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## General Meeting

Thursday February 28, 2019

Hemmingway's, 17<sup>th</sup> Street Holiday Inn

Ocean City, MD

Doors open at 10:30 am

Program at 11:00 am



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** February 19 is exciting for RWWC as we come together with sister members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women for the annual Legislative Day (Red Scarf Day) in Annapolis. I encourage all members to experience this special day which is sponsored by MFRW at no cost to paid 2019 full members. This is our opportunity to see our Maryland legislators "in action". The day includes; attending a Republican Caucus meeting, a Legislative Session, brunch with Republican legislators at the historic Calvert House on

State Circle, a committee meeting of your choice or a tour of our State House, the oldest U.S. state capitol in continuous legislative use, dating to 1772. Please join us on February 19! To register, go to [mfrw.org](http://mfrw.org). Red Scarf Day 2019: You can't miss us! Our red scarf/apparel are a statement of our support to our State Legislators!



During the winter, we are indoors working on RWWC's upcoming events—a bus trip to DC, the annual Fashion Show and the Red, White & Blue luncheon are all in the planning stages. Please contact the Committee Chair listed in the newsletter to join a committee. Your help is always needed and always very much appreciated. Keep the faith—Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early Spring! All the best,

Beth Rodier  
President

**MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to our new Members, *Dorothy Daddezio* and *Susan Hardy*, and to a new Associate, *Pat Winkleman*. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you in the coming months.

Renewal memberships have been coming in fairly well, but there are still several members who have not renewed for the 2019 year. It is not too late! Please mail your Member dues of \$30, or Associate dues of \$10 to:

Membership Chair/Jean Delcher  
PO Box 1292  
Berlin, Maryland 21811

Unfortunately, the new Name Tags that were pre-ordered, did not arrive in time for the January luncheon for distribution, as was hoped. They have arrived and look great! Those who pre-ordered can pick them up at the Registration/Welcome desk at the February luncheon. The Board would like all members to have a name tag, so that we can get to know one another by name. So, you may still order them. There has been a price change for any new orders. The cost is \$12. They can be ordered by sending a check to the above address, or can be ordered at the luncheon. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February luncheon at Hemingway's!

*Jean Delcher*  
Membership Chair



**RWWC FUND RAISER:** The “Bag Lady” is back. On March 30 we will once again take part in the Ocean Pines Flea Market selling items, donated by our members, to raise money for our club. In addition to handbags and purses, we will be collecting accessories, like wallets, scarves, hats, belts, etc. All must be in “like new” condition. No rips, tears, stains, etc. You may bring your treasures to the monthly luncheons or call **Barbara Loffler at 443-880-0204** for pick up and/or drop off.

*Barbara Loffler*  
Committee Chair



The Republican Women of Worcester County collected \$380 at their January luncheon meeting to be given to the Coast Guard Station in Ocean City. RWWC member, Marlene Ott, purchased nineteen \$20.00 gift cards to be distributed to the Coast Guard personnel stationed in Ocean City. Marlene, along with fellow member, Barbara Loffler made the presentation. This gesture will, in a small way, help those in need during the recent Federal Government shutdown and show RWWC's support of the Military.

**CARING FOR AMERICA:** Valentines for Veterans project is well under way. We had good participation of local schools and businesses in the designing of the cards and notes for our Veterans. As during previous years, the project was again a great success and the feedback from the teachers and the community was very positive. The children did a great job in drawing and writing of the notes and all the cards were delivered to Copy Central on February 1. Many thanks to Linda Dearing who has been mailing the cards for us for many years. The cards are on their way to local Veterans Hospitals and to the Delaware USO.



Linda Dearing

We are always collecting toiletries for Veterans which Kathleen Tallman delivers to Delaware USO. They are used by our returning Veterans. Please, keep bringing them.

Vera Beck,  
Caring for America Chair

**LITERACY:** For the second year in a row, on January 24, 2019 members of the RWWC Literacy Committee traveled to Worcester Career and Technology Center in Newark, Maryland to judge students' work in annual Media Center Expo for Worcester County Public Schools. Kate McCabe, Library Media Specialist for Showell Elementary School, invited the volunteers to participate in this event which showcases students' work from Grades Pre-K to 12. Joining the RWWC volunteers was Miss Ruth Alban, Class of 2028.



Left to right: Barbara Johnson, Vanessa Alban, Elena McComas, Liz Mumford and Marqe Matturro.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Please join us for an exciting day at Stephen Decatur Middle School in Berlin, Maryland on Friday, March 1, 2019 from 10:00 to 2:00 PM—RWWC members have been asked again this year to be judges at the Maryland History Day competition that is held annually at the middle school. The district contest is part of the larger National History Day competition. Judges will be asked to evaluate student work using specific criteria—all entries are county-wide eighth graders. This year's theme is "*Triumph and Tragedy in History*." Mrs. Leah Olsen, Worcester County History Day Coordinator and recipient of the Patricia Bering Maryland History Day Teacher of the Year award, will be on hand to facilitate the event. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Liz Mumford at 443-614-0719 by text or voicemail to reserve. For more information on National History Day and its local, state, and national scope, see [www.md.nhd.org](http://www.md.nhd.org).

Liz Mumford  
Literacy Chair

**RED SCARF DAY IN ANNAPOLIS:** *THERE'S STILL TIME* to sign up to join Beth Rodier and other members of our club for a car-pool trip to Annapolis on Tuesday, February 19 for Red Scarf Day. Watch a session, talk to our Legislators and have a lovely brunch at the Calvert House. All activities are free and within a short walking distance of each other. If you're interested in going along or have any questions, contact Beth Rodier at **410-352-5222 or 443-668-8864**.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:** RWWC receives National and State recognition and awards for all RWWC, GOP, and COMMUNITY volunteerism. In general, this includes preparation for and attendance at our local club, board, state, and national meetings, campaign activities, club sponsored community relations, and all RWWC committee work. Please track your 2019 volunteer hours and report them to me each month by email at [rayesimpson@aol.com](mailto:rayesimpson@aol.com), phone **410-726-3179** or when you sign in at our luncheons. I will have a roster at the information table so I can record any hours you have accrued that month. If you report by email or phone, please leave a message with your name, type of volunteer activity, month of activity and the hours. \*Note 1—Travel hours going to and from events should be included. \*Note 2—Luncheon travel and meeting hours are counted by the Awards Chair. Individuals should not include your luncheon meeting time on your personal hour count. I look forward to meeting all of you in the future and serving as your new Awards Chair. A personal RWWC Volunteer Hours Worksheet for Year 2019 will be available at the February meeting. If you like, this can be used to record your hours and give you ideas of what counts toward our volunteer work. I will add additional volunteer ideas as they come to my attention. Thank you for all you do."

*Raye Simpson,  
Awards Chair*

**SUNSHINE:** Please call Corresponding Secretary, Loretta Spinuzza at **410-641-7552** or email her at [jagspin@gmail.com](mailto:jagspin@gmail.com) whenever you learn that one of our members is ill or has had a death in the family. Thanks for your help.



**REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY**  
General Meeting Luncheon  
January 25, 2019

Meeting was held at Captain's Table in Ocean City. A quorum was present, called to order at 11am. Invocation and pledge of allegiance performed. President Beth Rodier welcomed guests and new members.

**\*OFFICER'S REPORTS**

President -

- Club members attended the Fall Convention and MFRW Leadership Conference. These meetings are funded by the MFRW and attendance is free of charge to our members. Themes for 2019 will be INCLUSION and LEGISLATION. It is encouraged that we invite our like-minded friends to attend a meeting or become involved. Emails with legislative calls-to-action will be sent periodically during the 90-day session.
- A welcome home celebration after the legislative session will be planned for our representatives in the MD congress.
- Our June meeting will be held at the Germantown Historic School in Berlin with the aim to learn more about our local history and further cultural diversity.
- There are several open positions on our board – please consider volunteering. The board meets once/month. Fashion Show committee and website management need help specifically. Volunteers do not need to carry a full load; a single day of service will be greatly appreciated.
- Save-the-date: Red Scarf Day Feb 19. No cost to our members. This is an excellent opportunity to see the legislative process in action. Car-pool sign up is available at the info table.

1st Vice President - February meeting will be held at Hemingways. Speakers are Meredith Wimbrow, Political Director for Gov. Hogan. Charlotte Cathell, Americanism Chair.

2nd Vice President- Welcome and thank you to Susan Ostrowski.

Treasurer - Balance as of January 24, 2019 \$10,776.97 reported

Recording Secretary - No minutes to be approved from November meeting, recap of the dinner and speakers was presented.

Corresponding Secretary - Loretta gave a summary on her role, reminded members that they are welcome to bring to her attention any correspondence request.

**\*COMMITTEE REPORTS** - new information not included in this month's newsletter

Caring for America - Vera has a table set up with Valentine's Day cards to be sent to the VA hospitals in and around our state, thank you to all who took a moment to send a message to a wounded soldier.

Awards - Volunteer hour submission forms available at front table. NFRW Convention this fall will present volunteer awards. Form is also on the website. Please contact Raye for any questions.

**PROGRAM "KNOW WHATS COMING IN 2019: A DISCUSSION OF STATE & WORCESTER COUNTY ISSUES"**

**\*SPEAKERS**

Introduction by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sandy Zitzer.

Carol Frazier, Legislative Chair - Report distributed to all which included a summary on 2019 priority legislative issues, contact information for our MD representatives and resources to learn more. Carol stressed in order to boost our influence we need to get active. Sign up for MFRW email/text alerts, join weekly conference calls – free of charge. When contacting a representative, it is effective to write an email on a single issue. This is helpful on legislation we support as well as oppose. Letters to the editor and calls to local talk radio are also effective. Influence our own inner circle of friends/co-workers/family.

From Beth - MFRW has developed a list of legislative priorities.

From Pat Schrawder, representative for State Senator Mary Beth Carozza - its early but session is already very busy. Sanctuary State, Opioid Dens and 120 days Paid Leave for Seasonal Workers Act are on the agenda again. GOP voters over Dems number 3, 429 in Worcester Co.

Commissioner Bud Church, district 3 - Thanked Marlene Ott for fundraising to support the Coast Guard during the Gov't shutdown, the commissioners are also doing so by providing free meals. Susan Braniecki was acknowledged and thanked for her years of service. Beth Rodier welcomed to her new appointment to the Women's Commission. And a big thank you to the members of the RWWC for all we have done to promote the Republican Party in Worcester Co. A summary of the duties and responsibilities of the 7 commissioners given. Upcoming issues discussed - the budget, loan to fund the construction of the new Showell Elementary School, capital projects, increase income without raising taxes and the OC Tax Differential.

Carol Frazier spoke for the club when she thanked our county commissioners as a whole, they are one of the best.

\*LUNCH

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2019 meeting schedule reviewed. Spring Bingo Fundraiser tabled. Save-the-date: Red Scarf Day 2/19, 10/21 Fashion Show Fundraiser.
- AGH - volunteers needed in every dept, hospital, cancer center, thrift shop. See Barbara Loffler for more info.
- Marlene Ott is collecting money to purchase gift cards for the Coast Card during the Gov't shutdown. \$20 donations, cash or gift cards only please.
- Liz Mumford announced the Women's Commission annual Women's History Luncheon fundraiser Tues 3/26 @ 10:30am Clarion in OC. Theme is 'Women who are champions of peace and non-violence.' Wendy Myers, Director of the Cricket Center, is women of the year. Linda Deering will receive the honorable mention. Tickets on sale soon. Welcome again to Beth, the newest member of the Women's commission.

Meeting adjourned.

*Vanessa Alban*  
Recording Secretary

## CALENDAR

February 19

MFRW Red Scarf Day, Annapolis, MD

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## GENERAL MEETING

February 28, 2019  
Hemingway's at the Coral Reef  
Holiday Inn  
17<sup>th</sup> St., Ocean City

Doors Open 10:30—Meeting 11:00

### MENU:

Choice of:

- 1) CAESAR SALAD WITH GRILLED SHRIMP
- 2) CORAL REEF TURKEY SANDWICH—Turkey, provolone, roasted red pepper aioli served with an everything brioche roll.
- 3) CUBAN CLASSIC SANDWICH—Hot pressed with roasted pork, ham, Swiss cheese, mustard and pickle. Served with chips.

DESSERT—CHEF'S CHOICE

TEA AND ICED TEA

COST: \$20



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