

# CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

January 2012

## Message from the President

It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as President of CRWC for 2012. It is a joy to be associated with the wonderfully talented and intelligent women of this club who are dedicated to being engaged and making a difference in our community, our state and our country.

Now is a great time to be part of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club! As we prepare for the 2012 elections we have the opportunity to engage in the legislative process and make great impacts. This year CRWC will work to provide women with ways to connect with fellow Republicans, elected officials and candidates.



I will promote two new initiatives this year including a new outreach effort to area college seniors and recently graduated women who are already engaged in Republican Party politics and who have chosen to remain living in the area. This untapped group is full of energy and enthusiasm for the political process, and may be in need of the wisdom and experience this group possesses and is so happy to share! Additionally, our CRWC internet webpage serves as the welcome mat for women interested in our group. It is time to spruce it up! As we go through this year, feel free to email me at my personal address – [ceh22100@yahoo.com](mailto:ceh22100@yahoo.com), or call my cell phone at 571-205-6851 with any of your comments. I am open to hearing both your suggestions and critiques.

I am thrilled to work with you this year and humbled to have been elected as this year's president. Thank you. This is an exciting year with lots already to do and I know we are ready to work. Our next meeting is going to be at the Ledwig home on Jan. 26. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth O'Neal*

## CRWC

### Monthly Meeting

January 26th

at the home of Gail Ledwig

503 Cathedral Drive

Alexandria VA 22314

703.823.0975

7:30 Social; 7:45 Program

**Meet Mike Ginsburg, 8th District Chairman,  
Tom Fulton, Chairman Alexandria Republican  
City Committee,**

**and**

**National Federation of Republican Women  
Political Director Valerie Dowling.**

**Learn how you can help elect Republicans in the  
2012 November Election.**



# Officers for 2012

*Committee Chairs will be listed next month*

President: Elizabeth Holcomb O'Neal

VP for Programs: Valerie Dowling

VP for Membership: Shari Bolouri

Recording Secretary: Luisa Rains

Corresponding Secretary: Tracy Schario Johnson

Treasurer: Maria Ciarrocchi

## 2012 Calendar

*Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC) meeting -

the fourth Thursday of the month social at 7:30 meeting 7:45

Traditionally Annual Events: April - Membership Recruitment, May - Fund Raiser and December- Holiday Party

Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC) meeting -

the first Thursday of the month - 7:30 at Minnie Howard School

January 26th - CRWC meeting - Home of Gail Ledwig - 503 Cathedral Drive

February 10 -13 Deadline for Declaration of Candidacy for 8th District Convention

February 24 - Deadline for Declaration of Candidacy for Republican National Convention

March 6 - Virginia Presidential Primary

March 14 - Deadline for Declaration of Candidacy for ARCC membership and State GOP convention - Richmond, VA

March 15 - Reagan Lincoln dinner (tentative)

March TBA Caucus to select Republican Candidates for Alexandria Mayor and City Council

April 20 - 22 Virginia Federation of Republican Women's Convention - Williamsburg, VA

May 12 - 8th District Convention - Bishop O'Connell - Arlington, VA

June 12 - Senate and House of Representative Primary - statewide

June 15 - Republican State Convention in Richmond, VA

August 27 - 30 - Republican National Convention - Tampa, FL

November 6 - Election for President, US Senate, US Congress and Alexandria City Council and Mayor

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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>



## New Leadership at the National Federation of Republican Women Headquarters

The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club members welcome the newly elected NFRW President Rae Chornenky to Alexandria and to the National Federation of Republican Women's headquarters at 124 N. Alfred Street. Rae was elected to serve as the NFRW President for the 2012-2014 term at the NFRW fall biennial convention.

Chornenky is proud to be a native of Phoenix. A loyal Arizona State University alum, Chornenky earned a B.A., graduating magna cum laude; master's degree in counseling, and J.D. all from ASU. She has practiced law for 28 years. She currently owns her own business, making her sensitive to the issues of running a corporation.

Chornenky retired from the superior court bench in 1995 and went on to serve as a legislative attorney for an Arizona cabinet-level agency, drafting extensive legislation and successfully lobbying state budget issues, laws, and regulatory acts. She appeared in television, radio and print media, as well. She served as adjunct professor of constitutional law, substantive criminal law and evidence. Her private legal practice has included advising non-profit organizations, representing political candidates and campaign organizations, coordinating seminars and workshops, serving as a speaker on constitutional and political issues and the defense of individuals charged with crimes.

As a Republican, Rae has been elected precinct committeeman and sat on the executive committee of the state party. She has been a member of the NFRW since 1994. She had the privilege of attending the 1995 NFRW biennial convention and, since that "beginning," has continuously served on the NFRW Board of Directors, with the exception of one term.

Under Chornenky's leadership Valerie Dowling, NFRW Political Director who is also our CRWC Vice President, will be increasing NFRW involvement in GOP campaign efforts across the nation during 2012.




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## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - Michele Thissell

Hope everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable holiday season - and a Happy New Year as well!

At November's meeting, I announced that we would be participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. As part of the program, there were gift requests from children that we were able to "adopt" - allowing us to provide holiday gifts for those less than fortunate. Our members quickly snapped up several names of children that had requested gifts and went shopping.

At our traditional holiday gathering at Julie Lineberry's home for the annual holiday party, our members brought the items to be donated to the children. There were eleven children, both boys and girls ranging in age from 6 months to 13 years old, that received items such as coats, clothing, and toys from their Angel. These items were cheerfully delivered to the Salvation Army who expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation.

Please don't forget - we still have our annual Community Lodgings book donations. If you have any (new) children's books to be donated, please bring them to our meeting in January. We will have a representative from Community Lodgings present at the meeting and I would like to fill up our basket with as many books as possible.

Thank you to all for your participation in our Community Outreach.

Respectfully yours,, Michelle Thissell



Baskets are always a great part of the fun and fundraising at CRWC's Holiday Party.

## “Living Legends 2011” : Fran and Gant Redmon

“Each person must live their life as a model for others” Rosa Parks

Fran and Gant Redmon have, together and individually, worked assiduously for the Republican Party and as advocates for the arts and business development in Alexandria. They thrive on doing. For example, making Republican events happen and succeed. CRWC members, in particular, have benefited from their generosity and commitment. And, their enthusiasm and ability have been well rewarded.

In 2011 Fran and Gant were recognized as “Living Legends” for their contributions to the arts in Alexandria, as well as their work with the American Red Cross Alexandria Chapter, the Historic Alexandria Foundation, the Hospice of Northern Virginia, the Alexandria Lawyers Auxiliary and the Alexandria Industrial Development Authority. Previously, in 2008, the University of Illinois named Fran and Gant Alumni of the Year, the first time the distinction was awarded to a married couple. The Redmons have been married for 53 years. For 37 of these years they have resided at “Tall Oaks,” in Alexandria, where they have hosted fund-raising events for many causes.

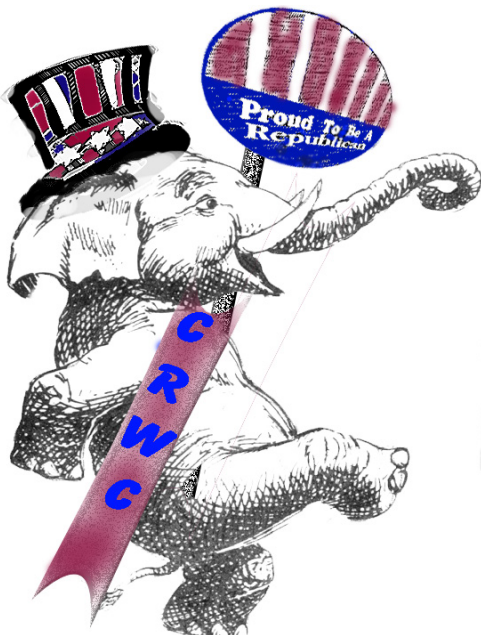
In addition, Fran, with two other Alexandria women, created SPRINGboard, which provides professional experienced speakers for board development and training. For her work in mentorship of community arts organizations Fran was nominated for a national medal from the National Endowment of the Arts. In addition, Fran was awarded a citation “For Enhancing the Cultural Fabric of Alexandria through her Generosity and Dedicated Volunteer Service.” This is her most treasured accolade.

At the same time, Gant has been a community activist supporting the arts, political causes and business development, as exemplified by his work for the Alexandria Rotary Club, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Alexandria and Virginia Bar Associations. He has served as the chairman of the Goodwin House Foundation since 2005. Gant is the managing partner of Redmon, Peyton & Braswell, LLP.

Both Gant and Fran have served on committees for five presidential inaugural balls and are patrons, members and advocates for over three dozen local arts organizations.

Together, Fran and Gant serve as models of how social connections, friendships, advocacy and purpose have made a significant difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Linda Greenberg



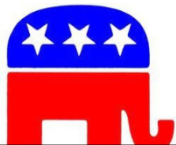
### *In Memoriam*

Former CRWC president Betty Lou Furrash's husband, Ed, passed away on Tuesday. Betty Lou is recovering well in Ohio from scheduled surgery and was unable to attend the funeral Friday. He is interred at King David Cemetery, Falls Church, VA.

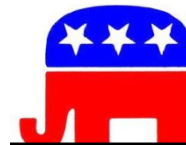
There will be memorial service here at a later date when Betty Lou is able to travel.

Betty Lou and Ed have been living with their daughter, Elizabeth Schnieder, in Ohio for the last year. The address is 4325 Woodhall Road, Columbus, OH 23220.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Betty Lou and her family.



# Commonwealth Republican Women's Club



## Membership Application/Renewal 2012

\*Required Information

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*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\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Associate level is open to women who are members of another club and all men.

### Please make check payable to CRWC and 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: