

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

October 2011

Message from the President

Dear CRWC,

Election time is here! We have many fine candidates running in our City and I hope you had a chance to meet with them during our September 22 meeting. All can use your help so please be sure to visit their websites for how you can help their campaigns. Chris Marston, one of our associate members has a campaign headquarters here in Old Town and is busy every night of the week. Our CRWC night at his headquarters is Tuesday nights so if you can make it, please help Chris out.

Our October 27 general meeting has been canceled as the 8th District Republican Committee will be holding a fundraiser that night at Landini Brothers restaurant. Congressman Allen West will be the guest speaker. Proceeds from the event will go to 8th district candidates, such as Chris and our Council race next year.

Also in this issue is our Legislative Survey. Please review and complete as soon as possible.

Finally, our Board's tenure will finish at the end of the year. The nominating committee is looking for volunteers to fill these important leadership roles. If you are interested in any of the Board positions, or would like to nominate another member, please contact one of our nominating committee members: Danielle Beach, Maria Ciarocchi, Linda Greenberg or Jane Ring. Please see their note in this newsletter.

Thank you everyone and I hope to see you next month at our next meeting on November 17.

Shari Bolouri

Please join

The 8th Congressional District Committee

for a reception with

Congressman Allen West (R-FL)

Thursday, October 27, 2011

VIP Reception

6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

General Reception

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Landini Bros. Restaurant

115 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Admission: \$1,000 Host, \$500 Co-Host, \$250 Patron,
\$125 Sponsor, \$50 General Admission

Please return to:

8th District Republican Committee, P.O. Box 26141, Alexandria VA 22313.
Please make checks out to "8th District Republican Committee."

Online Registration available at <http://vagop8cd.org/allen-west-reception/>

Contributions to the 8th District Republican Committee are not tax deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes. Contributions to our federal account are limited by federal law to \$2,400 for the primary election and \$2,400 for the general election (\$4,800 per person for both elections). Federal law requires political committees to use their best efforts to obtain and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in an election cycle. Virginia law requires political committees to maintain a record of the name, mailing address, job title or profession and name of employer or employer's specific field for each individual who contributes to our committee. Your information will not be reported if your cumulative contribution is \$100 or less to this committee in a calendar year. Congressman West is asking for a donation of up to \$2,400 per election from an individual's own funds (or up to \$5,000 per election from a multi-candidate PAC or a political party committee). He is not asking for funds from corporations, labor unions, or minors.

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There will NOT be a regular CRWC General Meeting this month.

Instead, members are urged to attend the 8th District Fundraiser at Landini Brothers Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria, featuring- See below

Our November meeting will be the THIRD THURSDAY in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, at the home of Sharon Annear

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - Michele Thissell

What a wonderful and exciting year it's been.

Our fellow members have helped in delivering meals to the elderly and homebound (Meals on Wheels), helped to "beautify" the city of Alexandria (thanks to my fellow garden members) and have prepared meals to the members of the American Legion. THANK YOU for donating your time and efforts during the year to all of these causes. It makes a difference in the lives of others and I am grateful for the experience of contributing to others. It would not have been possible without your help. So again, thank you.

I wish to bring to your attention the upcoming 18th Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer that will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011. It is with fond memories that I look back on this event that I participated in this event last year with the club. We were showing our support for Patrick Murray last year; this year we will be showing our support for Chris Marston who is a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court in the City of Alexandria.

Onsite registration begins at 6:30 a.m., and The Walk starts at 8 a.m. at the AMC Hoffman Center. Participants have the option of either the 1.5K, 3.5K or 5K walk or run. (Look for me in the 1.5K race). We will be having a table and I'll bring some breakfast items for us to snack on before the race. Hope to see you at the race. Last year we had wonderful weather - let's hope for the same this year.

Also, if anyone wishes to participate in serving brunch at the American Legion next month, please let me know. The date is Sunday, November 13th and we usually arrive at 9:30 and stay until 12 noon. If interested, please contact me at michelle.thissell@gmail.com

2011 Calendar

October 22, 2011 – VFRW Board of Directors Meeting, Embassy Suites, Richmond, VA

October 18, 25, 2011 – CRWC volunteer night at Chris Marston Headquarters

October 27, 2011 – 8th District Republican Committee fundraiser at Landini Brothers
(CRWC meeting cancelled in lieu of this fundraiser)

November 10, 2011 – CRWC Board meeting

November 17, 2011 – CRWC General Meeting, Sharon Annear's home

December 2-4, 2011 - RPV Advance, Homestead. VFRW will have breakout session.

December 8, 2011 – CRWC Holiday Party, Julie Lineberry's home

January 12, 2012 – VFRW Legislative Day, Richmond, Marriott.

April 20-22, 2012 - VFRW Convention, Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA

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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>

**Virginia Federation of Republican Women
2012 Survey (To Complete Autumn 2011)**

Club Name: _____

Your Congressional District: _____

Your State Senator/s _____

Your State Delegate/s _____

Survey Contact Person for Your Club _____ Shari Bolouri

E-mail shari@sharisimmans.com _____ USPS mail: CRWC, P.O. Box 329481, Alexandria VA 22320

1. A new biennial budget will be voted on this Legislative Session. If there are any extra dollars beyond maintaining present commitments, where would you like to see them spent? Please suggest a percentage next to each item to total 100% altogether (considering just surplus dollars).

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| _____ Economic Development | _____ Public Safety (police, sheriffs, fire dept) |
| _____ K-12 Education | _____ Transportation (roads, bridges, mass transit) |
| _____ Help the mentally ill | |
| _____ Other: _____ | |

2. Large uranium deposits have been identified in Virginia. There has been a moratorium on mining of uranium for many years. Studies are currently being done concerning the safety, economic, and social impacts of mining uranium. Results of the studies are due in December. There will probably be a bill introduced at the 2012 General Assembly Session to “lift the Virginia statewide ban” on uranium mining. Chose the one closest to your opinion?

- _____ a. Lift the ban if it will help the economy
- _____ b. Only lift the ban if studies come back positive relative to safety and socioeconomic issues
- _____ c. Do not lift the ban

Comment _____

3. Should there be a vote by citizens of Virginia to allow prayer in public meetings and in schools?
 _____ Yes _____ No **Comment** _____

4. Do you believe that Virginia’s K-12 Education system would be strengthened by :

	Yes	No	Undecided
a. Issuing vouchers for attendance of private school, home school, etc?	_____	_____	_____
b. Offering more “virtual” on-line classes?	_____	_____	_____
c. Ending teacher tenure	_____	_____	_____
d. Increasing teacher salaries based on merit pay	_____	_____	_____
e. Keeping the current system but increasing teacher pay	_____	_____	_____
f. Keep the current system but give teachers and administration more authority to deal with discipline disruptions	_____	_____	_____

5. If more dollars are put into Virginia’s transportation infrastructure, where should they be channeled? Place numbers to show order of importance (1 is highest to 3 as lowest priority).

_____ Better maintenance and repair of the roads and bridges we have
 _____ Increase mass transit availability
 _____ Build new roads or lanes to relieve congestion in heavy traffic areas
 Comment _____

6. Realizing that income must be sufficient to maintain core services, should the Virginia tax code be reformed to:

	Yes	No	Undecided
a. Reduce the personal income tax, but raise the sales tax	___	___	___
b. Restructure the income tax levels	___	___	___
c. Do not change the current code	___	___	___
Comment/Suggestion _____			

7. Is Virginia protecting second amendment rights and the safety of its citizens?

	Yes	No	Undecided
a. Is it too easy to buy a gun in Virginia?	___	___	___
b. When purchasing a gun, are background checks sufficient ?	___	___	___
c. Do Virginia laws allow citizens to sufficiently defend themselves?	___	___	___
d. Should Virginia laws allow citizens to defend their property using deadly force?	___	___	___

Comment: _____

8. One main issue that our club would like to see addressed by our state elected officials is:

End Survey

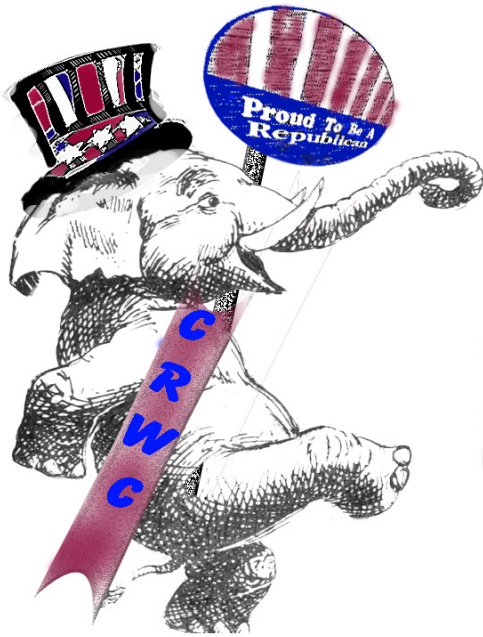
Thank you for taking time to respond to questions about issues that will likely come before the 2012 General Assembly Session.

Please complete the Survey of the Virginia Rederation of Republican Women and return it to Shari as soon as possible:

CRWC
P.O. Box 329481
Alexandria VA 22320

HOSPITALITY REPORT

- Pauline Bacaj and Ann Hobbs



A very appreciative Thank You to our gracious hostess Jane Ring. The Pot Luck supper-meeting at her home was a big success as usual. A large group of members and several special guests enjoyed the delicious array of dishes and desserts. Many thanks to all the generous ladies who brought them!

This month's meeting is cancelled to allow us to participate in the 8th District fundraiser, featuring Rep. Allen West (R-FL), on Thursday October 27th. The November meeting will be held at Sharon Annear's home on the 17th and there will be a reminder in the next issue of Tempo.

Let's all enjoy this very busy and fun Fall season and hope all our candidates win!

A large basket with both a red and a blue napkin inside was left at the pot luck supper in September. Please call Jane Ring (703-548-7454) if it is yours.



Buy NOW



Gail Ledwig has this year's White House ornaments, which once again we are selling for \$20.00. This is one of our largest fundraisers, from which we make generous contributions to our GOP candidates in the November 8 election and next year's City Council candidates. We would like for each CRWC member to take five ornaments to sell to friends, neighbors and family. Please contact Gail at donaldgail@yahoo.com or call her at 703-823-0975 to let her know you want to help with this important CRWC fundraising effort. Gail is happy to deliver your ornaments to you if you need that.



The National Federation of Republican Women will have a new President in their office at 124 North Alfred Street beginning on January 2012.

Delegates to the 36th biennial convention of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) held in Kansas City, MO elected Arizona Republican leader Rae Lynne Chornenky to head the organization during 2012 and 2013.

Chornenky currently serves as first vice president of the organization, and has held several other positions on the NFRW executive committee and board of directors. In 2000 and 2001, she served as president of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women.

"I am honored to be chosen to lead the NFRW during such a pivotal election year," Chornenky said.

A native of Phoenix, Chornenky has practiced law for more than 28 years.

For Highlights of the Convention go to:

<http://www.nfrw.org/programs/convention/highlights.htm>

Commonwealth Republican Members attending as members of the staff were Callan Smith, Valerie Dowling, Michelle McMahon and Gail Ledwig. CRWC was awarded the Silver Achievement Award for overall club activities and participation during 2010-2011. Becky Davies sending in our forms for our recognition as a Silver Achievement award winner. Thanks to Becky Davies for doing the forms for submission.r

