



## Republican Women of Worcester County March 2026 Newsletter



### ***Happy March 2026 RWWC!***

March is best known for St. Patrick's Day and Women's History Month. This month, we honor the trailblazers who dared to lead, the visionaries who shaped policy, and the everyday women whose courage continues to inspire. As Republican women, we stand on the shoulders of women who were pioneers. They proved that leadership knows no gender, only strength, integrity, and vision. Let's carry their legacy forward, not just by remembering their names, but by embodying their courage in our own work and communities.

Some interesting facts include that for more than 150 years, women have been active in the politics of the Republican party. This includes the 3 women who attended the founding meeting of the party in Ripon, Wisconsin in 1854. Since this time, there have been many women who joined the GOP, as it is the party of true equality. Other facts include:

1870 Wyoming, Esther Hobart Morris was appointed the first woman justice of the peace in the United States.

1876 Washington D.C., Sara Andrews Spencer was the first woman to address a committee at the RNC.

1878 Susan B. Anthony asked Senator A.A. Sargent (R-CA) to introduce what would become the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Congress. It eventually passed on 6/14/1919 and ratified on 8/18/1920.

1916 Jeannette Rankin (a Republican) was the first woman elected to Congress

For more facts about our predecessors, please go to the NFRW Milestones, Women in the GOP located at [Milestones - Women in the GOP](#)

As we gear up for the midterm elections, our collective strength and unity matter more than ever. Your annual dues help us fund vital outreach, empower women's voices, and ensure our message is heard loud and clear. If you haven't yet, please take a moment to submit your dues NLT March 31, 2026, so we can hit the ground running. Your dues help to fuel our mission and keeps our movement strong. You can pay your dues here: [Join/Renew](#) or mail a check to RWWC – Dues at PO Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811.

Thank you for standing together, lifting each other up, and making change happen. We've got this together. Please stay safe, healthy & vote Republican!

Jennie Allen

## March 2026 News

**General Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2026**  
Worcester Technical High School  
Doors open at 10:30 AM

### **RWWC attends the MFRW Red Scarf Event Annapolis, MD, March 3, 2026.**



Left to right: Gwen Crisafulli, Jennie Allen, Senator Carozza, Linda Moran, Kelly Kennan, Carol Frazier, and Wendy Anspacher. Photo property of and reprinted with permission of Jennie Allen.

#### **PayPal Issues:** POC Jennie Allen

As of this past week, we have been able to reestablish our PayPal account. We are beginning to accept membership renewals and new applications. Hopefully, this will last and we will be able to go back to credit card payments for future events. As this remains a work in progress, please stand by and see what happens next! Should you receive a message that says the payment can't be processed, let us know and then send a check to RWWC, PO Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811. We will keep you updated as necessary. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

#### **Membership 2026 Renewal:** POC Linda Moran

We are still collecting the 2026 membership dues. As of 3/10/26, we received 84 renewals and enrolled 21 new members for a total of 105 members. This is 70% of our 2025 membership.

According to MFRW, membership dues had to be paid by February 28th, or you would be removed from both MFRW and NFRW's rolls and no longer receive NFRW's weekly Capital Connection. **You have run out of time if you did not renew! Please send your renewals ASAP**

**so we can get you reinstated.** All RWWC dues must be renewed NLT March 31, 2026, or you will be removed from our rolls also.

Membership can be renewed online at [Join/Renew](#) or by sending a check payable to RWWC to: RWWC – Dues, P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811, or at a meeting. If you have questions, contact Linda via email [lindamoranwcrcc@gmail.com](mailto:lindamoranwcrcc@gmail.com) or by phone 443-614-2261.

**Member Get a Member Contest:** POC Jennie Allen & Linda Moran

This is a reminder, effective the 2026 membership year, September 2025 through August 2026, we are having a Member Get a Member contest. For all members who bring in a new member, you will be entered in the contest. The winner to recruit the greatest number of new members will receive a \$50.00 gift card. If there is a tie, the names will be put into a hat and the one that is pulled will win the gift card.

**Restaurant Fundraiser Event:** POC Dee Matthews

Watch for a postmaster email regarding where we will be going to eat in April.

**Valentine Raffle:** POC Dee Matthews

Thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle this year. We will use the profits to fund the Literacy Committee's platform. Winners were drawn each day of the month; their names were added back into the mix for the next drawing. The winners are listed below:

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| 1. Weezie Carey       | 10. Linda Sears         | 19. Mary Burgess    |
| 2. Cindy Haase        | 11. Marita Mike         | 20. Marita Mike     |
| 3. Linda Sears        | 12. Luanne Ruddell      | 21. Cheryl Jacobs   |
| 4. Jennifer Brillhart | 13. Kathy Tallman       | 22. Kim Holloway    |
| 5. Jane Wolnik        | <b>14. Weezie Carey</b> | 23. Jane Wolnik     |
| 6. Barbara Loffler    | 15. Linda Moran         | 24. Caroline Bloxom |
| 7. Beth Rodier        | 16. Linda Cardone       | 25. Janice Novak    |
| 8. Gina Shaffer       | 17. Sandy Zitzer        | 26. Janice Novak    |
| 9. Cindy Haase        | 18. Carol Frazier       | 27. Carol Frazier   |
|                       |                         | 28. Mary Burgess    |

We sold a total of 67 tickets this year. Our net profit was \$776.47. Seven people won twice and Weezie Carey was the grand winner on 2/14/26. Two winners returned their prize to RWWC. All winnings were sent by mail after February 28.

**Americanism:** POC Liz Mumford

Join us on May 28, 2026, at Worcester Technical High School for our general meeting. You won't want to miss "our special guests celebrating America's 250th year!" **This patriotic presentation will entertain, enrich, and be a fun time for all!** In addition, we will discuss "All things Maryland Gubernatorial Election 2026 - A Voter's Guide".

**Awards & Volunteer Hours:** POC Raye Simpson & Jane Carmean

Volunteer hours for each month should be submitted no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> of that month so the Awards Chair can calculate our hours for reporting. Please report your hours as political and non-political based on the examples provided on the report form. The website [www.gopwomenofworchester.org](http://www.gopwomenofworchester.org) has the form for reporting under the Volunteer Hours link. Thank you for your time and efforts to make RWWC the best women's club we can be.  
Raye Simpson, Awards Co-Chair

**Campaign Activities:** POC Jennie Allen

Please save these dates:

- RWWC & WCRCC Local Candidate Forum at the Ocean Pines Library at 11107 Cathell Rd, Ocean Pines, MD on Thursday, May 21, 2026, from 6 PM to 9PM
- Early Voting is from Thursday, June 11, 2026, through Tuesday, June 18, 2026; hours are from 7 AM to 8 PM daily (this includes Saturday and Sunday)
- Early voting location for Worcester County is the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway Ocean Pines, MD 21811
- Primary Voting is Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 7 AM to 8 PM, at your assigned polling place
- Mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated ballot drop box by 8 PM on June 23, 2026, for the Gubernatorial Primary Election. (Note, USPS is not stamping a postmark at your local post office, it is being done at the distribution center, and this may be several days from when you dropped it in the mailbox.)

**For information on 2026 Maryland voting** click this link [2026 Gubernatorial Election](#). This page permits you to view the current gubernatorial and local candidate lists, register to vote, find your polling location, request a mail-in ballot, and provide information on voting by mail.

We will be reaching out for volunteers to assist at the polls during early voting. Please come and join us at the polls.

**Literacy:** POC Susan Ostrowski

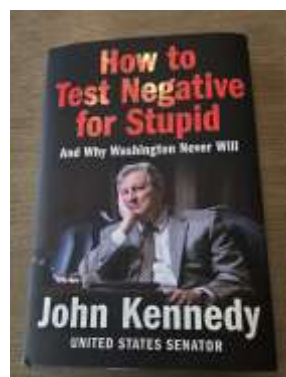
The September 2025 donation to our 5 Worcester County Libraries of \$500 yielded the purchase of 29 MELP books.



Red Shoe Book Club met at OP Library on Tuesday March 10 at noon to discuss *Right Wing Revolution* by Charlie Kirk, keeping our freedom, common sense and stopping the Democrat spread of toxic wokeism and lethal ideology.



L to R - First Row: Susan Ostrowski & Liz Mumford  
Second Row: Yvonne Babcock, Julie Koehler, Linda Sirianni & Nina Willett



The next meeting is May 12, in the large room at OP Library at noon with a bag lunch.  
Book: "How to Test Negative for Stupid", by John Kennedy, U.S. Senator.

Essay Contest: Our 8th grade essay contest “Dear King George” has received 18 essays and are currently being scored! This shows great school participation with the nearing 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Declaration of Independence.

9 from Most Blessed Sacrament

8 from Stephen Decatur Middle School

1 from Worcester Prep School

**Luncheon Meetings:** POC Sandy Zitzer

- March 26 - Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD
- April 23 – Lighthouse Sound, Bishopville, MD
- May 28 - Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD
- June 24 – (Wednesday) “Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom”, Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Ocean Pines, MD
- October 22 - Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD

**Speakers:** POC Jennie Allen / Caroline Bloxom

- March – Invitations have been sent to the 9 GOP primary candidates for governor
- April - “Welcome Home Legislators”
- May - Liz Mumford, RWWC Americanism Chair

**Save the date, Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>**, as we celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence! Happy Birthday to our independence from England! Traditional American food, patriotic sing-a-long and much more! Hope to see you at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club for an evening of fun!

**Save the date for the Fashion Show:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show, recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 911, is scheduled for **Thursday September 17, 2026**. The venue will be Harrison’s Harbor Watch in Ocean City, MD. Mark your calendar. Fashions presented will be “Fashions by Berlin” and includes Bruder Hill, Patty Jean’s, Dream Weaver, & Runaway Bride. More information will follow.

**MFRW Dates to Remember:** POC Sandy Zitzer

- May 2 - Spring MFRW Board meeting – Argyle Country Club, Silver Spring, MD
- June 11-18 Early Voting

**February Minutes:** POC Gwen Crisafulli

**Republican Women of Worcester County  
General Luncheon Meeting - Ocean City Golf Club  
February 26, 2026  
*Minutes***

**Call to Order** - Jennie Allen, President - 11:05

**Opening Prayer** - Jan Kolesky

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Kris Barron, Sgt. At Arms

**Welcome** – Jennie Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the elected officials that were present

### **Officer's Reports**

**Approval of Minutes** - Gwen Crisafulli requested approval of the January 15th General Meeting Minutes. Linda Moran so moved. Charlotte Cathell seconded. MCU (Motion Carried Unanimously).

**Treasurer/Budget** - Jane Wolnik presented a detailed report of the group's financial status.

**Asst. Treasurer/Membership** - Linda Moran informed the group that as of today we have 14 new members and 75 renewals.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Weezie Carey let the members know that she has been learning many new things in her new position. She most recently learned how to create a fillable document for the survey. Weezie then let the group know to call her with any complaints about correspondence.

**1ST Vice President** - Jennie Allen for 1st VP- Jennie announced that that the new 1st VP will be Caroline Bloxom.

**2ND Vice President** - Dee Matthews announced that so far, we have given away money for 26 days for the Valentine Raffle. Jane will be sending out the checks next week. Weezie Carey was the big winner on February 14th. She has also been working on the Fashion Show which will be at Harbor Watch on September 17th. She is forming a committee to help, and her co-chair will be Beth Rodier. Dee also announced that the next restaurant night will be at Sophia's on March 12th. Please bring the flyer with you.

### **President** - Jennie Allen – Announcements

- Has changed the format of the newsletter so hopefully people will be more informed about what is going on with the club.
- Will be displaying information on the tables at each luncheon. This month she has provided information about the money made at fundraisers and what donations have been made over the last year.
- Survey forms are available to be filled out
- Reminder to report your volunteer hours monthly.
- We are having issues with our PayPal account and currently do not have access to it. Jennie will be setting up an account on Anedot and she explained a little about the site. The site charges 3.3% as well as \$.30 for transactions.
- We are also working on a Candidate Forum which will take place on May 21st from 6-9 at the Ocean Pines Library. Emails have been sent to all of the candidates.

### **Committee Reports**

Gina Shaffer – Legislative – Gina has been reviewing legislation since the beginning of the session. She has not received any updates from Ella so far and is looking for volunteers to

help review bills so we can take action. She is hoping to streamline the process and have clickable links. Two big topics currently are Men in Women's Sports and Voter ID.

Susan Ostrowski – Literacy - Susan has written to both MaryBeth and Wayne regarding SB 4. The Red Shoe Book Club is meeting March 10th at the Ocean Pines Library, and they will be reading Charlie Kirk's book. The Essay contest has been extended till March 1st at 11:59pm due to loss of internet from the recent snowstorm. The essay topic was to write a breakup letter to King George.

Susan Ostrowski – Central Committee updates. Susan informed the group that they will be looking for volunteers for early voting, which will be from June 11-18th at the Ocean Pines Community Center. They also need volunteers for election day on June 23<sup>rd</sup> covering 16 precincts.

Jean Delcher – For the June meeting we will be having a Red, White and Blue Dinner to celebrate the birthday of America. We will be having an All-American BBQ at the Yacht Club on June 24th.

**Introduction of Speaker** - Jennie Allen introduced the speaker for today, Matt Crisafulli, Worcester County Sheriff who will be speaking about upcoming legislation and the impact on law enforcement.

Sheriff Matt Crisafulli spoke to the group about the recent Senate Bill 245 that would dissolve the 287-G program, which is currently in place between Maryland Sheriffs that have jurisdiction over their detention centers and ICE. This change takes away the safe transfer of a person detained in jail to ICE agents and puts the enforcement back on the streets. He also spoke about two other bills that contradicted each other, and those are Senate Bill 791, the Community Trust Act, which would restrict communication and information sharing between local law enforcement, jails and ICE. The other bill is Senate Bill 660, which would require local law enforcement to respond to a report of immigration activity to question ICE agents and make a report. All of these bills could be dangerous due to the lack of communication between agencies.

### **Lunch 12:00**

### **Closing remarks/Announcements**

- Linda Moran introduced the new members who were present.
- The Bayside skillet has made a \$500 donation. Please visit their establishment to show our support.
- The 50/50 winner was announced and received \$145.

### **Adjourn** –12:49

### **Calendar**

February 13-28 – Breakfast, brunch or lunch at Bayside Skillet 7a-2p daily

March 3 – Red Scarf Day in Annapolis

10 – Board Meeting

26 – General Meeting – Worcester Technical High School, Speaker TBD  
TBD- Restaurant night

April 7 – Board meeting

13- MD General Assembly adjourns

23- General meeting – Lighthouse Sound – Welcome Home Legislators

TDB –Restaurant night

May 21 – Candidate Forum – Ocean Pines Library 6-9

June 24 –Red, White and Blue Dinner – OP Yacht Club