



## Republican Women of Worcester County October 2026 Newsletter



*Let's make October count even more!!!!*

As autumn paints our communities in shades of gold and crimson, I'm reminded how this season reflects the values we hold dear: resilience, renewal, and the beauty of working together toward a common purpose. October is a time to prepare, to gather strength, and to stand firmly for the principles that guide us: faith, family, freedom, and the future of our great nation.

Our club continues to be a beacon of leadership and service. Whether it's supporting local candidates, engaging in community outreach, or mentoring the next generation of women leaders, your dedication makes a difference. Every conversation, every volunteer hour, and every act of kindness strengthens our cause.

Let's carry this momentum into the weeks ahead as we begin early voting. Stay informed, stay engaged, and remember, our voices matter. Together, we can ensure that the values we cherish remain strong for our children and grandchildren.

I am going to repeat something from the September 2026 message.

You may be thinking, "What can I do to make a difference in the upcoming elections?"

The answer is simple: Get involved. Every effort matters.

- Work for our Republican candidates on the ballot. Everything you do helps RWWC and our candidates.
- Get our candidates' names and messages out to your friends, family, and neighbors.
- Walk neighborhoods and knock on doors. Make phone calls. Talk with friends. Click or write a donation. Wave a sign or display one at your home. Volunteer to represent RWWC at the Early Voting tent.
- Volunteer at the Worcester County Republican Central Committee headquarters. **THEY NEED YOU!**
- When someone shares a concern, be prepared to tell them which candidate you believe will address that issue.
- Repeat our candidates' names often so that when ballots arrive, voters recognize them.
- Offer to help your neighbors return or deliver their ballots.
- Offer to drive a friend or neighbor to the polls.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and your generous spirit. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting and celebrating the power of women who lead with courage and conviction.

Please stay safe, healthy & vote Republican!

Jennie Allen

## October 2026 News

### The Grace Center Baby Shower Meeting

*Thursday, October 22, 2026*

Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM



## September Activities

### The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show "Never Forget"

**Thank you for supporting this event!**



Top L: Lisa Mitchell & Jane Carmean; Bottom L: the tables before and during the show; R: Vendor tables

In the next 3 sets of photographs, our RWWC models were Linda Cardone, Sophia Christian, Jackie Cutlip, Sue Essleman, Theresa Hannan, Marlene Ott, Marty Pusey, Kathryn Redden, Sandy Sale, Linda Sears, Maura Vlachos, and Nina Willett. The emcee was Larnet St. Amant.





Top L: Merilee Horvat, Jean Scanlon, Kris Barron, & Jennie Allen  
 Bottom L: Tom Flanagan and Bottom Center: Donna Wilson, bouquet winner  
 R: 50/50 winner Susan Burch with Jennie Allen

**Fashion Show:** POC Co-chairs Kris Barron & Merilee Horvat

Thank you to all who worked and attended to make the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show a success. We hope everyone enjoyed this fantastic fundraising event!

**Fashion Show Gift Cards** – POC Amy Mike

Thank you to all who helped in any way with gift cards. The silver boxes were a huge success again this year!

## Victory Celebration Cruise with the Maryland Federation Republican Women

Liz Mumford and Jennie Allen attended this event and celebrated with MFRW and Maryland county clubs!



## Worcester County Republican Central Committee 250<sup>th</sup> Celebrate America's Birthday of the USA



Top L: Congressman Andy Harris, Bottom L: WCRCC Chair Susan Ostrowski  
Top R: Ocean City Police Color Guard, Bottom R: Emcee Pastor Tony Pace



Left: Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Middle: Mary Burgess, Cheryl Jacobs, & John Simms III (all 3 also spoke)  
Right: WCRCC Treasurer Linda Moran



Top L: Bev Bigler, Liz Mumford, & Pat Schrawder, Bottom L to R: Joe Schanno & Sheriff Matt Crisafulli, Right: Janice Novak

Other speakers that evening included: C.L. Marshall (Delegate District 38A) and Captain Dennis Eade (OCPD).

**Treasurer:** POC Jane Wolnik

The Board has approved the 2027 Budget, and it will be presented to the membership at our General meeting on October 22.

**Member Get a Member Contest:** POC Linda Moran

The MFRW challenged each club to recruit new members from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026. Thank you to the following members who successfully recruited new members during this drive: Caryn Abbott, Nicole Acle, Kris Barron, Caroline Bloxom, Jennifer Brillhart, Mary Burgess, Charlotte Cathell, Amy Mike, Linda Sirianni, and Raye Simpson. Special congratulations to our top recruiters, Susan Ostrowski and our President, Jennie Allen, who each recruited 3 new members. Susan will receive the gift card award, as Jennie declined the prize given her role as President. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to growing our club!

## **WE ARE NOW COLLECTING 2027 DUES!**

**Membership:** POC Linda Moran

Our 2027 membership is 41 members! This is 25% of our 2026 total membership. To date, we have 2 new and 39 renewed members. In addition, we have 8 associate members.

Effective September 1, 2026, we began collecting dues for the year 2027. NFRW has established a goal for every club to renew all memberships before 12/31/26.

**Start renewing** your membership by completing the **“New Member & Renewal Member Application”** online at [Join/Renew](#), 1) pay by credit card with the link provided below the application, 2) send a check payable to RWWC to: RWWC – Dues, P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811, or 3) pay at a meeting. If you have questions, contact Linda by email at [lindamoranwcrcc@gmail.com](mailto:lindamoranwcrcc@gmail.com) or by phone at 443-614-2261.

**Americanism:** POC Liz Mumford

RWWC has submitted a package to the MFRW Americanism Committee for consideration in the “250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Contest”. The winner(s) will be announced at the MFRW Convention on November 7, 2026. Keep your fingers crossed.

The October presentation will be “Our GOP Elephant in Cartoons”. In addition, there will be an elephant raffle, so bring some money and your luck.

# Win this Giant Stuffed Elephant!

1 Ticket - \$5.00  
3 Tickets - \$10.00



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

It's one of our organization's busiest times of the year. Members are volunteering in many ways. They are making baby items, sitting in the Republican Headquarters for a couple of hours, manning a booth at early voting and on Election Day, or holding signs to encourage people on the road or street to vote this year. Please record all those hours on the Republican Women of Worcester County website. We need you to volunteer, and then to record those hours! The report form is available at [www.gopwomenofworchester.org](http://www.gopwomenofworchester.org) under the More/Volunteer tab.

**Campaign Activities:** POC Jennie Allen

Please save these dates for the General Election:

- Early Voting General Election is from Thursday, October 22, 2026, through Thursday, October 29, 2026; hours are from 7 AM to 8 PM daily (this includes Saturday and Sunday)
- Early voting location for Worcester County is the **Roland E. Powell Convention Center**, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842
- General Voting is Tuesday, November 3, 2026, from 7 AM to 8 PM, at your assigned polling place.
- For the Gubernatorial General Election, mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated ballot drop box by 8 PM on November 3, 2026. Please note that USPS now applies postmarks at the distribution center, not at your local post office, so the postmark may be dated several days after your ballot is mailed.

**For information on the 2026 Maryland election**, click this link: [2026 Gubernatorial Election](#). This page allows 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.

**GET OUT AND VOTE!**  
**2026 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**  
**Worcester County, Maryland**

**We ALL need you to GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!!!**

**Key: Red Font = RWWC Member & Running Opposed: = \*\***

**GOVERNOR / LT. GOVERNOR \*\***

Dan Cox  
Robin Krop

**COMPTROLLER \*\***

Sonya Dunn

**ATTORNEY GENERAL \*\***

James B. Rutledge, III

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
DISTRICT 1 \*\***

Andy Harris

**MARYLAND STATE SENATE DISTRICT  
38 \*\***

Mary Beth Carozza

**MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

C. L. Marshall, III — District 38A \*\*

Wayne Hartman — 38C

**WORCESTER COUNTY SHERIFF**

Matt Crisafulli

**WORCESTER COUNTY STATE'S  
ATTORNEY**

Kris Heiser

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

Susan Richardson Braniecki

**REGISTER OF WILLS**

Terri Delaney Westcott

**JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS' COURT \*\***

(Vote for 3)

Mary F. Burgess

Cheryl K. Jacobs

John Simms, III

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

District 1 — Caryn Abbott

District 2 No Republican on the ballot

District 3- Eric Fiori

District 4- Steve Green

District 5- Joe Schanno \*\*

District 6- Lou H. Taylor

**WORCESTER COUNTY SCHOOL  
BOARD**

Non-Partisan

District 1- Caroline H. Bloxom \*\*

District 6- Jackie Cutlip \*\*

**PLEASE GO OUT TO THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER AND SUPPORT THESE CANDIDATES.  
VOTE REPUBLICAN!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help at the WCRCC Headquarters/Store. Please consider giving some time to visit with the community coming in for yard signs and voting information. The HQ/Store will be open Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Click the link to sign up and help.

Link: [RWWC: Head Quarters](#)

**We are also seeking VOLUNTEERS to help at the general election polls during early voting.** We REALLY NEED you! Please come and join us at the polls. Link: [RWWC: Early Voting](#)

## Flag Waving Campaign

### Get Out the Vote

October 23rd and 30th, 2026

Come out and join our RWWC Members and Friends!



**Caring for America:** POC Amy Mike

JUST A REMINDER! Our “Baby Shower” benefiting the people served at the Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health is right around the corner. This event will take place at our next general meeting on October 22nd at Worcester Technical High School. The executive director, Joann Manole, will be present at that meeting to receive our donations and share with us what happens when a client reaches out in their time of need to support the life they are bringing into the world.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to donate something, please contact Amy Mike at 410-208-9709 or 410-707-6328. You can also drop items off to her at 128 Pinehurst Road, Ocean Pines. We look forward to celebrating life together on October 22nd!!!!



# Grace Center

for Maternal and Women's Health

## DONATION WISH LIST

The Grace Center gratefully accepts donations of the following **NEW** items:

### Baby & Mother Essentials

- ♥ Diaper Cream
- ♥ A&D Ointment
- ♥ Bibs
- ♥ Baby Lotion
- ♥ Baby Bath Towels
- ♥ Boppy® Pillows
- ♥ Breastfeeding Pillows
- ♥ Cotton Breast Pads
- ♥ Breast Pumps
- ♥ Infant Car Seats
- ♥ Diaper Bags — Backpack Style
- ♥ Diapers — Newborn, Sizes 2, 3, 4 & 5
- ♥ Jersey Knit Swaddle Blankets — 3-Pack
- ♥ Pacifiers — MAM & Avent
- ♥ Plastic Avent Bottles & Nipples
- ♥ Johnson's Head-to-Toe Shampoo & Body Wash
- ♥ Sleepers — Newborn to 9 Months
- ♥ Sleep Sacks — Newborn to 9 Months
- ♥ Digital Thermometers

### Books & Clothing

- ♥ Story Books — Ages 0-3
- ♥ New Clothing — Newborn to 3 Months

### Gift Cards

- ♥ Walmart Gift Cards
- ♥ Visa Gift Cards



Every Donation Helps!

### ♥ CURRENTLY MOST NEEDED ♥

|                                |                            |                                             |                      |
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| ♥ Jersey Knit Swaddle Blankets | ♥ Newborn-3 Month Clothing | ♥ Johnson's Head-to-Toe Shampoo & Body Wash | ♥ Walmart Gift Cards |
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The very best thing you can donate is a financial gift.

Cash donations allow The Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health to continue providing compassionate support and essential services to women and families in our community.

♥ Thank you for helping us care for mothers, babies and families! ♥

Those choosing to make a monetary contribution in the form of a check should address it to The Grace Center. There will be a basket for monetary and gift card contributions at the donation table.

**Communication Committee:** POC Weezie Carey

The Communications Committee invites you to send photos from events you have attended. We would love to add them to the Gallery. Visit our updated website at: Republican Women of Worcester County

<https://gopwomenofworchester.org/>

**Fundraising Committee:** POC Lisa Mitchell

**STAY TUNED!**

Although next September may seem far away, exciting things are already in the works! We are busy securing a venue for our upcoming fashion show and laying groundwork for an incredible fundraising season. We have ambitious goals, fresh ideas, and exciting opportunities on the horizon! Stay tuned as we begin bringing our vision to life. Together, we're looking forward to making next year's event one to remember!

**WANT AD: Are You Excited to Be Part of Something Great?**

We're looking for enthusiastic, creative, and motivated members to join our Fundraising Committee! Our Republican Women's Club is growing, and we have exciting things on the horizon. We need women who are ready to share ideas, bring fresh energy, and help us create memorable events that support our fundraising goals. Contact Lisa Mitchell at 443-373-1077.



**Literacy:** POC Susan Ostrowski

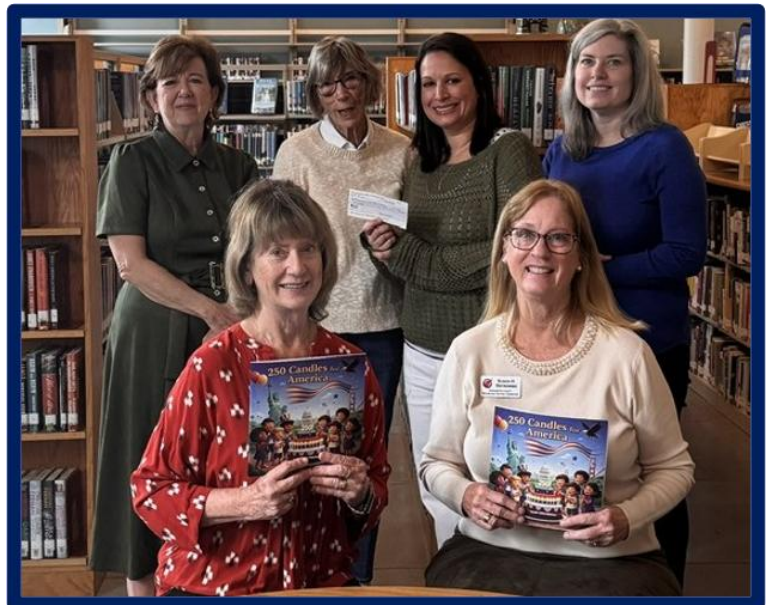
The next meeting will be on November 10, 2026, at Ocean Pines Library at 12:00. The selected book is "Killing Patton" by Bill O'Reilly.

During September, we donated \$100 to each of our 5 Worcester County Libraries to purchase books from the Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project list. We appreciate the work they do for our county.

We are also gearing up for our February 8th-grade essay contest, open to all students in Worcester County. The US Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and our Amendments will be the basis for our topic.

Front L to R: RWWC Member Nina Willett & Literacy Chair Susan Ostrowski

Back: Library Foundation Members Caroline Bloxom and Carol Rose, Pocomoke Library Branch Manager Dawn Mackes, & Director of Libraries Jennifer Ranck



**Luncheon Meetings:** POC Sandy Zitzer

- October 22 – General Luncheon Meeting at Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD
- November 19 – General Dinner Meeting, Lighthouse Sound, Bishopville, MD
- January 21, 2026 - General Luncheon Meeting at Ocean City Golf Club
- February 25, 2026 - General Luncheon Meeting at Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD
- March 25, 2026 - General Luncheon Meeting at Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD

**Speakers:** POC Caroline Bloxom

- October – Joann Manole from the Grace Center & Liz Mumford, Americanism Chair
- November – Martha Jenkins, President, National Federation of Republican Women

**Anyone for Pizza?**



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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**



The President of the National Federation of Republican Women, Martha Jenkins, will be the guest speaker at the November 19, 2026, Annual Meeting. The meeting is at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant in Bishopville, MD, from 5 PM to 8 PM. Please plan on attending.

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

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- November 6-7 MFRW Fall Convention at the Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, MD
  - Register at: [MFRW.org](https://www.mfrw.org)
  - Registration deadline is October 30.

If there is something you would like to see or add to the newsletter, please send your information or request to [gopwomenofwc@gmail.com](mailto:gopwomenofwc@gmail.com) with the subject line "Newsletter".

# TAP2LOCAL is here!

We are now accepting Credit Card payments for dues, luncheons, and Christmas ornaments.

## FUNDRAISING

WE STILL HAVE ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE!

**Christmas is just around the corner!**

**Have you done your shopping?**

**Would you like to purchase something that will bring a smile to the person you are buying for?**

**Something they will remember you for?**

**Something that has historic value?**

**We only celebrate the 250th Birthday of the USA once!**

**Help Us Spread Holiday Cheer – One Ornament at a Time!**

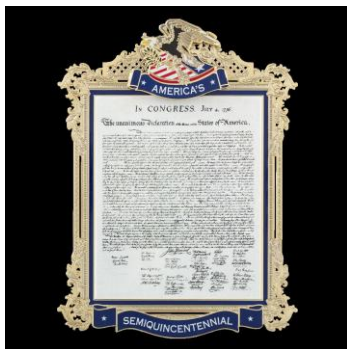
The holiday season is coming, and we're excited about our **America 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Ornament Fundraiser!** This year, we're offering the White House Historical Association's beautiful keepsake ornament, which will not only brighten homes but also help support RWWC.

Each ornament you purchase and/or sell will help us continue our club and philanthropic activities. It's a simple way to share the joy of the season while making a real difference. Each ornament will sell for \$25.00 in cash or by check, and \$26.00 by credit card. The profit for RWWC will be \$6.87 per ornament.

**Here's how you can help:**

1. **Purchase one or more ornaments from RWWC.**
2. **Share with friends, family, and neighbors;** they make perfect gifts!
3. **Help sell the ornament.** Take orders, collect the money, and deliver the ornament. If everyone sells 2, we will sell 322 and earn \$2,212.14. Please help us sell and earn funds for our activities.

Let us make this holiday season extra special for our community. Together, we can turn festive decorations into lasting change.



**Front of Ornament**



**Back of Ornament**

Left Photo: Front, Declaration of Independence & Right Photo: Back, America 250

If you would like to buy or help sell ornaments,  
please email [jennie.gopwomenofwc@gmail.com](mailto:jennie.gopwomenofwc@gmail.com) or call 410-973-2385.

**Thank you for your support and holiday spirit!**

**May Minutes:** POC Gwen Crisafulli

**Republican Women of Worcester County  
General Luncheon Meeting  
May 28, 2026  
Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Jennie Allen, President @ 11:04

**Welcome** - Jennie Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then welcomed and introduced the political officials who were present. She also asked the people present who are running for office to stand. She then thanked the RWWC members who donated cookies for the Candidate Forum. It was very well attended.

**Opening Prayer** Jan Kolesky

**Pledge of Allegiance** Kris Barron

**Officer's Reports**

Approval of Minutes - Gwen Crisafulli requested approval of the minutes from the April 23<sup>rd</sup> General meeting at Lighthouse Sound. Marlene Ott so moved, and Maddie Pettolina seconded. MCU (Motion Carried Unanimously).

Treasurer/Budget - Jane Wolnik (table document)

Assistant Treasurer Linda Moran, Membership - Linda announced that we have 28 new members and 121 renewals for a total of 149. And one additional member joined today. We also have 3 new associate members and 10 renewals for a total of 13. Total membership is currently 164. Linda then introduced some of the new members present.

**Committee Chairs**

Awards Chairman - Jane Carmean informed the group that in the past, we have submitted both political and nonpolitical hours. Now we only need to report political hours. At the end of each month, the hours are added up and sent in regularly. Jane C encouraged members to volunteer and report their hours on the website.

Caring for America - Amy Mike made a call for help from our crafty members. She would like everyone to start working on blankets, hats, and booties that will be donated to the Grace Center at a future meeting in the fall. When the time gets closer, she will also be requesting other items that may be needed.

Fashion Show - Kris Barron & Merilee Horvat have been working as co-chairs for the Fashion Show. The Fashion Show will be at Harrison's Harbor Watch on September 17th. The tickets are \$45pp and so far, 20-30 have been sold. Amy Mike will be collecting the gift cards for the mystery boxes. We are working

with stores in Berlin for the fashions and will be working with the City of Ocean City regarding the parking. Kris also is passing around a "Thank you Card" for Sophia for her generous \$600 donation from the restaurant night.

Carol Frazier encouraged members to read the book "Them, Why We Hate Each Other and How We Heal" by Ben Sasse.

Jennie announced that Mary Adair will be collecting money for the Red, White and Blue Dinner in June.

### **Introduction of Speakers** - Caroline Bloxom

Liz Mumford, Americanism Chair, and the Patriotic Ladies of America put on an educational performance, "Guess which Patriotic Ladies of America are coming to lunch". Each Patriotic woman presented in clothing of the era, and the participants were given 5-6 clues to help guess who they were.

Jennie Allen provided a power-point with information about Voter Registration and redistricting.

Jennie presented Jane Carmen with the Maryland Shield Award for our accomplishments during 2025.

### **Lunch 12:00**

#### **Closing remarks/Announcements**

The 50/50 winner was announced and given \$115. The RWWC portion was donated to the WTHS Culinary Program.

Phil Cropper addressed the members about the upcoming SkillsUSA competition. Several students from Worcester Tech, including 4 students from culinary science, will be attending Nationals in Atlanta on Sunday. They will be going for six days. Forty-seven people in total will be going, and this includes students, adult chaperones, and administrators. Several members made donations for the trip.

Central Committee – Susan Ostrowski

1. Sign up for early voting – **Susan will help you sign up after the meeting**
2. Sign up for Primary voting – **Susan will help you sign up after the meeting**

### **Adjourn** -12:55

### **Calendar**

June 2 – Board Meeting

11 to 18 - Early Voting, Ocean Pines Rec Center, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily

23 – Primary Election from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

24 – RWB 250th Birthday Dinner – O.P. Yacht Club, 5 PM to 8 PM

TBD – Restaurant Event

Election Dates to be aware of:

- Early Voting is from Thursday, June 11, 2026, through Thursday, 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 now done at the distribution center, and this may be several days after you drop it in the mailbox.)



All pumpkin photos provided by Jennie Allen