

Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation, Inc.  
*presents*

Women Legislators of Maryland Annual  
*Opening Reception 2022*

Celebrating the



**ANNIVERSARY**  
OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WOMEN'S CAUCUS IN THE NATION



It gives me great pleasure to witness the "Golden Anniversary " of Women Legislators of Maryland, 1972-2022.

Congratulations to Caucus Chair Anne Healey, the Women Legislators of Maryland Executive Committee and Membership on this special observance.



Established 50 years ago by twelve insightful founding members, led by Rosalie Abrams, Women Legislators of Maryland today boasts 81 members of the 188 Maryland General Assembly. Members hold key chairmanships with powerful influence on policy and budget, to include Chair of Appropriations-Maggie McIntosh, Chair of Ways and Means-Vanessa Atterbeary and Chair of Senate Finance-Delores G. Kelley. In a historical House of Delegates election, Adrienne A. Jones was elected Speaker. She is the first female and first African American to do so. On the Senate side, as Melony Griffith was appointed President Pro Tem, Sheree Sample-Hughes was appointed Speaker Pro Tem, serving simultaneously, another "First."

Mary Eliza Watters Risteau was the very first woman elected to the Maryland General Assembly and began her service in the House of Delegates in 1922, exactly 100 years ago.

What a transformed world she would find today!

The Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation (WLMF) was established in 2006 at the recommendation of former Delegate Eileen Rehrmann, who also was the first female County Executive of Harford County. The foundation's first president was Delegate Pauline Menes, one of the founding twelve of the Women Legislators of Maryland.

WLMF pays homage to the recently retired Honorable Nancy Kopp, who has served in the Maryland House of Delegates and as our state Treasurer for over 45 years of combined service to our state. WE SALUTE NANCY!

Many THANK YOUS to all of our sponsors, supporters and community friends.

Finally, as we celebrate the astounding accomplishments of Women Legislators of Maryland on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary, let us not forget: The path of least resistance is not always the best choice.

**Gloria Lawlah**

President

Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation, Inc.

As President of the Women Legislators of Maryland, informally known as the Women's Caucus, I want to welcome our supporters and friends to the 2022 General Assembly and offer our profound gratitude to the Foundation for hosting this fundraising event to support our work on behalf of the women of Maryland. The Caucus was formed in 1972 and as we celebrate our 50th



Anniversary this year, we remain committed to equal opportunity for women in Maryland and to encouraging and nurturing women leaders in all fields, especially in government service.

In this historic year, we have many accomplishments to build upon. When the Caucus was formed, there were only 12 women in the Maryland Legislature. Now we have 81, more than 43 percent of the entire General Assembly. We have legislative leaders, committee chairs and the first woman to stand at the top of the pyramid, Speaker of the House of Delegates, Adrienne A. Jones.

We look forward to advancing the cause of women's equality in society. We thank those who are supporting our work through the Foundation.

Happy 2022!

**Anne Healey**

President

Women Legislators of Maryland



STATE OF MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LARRY HOGAN  
GOVERNOR

December 20, 2021

50th Anniversary  
Women Legislators of Maryland

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on your 50th anniversary, and welcome to this celebration of our nation's first women's legislative caucus! Since 1969, the Women Legislators of Maryland have advocated tirelessly for public policy that improves women's lives in addition to increasing the number of women in public office.

On behalf of the State of Maryland, thank you for all your critical work and for changing Maryland for the better. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Hogan".

Larry Hogan  
Governor

## **WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND FOUNDATION BOARD**

Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation, Incorporated was established in 2006 to provide funding to the Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly, Inc. (*The Women's Caucus*) to assist the Caucus in the achievement of its educational and charitable purposes.

### **OFFICERS**

*PRESIDENT*, HON. GLORIA G. LAWLAH

*VICE PRESIDENT*, HON. EILEEN M. REHRMANN

*SECRETARY/TREASURER*, FRANCES HUGHES GLENDENING

### **MEMBERS**

HELEN V. DORTCH

SHEILAH KAST

MARY LOU McDONOUGH

CAROLYN MILLER

MELANIE MILLER

HON. SANDRA B. SCHRADER

### **EMERITUS**

HON. HELEN D. BENTLEY (posthumous)

BETH GARRAWAY, Ph.D

### **HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS**

KARMEN BROWN

KATHERINE VAN HOLLEN

# Women Legislators of Maryland Executive Board

---

**President :** Del. Anne Healey

**President-Elect:** Del. Lauren C. Arian

**1st Vice President:** Del. Lesley J. Lopez

**2nd Vice President:** Del. Edith J. Patterson

**Secretary:** Sen. Adelaide C. Eckardt

**Treasurer:** Del. Pamela Queen

**1st Member at Large:** Del. Nicole A. Williams

**2nd Member at Large:** Delegate Brenda J. Thiam



Kecia Munroe - *Caucus Director*  
Women Legislators of Maryland  
Lowe House Office Building, Room 200  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Womens.Caucus@house.state.md.us  
Ph: 410-841-3013 or 301-858-3013  
Fax: 410-841-3710  
[www.WomenLegislatorsMD.org](http://www.WomenLegislatorsMD.org)

## Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly, Inc.

# 50 Years

## 1972 - 2022

The Women Legislators of Maryland (The Women's Caucus) was established in 1972 by action on a Resolution introduced by Senator Rosalie Abrams. The resolution proposed that women "form a Women's Caucus to meet regularly and to push for recognition of women and their abilities". Women Legislators of Maryland became the first Women's Caucus in the nation.

Among the early goals of the Caucus was to foster cooperation among women holding elected state legislative office and to increase the participation of women in politics. Delegate Pauline Menes was elected the first President of the Caucus. There were 14 women in the Maryland General Assembly at the time.

Today the Women Legislators of Maryland, a 501 (c)(3) organization is a bipartisan caucus of Senators & Delegates serving in the Maryland General Assembly that develops and supports legislation assisting women and their families; encourages greater participation of women in Maryland government; and communicates and cooperates with other women's organizations.

The 2022 Women Legislators of Maryland will have 81 members, a significant change from the fourteen members in 1972.

# Women Legislators of Maryland, Inc. Members 2022 Legislative Session

---

## *Senators*

Senator Pamela Beidle  
Senator Joanne C. Benson  
Senator Mary Beth Carozza  
Senator Jill P. Carter  
Senator Addie Eckardt  
Senator Sarah K. Elfreth  
Senator Melony Griffith

Senator Katie Fry Hester  
Senator Shelly Hettleman  
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan  
Senator Delores G. Kelley  
Senator Nancy J. King  
Senator Katherine Klausmeier  
Senator Susan C. Lee  
Senator Mary Washington

## *Delegates*

Delegate Lauren Arikan  
Delegate Dalya Attar  
Delegate Vanessa Atterbear  
Delegate Heather Bagnall  
Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett  
Delegate Lisa Belcastro  
Delegate Regina T. Boyce  
Delegate Chanel Branch  
Delegate Lorig Charkoudian  
Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield  
Delegate Bonnie Cullison  
Delegate Debra Davis  
Delegate Jessica Feldmark  
Delegate Diana M. Fennell  
Delegate Wanika Fisher  
Delegate Linda Foley  
Delegate Catherine Forbes  
Delegate Michele Guyton  
Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison  
Delegate Anne Healey  
Delegate Shaneka Henson  
Delegate Terri Hill  
Delegate Faye Martin Howell  
Speaker Adrienne A. Jones  
Delegate Dana Jones  
Delegate Rachel Jones  
Delegate Anne R. Kaiser  
Delegate Ariana Kelly  
Delegate Trent Kittleman  
Delegate Susan Krebs  
Delegate Carol L. Krimm  
Delegate Cheryl Landis  
Delegate Mary A. Lehman  
Delegate Robbyn Lewis

Delegate Brooke Elizabeth Lierman  
Delegate Mary Ann Lisanti  
Delegate Lesley J. Lopez  
Delegate Sara Love  
Delegate Susan K. McComas  
Delegate Maggie McIntosh  
Delegate Rachel Munoz  
Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr  
Delegate Edith J. Patterson  
Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk  
Delegate Shane Pendergrass  
Delegate Roxanne Prettyman  
Delegate Susie Proctor  
Delegate Lily Qi  
Delegate Pamela Queen  
Delegate Teresa Reilly  
Delegate April Rose  
Delegate Sheila Ruth  
Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes  
Delegate Emily Shetty  
Delegate Stephanie Smith  
Delegate Kathy Szeliga  
Delegate Jen Terrasa  
Delegate Brenda J. Thiam  
Delegate Elect Karen Toles  
Delegate Veronica Turner  
Delegate Kris Valderrama  
Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith  
Delegate Courtney Watson  
Delegate Melissa Wells  
Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins  
Delegate Nicole Williams  
Delegate Karen Lewis Young

## *Associate Members*

Senator Brian Feldman  
Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo  
Delegate Mike Rogers  
Senator Will Smith

Delegate Jared Solomon  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher  
Senator Ronald Young



---

# Program

---

## WELCOME

The Honorable Eileen Rehrmann, *Vice President WLMF*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The Honorable Gloria Lawlah, *President WLMF*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND

The Honorable Anne Healey, *President Women Legislators of Maryland*

## RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS

Frances Glendening, *Secretary/Treasurer WLMF*

## REMARKS BY PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Honorable William C. Ferguson, *President of the Maryland Senate*

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, *Speaker of the House of Delegates*

## INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Frances Glendening, Esq., *Secretary/Treasurer WLMF*

## LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The Honorable Anne Healey and The Honorable Gloria Lawlah:  
Honorees

## RECOGNITION OF PAST WLMF FIRST AWARD PRESENTER

The Honorable Anne Healey

## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones



---

# Program

---

## FIRST AWARD

Presenters:

The Honorable Anne Healey and Honorable Gloria Lawlah

### **The Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera**



From July 8, 2013 to September 10, 2021 the Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera served as the first female Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals. Prior to her service as Chief Judge of Maryland's Court of Appeals, Judge Barbera served as an Appellate Judge for the 7th Circuit (Montgomery County) from September 2, 2008 to July 8, 2013. Judge Barbera served and chaired several important committees including: The Judicial Conference, Library Committee, Maryland State Law Library, Judges, Masters & and Juvenile Justice Committee, Hall Of Records, Judicial Cabinet. Judge Barbera first began her career as a teacher in the Baltimore City Public School System.

**LEGISLATIVE & EXECUTIVE  
LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**The Honorable Nancy Kornblith Kopp**



The Honorable Nancy Kopp's recent retirement capped a 50 year career in Annapolis. She began as a legislative staffer for the Montgomery County Delegation in 1971. Ms. Kopp was elected to a seat in the House of Delegates in 1974 and was one of the first women to serve on the Appropriations Committee. Elected as Treasurer of the State of Maryland by her colleagues in 2002, she became the first woman to serve on the Board of Public Works.

**CLOSING**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN CELEBRATING 50 YEARS,  
THE FIRST IN THE NATION: WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND.

# Women Legislators of Maryland Presidents, 1973 - 2022

---

- 1973-1975: Senator Rosalie Abrams  
1976-1979: First elected President: Delegate Pauline H. Menes  
1980-1981: Delegate Marilyn Goldwater  
1982: Delegate Bert Booth  
1982-1984: Delegate Ida G. Ruben  
1984-1986: Delegate Anne S. Perkins  
1986-1987: Delegate Paula C. Hollinger  
1987-1988: Senator Paula C. Hollinger  
1988-1989: Delegate Susan Buswell  
1989-1990: Delegate Eileen Rehrmann  
1990-1991: Senator Mary Boergers  
1991-1992: Senator Barbara Hoffman  
1992-1993: Delegate Sheila Hixson  
1993-1994: Delegate Betty Workman  
1994-1995: Delegate Ruth Kirk  
1995-1996: Senator Jennie Forehand  
1996-1997: Delegate Nancy Kopp  
1997-1998: Delegate Joan Cadden  
1998-1999: Senator Delores Kelley  
1999-2000: Delegate Mary Conroy  
2000-2001: Delegate Sue Hecht  
2001-2002: Delegate Ann Marie Doory  
2002-2003: Delegate Adrienne A. Mandel  
2003-2004: Senator Gloria Lawlah  
2004- 2005: Delegate Jean Cryor  
2005- 2006: Delegate Mary Ann Love  
2006- 2007: Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam  
2007- 2008: Delegate Addie Eckardt  
2009- 2010: Delegate Sue Kullen  
2010- 2011: Delegate Susan C. Lee  
2011- 2012: Delegate Susan C. Lee  
2012- 2013: Senator Catherine E. Pugh  
2013- 2014: Senator Nancy King  
2014- 2015: Delegate Tawanna Gaines  
2015- 2016: Delegate Susan K. McComas  
2016- 2017: Delegate Aruna Miller  
2017- 2018: Delegate Ariana Kelly  
2018- 2019: Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes  
2019-2020 Delegate Trent Kittleman  
2020-2021 Delegate Carol L. Krimm  
2021-2022 Delegate Anne Healey

## SPONSORS

---

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY HOSTS



### MARY RISTEAU SPONSORS

AARP Maryland

FOP Lodge 89

Hon. Nancy Kopp

Pepeco Holdings

Salisbury University Foundation, Inc.

Steamfitters Local Union 602

University of Maryland Baltimore County

## SPONSORS

---

### **VERDA WELCOME PATRONS**

1000 Maryland Women PAC

Compass Government Relations Partners, LLC

Hon. Helen Dortch

Comptroller Peter Franchot

Dr. Sheila Kast & Senator Jim Rosapepe

Maryland Association of Realtors

Ørsted

St. Mary's College of Maryland

### **ROSALIE ABRAMS SPONSORS**

Association of Maryland Pilots

Baltimore County Fire Fighters PAC

Greater Baltimore Committee

IBEW Local 26

Senator Delores Kelley

Delegate Brooke Lierman

Maryland Coalition of Sexual Assault (MCASA)

Miller Partnership Consultants LLC

Pharmaceutical Care Management Association

Rifkin Weiner Livingston LLC

Delegate Sandy Rosenberg

UFCW Local 27

UFCW Local 400



**RICE  
CONSULTING**

**RAISING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR  
WINNING DEMOCRATS SINCE 2001**

410-838-6355 | [info@riceconsultingllc.com](mailto:info@riceconsultingllc.com)  
[www.riceconsultingllc.com](http://www.riceconsultingllc.com)

*Celebrating*



**YEARS**

*of the 1st Women's Caucus  
in the Nation*



THE WOMEN'S CAUCUS  
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES AND  
SINCERELY WISHES TO THANK

**RICE CONSULTING**

**THE GOVERNOR CALVERT HOUSE**

**McFADDEN LUI PHOTOGRAPHY**