

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

January 2010

Message from the President

Dear CRWC,

We have a busy and exciting year ahead. Several engaging and thought-provoking speakers are already lined up for our meetings. Please see the calendar inside this issue of Tempo and mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings and events. Attending a meeting is a wonderful way to participate and get to know your fellow Republicans. There is a benefit of sharing your thoughts and political expression in a group. Our meetings help create the energy needed to win campaigns. Thank you to all our members who graciously open their homes to our Board and Member Meetings. Your generous hospitality sets the tone for our great meetings.

More good news to start out 2010 - Maria Ciarrocchi and Gail Ledwig have courageously offered to Co-Chair our fund raiser on May 20, 2010 at Maeve Rigler's home. This is in addition to all their other activities and CRWC commitments! Their leadership and commitment is extremely appreciated. We still have room on the committee if anyone is interested in participating in the planning. If you have been looking for a place to put your "party planning" enthusiasm, this is it. Let one of us know and we'll include you in our next CRWC Fund Raising Committee Meeting - the fund raiser, I believe, will be THE event of the season.

Since our December meeting we have had one shift on our slate of officers. Malinda Clark, our current Vice President for Programs, has become engaged and in March will be returning to her home in Tennessee. Malinda has been extremely active in CRWC and in Republican campaigns. One of my favorite memories of Malinda is meeting her at the Old Town Farmer's Market working on the 2008 campaigns. I am convinced she is personally responsible for a good number of Republicans turning out to vote in that and subsequent elections. Malinda also leaves her legacy at CRWC as the first E-Media Chair, establishing - among other things - our Facebook page. We will deeply miss Malinda but wish her all the best.

CRWC member Valerie Dowling has volunteered to take over as VP for Programs in March. Valerie is a staff member of the National Federation of Republican Women. We are extremely fortunate to have such a rising star in Republican politics join our Board. Thank you Valerie!

With our strongest membership in years and our exceptional slate of officers, 2010 will be an exciting year for CRWC. Three cheers to our continued success!

Amy Millican President, CRWC

CRWC MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Home of Sharon Annear

1118 North Howard Street

Alexandria 22304

Next to Alexandria Hospital

703-751-9130

We are fortunate to have Hastings Wyman as featured speaker. Originally from South Carolina, Mr. Wyman practiced law in Aiken, where he was elected chairman of the county Republican Party. Mr. Wyman is the founding editor of Southern Political Report, a non-partisan biweekly newsletter that covers the politics and politicians of 13 Southern states. As we inaugurate a new Republican governor, we hope to keep the up the momentum for Republican gains in Virginia. Mr. Wyman will give us his insights on how 2010 is looking for Republicans.

Hastings Wyman was born in Aiken, South Carolina and attended public schools in Aiken and in Camden, South Carolina. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College, where he majored in American Government.

After graduating from the University of South Carolina Law School, Wyman practiced law in Aiken, where he was elected chairman of the county Republican Party. He later worked as a field representative in the Southern states for the Republican National Committee. He served as legislative assistant to US Senator Strom Thurmond and as Special Assistant to Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent. In 1970, he managed the gubernatorial campaign of Congressman Albert Watson (R-SC). He later worked for the American Petroleum Institute in public affairs.

Since 1978, he has written Southern Political Report, a non-partisan bi-weekly newsletter that covers the politics and politicians of 13 Southern states. In 2005, the newsletter was purchased by InsiderAdvantage, a multi-media company based in Atlanta. Wyman has continued to contribute to www.southernpoliticalreport.com on a regular basis.

Wyman's political commentary has appeared in the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, Roll Call, American Spectator and other publications and his book reviews have appeared in the Washington Post's Book World. He has appeared from time to time on television and radio, including CNN, ABC News and National Public Radio.

Wyman's papers on Southern politics, including all issues of Southern Political Report, as well as his speeches, by-lined articles and other materials, are in the Modern Political Collections of the University of South Carolina's South Caroliniana Library.



Alicia Hughes, Community Service Chair, presents 90 books to Bonnie Baxley, executive director of Community Lodgings. Also pictured are Linda Greenberg and Maria Ciarrocchi.

Benefits of CRWC membership



You've joined the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club. Do you know the benefits of membership?

CRWC members become members of the National Federation of Republican Women located in our city at 124 North Alfred Street, and of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, located in Richmond,

when joining our club.

- One of the benefits of membership in NFRW includes a weekly *Political Briefing* and the *Capitol Connections* published by our own member and 1st Vice President Valerie Dowling, the Political Director at NFRW. If you are not receiving these and would like to get on the distribution list go to the NFRW website www.nfrw.org and SIGN UP TO RECEIVE CAPITAL CONNECTION WEEKLY BY E-MAIL at the bottom of the homepage. You can search the site for information regarding NFRW and to enter the MEMBER CENTER. USERNAME: federation PASSWORD: 1938nfrw

White House Ornaments

We have a very few White House ornaments if anyone meant to get one and didn't. Still \$20. Contact Linda Greenberg linda-roseveargreenberg@comcast.net.

Gift Baskets Raffle raises \$290.00

Selling raffle tickets at the Holiday Party was easy for Eloise Brantley after the baskets were seen by those in attendance. The club is grateful to members Mary Sommerville, Susan Merritt Nelson, and Jane Ring for their donation of items and creative talent which made this fund raising project a big success. This may become an annual event.

PROGRAM REPORT - Linda Rosevear Greenberg

The December 2009 meeting of the Commonwealth Republican Woman's Club celebrated the election of Governor Bob McDonnell, Lt. Governor Bill Bolling and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, at a very festive Holiday Party at Julie Lineberry's home. In addition, Paula Potoczak, VFRW Eighth District Representative, conducted the Installation of Officers for 2010 and Bonnie Baxley, Executive Director, Community Lodgings, spoke about the work of Community Lodgings and thanked club members for the large assortment of books (90) given for teenage boys in their literacy program. Always well attended, club members provided a delicious assortment of foods.

A number of Commonwealth Club members attended the dedication of the President Gerald R. Ford Park on November 12, 2009. The park is at a residential cross street in Alexandria, at Janney and Quaker Lane, near the home President Ford and his family lived in on Crown View Drive. Fortunately, because it was pouring, the dedication as well as the reception was at the nearby and lovely home of Federal Judge Theresa Buchanan, appropriately located at 600 President Ford Lane! Mayor Euille conducted the dedication and Jack Ford, President Ford's son, spoke about the good times he and his family had living in Alexandria. Council members Alicia Hughes (also a Commonwealth Club member) and Frank Fannon attended. Also attending included Sharon Annear, Ann Hobbs, Julie Lineberry, Nadine Bacaj and Pauline Bacaj and Linda Greenberg.

2010 Calendar Save The Dates!!

January

Membership Meeting Thursday, January 28, 7:30 pm, at the home of Sharon Annear, 1118 North Howard Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-1628 – 703-751-9130 (H)

February

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, February 11, 7:30 pm [please note time],

NFRW Headquarters, 124 N. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact: Amy Millican 703-217-9051 (C)

Alexandria George Washington Birthday Parade, Monday, February 15, 1:00 pm CRWC will march with the ARCC, meeting place TBA

Membership Meeting Thursday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., meeting place TBA

March

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, March 11, 8:00 pm at the home of Jane Ring,

308 Monticello Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22305-1612 – 703-548-7454 (H) 703-244-2580 (C)

Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. CRWC will march w/the ARCC, meeting place tba

Alexandria Commission for Women's Awards Banquet, Monday, March 22, 6:00 p.m., The Crowne Plaza,

901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria

Membership Meeting Thursday, (Date TBA dependent upon ARCC Lincoln-Reagan Dinner Schedule) 7:30 pm, at the home of

Gail Ledwig, 503 Cathedral Drive, Alexandria, VA 22314-4705 – 703-823-0975 (H) 703-655-7377 (C)

April

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, April 8, 8:00 pm at the home of Jane Ring,

308 Monticello Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22305-1612 – 703-548-7454 (H) 703-244-2580 (C)

Membership Reception Thursday, April 22, 7:00 pm at the Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

May

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 pm [please note the time] at the office of Diane Murphy,

104 South Columbus, Alexandria, VA 22314

CRWC Fundraiser, Thursday, May 20, Home of Maeve Rigler, 711 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

September

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, September 9

Membership Meeting Thursday, September 23 at 7:30 pm at the home of Jane Ring,

308 Monticello Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22305-1612 – 703-548-7454 (H) 703-244-2580 (C)

October

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, October 14

Membership Meeting Thursday, October 28– Campaign Work, location **TBA**

November

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, November 11

Membership Meeting Thursday, November 18, 7:30 pm at the home of Laurie Kirby,

3209 Circle Hill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22305-1609, 703-549-0348 (H), 703-220-1067 (C)

December

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, December 9

Membership Meeting Thursday, December 16, 7:00 pm [please note this is earlier than our regular meetings] –

Holiday Party and Installation of New Officers at the home of Julie Lineberry, 500 High Street, Alexandria, VA 22302-4110,

703-548-7663 (H) 703-489-2823 (C)

Spotlight on the members: Diane Murphy

A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Diane came to this area after graduating from college because she was awarded a Graduate fellowship in American Studies at the University of Maryland. She completed her Ph.D. and taught for ten years in Fairfax County where she developed and implemented a program in American Studies for high school juniors. Her study of architecture and her father's love of carpentry planted seeds in her which led her to the real estate industry. After acquiring a real estate broker's license and she eventually opened her own real estate company in Alexandria in 1992 where she now practices full service brokerage as DGM Properties, Inc. at 104 South Columbus Street. In addition, she continues to give back to the community by consistently teaching in Alexandria City and Arlington County Adult Education. In 2003, she was ordained as an Episcopal Priest and acquired a second Masters degree at Virginia Theological Seminary. She serves throughout the Diocese on a volunteer basis. She is married to Jim Murphy and the proud grandmother of a 3 month old grandson. Her study of culture, her entrepreneurship and her strong sense of ethical leadership lead her to the decision to now become actively involved in the "Republican" future of this country. Diane has been asked to preach at Christ Church in Old Town Alexandria on January 24th at the 9:00 service.



Governor McDonnell and the Virginia Legislature Get Down to Business



Republicans return to Richmond this month with an extra six members in the House and control of the Governor's mansion.

Governor McDonnell has indicated that education will be a top priority for his administration, particularly charter schools which many believe are far too few in Virginia. State law requires local boards of education to approve the establishment of charter schools within their jurisdiction, a law much more restrictive than most states. Governor McDonnell is asking the legislature to ease that law. In fact, during last year's campaign, he proposed the establishment of a state board to consider charter school applications.

He is also already working on an application for federal grant funds through a program the Obama Administration has named "Race to the Top." This \$4.35-billion program is meant in part to promote charter schools and merit pay for teachers, both part of McDonnell's education agenda. McDonnell has even asked his outgoing predecessor, Tim Kaine, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, to help support Virginia's application to the Obama Administration.

During last year's campaign, McDonnell called for restructuring education funding to put more money in the classroom. Currently, out of every dollar of education funding, 61 cents makes it to the classroom, on average. McDonnell wants to get that up to 65 cents on the dollar, which translates into about \$500 million more in the classroom.

The upcoming session is the budget year for the legislature, and they are constitutionally-required to balance the budget. They are facing about a \$4.2-billion hole in the \$80-billion biannual budget. In a symbolic display of leadership, McDonnell has ordered a 5% pay cut for himself and the 15 staff members and secretaries in his cabinet, totaling \$123,500 in savings per year.

McDonnell has proposed a number of broader reforms, too, starting with a full round of audits of all state agencies, which could lead to cost-saving innovations, government restructuring, and possibly even elimination of some state agencies. In addition, the legislature will consider renting 1,000 prison beds to prisoners from Pennsylvania and other states to make up for about \$20 million in cuts. They'll also consider McDonnell's proposal to sell off state-run liquor stores (ABC stores), a proposal that's been on the table many times in the past but has never made it into law.

McDonnell is also pushing the Obama Administration to approve Virginia's request to explore for and produce offshore oil and natural gas, now that the federal ban on such energy exploration has lapsed. Virginia is poised to be the first state in the country to auction off leases in 2011, but first Governor McDonnell has to get the Obama Administration to stop dragging its feet. In addition to helping our nation achieve energy independence by utilizing America's vast energy resources, Virginia could also get royalties from the auction.

Special Election

Heartbreaking news from Fairfax County. Democrat Dave Marsden defeated Republican Steve Hunt in a special election for Senate District 37, by just over 300 votes (50.62% to 49.28%). Steve Hunt worked hard and Republicans from all over Northern Virginia pitched in with money, time, and energy. A new special election will now be called to fill House District 41, the seat being vacated by Dave Marsden. They lost the absentee ballot precinct by 395 votes ~ lesson learned!

Celebration!

The CRWC Board, at its January meeting, celebrated the recent engagement of Malinda Clark. Standing: Leslie Anderson, Maria Ciarrocchi, Jane Ring, Gail Ledwig, Janice McLaury. Seated: Malinda Clark, Deb Rankin, Amy Millican, Linda Greenberg, Diane Murphy.



Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Application/Renewal 2010

*Required Information

*Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip Plus Four _____

*Phone (H) _____ Phone (W) _____

Phone (Cell) _____ *E-Mail _____

*Employer _____ *Employer City & State _____

New _____ Renewal _____ My Precinct _____

Membership: Full \$35 _____, Newsletter Only \$12 _____, or

Associate \$12 _____; Name of your primary club _____

(For Associate Women Members Only)

Make check payable to CRWC

Mail to: Maria Ciarrocchi
2731 Monacan Street, Apt. 204
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-608-4673 (H)
Mariabelle22@gmail.com

I am interested in one or more of the following:

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| _____ 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 community, civic or club activities I am involved with in Northern Virginia include: _____

