

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

March 2009

Message from the President

Dear CRWC Members,

While setting the program schedule, Linda Greenberg, had a vision. Her hope was this year we would focus, in part, on our Republicanism. In my opinion, following the national defeats and Virginia going blue, there was never a better time for this introspection. The next three meetings not only offer an opportunity for us to think about our Republicanism, they also offer a chance for us to shine in our grassroots activism.

Our March meeting will be replaced by our members attending the City Council Candidates Forums. I prefer the old fashioned term – debates. And, these debates will hold ten candidates - 6 Democrat, 2 Republican and 2 Independents - under the spotlight of intense questioning. Honestly, I cannot imagine a more difficult city in the United States in which to publicly debate than our own politically active Alexandria. Akin to that, I have found my citizenship flourish and find true meaning in such a politically active environment. It is vital to our Republican candidates that we attend these debates. Imagine a room where over 80% of those attending want to see you lose! Let's all show our support and be there for as many debates as possible.

Linda was so pleased that the Honorable Ed Gillespie, chairman of the McDonnell campaign for governorship, agreed to be the guest speaker at the Membership Reception this April. Held at the Lloyd House, the reception is one of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club's most visible and fun activities. This event is the opportune time to bring in new members. I encourage you to think about someone who is new to the area, someone who has been a member and let her membership lapse or any outstanding woman who you think would benefit from our group. I often get the "I'm too busy" or "How much does it cost?" statements from my friends. I remind them that with our extraordinarily low dues, if they attended even one meeting or assisted in one CRWC Community Outreach, they would have added to greatly to power and visibility of Alexandria Republicans.

Lastly, our May meeting will have Nick Meads speaking on "Republicanism from the ground up." Hopefully this meeting will be a chance for all of us to look into why we are Republicans and what we can do to work more effectively in the future. The first meeting after last November's elections, held in Jane Ring's home,

CRWC MEETING

**Special Program in place of
our Regular Meeting
March 26, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

**Minnie Howard Middle School
Cafeteria
3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria**

**City Council Debate #2:
Hear the Candidates
Participate! Support Fannon, Cefaratti and
Commonwealth member,
Alicia Hughes (an independent)
Attend the debate and hear "our" candidates
and "their" candidates. We need to know
their positions as well as ours. The Repub-
lican and Independent candidates also very
much appreciate an enthusiastic audience.**

saw many new faces and a ton of introspection and discussion by current and potential members. I hope that the May meeting will reflect that enthusiasm, and tempered with time, the discussion of what we need to do to bring our country and our commonwealth back to the GOP.

As we approach the busy campaign season, please know there is power in numbers and the CRWC was founded in the strong belief that each of us can make a difference.

See you at the debates!

Amy Millican
CRWC President

2009 Calendar

MARCH

- 18 Alexandria City Council Candidates' Forums [Debates]
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Social Issues/Non-Profit
Organizations Forum – Minnie Howard
TC Williams Campus
- 21 Club Officer Training Saturday
10:00 am – 1:00 p.m. Army Navy Club, Fairfax, VA.
For more information, contact Rebecca Pick at
704-218-1015. All interested members are invited!
- 26 PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE!!!
CRWC Members will meet at Alexandria City Council
Candidates' Forums [Debates]
Center City Forum – Minnie Howard TC Williams
Campus 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
This takes the place of our regular membership meeting.*
- 30 Alexandria Commission for Women Dinner
Crowne Plaza in Old Town Alexandria

APRIL

- 2 ARCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Alexandria City Council Candidates' Forums [Debates]
– Business Issues Form – The Westin Alexandria, Carlyle
Center – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 9 CRWC Board Meeting, (includes Committee Chairs)
Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. at thome of Janice McLaury,
5232 Bessley Place, Alexandria, VA 22304-8646703
212-9653 (H)703-992-3370 (C) *
- 16 Alexandria City Council Candidates' Forums [Debates]
– West End City Forum – Francis Hammond Middle
School 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 22 Alexandria City Council Candidates' Forums [Debates]
– East End City Forum – George Washington Middle
School – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 23 CRWC Membership Reception & Meeting, 7:00 p.m. -
9:00 p.m. at the Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314 – speaker Ed Gillespie.
- 24-26 VFRW Convention Crystal City, VA
Contact Valerie Hubbard 202-457-3044 (O)
or vfrw.org

MAY

- 14 Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs)
8 p.m. at home of Jane Ring, 308 Monticello Blvd
Alexandria, VA 22305-1612
703-548-7454 (H) 703-244-2580 (C)
- 28 CRWC Member Meeting Thursday
7:30 pm Nick Meads will speak on
“Republicanism” from the ground up
- 29-30 Virginia Republican Convention, Richmond, VA

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Membership Reception

Mark your calendar! The Honorable Ed Gillespie will be our guest speaker at the Membership Reception on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Lloyd House in Old Town. "The Road to Resurgence Starts in Virginia" is the title of his presentation. The reception begins at 7 with refreshments and concludes at 9. We hope each of you will invite many friends and acquaintances to this important (and always delicious) event.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Michelle Presson Marston

Once you've spent \$792 billion on a "stimulus" bill that grows government more than the economy and you've spent \$410 billion on a double-dipping appropriations bill, what's \$3.9 trillion between friends?

That's how much President Obama's very first budget proposal will cost. He's got \$250 billion for another financial service sector bailout in there. He's also got a \$634-billion "placeholder" for universal healthcare. And, don't forget that he's pledged not to raise taxes "one single dime" on anyone making under \$250,000 a year to pay for all this.

The Wall Street Journal did an excellent analysis of his plans and concluded that the government could literally take everything that the so-called wealthy (those making \$250,000 and up) make and still not have enough to pay for all his grand schemes. In fact, they conclude that, "Even taking every taxable 'dime' of everyone earning more than \$75,000 in 2006 would have barely yielded enough to cover that \$4 trillion [that Congress is estimated to spend in Fiscal Year 2010]." (The 2% Illusion: Take Everything They Earn, and It Still Won't Be Enough, February 27, 2009)

So, it is inevitable that President Obama will have to come back to the rest of America for the funds to cover his plans. And, his plan to raise \$646-billion in "climate revenues," as he calls them in his budget, will do just that. Essentially, what cap-and-trade, as it's called, comes down to is government selling the right to emit greenhouse gases to energy companies. It sounds environmentally friendly; but it's really about raising green, not being green.

Peter Orszag, when he was Director of the Congressional Budget Office, testified before the House Ways and Means Committee about a cap-and-trade proposal that purported to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 15%. He estimated that it would cost the average American household \$1,300 a year. And, he acknowledged that it would hit working class families hardest.

President Obama's talking about an 83% emissions cut. Columnist John Feehery, writing at TheHill.com on March 4, 2009, extrapolated Orszag's analysis and figured that the Obama plan would cost the average family about \$4,000 a year. Makes you wonder what Mr. Orszag would say about that now that he's Director of Obama's Office of Management and Budget.

The President's budget seems to acknowledge that low-income families will be hit hard as well. He includes a \$500-a-year subsidy to help them out, which doesn't even cover two months cost.

And, lest we think energy taxes are his only plan for financing his spending, the President also proposed capping the home mortgage interest deduction (What better prescription for an ailing housing market?) and capping charitable donations (Because the \$1.86 billion charities lose every time the stock market drops 100 points simply isn't enough loss at a time when needs are rising.), amongst other revenue-raisers. Congress will be taking up the budget over the next month, so stay tuned.

Green Isn't Just For St. Patrick's Day

This May your copy of the 2009 CRWC Directory will be sent to you electronically, if you have e-mail. We hope you will save it to your desk top and use it often to stay in touch. You will also receive an old fashioned "hard copy" by snail mail. If any members prefer NOT to receive the electronic copy, please call Sharon Annear at 703-751-9130 or e-mail: gypsySLA@verizon.net

To save even more trees and increasing postage costs, the CRWC Tempo newsletter will be sent electronically to all members with e-mail beginning with our September issue. Members without e-mail will continue to receive their newsletters from the postman. If you have a special problem or concern regarding electronic delivery, call Sharon to arrange for postal delivery.

Program Report

Looking back: February's Program

Yvonne Folkerts, chair of the Alexandria City School Board, presented a positive but challenging picture of the city's school system at the February Commonwealth meeting. It is also obvious from the following statistics why both the Community Lodgings' program and the Commonwealth Club's focus on literacy are important in helping children achieve. Alexandria's student population is 11,225; an unexpected 700 new students were enrolled in school this year; the 11,225 students were born in 128 different countries and recognize 75 native languages. 50% of Alexandria's students receive a lunch subsidy and 30% did not pass the third grade literacy test.

We, the taxpayers, spend on average \$19,400 per student. One of the reasons the figure is so high is that it includes a very expensive special education program that serves from 16 - 17% of the student body. (Also, this figure does not include the cost for building the new TCWilliams high school.) In the Q & A a member asked whether new students were from Pr. William Co. No, they are from Fairfax Co. Another asked for the graduation rate. About two-thirds of the students graduate from high school, of which 68% go to a 4-year college. Another question was, is there community schooling for parents. Yes. And, is English taught using phonics or whole language. Yvonne explained that at present there is some of each, but the goal is to only use phonics. Phonics is the preferred pedagogical method.

Linda Greenberg

Please join

Ed & Cathy Gillespie	Joe & Katie Murray
Ronald & Karen Ginsberg	Sheila Page
Mike Ginsberg	Tom Readmond
Chris & Michelle Marston	Robert Rosenthal
Neil & Lori-Ann Miller	Joel White

for a reception with

The 8th Congressional District Republican Committee

and special guest

House Republican Whip Congressman Eric Cantor

Monday, March 23, 2009

V.I.P. Reception

with photo opportunity (Contributions \$1,000 and up)

7:45-8:30 pm

General Reception

8:30-9:30 p.m.

The Lloyd House

220 N. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Individuals:	Hosts or PACs:
\$250 Chairman's Circle	\$2500 Host
\$75 General Admission	\$1000 V.I.P.
\$50 Young Republican	\$1000 PAC

WELCOME, *RETURNING MEMBER!*

Dorothy "Dottie" Abercrombie



Facebook is a wonderful networking and communication tool for CRWC. Through our CRWC facebook group we can instantly notify members of events or rallies where they could work to promote local candidates. There is a special tool to create event invitations which can be sent not only to group members but emailed to anyone. We also post information about the speaker for our upcoming meetings and links to information they have presented us. Photos have been added to our page from previous meetings as well as events, such as the George Washington Parade. Join us on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54856131881>



House Tour Volunteers Needed for

Alexandria Association Spring Gala

The Lee Fendall House Museum and Garden is hosting this year's Alexandria Association Spring Gala on Saturday, May 2. The elegant, invitation-only event includes a tour of Old Town homes, followed by a black tie reception at the Museum. CRWC adopted the historic Lee-Fendall House as part of their Americanism program for a couple of years. Now, our members have the opportunity to volunteer for the house tour (5-7 pm) and attend the reception afterwards.

Call or email Terri Hauser to sign up
(703-548-3477/thauser862@aol.com).

Boardmember close-up Michelle McMahon

Formerly from Long Island, NY, I have lived in the DC area since 1970. I moved to Alexandria in 1998 and have been a resident at Marina Towers for the past ten years.

After attending school in this area, I returned to New York to work for an advertising agency in New York City. I spent two years at J. Walter Thompson Company and decided to return to Washington to accept a job in the mortgage finance industry. I worked at Fannie Mae for almost 34 years, in the mortgage servicing policy division, supporting the efforts related to the management of single-family mortgage loan assets. I retired from Fannie Mae in 2004.

After searching for the next phase of my working life, I was thrilled to find a job that is fun and rewarding. I joined the NFRW staff in March 2008, as a part-time employee. It's great to be involved with an organization of women who work so very hard to promote and preserve the conservative values that I feel so strongly about. Becoming a member of the CRWC furthers my pursuit for returning to the values and principles that we all believe are vital to this great country and its citizens. I am proud to be a Republican!



CRWC member ALICIA HUGHES needs your help!

Our own Alicia is an Independent candidate for election to City Council on May 5th, along with Republicans Frank Fannon and Phil Cefaratti. As a federal employee, Alicia is prohibited from seeking a party's nomination or endorsement. You can help by having a fundraiser, a meet & greet, or by walking with her in your neighborhood.

Amy & Jeff Millican and Linda Greenberg & Janice McLaury are having fundraisers, Deb Rankin a coffee, Jane and Connie Ring a brunch, and Sharon Annear a walk. CAN YOU HELP??? You can call Gail Ledwig @703-823-0975 or Alicia 571-312-7353 and volunteer your support.



Hospitality Report

- Mary Kapellas and Gail Ledwig

All CRWC Members

Our membership reception on April 23, 2009 will be at the Lloyd House from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gail Ledwig or I will be calling to ask for food or beverage donations!

Thanks for your help with providing food for our meetings and receptions.

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CRWC members marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 7th with GOP pup "Scooter"



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