

# CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

January 2013

## Message from the President

Dear CRWC Members:

Gail and I as co-presidents will be dividing responsibilities. We will alternate chairing meetings by month and writing for the *Tempo*.

2013 will be a busy and challenging year. Your board and committee chairs are looking forward – ambitiously – to providing you with meaningful programs and helping elect Republican candidates to political office and particularly to recruiting and supporting women in their efforts to gain political office. This is our mission.

Our January 24, 2013 general meeting begins with a challenge: how can Republicans secure the Spanish vote. Grace Hughes-Flores will speak to the question. Grace is a CRWC member and author of *A Tale of Survival* published this year. *A Tale* is autobiographical and begins with Grace's childhood as a Mexican-American in Texas and tells of her rise to political office in Republican administrations. Please note that this meeting is in the new Police Department Community Meeting Room at 3600 Wheeler Avenue. (Driving from Old Town or from the east, Wheeler Avenue is the first left after North Quaker on the right. The building is evidence of "our tax dollars at work!")

Challenge #2: elect a Republican governor in November. YES, November 2013 is nearly here, and Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat contender, describes the likely Republican contender, Ken Cuccinelli as "an ultra-right-wing social zealot who is committed to dividing Virginians, distracting us from our common concerns and denying that we have even entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century." And McAuliffe asks for money NOW.

CRWC cannot endorse Ken Cuccinelli at this time because NFRW forbids endorsement of a candidate prior to his/her certification as the Republican nominee (unless there is no other candidate for the position). Individually we can endorse and make contributions to whomever we wish.

Challenge #3: Get involved. CRWC committee chairs are outstandingly able women who need your help to fulfill our mission. Please sign up to work with them.

They will look forward to talking with you at the end of the General Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The list of committees is on page 2 of the *Tempo*.

A few dates to reserve: the Membership Reception on April 25, 2013 at the Lyceum and the CRWC Fundraiser on May 23, 2013 at the Potomack Auction House.

## The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

Monthly Meeting

January 24, 2013

7:30 Social ~ 7:45 Meeting

Alexandria Police Station

Community Room, 3600

Wheeler Avenue

Speaker

**Grace Hughes-Flores**

*How can Republicans secure  
the Spanish vote.*

*See page 2 "Program Com-  
mittee" for a biography of our  
speaker.*

More challenges are to come. Together we can meet them.

Linda Greenberg

Co-president

P.S. JOIN THE PARADES: February 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate George's birthday and March 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate St. Patrick's!

Thank you.

## SIGN - UP FOR A COMMITTEE!

### Join the Fun - Share the Work - Make Lasting Friends

Please think of where your time and talent can be best applied. Below are Board Members, Standing Committee Chairs and Special Committee Chairs. Plan on speaking with them about how you can help at the end of the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Recording Secretary: Eileen Brackens

Treasurer: Marie Patti

Program: Debbie Ackerman

Membership: Margaret Wood

Corresponding Secretary/Communications: Sarah Shellock

Parliamentarian: Ann Hobbs

Legislation and Campaigns: Linda Couture, with Susan Fertig-Dykes, Jean Antone.

Finance: Marie Patti

Fundraising: Terri Hauser with Marie Patti

Public Relations: Anne LeHuray, with Susan Yonts-Shepard, Debbi Deimling

Newsletter: Jane Ring

Desktop Publisher: Julie Lineberry

Directory: Loree Gunn

Liaison: Loree Gunn

Achievement/Awards: Leslie Anderson and Becky Davies

Community Service: Alicia Hughes with Peg Hoffend

Hospitality: Susan Hobbs with Pauline Bacaj and Greg Korologos

White House Ornaments: ?

## PROGRAM REPORT by Debbie Ackerman

Our presenter on January 24, 2013 will be Grace Flores-Hughes, author of the remarkable book "A Tale of Survival." Ms. Flores-Hughes was born in Texas and has had a notable career. She has a Masters of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University and a B.A. in Child Psychology from the University of the District of Columbia. She worked at the Department of the Air Force and then in the Department of Health and Human Services where as Acting Director of the Office of Hispanic Americans was responsible for the development and implementation of social policy and programs. She helped coin the term "Hispanic" for the federal government.

Ms. Flores-Hughes was the first woman to serve as the Director/Assistant Attorney General level of the Community Relations Service for the Department of Justice. She was appointed by President Reagan where she was responsible for developing policies regarding the resolution of ethnic and racial conflict in communities and the resettlement of Cuban refugees in the United States. She has been a visiting Professor at both the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Nebraska Wesleyan University. In 2002, she was appointed by President G.W. Bush as a



member of the Federal Service Impasses Panel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

Ms. Flores-Hughes has served on various Boards, worked on numerous campaigns, and has been recognized with various awards and citations. Her articles have appeared in Hispanic Magazine and the Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy. She currently serves on the Board of Hispanic American Profiles and on the Hispanic Foundation for the Arts Board founded by actor Jimmy Smits. And to top it off, Grace is a past president of CRWC. We hope you can come to hear her story.

## MEMBERSHIP by Margaret Wood

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

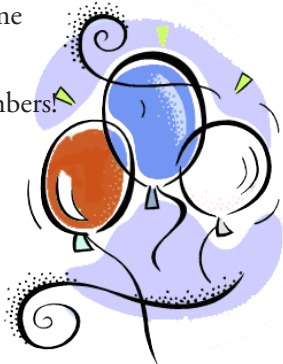
The holiday season brought us some very good reasons to celebrate with delightful new members!

Karen Pica

Jeanne O'Leary.

Mary Bell

Maria Jeffrey



## 2013 Membership Application and Fees are Due Now:

The month of January means it is time to renew or join CRWC's membership for 2013.

If you haven't yet please do take a moment to print off the application form provided and mail in your dues and application form to our Treasurer Marie Patti.

All necessary information is can be found on the application. Your timeliness and cooperation would be greatly appreciated and would facilitate our efforts to provide a fully updated 2013 Directory. The deadline for this information is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## LEGISLATION COMMITTEE by Linda Couture

In addition to monitoring proposed and adopted legislation at the federal, state and local level, the Legislation Committee plans to recommend to CRWC the establishment of at least two feasible goals for 2013. Fortunately two CRWC members have already volunteered for the committee, which will help us perform successfully: Jean Antone and Susan Fertig-Dykes. Other members interested in this aspect of CRWC's mission are encouraged to join our team.

Once the goals are approved, attendant action plans will be prepared and steps immediately taken. At the outset, it was proposed to the Board of Directors that one of CRWC goals would be to determine whether it is possible to change Alexandria's government from at-large to district representation, which is the current school board process. The mayor would of course remain elected at large.

Please let us know what other goals we should take under advisement. Some worthy objectives include among others quality education for all Alexandria students, affordable housing and neighborhood protection; however, it is important to pursue those that matter to you, our members. We therefore welcome all of your suggestions and encourage you to contact us as soon as possible with your priorities.

# 2013 Calendar

### *Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*

- January 22 RVP Grassroots Day at the Capitol in Richmond.
- January 24 7:30 PM, General Membership Meeting at Alexandria Police Station Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Avenue
- February 7 7:00 PM ARCC Meeting at Minnie Howard School, 3801 Braddock Road
- February 14 8:00 PM CRWC Board Meeting, Jane Ring's, 308 Monticello Blvd
- February 18 1- 3 PM, Washington Day Parade
- February 28 7:30 PM, General Membership meeting, Luisa Rains' home
- March 2 12:30-2:30 PM, St Patrick's Day parade
- March 7 All Day, Legislative Day, Washington DC
- March 7 7:00 PM, ARCC Meeting, Minnie Howard School, 3801 Braddock Road
- March 14 8:00 PM, CRWC Board Meeting, Jane Ring's 308 Monticello Blvd.
- March 28 7:30 PM General Membership meeting, Susan Hobbs' home
- April 25 7:00 pm, Membership Reception, Lyceum, Alexandria
- May 23 Fundraiser, Potomack Auction House, Alexandria.

*ARCC meets first Thursday of month except July and August*

*CRWC meets fourth Thursday of month except July and August, November and December*

*(July – no meeting, August – no meeting, November meeting – November 21, December meeting – December 12)*

# Commonwealth Republican Women's Club 2013 Membership Application

\*Required Information \*Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(C) \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: Full \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Only \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Primary Club \_\_\_\_\_

(Associate Women Members Only)

### Make check payable to CRWC

Mail to:

Marie Patti, Treasurer  
3306 Wyndham Circle, #128  
Alexandria, VA 22302

I am interested in participating in the following areas:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| _____ Achievement Awards | _____ Hospitality             |
| _____ By-Laws            | _____ Legislation & Campaigns |
| _____ Community Service  | _____ Newsletter              |
| _____ Fund Raising       | _____ Press/Public Relations  |

Other community, civic or club activities I am involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMUNITY REPORT by Alicia Hughes

The CRWC community outreach for this year gives much for us all to become excited about. It is said that “service is the debt we pay for living” and I look forward to paying it forward with folks like you who share in the same delight and do so much to make Alexandria a better place to live. Our community service projects are divided into the following sub-categories: Americanism, Literacy and Women’s Health. The Committee on Community Service is responsible for promoting community presence through participation in local events while proposing additional/alternative activities to demonstrate the club’s support for the community at-large.

Below are the committee’s preliminary suggestions for our community service program and as chair, while I hope for 100% participation from within the club on our project, I am looking forward to having a few good members join in with me to do our committee work. We do need subcommittee chairs to have direct oversight of our service target areas. We look forward to working with you to make 2013 one of the best years in service ever!

**Caring For America** – (1) Barrett Library Cleanup Project in spring with Volunteer Alexandria/Rebuilding .*Together Alexandria* (April 27, 2013); (2) **Meals on Wheels** Volunteer Day (Saturday, March 23, 2013); (3) support the Friendship Firehouse in its appreciation picnic for the Alexandria Fire Department (Date in September TBD)

**Americanism** – (1) Partnership with the INS Office to provide copies of U.S. Constitution and letters of encouragement to newly minted citizens (Date in September TBD) ; (2) support Daughters of the American Revolution at their Constitution Week Program in City Hall by offering a reception for students attending the Constitution Week Program (On or around September 2013)

**Education and Literacy** – (1) Tutoring and literacy program at Patrick Henry Recreation Center (bi-weekly)(2) Book drive and donation to Community Lodgings (October 2013)(3) Read Across America Program with neighborhood children at Barrett Library (Friday, March 1, 2013 or Saturday, March 2, 2013)

**Women’s Health** – Avon Breast Cancer Walk (May 4-5, 2013) -- DC Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (Spring 2013) -- DC

**Supporting our Troops** – Veteran’s Day Celebration/Summit/ Reception (A citywide program extending an open invitation to all veterans wherein a month on advance of same, we solicit written stories from veterans of time served overseas/defending America and hold a program with live readings from some of the most inspirational stories) – Monday, November 11, 2013

**Homeland Security** – Sponsor a speaker series/book signings (one per quarter on issues affecting homeland security from celebrated Americans who have experience/expertise in national security – i.e. General Petraeus, etc.) – (Quarterly)

**Additional Project/Community Engagement:** Participate in Annual Women’s Commission Awards Ceremony, Monday, March 25, 2013. CRWC usually supports with a table sponsorship. Individual members interested in attending should be prepared to purchase a ticket to sit at the table and offset club costs -- If there is a woman you want to put forward for nomination, please see the below link -- <http://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/2013SaluteToWomenNomination>.

## LEGISLATIVE DAY

### VFRW STYLE

On January 10 Jane Ring drove Michelle Thissell, Eileen Brackens, Susan Hobbs, Loree Gunn and me to Richmond to join over 300 members of the Virginia Federation for Legislative Day. Paula Potozack and Associate members Sally Linderman, our 8th District Representative, and Mary Ramey also attended. It



*Commonwealth of Virginia First Lady Maureen McDonnell addressed the gathering.*

was great to see so much RED!! It was the color of clothing for the lady attendees and RED was evident in the GOP leadership of our State Government.

*“After the discouraging 2012 November election it was so encouraging to know at the state level we are represented by a GOP Governor McDonnell, GOP Attorney General and Attorney General and candidate for Governor Kenneth Cuccinelli, GOP Speaker William Howell and GOP Senate Majority Leader Thomas Norment. I returned to Alexandria determined to do all I can to keep the GOP control of the Executive Branch and the two houses of our State Capitol.” Gail Ledwig*

*“I spent an informative and interesting half day in Richmond, listening to what our Governor had to say about the state of affairs in Virginia, as well as his wife, the Attorney General and several other state representatives. To say it was exciting is putting it mildly. I learned so much from this short period of time and what I came away with is how powerful and influential our sisters are when it comes to our Republican representatives. It was such a wonderful feeling to be surrounded by our peers. And Jane - thanks for driving!!*

*I intend on going to the same event that will take place on March 7th at Capitol Hill and I can’t wait.” Michelle Thissell*

*“Legislative Day certainly revved up my enthusiasm for Ken Cuccinelli. He seemed quietly confident and very purposeful as well as nice looking.” Susan Hobbs*



*Our club in the forefront of that sea of red; Michelle Thissell, Jane Ring, Loree Gunn(a bit hidden), and Paula (looking away).*

## RPV Grassroots Day at the Capitol

January 22, 2013



### Save the Date: RPV Grassroots Day at the Capitol

January 22, 2013  
9:30 AM- 3:30 PM

Join fellow Republicans from across the Commonwealth at the Virginia Capitol on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to hear from our Republican representatives in the General Assembly and learn about the important issues in the 2013 legislative session.

This free event will kick off at 9:30 AM in House Room 3 of the Virginia Capitol building and continue throughout the day where attendees will have the opportunity to take a tour of the Capitol or Governor's Mansion, sit in on the House of Delegates or Senate session, and set up personal meetings with their legislators in the General Assembly Building.

We'll have more details to follow in the next few days, but in the meantime, [please click here to register today!](#)

[Click here for a complete Visitor's Guide for the Capitol, complete with parking information.](#)

\*Please note, lunch will be on your own in the Capitol or surrounding restaurants. [For a full list of nearby restaurants, click here.](#)

Hope to see you in Richmond!

Pat Mullins, Chairman  
Republican Party of Virginia

## COMMONWEALTH CONNECTION

The Alexandria Republican City Committee ("ARCC") is the official local organization and an arm of the Republican Party of Virginia. Members of the committee are the decision-making body for the Alexandria GOP. The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC) is the local women's organization that, in sync with the ARCC, helps promote Republican candidates and is active in community service. The CRWC is a member club of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW) who, in turn, is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). The Federation is a national grassroots organization. Its primary goal is to promote Conservative values and candidates. It strengthens the Republican Party by recruiting, training and electing candidates; advocating the Party's philosophy and initiatives; and by empowering women of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds in the political process.

## NEW YEAR – NEW LOOK

### Announcing the 2013 CRWC Roster and Directory!

We hope to have the 2013 CRWC Directory and Roster available to all attending the February General Meeting.

The Directory and Roster will be two separate documents. The Roster will list members and will be updated as needed – or continually. The Directory will provide club information, such as the By Laws, meeting dates, club history, etc., or all the static reference information. The format has changed as well. Each is now 8-1/2 x 11 inches. The roster will be distributed by email by our corresponding secretary and will be available on the CRWC web home page. Both our email and web site are password protected. Please let Sarah know if you have a preferred email or phone number.

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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>