

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

MAY 2008

Message from the Board

Meet Cindy McCain

CRWC members returning from the May 8th "Coffee Break with Cindy McCain" were very much impressed with Cindy McCain's skill as a speaker, her dedication to her family and to improving the lives of those less fortunate in the U.S. and around the world.



As we approach our CRWC summer hiatus and enter into the 'high' campaign season, we wanted to share with you information about Cindy McCain, wife of John McCain, the presumptive

Republican nominee for President of the United States. A recent Wall Street Journal (WSJ) article about Cindy McCain also highlighted much of this background.

Cindy Hensley graduated from the University of Southern California and went on to become a special-needs teacher, participating in a pilot movement therapy program that has become the standard for dealing with severely disabled children. When her father died, she became involved with his beer distributing firm where she now serves as chairwoman. Sales have doubled since she took over from her father.

Her early years working with children extended into an advocacy role for children's health care needs and in 1988, she founded the American Voluntary Medical Team (AVMT), providing emergency medical care to impoverished children. In 1991 Mother Theresa convinced Cindy McCain to take to the U.S. two orphaned babies in Bangladesh, who were in need of medical attention. One of the babies is now their adopted daughter, 15 year old Bridget McCain; the McCains facilitated the adoption of the other baby.

Her passion for helping others is now focused on three international organizations: Halo Trust, dedicated to landmine removal and weapons destruction in war-torn countries; Operation Smile, with a mission to repair children's cleft lips and palates and other facial deformities; and, CARE USA, working to fight global poverty, particularly among women. The Hensley Family Foundation also supports children's causes, nationally and internationally.

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Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

May 22, 2008

General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

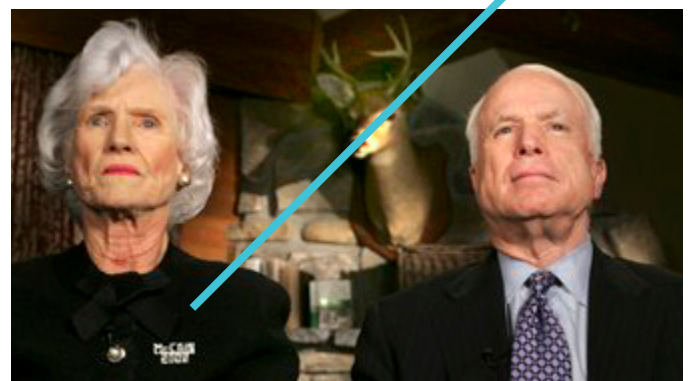
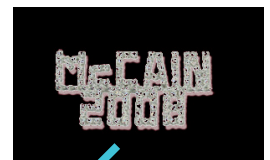
Becky and John Davies' Home
3901 Terry Place ~ 703-370-6890

Meet the Candidates

Spouses, friends and newcomers
Welcome

OPPORTUNITY: Meet the Candidates running for the House of Representatives and the Senate 2008. Here's your opportunity to question the candidates after hearing their summaries of positions and goals. Please support the electoral process in this very important election year by attending these events and bring friends and family, too. And please vote in the GOP Primary, Tuesday, June 10, at your usual precinct.

A Proud Mom!
You can show it TOO!
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Cindy McCain is a native Arizonan. They have a son serving in Iraq, another attending the Naval Academy, a daughter recently graduated from Columbia Univ.; and a daughter in high school. The McCains elected to raise their children in Phoenix rather than Washington DC and for Senator McCain to commute.

Cindy McCain has faced and overcome an addiction to pain killers that followed two back surgeries in 1989. She talks openly about the resulting difficulties, which she says is part of the recovery process.

This WSJ quotes the following about Cindy McCain: "I'm surprised the media is so quiet about her attributes. She sounds more capable than Hillary or Obama. We would really get two for the price of one. A person with business and international experience. John did work for the firm when he left the Navy. She, however, has the real business experience. Very interesting"

To know more about Cindy McCain: www.johnmccain.com/About/Cindybio.htm.

To volunteer to help elect John McCain President of the United States in 2008: www.johnmccain.com; and to join the RNC Women's Coalition and receive updates on the McCain campaign: <http://www.gop.com/pinkelephants.htm>.

See you on the campaign trail!

Leslie Anderson

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

2008 Calendar

MAY

- 17 8th District Republican Convention
- 22 CRWC Regular Meeting, Meet the Candidates Night - 7:30 p.m.
- 30 31 VA Republican Convention – nominate U.S. Senate Candidate

JUNE

- 1 Achievement awards to NFRW
 - 4 ARCC Reagan-Lincoln Dinner with Mary Matalin
 - 10 Republican Primary select U.S. House candidate
 - TBA CRWC submit members/dues to NFRW
- No CRWC board or regular meeting in June**

JULY & AUGUST

- 12 Alexandria Birthday Fair – ARCC/CRWC booth
 - 21 CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
 - TBD ARCC summer picnic (August)
- No regular July/August CRWC meetings, or July board meeting**

SEPTEMBER – Literacy Month

- 1-4 RNC Convention, Minneapolis, MN
- 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.

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.

DECEMBER

- 4 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 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 CRWC officers slate

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WIN A BEAUTIFUL McCAIN CAMPAIGN PIN!

CRWC members are invited to participate in the CRWC door prize raffle for a crystal McCain 2008 pin. The raffle will be held at the May 22nd meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 and sales are for CRWC members only. Make checks to CRWC.



If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to participate, please email Leslie Anderson with the number of tickets you want; then send that amount (\$5.00 x # tickets) to Leslie at 400 Madison Street, #1505, Alexandria, VA 22314 (or give \$ to a member who will attend). We will keep a record of your ticket numbers and deposit your stubs in the drawing basket.

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

An Evening to Help the Alexandria GOP!



Please join us at Alexandria's Reagan-Lincoln Celebration on Wednesday, June 4. This special event will draw Republicans from across the city and Northern Virginia, as we celebrate the legacy of two great American Presidents.



REAGAN LINCOLN
CELEBRATION

Special guest: Mary Matalin

The celebration will be held at the new Carlyle Club, starting with a cocktail reception (open bar), followed by a dinner for our VIP contributors. The funds we raise will help support the local party in Alexandria and our candidates in 2008 and 2009. To order ticket go to: www.alexgop.org/involve/reagan08.php

Date: Wednesday, June 4

Time: 6 - 9:30 pm

Cocktail hour at 6 pm

VIP dinner at 7:15

Location: The Carlyle Club

411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria [Old Town]

(1 block off Duke St. - see map)

* Chairman's Circle - \$2000

Cocktails & dinner for 4

* GOPatriot - \$500

Cocktails & dinner for 2

* GOPartner - \$200

Cocktails & dinner (per person)

* GOPatron - \$75

Cocktails only (per person)

CRWC's April Speaker:

Life is full of surprises and some of them good ones. Senator Cuccinelli was called out of town to attend a family funeral and could not attend our April 24th meeting. That was an unpleasant surprise. (He looks forward to meeting us in the Fall.) Fortunately for Club members and guests, Dave Foster, who had been Chairman of the Arlington School Board and an active and successful Republican politician for many years, was able to address us. Foster was a very refreshing and savvy speaker. His upbeat story of how he planned and executed a successful political campaign and changed educational policy in Arlington by staying true to his principles but picking the issues on which to take a stand was very well received. Since then we have learned that Foster has formed an exploratory committee to assess the feasibility of running for Attorney General.

Linda Greenberg



Support Our Troops

* ARMED FORCES DAY *

May 17, 2008

SPONSORED BY THE ALEXANDRIA REPUBLICANS

Rally for the Troops. Help put together Care Packages for the troops serving in the Global War on Terrorism. Bring items such as bubblegum, Febreze, Chex mix or non-lithium batteries, or ... for the "or" see www.AlexGOP.org/rally.

At the Rally meet Lt. Col. Orson Swindle, USMC Ret. and hear him speak about war and terrorism. Lt. Col. Swindle was a cellmate of John McCain's in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton."

THE PLACE: The Great Room in the Cameron Station Community Building, 200 Cameron Station Blvd.

TIME: 4 p.m. On street parking available.



REMINDER! CRWC Care Package Project – Still Time to Help!

How:

Contact Janice McLaury to arrange to drop items at her house: 5232 Bessley Place , Alexandria; 703-212-9653; janicemclaury@gmail.com (Janice also has a complete list of needed items)

When: Accepting items NOW through May 31, 2008

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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Paula Willoughby (*left*), immediate past president of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW), hosted her final “President’s Reception” to honor club leaders at the annual VFRW convention on April 18th. The convention marked the end of Paula’s two-year term as president of the VFRW. During her tenure, Paula applied her many talents and boundless energy to bring the state organization into the electronic age, to raise its profile in the Commonwealth and to strengthen local clubs. As we welcome Brenda Campbell to her new post as VFRW President, we also bid a fond and appreciative farewell to Paula Willoughby. Thank You Paula!



Left: Shirly Sadler, President of the National Federation of Republican Women and Leslie Anderson, CRWC President, chat with John Hager, Chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia and First Father-in-Law at the VFRW “President’s Reception” on April 18th.

Below: Ruth Cleveland, CRWC 2nd Vice President, consults with former Governor Jim Gilmore, host of the breakfast reception at the VFRW annual convention.



VFRW Photos by Mike Lane



Shealah Craighead, The White House / AP

Meet the Board:

Linda Greenberg, VP for Program

Linda Greenberg has been involved in grass root politics since she worked to elect John Lindsay, a liberal Republican, in 1965, in New York City. Then, however, she was a neophyte to local politics and thought that more social programs would do more for most people. Experience, time, and the re-evaluation of words and actions, as well as the derailment of the civil rights movement, have increased her support for core Republican values of limited government and low taxes.

Between then and now Linda has worked as a consultant and as co-owner of a specialty publishing and show business named “Greenberg’s Great Train, Dollhouse & Toy Show” with shows all over the U.S.. Now retired, she and her husband Bruce live in Cameron Station. Linda jogs every day, enjoys her “garden patch,” edits The Alexandria Chronicle for the Alexandria Historical Society and is a docent at The Carlyle House. She and Bruce have two grown children and four grandchildren. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary earlier this month.





**PLEASE VOTE
TUESDAY, JUNE 10
IN THE
CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY
6 A.M. – 7 P.M. AT YOUR REGULAR
POLLING PLACE**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Join CRWC

**Celebrate the USA & Alexandria Birthday
Saturday, July 12, 2008**

Where:

Oronoco Bay Park
Pendleton & Union streets
Alexandria, VA 22314

For more information from the city - www.alexandriava.gov/recreation 703/883-4686

Celebrate with a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, food, including the city's birthday cake, and fireworks. Festivities start at 4 p.m with entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. and the grand finale fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Free!

Call for Ideas!

The Community Outreach and Presence Committee would like your ideas for programs and events you would like to see in the following year. One of our primary areas of commitment is childhood literacy. If you have a program idea or a contact you would like to share, please e-mail Amy Millican at millicanrwc@gmail.com.

Let's make 2008 a great year for the Community Outreach and Presence of the Commonwealth Republican Women in Alexandria!



Six Scholarships Available - Deadline June 1st

Three \$1,000 Betty Rendel and three \$2,500 Pathfinder (Nancy Reagan) scholarships are available through the NFRW.

Applications (<http://www.nfrw.org/programs/scholarships.htm>) must be submitted by June 1st to VFRW president, Brenda H. Campbell, at P.O. Box 125, Ridgeway, VA 24148, (H) 276-956-2612

HELP!

Landscaping help is needed at NFRW headquarters to cut back shrubs and weed the beds - 124 No. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Anyone interested please contact Gail Ledwig 703-823-0975; donaaldgail@yahoo.com.