wife
I thank my lucky stars
To be living here today
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom
And they can't take that away
And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
And defend Her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt
I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A.
From the lakes of Minnesota
To the hills of Tennessee
Across the plains of Texas
From sea to shining sea
From Detroit down to Houston
And New York to L.A.
Where's pride in every American heart
And it's time we stand and say
That I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
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Speaker 1 Chris Hyser is a retired Maryland State trooper, he exemplifies the values of courage and honor, as evidenced by his Medal of Valor recognition. With an illustrious career spanning 7 tours in Iraq and 3 in Afghanistan, safeguarding esteemed US generals, Chris's commitment to protecting his nation knows no bounds. Beyond his outstanding professional achievements, he is a cherished husband, father to four exceptional children, and a proud grandfather to three beautiful grandchildren. Chris's devotion extends even further as he assumes the role of an interfaith chaplain, tirelessly serving the Frederick End Homelessness Committee, Veteran's Services Center, and the Frederick Community Hospital.

Speaker 2 Angela Batista (she/her), Chair of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee. Angela has a passion for elevating her community, engaging in service, voter registration and education. As a retail manager of a national coffee chain, Angela has the ability to talk with anyone and seeks to focus on how commonality's bring people together rather than how differences separate them.

Speaker 3 Brenda Thiam is a special educator with over 25 years of experience working with students and adults with autism. She has a doctorate degree in special education leadership. She served in the Maryland General Assembly as State Delegate (district 2B) during Governor Hogan's administration. Brenda and her husband recently established a nonprofit organization (Oasis Community Support Services, Inc) which provides residential and supported employment services to adults with autism. Individuals with are tentatively slated to enter the program in December 2023. Brenda is a congressional candidate for CD6. She is married to Malick and they have one daughter and two fur babies.

Speaker 4 Paul "Mr Paulie" Ward is a well-known Volunteer, advocate, photographer, videographer, and Director here in Washington County. He brings a wealth of past experience to our community. Some recent examples: 2020 AARP Maryland Recognition Award, 2021 Community Foundation of Washington County Award, Washington County People's Choice Award-Volunteer of the Year-2021 & acknowledged by Gov. Larry J. Hogan, the Maryland General Assembly, and Washington County Board Of County Commissioners for "Advocating fiercely for the Aging Constituents of Washington County", 2023 Modern Woodmen of America Hometown Hero Award. PLUS Special Recognition for his work on these technical projects: "Beyond these Walls", "A Century of Compassion", "Retiring Canal Mules", Great Falls on the Canal, and "Cushwa's Basin".