

CRW TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

March 2005

Message from the President

Won't we all be glad when the winter finally ends! Regretfully, we had to cancel our February meeting which promised to shed much needed light on the Alexandria school budget. Over the next few weeks, I'm sure we'll all be hearing about a tax rate cut...which will make some folks believe that our City Council is cutting our taxes.... Of course, we know better. Four cents, six cents or eight cents...we'll still be paying significantly more real estate taxes this year than last year. We've invited the new City Manager, Jim Hartman, to join us for one of our future meetings to shed some light on this ballooning city budget.

Our March meeting includes remarks from Debra Collins, the City's Director of Human Services. In particular, Debra will speak on a proposed Child Advocacy Center.

Children's Advocacy Centers are community-based programs that provide a safe place for children and families who are victims of child abuse and neglect. Fairfax County has a Child Advocacy Center, but it has proven to be too far away to provide for Alexandria's children and families. Debra Collins has pushed to get this center established here in Alexandria. You'll find her engaging, inspiring and, of course, well-versed in children's issues here in Alexandria.

What's particularly interesting that the City's Director of Human Services is suggesting a public-private partnership to address some of our city's problems with child abuse, foster care and parental engagement. In addition to the City budget office, she has approached several local non-profits and the federal government for financial assistance.

I hope you'll be able to join us on March 31 for this wonderful talk.

April brings us the VFRW Convention in McLean, Virginia at the McLean Hilton. I'll be chairing your voting delegation along with Ruth Cleveland, Gail Ledwig, Karen Connair and Michelle Presson. Former VFRW President Mary Ramey will also be participating in the Convention where she is the current Chair of the VFRW Nominating Committee. The convention will be held Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17. All CRW members are welcome to attend all or part of the convention; email me at cryor@comcast.net for more information.

See you at the March meeting,

Allison Cryor DiNardo

Commonwealth Republican Women

General Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 2005

(Note change of date)

Home of Gail Ledwig

503 Cathedral Drive

Alexandria VA 22314

703-823-0975

Debra Collins, Director of Human Services
City of Alexandria

Debra will speak on a proposed
Child Advocacy Center.

(see Allison's President Message at left.)

Advanced Notice

Commonwealth Republican Women

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Home of Betty Lou Furash

400 Madison Street

Alexandria House #2203-04

The Honorable James P. Moore, Jr.,
author of *One Nation Under God:*

The History of Prayer in America

(the hardcover book by Doubleday and audio
production by Random House, both Fall 2005 and public television
special, *The Duncan Group*, Spring 2006.)

will be the Commonwealth Women's speaker on

James Moore is the Founder and CEO of
AmeriTrade International and former Assistant Sec-
retary of Commerce for Trade Development and is an
adjunct professor of International Business at
the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown
University.

Evening parking around Alexandria House is not a
problem, but carpooling is encouraged. Come hear a ter-
rific speaker in this lovely museum/art gallery home.

Alexandria Republicans,

March got off to a great start with our Reagan-Lincoln Dinner. Over 150 Republicans attended, bringing in just under \$15,000. Thanks to all who participated.

Next up, Jerry Kilgore's statewide kick-off tour stops at the Crystal Gateway Marriott on Tuesday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m. Senator John Warner and former Gov Jim Gilmore will be there. (1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy; contact Hunter Kurtz, hunter@jerrykilgore.com, 703-296-3813)

Remember the Reagan Revolution. Come meet Craig Shirley, author of Reagan's Revolution, the story of the 1976 Republican National Convention on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 pm. The \$50 ticket includes a copy of the book. Proceeds support the 8th District GOP Committee. (Law Offices of Reed Smith, 3100 Fairview Park Dr, Ste 1400; contact Michelle Presson, pressons@yahoo.com, 703-625-9597; RSVP by March 27)

And in April, the Alexandria Republican City Committee meets on Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Minnie Howard School, 3801 W Braddock Rd (just west of the Safeway at the Quaker-King-Braddock intersection).

If you have any questions about any of these opportunities, please feel free to contact me by reply e-mail at Chair@AlexGOP.org or by phone on 703-627-4679. And don't forget to visit www.AlexGOP.org for other events and information.

Thanks,
Chris Marston
Chair, Alexandria Republican City Committee

♪ Pump Up the Volume in Music City, U.S.A. ♪

33rd NFRW Biennial Convention
September 8-11, 2005

The 33rd Biennial NFRW Convention is heading to Nashville in September for five days of inspiration and excitement at the fabulous, world-renowned Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center.

The Summer 2005 issue of The Republican Woman magazine will feature everything you need to make your plans to attend the event, including registration forms. Also, continue to visit this convention web site for full details and materials. In the meantime, you can make your hotel reservations starting Monday, Feb. 28 The Summer 2005 issue of The Republican Woman magazine will feature everything you need to make your plans to attend the event, including registration forms. Also, continue to visit this convention web site for full details and materials. In the meantime, you can make your hotel reservations starting Monday, Feb. 28 RESERVATIONS:
Call (615) 883-2211 (please refer to group code N-NFRWB when calling for reservations)

Women's Voices Forum

The Fairfax County Commission For Women and the Office For Women are sponsoring a forum, Women's Voices, on Wednesday, April 6, 2005. The forum will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The keynote speaker features Maxine B. Baker, Vice President, Community Relations, Freddie Mac; President and CEO, the Freddie Mac Foundation.

The forum will be held from 9:15 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. and includes six discussion topics: Domestic Violence, Affordable Housing, Senior Issues, Career Paths (non-traditional), Financial Independence, and Nutrition.

The forum is open to the public, free of charge, with a light lunch to be provided. Preregistration is required. For further information, to make reservations or special accommodations, please call the Office For Women at (703) 324-5730 Voice; (703) 324-3959 Fax; (703) 324-5706 TTY

Rosemargaret Dudie Cuccias

It is with deep sadness that I announce to you the passing of Rosemargaret Cuccias (Dudie). She was serving as the president of the Greater Vienna Republican Women's Club, and has been a longtime gracious participant in the VFRW.

CRW Newsletter
Editor Jane L. Ring
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Deadline for March submissions
April 13, 2005
Website: www.AlexandriaCRWC.org

Calendar

March 31 CRW Meeting at home of Gail Ledwig (NOTE: Date change to 5th Thursday)
April 7 ARCC Meeting Minne Howard School
April 15-17 VFRW Convention, McLean Hilton, Tysons Corner, VA
April 25 CRW Meeting at home of Betty Lou Furash
June 14 GOP Primary for Governor, Lt. Gov., Atty Gen..

**Condolences
to
CRW member Margie Davenport,
whose sister,
Marilee Fifer Dewey,
died last week**



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Dear Republican Women Leader:

Longtime Republican activist, Anna Rockey of Mason District, has been collecting gently used children's clothing and sending it to the children of Afghanistan. As you might imagine, these children have nothing -- we can make a real difference in their lives by helping to provide for this most basic need. Furthermore, this simple gesture helps to foster the kind of positive relationship with the United States and the West that will help secure the foundation for democracy and freedom in that region. And, that future is a far greater gift to these children.

The Fairfax County Republican Committee wants to help Anna with this project, and I would like to invite you to help her too. Please ask your membership to bring what children's clothing they can to one of the following drop offs:

- 1) The next meeting of the FCRC on Tuesday, March 15th at Robinson Secondary School (5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax). We'll meet at 7:15 pm for refreshments and socializing and 8 pm for business. I'd love to have you join us!
- 2) The FCRC Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, April 19th at Maggiano's Little Italy, Tysons Galleria. (Details will shortly be available about this event as well.)
- 3) The FCRC Headquarters at 4246 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. The office is typically open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

In addition, we could use your help packaging this clothing up at FCRC HQ so we can ship it over to Afghanistan. Please contact FCRC Executive Director Michelle Presson at 703-766-4467 or michelle.presson@fairfaxgop.org if your club would be interested in setting up a time to come in as a group. Similarly, please let any individual members know they can contact Michelle to set up a time to come in anytime.

I also welcome the opportunity to partner with your women's club to help your public service projects succeed. Please contact Michelle Presson with information about any project that you think can benefit from FCRC assistance.

Thank you, and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Eric A. Lundberg
Chairman

Fairfax County Republican Committee
www.fairfaxgop.com

**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
C/o Margaret Penn
6733 W. Wakefield Drive #B-2
Alexandria, VA 22307
703-765-2327 (H)
703-548-9688 (W)
membership@crwc.org

Welcome to the following
new and renewing
members:

Linda Bolton
Molly Calhoun
Lisa Marie Cheney
Sharlene Dunn
Linda Greenberg
Ann Haines
Katherine Kopp
Kimberly Swartz
Jeni Upchurch



**Become an NFRW Regent Today
Sign up online: www.nfrw.org**



NFRW Regents are members of a powerful group of Republican activists.

NFRW Regents include Members of Congress, top executives and community leaders.

NFRW Regents combine personal and civic activism with the desire to promote the cause of good government at the national level.

NFRW established the Regents Program more than 20 years ago as an avenue for Republican women to play a greater role in our nation's political system.

NFRW Regents support a wide range of political education programs.

NFRW Regents provide operating capital which allows the NFRW to maintain a low general membership rate, making membership affordable to women of all ages and economic backgrounds.

NFRW Regents membership is reserved for individuals who wish to make a commitment of \$1,000 annually to the NFRW. Many women wishing to go beyond the initial commitment have become Capitol Regents. Capitol Regents make the commitment of \$5,000 annually to the NFRW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact coordinator CRW member Jean Klinge at (703) 548-9688 or at jklinge@nfrw.org