

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

September 2008

Message from the President

This has got to be Americans helping Americans. America first. Ladies and gentlemen, the time is now.

John McCain, August 31, 2008

These words of John McCain echoed the thoughts of all Americans as Hurricane Gustav bore down on the Gulf. Senator McCain showed decisive leadership in setting aside Republican convention activities to refocus efforts to help those who will be affected by storm. It's the same kind of leadership and courage that he has exhibited all of his life and that he will bring to the presidency in 2009.

Undoubtedly these personal characteristics and qualities will be highlighted by John McCain's brother, Joe, when he speaks to the CRWC on September 18th. I am sure he will tell us about the brother he has described as his "hero," why John McCain will be an interesting, productive and reform-minded president, and why he needs our help – as fellow Republicans - to win on November 4th.

CRWC is delighted to host Joe McCain. He is a fellow Alexandrian, a writer, newspaper reporter, public speaker, and, we understand, a stage actor. He was a member of the U. S. Navy and served aboard the USS Enterprise during the Vietnam War. He has been described as a true friend of U.S. military veterans.

We welcome Joe McCain on September 18th, but we don't need to wait until then to hear the call to *Step Up, Speak Out and Pitch In* to help elect John McCain and Sarah Palin in November.

This month's newsletter is replete with opportunities to volunteer on the McCain-Palin Team. Many of you are already pitching in – thank you! With only two months before the Big Day, this is the time for everyone to get involved. McCain-Palin needs your vote and your voice. . .the time is now.

Leslie Anderson

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

September 18, 2008

General Meeting 7 p.m.
With bountiful hors d'oeuvres

Special Speaker: Joe McCain
John McCain's brother, Joe McCain,
will summarize all the excellent reasons
to work as hard as possible to
elect the John McCain - Sarah Palin
ticket on November 4th.

Home of Gail and Don Ledwig
503 Cathedral Drive, just off
N. Quaker Lane. 703-823-0975

Spouses, friends and newcomers
Welcome



Monica Almeida/New York Times

DON'T FORGET TWO IMPORTANT DATES

- * October 6: VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- * October 28: ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR BALLOT TO BE MAILED
(delivered to REgistrar/Electoral Board or postmarked no later than 5 p.m.)

WIN A BEAUTIFUL McCAIN CAMPAIGN PIN!

CRWC members are invited to participate in the CRWC door prize raffle for crystal McCain 2008 pin. The raffle will be held at the next meeting, Sept. 18th. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. All tickets from the May meeting will be honored.

The Ann Hand designed crystal pin is set with Swarovski crystals on a silverplate setting. The pin measures approximately 2" x 1".



DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMPAIGN HOURS!

This is a REMINDER for all CRWC members to keep a tally of your non-paid volunteer campaign hours. We will submit them to the NFRW awards program next year.

The tally time frame begins in July 2007 and ends in June 2009. Now is the time to start your record-keeping! If you'd like a campaign tally sheet, please contact Becky Davies at jbdavies@erols.com

We Must Maintain Our Republican Senate Seat - Come Support Jim Gilmore!

CRWC Members, Family and Friends

You are cordially invited to a meet and greet with Governor Jim Gilmore on Saturday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of CRWC member Amy Millican, 629 North Alfred Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. No RSVP, just come and bring your support!

Hospitality for September Meeting

For the exciting September meeting, please bring finger foods or desserts for our guests and members. Some of you have already volunteered to bring wine and other special snacks. I will be calling to remind people and ask them to bring something easy to eat while standing or sitting around talking politics. If you want to volunteer please email or call me. Email is seysrls@verizon.net or phone 703 823 4020. If I don't hear from you, you will hear from me!!!! See you all in September! Susan Yonts-Shepard

2008 Calendar

SEPTEMBER – Literacy Month

- 1-4 RNC Convention, Minneapolis, MN
- 9 8th District Fundraiser with former Maryland Governor Bob Erlich, Lyon Village Community Center, Arlington, 7 – 9 p.m.
- 9-14 NFRW Convention, Orlando. FL
- 11 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 CRWC Pot Luck Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER – Health Month

- 2 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 18 CRWC walks with Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer
- 23 CRWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Work Night for the McCain-Palin ticket at headquarters in Crystal City (1235 S. Clark Street).

NOVEMBER

- 4 General Election: President/Congress
- 6 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 20 CRWC Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Attorney Hannah Smith will speak on recent Supreme Court decisions of interest. Ms. Smith clerked for both Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas. Gail Ledwig's home.

DECEMBER

- 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. See suggested book list above. Home of Julie Lineberry. 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Deadline to submit forms for:
 - 1) VFRW recognition awards,
 - 2) membership incentive awards,
 - 3) Legislative Day,
 - 4) 2008 CRWC officers slate

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CRWC VOLUNTEERS Step Up - Speak Out - Pitch In

1. To Market, To Market:

- ☐ Greet market goers at the Old Town Market
- ☐ Saturday mornings 7:45 - 9:45 a.m. - every week until the election
- ☐ Meet at corner of No. Fairfax and King Streets (by the steps)
- ☐ Contact: Leslie Anderson, 703-836-5244, 571-228-2881 leslie_b_anderson@yahoo.com
Join CRWC members: Leslie Anderson, Barbara Nelson, Ann Hobbs, Sarita Schotta, Susan Yonts-Shepard and others - the reception has been great!

2. McCain Victory Headquarters:

- ☐ Phone bank, letters to the editor, mailings/materials preparation
- ☐ M-F 10 am -8:30 pm; Saturday 9:30 am - 6 pm; Sunday 12 - 5 pm
- ☐ 1235 S. Clark Street, Arlington, VA (Crystal City)
- ☐ Contact: 703-955-4260; Fay Fitzsimons ffitzsimons@mccain08hq.com
(Please call ahead to volunteer for non-telephone activities)

The parking garage is located just before the entrance to the building. NOTE: if you are volunteering on a weekend, parking in the underground garage is FREE, and you may also be able to find a FREE parking place in front of the building.

- ☐ Add your name to the volunteer list; receive excellent updates of events, issues, current polls.
- ☐ Join "Mondays for McCain", Women for McCain-Palin will volunteer every Monday 6-8 pm
Contact: ameese@mccain08hq.com, 703-650-5780

3. Wear a pin, a lapel sticker, a bumper sticker and a smile McCain-Palin

4. Volunteer Locally: > Alexandria Republican City Committee: www.AlexGOP.org Chris Marston; > 8th District Republicans: www.vagop8cd.org, Mike Ginsberg



Matt Hallet and CRWC Recording Secretary Ann Hobbs hand out McCain lapel stickers and campaign material at the Old Town Market, Saturday morning, August 2nd. CRWC and Republican volunteers will be at the Market every Saturday until the election. Come join us! Contact: Leslie Anderson, leslie_b_anderson@yahoo.com

ELECTORAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

September 6: Arlington County Republican Committee "Meet the Candidates" Picnic Confirmed Candidates: Senator Ken Cuccinelli, David Foster, Mark Ellmore; 1:00PM to 4:00PM Potomac Overlook Regional Park RSVP by September 4 to picnic@ArlingtonGOP.org

September 9: 8th District Fundraiser with former Maryland Governor Bob Erlich, Lyon Village Community Center, Arlington, 7 - 9 p.m.

September 9: 11th Congressional District of the RPV Invites You to **Salute to Congressman Tom Davis**, 6:30 VIP reception; 7:30 dinner and program; Sheraton Tysons Corner, Vienna, Virginia 22182, \$85 individual; Becky Stoeckel: 703-731-9020; chairman@va11gop.org

September 11: "Foot Path to Victory series" National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) presents a discussion on "National Security and Immigration" 7 - 8 p.m. at their headquarters, 124 N. Alfred Street (corner of Cameron).

September 13: Promote McCain-Palin at the Arts Festival* on King Street,

September 15: Support Mark Ellmore when he speaks on the Energy Crisis at the Town Hall Meeting, Edison High School, 7:30.

October 4: Promote McCain-Palin at Art* on the Avenue, Delray. Contact: Jerry Lipson lojer7747@aol.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE

September is Literacy Month!

Thirty million American adults -- one out of every seven in our nation -- lack everyday reading skills. For these men and women, filling a prescription or filling out an application for a job can be a daunting task. Poor readers are much more likely to have health problems, and they're much less likely to have jobs. As President Bush has said, "If you can't read, you can't realize the great American dream." *Mrs. Bush's Remarks at the Fifth Annual Reading First National Conference, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee - July 28, 2008

As part of our Community Outreach, the CRWC will begin our annual book drive starting at our September 18, 2008 meeting. Again this year all books donated will be given to Community Lodgings during a special recognition at the December meeting. There are many ways to support this extremely worthwhile project. You may bring your book donations to a CRWC meeting, drop them off at the Community Outreach Chair's house (629 North Alfred Street) or call the Community Outreach Chair, Amy Millican at 703-217-9051 to arrange a pick-up of book donations.

A full list of titles will be emailed to every CRWC member and be available in hard copy at all CRWC meetings until December and at www.Alexandriacrwc.org/Our_Service.html

Every book donation changes a life! Help CRWC make the American dream possible for the children in our community and donate to the CRWC book drive!

Alexandria Birthday party

Thanks goes to CRWC Members turned out July 12th to support the Republican tent at the annual Alexandria Birthday picnic and concert in Oronoco Park. Pictured l to r: Eileen Giglio of the McCain campaign and CRWC members: Shari Bulouri, Lois Lipson, Leslie Anderson, Terri Hauser and, newlywed, Michelle Presson Marston. Not pictured: Susan Fertig-Dykes and Paula Potoczak.



McCain Nation Party at the Lambs

On August 14th, Joan and Jim Lamb sponsored a McCain Nation Party at their home to help start up the grassroots campaign in Alexandria to elect John McCain to the Presidency of the U.S. The Lamb's party was one of 15,000 local McCain Nation Parties held throughout the country.

The thirty people attending—CRWC members and their spouses as well as friends and neighbors—viewed a DVD of Senator McCain which gave insight into his service to our country. A highlight of the party was the presence of Orson Swindle—a close friend of the Senator and a fellow POW at the Hanoi Hilton—who shared insights about the character of John McCain and his election campaign. Then they were plugged into a conference call on which Cindy McCain spoke to the attendees and Charlie Black answered call-in questions from the people.

Leslie Anderson, President of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club, shared ideas on how to get the word out to the community about our candidate and gave a list of activities that were planned like literature drops, phone calls at headquarters, and Letters to the Editor. Most importantly was the need to be a presence in the community for the candidate by wearing McCain buttons, and talking to your friends and neighbors about why you were voting for McCain.

NFRW is a great resource for talking points about the campaign. Just go to the web site and download what you need.



Orson Swindle, Veterans for McCain chair, speaks to CRWC members and neighbors at the McCain Nation House Party hosted by Jim and Joan Lamb on August 14th. Swindle encouraged all to get involved and to speak out to support John McCain's campaign for president.

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Demonstrating that maverick spirit that we all love so much, Senator John McCain reached way outside the box and chose Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate.

Sarah Palin is a dynamic, down-to-earth, conservative reformer who has really shaken up Alaska politics in her first term as governor. As Shirley Sadler, President of the National Federation of Republican Women, said, “[Palin’s] bold leadership in Alaska proves that she won’t be afraid to shake up the status quo in Washington and that she would be ready and more than able to serve as our nation’s president.”

Palin’s experience on the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, where she routed out corruption and politics as usual, and later her experience as Governor of a state where the oil industry is integral to the local economy will be important as energy continues to look like it will be the key issue of this election.

When Congress returns for its last 15 days of the legislative calendar look for energy to dominate the debate. National polls show tremendous support for the All-of-the-Above Energy Strategy that the Republicans have been pushing for months, which includes promoting conservation and renewable energy sources but also drilling in ANWR, on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), and in the shale oil-rich areas of the Mountain West. Democrats have found it difficult to appease their environmental left while heeding the “drill here, drill now” cries of the overwhelming majority of American voters.

The debate will likely come to a head this month over drilling on the OCS. In July, President Bush lifted a moratorium that has been in place on OCS drilling for over two decades. The only obstacle now to drilling there is a Congressional moratorium – one that must be renewed annually. If Congress fails to renew the prohibition, it will expire on September 30th – leading many Republicans to call October 1st Energy Independence Day.

Democrats are now formulating legislation that will pay lip service to drilling, but will in reality extend the moratorium and add layers of red tape to any future leasing opportunities there.

While the Democrats’ front man has vacillated widely on his support for offshore drilling, McCain and Palin show rock solid support. In fact, in June, Governor Palin sent a letter to Harry Reid that ended with these words:

If we don’t move now to enact an energy policy that includes more oil and gas production from domestic sources, including ANWR and the federal OCS, we may look back someday and realize that we failed to perceive a critical crossroad in the history of this nation. I don’t think it’s overly dramatic to say that this nation’s future and the quality of life for every American are dependent on the decisions you make or don’t make in the next few months.

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!
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