



REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY

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General Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Worcester Technical High School

6290 Worcester Highway, Newark, MD 21841

Doors open at 10:30

Meeting at 11:00

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It has certainly been an interesting February so far:

- A Chinese spy balloon, among other aircraft, invading our airspace with a delayed response from our government.
- A State of the Union Address that painted a rosy picture of our country without addressing the ongoing problems affecting all Americans. The ongoing invasion of our southern border, out of control crime across the nation and law enforcement officers being assaulted and killed, lack of energy independence and inflation just to mention a few.

Our country desperately needs change. While we are thankful for having a majority in the House, our work is just beginning. Over the next year and a half, we will have opportunities to support and promote our Republican candidates. This is our mission. RWWC plans to be very active and we all look forward to an exciting election process leading up to the 2024 Presidential election as Republicans file for candidacy.

Our beautiful State of Maryland now has an extremely liberal Governor and our representatives in Annapolis have a tough job during this session. Thank you, Senator May Beth Carozza, Delegate Wayne Hartman, and Delegate Charles Otto for all you do in the best interest of your constituents here on the Shore.

Since February is the month of love, RWWC is spreading a little love in our area. This month we will be presenting donations to the Young College Republicans, Worcester Technical High School and Grace Center. Our Valentine Raffle winners will be announced at our February 25th luncheon meeting at Worcester Tech. I hope to see many of you there.

On behalf of the Board and all of our members I would like to personally thank Weezie Carey for accepting the position of editing and producing our newsletter! It looks great.

Hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day!

You are the heart of RWWC! Thank you, with love!

God Bless the USA!

Sandy Zitzer, President



Caring for America:

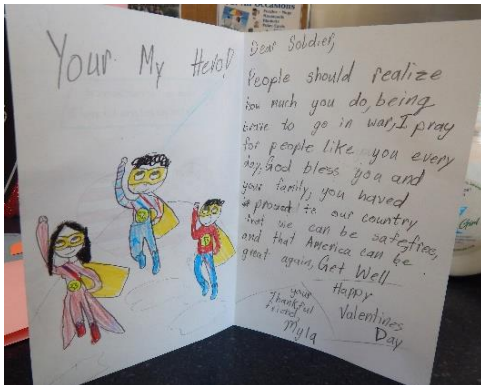
Caring for America, a mission of the Republican Women of Worcester County, is for the 20th year supporting the “Valentines for Veterans Program” to thank the Veterans for their sacrifices and to let them know they are loved, appreciated and not forgotten. The response from local schools and the community was overwhelming. We have collected over eight hundred cards. Many thanks to students and teachers from the following schools who participated in the program: Most Blessed Sacrament, O.C. Elementary, Pocomoke Elementary, Pocomoke Middle School, Showell Elementary and Worcester Preparatory School.

The beautifully created cards will be shipped, through the generosity of Linda Dearing and the Copy Central Staff, to Charlotte Hall Veterans Hospital, Baltimore Rehab Center, Baltimore VA Medical Center and Perry Point Hospital. Standing left to right are Vera Beck, RWWC Chair for Caring for America and Linda Dearing, Copy Central Owner. There is also a touching letter from a student to wrote to her “hero”. Many thanks to all who participated.

If you are planning to travel this year, and are not using the toiletries that the hotels provide, please consider bringing them with you and donating them to us. We will deliver them to Grace Center or other local charities.

Thank you!

Vera Beck, Chair
Caring for America



The Red Shoe Book Club will meet Tues. March 28 at noon at the OP Library. Brown bag lunch. Our book discussion will be *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara about the Battle at Gettysburg.

Questions?
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RWWC Meet & Greet Happy Hour

The Republican Women of Worcester County invite you to a Meet & Greet Happy Hour on March 3rd, 2023 at Fager's Island from 5-7 pm. Cash Bar. Come meet and socialize with other Republicans and bring a friend. All are welcome.



Awards Chair Update

10,291 What does this number mean to RWWC? It's in my message below. I have to brag and shout for our RWWC organization. We did a great job in 2022 with many eligible activities for the state MFRW Awards. We excel with our club meetings and functions, membership development, and especially our campaign activities. I am presently completing the 2022 MFRW Awards forms, which will be sent by March 1, 2023, to the MFRW Awards committee for review. Crossing my fingers that we will shine once again. Don't forget to report your volunteer hours on our website: <http://www.gopwomenofworchester.org>. Last year we accumulated 10,291 hours. Being a Republican Women's Club in a rural area means this is a fantastic number. Thank you everyone. Keep up the good work.

Raye Simpson
Awards Chair

2nd Vice President Update

2nd Vice President. Merilee Horvat

2023 Valentine's Day Fundraiser!

Well, our Valentine's Day Raffle is coming to a close on February 25, with only three weeks left to return your tickets and proceeds to: RWWC, P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD. Many members have not returned their tickets and the drawing will take place on February 25 at the February Luncheon held at the Worcester County Tech School. Hurry and get them in! Thank you for your support!

If you need more tickets, please call Merilee Horvat 410-641-6110



Game Day, March 23



In place of our regular March 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 a day of games, laughs and a great lunch. Participants do not need to be Republicans to attend! It is a non-political event.

Please sign up as a team with all checks together; using the form attached. (The flyer for Game Day is at the end of the newsletter.)

Looking forward to a fun day!

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

A Request: (Please start saving the empty bottles from Classico Spaghetti Sauce or quart size Ball jars for Jean Scanlon for the Centerpieces) Thank You



RWWC Want Ads



Needed: Webmaster

The webmaster serves as the primary contact for all aspects of the RWWC website. They would need to be able to handle a range of responsibilities that may include web design and development, routine site and content maintenance, and various updates that ensure the site aligns with the goals and objectives of the organization.

Fundraising Needs:

Basket donations – We need items that can be used to fill theme baskets. Some of the suggested themes are Beach Getaway, Wine and Dine, Mexican Vaca, Road Trip, Get Cooking, Movie Night In, Game Night, Gardening, Craft Corner, Spa Day, as well as many other possibilities.

Gift Cards needed:

Gift cards with a value of \$10.00 or more are needed for the Fashion Show Gift Boxes.

News from our Legislature

A Message from Gina Shaffer, RWWC Legislative Chair

The Maryland General Assembly is entering its sixth week and bills are now being heard.

Following is a list of the Maryland General Assembly's most concerning pending bills. I encourage members to review the bills and to provide feedback to our legislators.

Please note that, per the Maryland Legislative website, "**Online Contact (i.e., email) cannot be used to submit written committee hearing testimony. For questions requiring an immediate response please call the committee.**"

Emails should be sent with your comments and concerns to legislative representatives. Click the link below to find representatives in all Maryland legislative districts. Then click on the legislator's name for contact information and committee assignments.

[Members - Find My Representatives \(maryland.gov\)](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/legislators)

HB 119 on Comprehensive Health Education Framework

- **Oppose** - <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0119?ys=2023RS>

HB 334 and HB 344 on Ranked Choice Voting

- **Oppose** - <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0334?ys=2021RS>

SB01 - Firearms - Knowingly carrying firearm within 100 ft of public place -
Oppose <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0001>

SB 261 - Repeal Annual CPI Inflation increase to motor fuel tax
- **Support** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0261?ys=2023RS>
(HB 422 - House version hearing 2/14)

HB-230 - Clean Trucks Act of 2023; and SB-

224 - **Oppose** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0230?ys=2023RS>
but check out HB 487 - Affordable Emissions Standards Act for some common sense to the discussion of vehicle emissions.





February Membership Update

Hello everyone. Many thanks to all who have sent in your dues for the coming year and a warm welcome to our new members: Kelly Kennan, Joanna Thompson, Tamara White, and Patricia Winkleman. As of this date we have 96 renewals and 9 new members. Wonderful job! 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. 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. I would like to achieve the goal of the largest Republican Women's Club in Maryland and with your help I know we can do it.

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.

Mary Adair

Membership Chair



Republican Women of Worcester County

General Meeting

January 12, 2023

Ocean City Golf Club

MINUTES

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order Sandy Zitzer, President – 11:06 AM

Opening Prayer Jan Kolesky, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance Amy Mike, Sgt. At Arms

Welcome Sandy Zitzer, president, welcomed everyone and introduced elected officials who were present. She invited members to introduce any guests accompanying them. Sandy reminded everyone of our purpose in being members of RWWC by sharing our Mission Statement. Several members attended the MFRW Leadership Conference held last Saturday. Sandy also shared that the Maryland General Assembly convened yesterday (1/11/23) and that our Legislation Chair, Gina Shaffer, will keep everyone informed on important bills throughout the session. Sandy then shared plans for 2023 with the following highlights: February – General Meeting on Saturday, 2/25, at Worcester Technical High School in Newark with Valentine Raffle; a Meet and Greet Happy Hour sometime in February if arrangements can be made - with the goal of increasing membership; March – Game Day; and April – Welcome Home for Legislators. Sandy reminded everyone that the Nominating Committee would begin working to solicit candidates to run for office in April. The election will take place at the October Meeting with the New Officers being installed at the November Dinner Meeting. In an effort to get members interested in running for office, members of the Executive Committee would share their responsibilities when presenting their report. Sandy addressed what was involved with the office of president who serves as the face of the organization in the community. She runs all meetings and is the main point of contact with our legislators as well as local government officials. At subsequent meetings, Committee Chairs will share what happens in their committees to get more people involved.

Officer's Reports

Recording Secretary Amy Mike requested the approval of the minutes from the last General Business Meeting held on October 27, 2022. Kris Heiser so moved. Carol Frazier seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU). Amy then spoke about keeping the written record of all meetings and distributing the minutes in a timely manner.

Treasurer Jean Delcher presented a report of our financial status. She then highlighted her responsibilities which includes being familiar in working with Excel spreadsheets. Membership Mary Adair reminded everyone again about the need to renew their memberships NOW as we currently stand at 55 and we have a goal of beating Baltimore County. Basically, her role is to grow our membership. Personal contact will follow.

Cor. – Sec. In the absence of Theresa Denshuick, Sandy mentioned that correspondence consists of sending out Welcome Letters to new members; distributing Sympathy, Get Well and Thinking of You cards to members in need. She has also taken on the responsibility of checking for email messages from our website.

1st Vice President Liz Mumford shared that her job was the best job of all. She serves as back-up to Sandy. In addition, she is responsible for securing speakers and creating the program for all general meetings – and will be back shortly to introduce today’s speakers. She is currently working on securing speakers for the February 25th meeting at the Worcester Technical High School. Julie Giordano, the newly elected County Executive for Wicomico County, will be one of the “Young Republicans” who will speak at this meeting.

2nd Vice President Merilee Horvat described her job as the FUN in Fundraising. Current fundraising efforts include the Valentine Raffle to be drawn at our February General Meeting. Tickets for this were distributed in October to all current members but she still has tickets to sell.

There will be a Card Party/Game Day on March 23rd at the Grand with several baskets to be raffled off. The biggest fundraiser annually is the Fashion Show to be held on September 14, 2023 at the Fontainebleau. She encouraged everyone to start getting their tables of 10 together. Kris Barron and Glenda Clarke are heading up the Basket Committee for this event and asked people to consider contributing a basket valued at between \$100 and \$200. They are hoping to get at least 20 baskets and had a list of THEMES for people to select from available at the meeting for those interested to sign up.

Committee Updates

By Laws Mary (Weezie) Carey reported that her committee met on October 13, 2022 to review suggested changes that needed to be made to the By Laws. Changes were made to align RWWC, MFRW and NFRW By Laws. Copies of the amended document were distributed to the membership prior to this meeting with changes highlighted for easy reference. Weezie asked if there were any questions about the new document. In the absence of questions, the committee moved that the By Laws and Standing Rules be amended as presented. The new document will now be sent to MFRW for their approval.

Introduction of Speakers Liz Mumford introduced the two newest members of the Worcester County

Commissioners:

Caryn Abbott – District 1

Caryn shared her story and then thanked the RWWC for the vital role we played in helping her get elected in a district with over a 50% poverty rate where the people feel forgotten. Efforts are already paying off to bring a Wawa to Pocomoke. Caryn believes that collaboration is key and the Commissioners should work for the people.

Eric Fiore – District 3

Eric thanked the RWWC for providing the venues for him to be able to share his position. He ran for office because he wanted to give back to the community. He is very interested in natural resources. Eric also believes in the

importance of collaboration and emphasized that when debating the focus needs to be on ISSUES not individuals. He sees three key issues for the immediate future: Blueprint for Education (unfunded),

Development and the Economic Development Team. Eric thanked Chip Bertino for sharing the advice to always have a reason to back up your decision.

Chip Bertino – County Commissioners President

Chip shared that he is humbled by the title but is currently recalibrating the direction for the group as there exists a cloudy horizon of uncertainty.

Lunch

Closing remarks

Our guest speakers each drew a winning ticket for the 50/50 and a special Valentine

Basket that was raffled off.

Adjourn

Sandy Zitzer adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Calendar

January 11 Maryland General Assembly Convenes

January 12 RWWC General Luncheon Meeting

February 7 RWWC Board Meeting

February TBD Happy Hour Meet & Greet

February 25 RWWC General Luncheon Meeting

March 7 MFRW Red Scarf Day – Annapolis

March 23 Card & Game Day

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Mike

Recording Secretary



Card and Game Party

The Grand Hotel Terrace Room

1200 Baltimore Ave. Ocean City, MD

Multi-level parking adjacent to the hotel

Thursday March 23, 2023

11:00 am--2:30 pm

\$30.00 per person

* Please sign up and pay per table. Let us know what game you will be playing and circle each person's lunch choice.

Lunch Choices

All selections come with homemade potato chips and pickle spear.

Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea /Cookies for Dessert

1. Ham & Swiss on Rye with lettuce and tomato
2. Classic Roasted Turkey Club on white bread with lettuce, tomato, bacon, and mayo
3. Tuna Salad served on lettuce with a croissant

Game _____

1. Captain's Name _____	1 2 3	5. Player's Name _____	1 2 3
2. Player's Name _____	1 2 3	6. Player's Name _____	1 2 3
3. Player's Name _____	1 2 3	7. Player's Name _____	1 2 3
4. Player's Name _____	1 2 3	8. Player's Name _____	1 2 3

*Please Mail Checks with all Player's Together to: RWWC Card Party P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811 by March 17.

Questions call: Merilee Horvat 410-641-6110

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