

CRW TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

April 2005

Message from the President

As you receive this, I will be leading our delegation to the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW) Convention in McLean April 15-17. Just a quick glance at the convention schedule provides quite a good gauge of how competitive the Republican political process is here in Virginia. All of the candidates for statewide office will be trekking to McLean to earn our votes. We'll also be spending time on VFRW business and meeting lots of Republican women from around the Commonwealth, always an enjoyable activity.

We've also invited all of the statewide candidates to attend our upcoming April 21 or May 26 meetings to say a few words and mingle with our members. As you know, our bylaws forbid us to invite only a few of the candidates; we must invite all or none. So we look forward to a few visits.

The good news is it looks like no matter what the results in the June primary, we are poised to elect a Republican Governor, a Republican Lt. Governor and Republican Attorney General. What an exciting election season ahead!

Our April 21 meeting features one of the best speakers we've ever hosted. Jim Moore, founder and CEO of Ameritrade as well as a former Reagan Presidential appointee at the Department of Commerce, is joining us by invitation of Anna-Mary Kapusto our Vice President for Membership who recently retired from her work at Georgetown University

Jim has a new book to be published in the fall (in time for holiday giving) called "One Nation Under God: a History of Prayer in America." I hear he's a popular member of the Georgetown faculty, so I'm confident he'll be an engaging speaker on quite an interesting topic. Betty Lou Furash is kindly hosting our club for the Thursday, April 21 meeting.

Our calendar ahead includes our May 26 meeting, which will focus on grassroots politics, and our June cocktail party which is our big fundraiser. Details are to come.

Thank you for your continued support of the CRWC.

See you at the April meeting,

Allison Cryor DiNardo

Commonwealth Republican Women General Meeting

home of

Betty Lou Furash

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The Honorable James (Jim) P. Moore, Jr., author of *One Nation Under God: The History of American Prayer*, to be published by Doubleday in the Fall of 2005, will speak about this, his latest endeavor, and has agreed to respond to questions. The Duncan group is producing a multi-hour documentary special earmarked for public television nationwide, and Random House is planning an audio production.

Jim Moore is the former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development and helped launch the Uruguay Round, which led to the creation of the World Trade Organization. He also served as U.S. negotiator for several bilateral commercial agreements, including the last trade and economic agreement with the Soviet Union. He has served on the boards of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the U.S. Export-Import Bank as well as the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. For several years, he represented the United States as Head of Delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris. He has lectured at Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Columbia, and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He also was named a distinguished fellow at the University of Colorado and was a cofounder of the Global Forum in Aspen, Colorado. He currently is an adjunct lecturer in International Business and Business Ethics at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University and is the founder and CEO of AmeriTrade International.

If you want to learn more about it prior to meeting Jim Moore, visit www.1nug.com.

Evening parking around Alexandria House is not a problem, but carpooling is encouraged. Come hear a terrific speaker in this lovely museum/art gallery home.

We're going to be a club again...

VFRW President Kendall Rhodes emailed CRW President Allison Cryor DiNardo to report the good news that CRW will be CRWC once again. "We voted at the NFRW Board Meeting in D.C. this past weekend to take the term CLUB back in the names of our Republican Women groups...and do away with UNITS! Of course, this is a Bylaw revision," reported Kendall "to be finalized at the NFRW Convention in Nashville, but the consensus is that it will have no trouble passing! The rationale: UNITS is objectionable to many women!!!! Thought everyone would be happy to hear this news." We agree with Kendall. In anticipation of this bylaw change, we will take "units" out of our vocabulary.

33rd Biennial NFRW Convention

Get Ready to "Pump Up the Volume" in Music City, U.S.A.!

The 33rd Biennial NFRW Convention is heading to Nashville September 8-11, for five days of inspiration and excitement at the fabulous, world-renowned Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. In addition to enjoying fellowship with other Republicans, attendees will be treated to true Southern hospitality. Nashville is home to many outstanding attractions and sights, including the Grand Ole Opry, the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Hermitage. Of course, Music City USA offers diverse live entertainment – blues, rock, country, gospel and jazz – along with many other amenities. Full details are available on the NFRW web site: www.nfrw.org/programs/convention.

VFRW Thank You Note from VFRW President Rhodes

Dear Republican Friend:

Your generous donation to the 2005 Virginia Federation of Republican Women's Convention is greatly appreciated. Our organization will use the financial contributions to further our objectives of Cooperation, Loyalty, Education, Election, and Recruitment, in all our communities throughout this great commonwealth of Virginia

We are proud of our historic efforts which foster Republican values, energize Republican campaigns, and encourage more and more women leaders to take part in the political process. Your contribution shows confidence in our efforts, and we are sincerely grateful.

We will continue to pursue the goal of being the MOST POSITIVELY EFFECTIVE REPUBLICAN VOICE in the commonwealth of Virginia.

Republican regards,
Kendall Rhodes

CRWC Women Help Afghan Children

Responding to a call from Fairfax County Republican Committee, CRWC women have contributed 9 boxes of children's clothing to be distributed to children in wartorn Afghanistan. The clothing is shipped off to a joint forces team of American soldiers and Marines that travel the Afghan countryside, primarily tasked with helping to rebuild schools but also providing good will assistance to Afghan families in need. Many of these children literally have nothing, and these servicemembers are providing for a very basic need. But, they are also helping to foster a better relationship between the U.S. and future generations of Afghan people. The FCRC will continue to collect clothing for this cause at least through the end of May. If you have any additional donations, please contact CRWC member and FCRC Executive Director Michelle Presson at michelle.presson@fairfaxgop.org or 703-766-4467. The FCRC is very grateful for CRWCers' generous support of this project! Special thanks to CRWC member Nancy Dever for bring an entire trunkload of clothing for these needy children in Afghanistan.

Our Mary Ramey is back in fighting form!

As many of you know, Mary Ramey, CRW member and fabulous Republican volunteer, underwent surgery at the Virginia Hospital Center and then recuperated for a few weeks in Virginia Beach with her children.

Mary writes: "Many thanks to the Commonwealth members for your calls, cards and prayers during my surgery and recuperation. Your thoughtfulness, concern and support helped so much during a trying time. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Mary Ramey"

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Calendar

April 15-17 VFRW Convention, McLean Hilton, Tysons Corner, VA
April 21 CRW Meeting at home of Betty Lou Furash
May 5 ARCC Meeting, Minnie Howard School.
May 12 CRWC Board Meeting, home of Jane Ring 8:00 PM
May 26 CRWC Meeting - TBD
June 14 GOP Primary for Governor, Lt. Gov., Attorney General

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Alexandria Republicans Join Call to Cut Real Estate Tax Rate Dramatically, Cap City Spending
At their monthly meeting last night, the Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC) passed a resolution joining the call by a growing number of civic and neighborhood groups for fiscal restraint and lower taxes in the City's FY2006 budget.
"Republicans have long been the party of lower taxes and responsible spending. It's no surprise that the all-Democratic City Council needs reminding on whose money they're spending," said Chris Marston, chairman of the ARCC. "We're proud to join with individual taxpayers and civic leaders around the City to call for a serious real estate tax reduction."
Despite a dramatic 21.3 percent increase in the average assessed value of existing residential real estate, the City Manager proposed cutting the tax rate by only four cents. Mayor Euille and the six Democrats on Council, recognizing an obvious opportunity to gain political support, called for a six- to eight-cent cut. Alexandrians saw through the Democratic Party's political opportunism and have called for a much more significant rate cut of 15-cents. A dramatically lower tax rate of around \$0.84 per \$100 of assessed value would still allow for a three percent increase in City spending.
"After five years of double-digit growth in real estate assessments, exceeding the growth of their personal income, Alexandrians deserve meaningful tax rate relief," said Marston. "City spending has increased 9.1% between FY04 and FY05. Democrats on the City Council can certainly afford to slow down spending." As the all-Democratic City Council began to realize that their proposed reduction in the tax rate was too small, they began to explore what new taxes they could impose and what existing taxes they could raise. This effort to keep up profligate spending while providing some relief on the real estate tax rate will not fool Alexandrians. The Council is considering a \$3 per month tax on cell phones and a 50-cent per ticket tax on movies and live entertainment. "At the same time Republicans call for a dramatically lower real estate tax, we stand by our position that other taxes should not be raised. Democrats on City Council should keep their hands off our cell phones and their tax collectors away from our movie theaters," said Marston.
Republicans hope the City Council will heed the call of Alexandrians and provide meaningful tax relief by exercising restraint in spending. If the Council fails to do so, Alexandrians will have a choice in May 2006.



Kudos to those that made the Fort Ward Fundraiser Happen!

We netted \$350, the most ever for this event. This has been primarily a service for those attending the Revolutionary War Reenactment, rather than strictly a fundraiser, so we are very pleased with this amount.

Bean soup cooks:

Paula Potoczak
Nancy Dever
Ann Hobbs
Sharon Annear
Jane Ring
Becky Davies

Brownie and Cookie Bakers

Shelia Beattie
Karen Kilday
Becky Davies
Gail Ledwig
Ann-Mary Kapusta
Carmen Berger
Linda Greenberg
Allison DiNardo
Cynthia Eck
Jane Ring

Workers on the cold, cold day!!

Ann-Mary Kapusta
Colleen Dougherty
Nancy Dever
Carolyn Huebner
Ruth Cleveland
Cynthia & Steven Eck
Becky Davies
Jane Ring
Sharon Annear

And Sharon Annear baked all the cornbread, coordinated the event, arrived at Ft. Ward by 8:30 a.m. the day of the event, and worked until 2:15, when she had to leave to depart for the airport for a trip to Australia. What a gal!

COMMONWEALTH REPUBLICAN WOMEN
Refer a Friend to Commonwealth

Do you have a friend or neighbor who wants to get involved at the grassroots level with Republican causes? Let us know! We will contact this person and invite her to attend a meeting and join CRW.

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Referred By: _____

Please be sure your friend is aware you are submitting her name. Cut out this form and return it to:

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Welcome to the following new and renewing members:

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Brenda Maynor
Dorothy Ann Abercrombie



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