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General Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Lighthouse Sound Restaurant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to my RWWC Friends,

I had high expectations of beginning this New Year as your President and presiding over the first meeting of 2024! God had other plans for me! I will explain in brief.

Our daughter Janeen, who lives in Utah, alone with her two labs, broke her right leg on Dec. 3 and had surgery on the 8th. This is the same leg that was previously injured in a head-on collision in 2012 and subsequently required a total ankle replacement in 2014. Moe and I have been in Utah as her caretakers. She is non-weight bearing and cannot drive etc. She returned to her teaching position on Jan. 3, but is dependent on her dad and I to take care of everything and drive her to and from school. As of this writing, we have no idea when we will be able to return to Maryland, hopefully, by our next general meeting.

I am fortunate to have my sister Sandy, our former President, and Carol our 1st VP this year working with the Officers and Board to carry out our agenda. It is not easy trying to lead from afar, but I am confident they will carry on in my absence.

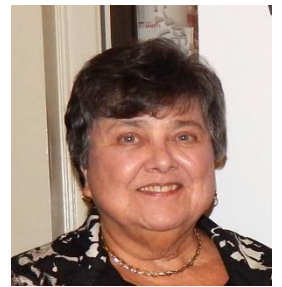
As we head into this New Year, we must join with other Republicans across our County, our State, and our Nation to spread our conservative message. We continue to be challenged in our State. The Md. General Assembly will most likely bring proposals for tax increases and push a very liberal legislative agenda. We need to keep informed and take action when necessary. We have a great group of women who are determined to keep our membership updated. Once again, I thank the members of our Board, especially Carol, our 1st VP, and Gina Shaffer, our Legislative Chair.

We have a lot to accomplish this year, beginning with the legislative agenda which will be discussed at the January luncheon meeting, and a new initiative through the Literacy Committee that will be presented at that meeting. We need to spread the Conservative message, support strong candidates and get voters to the polls.

I look forward to working with each of you to accomplish our goals and getting to know you better during this year. I am thankful for your prayers. I hope to be back in Maryland soon.

Sincerely,

Jean Delcher



1st VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Planned speakers this year:

January 18- Maryland Legislation presented by Gina Shaffer and me. Members will be part of Caring for America. be invited to join a legislation email list. We will be focusing on legislation that is important to our representatives.
February 22 -Lauren Cooper, Ex. Director of the Cricket Center, and Kyla Figueroa, Director of Worcester Connects, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc.. Our members will be offered the opportunity to bring to the meeting items needed as part of their service to children, such as after school snacks, art supplies, and activity books.

Carol Frazier

2nd Vice President's Message:

Hi Members,

This is our first fundraiser of the year, The Valentine Raffle.

The amount of money from the tickets returned so far is one third of the projected amount for the raffle.

There is still time for you to show your support and return the five purchased tickets. You can also call me and I can give you more tickets to sell!!

Thank You,
Kris Barron

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year RWWC! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

We are now collecting dues for 2024. To remain the largest club in MFRW, we need everyone to renew.

Thank you to the 36 members and 2 associates who have renewed their membership and welcome to our 8 new members: Patricia Drazin, Sherida Duckworth, Cynthia Mancuso, Lynne Massey, Patricia McGee Marcello, Susan Mendoza, Sally Rankin, Vicki Shafer, and 1 associate member Pam Palmer.

The renewal process is easy. 1. You can go to the website Join/Renew (gopwomenofworchester.org) [note there is a service fee for online renewal]; send a check payable to RWWC to: RWWC – Dues, P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811 or bring your check/cash to the monthly meeting. Dues are the same as last year, full membership is \$40 and associate membership is \$20.

Mary Adair and I are currently turning over the Membership Chair position, so if you have any questions, please contact us both at jennieallen@comcast.net and adairsopb@verizon.net .

Jennie Allen

Membership Chair

LITERACY:



Our Literacy Program is offering a new project: an essay contest for all 8th graders in Worcester County during the month of February. Americanism is the theme with a specific question. Four RWWC judges are ready to grade the essays with prizes awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. This is an exciting new project to show our schools RWWC's support of history, our Amendments, and Constitution.

The Red Shoe Book Club met Tues. Jan 9 at OP Library to discuss Killing Reagan by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. This is an easy read of Reagan's Presidency, his controlling wife Nancy, and John Hinckley's assassination attempt on Pres. Reagan. Our next meeting is Tues. March 19 and the book is Puppeteers by Jason Chaffetz.

Susan Ostrowski, Literacy Chair

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Let's Get Ready for 2024!

Happy New Year from the Campaign Activities Chair! The year we have been waiting for is now HERE! And as active Republican Women in Worcester County, we ARE READY! In this section each month, there will be information and UPDATES on how you can VOLUNTEER to become involved in the coming year's activities that support one of RWWC's objectives: To support and volunteer for the Republican Party!

2024 Presidential Election Information

Worcester County Maryland

Primary Election: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls Open: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Primary and General

Early Voting Primary Election: Thursday, May 2, 2024 -Thursday, May 9, 2024

Early Voting General Election: Thursday, October 25, 2024 - Thursday, October 31,

2024

Early Voting Site - Worcester County

Roland E. Powell Convention Center

4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21841

Liz Mumford, Chair

AWARDS/VOLUNTEER HOURS



Do More in 2024

Let's do more in 2024, a New Year and an Election Year. There will be many opportunities for RWWC members to volunteer their time and talents in 2024. I report our hours to the MFRW yearly and the NFRW every six months. The NFRW 2022-2023 members reported more than 14.5 MILLION volunteer hours and more 5.7 MILLION phone calls. Yes, that is in the MILLIONS. Our RWWC hours are in there somewhere! This outstanding achievement is valued at nearly \$436 million in volunteer "dollars."

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I also report our activities and accomplishments in the following categories:

Club Functions

Membership development

Programs/Speakers/Topics

Leadership Development

Campaign Activities

Community Relations

Come to our meetings. Help a committee.

Invite a friend to join.

We have informative speakers.

MFRW and NFRW offer meetings and classes.

This is the year!

Caring for America/Literacy/etc



Please report your hours monthly on our website www.gopwomenofworchester.org Remember to categorize them as political or non-political. Examples are on the website under the VOLUNTEER Hour link.



Raye Simpson

Awards Chair

Luncheon February 22, 2024

Our February luncheon will be held at the Ocean City Golf Club at 11401 Country Club Drive, Berlin, MD 21811. Information will be emailed to members with a link to register. Please note that we can no longer register on our website, so please read your email to sign up. Thank you.

Sandy Zitzer, Luncheon Chair

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

And the 2024 Legislative has begun! Our Worcester County legislators have several priorities this session and we will keep you informed throughout the next three (3) months! Just a few of the concerns we will be following: Public Safety and Crime Initiatives, Budget, Transportation, Fairness in Girls' Sports, and we continue to have concerns regarding Offshore wind. We will keep you updated along the way.

We continue to appreciate Mary Beth Carozza, Wayne Hartman and Charles Otto for doing their best to represent us so well in Annapolis!

Gina Shaffer
Chair

JEWELRY SALE
PATRIOTIC AND REPUBLICAN FASHION ITEMS

Just in time for election year, we are having a RED DOT jewelry show. Discontinued jewelry pieces, including earrings, pins, and slides are yours for a donation of \$5.00 and \$10.00 each. Also, come see some exciting new items.

Barbara Loffler

Caring For America

As we do each year, we are again contacting local schools and businesses to solicit their participation in our program "Valentines for Veterans". Some have already responded positively and are eagerly looking forward to participating. The Veteran hospitals have also been contacted and they look forward to receiving the cards for our hospitalized veterans.

I will place drop boxes off at Ocean Pines Library, Copy Central on Cathell Road, Shamrock Realty on Route 589, and Ocean Pines Administration Building. You may deposit your cards at the above locations and they will be mailed out by Linda Dearing of Copy Central in Berlin.

Vera Beck, Chair
Caring for America



Maryland Federation of Republican Women

MFRW held its annual Leadership Conference on Saturday, January 6th at Renditions Golf Club in Davidsonville, MD. The conference was well attended, especially by our Eastern Region. Worcester and Wicomico clubs combined had about 15 members there. New MFRW officers were installed and we listened to great speakers and came away with lots of information especially helpful for our new officers. This conference is held each January and is open to all members.

Next on the MFRW calendar is Red Scarf Day in Annapolis on March 5th. Register on their website and be ready for a very interesting day visiting with our legislators and see our working General Assembly in action. Carpools will be organized for those interested in attending.

Sandy Zitzer

MFRW Eastern Region Chair

Installation Dinner:

The November Installation Dinner was a huge success! Thank you to, Sandy Zitzer, Charlotte Cathell, and Liz Mumford for organizing the program, venue, and speaker. As the newly installed President I took the opportunity to reintroduce to those present who Jean Delcher is. I present it here for those who could not attend the dinner. My given name is Genevieve, but everyone calls me Jean. I have been married to my husband Moe for 55 years. We have two children, Janeen who lives in Utah and David who lives in DC. David and his wife Roxanne are the parents of our two grandchildren. I was born in Baltimore, educated at the Cathedral School, Mount de Sales Academy, Mount Saint Agnes College and received my Master's Degree from Loyola University. I worked for the Archdiocese of Baltimore for forty years, as a teacher and then the last 27 years of my career as a Principal of two different Elementary Schools. During those years I served as an officer of the Archdiocesan Principal's Association and became their President. I retired in 2012.



NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2023 GENERAL MEETING

President, Sandy Zitzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by prayer offered by Chaplain, Jan Kolesky and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sgt. At Arms, Amy Mike. 1st Vice President, Liz Mumford, introduced our speakers for the evening who reported on what was happening on the national level or what they were focused on for the upcoming legislative session locally. Our speakers included Representative Andy Harris, Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Delegate Wayne Hartman, and Sheriff Matt Crisafulli.

At 6:50 PM Senator Mary Beth Carozza introduced each new officer for the next two years and then led them through their Oath of Office. The GAVEL was officially passed from Sandy Zitzer to her sister, Jean Delcher.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Mike
Recording Secretary