

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

November/December 2008

Message from the President

THANK YOU!

"...I call on all Americans, . . . to believe, always, in the promise and greatness of America, because. . . Americans never quit. We never surrender. We never hide from history. We make history." John McCain in his concession speech

As the first order of business in my last message as CRWC president, I want to send an enthusiastic and unqualified THANK YOU to our Republican candidates in this election cycle. November 4th was a sobering day for Republicans across the country and in Virginia. But even as we salve our disappointment, analyze and take stock, I would also like to acknowledge the all-out effort made by Republican candidates throughout the country to carry the banner for our principles.

So, THANK YOU JOHN McCAIN for your leadership and perseverance "...in what at times seemed to be the most challenged campaign in modern times. . ." (McCain 11/04/08) Thank you for showing us, once again, that your hope for America is deeply rooted in love for country first and anchored by a profound faith in our future. And Thank You! Sarah Palin for standing with John McCain, for giving us such high moments in the campaign and for withstanding unprecedented public scrutiny with grace and wit.

And Thank You! Jim Gilmore and Mark Ellmore for your principled and energetic campaigns as Republican Senate and House candidates in Virginia. From the first parades to the last door bells, we know that you were out there representing the party with great style and with vision, and we thank you for your leadership.

Finally, and on a slightly different note, I want to thank the women of the CRWC for two rewarding years as your president. It has been my privilege to serve with such thoroughly honorable - and thoroughly Republican - women of Alexandria. We have traveled an eventful road together, hosting countless speakers and exuberant events to promote a Republican presence in Alexandria. You have tutored me in the history of Virginia politics and parliament and I am grateful that we have stood together as a strong team. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the support that you have given to me and that you will now offer to Amy Millican as she assumes her duties as president.

As we look ahead, as Republicans and as members of CRWC, I hope that our assessment of the shape of things to come will find us much more active, more open to new ideas and even more committed to doing the hard work that will convey to all Americans our voice and our values and our hope for the future of our country.

"It's not the will to win that matters - everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters." Bear Bryant, coach, University of Alabama

Leslie Anderson

CRWC MEETING

December 11

Join CRWC for a festive Holiday Party

Julie Lineberry's home

500 High Street, Alexandria 22302

7:30 p.m.

In addition to celebrating we will install officers and there will be a short presentation on literacy in Alexandria from Community Lodgings. A list of books requested by Community Lodgings to help the children they serve has been emailed and will be emailed again. If you cannot obtain these books easily use the list as a guide and bring your own selection to the December 11th meeting.

Members will also be asked to bring food to share. Susan Yonts-Shepard (seysrsls@verizon.net) will coordinate the menu.

Nominating Committee Report

The CRWC Nominating Committee is happy to report the following slate of officers for 2009:

President: Amy Millican

VP for Programs: Linda Greenberg

VP for Membership: Deb Rankin

Recording Secretary: Janis Lenderman

Corresponding Secretary: Ann Kavaljian

Treasurer: Janice McLaurry

Signed: Becky Davies, Gail Ledwig, and Jane Ring

CRWC president Leslie Anderson greets Roberta McCain at John McCain's headquarters in Crystal City. Mrs. McCain inspired all the volunteers when she stopped to thank them at the end of a one-day, 11 city tour of Virginia. Thank You! Mrs. McCain!



“CRWC Night” at McCain-Palin HQ October 23rd

Seventeen members of the Commonwealth Republican Women’s Club made phone calls for McCain-Palin at their Crystal City headquarters on Thursday, October 23, 2008. A big thank you to Leslie Anderson, Jean Marie Antone, Ruth Cleveland, Nancy Dever, Colleen Dougherty, Linda Greenberg, Terri Hauser, Ann Hobbs, Joan Lamb, Gail Ledwig, Janis Lenderman, Janice McLaury, Paula Potoczak, Pat Schick, Deborah Rankin, and new members Mary Kapellas and Ellen Nobles. Indeed, a special thanks to Mary and Ellen, both of whom were very energetic and enthusiastic.

Thank you to Mary Conway and Fay Fitzsimons of the McCain Volunteer Team and Pam Pryor of the RNC for welcoming us so warmly.

Of note in the calling: Terri Hauser won the first place prize for making the most phone calls in one hour!

-Linda Greenberg



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1. New member, Mary Kapella and Treasurer, Janice McLaury reach out to Virginia voters at CRWC Volunteer Night on October 23rd at the McCain-Palin HQ, Crystal City. Background: Pat Schick confers with Diane of the McCain team.

2. Colleen Dougherty, Nancy Dever and Terri Hauser were among Terri Hauser were among CRWC callers at McCain-Palin HQ on October 23rd.

3. Corresponding Secretary, Joan Lamb and First V.P., Linda Greenberg making calls for McCain-Palin during CRWC Night at the campaign headquarters



Dear Jean, Ruth, Colleen, Linda, Terri, Ann, Mary, Joan, Gail, Janis, Janice, Pat, Deb, Paula, Nancy, Ellen and Leslie:

Thank you Commonwealth Republican Women for making our Thursday McCain-Palin phone bank such a success!

Last night, with your help, our intrepid volunteers at Virginia’s Victory Headquarters reached more than 3,500 voters. We know these calls work. Not only do they provide a look at voter preferences, but the results will be essential to targeting our calls before Election Day.

Thank you for bringing such spirit, style - and most delicious goodies! - to the McCain-Palin Call Center.

Best Wishes,
Fay Fitzsimons
Volunteer Coordinator
McCain-Palin 2008

Welcome New Members

Maria Ciarrocchi
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Mary Kapellas
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Mary Sommerville
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Ellen Nobles Weekley
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and renewing member Reba Burns.

2008 - 2009 Calendar

2009

NOVEMBER

20 CRWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4 CRWC Board Meeting
- 4 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 CRWC Holiday Party and installation of officers, and presentation by Emily Barnes, Community Lodgings, on their literacy program. CRWC supports the program with book donations. Home of Julie Lineberry. 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Deadline to submit forms for to VFRW:
 - 1) VFRW recognition awards,
 - 2) Membership incentive awards,
 - 3) Legislative Day,
 - 4) 2009 CRWC officers slate

JANUARY

- 7 VA General Assembly Opens
- 8 CRWC Board Meeting
- 8 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 CRWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Professor Russell Roberts, Economics Professor at George Mason University. He will speak on his new book, *The Price of Everything*.

FEBRUARY

- 4 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 16 Washington's Birthday Parade, 1 p.m.
- 26 CRWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Yvonne Folkerts, Chair of the Alexandria School Board. She will speak on Public School Education in Alexandria

CRWC Spearheads Old Town Market

Last July, at the request of Jerry Lipson, coordinator of Alexandria Veterans for McCain, CRWC organized campaign outreach for John McCain and Republican candidates at the Alexandria Saturday Market. Over the course of 16 weeks, CRWC president, Leslie Anderson and member, Barbara Nelson, established a visible and spirited presence for Republicans in the heart of Old Town. They, along with vol-



unteers from CRWC and the community, reached hundreds of local and out-of-state residents – and their McCainines. On more than one Saturday, the opposition was heard asking “Where are all these Republicans coming from anyway?”

Left: CRWC member Barbara Nelson was instrumental in establishing the Old Town Saturday Market Republican outreach. Here she stands with Market volunteers Sid Kemmis and Cathy Hill.



Above: Incoming CRWC president Amy Millican and past president, Terri Hauser, greet market goers for McCain-Palin, Gilmore and Ellmore on a rainy October Saturday at the Old Town Market.

MEET YOUR VIRGINIA LAWMAKERS AT VFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY

- What:** Discuss Virginia issues and meet your Commonwealth legislators at the annual VFRW-sponsored Legislative Day
- When:** January 15 - full day session, including lunch
- Cost:** \$45 by December 21; \$50 after that date
- Sign Up:** Send check to CRWC Treasurer, Janice McClaury
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Commonwealth Republican Women's Club has The 2008 White House Christmas Ornament Now On Sale

*"We shall have an old fashioned Christmas Tree
for the grandchildren upstairs,
and I shall be their Santa Claus myself."
President Benjamin Harrison*

Simplify your Christmas shopping while you help fund CRWC's projects.

Still only \$20 each

Same as last year!

For information or to order contact:

CRWC Treasurer, Janice McLaury janicemclaury@gmail.com

Make checks payable to CRWC

Calling All Book Worms!

It's time for the CRWC annual book drive to support literacy. The children at Community Lodgings (CL) Education Program love getting new books! Please donate a book to support this effort.

CRWC will present our books to Community Lodgings at the annual holiday party on December 11th.

A copy of the CL "Book Wish List", is available on the CRWC website: AlexandriaCRWC.org or contact Amy Millican: millicanrwc@gmail.com

