

## REPUBLICAN WOMEN LEADERS OF CALVERT

# *Joyce Lyons Terhes*

2018

## SCHOLARSHIP

### **BACKGROUND**

The Republican Women Leaders of Calvert (RWLC) was organized in 2003 and is comprised of homemakers, teachers, lawyers, nurses, business owners, and elected officials. The club is an active affiliate of both the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). With these state and national affiliations, RWLC is part of the largest and most influential political women's organizations in the United States.

The objective of RWLC is to broaden the understanding of Republican aims in government, to increase the number of registered Republicans in the Republican Party, and unite efforts along Republican Party lines. The club is actively involved in all legislative efforts that impact conservative issues and, in the short history of the club, has been a generous and active participant in County charitable initiatives.

### **JOYCE LYONS TERHES**

Joyce Lyons Terhes is the Republican National Committeewoman of Maryland. Joyce was born in Calvert County and lived in the Dunkirk area where her parents had a small general store. Joyce attended Fairview Elementary and graduated from Calvert High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia.

After graduation, she began her career teaching English and social studies in Prince George's County. She loved teaching and eventually was promoted to Assistant Supervisor, working to assist new teachers and to develop curricula. She wrote social studies texts for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students with reading problems. She returned to teaching after a few years in the administrative field and taught at Frederick Douglass High School.

When she returned to Calvert County in the early 80s, Joyce found a new career – politics! Concerned about the rapid growth of her home County and other issues, Joyce founded the Dunkirk Area Concerned Citizens Association and served as the group's first President. She became involved in local issues and realized she could make a difference. She was editor of their newsletter, founding editor of a community newsletter, volunteered for the American Cancer Society and chaired the Annual Cancer Gala. In 1983, she was named Maryland Republican Woman of the Year and honored by the Commission for Women in 1985 for her outstanding service to Calvert County.

Joyce recognized the need in Calvert County for a two-party system. Registered Democrats outnumbered Republicans almost three to one. Joyce organized voter registrations and through her efforts changed the landscape of the County. She actively worked with the local clubs to help the Republican Party gain prominence and recognition, not only in Calvert, but throughout the State of Maryland.

In 1986, she ended her teaching career to run for political office and sought the office of County Commissioner. Joyce was the first Republican woman elected to that office. She was the highest vote getter and elected twice, serving from 1986 to 1994.

In 1989, Joyce was elected Chairman of the Maryland Republican Party and continued to serve in that capacity until her retirement in 1998. Under her leadership, the Maryland Republican Party made gains at all levels of government. Joyce served as Chairman of Victory '92. She is listed in the '91 *Who's Who in the East* and in '93; she was selected by *Campaigns and Election Magazine* as 1 of 74 women who are changing American politics. In 1996, Joyce was selected by *Warfield's Business Record* as one of Maryland Top 100 Women.

In 2002, Joyce was elected Republican National Committeewoman and continues in that role today. She is an elected member of the Republican National Committee and serves on the Executive Committee. She is a founding member of the Republican Women Leaders of Calvert.

### **SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE**

The purpose of the 2018 RWLC Scholarship is to recognize the achievement of high school students who have demonstrated their belief in the philosophy and initiatives of the Republican Party and their support of conservative causes.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE AT THE RWLC WEBSITE (<http://www.rwlc.net>)

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Applicant must:

1. Be a Calvert County graduating senior in good standing.
2. Be a registered Republican (student must be 16 years of age by the primary election to register.) **Must be 18 to vote.**
3. Be recommended by a Calvert County citizen.
4. Have applied to a post-secondary institution.
5. Complete the following documents:
6.
  - a. Application Cover Page
  - b. Resume (20%)
    1. Heading: name, address, phone number, e-mail address
    2. Career objective
    3. Educational background including current grade point average
    4. Extra curricular activities
    5. Employment history
  - c. Recommendations (30%)
    1. Two (2) letters of recommendation (teacher, school administrator, club sponsor, minister, employer, etc.)
    2. Citizen recommendation letter
  - d. Essay (50%)

Write an essay of no less than one (1) or more than three (3) typewritten pages in number 12 font, double spaced with paragraph indentions.

Essay Question: Discuss the current electoral process that allows Maryland State Delegates, Maryland State Senators, United States Congressmen and United States Senators to serve in office for an unlimited period of time.