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RWWC Welcome Home Luncheon

Thursday, April 25, 2024

10:30 – 1:00

32 Palm, 3200 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, Md

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April Showers Bring May Flowers!



My Dear Members,

Can you believe it is April already? My hope is that each of you enjoyed a Blessed and Happy Easter and are awaiting the warmer days of Late Spring and Summer ahead.

Those of you who missed the March Game Day, you missed a fun day. Although the affair was not well attended by our members those who were there had an enjoyable day filled with much laughter, camaraderie, and enjoyment of some tasty food. Thanks to Sandy Zitzer and Kris Barron for organizing the day.

Congratulations to us... The RWWC won the Maryland Federation Membership Contest. Thanks to the efforts of Mary Adair and Jennie Allen, we are one of four Clubs that had the highest number of renewals by February 29th. The clubs that won are the Patuxent Republican Women and the Republican Leaders of Calvert in the small club category with 13 renewals each. The Republican Women of St. Mary's with 28 renewals in the medium club category. The Republican Women of Worcester County with 101 renewals in the large club category. The prize will be a crystal elephant wine stopper and a bottle of wine that will be presented at the MFRW Meeting later this month. I will bring it to the May meeting, and we will use it as a raffle gift.

Liz Mumford, Jennie Allen, and some members of the Worcester County Central Committee are preparing for the First Ocean Pines expo slated for Saturday April 20 (rain date April 27). They need your help staffing the table, which will include membership applications, campaign information, voting information and much more. If you can help, get in touch with Liz at lmumford2018@gmail.com or Jennie at jennieallen@comcast.net

We are preparing for our annual "Welcome Home" celebration at the April meeting. Looking forward to seeing many of you as we welcome Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Delegate Wayne Hartman, and Delegate Charles Otto as our guest speakers. It is always encouraging for us to hear them report about the session that ends in mid-April.

Just a reminder, we need volunteers to work under the Republican tent at the Convention Center during early voting, May 2-9. Contact Liz Mumford or you can sign up at the April meeting. Continue to pray for peace in Gaza and Israel, for those affected by the earthquake in Taiwan and please remember in your prayers the families of the missing bridge workers in Baltimore and for all who are being impacted by these tragedies.

Have a Great Month,

Jean Delcher



God Bless each of You and God Bless the United States of America!

Sandy Zitzer, Luncheon Chair

LUNCHEONS

May 23 - Worcester Technical High School

June 27 - TBD

1st Vice President – Kris Barron

The Fashion Show Committee is busy planning for the October 3rd event and we are now asking our members for gift card donations for our Mystery Boxes. If you are attending the April meeting and can donate a gift card(s) valued at \$10 or more it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring with you to the luncheon and give to Sandy Zitzer or Jennifer Brillhart.

Thank you.

1. FASHION SHOW

The committee is looking for models for the October 3 event. We will have lovely fashions from Bruder Hill and L'ETE and CO. All members, any shape and size are welcome to participate. If you are interested please call Linda Sirianni; 410 641 8449 or Nina Willett; 4432 783 5526 by July 1, 2024.

From the Campaign Activities Chair – Liz Mumford

WE NEED YOU! YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS!

EARLY VOTING VOLUNTEERS

TO WORK AT THE REPUBLICAN TENT

AT CONVENTION CENTER IN OCEAN CITY

Where: Roland E. Powell Convention Center, - 40th Street, Ocean City

When: Thursday, May 2 to Thursday, May 9, 2024

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 PM

The Republican Women of Worcester County will be working in two-hour shifts from 9:00 to 5:00 PM under the Republican tent representing our club and being on hand give out information on candidates who have supplied such.*

**CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE SHIFT THAT WORKS
WITH YOUR SCHEDULE — RWWC NEEDS TO COVER**

ALL SHIFTS —

1) 9:00 to 11:00

2) 11:00 to 1:00

3) 1:00 to 3:00

4) 3:00 to 5:00

Please text or email me with your preferred shift ASAP, so you can get the shift that you want!

Liz Mumford, Campaign Activities Chair, 443-614-0719 or

lmumford2018@gmail.com

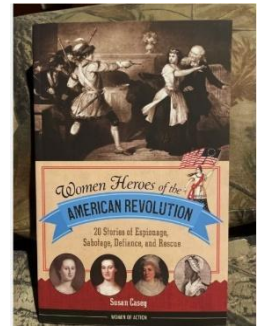
MD PRIMARY ELECTION DAY — THURSDAY, MAY 14

*Per NFRW and MFRW Endorsement Policy, RWWC DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY CANDIDATE IN A CONTESTED PRIMARY. (See NFRW website for detailed information.)

Literacy – Susan Ostrowski



The Red Shoe book club met in March to discuss *Puppeteers* by Jason Chaffetz. Our next meeting is Tues. May 21 at noon at the Ocean Pines Library. Bag lunch.
The book is:



RWWC First Annual Essay Contest



Susan Ostrowski, Literacy Chair and Jean Delcher, RWWC President present checks to Worcester Preparatory students Elena Gjoni, 1st place, Hayden Wagner, 2nd place and Ben Rafinski, 3rd place for the county wide 8th grade Americanism essay contest.



Pres. Jean Delcher and Judges Jennie Allen, Yvonne Babcock, Nina Willett help present Americanism Awards to the 8th grade winners at Worcester Preparatory.

Worcester County Republican Central Committee is hosting a Board of Education candidate forum among the three District 5 candidates. It will be held Tuesday April 30, at 6pm at the Ocean Pines Library. All are welcome to attend.

Board of Education candidates are Elena McComas, Dorothy Shelton-Leslie, John Huber
Info: 717-448-1741

Since there are three, not two people running, the primary is necessary.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP – JENNIE ALLEN

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE, RWWC has won the MFRW large club winter renewal contest! President Delcher and I were notified in mid-March of our status. During the April MFRW Board meeting, President Delcher will receive the award for RWWC.

As of April 4, 2024, RWWC membership totals 129, which includes 13 new members. In addition, we have 13 associate members. (Associate membership is for Republican women who are full members of another affiliated group under the Maryland Federation or Republican men.)

If you know a Republican woman who is not a member, please reach out to her and ask if she would like to join us for lunch and networking. We would love to have her join us.

Finally, thank you to Mary Adair who assisted me in telephoning the members who have not renewed as of March 31, 2024. We will be archiving the membership of those who have not renewed and removing them from our active list. This will result in them no longer receiving emails from RWWC, MFRW or NFRW.

If you have questions regarding your membership status, you can contact me by phone at 410- 973-2385 or email jennieallen@comcast.net . I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to meeting you at a future meeting!
Jennie Allen
Membership Chair

Game Day Fun – March 21, 2024 *Bayside Skillet, Ocean City, MD*



RWWC President Jean Delcher
ready to cut the dessert cake at
our recent Game Day at Bayside
Skillet

Republican Women of Worcester County General Luncheon Meeting
Ocean City Golf Club
February 22, 2024 - 11AM
MINUTES

Call to Order Sandy Zitzer, Past President for Jean Delcher, President - 11:04

Opening Prayer Jan Kolesky, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance Amy Mike, Sgt. At Arms

Welcome: Past President Sandy Zitzer welcomed everyone and introduced the elected officials who were present.

Members' guests were also introduced.

Officer's Reports

Recording Secretary - Gwen Crisafulli requested approval of the minutes from the last General Meeting at Lighthouse Sound on January 18, 2024. Carol Frazier so moved. Raye Simpson seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously. (MCU)

Treasurer - Jane Wolnik presented a report detailing our financial status.

Corresponding Secretary - Beth Rodier requested that members supply her with any new emails or let her know if you are not receiving emails.

1ST Vice President - Carol Frazier gave a brief update on her recent medical issue and encouraged members to check out the Republican Women's Federal Forum online.

2ND Vice President - Kris Barron announced that the Valentine Raffle had made close to \$1500.00 and the winner will be drawn today. Game Day will be on March 21st from 10-2. Flyers for the event are on the tables, come play games and have brunch at Bayside Skillet. The Meet and Greet on March 7th will be at Ropewalk in Ocean City from 5-7p with Happy Hour from 5-6p. The Fashion Show was moved up to October 3rd due to availability at the hotel. The first committee meeting will be February 28th at Taylors in Ocean City at 11am. Members were encouraged to start getting gift card donations. Fashions will be provided by Bruder Hill and L'Ete.

Committee Updates

Membership - Jennie Allen informed the group that in January she emailed 93 members and called 12 members that did not have email addresses to remind them to pay their dues. She has also been working to rebuild the membership worksheet and trying to find a place in Worcester County to get name tags. In February she emailed 83 members. There are currently 93.5 active members. Some members only paid \$20 but membership dues are \$40 for Worcester County residents. There are 159 members on the roster and 103.5 have paid. There are 22 associate members on the roster and 12 have paid.

Literacy - Susan Ostrowski provided information about the Essay Contest. There are three public and three private schools participating. The contest began on February 1st and ends on February 29th. Americanism is the topic with 600-800 words about the 1st Amendment /Free Press. Winners will be announced in March.

Past President Sandy Zitzer, MFRW Eastern Region Chairman.

Sandy introduced County Commissioner Chip Bertino for an update. Chip provided information to the group regarding a recent meeting about the Blueprint for Education. Per State Officials, Worcester County's share will be

73 million dollars. Worcester County has already budgeted 100 million for schools so transparent budgeting is needed to close this gap. Chip also let everyone know that the Commissioners voted Tuesday to oppose the Freedom to Read Act and the Firearms and Ammunition bill that would increase the tax on ammunition. Online gambling was also opposed due to the negative impact it could have on our casino in Worcester County.

Gina Shaffer also spoke and informed the group about the unfavorable report regarding Fairness in Girls Sports and also sexually explicit material in libraries. MFRW is also prioritizing requiring Voter ID to vote.

Sandy reminded the group that MFRW Red Scarf Day is March 5th. MFRW supplies lunch and there is a signup sheet going around if you would like to go.

Introduction of Speakers

Carol Frazier introduced our two guest speakers.

Kayla Figueroa – Director of Worcester Connects Worcester Youth and Family Counseling
Worcester Connects main population is Ocean City and Berlin but they are hoping to expand. There are currently twenty-eight students participating. They are trying to recruit mentors so each student has a mentor and also provide positive male role models for teenage boys. They offer group training for anyone who is interested. Mentors are asked to serve for a year.

Lauren Cooper – Director of the Cricket Center Worcester County’s Child Advocacy Center
The Child Advocacy Center or CAC is the only one in Worcester County. They are a multidisciplinary team with two detectives from the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office, a member of the States Attorney’s Office, Department of Social Services and Child Protective Services. They focus on decreasing trauma to children. This involves a forensic interview which is viewed from another room by a detective, a member of the States Attorney’s office and Forensic nurse to ensure the child does not have to keep reliving their trauma. The CAC is currently located in Berlin but the County Commissioners have approved a new location in Pocumoke that will be opening this spring. April is Child Abuse Resistance Month and the Cricket Center has several activities taking place that can be found on their Facebook page.

Kayla and Lauren were each given a monetary donation from RWWC as well as donations from members.

Lunch

Closing remarks/Announcements - Valentine Raffle Prizes awarded and 50/50 winner announced

Adjourn - Sandy Zitzer @ 12:50

Calendar

March 5th Red Scarf Day
March 12th Board Meeting

March 7th Meet and Greet – Ropewalk 5-7
March 21st Game Day - Bayside Skillet 10-2

Respectfully Submitted,
Gwendolyn Crisafulli,
Recording Secretary