

CRW TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

February 2005

Message from the President

It's Election Season—again—in Alexandria. I'm sure you're joining me in the surprise in seeing mailings and newspaper articles about campaign announcements, special events and requests for contributions. Thank goodness we all enjoy politics since living in Alexandria gives us so many opportunities to get involved.

Fortunately, the Commonwealth Republican Women's organization provides all of us a forum to get involved. First, we can get together and learn about the hot issues. We have several interesting membership meetings ahead that include briefings on the city school budget and a proposed Alexandria child advocacy center.

On Thursday evening, February 24, we will gather to learn more about the contents of the school's \$165 million budget. With about 10,000 students, this budget proposes expenditures of \$16,500 per student, one of the highest in the country. It will be useful for all of us to hear about the needs of our schools. This budget will be included in the FY 2006 city budget, to be proposed by the new City Manager, Jim Hartmann, on March 8. With our new real estate assessments in hand, I know we're all particularly interested in how our tax dollars will be spent. On February 24, we'll hear about the public schools' portion of the budget.

Through CRW we can also become more involved in lots of Republican campaigns, providing grassroots support for the best candidates. After the primary in June, we'll be devoting lots of time to electing a Republican Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Members of the House of Delegates and City Sheriff. This election season is shaping up to be a good one, be sure to get involved. You're needed.

You can also share your skills with CRW by assisting in the areas of public relations, women candidate recruitment, campaign liaison, membership recruitment and monitoring federal and state legislative activities. Contact me at cryor@comcast.net if you'd like to hear more about these opportunities.

See you at the February meeting,

Allison Cryor DiNardo

Commonwealth Republican Women General Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2005

Social 7:30 pm Meeting 7:45 pm

at the home of

Joan Lamb

4709 Newcomb Place

Alexandria VA 22304

703-370-6188

Speaker: Chris Marston, Member of Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, Alexandria School Board

speaking on the school system's proposed \$165 million budget.

As a member of BFAC, Chris has spent hours analyzing the current school budget. He will provide us with a close look at the budget explaining why it costs so much more in Alexandria to educate each child. We'll also hear an update on the new TC Williams High School capital project.

Chris is well-versed in public budgets. Currently, he serves as the Director of the State of Ohio's Washington Office. He formerly served as Chief of Staff to the "Drug Czar," also known as the Director of Office of National Drug Control Policy. In addition to his service to the Alexandria School Board, Chris devotes his time to several Alexandria organizations. He serves as Chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee, as a board member of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, and spends lots of fun time with a local 4th grader through the Big Brothers program.

Also invited to our meeting is Ken Foran, a member of the Alexandria School Board representing Alexandria's West End.

Directions: Take Seminary Road West past Inova Alexandria Hospital. Take a left at the first light after the hospital, Jordan Street. Take the second right, Kemper Street, to Newcomb. Joan's home is on the right of the cul-de-sac.

CRW Membership Drive for 2005

In an effort to increase membership this year, CRW will be having a Membership Drive. Members are encouraged to recruit friends, neighbors, co-workers, and all other local Republican women into CRW. Encourage your acquaintances to list you as a referral when they join the unit, and the member recruiting the most new members will receive a gift certificate to one of Alexandria's finest restaurants. The winner will be announced at the Holiday Party in December.

It is urgent that CRW increase its membership and recruit more women into the Party and the Federation. Growing our numbers will give us a greater voice in the upcoming elections. Questions about the contest or referrals to potential members can be directed to Margaret Penn, CRW VP for Membership, at membership@crwc.org. Updated brochures and referral cards will be available at the next CRW meeting.

VFRW Convention CALL!

The 2005 Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW) Convention will be held April 15-17 at the McLean Hilton in Tysons Corner. Commonwealth pays \$100 for up to five delegates, which covers \$55 registration, and \$35 Saturday luncheon. Saturday breakfast is complimentary and the Saturday banquet is \$60. Luckily the convention this year is being held close to home so our delegates would not have the cost of a hotel room. If you are interested in attending as a delegate or alternate, please notify Allison Cryor DiNardo, as soon as possible (cryor@comcast.net or 703-837-9370).

COMMONWEALTH REPUBLICAN WOMEN Refer a Friend to Commonwealth

Do you have a friend or neighbor who wants to get involved at the grassroots level with Republican causes? Let us know! We will contact this person and invite her to attend a meeting and join CRW.

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Referred By: _____

Please be sure your friend is aware you are submitting her name. Cut out this form and return it to:

**Commonwealth Republican Women
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Alexandria, VA 22307
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CRW Newsletter

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Deadline for March submissions

March 11, 2005

Website: www.AlexandriaCRWC.org



Installed at the CRW Holiday Party in December by National Federation of Republican Women President Dianne Thompson were (l-r) 2004-05 officers Becky Davies, Allison Cryor DiNardo, Ann Hobbs, Margaret Penn, Ann-Mary Kapusta and Joan Lamb

Calendar

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| February 15 | Cleveland for Sheriff Kickoff |
| February 20 | CRW Fundraiser at Ft. Ward Park (see page 2) |
| February 21 | George Washing Birthday Parade (Kilgore and Cleveland will both have supporters marching) |
| February 24 | CRW Membership Meeting home of Joan Lamb |
| March 3 | Reagan-Lincoln Dinner |
| March 5 | St. Patrick's Day Parade (Cleveland will have supporters marching) |
| March 31 | CRW Meeeting at home of Jane Ring (NOTE: Date change to 5th Thursday) |
| April 15-17 | VFRW Convention, McLean Hilton, Tysons Corner, VA |
| June 12 | GOP Primary for Governor, Lt. Gov., Atty Gen.. |

Reminder: Fundraiser At Fort Ward Park

Sunday, February 20, 2005, CRW will be raising \$\$\$ by serving our famous 15 bean soup, corn bread muffins, home made brownies and cookies. Lots of help from lots of members is needed. To sign up contact Sharon Annear at gypsyla@verizon.net or 703-751-9130.

You can help with:

Making Bean Soup – 5/6 cooks needed.

Baking Brownies and/or cookies – 8 bakers needed

Workers at Ft. Ward:

Set up 8:45 to 9:30 is staffed

Help with food sales 9:30 to Noon 3 or 4 workers needed

Help with food sales Noon to 2:30 3 or 4 workers needed

Help with close down 2 to 2:30 is staffed

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Commonwealth Republican Women Membership Application/Renewal 2005

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Plus Four _____

Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____ Fax _____

Phone (Cell) _____ E-Mail _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

_____ New _____ Renewal

_____ Full Member \$30.00 _____ Newsletter Only \$12.00

_____ Associate Member \$12.00 Name of your primary club _____

(For Associate Women Members Only)

Make check payable to CRW

Submit to:

Becky Davies, CRW Treasurer
3901 Terry Place, Alexandria, VA 22304-1737
703-370-6890 E-Mail: jbdavies@erols.com

I am interested in one or more of the following:

_____ Achievement Awards _____ Legislation - State/Federal _____ Americanism _____ Literacy Programs

_____ By-Laws _____ Membership Events _____ Campaigns & Elections _____ Newsletter

_____ Community Service _____ Press/Public Relations _____ Fund Raising Events _____ Scrap Book

_____ Hospitality - Host a Meeting _____ Make Refreshments _____ Other: _____

Special Notes

We received several lovely thank you notes for the good works of the Commonwealth Republican Women

From Wright To Read January 2005

On behalf of the Wright to Read program, I would like to thank the Republican Women for their kind contribution to our programs. Wright to Read's goal is "to give the gift of literacy" to the children of Alexandria. I am happy to report that we are celebrating 25 years of doing just that! Through our three programs WTR has reached thousands of children and provided committee volunteer time to the Alexandria community. Thanks again for supporting us.



From Carpenter's Shelter January 10, 2005

On behalf of the children, families and adults at Carpenter's Shelter, thank you for your generous donation of gifts this holiday season. The holidays are a very special time at Carpenter's Shelter, it is often the most special holiday season our residents have had in a long time.

Christmas morning brought squeals of delight and tears of joy to families who may not have enjoyed the holiday season....We simply could not have such a wonderful holiday season without the help of generous supporters like you....

From the Board, staff and especially the residents of Carpenter's Shelter, please accept our sincere thanks and warmest wishes for a healthy and happy new year.

Commonwealth Republican Women
c/o Jane Ring
308 Monticello Boulevard
Alexandria, VA 22305

VFRW Scholarship

The Virginia Federation of Republican Women is proud to offer a Political Studies Scholarship in the amount of \$600 to a College Republican Woman who is planning to enroll or is presently enrolled in a government or political science program at an accredited two or four year college or university. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote political savvy among students interested in the political process.

Application forms are available at the VFRW website, www.VFRW.org. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2005



From Kendall Rhodes, President, Virginia Federation of Republican Women

November 2004

Your kind financial donation to the VFRW 2004 fundraiser is sincerely appreciated. Our organization will use the profits to further the policies and programs of this historically sound federation. COOPERATION, LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, ELECTION, and RECRUITMENT are the objectives and values that we follow in all deliberations and activities.

The 2,600 individual members are the core of this wonderful organization. The work that is accomplished on the local level in your Republican women's groups, continue to help build and strengthen the larger group as a whole. We are only as effective as the dedication and loyalty of each individual member.

Thank you once again for all you do to keep the Virginia Federation of Republican Women vital and necessary; and to help sustain us as the MOST POSITIVELY EFFECTIVE REPUBLICAN VOICE in our commonwealth.