



# REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY

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## General Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Ocean City Golf Club

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As of today, I am still in Utah, helping our daughter. She is just beginning PT and hopefully will be able to walk and drive soon. When that happens, I will be on my way back to Maryland, and will be able to join in our club activities.

I am so grateful to Gina Shaffer for keeping us updated on legislation in Annapolis. She has made it so much easier for us to stay informed and a simple way for us to be involved in our state politics. We need to keep making our voices heard either by phone calls, emails, or testimonies. If you have not signed up for Gina's updates, do it now by contacting her at [gina@shafferlawmd.com](mailto:gina@shafferlawmd.com) and ask her to add your name and email to her list. Another way to make our voices heard is to talk and encourage our family, friends and neighbors to become informed and to get out and vote this spring and most certainly in November.

I am so pleased that the RWWC is covered in our local newspapers. Thanks to Barbara Loffler our Publicity Chair, who gets the news to the papers in a timely fashion and they in turn publish our activities for all to see. We have many conservative women in our county, and this is one way to reach them and hopefully peak some interest in joining our club. Another way to boost our membership is inviting our friends to join us for our Meet and Greet. This is a small social gathering at a local restaurant for Happy Hour, where interested women gather with some of our members, to share a bite, a drink and talk about the RWWC. We talk about who we are and what we do and answer any questions that may arise. Our first Meet and Greet for this year is being held at Ropewalk in Ocean City on March 7 at 5PM. Come, bring your friends and help build our welcoming spirit that will encourage those friends to become permanent members of RWWC.

Sadly, I must tell you that Kathy Jarboe, our newly elected Corresponding Secretary, has resigned her position. She will still remain an active part of our club. Fortunately for us, Beth Rodier, who has had the task of RWWC communication through emails etc. has consented to continue both as Corresponding Secretary and Communications Chair.

I look forward to being with you in person as soon as I can! Thanks again to the Board for carrying on our great work in my absence. The success of our group is not dependent on one person, but with every member sharing their talents and participating as much as she/he can. (I include gentlemen here as they help us, as Associate members, supportive husbands or significant others)

I hope you have a wonderful Month.

Jean Delcher, President

God bless each of you, and God bless the United States of America!



## 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Planned speakers for February: Lauren Cooper, Ex. Director of the Cricket Center, and Kyla Figueroa, Director of Worcester Connects, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc. Our members will be offered the opportunity to bring to the meeting items needed as part of their service to children, such as after school snacks, art supplies and activity books.

## 2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Game Day, March 21



In place of our regular March meeting, the RWWC will have a Card and Game Day at the Bayside Skillet 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!

## Literacy

**Red Shoe book club will meet Tues March 19 at OP Library. The book will be Puppeteers by Jason Chaffetz.**



**\*We are very excited to start a new project: An Americanism essay contest. This is currently in progress for all 8th graders in Worcester County. Six schools, both public and private are participating Jan 31- Feb 29 with four judges, from our RWWC, deciding on 1st, 2nd, 3rd winners. Winners will be receiving a money prize to be announced in March 2024.**



Susan Ostrowski, Literacy Chair

## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES CHAIR

### CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

#### ARE YOU READY TO WORK TO GET REPUBLICANS ELECTED IN 2024?

**“The most effective Republican organization in the front line of American politics, in America today, is the National Federation of Republican Women.”**

**- Jack Kemp (from the NFRW website)**

**ELECTION DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! WE NEED YOUR HELP IN 2024! If you have NEVER volunteered before, this is a great opportunity to meet fellow voters, candidates, and make new friends in RWWC! And it's EASY! Please mark your calendars and set aside two hours (or more) in the upcoming**

**MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION to work under the Worcester County Republican Tent during EARLY VOTING and on ELECTION DAY 2024!**

**EARLY VOTING — THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 to THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024**

**WHERE: Roland E. Powell Convention Center**

**4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842**

**ELECTION DAY — TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024 - precinct venues throughout Worcester County**

**Hours: Polls are open from 7:00 - 8:00 PM each day. RWWC will cover the Worcester County Republican tent during the primary in abbreviated shifts (from 9:00 to 5:00 PM) — supplying information\*, welcoming voters, and enjoying each other's company! Our presence at the polls reminds voters that the Republican party is strong and willing to work to make a difference in local, state, and national politics!**

**Take a look at what YOU can do this election year as an RWWC volunteer!**

**Sign-ups for your preferred slot will begin in March - or email me at [lmumford2018@gmail.com](mailto:lmumford2018@gmail.com).**

**\*Per NFRW and MFRW Endorsement policy, RWWC does not endorse any candidate in a contested primary. (See NFRW website for detailed information.)**

### FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP

#### **MEMBERSHIP: Happy Valentines Day RWWC!**

As I mentioned in January, we are now collecting dues for the calendar year of January through December 2024. The renewal process is easy. 1. You can go to the website Join/Renew ([gopwomenofworcester.org](http://gopwomenofworcester.org)) [note there is a service fee for online renewal]; 2. send a check payable to RWWC to: RWWC – Dues, P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811; or 3. bring your check/cash to the monthly meeting. Dues are the same as last

year, full membership is \$40 and associate membership is \$20. The deadline to submit your dues is February 28, 2024.

Regular member dues are divided between the RWWC (\$15), MFRW (\$5), and NFRW (\$20). Associate member dues remain within the RWWC. The treasurer sends reports of paid members and dues to MFRW, and they share this with NFRW. If you are not updated in the rolls at RWWC, MFRW, and NFRW you will be removed from the mailing lists.

Thank you to the 77 members and 6 associates who have renewed their membership as of January 31, 2024. I would like to make a correction to our new members listed in the January newsletter. Due to a typographical error in the roster a regular member was listed, and a new member omitted. I apologize for this error and want to welcome our 8 new members: Patricia Drazin, Sherida Duckworth, Cynthia Mancuso, Lynne Massey, Patricia McGee Marcello, Susan Mendoza, Sally Rankin, Vicki Shafer, and 1 associate member Pamela Palmer.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [jennieallen@comcast.net](mailto:jennieallen@comcast.net). REMEMBER, to remain the largest club in MFRW, we need everyone to renew.

Jennie Allen

Membership Chair



Here are the new members that were introduced at the January General Meeting:

Left to right: Patricia Drazin, RWWC membership chair Jennie Allen, Patricia McGee Marcello and Sally Ranken

## A MEMBER IS MOVING

Natalie Fenwick has been a longtime member of the RWWC. Fourteen months ago, Natalie suffered a devastating stroke. She has been housebound, in a wheelchair and unable to eat. Her husband Nelson has been her primary caretaker. They will be moving this month and I know that a "Thinking of you" card will brighten her day. The new address is: Natalie Fenwick, 3315 Oak West Drive # 227, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

# February Newsletter 2024

RWWC

Volunteer Hours/ Awards

Submission by Awards Chair – Raye Simpson

Hello RWWC Members



Soon we will be hippity hopping into March, then April. Ahhhhh, warmer weather and flowers and time coming closer to our election. I'm very hopeful that our Republican candidate, whomever that may be, will win big. We need to help our Republican candidates. Please volunteer for campaigning in some way – at a poll booth, visiting homes with a brochure, putting a sticker/banner on your car, going to a candidate forum and so forth. Any of this volunteer time counts as political hours.

Don't forget our other ventures in support of our Republican legislators. Recently, Gina Shaffer, our legislative chair, sent out an email for those of us who signed up for legislative information about the hearings and laws discussed in Annapolis. The "Fairness in Girls' Sports" was one of those concerns. If you sent a letter or response to our Maryland House or Senate members on that committee, please count your time – a half hour or hour or more depending on how long you researched, composed, and communicated.



This time is a political activity.

Well, that's all for now. I appreciate your membership and any time you can spare to help.



Raye Simpson --- Awards and Volunteer Hours Chair

Raye Simpson      RWWC Awards Chair



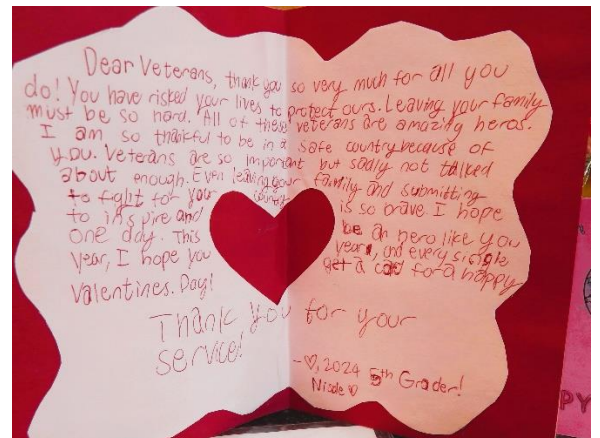
## Caring For America

Our mission of supporting the “Valentines for Veterans Program”, was successful again this year. We have collected enough cards from local schools and businesses to send to the Veteran hospitals. As she has done each year, Linda Dearing from Copy Central has shipped all the cards for us. Many warm thanks to her and her staff as well as many of their customers and other local businesses who participated.

Most of the cards were beautifully made by local school children with very heartwarming notes. We received some candy to be included in the packages. Hopefully, we will brighten the Valentine Day for our hospitalized veterans.

We are still collecting toiletries as well as donations of snacks which will be donated to our local charities. Thank you all for your participation!

Vera Beck, Chair  
Caring for America



## JEWELRY SALE

### PATRIOTIC AND REPUBLICAN FASHION ITEMS

Just in time for election year, we are having a RED DOT jewelry sale. Discontinued jewelry pieces, including earrings, pins and slides are on sale for \$5.00 and \$10.00 each.

Also, come see some exciting new items.



**MFRW**

**Red Scarf Day – March 5, 2024**

**Attend a General Assembly session in the State House, hear from our Republican Legislators and meet fellow members of Republican Women's Clubs from across Maryland.**

**All members are welcome to attend. Carpools are being organized. This is a free event sponsored by MFRW.**

**Brunch/lunch included. 9:30 AM-3:00 PM**

**The Governor Calvert House at Historic Inns of Annapolis**

**58 State Cir, Annapolis, MD 21401, USA**

**log on to [www.mfrw.org](http://www.mfrw.org) for information and to register.**

**Sandy Zitzer, Luncheon Chair**

**Republican Women of Worcester County  
General Luncheon Meeting Lighthouse Sound Restaurant  
January 18, 2024 - 11AM  
MINUTES**

### **Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order Sandy Zitzer, Past President for Jean Delcher- 11:09

Opening Prayer Jan Kolesky, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance Amy Mike, Sgt. at Arms

Welcome: Past-President Sandy Zitzer welcomed everyone and introduced elected officials who were present. Members introduced any guest they brought with them and the new Board Members were also introduced.

## **Officer's Reports**

Recording Secretary: Gwen Crisafulli requested approval of the minutes from the last General Business Meeting on October 26, 2023. Carol Frazier so moved. Barbara Loffler seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU). The notes from the November 16, 2023 General Dinner Meeting were also requested to be approved. Charlotte Cathell so moved. Barbara Loffler seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU).

Treasurer: Jane Wolnik presented a report detailing our financial status

Membership: Jennie Allen informed the group that only 36 members and 5 associate members have paid their dues with an additional fifteen people paying today. The new members were introduced and information was given regarding paying for this year's membership.

Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Jarboe - Requested that anyone that is experiencing an illness or death to please email her so cards can be sent out.

2nd Vice President: Kris Barron - Informed the group that that only 1/3 of the members had sold their tickets for the Valentine Raffle. Tickets are still available and the drawing will be at the next General Meeting in February. Game Day this year will be at the Bayside Skillet with four entrees to choose from and will cost \$35pp. Flyers available today and in the newsletter.

1st Vice President: Carol Frazier - Provided information regarding the upcoming speakers for meetings. At the February meeting Lauren Cooper from the Cricket Center and Kyla Figueroa from Worcester Youth and Family will be speaking. Members will be asked to bring items for the children and this will also be part of Caring for America. March is Game Day. For the April meeting we will Welcome Home our Legislators (Mary Beth Carozza, Charles Otto and Wayne Hartman). For the May meeting Amber Athey has been invited. She has a podcast "Unfit to Print" and Patti Jackson from the Worcester County Board of Elections will let us know what is and isn't allowed. In June she is hoping to have the winners of the Primary election.

## **Committee Updates**

Caring for America: Sandy Zitzer for Vera Beck- Several Schools in the area will be sending Valentine's for Vets to several hospitals. Cards can be collected at several locations and will be dropped off to Copy Central to be distributed.



Awards/Volunteer hours: Raye Simpson informed us that we had a total of 6630 total volunteer hours for 2023. March 15th is the deadline for the state forms. This is a big year to get our voices heard. "Let's do more in 2024!" The total volunteer hours in the U.S. is 14.5 million.

Literacy: Susan Ostrowski - Essay Contest for the 8th grade students in Worcester County. Six schools will be participating in the month of February and the theme is Americanism.

### **Introduction of Speaker**

Carol Frazier and Gina Schaffer provided information regarding Maryland Legislation. An email sign-up sheet was passed around for members who are interested in receiving Legislative affairs information. The MFRW is a great resource for legislative information such as Bills to be considered and what we can do. They provide lots of information regarding current issues that are in session. Some current issues are Climate/Energy, Education Blueprint for the Future, boys competing in girls' sports, election integrity, public safety/juvenile interrogation, and respect for life. Andy Harris is holding a Congressional meeting at the Ocean City Convention Center on Saturday January 20th regarding offshore wind. There will be experts available regarding the harmful effects. Come early. Susan Ostrowski from the Worcester County Central Committee and Maryland GOP informed us there are three lawsuits regarding election integrity. The GOP will be ballot harvesting, tracking the votes and encouraging early voting. Early voting is May 2nd-9th and the primary election is May 14th. County Commissioner, Chip Bertino spoke about the challenges they will be facing in the upcoming budget including the Board of Education, Fire Departments/Ems and the Blueprint for Education. Per the Department of Education, Worcester County will need 70 million dollars to implement/fund the Blueprint.

### **Lunch**

**Closing remarks/Announcements** - Basket winner announced.

**Adjourn** - The meeting was adjourned by Past President, Sandy Zitzer at 1:00 PM

### **Calendar**

February 6th- RWWC Board Meeting

February 22nd - RWWC General Meeting, Ocean City Golf Club

March 5th - RWWC Board Meeting

March 5th - Red Scarf Day

March 7th - RWWC Meet & Greet, TBA

March 21st - Game Day, Bayside Skillet

Respectfully Submitted, Gwendolyn Crisafulli, Recording Secretary

# MEET and GREET

**RWWC Meet and Greet Happy Hour on Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**Come meet and socialize with other members and Republicans.**

**Bring Family or a friend. All are Welcome.**

**Ropewalk**

**8203 Coastal Hwy**

**Ocean City, MD 21840**

**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**5-7 pm.**

**Cash bar**

**Hope to see you there!**





# Card and Game Party

Bayside Skillet

Ocean City, MD

**Thursday March 21, 2024**

10:00 am--2:00 pm

\$30.00 per person

\* Please sign up and pay per table, circle each person's lunch choice.

## Lunch Choices

1. Adam's Crepes – Spinach, Mushroom, & Tomato topped with Cheddar Cheese
2. Western Potatoes – Pan fried potatoes with ham, green peppers, onion topped with cheese
3. Spinach and Bacon Omelet with Hollandaise
4. Hot Dutch Apple Crepe – apples baked in butter and brown sugar, wrapped in a crepe topped with toasted almonds and a side of Chantilly

Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea

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\* Mail to: RWWC Card Party P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811      **Must be received by March 13.**

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