



## **President's April Message**

***Happy April 2026 RWWC!***



April is finally here, and as spring blossoms across Maryland, we are reminded that growth, renewal, and perseverance are at the heart of our mission. Just as the season brings fresh energy, so does our commitment to advancing conservative values, empowering women, and shaping the future of our communities.

It is a month of action. With upcoming local and state elections, every conversation we have and every event we host strengthens our voice. Let's continue to stand united, rooted in principle, driven by purpose, and inspired by the generations of women I mentioned in last month's message, who paved the way before us.

I encourage each of you to get involved this month; attend a meeting, volunteer for a campaign, or share our message with a neighbor. Together, we are not just witnesses to change; we are the change.

Now I want to take a moment and give you an idea of what the Board and I have been busy doing over the past 3 months.

- I gained approval from all the Board members to publish their contact information to all new members and send a broadcast email message to existing members (coming soon).
- Updated the Committee Description document. This will be sent in the welcome letters to all new members and a broadcast email to existing members. It will eventually be posted on our website.
- Built a membership survey, sent it by email to all members, and provided it at the February and March meetings. A total of 45 members completed the survey. Results will be tabulated and provided to the board and membership.
- The Bylaws Committee completed the review and revision of the Bylaws. These have been sent to the membership by email for review and approval at the April meeting.
- We have had major issues with the PayPal account and have spent many hours correcting the problems and researching other payment systems.
- Now for the **BIG JOB!** Maybe you have noticed that the President's Message was late in being changed on the webpage, and some items are missing. That is because we are working on updating the website. So, stand by, very soon, we will have a new, updated look!

Please stay safe, healthy & vote Republican!

Jennie Allen

## **April 2026 News**

### **General Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

Lighthouse Sound Restaurant

Doors open at 10:30 AM

Three Republican gubernatorial candidates attended the March General Membership Meeting on March 26, 2026, at Worcester Technical High School. The message from each of them was that we need a new governor, sooner rather than later. 91 RWWC members and guests attended this meeting. It was wonderful that these 3 candidates were willing to take time out of their busy schedule and spend several hours with our members.



Pictured L to R: John Myrick, Jennie Allen, Lawrence Burkindine & Douglas Larcomb

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**PayPal Issues:** POC Jennie Allen

The PayPal account has been working for membership renewals and new

applications. But if you try to renew and receive a message that the payment can't be processed, let us know, and then send a check to RWWC, PO Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811. Unfortunately, we were unable to create the link for the upcoming luncheon and process credit card payments. We are working with the bank to set up "Tap2Local". This is a free service of the bank that works similarly to PayPal. The online credit card payment fee is 2.9% + 0.30 cents. We hope to have this up and running soon. Keep your fingers crossed so that we can resolve this before next month. We will keep you updated as necessary. Once again, thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Membership 2026 Renewal:** POC Linda Moran

We are still collecting the 2026 membership dues. As of 4/8/26, we received 104 renewals and enrolled 25 new members for a total of 129 members. This is 86% 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 reinstate you.** All RWWC dues were to be renewed NLT March 31, 2026. We will reach out to the 47 members who have not renewed this year before removing them from our rolls.

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](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 #1 recruiter with the most new 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 pulled for the gift card.

**Members enjoying the March Restaurant Event at Sophia's**

Left photograph: Jean & Moe Delcher

Right photograph: John & Merilee Horvat, Sophia Christian, Kris Barron, & Amy Mike

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**Restaurant Fundraiser Event:**

Currently, no event is scheduled for April.

**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

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

**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 9 PM
- 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 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 now 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 now has 5 members. Weezie Carey – Committee Chair, Elena McComas – Facebook, Yvonne Babcock – Card Ministry, Lisa Mitchell – Thank you notes, and Linda Moran – MailChimp audience (email roster)

management. Jennie Allen and Jane Wolnik are ex officio members of the committee.

We are still working on getting a credit card payment method for events and membership payments. Hopefully, that will be settled very soon.

Yvonne Babcock has taken over the card ministry. If you know someone who needs to receive a “Get Well” or “Sympathy” card, don't hesitate to get in touch with Yvonne to share the details so she can send a card. Yvonne Babcock – [yvonneb54@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonneb54@hotmail.com).

Lisa Mitchell had agreed to send thank-you notes for the club.

Work on the luncheon announcements, event notifications, and dissemination of other pertinent information is a joint committee effort. We are also working on updating the website.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to: Weezie Carey – [weeziecarey@gmail.com](mailto:weeziecarey@gmail.com)



**Literacy:** POC Susan Ostrowski

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

# How to Test Negative for Stupid

And Why Washington Never Will



# John Kennedy

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Essay Contest: Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 8th-grade essay contest was a huge success. We received 18 essay letters written to “Dear King George”. The winners will be present at our April General Meeting and receive their awards. The first and second place award winners are from Stephen Decatur Middle School, and the third place is from Most Blessed Sacrament.

**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 evening) “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

- April - “Welcome Home Legislators” and Essay Contest awards
- 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-along, 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 include 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
- June 23 - Primary election

**March Minutes:** POC Gwen Crisafulli

## **Republican Women of Worcester County**

### **General Luncheon Meeting**

**March 26, 2026**

### **Minutes**

**Call to Order** - Jennie Allen, President @11:01

**Opening Prayer**- Jan Kolesky

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

**Welcome** - Jennie Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the elected officials who were present. Jennie announced that the survey is doing well, with 126 opened and 41 responses received.

### **Officer's Reports**

Approval of Minutes - Gwen Crisafulli requested approval of the minutes from the February 26th General Meeting. Amy Mike so moved. Jean Delcher seconded. MCU (Motion carried unanimously)

To provide additional time for the speakers, the following committee reports were provided in a document on each table for members to read: Treasurer/Budget - Jane Wolnik, Membership - Linda Moran, Bylaws - Julie Kohler, Communications - Weezie Carey, and Literacy - Susan Ostrowski.

**Comments from Chip Bertino** – Chip let the group know that the commissioners are working on the 2027 County Budget. A hearing on the county budget will take place on Tuesday, May 5th, at 6 pm at the Government Center. He also let everyone know about the upcoming town meeting next Thursday at the OP library at 6 pm.

**Introduction of Speaker** - Caroline Bloxom introduced each of the speakers.

Lawrence Burkindine- Queen Anne's County – Mr. Burkindine told the group about his background with his HVAC company and some of the jobs he has completed throughout Maryland, including wastewater treatment plants and a nuclear power plant. Some of the key points he discussed were his stances on education, conservation, power, cost of living relief for seniors, and fiscal responsibility.

Douglas Larcomb - Fredrick County - Mr. Larcomb has experience as a general contractor and also in real estate. Some key points he discussed were education and the blueprint, graduation rates, electricity, green energy, and immigration.

John Myrick - Prince George's County- Mr. Myrick, a former Deputy Sheriff and veteran. He is a retired Air Force Aviator and Senior Government Intelligence Officer. Mr. Myrick's key points included the state's out-of-control spending, education, and how to rebuild it, and lowering tax rates to encourage businesses to come to Maryland. He also would like to help seniors by exempting all retirement income from state income tax and having School Resource officers in every school.

There was a brief period for audience questions, and Caroline Bloxom thanked them all for coming.

Jennie Allen introduced the people present who are running for office.

### **Lunch 12:00**

### **Closing remarks/Announcements**

- Save the date – 5/21/26 1800-2100 – Candidate Forum at OP Library
- Save the date – 6/24/26- 1700-2000 – Red, White and Blue Dinner at the Yacht Club
- Save the date- 9/17/26 - Fashion Show at Harrisons Harbor Watch

50/50 Winner announced and awarded \$127/; the other half of the money was donated back to Worcester Tech

**Adjourn 1:04**

**Calendar**

April 7 – Board Meeting

April 13th- MD General Assembly adjourns

April 23rd – General Meeting Lighthouse Sound

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