



REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY

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RWWC General Meeting Luncheon

Thursday, May 23, 2024

10:30 – 1:00 Worcester Technical High School, Md

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Members,

Mother Nature seems to be teasing us with hints of summer but still reminding us of who is in charge by giving us some chilly days! I am looking forward to warmer days and seeing visitors enjoying our area that we are so fortunate to reside in year-round.

Thanks to Liz Mumford and her committee for organizing our ladies to be present at the GOP tent outside the OC Convention Center during Early Voting. A big Thank You also, to all who volunteered to give their time during some cold, rainy, and windy days in early May.

Unfortunately, and with sadness, I must inform you that Liz Mumford, our Campaign Chair, has resigned. We thank her for her many years of service to our club. This means we are looking to fill this vacancy on the Board, to help organize us for the November Early Voting and election day. It involves setting a schedule and soliciting members to fill openings on the schedule. If you are willing to help us, please contact me.

Kudos to Kris Barron for organizing our first Restaurant Night. The restaurant was overwhelmed with the number of people who arrived for dinner. Those that attended had a wonderful time socializing and enjoying the tasty food.

Earlier this month, several of our members attended the MFRW (Maryland Federation of Republican Women), Spring Board Meeting in Frederick Maryland. In addition to the business meeting, informative speakers were part of the agenda. Included were Delegate Jesse Pippy, from Frederick County, Senator Chris West from Carroll County, Senator Bill Folden from Frederick County and Mike Stewart, Special Council for Carroll County State's Attorney.

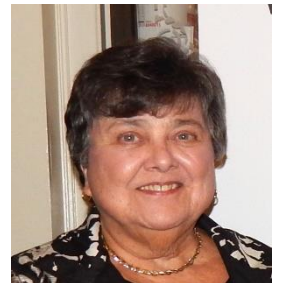
It was at this meeting that I became aware of a referendum that will be on the ballot in November. After the meeting I contacted Senator Carozza's office for more information, so that I could relay more accurately the message of the referendum to you. Later in this Newsletter I will give you more information on this amendment. I ask that you read it and share the information with your family and friends. At our May Board meeting we began discussion on what we could do to spread the word. Look for more information in the coming months.

If you watch any news, I do not have to tell you about the chaos on many of our college campuses. I am a firm believer in prayer and ask that you add the young people caught up in this unrest to your prayer list. They are the future of our country, and we need God to reveal to them how to use their energies to respect all people and to uphold the values of our Founding Fathers.

Looking forward to being with you at the May meeting at Worcester Tech.

Have a Great Month!

Jean Delcher



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

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

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 May 23rd meeting and be a part of making our Fashion Show a successful event. Thank you.

Our June Red, White and Blue Luncheon Meeting will be held at Lighthouse Sound Restaurant on June 27th. More information will be sent by email to all members in the near future.

Sandy Zitzer

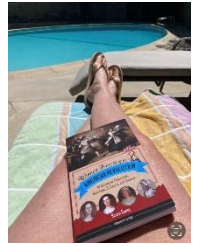
2nd Vice President – Kris Barron

If you will be attending the luncheon on Thursday the 23rd, please plan to purchase something from the student’s product line to be put into a basket that will be auctioned off at the Fashion Show in September.

Literacy – Susan Ostrowski



Red Shoe Book Club will meet at OP Library on Tues May 21 at noon to discuss our book Women Heroes of the American Revolution. Bring a brown bag lunch.



MAY MEMBERSHIP – JENNIE ALLEN

LOOK AT HOW THE MAY FLOWERS GROW, SO GROWS THE RWWC MEMBERSHIP!



Photo courtesy of Jennie Allen
(Stay tuned for the blooms of June)

As of May 12, 2024, RWWC membership totals 143 members and 15 associate members. According to MFRW, we are currently the largest club in Maryland. 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.

I would like to welcome the 7 new members from April: Cynthia Barth, Barbara Bright, Deborah Dills, Mary Galemore, Carol Gilcrest-Ennis, Julie Koehler, and Dorothy S. Leslie and 2 new associate members: Charles Bell and Edward Koehler. We have added 20 new members and 4 new associate members in 2024.

As of April 28, we have archived 23 members and 9 associate members who did not renew their membership for 2024. This will result in them no longer receiving emails from RWWC, MFRW or NFRW. 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 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

Caring for America:

Vera Beck - Chair



During the month of April RWWC purchased two flags that will be joining the display of flags flying from Armed Forces Day, May 18th, through Independence Day, July 4th.

Our flags will be flying in Veterans Memorial Park, along Route 59 in Ocean Pines. They will fly in honor of Fallen Heroes-Seals Team 61-Abbey Gate and First Responders.

Please enjoy looking at the flags and remember those who chose to selflessly serve.

We made a \$100 donation to Diakonia's Rapid Response Team. This is a piloted program in cooperation with Ocean City Police, Fire and Beach Patrol. This team reaches out to homeless people as a service to our community. RRT is a first point of contact for those experiencing homelessness in Worcester County. They receive calls from local Police and Fire Departments and will provide outreach support for those in need.

This is a good opportunity for our members to help with our individual donations to this worthy project.

Volunteer Hours and Awards

Raye Simpson - Chair



Hello everyone. May has been a big month for volunteer opportunities. Early voting, primary voting, and soon, a kick off for RWWC to begin our support of our Republican candidates. Stay posted to your RWWC emails, social media, and newsletters for events, activities, and more ways in which you can help. We will have campaign booths/tents at most Worcester County events and a campaign headquarters that will be set up soon. Your time is very important to our goals. Thank you so much for all that you do to make RWWC a great organization. You can report your monthly volunteer time on our website: www.gopwomenofworchester.org Please report within the first week of the following month. Ex. May hours reported by June 7. 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.

Again, thank you.

Raye Simpson Awards and Volunteer Hours Chair

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RWWC handed out primary political materials for all candidates on Election Day with the WCRCC.

Pictured are: (L to R) Yvonne Babcock, Susan Ostrowski, Congressman Andy Harris, Carol Frazier



MFRW Bay Club hosted a tour to the US Capitol Building, The Library of Congress and the Supreme Court Building on April 30th. A group of about 25 met at the Russell Senate Office Building. Liliana Norkaitis, 4th Vice President of MFRW, gave a very informative tour of the Capitol followed by lunch in the Senate cafeteria. After lunch everyone headed to the Library of Congress to continue on with tour guides there. A very tiring but informative day!

Picture, standing left to right are RWWC members, Liz Mumford, Beth Rodier, Sandy Zitzer and RWWC President Jean Delcher.

The Republican Women of Worcester County held their April meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at the 32 Palm Restaurant in the Hilton Hotel at 3200 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD. Guest speakers were Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza and Maryland State Delegate Charles Otto. The theme was "Welcome Home" to our State Legislators with updates on Maryland's 2024 General Assembly. In addition, Patty Jackson and Theresa Riggan from the State Board of Elections, gave an update on election procedures.



Jean Delcher, President RWWC, Senator Mary Beth Carozza and Delegate Charles Otto.



Patty Jackson, Senator Mary Beth Carozza and Theresa Riggan



On Saturday, April 20, 2024, Ocean Pines, MD held their first Season Kickoff and Expo. Many vendors, organizations and amenities were present to talk about life and living in Ocean Pines. Representing RWWC (Republican Women of Worcester County), standing left to right, Liz Mumford, Campaign Chair, Jennie Allen, Membership Chair and member Linda Sirianni.



Republican Women of Worcester County General Luncheon Meeting at 32 Palm April 25, 2024 *MINUTES*

Call to Order - Jean Delcher, President - 11:02
Opening Prayer - Carol Frazier
Pledge of Allegiance Amy Mike, Sgt. At Arms

Welcome - Jean Delcher welcomed everyone and introduced the elected officials who were present.

Updates

- Jean Delcher informed the club that MFRW has sent out a list of newly registered Republican women in the area and that around 320 letters have been sent to them with information about joining our group.
- The Ocean Pines Expo was a great success and Jean thanked Jenny Allen, Liz Mumford and Linda Sirianni manning the table.
- There will be an upcoming fundraiser at Cantina Los Agaves, more information coming up.
- Nina and Linda are looking for models for the fashion show. Volunteers to join different fashion show committees are also being sought.
- Early voting is coming up. Please contact Liz Mumford if you would like to volunteer.
- We will be sharing a table with the Central Committee at the Blessing of the Combines in August and also the Worcester County Fair.
- Sandy is looking for gift cards for the fashion show, \$10 and up.
- Our May meeting will be at Worcester Tech, the June meeting will be at Lighthouse Sound and there will be an evening meeting in August (location to follow). In September we will not be having a luncheon due to the Fashion Show
- The RWWC will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary this year so we are planning a November dinner as the Anniversary celebration. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. And past presidents will be honored.
- The winners of the Literacy contest have been awarded.

Officer's Reports

Recording Secretary - Gwen Crisafulli requested approval of the minutes from the last General Meeting at the Ocean City Golf Club on February 22, 2025. Mary Adair so moved. Jennie Allen seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously. (MCU)

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

Asst. Treasurer/Membership - Jennie Allen read out the names of our 16 new members. As of April 24th, 137 people had renewed their membership along with 3 people at the luncheon. 13 Associates had renewed with 1 additional at the luncheon.

Corresponding Secretary - Beth Rodier informed the group that the Worcester County Central Committee will have a headquarters this year behind Sherwin Williams that will open in July.

1ST Vice President - Carol Frazier announced that for our May meeting the speaker will be Amber Athey, author of The Snowflakes Revolt will be speaking. Carol also gave an update regarding Wind issues and encouraged the group to follow Protect our Coast Delmarva on Facebook.

2ND Vice President - Kris Barron announced that our next fundraiser will be at Cantina Los Agaves. The club will receive a percentage of what is made that evening. You can eat in or carry out. Papers about the fundraiser are available.

The Fashion Show committee has been meeting. There will be no baskets this year and instead will be focusing on gift cards. We are trying to collect 400 gift cards for \$10 or more.

Introduction of Speakers

Carol Frazier introduced our guest speakers

Senator Mary Beth Carozza began by welcoming members to the RWWC, thanking God, voicing appreciation for her team and introducing her family members. Next, she supplied an overview of our shore priorities including the budget and restoring 10 million dollars to community colleges and also funding for local projects like the athletic youth complex. Other important issues included the Fallen Heros Tax Benefit Bill that will protect beneficiaries from paying taxes on death benefits. Tashica Hilliard spoke regarding this in both houses not only for herself but for future beneficiaries. The Juvenile Crime Bill also passed and will help to hold violent juvenile offenders accountable. Some other important issues for our area are the four F's - Farming (renewable energy from farm waste), Fishing (oyster sanctuaries), Forestry (Forest Conservation Act) and Fun (RV bills).

Delegate Charles Otto praised Mary Beth on her overview and the spoke about the loss of the Key Bridge and the effect it will have on the port and transportation. Charles also informed the group how important the club's communications are due to the lack of local news in Annapolis and praised the RWWC for the work that we do. He then spoke about EV mandates, solar panels, the use of plants as energy and the improvement of air quality. He encouraged us all to stay involved.

Lunch

Introduction of Voter Registration Speakers

Carol Frazier introduced Patty Jackson and Teresa Riffin from the Board of Elections

Patty Jackson/ Teresa Riffin spoke to the group about what is and is not legal in Maryland in regards voting. Early voting will be taking place from May 2-9 at the Roland Powell Convention Center in Ocean City from 7a-8p daily. Please get out and vote. They had handouts available if anyone was interested in working as an election judge. They informed the group that in Maryland a sixteen-year-old can register to vote but cannot actually vote unless they will be eighteen by the General Election. There are challengers and watchers during both early voting and Election Day who sit behind the check in judges and observe voting activities but are not allowed to talk to the voters or judges. If you applied for a mail in ballot and end up not using the mail in ballot but instead show up to regular voting your vote will be a provisional vote until it can be researched. Provisional votes do count. Some important Bills that have passed this year are recounting of ballots, post-election audits and protecting election officials and/or family members. A Bill that needs to pass is a bill requiring photo ID to vote. There have been over 5000 requests for mail in ballots that have gone out. You can register to vote on Election Day but it will be counted as a provisional vote. Mary Beth Carozza recognized the efforts of Patty and Teresa.

Closing remarks/Announcements - Jean thanked Sandy for her work organizing the Luncheon. The MFRW Spring Board Meeting is this weekend in Fredrick, Md. Our club won for the largest group and will be awarded a bottle of wine and an elephant wine stopper that will be raffled off at the next meeting. Also, on April 30th there will be a school board forum at the Ocean Pines Library at 6pm. Also, remember gift cards for Sandy for the Fashion Show. 50/50 winner announced

Adjourn - Jean Delcher @ 1250

Calendar

April 27 MFRW Spring Board Meeting
April 30 6PM Central Committee School Board Forum OP Library
May 2-9 Early Voting OC Convention Center
May 14 Primary Election Day
May 23 RWWC May General Meeting Worcester Tech
June 27 RWWC June General Meeting Lighthouse Sound

Respectfully Submitted,
Gwendolyn Crisafulli, Recording Secretary