

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

September 2011

Message from the President

Dear CRWC,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer. Though we did not meet, CRWC members have been busy. In June members attended the 8th District fundraiser with Senator Scott Brown and throughout the summer many members have been volunteering with Meals on Wheels, the ARCC and the American Legion.

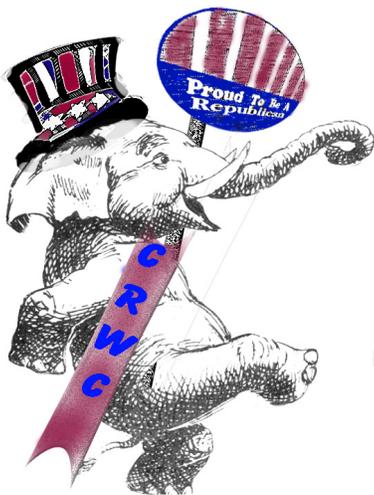
The CRWC is back in full campaign mode. On September 22 we will hold our annual pot luck dinner and hear from our 2011 candidates. Our own associate member Chris Marston will be on hand to update us on his campaign for Alexandria Clerk of the Court. Chris is the first challenger to the incumbent in over 30 years and has exciting plans for bringing that office into the 21st century.

We will also hear from Rob Sarvis, running in the 35th State Senate district. Tim McGhee, running in the 30th State Senate district and Miller Baker in the 39th have also been invited.

Gail Ledwig is graciously heading up the Christmas ornament program and has ordered the first round of ornaments for distribution at our September meeting. The ornaments make terrific Christmas gifts and keepsakes and are an important part of our fundraising. Please make sure to stock up early before they're all gone!

The CRWC is on a roll again and I look forward to seeing you all on the 22nd.

Shari Bolouri



CRWC September Meeting

September 22, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Supper

8:00 p.m.

Program

“Meet the Candidates”

At the home of

Jane Ring

308 Monticello Blvd.

Alexandria 22305

703.548.7454

Bring Friends and
Family and a dish to share

The candidates are:

Chris Marston:

Clerk of the Alexandria Circuit Court

VA Senate:

39th district - Miller Baker;

30th district - Tim McGhee;

35th district - Rob Sarvis

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Diane Murphy

There has been a very active membership recruitment during our summer months. Anne LeHuray, Roz Bellis, Marianne Coates, Lois Lipson, Shari Bolouri and Linda Greenberg volunteered either at the morning Farmer's Markets or at one of the city's events, such as the Irish Festival. The AARC effectively organized this effort and Ellen Giglio deserves a medal for her early morning "Republican" energy!

No matter what the hour, there were a lot of people who were very happy to see us and learn what the Republicans are doing here in Alexandria.

Currently, we have 77 full time members and 9 associate members and hope that with the upcoming Presidential election that our numbers will reach the "triple digits" as 2012 draws closer.

Thanks are always due to those who also quietly spread the word about CRWC!!

Diane

HOSPITALITY REPORT

- Pauline Bacaj and Ann Hobbs

POT LUCK SUPPER!

Ladies,

We hope you all had a pleasant and relaxing Summer. A very busy Fall season is just starting, with elections coming up and work to have our candidates elected.

But first we will enjoy our always successful Pot Luck Supper, and we are looking forward to a great evening.

See page 1 announcement

As usual we will need appetizers, salads, meat trays, veggies and desserts! We will ask you to bring a favorite dish to share - OR best, let us know what you'd like to contribute! Thank you.

Pauline and Ann

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The 2011-12 Membership Directory is dedicated to Elizabeth (Betty Lou) W. Furash

Dedication

Betty Lou Furash has great enthusiasm and energy. These attributes and her generosity made her a very effective member of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club. In addition, she served the club as treasurer and then president (in 2001). She was president when the club celebrated its 40th anniversary. Under her leadership the club grew in membership and its involvement in civic activities. Also, that year, members contributed recipes to the club's first cookbook, *Recipes for Getting Elected*.

The Alexandria City Committee and Republican candidates could always count on Betty Lou to contribute generously to their campaigns and, just as quickly, to follow up with hands-on volunteer support. No job was too big or too small when Betty Lou and Ed set their minds to it.

The Furashes have been long-time supporters of the Inova Alexandria Hospital. Betty Lou was a member of Twig, the Hospital's Junior Auxiliary, volunteered at the Twig Thrift Shop as well as at hospital bazaars, and contributed significantly to the annual Antiques in Alexandria spring show. Betty Lou and Ed have given over \$350,000 to the Inova Alexandria Hospital, and on September 20, 2011 the new Cardio-Vascular Institute Research Laboratory will be named in their honor.

Betty Lou is a member of the 1872 Society, a hospital association that recognizes those who provide generous financial support for quality medical care at Inova Alexandria Hospital. She was instrumental in recruiting new members to the Society. In addition, she was president of the Alexandria House condo board and capably oversaw the building's recent extensive renovations.

The Furashes were subscribers to the National Symphony and The Alexandria Symphony.

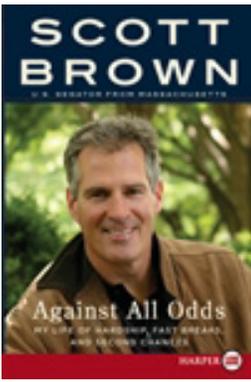
Their penthouse in Alexandria overlooked the Potomac and was filled with art acquired during their frequent travels abroad. Betty and Ed were members of Temple Beth El and gave their extensive book collection to the Temple when they moved.

In sum, Betty Lou and Ed were "partners in life" and dedicated patrons of many causes of merit. The Furashes now reside in Ohio. They are greatly missed by their friends in the CRWC and in Alexandria.

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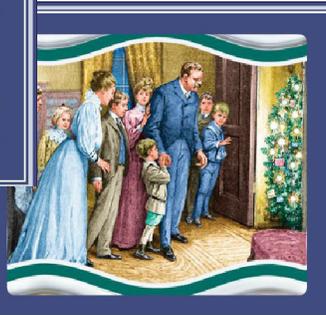
Through our CRWC facebook group we can instantly notify members of events or rallies where they could work to promote local candidates. There is a special tool to create event invitations which can be sent not only to group members but emailed to anyone. We also post information about the speaker for 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>



**June 20
8th District GOP
Scott Brown
Book Signing Fundraiser
Huge Success!**



Buy NOW



Gail Ledwig will have the ornaments at the Pot Luck and once again selling for \$20.00. CRWC is making generous contributions to our GOP candidate's November 8th election campaigns so we would like for each member at the Pot Luck to take 5 ornaments to sell to friends, neighbors and family. If you can not be at the meeting to get your ornaments please contact Gail at [donaIdgail@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldgail@yahoo.com) or call her at 703-823-0975 to let her know you want to help with this important CRWC Fundraising effort.



The National Federation of Republican Women will hold their 36th Biennial Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, September 29 - October 2. At the Convention

the ladies will celebrate their recent accomplishments and chart a course forward. Confirmed at this time to speak are Presidential Candidates, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum and others are hopefully going to attend. A straw poll to be conducted on Saturday October 1st will include those candidates as well as Michele Bachmann, Joh Huntsman, Gary Johnson, Ron Paul, Rick Perry and Mitt Romney. The Federation will be electing a new President to replace our Associate Member and NFRW President Sue Lynch. CRWC members attending as NFRW Staff are Valerie Dowling, Michelle McMahon, Callan Smith and Gail Ledwig.

Gail

Opening on the Human Rights Commission!

As many of you know, I have taken a job in South Sudan with the Wildlife Conservation Society. While I am extremely excited about this awesome opportunity to help shape the world's newest nation, I have also had to resign my position as Commissioner on the Human Rights Commission (HRC).

It is VITAL to the City of Alexandria that we are involved on our Commissions and Boards. I hope that one of our own CRWCers will step forward and look at applying for this, or another, Board or Commission opening. I will be available by email to answer any questions.

If you are interested, I highly recommend speaking with our own, Sharon Annear, about how best to submit an application.

Thank you, Amy Millican

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Michelle Presson Marston

And, the Red Tape Monster Keeps Growing

Since the Federal Register, the official publication of all federal regulations, was first published in 1936 it has grown by 3,131%. By the end of 2010, it was more than 81,000 pages long. And, according to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Obama Administration has issued more than 340 regulations this year alone.

Businesses aren't in the mood for hiring right now – as evidenced by the net zero job growth last month – and they say it's primarily because of the uncertainty that the current regulatory environment has created.

The new financial reform law, known as Dodd-Frank, for example, is expected to take a total of 240 rules all on its own. And, that's on top of 50 new or expanded financial regulations over the past two years. Then, there's ObamaCare, which is expected to be a red tape behemoth. Getting the economy moving again is going to take more than great speeches; it's going to take serious regulatory reform.

So, even President Obama has jumped on the reg reform train – or, at least, he's putting up a good appearance. He has appointed professor Cass Sunstein as his regulatory czar, tasked with cutting unnecessary regulations. After his exhaustive review of federal regulations, he's come up with \$10 billion worth of regulations to cut.

The U.S. Small Business Administration estimates that the total annual cost of regulatory compliance for American businesses is \$1.7 trillion. So, Professor Sunstein is recommending a paltry 0.001% cut.

At essentially the same time that the Administration was announcing these regulatory cuts, the President was writing Congress to announce that his Administration has another seven rules in the works that would each cost \$1 billion or more. In fact, all together, those seven rules would cost businesses between \$38 billion and \$100 billion per year, vastly overshadowing any cuts being considered.

The House of Representatives has planned a full agenda of regulatory reform for this fall, taking at least one major regulatory boondoggle to task each week. For instance, there's the EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution rule, which could shutter up to one-fifth of our nation's electric generating capacity, drive up electric rates in parts of the country by as much as 24%, and cost up to 1.4 million jobs over the next 8 years.

Unfortunately, with the U.S. Senate firmly in control of Harry Reid, anything the House does is likely to be relegated to the circular file and never considered on the Senate floor. So, the House action to pare back the red tape will mostly just succeed in calling attention to the problem. But, it's a problem worth calling attention to.

BACK THEN by Linda Greenberg

Once upon a time, after 1906 and prior to 1972, or before Alexandria began to gentrify, the Wagar Apartment building stood where the park is today in front of the Carlyle House on North Fairfax Street. The Wagar Apartment building also incorporated a building on the corner of Cameron and N. Fairfax Streets, which had been built as the First Bank of Alexandria in 1807.

An acquaintance of mine, Jane Smallwood, lived there from 1930 to 1947. During World War II, a large apartment with three bedrooms in the "bank section" of Wagar Apartments rented for \$45/month. There was no elevator.

Jane was 13 when World War II began in 1941. She recalled that most Alexandrians were not directly affected by the war, although the Torpedo Factory on North Union Street resumed production. Factory workers worked 24/7 on the Mark XIV submarine-borne torpedo. (The City of Alexandria bought the complex of buildings in 1969.)

Rationing did affect Jane and her family. Gas and sugar were the two items that seemed in short supply. (Cars, rubber, coffee and cheese were also rationed.) Her family had a gray 1932 Ford V8 but they could walk or take the bus to shop and the farmer's market – approximately where it is today – between Fairfax and Royal Streets -- was just across the street. Back then, however, Market Square did

not exist. There were buildings on King Street and an alley in the middle of the street and behind which provided passage to the south side of City Hall. There was a Safeway at the southeast corner of Prince and Royal Streets and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary a block away. (Her mother's second marriage was to Milton Leadbeater.)

Air raid drills were regularly scheduled. The Air Raid Coordinating Center was in the Masonic Temple. The city was divided into districts with an Air Raid Warden for each district. Sirens announcing an air raid drill were positioned on poles throughout the city. When the sirens blared, the warden's job was to clear the streets. Jane was one of two girl Air Raid Messengers. Her job was to assist, usually by carrying messages from one warden to another. City residents were given blackout curtains to use during the drills.

Jane was also the first girl to deliver the daily *Alexandria Gazette*, whose banner read, "Oldest Daily Newspaper continuously in print in the United States." She delivered the paper by bike. She used her paper route money to pay for dance and piano lessons. Her dance teacher, Mary Callaway, taught dance in the front room of the "bank building."

Jane began school informally at 3 at a private residence on King Street. Here she learned to read and write. When she was 6 she applied for admission to St. Agnes in Del

Ray and was accepted and began classes there in the fourth grade. Later she attended the Cameron Street Elementary School (today's Jefferson Houston Elementary School). There was no school transportation system. She rode her bike – sometimes clutching her cello -- or took the bus to school.

She attended George Washington High School (today the middle school). She graduated from high school at the end of 11th grade when she was 15. There was no 12th grade. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Mary Washington College. When she graduated from Mary Washington in 1948 she planned to study medicine at the University of Virginia but she was too young to be admitted.

Because Jane was too young to attend medical school she went to New York City hoping to work in a Broadway musical. She wound up joining the June Taylor dancers. She appeared on many television shows and even worked a stint in Havana, she recounts, between dictators. She was dancing at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas when she met and soon thereafter married Stan Parris (R-VA) who was first elected to Congress in 1972 (to 1974) and later represented Virginia's 8th Congressional District from 1981 – 1991. They divorced in 1975, and Jane married Gerald Smallwood, her boyfriend when they were teens in Alexandria.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - Michele Thissell

Our members were quite busy volunteering during the month of July. On the 4th of July weekend, we had two teams of volunteers who picked up and delivered meals to homebound seniors on behalf of the Meals on Wheels organization. The deliveries are located along different routes and entails bringing the meals to the person needing a hot meal - thank you ladies for taking the time during the long holiday weekend to assist this great non profit. They really appreciated our efforts.

On Sunday, July 11th, several members were able to volunteer and assist in preparing, greeting and serving up brunch at the monthly American Legion Post 24 brunch. For those of you who are not familiar with the American Legion, the Post is located on the corner of Cameron and North Royal Street. As part of tradition, they open their doors to the public and host a Sunday brunch at a very reasonable price. Thank you to those who took the time to chop, prep, mix drinks and serve brunch.

Next month, we will be looking to team up with ALIVE to donate books for the children in the Child Development Center. More details to follow.

Respectfully yours,
Michelle