



Republican Women of Worcester County July 2026 Newsletter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!

July is here. It is the month when we celebrate America's birthday with fireworks, parades, and enough barbecue to make our Founding Fathers loosen their waistcoats. It is also the perfect time to remember that freedom is not just about hot dogs and potato salad (though let's be honest, those are surprisingly good). It is about the courage, grit, and stubborn determination that built this country and continues to maintain it as a strong nation today.

The Fourth of July is not just a date on the calendar; it is a reminder that **liberty** is worth fighting for and sometimes worth staying up past bedtime to watch fireworks. As Republicans, we believe in limited government, personal responsibility, and the radical idea that you should keep more of your own money because you probably know how to spend it better than Annapolis and Washington do.

So, as you enjoy your summer, wave your flags high, eat that extra brownie, cupcake, or cookie without guilt (it's patriotic), and remember, the work we do together matters. The future of our country is bright, and maybe just a little smoky from the grill.

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

Please stay safe, healthy & vote Republican!

Jennie Allen

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NEXT MEETING

The Grace Center Baby Shower Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM



RWWC Early Voting Activities June 11 to 18, 2026



Left Photo: L to R: Patti Jackson, Theresa Riggins - Election Judge, & Susan Ostrowski



Below: L to R: Jane Wolnik & Janice Novak



L to R: Pat Schrawder, Weezie Carey, & John Carmean



L to R: Linda Moran, Janice Novak, & Susan Ostrowski



I wish I had more pictures of everyone at early voting, but unfortunately, I do not.
Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this event!

RWWC Members & Friends Participated in the “Maryland Fireman’s Parade”, Berlin, MD, June 20, 2026



Maryland State Fireman's Association Color Guard



Senator Mary Beth Carozza



Sheriff Crisafulli in the Armored Urban Assault Vehicle



Carol Frazier and Nancy Gaither



Smokey the Bear hops on for a ride with the Maryland Forest Service Firefighters

RWWC's America's 250th Anniversary Celebration June 24th, 2026

A message from the Red White Blue Committee Chair: Jean Delecher
Thanks again to the Red, White and Blue Dinner Committee and to the 109 members and guests who attended the 250th Anniversary of our Independence! An evening of celebration, good food, patriotic sing-along, some challenging trivia, and above all, camaraderie was evident at each table! We had a great time! Wish more of our members could have joined us!



L to R: Jean Delcher, Sandy Zitzer, & Mary Adair



Delmarva Chorus



L to R: Jennie Allen, Senator Carozza, & Jean Delcher



Dessert Anyone?



The hat ladies, L to R: Pat Burton, Maggie Simpson, Raye Simpson, Marita Mike, Pat Duncan, & Libby Hahn



L to R: Gail Alpaugh, Jane Wolnik, & Gina Shaffer

More pictures of the event are available towards the end of the newsletter & on our Facebook page.

Member Spotlight – Then & Now

Thank you both for all you do for the Republican Party!



Beverly Bigler

- Joined RWWC in 2011
- RWWC Board member from 2011 to 2018
- Positions held: Luncheon Chair
- RWWC President: 2014 to 2017
- Appointed to WCRCC: 2012 to 2014
- Elected to WCRCC: 2014 to present
- Positions held: Member, Treasurer, and Chair
- **Won the 2016 MDGOP Woman of the Year;** presented at the MDGOP Spring Convention, Ocean City, MD on April 28, 2017.



Susan Ostrowski

- Joined RWWC 2018
- RWWC Board member from 2019 to present
- Positions held: Second VP and Literacy Chair
- Elected to WCRCC: 2022 to present
- Positions held: Member, Secretary, and Chair
- **Won the 2025 MDGOP Rookie of the Year** after 5 months as Chair. Presented at the MDGOP Fall Convention, Towson, MD, on December 6, 2025.
- Pictured L to R: Adam Wood (former Director), Nicolee Ambrose (National Committee Chairwoman), and Susan Ostrowski

We are deeply grateful to you both for your unwavering dedication and tireless service to the Republican Women of Worcester County and the Worcester County Republican Central Committee. Your leadership, commitment, and countless hours of hard work have strengthened our mission and inspired everyone around you. Your passion for our cause and your steadfast example reminds us of what true service looks like. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to make a lasting difference.

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SAVE THE DATE!!!



The President of the National Federation of Republican Women, Martha Jenkins, will be the guest speaker at the November 19, 2026, Annual Meeting. The meeting is at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant in Bishopville, MD, from 5 PM to 8 PM. Please plan on attending.

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Membership 2026 Renewal: POC Linda Moran

We are still collecting the 2026 membership dues. We are currently 158 members STRONG! To date, we have 31 new and 127 renewed members. This is 105% of our 2025 total membership. In addition, we have 15 associate members. If you know anyone who has not renewed, please let them know they are still welcome to return by paying their annual dues.

Membership can be renewed online at [Join/Renew](#), by sending a check payable to RWWC to: RWWC – Dues, P.O. Box 1292, Berlin, MD 21811, or at a meeting. If you have questions, contact Linda via email at lindamoranwcrcc@gmail.com or by phone at 443-614-2261.

Member Get a Member Contest: POC Jennie Allen & Linda Moran

This is a reminder that, effective with the 2026 membership year (September 2025 through August 2026), we are running a “Member Get a Member” contest. For each member you bring in, you will be entered into the contest. The #1 recruiter with the most members will receive a \$50.00 gift card. If there is a tie, the names will be placed in a hat, and the winner will be drawn for the gift card.

ATTENTION: [Bring your friends and join us for a MEET & GREET on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, from 5–7 PM at Forgotten 50's in Berlin. Happy hour is from 5–6 PM.](#)

POC: Jean Scanlon, Hospitality Chair.

Awards & Volunteer Hours: POC Jane Carmean

After a discussion with the MFRW leaders, it was decided that volunteer hours should only be reported as political. The RWWC webpage for reporting volunteer hours has been updated to allow only political hours. The report form is available at www.gopwomenofworchester.org under the More/Volunteer tab.

Please review all the possible ways you have accrued volunteer hours. Be sure to include the hours manning a tent outside of election polling places. This is an election year, and there are many opportunities to volunteer.

Don't forget your hours to and from meetings. The Awards Chair will enter the hours for the Board and General meetings based on both the total number of attendees and the meeting hours.

Volunteers Needed:

1. Blessing of the Combines
Snow Hill, MD
August 1, 2026, from 9 AM to 3 PM
POC is Weezie Carey
2. Worcester County Fair
John Walter Smith Park
6022 Public Landing Rd, Snow Hill, MD 21863
August 7-9, 2026.
Setup: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Friday, August 7th
FRI 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, SAT 10:00 am–8:00 pm, SUN 10:00 am–3:00 pm
Breakdown: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm Sunday, August 9th
POC is Susan Ostrowski

**RWWC Attends Arthur's Shooters Supply
Customer Appreciation Day
June 27, 2026**



L to R: Linda Moran, Nicole Acle, & Gina Shaffer



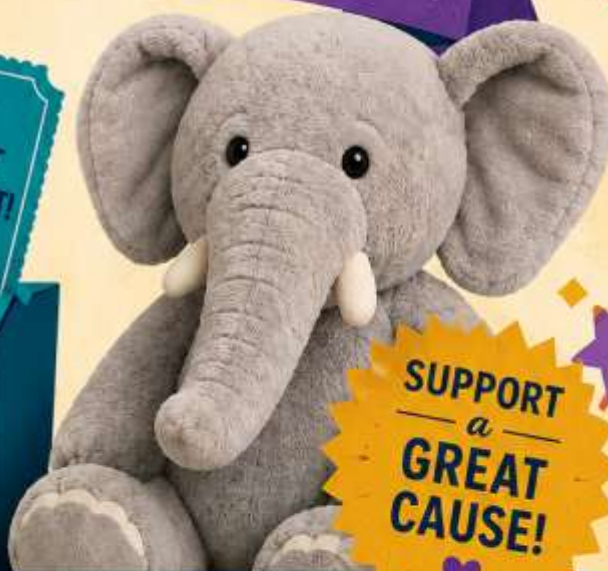
L to R: Gwen & Matt Crisafulli, Linda Moran, Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Jennie Allen, & Nicole Acle

Our next scheduled event is the Blessing of the Combines. Come and see us on August 1, 2026, at our tent on Bank Street behind the library. We will be raffling off a large stuffed elephant. The tickets will be \$2 for 1 and \$5 for 3. If you are unable to attend the Blessing of the Combines and would like to purchase raffle tickets, please reach out to the following RWWC members:

- Berlin Area: Jennie Allen – telephone 410-973-2385
- Ocean Pines Area: Kris Barron – telephone 443-614-8445
- Snow Hill Area: Weezie Carey – telephone 443-235-6370
- Email: gopwomenofwc@gmail.com

Enter to
WIN!

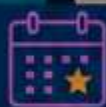
RAFFLE



SUPPORT
a
GREAT
CAUSE!



TICKETS
\$2 FOR 1
OR
\$5 FOR 3



DRAWING DATE
AUGUST 1, 2026
AT 6:00 PM



GET YOUR TICKETS!
SEE ANY VOLUNTEER
TO PURCHASE.

Thank you for your support! ♥

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Campaign Activities: POC Jennie Allen

Please save these dates for the General Election:

- Early Voting General Election is from Thursday, October 22, 2026, through Thursday, October 28, 2026; hours are from 7 AM to 8 PM daily (this includes Saturday and Sunday)
- Early voting location for Worcester County will not be determined until the July Board of Elections meeting.
- General Voting is Tuesday, November 3, 2026, from 7 AM to 8 PM, at your assigned polling place.
- For the Gubernatorial General Election, mail-in ballots must be postmarked or placed in a designated ballot drop box by 8 PM on November 3, 2026. Please note that USPS now applies postmarks at the distribution center, not at your local post office, so the postmark may be dated several days after mailing your ballot.

For information on the 2026 Maryland voting, click this link: [2026 Gubernatorial Election](#). This page allows you to view the current gubernatorial and local candidate lists, register to vote, find your polling location, request a mail-in ballot, and provide information on voting by mail.

We will be seeking VOLUNTEERS to help at the general election polls during early voting. We **REALLY NEED** you! Please come and join us at the polls. Watch for information to sign up!

Communication Committee: POC Weezie Carey

The communication committee is looking for recent photos from the RWB dinner and summer events RWWC attends for the webpage and Facebook. If you have photos that you are willing to share, please send them to Weezie Carey at weeziecarey@gmail.com

Caring for America: POC Amy Mike

This is a reminder, **ALL** Crafters, please put your needles and hooks to good work. We will be having a baby shower for the **Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health**. Baby hats, blankets, and booties are ALWAYS needed. Don't forget to count the time spent buying your supplies and creating your gifts, to add to your **VOLUNTEER HOURS**. A list for additional needs/supplies will come out later this summer. POC: Amy Mike, 410-208-9709 or 410-707-6328 or amike50@verizon.net

Fashion Show: POC Co-chairs Kris Barron & Merilee Horvat

The 17th Annual Patriot Day Fashion Show, recognizing the 25th anniversary of 9-11, is scheduled for **Thursday, September 17, 2026**. The venue will be Harrison's Harbor Watch in Ocean City, MD. Mark your calendar. Fashions presented will be "Fashions by Berlin" and include Bruder Hill, Patty Jean's, Dream Weaver, & Runaway Bride.

We are counting down. Ticket sales end on August 27. Talk to your friends. Get your table together. Sign up to attend the fashion show.

- Cost: \$45/person. Tables are for 4 or 6. You do not need to have a table; we can seat you with other singles.
- Kris Barron is still calling members to see if they are interested in modeling. A call may be coming to you next.

- More information will follow as we get closer to the show.
- **At newsletter print time, we have 77 signed up/paid to attend.**
- The flyer and registration form are available at the end of the newsletter.

Please support RWWC's biggest fundraiser - the Annual Fashion Show!

As of June 30, 2026, we have collected 40 gift cards toward our goal of 400, representing 10% of our target. Of these, 26 have been generously donated by our members, and 14 have come from businesses. When we include the monetary contributions from members designated for purchasing gift cards, our participation rate rises to 10% of our member base, with those members contributing to this vital fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your support and encourage everyone to get involved. For any questions or to arrange a pick-up or drop-off, please reach out to Amy Mike. Thank you for helping us make this event a success!

POC: Amy Mike, 410-208-9709 or 410-707-6328 or amike50@verizon.net

Thank you in advance for supporting this event!



Literacy: POC Susan Ostrowski

The next book club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th, at the OP Library, beginning at noon, with a bag lunch. The book is "Lincoln's Lady Spymaster" by Gerri Willis.

The Literacy Committee purchased 10 books from the Garrett County Republican Women's Club, "**250 Candles for America**" by Melita Friend. The plan is to give 2 copies to each of our 5 Worcester County Libraries to make information about the 250th Anniversary of America available to our local children.



Luncheon Meetings: POC Sandy Zitzer

- July and August - No General Meetings
- September 17th - Fashion Show
- October 22 - Worcester Technical High School, Newark, MD
- November 19th - Dinner meeting, Lighthouse Sound, Bishopville, MD

Speakers: POC Caroline Bloxom

- October – Joann Minola from the Grace Center & Liz Mumford, Americanism Chair
- November – Martha Jenkins, President, National Federation of Republican Women

MFRW Dates to Remember: POC Sandy Zitzer

- September 20th, Fall on the Farm, Sharon Carrick's home - Cancelled
- November 6-7 MFRW Fall Convention at the Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, MD

Spring 2026 issue of MFRW's "The Trumpeter" is [HERE!](#)

May Minutes are available in the June President's Message & Newsletter: POC Gwen Crisafulli

If there is something you would like to see or add to the newsletter, please send your information or request to gopwomenofwc@gmail.com with the subject "Newsletter".

AND JUST A FEW MORE PICTURES FROM JUNE RWWC Members on Primary Election Day



Mary Burgess at OP Community Center Polls



L to R: Bev Bigler & Janice Novak at OP Library Polls

250th Anniversary Dinner



L to R: Kathleen Tallman & Jan Kolesky



L to R: Bev Bigler, Maddie Pettolina, & Joyce Skillman; with Jane Carmean in the background



SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
PATRIOT DAY FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON
Sponsored by the Republican Women of Worcester County

"Never Forget"

Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of 9-11!

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Harrison Harbor Watch
806 South Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, MD
10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Fashions by Berlin:
Bruder Hill ~ Land of Ahhs, Patty Jeans Boutique
Dream Weaver, & Runaway Bride Berlin
Cold Luncheon Plate & Dessert (3 options)

\$45
(Includes tax and gratuity)

**Lucky Mystery Boxes, Vendors, Cash Bar
and 50/50**

For information, call Kris Barron at 443-614-8445

*Tables of 4 and 6
For group seating, reservations, and tickets, see the back page.
Deadline: August 27, 2026*



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Harrison Harbor Watch
806 South Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, MD
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Luncheon: Choose from the following:

- #1 Shrimp Salad Entrée with Dessert
- #2 Chicken Salad Entrée with Dessert
- #3 Vegetarian Salad Entrée with Dessert
- \$45** (Includes tax and gratuity)

Lucky Mystery Boxes, Vendors, Cash Bar, and 50/50

For group seating, all reservations require full payment. **There will be tables for 4 and 6.** You need not reserve a full table.

Group Captain: Please list all people you wish to sit with and send together with everyone's check to: **RWWC Fashion Show, c/o Jennie Allen, 104 Davis CT, Berlin, MD 21811. For information, call 410-973-2385.** Once a reservation is received, admission confirmation will be emailed to the team captain or individual. **Make checks payable to "RWWC Fashion Show".** Parking maps are available upon request.

Group Captain Name: Phone: Email:	Meal #	#4 Name: Phone: Email:	Meal #
#2 Name: Phone: Email:	Meal #	#5 Name: Phone: Email:	Meal #
#3 Name: Phone: Email:	Meal #	#6 Name: Phone: Email:	Meal #

Deadline: AUGUST 27, 2026
NO REFUNDS