

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

March 2011

Message from the President

Dear CRWC,

Well, winter is finally winding down and spring is trying hard to take over. What does that mean for us? Lots of galas and opportunities as the event season is in full swing. Our members have been active with the Alexandria Symphony, Ballyshanners, Senior Services and the Animal Welfare League, just to name a few, by supporting their annual fundraisers both financially and with lots of elbow grease. And coming up later this month will be the Commission on Women's annual Salute to Women banquet and the Alexandria Republican City Committee's Reagan Lincoln dinner. I'm tired just writing about all these things. I hope you had an opportunity to get out and attend one or more of these fabulous community events.

Our membership renewal process is in full swing so please be sure to renew if you haven't already done so. The VFRW convention is coming up April 8-10. Please consider joining me in Richmond that weekend, as we highlight our 50 years of service. Our Community Relations Chair Michelle Thissell is doing a terrific job getting us in the forefront of community service opportunities and I look forward to Jane Ring's and Maria Ciarrocchi's plans for our 50th Anniversary gala. Please let any of them know if you would like to assist their efforts for our club.

As agreed to at the membership meeting in February, the March 24 meeting was canceled so that members can attend the Reagan Lincoln dinner at the Hotel Monaco. Please contact Maria if you would like to attend – events@alexgop.org. Our next meeting will be our 50th Anniversary Gala on April 28.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns or if you would like to assist with any of our efforts.

Thanks!

Shari

Looking for a CRWC Photographer!!



Need:

Camera

Remember to bring camera

Ability to send photos digitally to Tempo

Be able to cover most (not all) meetings and events

(maybe a co-photographer!)

contact Shari at sharibolouri@gmail.com

**CRWC Membership
Meeting
General Meeting Cancelled
in lieu of**

**Reagan-Lincoln Dinner
see page 2**

**Plan now to attend the
CRWC 50th Anniversary
Celebration**

Thursday, April 28, 2011

The Lloyd House

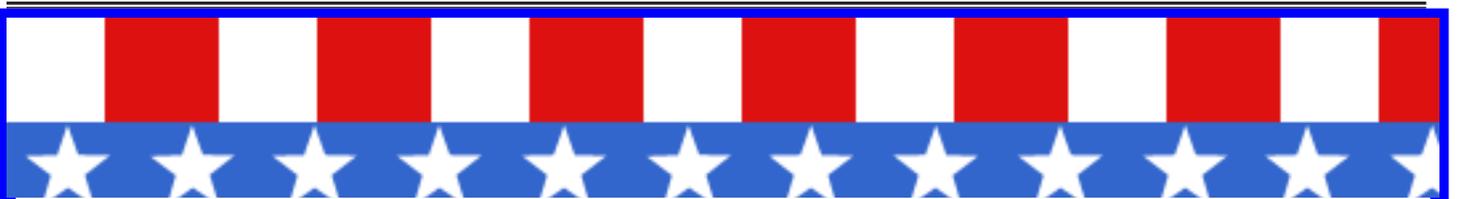
**220 North Washington Street
Alexandria VA 22314
Invitations to follow**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - -Diane Murphy

We are happy to report that we have more than 60 members who have renewed their membership and we are looking forward to receiving both additional renewals and new memberships in the days to come. In our 50th year, we have much to celebrate and even more that we wish to accomplish so we hope to hear from all of you soon!!

If you need a membership application, please e-mail Diane G. Murphy at dgmprop@aol.com and she will gladly forward one to you.

Diane



The Alexandria Republicans
cordially invite you to their

**Annual
Reagan-Lincoln Dinner**

Thursday, March 24, 2011
Hotel Monaco 480 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314

6:30-7:00 pm - Reception
7:00 pm Dinner

Sponsor Levels
Gipper - \$500 (reserved seating for four) **Dutch** - \$250 (reserved seating for two)
Individual Ticket - \$100

Buy your ticket [HERE!](#)

For more information contact Maria Ciarrocchi at events@AlexGOP.org

Contributions are not tax deductible. Funds received may be deposited into the ARCC's federal account unless otherwise prohibited. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Corporate contributions are welcome for State election purposes only and State law requires us to report the type of business for all corporate contributions exceeding \$100 in a calendar year. Contributions from foreign nationals are prohibited.
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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>

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT -

Michele Thissell

To honor Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and all those involved in the Tucson tragedy, the American Red Cross will offer FREE lifesaving training at the National Capital Regions Headquarters on Saturday, March 19th. The CRWC will be providing complimentary breakfast/ pastry items in recognition of our support to the local Red Cross chapter.

There will be four training sessions. The session times are 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. The training will last 45 minutes to an hour. I plan on attending the 9 am training session and will be there earlier to distribute the breakfast items to the morning attendees.

Should you wish to register for this event, please contact the American Red Cross at 703.584.8452 or online at www.redcrossna.org. Hope to see you there.

On another note, we are both pleased and proud to announce that we have nominated Julie Lineberry for two awards at the upcoming Salute to Women Awards Banquet to be held on March 28th. Julie has performed many years of service in numerous volunteer organizations throughout Alexandria. We are keeping our fingers crossed for you Julie!

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Michelle Presson Marston

New Breed of GOP Governor Takes on Government Worker Unions

The nation seems to be witnessing the birth of a new breed of Republican Governors. These are folks that are entirely unfazed by taking on the biggest special interest groups, the most powerful political influencers, and the most taboo policy debates.

First, there was Chris Christie, the Republican Governor of New Jersey, who went right to work taking on the NJEA (New Jersey Education Association). His first budget as governor made deep cuts in order to balance the budget, including about 5% from every school district in the state. He recommended that teacher pay be frozen, rather than increased 4-5%, as suggested by the teachers' union. And, he recommended that the teachers contribute 1.5% of their salaries to their health benefits – up from 0%

Now, there's Scott Walker, the Republican Governor of Wisconsin. He's taking this gubernatorial moxie to the next level. He's not only calling for cuts now; he's calling for institutional change that will make a long-term difference for Wisconsin budgets far into the future.

In Walker's first budget, he took on collective bargaining for public employees. Wisconsin's \$137 million budget deficit is, like most of the current state budget deficits, largely a product of out-of-whack public employee pay and benefits.

Walker's reasoning is that even if we get the union to concede to contributing some small amount to their health plan or to switching new employees to defined contribution retirement plans or even to pay freezes, the long-term problem persists: As long as unions hold unequal power in negotiating contracts, taxpayers will always be held captive to government workers.

Even President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is in many ways one of the fathers of our current big-government liberalism, believed that public employees should not have the power of collective bargaining. In 1937, he wrote, "All government em-

ployees should realize that the process of collective bargaining, as usually understood, cannot be transplanted into the public service.... The employer is the whole people...."

Federal employees do not have the power of collective bargaining, but public employees in most states do. In fact, 24 states in the country either don't allow collective bargaining for public workers or only allow it for some segment of the public employee rolls. These governors are taking tough, principled, and some might say politically risky stands for the taxpayers. They are proposing balanced budgets that don't rest on the backs of citizens who are already struggling to make ends meet.

The contrast with Democrat lawmakers couldn't be clearer. In Wisconsin, Democrats in the State Senate fled across the border to Illinois. They'd rather sequester themselves in a motel somewhere than take the vote on Walker's budget.

In Indiana, where Republicans have proposed right-to-work legislation that "prohibits employees from being required to pay union dues or representation fees as a condition of employment," Democrat legislators walked out to deny the Legislature a quorum for considering this – or any other – bill. Republican Governor Mitch Daniels eliminated collective bargaining in that state in 2005.

In Ohio, Republicans Governor John Kasich and brand new State Senator Shannon Jones have proposed an end to collective bargaining, there, too. Union protests have all but entirely blocked access to the state capitol.

Citizens across the country are tired of tightening their belts and losing their jobs while public employees maintain – and sometimes expand – their benefits, pay, and job security. And, it's not just Republican citizens – that ever-wooded independent vote is there in increasing numbers, too. Republicans are listening. Democrats appear to be stone-deaf.

2011 Calendar

Save The Dates!!

Board Meetings

April 14
May 12
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

Membership Meetings

April 28
May 26
September 22
October 27
November 17
December 15

Mark Your Calendar

March 28, Salute to Women Banquet

April 28, 50th Anniversary Celebration

May 26, Membership Meeting with former State Senator Jay O'Brien

SAD NEWS!

Edie Stratton's daughter passed away suddenly on March 6. Many of you know Edie, former VFRW 8th District Representative for several years. Her address is 7432 Berwick Ct., Alexandria, VA 22315

DONNA L. KENDALL

Died on March 6, 2011 at the age of 58 in Fairfax County, VA. Donna enriched the lives of the many who knew her. With the kindest and most loving heart, she lived her life with passion and brought joy to family and friends. She is survived by her mother and father, Edith and Don Stratton; sister, Kim Hodge; husband of 37 years, Bruce Kendall; daughter and son-in-law, Krista and Raymond Batz; and grandsons, Jackson and Carter. A service was held to celebrate her life on Saturday, March 12 at Fort Belvoir Main Chapel.

2011 CRWC Officers and Board 2011

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VP Program: Valerie Dowling
VP Membership: Diane Murphy
Recording Secretary: Luisa Rains
Corresponding Secretary: Tracy Schairo Johnson
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Directory Editor: Sharon Annear
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VFRW/NFRW Liaison: ~ Gail Ledwig

The National Federation of Republican Women held their Semiannual Legislative Day and Spring Board meeting at the Crystal City Marriott March 8 -12, 2011.

CRWC members Linda Greenberg and Eloise Brantley were among the 250 NFRW women on the Hill on Wednesday, March 9 to hear House Speaker John Boehner and 60 GOP members of Congress. The attendees met in the Cannon Caucus room where NFRW President Sue Lynch welcomed the attendees and introduced the special guests. The day ended back at the Hotel with a reception honoring Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison a long time supporter of NFRW who has announced her retirement at the end of her term.

CRWC 1st Vice President Valerie Dowling and NFRW staff member organized the day.

CRWC member Maria Ciarocchi sang the National Anthem to open the Friday, March 11, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.

CRWC Treasurer Callan Smith was the NFRW staff member in charge of the overall logistics of the 5 day meetings and CRWC member Michelle McMahon, NFRW Regent coordinator planned a Chart House luncheon for the Capitol Regents and an evening reception for the Regents at the elegant Belle Haven Country Club.

The NFRW magazine "The Republican Women" was available to attendees and will be arriving in your mail very soon.

If you do not receive a copy and would like one please contact Gail Ledwig at donaldgail@yahoo.com.

VFRW Convention

Please join Shari in Richmond April 8-10 for the Virginia Federation of Republican Women's convention. A reception at the Governor's Mansion is included if you sign up ASAP. For more information please contact me at shari@sharisimmans.com. Thanks, Shari



**Commonwealth Republican Women's Club
Membership Application/Renewal 2011**

*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:

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

PO Box 320481

Alexandria, VA 22320

I am interested in one or more of the following:

_____ 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: _____
