

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

November-December 2011

Message from the President

Dear CRWC,

At press time for the Tempo, our elections had not yet finished so by the time you read this, I hope we are celebrating some hard fought Republican victories here in Alexandria. Regardless of the outcome, we should be proud of the efforts that our candidates and volunteers put forth this election cycle as we gear up for what will surely be a very busy 2012.

Our nominating committee is finalizing the new CRWC slate of Board candidates. As I finish out my term as President, I look forward to working with the new Board to lead the CRWC in this vital year. I hope you will join me in supporting these members who have stepped up to lead our group, despite their busy schedules and commitments. Please give whatever time you can to help our club to continue to grow and support our message.

2012 will certainly be a challenging year for Alexandrians as we face the largest ballot in our history. In addition to the Federal and statewide races, we will have our city-wide races, including Council and School Board. Alicia and Frank will need all the help we can provide as for the first time, they will be running with all the other campaigns, thanks to a lame duck City Council decision in 2009. It is important they are re-elected along with the election of the other Republicans that will be running with them next year.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on November 17.

Shari Bolouri

See page 3 Hospitality Report for details of these two meetings and Food and Beverage contributions

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**CRWC
November Meeting
November 22, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Holly Davis
Leadership Trainer for
Republican Women
home of
Sharon Annear
1118 N. Howard Street
Alexandria, VA 22304**



Slate of Officers for 2012

The proposed slate of officers for the 2012 CRWC year is:

President: Elizabeth Holcomb O'Leary
 VP for Programs: Valerie Dowling
 VP for Membership: Shari Bolouri
 Recording Secretary: Luisa Rains
 Corresponding Secretary: Tracy Schario Johnson
 Treasurer: Maria Ciarrocchi

You may submit nominations from the floor provided you have obtained permission from the person you wish to nominate.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Linda Greenberg, Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - Michele Thissell

Hope everyone enjoyed their halloween as well as seeing all the children in their costumes. I'm so impressed with the creativity of the costumes that it's a joy to see all the young ones all dressed up and excited to be trick or treating.

As you know, the club participated in the 18th Annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer that was held on October 22nd. We had a nearly ten people who were part of the "Chris Marston team" as the club is supporting Chris in his efforts to become Clerk of the Circuit Court in the City of Alexandria. Our members and fellow walkers congregated around the Marston table in the early morning on that brisk Saturday. What a great way to start the day as well as participate in this worthy cause with our fellow Alexandrians. There were so many people who came out to walk that morning and I hope that we will make this event

part of an annual tradition for our club. There is a definite sense of community participation and I believe this event will only continue to grow in numbers.

We had the pleasure of having Patrick Murray join our group as he participated in the walk with us. What a nice treat to see Patrick again.

Thank you to all who participated in the walk.

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

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>

8th District's Event with Congressman Allen West



CRWC members turned out to support the the 8th District's fundraiser with Congressman Allen West on October 27 at Landini Brothers. The Congressman spoke passionately about the President's misguided policies, including the jobs bill and relations with the Arab world and Iran, and then took questions from the attendees.

CRWC members attending included:

Lois Lipson
 Fran Redmon
 Gail Ledwig
 Paula Potoczak
 Nadine & Pauline Bacaj
 Linda Greenberg
 Shari Bolouri
 Chris Marston (associate)

Other guests included Councilman Frank Fannon, Tim McGhee, currently running in the 30th State Senate District, 8th district Congressional candidate Patrick Murray, and former 8th District Chair, Gant Redmon.

VFRW Scholarships

At the October 22, 2011, VFRW Board meeting, the VFRW voted to award 3 - \$1000 scholarships. Please find the form here and pass on to anyone who would be interested in a scholarship from the VFRW.

The \$1,000 scholarships are available to women who are full time undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in an accredited Virginia college or university studying government, political science or law.

The deadline for submission is March 22, 2012.



HOSPITALITY REPORT - Pauline Bacaj and Ann Hobbs

We have two announcements at this time, due to the fact that the Christmas Party, our last event of the year, will be held earlier than usual in the month of December!

First, our next CRWC general meeting will be on November 17th at 7:30 PM at Sharon Annear's home.
See page 1 for invitation

As usual we are asking our members to bring some refreshments to share, such as finger snacks, cheese & crackers, desserts, and fruit. If you would like to bring something to share, please let us know.

Second, the CRWC Christmas Party will be hosted by Julie Lineberry on December 8th *See page 1 for invitation*

We are doing things a bit differently this year! The plan is for members to bring something to share with 6 others:

Last name A thru K : Appetizers (chips & dips, cheese & crackers, veggie tray, etc)

Last name L thru S : Main course: meat platter, meat balls, shrimp, pasta or potato salad, side vegetable dish, etc)

Last name T thru Z: Desserts

Plus - All bring a bottle of wine or other beverage!

Please RSVP a number of guests/persons attending!

We are looking forward to great meetings and fun. Thank you and see you very soon!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Diane G. Murphy

We looking forward to our holiday gathering on December 8th and hope you will consider bringing "potential new members." It is a festive time and we always enjoy this special evening. If you are planning on bringing someone(s) "new," please let me know so I can warmly welcome and introduce them.

With a Presidential election looming in 2012, it is a great time for us to begin noticing yard signs and bumper stickers of neighbors who might share our political identity. This display makes reaching out with an invitation to join CRWC much easier. So keep your eyes peeled and if you would rather have me make the contact, just send me their name and/or address. Thank you!!

I also want to extend an invitation to all members to my annual office Open House (9:30-11:30 a.m.) during the Alexandria Scottish Walk on December 3rd at 104 South Columbus Street in Old Town. Please stop by!!

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - C. Elizabeth Holcomb

Legislative priorities at the federal, state and local levels continue to remain steadfastly on jobs and budgets. Creating a healthy business climate for job creation while also finding funds for providing necessary government services is top priority for all levels of government. All eyes are on the Super Committee in Congress, which is tasked with finding ways to rein in an oversized deficit. No major legislation is moving through either chamber while Congress is gridlocked, and this Administration is relying on the federal agencies for promoting its agenda, creating rules with the effect of law without going through the legislative lawmaking process.

In the Virginia statehouse, significant attention will be given to Transportation issues when budgets take center stage in the coming months. Concerns persist at the state and local levels about the serious challenges of trying to balance budgets. On October 4, Governor Bob McDonnell sent a letter to all Virginia local councils announcing his plan to help address

those difficulties. McDonnell announced the Governor's Task Force for Local Government Mandate Review, as provided by Virginia Senate Bill 1452 that passed during the 2011 General Assembly Session. The task force will review state mandates imposed on localities and recommend temporary suspension or permanent repeal of mandates.

The task force is made of five members and includes The Honorable Pat Herrity, Springfield District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Alexandria City Councilwoman Alicia Hughes has been asked to serve as the Government Reform Commission liaison. The City of Alexandria responded with mandate recommendations to relieve on November 3, 2011, when Acting City Manager Bruce Johnson submitted Alexandria's input. A copy of the Governor's letter and Alexandria's response may be found on the Virginia website at www.dhcd.virginia.gov/GovMandateReview.



GOING, GOING!

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Gail Ledwig continues the sale of the White House ornaments. She will have them at the November meeting. 300 were purchased and she will have the remaining 30 ornaments at the November meeting, so ladies bring \$20 for each one you wish to purchase. If you can not attend the meeting email Gail.donaldgail@yahoo.com and she will deliver to your ornaments. KUDOS to Jean Klinge who has sold over 100. Way to go, Jean!!



