

The North County Republican Club of Anne Arundel County was established in 1991. Our purpose is threefold: Education, voter registration, and candidate support.

# NCRC JUNE NEWSLETTER 2023

A message from our NCRC President: Norm O'Brien

President's Message

#### Note: one of the events listed below occurs tonight.

Welcome to my June note from North County Republican Club. The May meeting was more than I hoped for. I billed it as a presentation to save our Constitution. Two representatives from the Patriot Academy did that and more. It is worth my time to tell everyone about their presentation and how it could help the country. It has already fired me up with some out of the box solutions that our Board of Directors have been talking about.

The first speaker, Yandi (as in Gandhi) Randolph, did not speak about her conservative upbringing, she spoke of the morals she learned growing up. When she was in college, Barack Obama was presenting his program, and she said that "This is not me!" and walked around school with a McCain button. Anyway, following graduation and some experience, she went into the Patriot Academy and the Leadership Congress. It is more like a boot camp than a training course. It's a 3-day program for young people from 16 to 25. Delaware's capital is the local venue, and the campus is its legislative chambers. Participants are required to draft a bill to present to their legislature. They bring their bills to the training, present them, go through committee hearings, and the whole process for passing a bill. The bill is viewed through the LIFT principles which stands for:

Limited Government

ndividual Liberty

Free Enterprise

Timeless Truths

Since the meeting, board members have talked about sponsoring a young republican for this training. Look for more of this in future notes. I'd like to hear what you think about this.

Our second speaker, Yolanda Williams, spoke of presenting a constitution course in an elementary school in Virginia. She used a federal law which requires states to provide a course on the Constitution every year on September 17, Constitution Day, as a mechanism to provide the course. She was allowed to teach the course to some 4<sup>th</sup> graders. She went through some of the slides to illustrate the contents. What was most impressive was the reaction from the kids. It was amazing how they grasped the concepts. One fallout from Yolanda's talk was from one of her handouts. The handout was a bill that she introduced to the Virginia state legislators to set aside a week as "Celebrate Freedom Week" in Virginia. The week was to be set around when September 17<sup>th</sup>, Constitution Day occurs. Within the bill it requires the State Board of education to provide a class in all schools on the constitution during that week. I thought that was a great idea so I asked Nic Kipke if he could sponsor such legislation and he agreed.

Both speakers remained to answer any questions that anyone may have had. I wouldn't be surprised if some of that training doesn't come to Anne Arundel County.

There are a number of events in our Newsletter; please click on the attachment to view them.

The Central Committee will have its regular monthly meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Eastern District Police station. **TONIGHT!!!!** 

The Central Committee will continue their lecture series on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Glory Days Grill in Edgewater with a noted economist, **Dr. Anirban Basu who will give his views on our economy and where he thinks it's going.** See AAGOP for details.

The Maryland GOP will have their convention on 9 and 10 June at The Arundel Preserve at Arundel Mills Mall area. See MDGOP for details. They should have more details as the event gets closer.

Don't miss the Republican Women's Club of Anne Arundel County's (RWAAC) Beach Blast on June 14<sup>th</sup>. I understand they just added "Mask Burning" to their activities. Contact them at rwaac.net.

There's plenty of information for our June 15 meeting about our speakers, Judge Harris, and Judge Celeste. It should be interesting; hearing the thoughts of a retiring judge juxtaposed against those of a newly appointed judge.

The Maryland GOP will host Christi Noem, Governor of South Dakota, at its annual Red, White, and Blue Dinner at the BWI Marriott on June 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 PM.

**Save the date:** Please put our Annual Picnic on your calendar. This year we will be having it at the Severna Park Elks. It will be on Saturday August 26 from 1 to 5. We'll send out a flyer soon.

Till next month,

Norm

President, North County Republican Club

#### **NCRC JUNE MONTHLY MEETING:**

## NCRC Monthly Meeting Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company 4498 Mountain Road; Parking in back Pasadena, MD 21122

#### **JUNE GUEST SPEAKERS:**

#### The Honorable Paul F. Harris:



Honorable Paul F. Harris has been married to his wife Connie for 43 years. They've raised three boys: Lucas, Paul, and Harry. Judge Harris has been a Maryland resident his entire life and has been living in Anne Arundel County for the past 48 years.

The Honorable Paul F. Harris sat as a Circuit Court Judge for 14 years until mandatory retirement. Prior to being a judge, he was a practicing attorney in Anne Arundel County for 28 years specializing in Family, Criminal, and Civil cases. He partnered with his father in the firm of Harris and Harris. In 2004, after his father retired, he was encouraged to challenge the judges appointed by Governor Parris Glendening. All 10 judges on the circuit court bench were Democrats, even though Anne Arundel County was 50 percent Republican. Judge Harris won a historic election as the first private lawyer to unseat an appointed judge. He is now and has served as a certified Senior Judge for the past five years.

#### The Honorable Christine M. Celeste:



Judge Celeste is married to her husband, John, and has two wonderful daughters, Sophia, and Francesca. Judge Celeste has two sisters, both of whom work in Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Her sister Andrea Parker is a 6th-grade math teacher at Northeast Middle School and her twin sister, Kelly Morrison, is a physical therapist assigned to many of the public schools in Pasadena.

Honorable Christine M. Celeste grew up in Anne Arundel County. She was raised in Pasadena where she attended St. Jane Francis de Chantel School and Northeast High School. She attended Villa Julie College (now Stevenson University), where she earned a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies. Judge Celeste attended the University of Maryland School of Law where she was a notes and comments editor for the Maryland Law Review. She is a former federal and state prosecutor with extensive courtroom experience.

https://keepjudgeceleste.com

#### **UPCOMING REPUBLICAN EVENTS:**

#### Tonight June 7th 7:00pm

### Anne Arundel County Republican Central Committee

Next Meeting \* \* \* JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> \* \* \* 7:00PN

At the Eastern District Police Station

#### June 8th Glory Days Grill Edgewater



June Speaker Series

<u>Anirban Basu, MPP, MA, JD, Ph.D.</u>

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Sage Policy Group, Inc.

June 8th, Glory Days Grill Edgewater

3 Lee Airpark Dr, Edgewater, MD 21037

6pm - Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar

## June 9th - - - 2023 Spring Convention

#### **MDGOP 2023 Spring Convention**

2023 Spring Convention
Friday, June 9th & Saturday, June 10th
The Hotel at Arundel Preserve
7795 Arundel Mills Blvd Hanover, MD 21076



For More Information:

https://mdgop.org/convention-schedule/

Friday June 9, 2023, at 4:30pm The Hotel at Arundel Preserve, 7795 Arundel Mills Blvd, Hanover, MD



## 32 Annual Red, White and Blue Dinner w/Gov. Kristi Noem Saturday, June 17th



6:00 P.M. Private Reception & Photo Opportunity 6:30 P.M. General Cocktail Reception 7:30 P.M. Dinner PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 2ND:

IF YOU PREFER TO PAY BY CHECK, PLEASE MAIL TO: MDGOP | P.O. BOX 631 | Annapolis, MD 21404

Questions? Contact RWB@mdgop.org

We are extremely excited to announce that Governor Kristi Noem will be headlining our Red, White, & Blue Dinner this year!

We will be having this year's dinner on Saturday, June 17th at 6:00pm and it will be held at the

BWI Marriott 1743 W Nursery Rd Linthicum Heights, Maryland 21090



