# **RWWC May News**



# Save the Date: Monday September 22, 2025 RWWC Fashion Show Ashore Resort, Ocean City

## • Future Speakers: Carol Frazier

May – Nicholas Softy – Federation for American Immigration Reform June - Julie Harris – President of National Federation of Republican Women

### • 2025 Membership Renewals: Jennie Allen

The current membership is 21 new members and 117 renewals for a total of 138. This is 90% of our 2024 total membership.

You may renew online at <a href="https://gopwomenofworcester.org/">https://gopwomenofworcester.org/</a> by choosing the join/renew tab or by sending a check payable to RWWC to: RWWC – Dues, P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811.

If you have questions, email jennieallen@comcast.net or by phone 410-973-2385.

### • Literacy: Susan Ostrowski

Red Shoe Book Club's next book meeting will be on Tues July 15, at noon at the Sterling Tavern in Berlin. The book will be Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly. Lead by Jean Scanlon. The Book Club will not meet during the summer. Next date is September 9.

## • MFRW Dates: Sandy Zitzer

Spring Board Meeting - May 17 Fall Convention - October 25- Ocean City, Ashore

#### • Luncheon Meetings: Sandy Zitzer

May 22 - Worcester Tech

June 26 - Red, White & Blue Luncheon

Restaurant at Lighthouse Sound 12723 St. Martins Neck Road \$27 per person includes tax and gratuity

<u>Remember to register early.</u> We are expecting a full house for this luncheon since the speaker is NFRW President Julie Harris.

All payments must be received NO LATER than **June 18th.** RWWC must pay in full for all the lunches that we order on June 19th. If payment is not received by the deadline lunch will not be ordered.

Registration form and menu choices will be emailed just after our May luncheon meeting. Remember to wear your RED, WHITE & BLUE.

#### • Awards and Volunteer Hours: Raye Simpson

Just a reminder report your volunteer hours by the 15th of each month for the previous month. April hours are due now.

#### • Fundraiser: Kris Barron

Thanks to the diners who attended Restaurant night at Don's. The club received \$150 from Don's The last fundraiser before summer, is June 2 from 4pm to 8pm. A night out at the Crabcake Factory West, on Route 50.

We hope you have started getting your table together for the "Big Show"! Our Fashion Show will be on Monday, September 22. Once again, we are asking for all members to donate gift cards (\$10 and up) for the Surprise Boxes. This table is always a hit with our attendees. We need your help to make it a success again this year.

### • Fundraiser Committee and the Caring for America Committee:

Thanks to Linda Sears our member who contacted Believe in Tomorrow and Kris Barron for contacting Sophia's. As of today, we do not know the exact amount, but the proceeds from our May Dinner at Sophia's, will go to Believe in Tomorrow in Ocean City. In addition to that monetary donation, we asked our members to consider donating an item from their wish list. The items were brought to Sophia's and Thanks to Kathy Jarboe, were delivered to Believe in Tomorrow Headquarters. With their new house on 65<sup>th</sup> street added this summer Believe in Tomorrow will be serving eight families with critically ill children per week.

• June14 is Flag Day and President Trump's Birthday. As a joint effort with the Wicomico Conservative Republican Women's Club, we will be participating in a flag waving in front of the Sherwin Williams Store on Route 50, on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. We would like to see many of our members wearing red, white and blue join us for those couple of hours. Bring your flags, Happy Birthday Trump signs, chairs etc. Hope to see you there.

## Republican Women of Worcester County General Luncheon Meeting April 24, 2025

Minutes

Call to Order Jean Delcher, President @ 11:04 Opening Prayer Jan Kolesky Pledge of Allegiance Linda Moran, Sgt. At Arms

**Welcome -** Jean Delcher welcomed home Mary Beth Carozza, Wayne Hartman and Charles Otto. She also welcomed the group and introduced the distinguished guests that were present.

# Officer's Reports

**Approval of Minutes** - Gwen Crisafulli requested approval of the minutes from the March 27th General Meeting at Worcester Technical School. Jan Kolesky so moved, and Amy Mike seconded. MCU. (Motion Carried Unanimously).

**Corresponding Secretary** – Gwen Crisafulli for Beth Rodier. Gwen read a thank you note from Franklin Graham at Samaritan's Purse.

**Treasurer/Budget** - Jane Wolnik provided a detailed report on our financial status.

**Asst. Treasurer/Membership** - Jennie Allen is looking for volunteers for the Ocean Pines Kickoff on May 17th. Jennie also informed the group that the fashion show will be on Monday, September 22nd from 10-2. Linda Sirianni is looking for volunteers to be models and Jennifer Brillhart is the point of contact for gift cards donations. She is requesting gift cards of at least \$10, or cash donations and she will purchase the gift cards.

**2nd Vice President** - Jean Delcher for Kris Barron. Jean informed the group about the two upcoming restaurant nights. On April 28th we will be going to Dons and on May 7th we will be going to Sophias. Donations from the Sophia's dinner will be donated to Believe in Tomorrow. Linda Sears informed the group about what the organization does and what donations they need. Believe in tomorrow houses eight families per week. There are three locations in Ocean City and one in Fenwick. Ninety-four percent of the donations go towards the families of critically ill children.

**MFRW Regional Rep** - Sandra Zitzer informed the members that the MFRW Spring Convention will be on May 17th. Members can register online if interested. The cost is \$60pp.

**President** - Jean Delcher and Carol Frazier presented the Welcome Home proclamations to Mary Beth, Wayne and Charles.

<u>Introduction of Speakers - Carol Frazier introduced our guest speakers.</u>

Senator Mary Beth Carozza began by thanking the members and associate members of RWWC. She also praised our involvement in different community activities/ organizations. Mary Beth spoke about the Maryland General Assembly's budget, which she opposed, and the 1.8 billion dollars in new taxes. Mary Beth made several suggestions during session to try to curb taxes. One suggestion she made was pausing the Education Blueprint for two years, which would have saved \$88 million dollars in tax increases. Another suggestion was a 5% across the board spending reduction in all state agencies. Another suggestion was Medicaid and reevaluating eligibility. Mary Beth also spoke about her work with the Energy Crisis including Offshore Wind, the RV bill and the Orange Crush Bill. Offshore Wind is currently paused, and she encouraged members to continue to email about this issue.

Delegate Wayne Hartman thanked the group for having him and provided a summary of this year's session. Wayne spoke about a bill that was passed that would allow violent felons a "second look" after they have served twenty years. This could potentially put hundreds of dangerous criminals back in society. Wayne also talked about the Education Blueprint, the Energy Policy, tax brackets, property tax and tourism. Wayne was also proud of his efforts to pass the Orange Crush Bill.

Delegate Charles Otto told the group that this was his 15th year in the General Assembly, and it was a very tough year. He warned the group about the tire tax that will increase the price of tires by \$5-6 per tire beginning on July 1st. He also informed the group of some bills he opposed this session. First is Bill 234, the Homeless Shelter Bill. He also opposed Bill 292, which would have decreased the authority of Law Enforcement. Another bill he opposed was Bill 823, which would have required tip workers to receive minimum wage. He also opposed SB926 - Physician Assisted Suicide. He also warned members in the uptick in traffic cameras.

#### **Lunch Noon**

<u>Closing remarks/Announcements</u> - Carol Fraizer read a letter she sent to the paper and encouraged other members to follow her lead. The 50/50 winner was announced and received \$120.

**Adjourn -** Jean Delcher @ 12:55

#### **Calendar**

April 28 Restaurant Night at Don's in Ocean Pines

- May 5 Board Meeting
  - 7 Restaurant Night at Sophia's in Ocean City
  - 17 MFRW Spring Board Meeting
  - 22 General Meeting Worcester Tech