

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

March 2007

Message from the President

“ . . . because that in the new plantation it is not known whether man or woman be the most necessary.” (Jamestown settlers requesting that land allotments include women, 1619*)

Just as the strengths and contributions of women settlers were recognized in the earliest days of this country's history, today American women are honored during the month of March for their achievements and contributions to our society.

In joining countless other groups across this nation to celebrate Women's History Month 2007, the CRWC honors especially Virginia Dare of Roanoke Island and later the women of Jamestown – such as Pocohontas, Anne Burras, Temperance Flowerdew – who brokered the peace and helped to establish in Virginia a community with roots and a future in the New World.

The pioneering spirit of these women and their legacy of constructive leadership helped to lay the foundation in America “. . . where women like Susan B. Anthony and Alice Stone Blackwell and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Rosa Parks changed the course of our nation's history. Our history was altered because strong women stood up and led.” (President George W. Bush)

As Republican women, we can be particularly proud of the party's role in pioneering and promoting the right of women to vote, including, in 1919, the passage in a Republican Congress of the 19th Amendment giving women equal suffrage. Seven years later, in 1926, a Republican woman was elected mayor of Seattle, Washington. Bertha Landes was the first woman to serve as mayor of a major American city. Previously she had served as president of the city council. Her campaign theme was that Seattle needed some “municipal housekeeping”. Among her accomplishments were the civic auditorium, curbing corruption and reducing crime. (Michael Zak, <http://grandoldpartisan.typepad.com>).

While women in America have accomplished a great deal, politically and otherwise, there are still more gaps to fill, more to achieve. In the coming election year, Virginia Republican women have an opportunity to support Republican candidates for State Delegate and State Senator. Since Virginia currently ranks 42nd among 50 states in the percentage (17.1%) of women serving in a state legislature, the CRWC as an organization of more than 60 Republican women, might use this opportunity to encourage and support more women candidates in Virginia to carry on the legacy of Jamestown in bringing balance and stability to our legislative process.

*Jamestown Historic Briefs, Colonial National Historical Park

Leslie B. Anderson

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 29
(NOTE: 5th Thursday)

Social - 7:30 Meeting - 8:00

Home of
Ruth Cleveland
2121 Jamieson Ave. #501-E
Carlyle Towers, (near Patent Office complex)
703-504-0444

Directions: from Duke Street proceed west, past Whole Foods, to (just before the King Street Metro) Dulaney Street -- there are two lions on each side of the street. Turn left onto Dulaney, then turn at the first right, Jamieson. 2121 is the second tower.

To park, turn right onto Englehardt and on the left you will see a gate behind which is a parking garage. Push the button at the gate and explain that you are there to see Bill and Ruth Cleveland. You can park. The Cleverlands are in apartment 501.

2007 General Assembly Session:

What Happened? How Will It Affect Us?

Our speaker this month is Delegate Dave Albo, who will report on the 2007 session of the Virginia General Assembly, which adjourned February 24 and will reconvene for the Veto Session on April 4. The transportation issue remains a topic of contention and he will share his insights on this and other legislation that affects us.

Although all of our Alexandria representatives in the General Assembly are Democrats (we can work to change that this year!), we fortunately have some powerful Republican friends in neighboring districts who look out for us. One is Delegate Albo, who represents Springfield, Fairfax Station, Lorton, and Mason Neck.

Dave has served in the House of Delegates since 1994. He is an attorney and former prosecutor, and currently

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chairs the powerful Courts of Justice Committee. He also serves on the General Laws Committee as well as Privileges and Elections, the committee that deals with election law and reapportionment.

Dave grew up in Springfield, and understands the needs and concerns of Northern Virginia. He makes his home in an 1835 farmhouse in Lorton with his wife, Rita, and the new son Ben.



Meeting & Hospitality NOTES

Special thanks to February Hostess Allison DiNiardo and Janice McLaury, Becky Davies, Shari Simmons and Terri Hauser for the wonderful refreshments.

Bad Weather
MEETING POLICY

CRWC MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER IF ALEXANDRIA SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED THAT DAY.

The hostess for the meeting provides the beverages that evening. Gail Ledwig, Hospitality chair, will be calling to request donations of food items for our meetings.

Please e-mail or call Gail to offer your help with food this month or your home for a future meeting. Thanks.

Gail Ledwig 703-823-0975 or
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ANNUAL REAGAN - LINCOLN EVENT

The ARCC Reagan Lincoln event will be held on March 22 at 100 King Restaurant (<http://www.100king.com/>) on the second floor. The Celebration Committee (featuring many of our CRWC members!) has put together a wonderful event to support the Alexandria Republicans. The celebration kicks off with a wine and gourmet hors d'oeuvres tasting. And... if you discover any wines you like, you can purchase at the event at a discount, with proceeds going to ARCC. Tickets to the wine reception are \$50.

Then, you can choose to continue the night at the VIP dinner featuring a delicious three course wine dinner with GOP insiders. Seating is limited so reserve early. Tickets for the sponsorship levels are:

\$200 – 1 ticket for wine bar reception and 1 seat at VIP dinner

\$500 – 2 tickets for reception and VIP dinner + photograph with Congressman Boehner

\$1000 – 4 tickets for reception and VIP dinner + photograph with Congressman Boehner, preferred seats at dinner, and introduction during the program.

If you have not received your invitation, please contact Shari Simmans at 571-276-7500 or via email shari@sharisimmons.com

2007 Women's Republican Leadership Conference

The RNC will be holding its 2007 Women's Republican Leadership Conference in several U.S. cities, including Washington, D.C. at the historic Omni Shoreham Hotel on April 13-14. Registration fee is only \$45.00.

The Women's Regional Leadership Conference Series is an exciting educational opportunity that brings women together with top national and regional Republican operatives, strategists, and elected officials.

The theme of the conferences this year is "Majority Bound: Women Building Victory." The 2008 election is around the corner, so the RNC is getting started now in recognizing that women play an integral role in elections and are a main force with grassroots operations. Topics to be covered include event planning, fundraising, communication skills, and voter turnout. You can brush up or learn new skills to bring back home, especially with all of our local races this year.

The RNC is encouraging all Republican women to attend regardless of past political experience. If you have any questions, as always, do not hesitate to contact RNC Co-Chairman JoAnn Davidson's office at (202) 863-8545, or call Sarah at RPV at 804.780.0111.

Further Information, Registration on-line, and hotel information for overnight accommodations go to: <http://www.gop.com/Net/WRLC07/DC.aspx>



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CRWC STEPS OUT IN ANNUAL OLD TOWN PARADES



On February 19th, Commonwealth Republican Women joined Alexandria City Committee (ARCC) members and Young Republicans to march through Alexandria in the annual Alexandria George Washington's Birthday Parade. It was a great way to show the flag for our party and to celebrate our first president's birthday in his home city. New member, Barbara Nelson, carried the CRWC banner with Leslie Anderson, while Terri Hauser pulled her Grand Old Puppy, *Munchkin*, along the route in Elton the wooden Elephant. *Munchkin* and Elton were the undisputed stars of our section, winning the adoration (and future votes?) of the younger set along every street.

Less than two weeks later, on March 3rd, CRWC again stepped out to march with Republican compatriots in the Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade. Shari Simmans, Janice McLaury, her son, Jack, and Ann Hobbs joined Barbara, Terri and Leslie in demonstrating CRWC's Republican and community spirit to the crowd of onlookers. Parade puppy, *Munchkin*, was once again in the spotlight, walking the entire parade route decked out in her own St. Paddy's GOP costume to the delighted acclaim of the children and adults alike.

Joining the parades is energizing and fun. We hope to have even more CRWCers at the next Alexandria event!

Exclusive CRWC Parade Interview:

We thought it would be interesting to hear about the parade experience from a Yorkshire Terrier's point of view. Our roving CRWC interviewer caught up with *Munchkin* Hauser at the end of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and she consented to respond to a few questions:

CRWC: We understand you have marched in quite a few

Alexandria parades. What is it that you like about parades?

Munchkin: "Like" hardly says it at all – I Love a Parade! I find the whole thing exhilarating. Showing the Republican spirit to the town – boy, that's what it's all about!

CRWC: What's the longest parade you've ever walked in?

Munchkin: It's hard to calculate in dog distance – estimating at least 4 steps to every human step, I'd say probably 42,240 steps is the longest parade. . . but, really, what's most important is that every step along the way I get to share our party spirit with the crowd – it's great stuff!

CRWC: I hear you have an interesting nickname – something about GOP?

Munchkin: Yes, some call me Grand Old Puppy. I'm not too happy about the age implication, but we have to be realistic, don't we, girls? The truth is that I am proud as punch to carry a nickname associated with our Grand Old Republican Party in our nation and right here in Virginia. It's awesome, just awesome!

CRWC: Thank you Grand Old Puppy for an inspiring interview.



VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN 2007 ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 21 – 22 * Omni Richmond Hotel * Richmond, Virginia

The annual VFRW convention provides an unprecedented opportunity to learn about the business of our state Republican women's organization and to meet other women leaders from affiliated clubs throughout Virginia.

The luncheon speaker is Peter Schweizer, co-author of *Chain of Command* and author of *Reagan's War, The Bushes and Do As I Say (Not as I Do)*. Seminars will feature "the world of blogging" and Sue Lynch presenting her "Mini Campaign School". Guests are L.G. Bill Bolling, A.G. Bob McDonnell, State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, Congressman Tom Davis

CRWC will be able to send a minimum of five delegates to represent the club at the convention. The CRWC treasury will cover part of the cost of registration for each delegate. The Omni Richmond Hotel is also providing a special rate for conventioners.

Interested in becoming a CRWC delegate to the convention? Want more information? Contact: Leslie Anderson:
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