



It's time for Charlestown Forward to begin acting to help MD FWD meet its goals. At last month's meeting PJ Benenati, the Board Chair for MD FWD, outlined a five-year plan for the organization. The main goal for 2025 is to bring awareness of MD FWD to as many citizens as possible. The term being used for this task is "Outreach & Engagement." Here are some of the suggestions PJ has given us to get that ball rolling.

- Grow the Club... pass out literature on issues and/or Forward, attend community events, host and promote community events, network with other clubs through meet & greets, etc.
- Encourage people to sign up through the MD FWD website to get the newsletter and to help increase our statewide outreach and engagement - organize future local PEP talks to discuss targeted issues important to Charlestown or Baltimore County.
- Identify organizations, institutions, local businesses, faith organizations, clubs and other group networks throughout the county. Organize and research contact info for each group. Start scheduling meet & greets to very briefly introduce Forward but to mostly learn more about their priorities, their needs, their concerns, and their challenges.
- Could also write a short blog article for our Commentary website page talking about the formation of the club or future articles about actions underway.

I'm sure you all have many more ideas about how we can reach out to publicize the issues FWD wants to address. Dream them up! Write them down! Send them to me by **May 23rd** and let's see what we can accomplish.

At our June 6th meeting I'd like to use Rank Choice Voting to choose which of these goals we would like to tackle. Then we will create a plan to accomplish them.

Thanks for your interest in helping MD voters have more say in the work our elected representatives are asked to accomplish.

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