

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

October 2009

Message from the President

Dear CRWC,

The other day I was having a conversation (albeit one sided) with one of my curmudgeon friends. He was regaling me with every minute detail of what, in his opinion, is wrong with this country. "Wow," I thought, "my friend could really benefit from attending a Commonwealth Republican Women's Club meeting." He would then see the energy, commitment and enthusiasm which truly reflect good citizenship in a representative Republic.

I have faith in our Republic, flawed though it may be at times, and I believe in so many ways CRWCers are living the vision of our country's founding fathers. CRWCers participate in the process and fulfill our responsibilities of citizenship. I think about Maria Ciarrocchi standing at the Old Town Farmer's Market every Saturday morning. Or the time and obligations behind members like Betty Lou Furash or Fran Redmon opening up their homes for fund raisers. Members like Vicky Vasques and Sasha Gong, following Alicia Hughes earlier this year, are exemplar citizens, placing it all on the line to run for office. Even the dedication of Terri Hauser's Munchkin is inspiring – who knew a dog could work so hard for the Republic!

I am deeply honored to be part of a group of women who truly understand what it means to be citizens of our great nation. While all our talents are different, it is the strength and energy I get from all the members of CRWC that makes each election season exciting and inspiring.

So, here's to November – CRWC has done it before and I know we are going to do it again – on to VICTORY!

Amy Millican
CRWC President



CRWC MEETING

Bob McDonnell Campaign Night

McDonnell Reception
Home of Maeve Rigler
711 South Prince Street
Alexandria, VA

Phone Banking
Victory Office
1219 First Street
Alexandria, VA

CRWC Members have two great opportunities to show support for Bob McDonnell's gubernatorial campaign on our next meeting night, Thursday, October 22. The election is days away so please juggle your calendar to take advantage of both these activities.

Campaign headquarters at 1219 First Street will be the location to make phone calls for McDonnell. The doors are open from 6 to 9 pm, so please stop in and help out.

Member Maeve Rigler graciously invites CRWC Members to a McDonnell reception at her home at 711 Prince Street to meet and mingle with special guest Sheila Johnson, America's First Female African American Billionaire and a founding partner of Black Entertainment Television (BET). This is not a fundraiser but rather an opportunity for Northern Virginia women to have glass of wine, relax and hear from one of America's most successful businesswomen as to why she is supporting Bob McDonnell. The reception begins at 7 pm. Drop by and bring your Republican women friends!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee composed of Jane Ring, Becky Davies and Gail Ledwig are delighted to announce the 2010 CRWC slate of officers.

Amy Millican - President
 Malinda Clark - First VP - Programming
 Maria Ciarrocchi - Second VP- Membership
 Recording Secretary - Luisa Rains
 Corresponding Secretary - Shari Simmans Bolouri
 Treasurer - Ann Kavaljian

The election of officers will take place at our November meeting and those officers will be installed at our December Holiday party.

HOSPITALITY REPORT

- Mary Kapellas and Gail Ledwig

The September CRWC Potluck dinner meeting at Jane Ring's was a huge success. The food donated by members as usual was delicious, the crowd composed of members and guests was overwhelming and the campaign speakers energized those in attendance to become involved in our efforts to win in November.

Special thanks to Jane for hosting us and Ann Snyder and Becky Davies for their able help in the kitchen.

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS

The handsome 2009 ornament celebrates – again – the presidency President Grover Cleveland. Again because Grover Cleveland is the only president to be elected to two non-consecutive terms. This romantic ornament recognizes his second presidency, from 1893 to 1897. It depicts the south façade of the White House, in a soft evening light, after a snowfall. The scene is surrounded by a wreath of snowflakes painted ice blue and white.

Aside: President Cleveland's second term was not easy. The Panic of 1893 led to four years of hard times that thwarted Cleveland's political ambitions.

Still only \$20. Please order from Linda Greenberg at 703.461.6992 or email lindaroseveargreenberg@comcast.net. Ornaments will also be available at the October and November meetings.



Annual VFRW Legislative Survey Time Again! - Have Your View Counted!



Attached is the 2009 Virginia Federation of Republican Women's Legislative Survey

When you have completed it please return it to President Amy Millican either bring it to the membership meeting or mail it to her at:

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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>

HOSPITALITY REPORT

YES WE CAN - ELECT OUR CANDIDATES WORK MEETING

October 22, 2009 – 7 p.m.

Members meet – in place of our usual monthly meeting -- at the McDonnell Victory Office at 1219 First Street, Alexandria. The office is three blocks from the Braddock Street Metro. Refreshments will be served. Most of us will be asked to man the phone banks but there will be some other things to do as well.

Note: The November and December meetings are on THE THIRD THURSDAY of the month because of holidays on the fourth Thursday. The November meeting is on the 19th; the December meeting on the 17th of the month. Please mark your calendar with these important dates.

On November 3rd we elect a Republican slate for Virginia!

November 19th at our General Meeting, Post Reporter Amy Gardner will discuss the election and its effect on Virginia politics. FYI: In Ms. Gardner's September 30th article "A Tug of War for Women's Votes in the Race for Governor," she notes that there are more women than men in the Virginia electorate. (Big money is being spent to get our vote.) The meeting is at Gale Ledwig's, 305 Cathedral Drive, Alexandria.

On December 17th we celebrate the holidays at Julie Lineberry's home and install officers for 2010. Bonnie Baxley of Community Lodgings will make a presentation as well. This year Community Lodgings is asking us to purchase books for middle school boys from either the Hardy Boys series or the Crime Scene Investigation series. The books can be found on line or in community bookstores. Please bring these books, our gifts to their literacy program, to the December 17th meeting.

See you at McDonnell Victory headquarters on the 22nd October. Linda Greenberg

SPOTLIGHT on the BOARD - Nancy J. Rawlings



Nancy Rawlings, who has lived in Alexandria for almost 20 years, has been a Republican all of her life. She moved here after attending graduate school in Nashville, Tennessee and thought she would only stay a couple of years, but, like many others in Northern Virginia, this soon evolved into permanent residency.

Ms. Rawlings is currently a senior financial sector expert at the International Monetary Fund, where her work focuses on strengthening countries' bank supervisory and regulatory frameworks. Needless to say, she has been quite busy the past year addressing issues related to the global financial crisis. Prior to working at the Fund, Ms. Rawlings spent six years at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington D.C. She has also gained banking experience at KPMG in Washington and at a consumer bank in Atlanta, Georgia where she was branch manager. She has also broadened her experience through her work as a private investigator. She is also a Board member of the Bank Fund Staff Federal Credit Union.

She holds a BA in economics from Duke and an MBA from Vanderbilt. She is a licensed CPA in Virginia, and in that capacity, volunteers to promote financial literacy through various programs. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, long distance cycling, travel, cooking, gardening, and walking her dog, Liza.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Saturday, October 24 - 8: AM

Join CRWC and women of Alexandria in this effort which supports free mammography and other procedures for women who are not otherwise able to obtain the necessary medical care for early detection. A yearly mammogram is often the secret for becoming a survivor, I know.

It is \$30.00 to register and we must get our registration in by October 21st.

For information and/or to register please email/call Gail Ledwig - donaldgail@yahoo.com

2009 Calendar Save The Dates!!

CRWC Calendar – Thank you for participating!

Please remember, each Saturday through October 31st CRWC will be supporting our candidates at the Old Town Farmers Market. These are excellent opportunities to work for our candidates, have fun and recruit new members!

October

Membership Meeting Thursday, October 22, 7:00 pm Phone Banking for Bob McDonnell and the GOP Ticket, Alexandria Victory Office, 1219 First Street, Alexandria, VA
Shelia Johnson Wine & Cheese with Maeve Rigler's (see page 1 for details)

The Walk to Fight Breast Cancer – Saturday, October 24, 8:00 am, Parking at AMC Hoffman Center Theatres, 206 Swamp Fox Road, Alexandria, VA

November

Election Day! Tuesday, November 3

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, November 12, 8:00 pm at the home of Jane Ring, 308 Monticello Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22305-1612 – 703-548-7454 (H) 703-244-2580 (C)

VFRW President's Luncheon Fundraiser Thursday, November 12, Riverbend Country Club, Great Falls, VA

Membership Meeting Thursday, November 19 – 7:30 pm, at the home of Gail Ledwig, 503 Cathedral Drive, Alexandria, VA 22314-4705 – 703-823-0975 (H) 703-655-7377 (C)

December

Scottish Christmas Walk Saturday, December 5, 10:30 am, Old Town, Alexandria, VA

Board Meeting (includes Committee Chairs) Thursday, December 10, 7:30 pm at the home of Mary Kapellas, 5089 Donovan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22304-7755, 571-970-2344 (H)

Membership Meeting Thursday, December 17 – 7:00 pm – Holiday Party and Instillation of New Officers at the home of Julie Lineberry, 500 High Street, Alexandria, VA 22302-4110, 703-548-7663(H) 703-489-2823 (C)

Get Your Lincolns Ready for Santa's Stimulus Package!

At this December's meeting/Holiday Party, CRWC will be raffling off baskets full of goodies just in time for Christmas. For only \$5 a ticket you can support CRWC and have a chance at baskets full of items donated by our generous members. We will have bowls in front of the baskets, so once you've purchased your raffle ticket, all you need to do is place it in front of the basket you would like to win. Also, any members who would like to make a basket to donate to the December 17 raffle are welcome to participate. So, save your Lincolns for December!

(Special thanks to Linda Greenberg for coining the phrase "Santa's Stimulus Package".)

GOP Victory Office

1219 First St., Alexandria [North Old Town]

(2 blocks from Rte. 1, 3 blocks from Braddock Rd. Metro - see map)

More info: chair@AlexGOP.org or 703-823-1801



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Survey of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women

Some Virginia General Assembly Issues for the 2009

Legislative Session

1. Do support efforts to open up the coastal areas off Virginia for exploration of oil and natural gas in order to increase domestic energy production? (Deposits are believed to be about 25 miles off shore; for point of reference, if you stand on the beach and stare across the water on a clear day, you might be able to see a tall ship 8 miles out.)

Y ____ N ____

2. Do you support eliminating state funding going to programs that are not core services of government in order to fill the \$3 billion shortfall? (Cutting the budget will be a focus of the 2009 Session.)

Y ____ N ____

3. Do you support Democrats' continued efforts to increase the power of unions by eroding the Right-to-Work Act?

Y ____ N ____

4. Do you support encouraging more competition in providing health care services by allowing more choices of area hospitals? (COPN reform)

Y ____ N ____

5. Do you support creating more opportunities for Virginia students to attend Virginia's public institutions of higher education?

Y ____ N ____

6. Do you support tightening of Virginia laws to identify illegal aliens and to withhold state money used for their benefit (college tuition, etc.)?

Y ____ N ____

7. Do you support a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to protect the Transportation Trust Fund so that the money in the fund must be used for transportation projects? This would limit borrowing from the fund for budget projects that are not related to transportation needs.

Y ____ N ____

8. Your concerns or comments about these issues or others:

Just FYI: Most new bills are introduced after December 15th, and all must be introduced by the end of the second week of Session.

The 2009 Session will begin on January 14th and probably end February 28th. If you want to see a list of bills introduced to date (carried over from last year and new ones updated continuously), go to the web address:

<http://leg1.state.va.us/>