

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

September 2007

Message from the Board

7 – 6 – 14 – 28 – 17. . . And Counting

What do these numbers mean – to CRWC members, to Virginians?

Think: election, General Assembly, majority, turnover (*not* pastry or football!).

Only **seven (7) weeks** remain until the general election on November 6th. On that day, a lot could be decided about the fate of Virginia, its leadership and direction into the future.

We – because we support Republican principles and vision and know that our party represents the best hope for a prosperous and secure Virginia – want to retain the majority now held by Republicans in Virginia's House of Delegates and Senate. But will Republicans prevail? How close could the election be – what are the odds?

Looking at the numbers in stark reality is sobering and energizing at the same time. First, Republicans now enjoy a **majority of 6 seats in the State Senate and 14 seats in the House of Delegates**. Sounds good but in this election season, there's no doubt that Republicans will need to work extremely hard to retain their majority and harder still to increase it.

The election applies to all of the 100 delegates and 40 senators in the General Assembly. Anything can happen, but Republican watchdogs are focusing on **28 seats** in the House that are either 'open' (7 have no incumbent) or pit a Democrat/Independent challenger (21 seats) against an incumbent Republican. The same situation obtains in the Senate where **17 seats** - 6 open and 11 challenged – are in play. There are also a number of seats where Republicans (think Mark Allen) are mounting credible challenges to Democrat/Independent incumbents.

With these numbers, it's not hard to predict that the 2007 election will present serious challenges, quite literally, for all Republicans running for the Virginia General Assembly. The outcome is critical - it will affect our party's role in shaping government policies that affect all of us.

As the races more forward and the weeks until election day melt away, CRWC members can reach out to candidates – thank them for running, donate our time and money and VOTE on November 6th.

Mark Allen for Delegate in Alexandria

Among the very credible Republicans running against a Democrat incumbent is **Mark Allen**, candidate for Delegate from the 45th Virginia District.

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Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

Commonwealth September Potluck Meeting

Thursday, September 27 - 7:00 pm

Jane Ring's - 308 Monticello Blvd

Zip - 22305 Ph. 703-548-7454

A - L appetizer or dessert

M - Z salad or maincourse

Bring item table ready and recipe to share or for possible publication

Call Gail Ledwig - 703-823-0975

with any questions

Speakers

Rep. Tom Davis

VA-11th - Republican

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Mark Allen

Republican candidate for

VA House of Delegate 45th

See below

Local Attorney Off to Strong Start in Race for 45TH State Delegate Seat

July 19, 2007 (Alexandria, VA) In the first month of his first race for public office, Alexandria attorney Mark Allen has set a strong financial pace in his effort to win the 45th District seat in the House of Delegates.

According to recently filed finance reports, Allen's campaign had \$76,000 cash on hand, all raised in the month of June.

Allen is currently the vice chairman of the Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals. He also serves as a Trustee of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, to which he was appointed by former Governor Mark Warner.

"We are extremely pleased by the support that Mark Allen's campaign has attracted" said Charles Hulfish, Allen's campaign manager.

Having lived here for more than three decades, Mark knows

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Congressman Tom Davis, ready for even higher office!

We are honored to have our friend and neighbor, Congressman Tom Davis, as our speaker this month.

Congressman Davis has won eleven successive elections in some of the most Democratic sections of Northern Virginia, including defeating incumbent Rep. Leslie Byrne in 1994 and winning six successive House races in tough partisan terrain.

As chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee from 1998 to 2002, Tom did more to **help build the Republican Party** around the nation than perhaps any other Member of Congress, defying the pundits and increasing our majority during two difficult cycles. Congressman Davis will provide insight on what it will take to retain our majorities in the Virginia General Assembly this fall... and perhaps, on his potential run for the U.S. Senate in 2008.

Prior to his election to U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Davis was the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the governing body of the eleventh most populous municipality with the second largest county budget in the United States. In 1993, during his tenure as Chairman, Fairfax County was recognized as the nation's **best financially managed county** – just one year after he inherited a \$200 million budget shortfall. Tom Davis did what leaders do: he established priorities and cut spending, and during his three-year tenure **the average real estate tax bill went down**.

Congressman Davis's list of legislative accomplishments began almost as soon as he came to Congress. During his first year, Speaker Newt Gingrich tapped Congressman Davis to chair the D.C. subcommittee. Through his oversight and legislative intervention, Congress brought the city back from the brink of financial collapse and the gross mismanagement that characterized the reign of former Mayor Marion Barry.

In the Congress, Tom Davis's reputation as a serious legislator and reformer has blossomed. He's known as a pragmatic bridge-builder who is able to actually get things done in the Congress, and as one of Congress's most objective and **effective investigators**. He chaired the Select Committee on Hurricane Katrina that produced the widely-acclaimed report detailing the failures of all levels of government. He shed important new light on **Sandy Berger's theft** of classified documents from the National Archives. The Government Accountability Office reported that, as chairman of the House Government Reform Committee from 2003 to 2006, Congressman Davis's oversight **saved taxpayers \$6.5 billion**.

Tom and his wife, State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, live in Oakton

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the 45th district and the people who live here. His ability to attract such strong support right out of the gate demonstrates his deep roots in the community.

"This campaign is attracting a new and diverse kind of supporter -- most of whom have never been involved in a political campaign and all of whom are looking for leadership that will be committed to representing them in Richmond," Allen said.

A real estate attorney and leader in the local community for nearly 25 years, Mark Allen is committed to bringing sound judgment and common sense representation to Richmond. He has earned the respect of community residents and business leaders and is known for his collaborative style and problem solving skills.

"I have long believed that being a member of a community means giving back to it through public service. For more than two decades, I have built a successful law practice, while supporting a payroll in both good times and bad in the real estate industry. In that time, I've had the privilege of helping thousands of residents with their housing needs. Now, it is my turn to give back to the community that has supported my success," said Mark Allen.

As our delegate, Mark Allen will give the 45th District a new kind of leadership, Hulfish said. "He'll be able to work with legislators from all over the state on legislation that directly improves the quality of life for our community."

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our Membership stands at 75! The Club continues to attract Republican women even though the "other party" has taken over Congress and the President faces difficult issues.

Please welcome

Sharlene Dunn, a returning member, who works at the Department of Defense -- 4657 Longstreet Lane, #102, 703-671-5898;

Michelle Brooks, government relations at the Peace Corps -- 8104 Wingfield Place, 703-721-0272;

Elizabeth Henry, a manager at AIA -- 102-1/2 Prince Street, 703-299-0039;

Lisa Miller, self-employed at State Farm -- 61 E. Taylor Run Parkway, @703-338-2422;

Elizabeth (Liz) Seale, COO National & Community Service Employer Corp -- 1402 Roundhouse Lane, 703-203-5096.

All live in Alexandria.

CRWC Newsletter

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Deadline for October newsletter is October 10

Website: www.AlexandriaCRWC.org

CRWC Community Service Events Mark Your Calendars!

Three more Community Service events are scheduled for this year's program - We hope you'll join in the fun and giving:

- October 20th - *Walk to Fight Breast Cancer* – help celebrate Health Month and walk with CRWC for a great cause!
- November 15th – *CRWC Supports Literacy: Books for Shelter Kids* – Cheryl Barnes, illustrator of historic and patriotic books for children – *House Mouse, Senate Mouse; Alexander the Old Town Mouse; Washington DC ABCs and many more* - will speak at the CRWC November meeting and bring plenty of books for you to donate to kids at the Alexandria Community Shelter, or to buy for your own Christmas stockings!
- January/February: Saturday morning, Ft. Belvoir - *CRWC Supports our Troops* – help package USO boxes of useful items for our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

The September 9, 2007 “Freedom Walk” was an uplifting opportunity to take a morning stroll with 8,000 other supporters to remember 9/11 and those who perished on that day. Walking behind the Color Guard from the Lincoln Memorial to the Pentagon was a stark reminder of why our troops are continue to fight in Afghanistan and Iraq for the freedom we too often take for granted.

Barbara Nelson, Community Service Chair

For more information about any of the above events, please contact me: barbnelson@starpower.net; 703-549-5590



Sharon Annear and Jane Ring, Event Co-Chairs with Senator John Warner

Annual Fundraiser a Success

What a wonderful night for CRWC! Thanks to all of you that were so supportive, our “Spirited Buffet Supper” at Tall Oaks couldn't have been better. The evening was a huge success. From the gracious hospitality of our hosts, Fran and Gant Redmon and the warmth of our special guest, The Honorable John W. Warner, to the delicious dinner buffet, it was an evening to remember. With 118 people attending, it was the largest turnout at a club fundraiser in our history. Gross receipts were \$8,225.00; expenses were \$3,064.55; net receipts were \$5,160.45.

Once again our special appreciation goes to the following:
Benefactors - Betty Lou & Ed Furash, Fran & Gant Redmon, Maeve & Bob Rigler, and Jane & Connie Ring; *Patrons* - Sharon & Spencer Annear, Sandy & Bob Calhoun, Allison Cryor DiNardo, Gail & don

Ledwig, Anna & Ed Lenz, Ilona & William Savage; *Friends* - Leslie Anderson, Susan & Carl Behnke, Hilda Burcher, Lisa Marie & David Cheney, Chris Cushing, Becky & John Davies, Elaine & Fred Dunning, Jr., Lee & Ted Ellett, Anne & Will Elwood, Linda & Bruce Greenberg, Mary Clare Haskin & Dr. Vincent Zugay, Ann & Michael Hobbs, Jean & Kenny Klinge, Joan & Jim Lamb, Julie Lineberry, Jennifer & Scott McCandless, Judy & Mike McVay, Kay & Bob Mereness, Mary Sue Nelson, Susan Merritt Nelsen, Fred Scheigert, Susan & Ralph Shepard, Jan & Jay Test, Julie Crenshaw & “Van” Van Fleet and Donnie Wintermute.

We would also like to salute the following hard working members of the event's *Committee*: Fran & Gant Redmon, Leslie Anderson, Becky Davies, Nancy Dever, Linda Greenberg, Joan Lamb, Gail Ledwig, Terri Hauser, Shari Simmans and Mike Lane, photographer. Respectfully submitted by Sharon Annear and Jane Ring, Event Co-Chairs.



Jim & Joan Lamb with Senator Warner

THANK YOU BILL CLEVELAND!



CRWC members present a contribution check to Friends of Bill Cleveland for City Council Campaign at a July 2nd campaign event, hosted by CRWC Vice President, Linda Greenberg. More than 18 CRWC members volunteered their time for the Cleveland Campaign. Pictured from l to r: Shari Simmans, Janice McLaury, Leslie Anderson, Bill and Ruth Cleveland, Linda Greenberg

From the moment he threw his hat into the ring, Bill Cleveland showed all of us his heart, his enthusiasm, his dedication to Republican principles and his commitment to the betterment of Alexandria, as he campaigned, along with his wife, CRWC member, Ruth, for a seat on the City Council. The special election held on July 17th was the closest in many years between candidates of opposing parties, and Bill bested his opponent in absentee ballots by a wide margin. Bill was as gracious throughout his campaign as he was in conceding the race, demonstrating how special he is and showing us how fortunate we are, as Republicans, that Bill Cleveland carried the banner for our side. Thank you Bill Cleveland for stepping up and for doing us proud!



POLITICS IS A GOOD THING

I attended part of the Virginia Political History Project 2007 sponsored by Larry Sabato and the Center for Politics. This year's program "A Decade of Political Change" presented well-known politicians answering specific questions in moderated panels. Often, the panelists, as they are politicians, didn't really answer the questions posed by the moderator, but it was interesting to hear what they wanted their audience to hear. As a newcomer to Virginia politics it was interesting as well to see the people who make news locally. The agenda was interesting, the setting lovely -- The Jefferson Hotel -- and lunch was provided. This is an annual event and I look forward to attending it in 2008. Linda Greenberg

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An attorney and community leader, Mark is turning heads all over the 45th District. We are proud that Mark's very first campaign event was the CRWC June fundraiser. And we know that Mark's campaign is benefiting from the goodwill and grassroots groundwork laid by Bill Cleveland earlier in the summer. Mark will attend the September 27th CRWC meeting, but in the meantime, there's lots we can do to help him win this seat.

TUESDAYS AT MARK'S

Would you like to help elect Mark Allen to the Virginia General Assembly?

What: Tuesday is CRWC Night at Allen Headquarters – phone, mailing etc.
Where: Mark Allen for Delegate Office, 107 Oronoco Street, Alexandria
How: To sign up, call 703-684-2007 (other nights/Saturdays also available)
Why?? Because it's very important. . . there are only seven Tuesday nights left before the election. Please call now!
Another Opportunity: Our October General Meeting will be at Allen HQ for a work session, 107 Oronoco Street
More Info: <http://www.markallenfordelegate.com/>

Volunteers Needed: CRWC 2008 Nominating Committee

WHAT? Ad Hoc nominating committee to nominate slate of 2008 CRWC officers: president, 1st vice president/programs, 2nd vice president/membership, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer

WHO? Y-O-U! Three CRWC members are needed to recommend the 2008 slate of officers

WHEN? One meeting, max. two hours, between now and November 15th

HOW? Contact: Jane Ring, jring10@comcast.net, 703-703-548-7454 on or before September 27th

BONUS? A BIG thank you from your club for your help!!

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Calendar

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SEPTEMBER – Literacy Month

- 6 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 27 CRWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
•Speaker: **Congressman Tom Davis**
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- 27-30 NFRW Convention, Palm Springs

OCTOBER – Health Month

- 4 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Last day to register to vote in Nov. 6th elections**
- 11 CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 20 **Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer**
- 25 CRWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 1 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; sell White House ornaments
- 6 **General Election – Virginia General Assembly**
- 8 CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 15 CRWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 6 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.; sell White House ornaments
- 13 CRWC Holiday Party and installation of officers, 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Deadline to submit forms for: 1) VFRW recognition awards, 2) membership incentive awards, 3) Legislative Day, 4) 2008

Fundraising

It's time for the CRWC

2007 White House Ornament Sale!

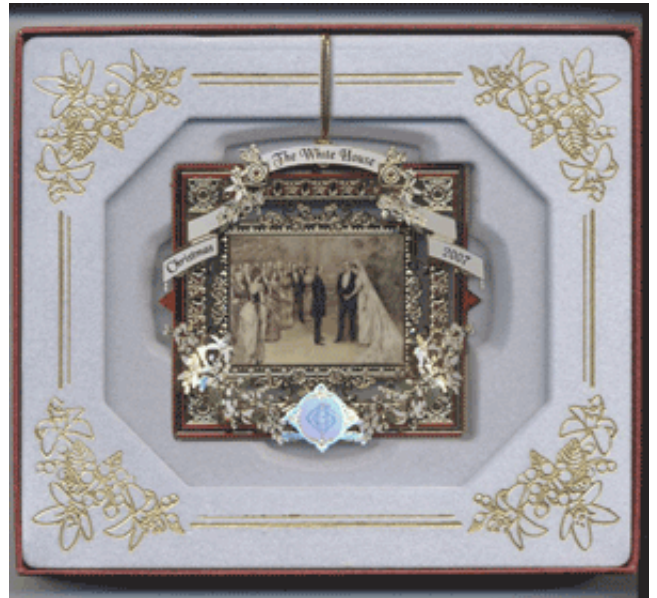
By purchasing these ornaments, you will support CRWC and delight family, friends, colleagues - and yourselves - with unique gifts.

The 2007 ornament depicts the historic wedding ceremony of Grover Cleveland and Frances Folsom, the first such event ever held in the White House. Cleveland was a smitten 49 year old bachelor and his bride a 21 year old graduate of Wells College in Aurora, New York. By all accounts, they lived happily through Cleveland's two non-consecutive terms in office (the only president so to serve) and ever after.

The ornaments are lovely to hang on trees or in windows for the holiday season, and they are equally attractive as home decorations all year 'round. It comes beautifully packaged and is super-easy to mail! Each ornament retails for \$23, but the CRWC is offering them for only \$18.00 through September. Starting October 1st, ornaments will be on sale for \$20.

Order your ornaments today! Linda Greenberg and Janice McLaury are the ornament elves. Please make checks payable to CRWC and mail to 5233 Bessley Place, Alexandria, VA 22394-8647. For more information, contact her at 703-461-6992 or lindaroseveargreenberg@comcast.net

NOTE: Housecleaning has its pluses: Sharon Annear found some White House ornaments from previous years that we will also be selling at our September 27th meeting for \$20 each. They are lovely and in short supply.



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