

## REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY

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## GENERAL MEETING

Thursday May 26, 2022

Lighthouse Restaurant Bishopville, MD Doors Open at 10:30 a.m. Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Just when we think things couldn't get worse, we have:

- The President claiming that "Children don't belong to their parents while in the classroom"
- The Administration's floundering performance on the southern border
- A Disinformation Governance Board
- A Supreme Court information leaker

Yes, things can obviously get worse. A recent poll suggests that 77% of voters think the condition of our economy is fair or poor! This is our call to ACTION to make the changes our country needs in November. We can do our part by first voting in the Primary and General elections, getting others get to the polls if they need help, volunteering for our voter registration efforts and volunteering at the polls. Each one of us plays an integral part for a positive outcome in November.

May is an exciting month for RWWC. Make sure you have May 17 on your calendar. Our Candidate Forum/Meet & Greet will be held at the Marlin Club in West Ocean City from 5-8. Mike Bradley of WGMD has graciously volunteered to emcee the event. All contested Republican candidates who have a primary and general election are able to participate. Other candidates have been invited to "Meet & Greet" their constituents. It is open to the public so please invite your friends and neighbors. Light refreshments will be available, courtesy of our members.

Our May general meeting and luncheon will be held at The Restaurant at Lighthouse Sound. Gubernatorial candidates or their representatives have been invited. Be sure to make your reservation early! Hoping to see many of you at these events.

Sandy Zítzer Presídent <u>AWARDS/VOLUNTEER HOURS</u>: Hark, Hark. Wherefore art thou? For all of our RWWC women, please report your volunteer hours for your service to our organization.





P = Political hours NP = Non-Political hours

Did you help with:

- First Friday Voter Registration in any of our Worcester towns? P
- Convention Center Voter Registration? P
- Travel and attendance at any MFRW meeting? P
- Work for yourself as a Republican candidate for a local, state, or federal government office. P
- After the Maryland Primary in July, any work any RWWC members do for our Republican candidates. P

<u>Before</u> the Primary you may support any candidates as an individual, but not on behalf of RWWC, per the NFRW bylaws. (These hours do not count because it is your personal support and time.)

- Flea Market Fund Raiser donations (time allowed for searching in the depths of your closets and delivery of goods) and/or Flea Market Dollar Store sales? NP
- Donations for Caring for America (time allowed for your travel to and fro purchasing the goods for our military servicemen?) NP
- Attendance and/or help with any RWWC committees? NP

And many more ideas/activities on our website <u>www.gopwomenofworcester.org</u> under <u>Volunteer</u>. Check out the list.



These are just some of the activities for which you may earn hours for our RWWC. All hours are totaled for our entire RWWC when I send in my report. We need your help and input. THANK YOU.

P.S. I count the time for your attendance at out membership meetings.

Raye Simpson, Chair Awards

<u>CARING FOR AMERICA:</u> Warm thanks to all of our members who have responded to my pleas for donations for Veterans! We have collected toiletries and snacks which will be delivered to USO. The montary donations will be used to buy more needed items for the troops. I am humbled by the generosity of many of our members who regularly continue to support our troops! Thank you! Please continue to remember them on your next grocery trip by getting individually wrapped snacks for them.

Don't forget to check out the Flags for Heroes display which will be flying at the Veterans Memorial from May

21 through July 4. We have two flags, one in honor of our First Responders and the other for the U.S. Armed Forces.



ARMED FORCES

Vera Beck, Chair Caring for America

**MEMBERSHIP**; Hello everyone. Thank you to all our members who have renewed their membership and a warm welcome to our new members: Noreen Bergold, Mary Bohley, Mary Di Bartolo, Carol Krueger, Susan Kulik, Joyce Mariner, Grace McCormac, Mary McCormick, Elizabeth Peden and Annette Wallace. Our current active membership is 131 which includes 34 new members. Keep up the good work. We are striving to be the largest club in MFRW. We held that position many years ago and I think it would be great if we could achieve that once more. With your help, I know it is possible. We must do better than Baltimore County Club at 152. Members who have not renewed have been removed from our active list and consequently they will no longer receive emails from RWWC, MFRW or NFRW. I or one of my committee members will try to reach those members. These are busy times and I realize that some things can be overlooked. Our primary election is fast approaching, and it is important to be kept informed so that you are knowledgeable about the issues in this crucial year. 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 You the envelope, membership. may also renew your membership website:www.gopwomenofworcester.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 would be happy to help anyone who is interested. I can be reached at 410-208-0376 or by email at adairsopb@verizon.net. I hope everyone had a happy Mother's Day. Hope to see you at our next luncheon.

> Mary Adaír Membershíp



<u>THE LENDING LIBRARY</u> will be on display at every monthly meeting. Donations from our Red Shoe Book Club members comprise a major portion of the books available. When you find one that interests you, simply enter the date, your name and contact info on the "library" index card. After reading, please return the book so that others can borrow it as well. We would also appreciate any book donations that you might want to share. Any concerns, please contact me at **410-641-8449** 

Línda Sirianni, Líbrarian

<u>SUNSHINE</u>: Please call Corresponding Secretary, Terry Denshuick at **410-208-4825** whenever you learn that one of our members is ill or has had a death in the family. Thanks for your help.



## Save the Date!

## Republican Women of Worcester County Fashion Show

"Honoring Women Who Serve or Have Served in the Armed Forces"

Thursday, September 22, 2022
11:30—2:00
The Grand Hotel
2100 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City

Basket Raffles, Lucky Surprise Boxes, Vendors and Much More

For reservations or information call Merilee Horvat at 443-614-9386

Sponsored by The Republican Women of Worcester County

**<u>FUNDRAISING:</u>** Things are rolling along for our Patriot Day Fashion Show in September. We still need gift cards from local businesses to be used in the Lucky Surprise Boxes. Please consider donating a card or two with a minimum value of \$10 to this effort.

If you know of a woman with connection to Worcester County who has served or is serving in the Armed Forces and you wish to see honored, please contact me at 443-614-9386.

Merílee Horvat 2<sup>nd</sup> Více Presídent



# WORCESTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FORUM AND MEET AND GREET

TUESDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 5;00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OCEAN CITY MARLIN CLUB 9656 Golf Course Road West Ocean City

Mike Bradley, WGMD radio host, will emcee a forum for those Republican candidates in contested races with a primary and general Election: candidates with a Republican opponent are invited to attend to "Meet and Greet" Worcester County Constituents. Light Refreshments will be available courtesy of RWWC. Cash bar.

This event is open to the public and is free of charge.

Thank you to all who agreed to provide refreshments for this event. If you have not done so and would like to provide either finger food or dessert AND/OR would like to serve on the Hospitality Group helping to make our guests feel welcome, please call me at 443-880-0204.

Barbara Loffler Hospitality



#### Republican Women of Worcester County General Meeting Minutes

Harrison's Harbor Watch April 28, 2022

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order Sandy Zitzer, President 11:00 AM

Opening Prayer Jan Kolesky, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance Amy Mike, Sgt. At Arms

Welcome Sandy Zitzer, President, welcomed everyone who was present with special recognition given to all the elected officials.

Unfortunately, Wayne Hartman is out-of-town and will not be able to speak at our Welcome Home event. Two County Commissioners were present - Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting. Sandy shared that 13 members and 5 associates are running for some form of office in this election cycle. She then remembered members who have passed away since our last meeting. She shared her experience in attending the MFRW Board of Directors Spring Meeting on April 23, 2022. The theme of the event was "ALL FIRED UP for the RED WAVE." During the mee4ting AWARDS were distributed for

2021. Our organization won the following awards:

o The Maryland Shield Award – the highest possible award you can get

o Best Web Site

o Most Diverse Literacy Donation

o Most Literacy MELF Award

o Best Awards Submission Received from our own Raye Simpson

Officer's Reports

Recording Secretary Amy Mike requested approval of the minutes for the meeting held on February 24, 2022.

Mary Adair so moved. Theresa Denshuick seconded.

Treasurer's Report Jean Delcher presented a report on our financial status.

Membership Mary Adair shared that our current membership stands at 125. (The largest club in the state is in Baltimore County with

152 members.)

1st Vice President In the absence of Liz Mumford, Sandy presented her report. The speakers at the May General Meeting will be two of the

four Republican Gubernatorial Candidates. The June meeting will focus on Young Republicans. Julie Giordano, President of the Lower Shore Young Republicans, who is also running for the Wicomico County Executive, will be our guest

speaker. Several people from the Salisbury University Young Republicans group will also be present.

2nd Vice President Merilee Horvat thanked everyone for all the work done while she was out of town. Right now, the major fundraiser for

the year, our Annual Fashion Show, is being planned to take place on September 22, 2022 at the Grand Hotel from 11:30

AM to 2:00 PM. The theme this year is "Celebrating Women Who Have Served in the Armed Forces." (If members know someone locally who fits this description, please contact Merilee.) She asked members to solicit from businesses or

purchase and donate themselves gift cards or appropriate items valued at \$10 minimum for the Surprise Boxes that will

be sold at the event. We currently have around 75 items but would like to have at least 300. The Grand can hold 300

guests at tables of 8. If you would like to captain a table, please get your group together. Details will be available soon.

Bruder Hill is providing the fashions for the event.

#### **Committee Updates**

Candidate Forum

Hospitality

Charlotte Cathell provided information regarding the Candidate Forum to be held on May 17th at the Marlin Club in West OC. The only speakers will be candidates who have a Republican competitor in the primary. Doors will open at 5 PM. The event is from 5 to 8. Mike Bradley will MC with Charlotte as the timekeeper.

Our May luncheon will take place at Lighthouse Sound. We will meet in Byrd Park in Snow Hill for the June meeting.

Barbara Loffler requested that members sign up to provide finger foods and/or deserts for the Candidate Forum on May 17th. You should bring items to the Marlin Club between 3:30 and 4:30 PM. If possible, you are asked to bring your donation in a disposable container. She shared that our recent Flea Market at Ocean Pines (April 23rd) was very successful. The few items that were left over have been donated to a Yard Sale taking place on April 30th that will benefit

the World Central Kitchen, to help support the people of Ukraine.

Campaign Activities Carol Frazier reported that we are getting our message out there through our presence at the OC Condo Show and recent

events in Pocomoke and Snow Hill to promote Voter Registration. She shared that the MFRW will hold their Annual Luncheon in September and we will need to provide a Gift Basket to be raffled off at this event. Carol has yard signs to

promote the candidacy of Andy Harris available. She shared that MOST of the races will ultimately be decided in the

Primary Election in July. Right now, we can't take anything for granted.

Legislation Gina Shaffer encouraged everyone to call or email our people in Washington to encourage them to NOT REVOKE

**TITLE 42.** You can do this at: senate.gov or house.gov.

Presentation Senator Mary Beth Carozza address the group first. She dedicated her remarks to the memory of Cpl. Keith Heacook

whose one-year anniversary is today. We need to always BACK THE BLUE. She shared several **HIGHLIGHTS** from this year's session in Annapolis. They include Retiree Tax Relief, Highway User Funds (to benefit us with Rts. 90 and

589 and funding for Upgrading the Ocean Pines South Gate Fire Department. Other bills to provide funding that will

benefit us locally include the Agritourism Bill, funding for upgrades at the Ocean City Lifesaving Museum and Shrimp

 $Fishery\ in\ Maryland.\ She\ shared\ several\ \textbf{DISAPPOINTMENTS}\ including\ no\ meaningful\ progress\ on\ violent\ crime\ as$ 

related to repeat criminal offenders; paid family leave; and the abortion bill that now allows non-physicians to provide.

One **UNEXPECTED** occurrence that came as to how the War in Ukraine has affected Maryland. She spoke of the very moving Prayer Vigil that took place on the steps of the capitol in Annapolis. Several resolutions were passed that cut off

Russian stocks and bonds in our retirement fund. Mary Beth shared that we NEED 1 to 3 more Republican State Senators

before we can really get anything done.

Delegate Charles Otto shared that he is running for Re-election. He is proud of the budget that was passed without any additional taxes to Marylanders. He also emphasized the importance of the Retiree Tax Relief Bill. One observation he

shared with the group is that progressives don't like to defend their position because it is indefensible.

Lunch

Calendar May 17 – Candidate Forum/Meet & Greet, Marlin Club 5-8 pm

May 21 – MFRW Tea, Potomac, MD (\$75 at Normandie Farms in Potomac, MD)

May 26 – General Luncheon Meeting, Lighthouse Sound

June 16 - Annual Red, White & Blue Luncheon

**Adjourn** Sandy Zitzer adjourned the meeting at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Mike Recording Secretary

#### 2022—2023 RWWC BOARD

President Sandy Zitzer
First Vice President Liz Mumford
Second Vice President Marilee Horvat
Treasurer Jean Delcher
Assistant Treasurer Mary Adair
Recording Secretary Amy Mike

Corresponding Secretary Theresa Denshuick

#### **APPOINTED OFFICERS:**

Historian Leith Clinton
Parliamentarian Ann Lutz
Sgt. at Arms Amy Mike

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Americanism Charlotte Cathell
Awards Raye Simpson

Budget and Finance Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer

Bylaws Mary (Weezie) Carey

Campaign Activities Carol Frazier Caring for America Vera Beck Chaplain Jan Kolesky Barbara Loffler Hospitality Legislative Gina Shaffer Literacy Liz Mumford Luncheon/Dinner Charlotte Cathell Membership Mary Adair Gloria Moyer Newsletter **Publicity** Libby Hahn Social Media Elena McComas Beth Rodier Webmaster