

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA February 2012

Message from the President

Tradition, Birthnight Balls and the Hospitality Pineapple

Dear CRWC Members,

I love February in Alexandria because our community is full of unique tradition in the celebration of the birth of President George Washington. As Republicans, we also celebrate the birth of President Ronald Reagan. As I think about these two remarkable presidents, I feel humbled, proud, duty-bound by the rights we have inherited from each.



Many of us have been anticipating 2012 as a critical election year for our nation. We have witnessed such radical changes in America that we feel compelled to act to reclaim our country and restore constitutional principles. It is a critical year for elections nationally, and a big year for elections with our own City Council, and we know we must act or we risk changes happening in our government that may be irreparable. The conservative message will resonate with voters. The national sweep in 2010 that brought so many conservatives to Washington proves that voters want less government intrusion in their lives. Locally, the backlash against recent city council votes is evidence that Alexandrians want citizens' voices heard and less local government manipulation here. In Northern Virginia, where we live in "Blue" territory, our message must be clearer and more succinct. We must do everything possible to well articulate the issues, by being effectively organized and perfect in communication.

Communicating our message comes in two president's initiatives this year: outreach to engage more women, and updating our website. Our website is the Commonwealth Club's welcome mat – our first hospitality pineapple. This month I have asked web experts to analyze it and give us recommendations on what steps need to be taken to get it up to speed in 2012.

Our second hospitality pineapple is the warm welcome we give to newcomers. This February 23, Thursday at noon, we will host Mrs. Susan Allen, wife of Former Senator George Allen at the Morrison House at 116 North Alfred Street in Old Town. This is a change that hopefully will help encourage local women who live or work in the area to come check us out. The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club has so much to offer, and a new venue is a new way to communicate that. Please come on Thursday at noon for coffee and help host Mrs. Allen. And invite a friend or two!

I look forward to seeing you there. Elizabeth

Monthly Meeting
The Commonwealth Republican
Women's Club
invites you to attend their
February 26, 2012 Meeting*
at noon at the
Morrison House
116 S. Alfred Street, Alexan-
dria 22314
with special guest
Susan Allen
speaking on the
Challenges to Republicans in
2012
***coffee and tea service provided**



Welcome!

New MEMBERS:

Debi Deimling

Jennifer White Gradnigo

Anne LeHuray



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

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

CRWC Newsletter
 Editor Jane L. Ring
jring10@comcast.net
 Desktop Julie R. Lineberry
jr.lineberry@verizon.net
 Website:
www.AlexandriaCRWC.org

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>



Where’s Amy Millican

Amy is in Juba, the capital of the Republic of South Sudan. Juba is the world’s newest national capital, established on July 9, 2011, when the South Sudanese declared their independence from the Republic of the Sudan. (The capital may move) South Sudan is a new country in central Africa just north of the equator. It is landlocked, surrounded on the east by Ethiopia, and – clockwise -- Kenya, Uganda, the Congo, the Central African Republic and on the north by the Sudan; above the Sudan is Egypt.

As Amy describes life in Juba, it “is terribly hard, but so extremely hopeful.”

For her, it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness the birth and development of a new nation. Amy is working for the Wildlife Conservation Society and is assisting South Sudan in preserving its amazing wildlife. The wildlife survived over 50 years of war and now, it is hoped, will serve as a viable and profitable economic source for the Republic. The other income source is oil.

The wildlife includes herds of giraffes, rhinoceros, tiang antelope, Mongalla gazelles, reedbacks, and white-eared kob.

The United States, Amy explained, and Republicans such as Congressman Frank Wolf and President George W. Bush, worked to make the South Sudanese independence possible.

Amy sends warm greetings to all of you...

And Jeff Millican?

He, too, is changing jobs. He’s currently supporting piracy and maritime crime analysis for the Office of Naval Intelligence and will, therefore, be deploy to North Africa very soon.

**COMMONWEALTH REPUBLICAN
WOMEN’S CLUB
Adopted Budget – 2012**

INCOME

Dues (72 @ \$35)	\$ 2,520
Assoc. Dues (12 @ \$12)	144
Legislative Day	135
Fundraisers:	
Ornaments (300 @ \$20)	6,000
Miscellaneous	-0-
From Reserves	7,200
Total	\$15,999

EXPENSES

NFRW:

Kabis \$10; Martin Bldg. \$20;	
Renzel Sch. \$10; Pathfin-der \$20	\$ 60
MELP	40

VFRW:

Service charge	30
Member dues 72@\$14)	1,008
Wom. Cand. Recruitment	72
Legislative Day	135
Convention delegates	500
VFRW fundraiser or contr.	200
8th District rep.	40

CRWC:

Fundraisers:

Christmas Ornaments	4,500
Web Site	162
Historian	50
Gifts, Memorials	100
Officers’ expenses	165
P. O. Box rental	96
Publications	200
Newsletter	100
Membership event	400
ARCC	250

Community Outreach 800

TARs contribution

25

Campaigns & Elections:

City Council candidates	5,000
Campaign activities	2,000
Miscellaneous	66

Total \$15,999

Rebecca S. Davies, Budget

Maureen McDonnell
First Lady of Virginia



The Executive Mansion
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Oyez!

Oyez! Oyez! Calling All Virginians!

Family homes are prized possessions, and it can be challenging to pass them from one generation to the next. However, when we are able to do so, we gain a much fuller understanding of our ancestors' lives, surrounded by the furnishings and art that reflect their history.

For four years, Governor McDonnell and I have the honor of living in one of Virginia's oldest "family" homes - the Executive Mansion. Celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2013, the Executive Mansion is the oldest continually occupied governor's residence in all the fifty states. As you can imagine, this translates to a home full of history and stories of everyday family life. With the 200th birthday of the mansion approaching, we are looking to gain a more intimate understanding of this historic home, one that has not yet been told in the history books.

This fall, the official book of the Executive Mansion's 200th Anniversary will be released. Our commemorative coffee table book will chronicle the experiences of the fifty-four governors' families who have occupied the mansion. It is being written by Virginia historian Mary Miley Theobald, with an introduction by Virginia author David Baldacci and designed by Carol Roper Hoffer. We are also planning a yearlong celebration with special events, exhibits, and programs to commemorate this bicentennial.

I believe that the key to unlocking the untold stories of the mansion lies with the people of Virginia, and I'd like to involve you in this endeavor. If you are a descendant of a former "First Family" or of someone who worked in the mansion, we'd love to hear your stories about your ancestors and the mansion. We are looking for old photographs of governors' families taken in the mansion and any letters and objects with a history of having been in the mansion that we might exhibit. You may have to dig them out of your great-great Aunt Matilda's trunk that's been sitting in Grandma's attic, but they will help shed light on this wonderful home's proud past.

If you have stories or images of Virginia's Executive Mansion, please join us in this opportunity to recapture them as we celebrate the bicentennial. Please contact us by mail at Commonwealth of Virginia, Executive Mansion, P.O. Box 1475, Richmond, Virginia 23218; or by email at ExecutiveMansion@governor.virginia.gov, and help us bring the history of Virginia's Executive Mansion to life!

With warmest regards,

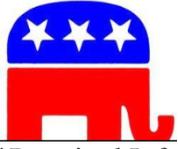
Maureen McDonnell

First Lady of Virginia

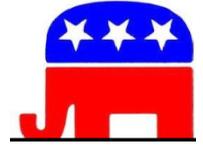
COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - Michele Thissell

Thanks to all of you who "adopted" a Salvation Army child for Christmas. I delivered seven large bags of gifts to be distributed to specific children; they were most appreciative. This month I dropped off the books we collected at the holiday party for children at Community Lodgings. We will continue to be involved with Meals on Wheels; I'll be calling for your help. In March several of our women will attend the Commission on Women banquet and will be seated at the CRWC table, giving exposure for our terrific women's club.

I appreciate your cooperation. Michelle Thisselle, Community Service Chair



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: