



NEWSLETTER

October 21, 2007

At RWAAC's Annual meeting on October 10, 2007 **New Officers for 2008-2009 were elected. They are:**

Joyce E. Thomann, President;
Carolyn Middleton, 1st Vice President;
Catie James, 2nd Vice President;
Jan Holland, 3rd Vice President;
Pat Root, Treasurer;
Mary Fink, Assistant Treasurer;
Barbara Reynolds, Recording Secretary;
Sylvia Pailthorp; Corresponding Secretary.

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Attached is a 2008 RWAAC Membership Application. We need to have EVERYONE fill this out – even if you have been a member of RWAAC before. This way, we will have your correct information for our RWAAC Directory.

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) REQUIRES all affiliate Clubs to have their membership lists (and payment) to NFRW by January 1, 2008! This means we MUST COLLECT DUES IN NOVEMBER. Please get your dues paid ASAP.

As expected, NFRW raised their dues. Knowing this was coming, at our August meeting RWAAC members voted to amend our By-laws to allow for a pass-through of any dues increase. At the October meeting, members voted to increase RWAAC dues as follows: Regular membership - \$30.00; Sustaining Member - \$55.00; Patron - \$110.00; Life Member - \$550.00. Associate Member - \$20.00. (Associate Members are those women who are Regular Members of another MFRW Chartered Club or men.) For each member, RWAAC is required to send: \$8.00 per member to the NFRW and \$4.00 per member MFRW. **\$12.00 per member leaves RWAAC immediately.** It would be impossible to run our Club on the “left-over” \$18.00 per member. Those members who support RWAAC at the Sustaining/Patron/Life Member Level make so many things possible and are a God-send! Many thanks to each of them – they are shown in our Directory and new name tags will also indicate their level of support. Also, many thanks to those husbands who join RWAAC!

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

November 14, 2007, 11:30 a.m., Old South Country Club. Reservations and menu selection are required. (Attached is a form for your use.) Please get your reservations in ASAP. Patt Parker, President of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) will do the honors. RWAAC will also be reinstating the

Distinguished Service Award which will be presented to an RWAAC Member at this luncheon.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, December 7, 2007 – 6:00 P.M. at the lovely home of Carolyn and Doug Middleton, 1078 Governor Bridge Road, Davidsonville, MD. Phone: 410-798-4981.

Recognizing that, Christmas is a time for family and friends, the Executive Board made the recommendation that RWAAC hold an EVENING Christmas Party. This change was suggested so husbands and other family members who work during the day can be with us – and meet each other. This also provides an opportunity for working women to share in a lovely and happy event. At the October meeting, the membership ratified that suggestion. Our “usual” date would have been Wednesday December 12th. Unfortunately, that evening would not be possible for Carolyn. Also, it was considered that a Friday evening event would allow folks to enjoy a night out without having to get up early the next day to be at work.

This will be our usual pot-luck event. Each member is asked to bring a dish sufficient to serve 10. RWAAC provides meat dishes & beverages.

If you don't drive at night, rides WILL BE PROVIDED. Please call: Marti Fridrich-410-224-1324, Kathy Wagoner-410-266-6684; or Joyce Thomann- 410-757-2345.

2007 FASHION SHOW REPORT

“Let Us Entertain You” was a success! Thanks to Fashion Show Chairman, Ginny Meerman and her Committee: Carol Ann Lee; Mary Fink; Becky Groff, Carol Grunwald, Rick Barnes, July Schiltz, Joyce Thomann, Barbara Reynolds, and Marti Fridrich for making this another success. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter was the Guest Speaker. Entertainment was provided by the Arthur Murray Dancers and Frank Curreri of Vintage Entertainment. ***Mark your calendars for the 2008 RWAAC Fashion Show – Saturday, November 8, 2008, Sheraton-Annapolis Hotel.***

NEWS TO KNOW

The winner of the fabulous \$2,100.00 diamond bracelet from **RON GEORGE JEWELERS** was RWAAC member **LOIS FROMYER!** Lois was not present and was SO SURPRISED when the bracelet was delivered to her home. “I’ve never won anything before! I can’t believe I won!” Congratulations Lois! And many thanks to Ron George for his beautiful work and the donation. ALL the proceeds from the Jewelry Raffle go to support RWAAC’s Arden House Shelter for battered women and Eastport Elementary School.

RWAAC WINS AWARDS

Thanks to everyone, RWAAC is THE LARGEST Republican Woman's Club in Maryland! We have 158 members!

NFRW Awards to RWAAC:

Silver Club Achievement Award
Caring for America – Second Place

(MFRW won the NATIONAL Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence. This Award was possible because of the hard work of the Republican Women's Clubs in the State.)

MFRW Awards to RWAAC:

Black-Eyed Susan Award

NONE of these Awards would have been possible without our members turning in their Volunteer Hours reports. (A copy of the form is attached. Please make extra copies. Turn your completed form in EVERY Month to our new Assistant Treasurer, Mary Fink.) Our sister Club, the Severna Park Republican Women, received the NFRW award for the most volunteer hours reported. RWAAC could have been competitive for this award – IF EVERYONE WOULD TURN IN THEIR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO WIN

“No New Taxes Rally” – October 29, 2007, Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m., Lawyer's Mall, Annapolis.

Governor O'Malley and his supporters from organized labor and “Progressive Maryland” will be demonstrating FOR tax increases and slots earlier in the day. The Legislators WILL PAY ATTENTION TO NUMBERS! (We won on Jessica's Law, in-state tuition for ILLEGAL Aliens last year in Maryland and stopping amnesty for ILLEGAL Aliens in the U.S. Congress – BECAUSE everyone made calls to each of their Legislators. General Assembly: 410-841-3000, 1-800-492-7122; 301-858-3000; Governor O'Malley: 410-974-3901. If you want to send more of your family funds to the State – which many times are squandered on unnecessary projects - stay home. If you care about your family or your neighbors, **you need to SHOW UP!** No sticks are allowed on signs. Rally signs are available for pick-up at MD Republican Party HQ, 15 West Street. For more information - 410-263-2125.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 25, 2007 – Anne Arundel County Republican State Central Committee (AACRSCC) Pro-Business Social 5:30-8:30 P.M., Earleigh Heights Fire Hall, \$50.00 per person. Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts, Coffee & Open Bar. Meet elected officials. Contact: Jerry Walker, Chairman, AACRSCC, 301-440-1022 or Tom Redmond, 410-360-0000.

October 27, 2007 – Welcome Home Troops. BWI Airport (Lower level, International Terminal area). Report by 5:15 p.m. Troops scheduled to arrive between 5:30-7:00 p.m. Contact: John Flynn: 410-271-4428.

October 29, 2007 – NO NEW TAXES RALLY!

4:00-6:00-p.m., Lawyer's Mall (behind the Maryland State Capitol Building)

October 31, 2007 – Wednesday Republican Breakfast Club (WRBC) – Speaker: Wayne Simmons. Topic: Iranian link to IED's. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Eastport Yacht Club, 317 First Street, Eastport. (The WRBC meets EVERY Wednesday morning. GREAT speakers! Fee: \$5.00 payable at the door.)

November 2, 2007 - Senator Bryan Simonaire fundraiser. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Kurtz's Beach, 2070 Kurtz Avenue, Pasadena. Buffet w/homemade Desserts; \$40.00 per adult. RSVP 410-437-2130

November 7, 2007 – WRBC Breakfast meeting – Speaker: Michael Leahy, Member, Anne Arundel County School Board
Topic: New Math – World Without Subtraction.

November 10, 2007 – County Executive John Leopold Fundraiser. 6:00-10:00 p.m. Big Vanilla Athletic Club, 26 Magothy Beach Road, Pasadena. \$50.00 donation requested. RSVP 443-336-5101

November 14, 2007 – RWAAC Installation and New Member Recruitment Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., South River Country Club, 699 Marlboro Road, Lothian, MD. Cost: \$40.00 Menu Selection, RSVP required.

December 7, 2007 – RWAAC Christmas Party. 6:00 p.m. - Home of Carolyn and Doug Middleton, **1078 Governor Bridge Road, Davidsonville, MD.** Pot luck – members asked to bring a dish sufficient to serve 10. RWAAC furnishes meat dishes and beverages.

January 9, 2008 – RWAAC General Membership meeting of the year. 10:00 a.m. Community Room, Conte-Lubrano Apartment Building. 9:30 a.m. Social/Coffee Hour. BRING A FRIEND! Speaker TBA.

REMINDER

Be sure to bring Arden House donations to our November luncheon AND to the Christmas Party. If you want to take a tax deduction for your cash donations to Arden House, your CHECK must be made payable to the Y.W.C.A.-Anne Arundel County. On the memo line, FOR ARDEN HOUSE.