



Republican Women of Worcester County June 2026 Newsletter



Happy June 2026 RWWC!

Summer is here, and so is that magical season when we juggle barbecues, sunscreen, days at the beach, gardening, and politics, sometimes all in the same afternoon. I'm convinced that if we can survive a June picnic in 90-degree heat while discussing voter outreach, we can handle *anything* Annapolis and Washington throw our way.

So far this year, our club has been busy. We've completed a survey, updated the committee description document, published the Board of Directors' contact information, updated the bylaws and website, held the 3rd annual 8th-grade essay contest, met with 3 gubernatorial candidates, welcomed our state legislators home, held a candidate forum, invited 5 patriotic ladies to our May meeting, and are now planning to volunteer our time at the early and primary voting tent, and of course, have our Annual Red White and Blue event. We've proven that Republican women can multitask like no one else: balancing family, careers, and the occasional spirited debate over potato and pasta salad recipes.

Our mission is serious, but that doesn't mean we can't have fun while doing it. After all, laughter is a great campaign strategy; it keeps us energized, approachable, and just a little unpredictable. So, whether you're knocking on doors, mentoring young leaders, or simply sharing our message over a glass of lemonade, know that you're making a difference *and* making memories.

In June, let's keep the momentum going. In the May message, I mentioned that we need you to give and engage. We still have several opportunities coming up over the summer months that we can use your assistance with. As you read on, please take a moment to consider volunteering to help with early and primary day voting, and at the upcoming summer events, where we will have a table. Also, remember, you can invite a friend to join you at the June RWB Dinner Meeting. **Any assistance is appreciated!**

Please stay safe, healthy & vote Republican!
Jennie Allen

June 2026 News

Red, White, and Blue Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Ocean Pines Yacht Club from 5 PM to 8 PM

Please join us on Wednesday, June 24th, from 5 PM to 8 PM, as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence! Happy Birthday to our independence from England! Traditional American food, patriotic sing-along, and much more! Hope to see you at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club for an evening of fun!

Celebrate
AMERICA'S
250th
ANNIVERSARY!

★ **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026** ★

*Join the
Republican Women of Worcester County
for an unforgettable evening of.*
**PATRIOTIC PRIDE, GREAT FOOD,
and LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT!**

ALL-AMERICAN BUFFET
★ *Featuring:* ★
• Garden Salad • Baked Beans • Potato Salad
• Pulled Pork • Fried Chicken
Fresh Rolls • Desserts

PATRIOTIC SING-ALONG
— *featuring* —
THE DELMARVA CHORUS

RAFFLES & MORE!
Fun prizes and surprises
throughout the evening!

★ **BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT**
as we honor this historic milestone together! ★

📍 **LOCATION: OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB**
🕒 **TIME: 5:00 – 8:00 PM**
🎫 **TICKETS: \$40**

For more information:
Jean Delcher • 410-641-8927 • delcherjean1@gmail.com

For more information and reservations:

Contact * Jean Delcher

Phone * 410-641-8927

Email * delcherjean1@gmail.com

Time is running out. Make your RWB reservations ASAP!

The May “Americanism” meeting was a lot of **FUN for everyone!** A total of 71 members helped to welcome our “Patriotic Ladies of America” to lunch. Liz Mumford introduced 5 of our club members who posed as famous women in American History. The audience was tasked with correctly identifying them.



Pictured L to R: Liz Mumford & Weezie Carey (at the computer)

The Patriotic Ladies

L to R: Barbara Bush, Amy Coney Barrett, Molly Pitcher,
Nancy Reagan & Elizabeth Dole



Pictured L to R: Merilee Horvat, Gina Shaffer, Susan Ostrowski, Yvonne Babcock, & Pat Schrawder

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Honoring Barbara Loffler for 24 Years of Dedicated Service 2001 through 2025



What can we say about Barb? Besides the fact that she has worked with 10 different RWWC Presidents. I want to invite you to picture something with me: twenty-four years ago, our club was smaller, our challenges were different, and our future was still being written. But there was one constant from that day to this, the steady, faithful presence of Barbara Loffler, whose commitment has been the heartbeat of the RWWC for nearly a quarter of a century.

Twenty-four years is a long time to give so much of yourself. And yet, Barb never begrudged the hours, never sought the spotlight, and never asked for recognition. Her reward was seeing lives changed, and our reward has been witnessing her example.

During her tenure, Barb has held the following chair positions: Membership, Publicity, Americanism, Historian, and Hospitality. She was also responsible for our jewelry sales and a key fundraiser for the annual fashion show gift card project.

Barb, your 24 years of service have left an indelible mark on this club and on each of us. You have shown us that leadership is not about how long you serve, but how deeply you care.

Honoring Vera Beck for 11 Years of Dedicated Service 2014 through 2025



Eleven years ago, Vera stepped into the role of Caring for America Chair with a heart full of compassion and a determination to make a difference. In that time, she led countless projects, supporting veterans, helping individuals in need, and inspiring every one of us to turn our values into action. Her leadership transformed Caring for America from a committee into a true force for good in our community. What set Vera apart was not just her dedication, but her personal touch, remembering names, listening to stories, and treating everyone with dignity.

We recognize you, Vera, for your unwavering service, your example of kindness, and the legacy you leave behind. You have shown us what it truly means to care for America, and we will carry that spirit forward

Some of Vera's projects included: Valentines for Veterans, helping prepare care packages for U.S. Troops, The Grace Center, The Cricket Center, Della's Closet, Diakonia, the RWWC Christmas Tree in Ocean Pines, Believe in Tomorrow, Wreaths Across America, Worcester County Veteran Memorial Flags, and various disaster relief events across the state and country.

**Honoring Raye Simpson for 8 Years and 3 months of Dedicated Service
2018 through March 2026**



For the past eight-plus years, Raye has been the steadfast heart behind one of the most important aspects of our club's success. She carefully and consistently tabulated volunteer hours and documented our many activities for recognition by both the Maryland Federation and the National Federation of Republican Women. This was no small task; it required patience, precision, and a deep understanding of the value of every member's contribution. Through her diligence, our club's efforts were not only recorded but also celebrated. She ensured that the countless hours donated by our members were acknowledged and honored. Her work has directly contributed to the awards and recognition we have received over the years, highlighting the dedication of our entire membership.

Beyond her meticulous record-keeping, Raye brought warmth, encouragement, and a spirit of camaraderie to the board, always ready with a kind word or a helping hand. As she retires from her role, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her years of service, her unwavering commitment to excellence, and the personal touch she brought to everything she did. Raye, your legacy of dedication, accuracy, and genuine care will continue to inspire us, and you will always be a cherished part of our club's story.

During Raye's tenure, the RWWC was awarded the MFRW Maryland Shield 7 times, along with 19 MFRW Achievement Awards. In addition, RWWC was awarded the NFRW Diamond award 4 times and 10 NFRW Achievement Awards.

Barb, Vera, & Raye, on behalf of every member past and present, thank you for your vision, your courage, and your heart. Your legacy will continue to inspire us as we carry forward the mission you have so faithfully advanced. And so, we don't just say goodbye to your time on the RWWC board; we celebrate the extraordinary journey you've taken with us, and the brighter future you've helped make possible. As they say, the Republican way is to stand on each other's shoulders; in this case, we will be standing on yours. Thank you for everything, and enjoy your retirement from the board!



Credit Card Processing Plan: POC Jennie Allen

Thank you, everyone, for tolerating this long period of confusion with the credit card processing and check writing. There were many steps that we had to take to get everything corrected. I am going to give you a short description of what we have done to date, and if you have questions and would like to discuss it, I will be happy to do so.

- 1/17/26 PayPal was locked down.
- 1/20/26 All Calvin B. Taylor (CBT) Bank accounts were transferred to the new Board.
- 3/1/26 Started application process to Anedot for a new account, unable to complete because the EIN was incorrect.
- 3/3/26 Past President (PP) Delcher contacted the IRS and set up a new EIN.
- 3/5/36 PP Delcher submitted the new EIN to PayPal, and it was finally unlocked.

- 3/6/26 PayPal began accepting dues payments only.
- 3/6/26 Treasurer Wolnik contacted CBT Bank about the EIN change. New accounts had to be opened and funds transferred.
- 3/10/26 The Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and President went to the bank to sign all the new account documents. We discussed options with the bank for processing payments through them. They offered 2 options:
 - 1) Basys (merchant services)
 - 3/20/26 Basys is too expensive, the cost is \$39.95 per month service fee and 2.9% + 0.25 cents per charge.
 - 2) Tap2Local
 - 4/2/26 Appointment at CBT to discuss Tap2Local. Enroll for free, plus 2.9% + .30 cents per charge.
- 4/12/26 Sent Email to Board about potential tax concerns.
- 4/13/26 Met with Tax Accountant, regarding interest income from 2025.
 - Plan:
 - Change all accounts to new EIN (already done, except checking attached to PayPal)
 - Set up a new checking account to cover debit card usage only
 - Register RWWC as a business in Maryland
 - Meet again after the tax deadline
- 4/14/26 Communicated with Tap2Local. They were unable to process the RWWC account because we were not registered as a business in MD. No state business # means no Tap2Local account. This concerns money laundering legislation.
- 5/6/26 Met with accountant again.
 - Registered as a 527 Tax Exempt Non-Stock Corporation (Cost \$226.60)
 - When the registration number is received:
 - Change the EIN name to The Republican Women of Worcester County, Inc.
 - Contact Tap2Local and finish the registration and have the credit card processing completed at the bank level.
 - Next year, we will file the income tax document 1120POL for 2026.
- 5/14/26 We established a second CBT Bank checking account with the new EIN for future debit card usage. This account will have a low balance and will be used to pay for our computer-related charges (Mailchimp, Cognito, & web page) and anything else we purchase with the debit card.
- 5/31/26 Per the accountant, we are now officially registered in Maryland as a 527 a 527Tax Exempt Non-Stock Corporation, and can begin the Tap2Local process again.

We will let you know when Tap2Local is in place. By going through the bank, the next time we change leadership, the transition for the new team should be easier, as all our accounts will be held at CBT Bank.

Membership 2026 Renewal: POC Linda Moran

We are still collecting the 2026 membership dues. As of 6/6/26, we received 123 renewals and enrolled 29 new members for a total of 152 members. This is 101% of our 2025 membership.

If you did not renew, you have run out of time! Please send your renewals ASAP so we can reinstate you. All RWWC dues were to be renewed NLT March 31, 2026. This month, we will archive all members in MailChimp who haven't renewed and remove them from our rolls. This is a LAST CALL to RENEW!

Membership can be renewed online at [Join/Renew](#), 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 or by phone 443-614-2261.

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

This is a reminder that, effective the 2026 membership year (September 2025 through August 2026), we are running a "Member Get a Member" contest. For each member you bring in, you will be entered into the contest. The #1 recruiter with the most members will receive a \$50.00 gift card. If there is a tie, the names will be placed in a hat, and the winner will be drawn for the gift card.

Americanism: POC Liz Mumford

Liz Mumford would like to thank our club members who helped make the May 2026 meeting of the Patriotic Ladies of America program a great success: Portrayers Yvonne Babcock, Pat Schrawder, Susan Ostrowski, Gina Shaffer, and Merilee Horvat; Hostesses Ally Church and Kris Barron; Timers Charlotte Cathell and Caroline Bloxom; Assisting the Portrayers Nina Willett and Linda Sirianni; and Weezie Carey on Technology.

Awards & Volunteer Hours: POC Jane Carmean

Big changes are coming to volunteer hours! According to NFRW, any work done for the club is considered **Political** hours. If you have been submitting non-political hours per the website document for hours given to RWWC, please change them to **Political**. We will no longer have a non-political hour category to report on. We are in the process of updating the website document to correct for this change.

Each month, volunteer hours should be submitted by the 30th or 31st. This allows the Awards Chair to calculate our hours for monthly reporting. Please report your hours as **Political**. If you have questions, please reach out to Jane. The report form is available at www.gopwomenofworchester.org under the Volunteer Hours tab. Thank you for your time and effort in making RWWC the best women's club we can be.

The Maryland Shield was awarded to the RWWC at the Spring MFRW Board meeting in Silver Spring, MD, on Saturday, May 2, 2026. This award was for work accomplished by RWWC during 2025, under the Presidency of Jean Delcher and the Awards Chair Raye Simpson.



Volunteers Needed:

1. Arthur's Shooting Supply, Customer Appreciation Day
9234 Old Ocean City Road, Berlin, MD 21811
June 27, 2026, from 9 AM to 3 PM
POC is Nicole Acle
2. Blessing of the Combines
Snow Hill, MD
August 1, 2026, from 9 AM to 3 PM
POC is Weezie Carey
3. Worcester County Fair
John Walter Smith Park
6022 Public Landing Rd, Snow Hill, MD 21863
August 7-9, 2026.
Setup: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Friday, August 7th
FRI 4:00 pm–8:00 pm, SAT 10:00 am–8:00 pm, SUN 10:00 am–3:00 pm
Breakdown: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm Sunday, August 9th
POC is Susan Ostrowski

Campaign Activities: POC Jennie Allen

The cookie call was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who contributed cookies to the Candidate Forum. We appreciate your efforts!

RWWC/WCRCC Candidate Forum Committee



Front row L to R: Janice Novak, Linda Moran, Jennie Allen, Nicole Acle, Bev Bigler, Liz Mumford
Back row L to R: Hunter Isaac, Susan Ostrowski, Tom Babcock, Carl Smith, Harry Wimbrow.
Missing from the photo is Julie Koehler

Please save these dates:

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For information on the 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 are STILL seeking VOLUNTEERS to assist at the polls during early voting. Please come and join us at the polls. Click this link to sign up!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18WeW88bCY/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

If you are unable to open the Facebook site, please telephone Susan Ostrowski at 717-448-1741, and she will add you to the roster.

Communication Committee: POC Weezie Carey

The communication committee is looking for recent photos for the webpage and Facebook. If you have photos that you are willing to share, please send them to Weezie Carey at

weeziecarey@gmail.com

Caring for America: POC Amy Mike

Calling all crafters to get to work knitting and crocheting items for the **Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health**. The items will be presented to them at our October General Meeting. Baby hats, blankets, and booties are ALWAYS needed. Don't forget to count the time spent buying your supplies and creating your gifts, to add to your **VOLUNTEER HOURS**. Additional supplies, such as diapers, lotions, wipes, etc., will also be collected for our "Baby Shower" meeting. Watch for a list of needed supplies that will come out closer to the date of our meeting - after your summer guests have all gone home. If you cannot attend the October meeting and have something to donate, please get in touch with Amy Mike in the fall.

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

The 17th Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show, recognizing the 25th anniversary of 9-11, 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 include Bruder Hill, Patty Jean's, Dream Weaver, & Runaway Bride.

- Tickets are currently available. Cost: \$45/person, Tables are for 4 or 6. You do not need to have a table; we can seat you with other singles.
- Kris Barron is currently calling members to see if you are interested in modeling. Stand by, a call may be coming to you next.
- More information will follow as we get closer to the show.

Please support RWWC's biggest fundraiser - the Annual Fashion Show!

Please get GIFT CARDS for the Surprise Boxes to Amy Mike at your earliest convenience. To date, we have heard from 8 members who donated a total of 20 cards, and 3 businesses that

donated 8 cards. We have a long way to go to reach our goal of 400. In addition, 4 members have donated \$180 cash toward purchasing gift cards.

Please check with Amy first if there is a business you frequent that may donate some cards, so we don't approach the same people more than once.

Please bring your gift cards to the June RWB Dinner. If you are unable to attend the dinner meeting, please contact Amy to:

- Drop off your gift card donations
- Call to have them picked up, OR
- If you prefer to give a cash donation, the Fashion Show Committee will purchase a gift card for you from a local business of your choice

POC: Amy Mike, 410-208-9709 or 410-707-6328 or amike50@verizon.net

Thank you in advance for giving to this event!



Literacy: POC Susan Ostrowski

The next book club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th, at the OP Library, beginning at noon, with a bag lunch. The book is "Lincoln's Lady Spymaster" by Gerri Willis.

The May 12th book was "How to Test Negative for Stupid" by John Kennedy, U.S. Senator.



Front row L to R: Julie Koehler, Caroline Bloxom, Yvonne Babcock
Back row L to R: Jean Scanlon, Linda Sirianni, Nina Willett, Susan Ostrowski, Liz Mumford

Luncheon Meetings: POC Sandy Zitzer

- June 24 – (Wednesday 5 PM to 8 PM) 250th Patriotic Celebration, Ocean Pines Yacht Club
- July and August - No General Meetings
- September 17th - Fashion Show
- October 22 - Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD
- November 19th - Dinner meetings, Lighthouse Sound, Bishopville, MD

Speakers: POC Caroline Bloxom

- October – Joann Minola from the Grace Center & Liz Mumford, Americanism Chair

MFRW Dates to Remember: POC Sandy Zitzer

- June 11-18 Early Voting
- June 23 Primary election
- September 20th, Fall on the Farm, Sharon Carrick's home
- November 6-7 MFRW Fall Convention at the Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, Frederick, MD

RWWC Members & Friends Attended the Lioness' "Spring in Full Bloom" Fashion Show



Kris Barron – modeling



Front row L to R: Marita Mike, Caroline Bloxom, Liz Mumford & Jane Wolnik, and back row L to R: Amy Mike, Laura Zellman, Debbie Huntsberry, & Merilee Horvat

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 23rd 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

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