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# RWWC Red, White and Blue Luncheon

## Thursday, June 27, 2024

10:30 – 1:00 Lighthouse Sound Restaurant

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Members,

Last month, I made you aware of the upcoming Referendum that we will be asked to vote on in the November election. With mail-in ballots beginning in September and early voting in October, it is important to get the message out to vote "no" on this item. We will not know until

early August the exact # of the referendum on the ballot and I will relay that to you as soon as I find out. Our June meeting speaker is Deborah Brocato from Health not Harm, who will give us more information on this important topic and how we can become involved. I hope you are looking forward to our annual Red, White and Blue Luncheon as much as I am. It will be held at Lighthouse Sound Restaurant on June 27<sup>th</sup>.



July is a quiet month for club activities, but that does not hinder your officers from planning for the Fall and what we can do between now and November 5th to get our conservative message spread and our citizens out to vote. We will also investigate a suggestion made from several of our members as to how we can use some of our saved monies to help not only our candidates, but our community and still stay within our mission as Republican women. I will keep you updated on our progress.

The Worcester County Central Committee will be opening the GOP Headquarters on Route 50 behind Sherwin Williams in late summer. As of now, they plan to open Headquarters on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays until the election. What I do know now is that we will be asked to cover some hours at headquarters and that we are looking into having an online sign-up, to make it easier for our members to volunteer and lessen the number of phone calls that may be needed. In addition to our time, we will also donate money as we have done in the past, to help keep the headquarters open or purchasing signs etc. for the campaign. More information will be passed on as we receive it.

RWWC will be sharing a table with the Worcester County Central Committee at the Worcester County Fair August 9-11 in Snow Hill. We hope many of our members will attend the Fair and hopefully, volunteer to staff the table for a few hours. Information will be forthcoming.

Although we usually do not meet in August, this year we have planned a dinner meeting in lieu of a luncheon for a little change of pace. It will be held on August 22nd. Details will be sent to you soon. Hope you plan to join us and that some of our members who cannot make our regular day time meeting will try to attend also.

Do not forget to save the date for our 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on November 21st at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. We now have a committee of six who will be meeting soon to plan for this event.

Have a Great Month,

Jean Delcher

#### **Referendum On the Ballot in November:**

Maryland voters will be asked to vote for or against the Reproductive Freedom Amendment in the General Election. The supporters of the amendment want it to be passed under the grounds of making abortions available in Maryland under our Constitution. We know that Maryland already has a very liberal abortion policy. This amendment will change nothing about abortion. In fact, abortion is the pretext of this constitutional amendment, but looking deeper you will see some disturbing facts hidden in the amendment. The proposed amendment says:

"That every person, as a central component of an individual's right to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including but not limited to the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end one's own pregnancy. The State may not, directly, or indirectly, deny, burden, or abridge the right unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

This amendment will:

- Create reproductive rights for children, including consent to drugs and surgeries for gender intervention without parental consent
- Erase parental rights for decisions related to their children's reproductive system and reproductive anatomy
- Threatens loss of custody for parents who oppose their child's transition

We want to spread the word to vote against this amendment to our state Constitution. For more information check out this website: www.healthnotharmmd.org

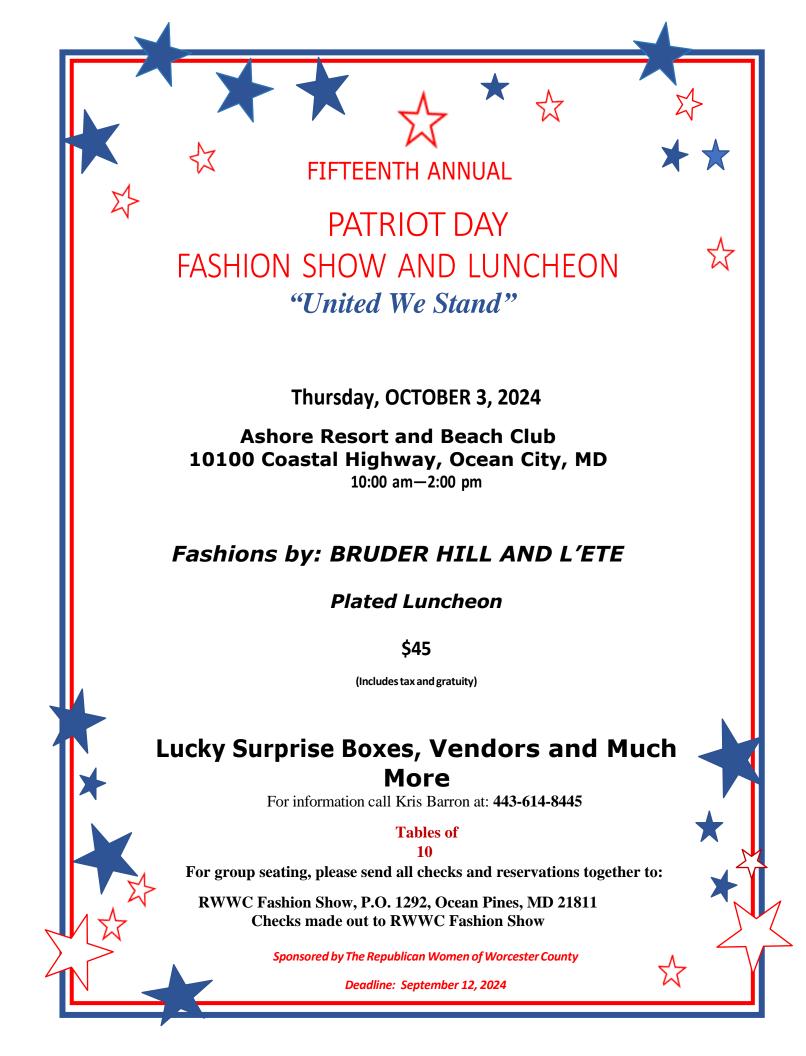
#### Sandy Zitzer, Luncheon Chair

Upcoming Luncheons & amp; Dinners: August 22 – Dinner Meeting, Ocean City Golf Club October 24 – Luncheon Meeting, Worcester Technical High School November 21 – Dinner Celebration for RWWC 40th Anniversary, Ocean Pines Yacht Club

#### Literacy – Susan Ostrowski

The Red Shoe Book Club is reading Amber Athey's book The Snowflakes' Revolt and will meet Tuesday July 23 at noon at Taylor's Restaurant for the discussion. Amber was our speaker at our May RWWC luncheon.





The Fashion Show committee is busy planning our event for October 3rd. We again this year are asking for member gift card donations of \$10 or more. Last year with the help of many members and many businesses we were able to fill over three hundred surprise mystery boxes. This year our goal is 400! If you can, please bring a donation to our June 27th meeting and be a part of making our Fashion Show a successful event.

Thank you.

## JUNE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

#### LOOK AT HOW THE JUNE FLOWERS BLOOM, SO BLOOMS ALL OF THE RWWC MEMBERSHIP!



Photo courtesy of Jennie Allen

Well, we continue to grow and bloom. As of June 3, 2024, RWWC membership totals 148 members and 15 associate members. We remain the largest club in the MFRW!

Imagine how big we would be if every member brought in a new member. 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.

For May, I would like to welcome back 2 past members: Edeltraud (Edel) Anders and Hedy Cronin. We also have 2 new members: Linda Sears (recruited by Marge Matturo) and Donna Rhynalds (recruited by Yvonne Babcock). As of this printing, we have added 25 new members and 4 new associate members in 2024.

If you know anyone who has not renewed, please let them know they are still welcome to return once they pay their annual dues. If anyone has questions regarding membership status, please 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 the June meeting! Don't forget to wear your Red, White, & Blue.

Jennie Allen Membership Chair

## **Volunteer Hours and Awards**



## Hello everyone.

So far, for the first 4 months of our 2024 volunteer hours, we have accrued a total of 2733 volunteer hours. Let's shoot for 10,000 hours by the end of 2024. We can do it!

We also recently received several MFRW awards, which will be on display at our June luncheon, for our efforts in 2023.

They include:

Maryland Shield Award for all of our activities during 2023 (This is the highest award of 4 levels of activities.) Most New Members 76+ Most Effective Club Project – Our Fashion Show Best Website – <u>www.gopwomenofworcester.org</u> Literacy Award (Donations to County libraries, Red Shoe Book Club, Book author speaker)

You can report your monthly volunteer time on our website: <u>www.gopwomenofworcester.org</u> There is a link to this site/page in our monthly email reminders and an example list of political vs nonpolitical activities on the reporting form.

Raye Simpson Awards and Volunteer Hours Chair rayesimpson@aol.com

## **SEARCHING FOR A VOLUNTEER:**

We need an organized person to step up and volunteer as Campaign Activities Chair! This is an election year and beginning in August we will have lots of activities for our members to become involved in. The role of Campaign Activities Chair is <u>not</u> to come up with ideas of how to help get our candidates elected, but to organize our members on how they can get involved in already established volunteer opportunities. These opportunities include participating in activities such as the Worcester County Fair, GOP Headquarters, Early Voting and Election Day at the polls. This person will work closely with the President and the Board to see that the RWWC is well represented as an integral part of the GOP in Worcester County. I would be happy to discuss this position with anyone who is interested and wants to make a difference! This position is not a difficult one but requires your time and commitment.



At the Spring meeting of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women, the Republican Women of Worcester County received five awards, including the Maryland Shield Award and the most new members award. Raye Simpson, RWWC Awards chair, received the awards and was responsible for submitting all the pertinent information necessary to win. Pictured, left to right are Sandy Zitzer, Past President RWWC, Raye Simpson, RWWC Awards chair and Jean Delcher, RWWC President.

The Republican Women of Worcester County held their May General Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, May 24, 2024 at the Worcester Technical High School in Newark, Maryland. Eighty guests were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Phil Cropper and his students and heard a lively talk from Amber Athey Duke, author of "The Snowflakes Revolt - How Millennials Hijacked America Media". Pictured are Amber Athey Duke and RWWC President Jean Delcher.





At the RWWC May General Meeting and Luncheon on May 23, 2024, Carol Rose, RWWC Americanism chair, presented a very moving talk on the significance of Memorial Day and what the real meaning it represents to Americans.

# Republican Women of Worcester County May General Meeting at Worcester Technical School May 23, 2024

May 23, 2024 MINUTES

Call to Order - Jean Delcher, President - 11:03
Opening Prayer - Jan Kolesky
Pledge of Allegiance =Linda Moran, Sergeant At Arms
Welcome - Jean Delcher welcomed everyone and introduced the distinguished guests who were present.

## **Officer's Reports**

**Recording Secretary** - Gwen Crisafulli requested approval of the minutes from the last General Meeting at the 32 Palm on April 25, 2024. Carol Fraizer so moved. Mary Adair seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously. (MCU)

**Treasurer** - Jane Wolnik presented a report detailing our financial status. The checking bank balance as of April 25, 2024 was \$15,332.81 and the savings account balance was \$10,005.21. Deposits were made in the amount of \$2,902.68. And expenses totaled \$2,918.89. The checking account balance as of May 23, 2024 is \$15,316.60 and savings balance is \$10,013.43.

**Asst. Treasurer/Membership** - Jennie Allen informed the group that as of May 22, 2024, there were 144 members with 2 rejoining today and 15 associate members. She then announced the new members and the members introduced their guests they had brought with them.

**2ND Vice President** - Kris Barron announced that our fundraiser at Cantina Los Agaves was a success, making the club \$400 and is planning to do it again in the fall. Kris also announced that the proceeds from the 50/50 today will be donated to Worcester Tech. She then informed the group that there are flyers available at the back table for the Fashion Show. Member were encouraged to purchase an item from the Worcester Tech Panty to be donated to a basket for the Fashion Show. We are a collecting gift cards of \$10 and up for the Fashion show.

**1ST Vice President** - Carol Frazier informed the group that she has Back the Blue signs available to be purchased for \$7. She also supplied the group with a Wind update and encouraged member to attend an informational meeting on June 13 from 6-8 at the Ocean City Convention Center.

## Updates

Jean Delcher let the group know that the Welcome letters that were sent out to newly registered Republicans in the area were successful, with several interested and one new member at the meeting today.

Jean next thanked Raye Simpson and acknowledged her efforts as Awards chair. Because of her hard work the club was awarded five awards this year at the MFRW Spring meeting. The awards included the Literacy Awards, the 2023 Most New Members Awards, the Best Website, the Most Effective Club Project (Fashion Show) and the Maryland Shield Award. Raye thanked all the volunteers and the club leadership.

Jean informed everyone that a \$100 donation was made by the group to the Diakonia Rapid Response Team.

Jean thanked everyone who had volunteered for early voting and informed the group about some upcoming volunteer activities. The club will be needing volunteers in August for the Blessing of the Combines and the Worcester County Fair and also for the upcoming Primary election. There will also be a Republican Central Committee headquarters opening behind Sherwin Williams in July that will also need volunteers.

Jean informed the group that we are in need of a Campaign chair, as Liz Mumford has put in her resignation to have more time to travel with her husband. Jean is looking for someone to help coordinate volunteers for campaign activities.

Another important issue Jean informed the group about is the Abortion Referendum that will be voted on in November. This referendum is about more than abortion and actually allows young children without parental

consent to get information about transitioning. Parent who opposes can even lose custody of the children. There is a website with more information on the flyers that were giving out at the check in table.

We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year at the evening meeting in November at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Past presidents are being contacted to attend and spouses and families are welcome.

Charlotte Cathell acknowledged Phil Cropper and informed the group that in April students from the Worcester Tech attended the SkillsUSA Maryland State Championships and 41 students came home with awards. Some students will now be going on to participate at the SkillsUSA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Charlotte requested donations to help the students with their trip.

## Introduction of Speakers

Carol Frazier introduced our guest speakers Carol Rose, Americanism Chair and Amber Duke (Athey), author of "The Snowflakes' Revolt, How woke millennials hijacked American media"

Carol Rose spoke about the Memorial Day and its importance. "One Flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation, evermore"

Amber Duke spoke to the group about how the modern media and this generation of college students are against Republicans and for Democrats. College students are graduating and entering the workforce, then influencing the media and others with intimidation tactics. She gave examples about how some journalists are being depicted as racist and transphobic by different media outlets. She informed us about words that are banned by some media outlets like mankind, surge and peanut gallery. She also spoke about some of Joe Biden's speeches and how his untrue and incorrect comments are not reported on. Amber's book was available for purchase but is also available online.

#### Lunch

**Closing remarks/Announcements** - The June meeting will be at Lighthouse Sound. Member are encouraged to wear Red, White and Blue. There is jewelry available to purchase at the table in the back and see Carol is you are interested in a Back the Blue sign. The 50/50 winner announced and the wine and elephant wine stopper were raffled off. Jean thanked Phil Cropper and presented him with \$155 donation from the proceeds of the 50/50.

Adjourn - Jean Delcher @ 1:06

## Calendar

June 27 RWWC June General Meeting Lighthouse Sound

Respectfully Submitted, Gwendolyn Crisafulli, Recording Secretary

	FIFTEENTH ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY FASHION Show "United We Stand"
	Thursday, OCTOBER 3, 2024
Ashore Resort and Beach Club 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 10:00 am-2:00 pm	
Fa	ashions by: BRUDER HILL AND L'ETE
	Plated Chicken Luncheon
	\$45
	Lucky Surprise Boxes, Vendors and Much More
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