

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

January 2006

Message from the President

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope that you are ready to get to work. 2006 will be a busy and exciting year for the Commonwealth Republican Women. We're looking ahead to not one, but two election cycles this year... city elections in the spring, and the congressional election in the fall.

As I write this column, inaugural celebrations are heading into full swing in Virginia. Jane Ring and Janice McLauri were in Richmond for VFRW Legislative Day, and had the opportunity to hear from Attorney General-elect Bob McDonnell and Lieutenant Governor-elect Bill Bolling.

While 2005 had its disappointments, it is important to remember that our hard work did make a difference. Every phone call, email, and conversation with friends and neighbors contributed to Bob McDonnell's razor thin victory in the fall. And I am so proud that CRWC members played a prominent role in assuring that his victory was confirmed in the recount. Members Loree Gunn, Karen Kilday, and Ann Hobbs served as Alexandria recount officials, while Leslie Anderson volunteered as a recount observer (along with Commonwealth spouses Connie Ring, Jim Schick, and Bill Cleveland).

Our new Lt. Governor's inaugural theme, Remembering the Past, Preparing for the Future, sets the tone for our January meeting. We are going to take the opportunity to reflect on what went right, and what went wrong, last year, and how both the Party, and we as Republican women at the grass-roots, can build toward electoral success in the future. We'll be joined by seasoned political veteran Mike McSherry, who will offer his insights as to how Republicans can put together a winning strategy in areas like Northern Virginia.

I hope you're ready to get started. Steering a course for victory will take the talents and energies of every woman in our club. We have a great leadership team, composed of veterans and new members. But there are still some key spots that need to be filled. So resolve to make this your year of involvement, and let me know how you want to contribute. I look forward to working with all of you.

Terri Hauser

Commonwealth Republican Women General Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2006
7:30 p.m. Social
7:45 p.m. Meeting

Home of Gail Ledwig
503 Cathedral Dr.
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Speaker: "How to get Republicans Elected in Alexandria: Unlocking the Mystery."

Featured Speaker: Mike McSherry
Republican Political Strategist

Mike McSherry, a veteran of dozens of political campaigns, has one of the best track records in getting Republicans elected across the country, participating in dozens of local, state and national campaigns for over 20 years. He is well-regarded for his political instincts and strategic thinking.

Most recently, Mike was Deputy Political Director at the National Republican Senatorial Committee, responsible for the southern states and successful in two election cycles, electing 11 freshmen in open and challenger races, as well as successfully re-electing all incumbents. Previously, he was Director of Government Affairs with the RNC and Executive Director of the Republican Governors Association.

Mike's first campaign was a local race in Connecticut and he has been involved in campaigns since. After his college graduation, he served as a field director for the Reagan-Bush Presidential campaign. Later Mike moved to Washington where he joined the RNC staff for two years until being dispatched to New Jersey to be the state party's campaign manager.

During the Bush-Quayle '88 campaign, he was back at the RNC. After President Bush's election, Mike joined Jack Kemp's legislative affairs staff at HUD and in 1993; he was the Northern Virginia Field Director for George Allen's campaign for Governor later joining Gov. Allen's administration. In 1995, he returned as Regional Political Director for the Dole-Kemp campaign, and the served as Political Director of the RPV In 1998, he was named Gov. Gilmore's representative in Washington, D.C.,

Mike now serves as Vice President at Mercury Public Affairs where he still gets to keep his eye on politics and legislative affairs. His political instincts are well-regarded in light of his campaign successes and his ability to keep his finger on the pulse of Republicans.

REMINDERS

If there is a red **X** on your label and a membership form in this newsletter, it means your 2006 dues have not yet been paid. We don't want to lose you, so please send a check to Becky Davies, 3901 Terry Place, Alexandria VA 22304 ASAP!



Check out our website. It has all sorts of great information, plus a map with directions to our next meeting. Start making it a regular site you visit.



Get involved! Enclosed are two forms: one for joining the Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC) and one for becoming a delegate to the Eighth District Convention. Think about it...this is your chance to help influence Republican nominees and policy.

CRW Newsletter
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Deadline for February submissions
February 12
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2006 CRWC Officers were installed by Edie Stratton at the December Meeting and Party. (l-r) Edie Stratton, Terri Hauser, Allison Cryor DiNardo, Linda Greenberg, Joan Lamb, Ann Hobbs, Becky Davies.

Hospitality!

Do you remember any time when Sheila Beattie was NOT Hospitality Chair and in charge of refreshments at our meetings? Probably not, because Sheila has been responsible for making sure we all had plenty of wonderful things to eat at our meetings for years!

Well, Sheila has finally decided to retire from that position and allow us to provide her with the same hospitality she has given us all this time. Please let Sheila know how much you appreciate all of her efforts in calling members, making food, and lugging all that stuff to all of our meetings. Sheila, we love you and want you to know it!

Now, if you would be willing to host a meeting in your home or provide some refreshments at one of our meetings, please call Gail Ledwig (703-823-0975).



Welcome to our newest members....

*Leslie Anderson
Christine Boucher
Janice McLaury
Shari Simmans
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Director/Gifts In Kind*



Calendar

2006

January 26	Regular Meeting Social Hour 7:30 Meeting 7:45 p.m. Home of Gail Ledwig
February 2	ARCC Meeting
February 9	CRWC Board Meeting 8:00 p.m.
February 16	Deadline for filing for District Convention; ARCC
February 20	George Washington Birthday Parade, 1-3 PM
February 23	Regular Meeting Social Hour 7:30 Meeting 7:45 p.m. Home of Becky Davies, 3901 Terry Place, Alexandria, VA 22304
February 25	VFRW Board Meeting in Richmond
February 25	Alexandria Party Canvass, if needed
TBD	Reagan-Lincoln Dinner
March 2	ARCC Meeting
March 4	St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 9	CRWC Board Meeting 8:00 p.m.
March 23	Regular Meeting Social Hour 7:30 Meeting 7:45 p.m. Elect VFRW Convention delegates and alternates.
April 1	Prepare and Mail delegate/alternate certification to VFRW
April 3	Last day to register to vote in the 5-2 election
April 6	ARCC Meeting
April 13	CRWC Board Meeting 8:00 p.m.
April 20-22	VFRW Convention, Hotel Renaissance, Portsmouth
April 27	Regular Meeting Social Hour 7:30 Meeting 7:45 p.m. (Set aside for Membership event)
May 2	Election Day, City Council/Mayor/School Board
May 4	ARCC Meeting
May 11	CRWC Board Meeting 8:00 p.m.
May 20	8th District Convention, Key Bridge Marriott (elect District Chairman)
May 25	Regular Meeting Social Hour 7:30 Meeting 7:45 p.m.
June 1	ARCC Meeting
June 5-9	(Set aside for CRWC Wine and Cheese Fundraiser)
June 13	GOP Primary for Congress
June 8 & 22	No CRWC Board Meeting or Regular Meeting in June
July & August	No Regular Meetings - Summer Vacation
July 15	Call to order White House Ornaments
July 20	Approximate availability of White House Ornaments
August 10	CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
September 7	ARCC Meeting, 7:30 pm
September 14	CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
September 28	Regular Meeting Social Hour 7:30 Meeting 7:45 p.m. Annual Pot Luck Supper at Jane Ring's

2006 CRWC Officers & Committee Chairs

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Special Committee Chairmen:

Achievement: Mary Ramey

Hospitality: Eloise Brantley/Gail Ledwig

Community Service/Literacy: Shari Simmans

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2006 VFRW Legislative Survey Results

Of the 68 VFRW clubs, only 39 responded to survey, but the results are interesting. Numbers in parenthesis represent CRWC responses (Yes, No, Abstain).

1. Do you want legislation that would offer more severe sentencing and better control of repeat offenders? 419 Yes; 28 No. (12/0/0)
2. Do you want the General Assembly to pass legislation to protect Virginia landowners and limit eminent-domain powers? 576 Yes; 23 No. (11/1/0)
3. Should the General Assembly pass a law to insure English as the official language for Virginia? 623 Yes; 20 No. (12/0/0)
4. Should the General Assembly pass a law allowing a Governor to serve two consecutive terms? 417 Yes; 158 No. (9/2/1)
5. Do you favor more aggressive legislation to "Save the Bay: with more cleanup and enforcing punishment for violations? 472 Yes; 149 No. (7/2/3)
6. Do you favor legislation to limit availability of sodas and junk food snacks in public schools? 470 Yes; 178 No. (11/1/0)
7. Do you favor legislation to provide property tax relief? 531 Yes; 88 No. (9/2/1)
8. Should the General Assembly pass a law that would allow localities to improve and solve their own traffic problems within the limits of state laws? 516 Yes; 94 No. (8/2/2)
9. Should the General Assembly pass a bill to prevent illegal aliens from collecting benefits such as college tuition loans, medical benefits, unemployment pay, and other related programs? 620 Yes; 34 No. (12/0/0)
10. Should the General Assembly pass a law to provide public schools with more funds for tutoring low income area schools and schools with low performance ratings? 305 Yes; 258 No. (7/4/1)
11. Would you favor the General Assembly passing a bill to grant students that are permanent residents of Virginia a college education at any state college if they graduate with Honors from a Virginia school? They must maintain their grades to retain the benefit. 339 Yes; 28 No. (6/4/2)

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