



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2023

President's message:

I hope everyone enjoyed a blessed Christmas and a joyous beginning to the New Year. I pray that each of us has a happy and healthy 2023.

On the political front we are optimistic that the Republican party will start the process of getting our country back on the right track. It was certainly an unnerving week in Washington, DC as House Republicans bickered back and forth about who would be Speaker of the House. Finally, they came together and they can now start the work of the people in finding solutions to the many issues plaguing our country.

This week the Maryland General Assembly convenes. Let us all keep our State Senator and Delegates in our prayers as they begin this difficult legislative session. You can monitor legislation at the website: <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

I would be remiss in my duties, if I did not mention with great sorrow, the passing of Gloria Moyer. She was a kind and gracious woman, a loyal member of RWWC who served on the Board for many years and she edited our award-winning newsletter. She was a good friend and will be missed by many. We have been blessed to have known her.

We are looking forward to a productive and exciting year as we continue to promote Republican values and supporting our Republican officials. God bless each of you in the new year and God Bless the USA!

Sandy Zitzer, President

2ND VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE

2nd Vice President, Merilee Horvat

2023 Valentine's Day Fundraiser! Happy New Year RWWC Members! Hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready to support the RWWC in 2023. In October we distributed our first fundraiser for 2023, Valentine's Day Raffle Tickets, to all the members. We asked that you either sell or buy the packet of tickets and return all proceeds to RWWC P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD before

February 23. Many members have returned the proceeds but others have not. Looking forward to your continued support with this project!

If you need more tickets, please call Merilee at: 410-641-6110.

Save The Date March 23, 2023: In place of our regular general meeting, the RWWC will have a Card and Game Day at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City. Please sign up for a table and bring all your friends to enjoy games, laughs and a great lunch. Participants do not need to be Republicans to attend! More information and registration form will appear on the website shortly at:

www.gopwomenofworchester.org. Looking forward to seeing all of you and your friends!

Reminder: Fashion Show: September 14, 2023 (Tables of 10)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Mary Adair
Membership Chair

Hello everyone. I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and that you are all healthy and well. Thank you to all our members who have renewed their membership and a warm welcome to our new members: Allyson Church and Donna Malone.

If you have not renewed your membership as of last September you are in arrears. I know you wish to continue with our club so please remit the \$40, either by going to the website or by sending a check to our mailbox. We must submit our list to MFRW before the end of January so that you are registered with MFRW and NFRW and continue to receive their information. If you are unsure about your status, please feel free to call me at 410-208-0376 and I will be happy to help you.

I look forward to working with you so that we do our part in making a difference in our country and bringing it back to the land that our forefathers envisioned.

You may pay your dues by sending \$40.00 for full membership or \$20.00 for associate membership to RWWC at Post Office Box 1292, Berlin MD 21811 and mark the envelope, membership. You may also renew your membership at our website: www.gopwomenofworchester.org. There will be a small service charge if you choose to pay with a credit card.

We are hoping to see many renewals and new members in the coming days. It has been brought to my attention that many would like to have more information about our mission or would like to help on a committee. I have included my home phone number above and would love to hear from you.

AWARDS UPDATES

Awards/Volunteer Hours

Raye Simpson, Awards Chair

Is December over yet? OOPS! It went by in a flash, so now it is time for all members and associates to report their December 2022 volunteer hours. A few days ago, an email with a link to the volunteer form was sent to all members and associates reminding them to report their volunteer hours. If you do not have that original email, you can go online to our RWWC website and click on the Volunteer Hour link to reach the correct form.

Please remember to report your hours as Political or Non-political.

- December Christmas parade time is political since we are promoting our RWWC to the public.
- Phone calls to State and County government representatives are political. Or phone calls to citizens when you are promoting RWWC business.
- RWWC Committee meetings are non-political, except the Legislative, By-Laws and the RWWC Book Club for reading political books.
- Central Committee meetings are political.
- Many other examples are on the Volunteer Form.

Up to December 1, 2022, the RWWC organization has accrued **10,018** total hours.

WAY TO GO EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! SEND ME MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MFRW EASTERN REGION

The Eastern Region Wicomico and Worcester clubs attended the MFRW Leadership Conference on January 7th in Davidsonville. This annual event, organized by MFRW's Executive Committee, is free and is open to all members. The purpose of the conference is to provide club officers and committee chairs with information about the upcoming year, support for activities, the year's calendar of events and Federation news.

RWWC was well represented at the Leadership Conference by our President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, Legislative and Campaign Activities Chairs.

An important activity of RWWC and all Federated Clubs, is political action. To that end, the Maryland Federation of Republican Women identifies legislative priorities annually that reflect the Mission of the Federation and conservative Republicans. These priorities are presented to

all Maryland General Assembly legislators prior to its convening. Clubs are encouraged to select priorities to support. Following is the 2023 legislative priority list with MFRW's support and opposition statements;

ECONOMY – ENERGY: Balanced energy policies that provide citizens multiple, reliable and affordable energy choices.

- 1) Repeal annual Consumer Price Index increases to Maryland's motor fuel tax.
- 2) Equal consideration/fair share allocation of transportation construction and maintenance costs – electric vehicles vs. gas and diesel vehicles.

EDUCATION:

The *Blueprint for the Future* adds extra layers of bureaucratic control and does not require that students perform at grade level in reading and math. It limits parental involvement and does not require parental consent for education, social and health services.

1) SUPPORT

- a. Education reform — Every child performing at grade level in reading and mathematics.

The 2022 NAEP results showed only 31% of Maryland 4th graders scored at or above the proficient level in reading and mathematics, and only 25% of 8th graders scored as proficient in mathematics and 31 percent as proficient in reading.

- b. School choice (vouchers, charter schools, home schooling).
- c. Girls' competitive sports limited to biological girls in accordance with Title IX requirements.

Transgender girls are biological males with an unfair competitive advantage (disproportional muscle mass, etc.).

2) OPPOSE Critical Race Theory (CRT) and its tenets in Maryland Public Schools' curriculum, policies or teaching methods.

- a. Teaches children they are either oppressed or are oppressors because of their skin color.
- b. Promotes separation by race and justifies new racial discrimination to compensate for past discrimination.

3) OPPOSE teaching, counseling or promoting gender transition in schools, including agreements between Boards of Education and hospitals or clinics for "gender-affirming" counseling, treatments or surgeries for children under 18 years of age.

ELECTION INTEGRITY

- 1) SUPPORT
 - a. Government-issued photo ID requirement for voter registration and voting
 - b. Vote count accuracy and security

- 2) OPPOSE
 - a. Ranked choice voting
 - b. Ballot harvesting

PUBLIC SAFETY: Support for law enforcement and safety in our communities.

- 1) Increase training for police officers in non-lethal methods of restraint and control of individuals or groups, including training for de-escalating tense or potentially violent demonstrations.

- 2) Develop and implement effective tests for drug intoxication, distinct from alcohol intoxication.

- 3) Strengthen penalties for demonstrators who:
 - a. Physically attack bystanders, police or other protesters
 - b. Set fires and/or destroy private or public property with graffiti or physical destruction
 - c. Participate in looting and theft during protests, demonstrations and riots
 - d. Use lasers or projectiles (e.g., frozen water bottles, gasoline-bottles, rocks) with the intent to obstruct or harm others.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

- 1) SUPPORT
 - a. Protection for pain-capable unborn children.
 - b. More effective treatment (vs. incarceration) for opioid addiction.

- 2) OPPOSE
 - a. Physician-assisted suicide or “death with dignity” legislation.
 - b. Constitutional amendment to establish a right to reproductive liberty.
 - i. Allowing minors to choose irreversible gender surgery.
 - ii. Allowing perinatal death due to a failure to act.

Existing MD law allows abortions up to 26 weeks and thereafter for mental or physical health reasons.

CALENDAR

January	11	MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES
	12	MFRW LEGISLATOR VISITS
	12	RWWC GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

For more upcoming events visit the Club Calendar at www.gopwomenofworchester.org
Details such as time and location are posted on the Club Calendar when they become available.