



**2016 MFRW Fall Convention and
Board of Directors' Meeting**
"Focus on the Future"
September 23-25, 2016
Annapolis, Maryland

Official Call

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) Article XII, Sec. 1, I, Liz League, President of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women, hereby issue the **Official Call to the Maryland Federation of Republican Women's 2016 Fall Convention and Board of Directors' Meeting**, and request that the delegated representatives and club members of the MFRW present themselves for that Convention on September 23-25, in Annapolis, MD.

The agenda will include such business as should properly be conducted, including Bylaws amendments, proposed Resolutions, and additional business. The Convention feature speakers and networking opportunities, with a "focus on the future" of our country. ***This is the election of our lives – do not miss this Convention.***

Liz League

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MFRW President



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

3:30 – 5:00 pm: Tour of the Historic William Paca House, Downtown Annapolis. No charge for Bay Club members. **Guest fee of \$8 for non- Bay Club members.**

5:15 – 7:00 pm: MFRW Social at Middleton Tavern in Annapolis featuring the talented Bob Stout, jazz pianist and sing-a-long musician. Walking distance from the William Paca house. Complimentary to MFRW members. **Guest fee \$15.00.**

7:00 PM: dinner on one's own. (Link to restaurants included - please make reservations in advance and have fun).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

7:30 am: Registration open

7:30 – 8:45 am: Breakfast on your own

9:00 – 11:00 am: Board Meeting and General Session

11:00 – 11:40 am: **MFRW private reception and book signing with Dinesh D'Souza**

12 noon: Luncheon with Dinesh D'Souza

1:45 – 2:30 pm: Public Speaking 101, Karla Bruno, Leadership Institute

2:35 – 3:25 pm: Building Membership Using Facebook

3:30 – 4:45 pm: Team Building Project with Surprise Ending!

5:30 – 7:00: Reception with Candidates and Trump Regional Director

7:00 – 9:00 pm: **Focus on the Future** Dinner with Keynote Speakers (TBA)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

8:00 am: Prayer Service for our Country

Eggs Benedict Breakfast Bar

9:00 – 10:15 am: Regional Meetings/Legislative Strategy Session

10:30 – 11:15 am: Trump for President, Guest Speaker Mitzi Perdue

11:30 am: Closing and Adjournment

GENERAL INFORMATION

Where will the activities be held?

Saturday and Sunday sessions and meals will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Dinner on Friday will be on your own, and you will find a list of restaurants at the end of this packet.

What's included in my registration fee?

(Registration fee for MFRW Members is all inclusive) □

- Friday reception at Middleton Tavern
- Luncheon featuring internationally renowned journalist and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza
- Workshops
- Saturday Reception and Gala Dinner
- Sunday Breakfast, Prayer, Regional Meetings, Keynote Speaker Mitzi Perdue

May I purchase extra event tickets?

- Friday Tour of William Paca House.....\$ 8.00 (non-Bay Club member)
- Middleton Tavern Social\$15.00 (Cash Bar)
- Saturday Luncheon with Dinesh D'Souza.....\$55.00 (Cash Bar)
- Saturday Reception and Dinner.....\$50.00 (Cash Bar)
- Sunday Eggs Benedict Buffet/Session.....\$30.00

If you purchase tickets for guests, please provide their names and contact information.

How can I register?

You may register by mail or on-line. Please refer to the Registration form in this packet for more information.

What are the hotel reservation details?

We are staying at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

The guaranteed hotel reservation group rates for Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24, and **expires on August 24th**. It's not too early to make your reservation. Discounted rate is \$159, not including tax and fees.

The reservations desk at the Crowne Plaza may be reached at 410-266-3131. **Be sure to ask for the Group Booking ID Maryland Federation of Republican Women.**

How should I dress for the weather?

In the early fall, the average daily high is in the 70 degrees. Meeting rooms are often cool, so dressing in layers is suggested. Casual business attire is appropriate for meetings, luncheons, and training.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATION

The apportionment of the delegates to the convention is in accordance with the MFRW Bylaws, as follows:

A local club and its members must be in good standing to be eligible for representation at the state convention

The voting members of the MFRW state convention are the MFRW Board of Directors and credentialed delegates and past MFRW presidents in good standing

Delegates are elected by each club in proportion to its membership (**one delegate for each five members**)

Official MFRW credentials forms must be sent to the Recording Secretary at least one week before the convention

Fifty (50) voting members (Board of Directors, credentialed delegates and past presidents of MFRW) shall constitute a quorum.

RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

1. Any Resolution (except courtesy resolutions) to be considered by the MFRW shall be concerned only with matters within the objectives of the MFRW
2. Resolutions may be submitted by MFRW's Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Clubs.
3. **A Resolution must be submitted by email to the State President, Liz League, at least 30 days prior to the Convention (Sept. 24) or postmarked no later than August 24th.**
4. Each Resolution (except courtesy Resolutions) must be accompanied by a fact sheet indicating the source of information and a rationale explaining why the Federation should take a stand on the issue.
5. Resolutions will be distributed at the Convention for formal consideration and vote.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Delegates to the 2016 MFRW Convention will consider the following proposed amendments to the MFRW Bylaws.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment #1

- The proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1 would add language, appearing in red– The Executive Committee is composed of the MFRW elected officers, the MFRW regional chairmen, and **the immediate past MFRW president.**

2017 BUDGET

Delegates to the 2016 MFRW Convention will review and adopt the 2017 MFRW Budget.



THE COUNTRY STORE

At this year's Convention, we are trying a new concept to raise a little money for our cause. Instead of vendors and a silent auction, we are offering a **Country Store**.

Here's how it works: Everyone is asked to bring a **new** item such as a piece of jewelry, a scarf, a bottle of wine, something fun and cute, which will then be displayed and available for immediate purchase. You just pick the item that you like and buy it on the spot. No standing in line to bid, no bidding, no basket making or scrapping for donations, no stress!

Just tell us the asking price of the item that you donate, and we tag and display it. If it doesn't sell the first day, the price goes down. In our experience, everything is sold by the last day.

We will also have snacks for sale during the Convention.

What not to bring: Outdated books, anything used or old, anything not functioning. This is not a "White Elephant" sale, but a real store!

Questions? Please contact Cynthia Steuart at cmsteuart@yahoo.com 301-322-2000.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

[Link to restaurants in Downtown Annapolis:](#)

http://downtownannapolis.org/_pages/restaurants/_intro_restaurants.htm

[Parking information in Annapolis:](#)

Gotts Court Parking Garage

Near the Visitors' Center

State and County Offices

250 Northwest Street

410-263-9749

Discounted Rates After 4 pm

Please carpool to the downtown area due to limited parking.

[Who can attend the Convention?](#)

ALL Club members can attend the Convention! Each club can designate one member per five to vote, so if you have 50 members, ten can vote. In the event that a Club President cannot attend, she can assign a Proxy to replace her. The Proxy must be an Officer of the Club. All Club Presidents will receive a Credentials form and Proxy form.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Dinesh D'Souza

Born in Mumbai, India, Dinesh D'Souza came to the U.S. as an exchange student and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth in 1983. Since then, D'Souza has had a prominent career as a writer, scholar, and public intellectual, and has also become a nationally renowned filmmaker with his top-grossing documentaries "2016: Obama's America" and "America." His book, "Hillary's America" has been on the New York Times Best Seller List and was made into a movie, which is now out in theaters and is the highest grossing documentary in 2016. He is our Keynote Luncheon Speaker on Saturday.



Mitzi Perdue

Mitzi Perdue is the daughter of one business titan (her father founded the Sheraton Hotel Chain) and the widow of another (her late husband was poultry magnate Frank Perdue). **is a businesswoman, a master story teller, philanthropist and an accomplished artist.** She holds degrees from Harvard University and George Washington University, is a past president of the 35,000 member American Agri-Women and was one of the U.S. Delegates to the United Nations Conference on Women in Nairobi. She is our Keynote Speaker for Sunday morning.



Karla Bruno

Karla Kraynak Bruno is a former English teacher and librarian, with over 30 years as an educator and researcher to her credit. She is a published author of historical fiction, a frequent guest columnist for two regional Virginia newspapers, and serves on Virginia's First Thanksgiving committee as part of the national celebration in 2019 of Virginia's 1619 contributions to our national heritage. As Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations at Leadership Institute, Ms. Bruno increased foundation giving 72% since she arrived five years ago. She will be conducting a workshop on public speaking.

We will have many more speakers upon confirmation.

FRIDAY FUN

Meetings are important in more ways than one. They give us a chance to network and build relationships with like-minded people in other areas of the state. We are united in so many ways, which is the greatest strength of our wonderful organization. Here are the fun activities for Friday, September 23rd to make friends and memories:

Historic William Paca House, 186 Prince George Street, Annapolis



This five-part Georgian mansion was built in the 1760s by William Paca, one of Maryland's four Signers of the Declaration of Independence and the state's third Governor. Carefully restored by Historic Annapolis beginning in 1965, today it is recognized as one of the finest 18th-century homes in the country and a National Historic Landmark. Guided tours of the house, which features period furnishings and paintings, reveal the inner workings of an upper-class household in colonial and revolutionary Annapolis. *This was the place where Governor Hogan married the First Lady.* We will be touring this beautiful place from 3:30 – 5:00 pm on Friday.

Middleton Tavern, 2 Market Place, Annapolis



Middleton Tavern was host to a galaxy of the nation's most revered leaders during the period following the American Revolution. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin were numbered among its prominent patrons.

The Tavern was frequented by members of the Continental Congress meeting in the State House on such historic occasions as the resignation of General Washington's commission, December 23, 1783, the ratification of the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War in January 1784, and the Annapolis Convention which laid the groundwork for the Federal Constitution Convention held the following year in Philadelphia. We will be holding a fun Social at the Tavern following our Paca House tour.