

CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

January 2013

Message from the President

Dear CRWC Members, Potential Members and Friends,

It is my pleasure to report that the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club has undertaken many activities to meet the challenges Co-President Linda Greenberg described in the January Tempo and Linda has been a major contributor.

In January Grace Flores-Hughes addressed the club on the challenge the GOP has in securing the Latino vote. You will not want to miss the speakers CRWC Program Chair Debbie Ackerman is securing for future meetings. On February 28th Marie Ellen Hutcherson will speak on the new community service hotline called 2-1-1.

Membership Chair, Margaret Wood, has welcomed four new members, assisted renewing members find a committee to join and has revised the CRWC brochure.

Legislation and Campaign Chair Linda Couture and her committee have identified three major areas they will concentrate on in the coming months.

Community Service Chair Alicia Hughes has many projects for consideration and Sabrina Dively has proposed "Constituting America" a joint effort of CRWC and ARCC whereby we will reach out to teens and the youngest children in our community.

Club Treasurer Marie Patti has chaired our participation in the George Washington Parade. Our members will join ARCC to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 2nd details www.alexgop.org.

Cynthia McDowell, CRWC member and an event planner met with Hospitality Chair Susan Hobbs and the Co-Presidents to outline plans for our May 23rd Fundraiser. All members will be asked to help with this major club effort. Start compiling a list of invitees and begin soliciting silent auction items. The Silent Auction will be chaired by Susan Yont-Shepard. A revised CRWC website has been a club goal. New member Melissa Bryson working with Julie Lineberry is making this happen. Although still under construction I think you will like what you see at www.alexandriacrwc.org.

Our 2013 CRWC Directory will be available at our February meeting. Kudos and well done, Loree Gunn. Current members will find Communications Director Sarah Shellock has emailed a 2013 Membership Roster. Thanks to Jane Ring and Julie Lineberry the Tempo is available every month.

As you can see we have been busy however there is much more to do. If you have not already joined a committee I ask that you do and become involved in a meaningful way.

My thanks to all,

Gail Ledwig, Co-President

PS. Your Tempo includes a calendar with meetings, events and deadline dates.

The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

Monthly Meeting

February 28, 2013

7:30 Social ~ 7:45 Meeting

Luisa Rains' Home

301 North Quaker Lane

Speaker

Mary Ellen Hutcherson

Northern Virginia Outreach
Manager

2-1-1 Virginia

Save the Date

May 23, 2013

CRWC FUNDRAISER

INSPIRING GUEST SPEAKER

ELEGANT BUFFET

SILENT AUCTION

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS

SIGN - UP FOR A COMMITTEE!

Join the Fun - Share the Work - Make Lasting Friends

To Learn where your time and talent will be most meaningful contact:

Co-President -Linda Greenberg lindaroseveargreenberg@comcast.net

and Gail Ledwig donaldgail@yahoo.com

Program: Debbie Ackerman to suggest a speaker jfboseker@cox.net>;

Membership: Margaret Wood to suggest new members woodm72@gmail.com

Legislation and Campaigns:- Linda Couture to join the committee or with ideas lindalcouture@aol.com

Community Service: Alicia Hughes to join the committee or to suggest a community project aliciarhughes@gmail.com

Fundraiser: Terri Hauser thaus862@aol.com ; Cynthia Mc Dowell FMRSTEP@yahoo.com to volunteer for fundraiser

Silent Auction - Susan Yonts-Shepard with questions regarding donations seysrls@verizon.net

Hospitality: Susan Hobbs to host a meeting or bring refreshments susanahobbs@comcast.net

Public Relations: Anne LeHuray with press or PR ideas markets@comcast.net

Corresponding Secretary/Communications: Sarah Shellock with a roster change sarahshellock@me.com

Newsletter: Jane Ring or Julie Lineberry to contribute an article for the Tempo jring10@comcast.net

julie.lineberry@verizon.net

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Recording Secretary: Eileen Brackens eiBrackens@comcast.net

Treasurer: Marie Patti marie.patti@reagan.com

Parliamentarian: Ann Hobbs arhobbs@comcast.net>;

Desktop Publisher: Julie Lineberry julie.lineberry@verizon.net;

Achievement/Awards: Leslie Anderson and Becky Davies

PROGRAM REPORT by Debbie Ackerman

Our speaker this month is Mary Ellen Hutcherson, Northern Virginia Outreach Manager for 2-1-1 Virginia, the state health and human services information line to non-profit organizations and state and local governments. When this easy- to- remember number is dialed, an individual will be connected to a trained professional who can provide free referrals to community services twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This could include information about food or shelter, medical needs, support for seniors, and services directed towards children and families. During times of disaster, 2-1-1 Virginia will provide Virginia citizens up-to-date information, access to disaster support services, and will coordinate volunteer and crisis intervention response. 2-1-1 Virginia can, also, be accessed through logging on to www.211virginia.org.

Prior to joining 2-1-1 Virginia, Ms. Hutcherson worked in Public Relations providing counseling and strategic planning to corporations, non-profit organizations, professional associations, governments, and individuals at international public relations firms in Washington, D.C. She has extensive experience in strategic planning, media relations, promotions and special event planning in both the non-profit and for profit sector.

Ms. Hutcherson graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications/Public Relations from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Alliance of Information and Referral Systems and serves as the Board Chair for the International Baccalaureate (B) Boosters Club at Mountain View High School.

MEMBERSHIP by Margaret Wood

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

February is the month of happy hearts as we welcome 4 new members:

Melissa Bryson
 Beverly Dougherty
 Sabrina Dively
 Suzanne Kalvaitis

Our membership count of as of today:

43 Active 6 Associate



2013 Membership Application and Fees are Due Now:

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 .

2013 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

FEBRUARY 28 7:30 PM, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, LUISA RAINS' HOME

MARCH 2 12:30-2:30 PM, ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE. ALEXANDRIA

MARCH 7 ALL DAY, NFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY, CAPITOL HILL 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 18 PM. COMMISSION ON WOMEN'S AWARD CEREMONY BANQUET

MARCH 28 7:30 PM, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SUSAN HOBBS' HOME

APRIL 11 - 12, VFRW SPRING CONVENTION LANDSDOWNE RESORT, LEESBURG

APRIL 25 7:00 PM, MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION, LYCEUM, ALEXANDRIA

MAY 17 - 18, REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA CONVENTION, RICHMOND

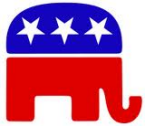
MAY 23 7:00 PM FUNDRAISER, POTOMACK AUCTION HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA.

(July – no meeting, August – no meeting,

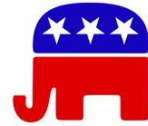
November meeting – November 21, December meeting - December 12)

ARCC meets first Thursday of month except July and August

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



Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Application/Renewal 2013



*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:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> By-Laws | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation & Campaigns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Press/Public Relations |

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

Shhhhh! It's a Silent Auction

For the first time in many years CRWC will be holding a silent auction to raise money. So in the next few weeks as you contemplate spring cleaning, look to see if you have good quality items you would like to donate. Or if you are creative, CRWC would also love to see any handmade items from our members that you'd like to donate to the auction. Also popular with silent auction patrons are themed-baskets full of goodies such as those featuring food and drink from a particular country. Or if you have a favorite restaurant or store you'd like to approach about a free dinner or gift card for auction, these are always money makers. The auction will be held in May so you have plenty of time. Susan Yonts Shepard has recently been involved in a silent auction for another organization and she says restaurants and hotel stays are always good "sellers" as are jewelry and small objects d'arts. Since this auction will be held in May, maybe a beach picnic, or summertime themed basket would be good.

If you would like to make a donation please let Susan Yonts Shepard know (seysrls@comcast.net) and she will send you a donation form, or you can drop off the items at her house 4020 Moss Place.

Alexandria Women's Commission

The CRWC will once again sponsor a table at the Women's Commission banquet scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2013 at the Westin Hotel. Our sponsorship will include a table for ten. I am looking for members who would like to join our table.

The cost for the sponsorship is \$1,500.00. The CWC will pay \$500.00, with each attendee paying \$100.00. If you are interested, please contact me at (703)370-6890 or beckyandjohndavies@gmail.com. Please send me your check for \$100.00, payable to CRWC and mailed to Becky Davies 4800 Fillmore Ave., Apt. 352 Alexandria, VA 22311.

I already have three people signed up. Come join us. Becky Davies

COMMONWEALTH CONNECTION

By Loree Gunn

Please note the many events and filing deadlines to put on your radar.

February 23: NFRW Campaign Management School in Richmond, VA. Register online @ nfrw.org. One day - Materials & Lunch included \$100 registration fee

March 2 - St. Patrick's Day Parade: Information and sign up to march. Contact Ron Kirby at rongkirby@aol.com

NFRW Spring Board Meeting: March 7/8/9 - To attend any sessions go to nfrw.org for information details

Attend Republican Party of Virginia Convention: May 17/18 - Richmond, VA. Help select the Republican nominee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General. Be a Delegate to Convention - Filing Deadline - April 4 (Rules and Filing Form attached)

VFRW Convention: April 11/12 - more details to follow

THE YOUTH INITIATIVE

By Linda Greenberg

Republicans need more young people. Sabrina Dively, CRWC member and Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC) member, has begun a program to reach youth and bring them into the Republican Party. Her proposal was presented to the ARCC at their February meeting. It is called Constituting Alexandria and focuses on The U.S. Constitution. Sabrina hopes to sponsor two events this year: a reading of the Constitution outside of City Hall and a Youth Summit. To kick off the program a Youth Forum is scheduled for March 1, 2013 at Washington & Lee High School in Arlington County. The Commonwealth Club has contributed \$100 to the Forum. Sabrina hopes to develop a story time for younger children as well. Co-president Greenberg will be joining her committee. Please consider assisting in this very important effort. If you have or know students in school in Alexandria please think of how to encourage them to become a Republican. And, join her committee.

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NFRW Campaign Management School Not Too Late To Register!

Saturday, February 23 - Richmond, Virginia

This is the opportunity to learn from the professionals:

- * Write a Campaign Plan
- * Understand Campaign Finance
- * Get Out The Vote Initiates

Lunch and the NFRW Campaign Management Manual included in the \$100 registration fee.

To register go to: www.nfrw.org or for more information call 703/548-9688

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE by Linda Couture

First and foremost, a grateful thank you to CRWC members signing onto this committee: Deb Ackerman, Jean Antone, Eileen Brackens, Maria Jeffrey, Jeanne O'Leary, Allison Johnston, Susan Smith, Sabrina Dively, Lois Lipson and Margaret Wood. What a great team to tackle the committee's mission, which is to monitor legislation as well as support political campaigns. We began our work by contacting all Virginia Republican candidates to encourage them to join the February 18 George Washington Parade.

As reported in the January Tempo, this committee will focus on three CRWC board-approved goals for the year. Early board discussions re changing the current Alexandria local elections to the ward process have been discarded by CRWC since studies and professional advice showed that it is better that a non-partisan organization tackle this very thorny issue. Instead the following goals have been approved. The first is to promulgate a youth approach program, which will be spearheaded by Sabrina Dively who is already working alongside ARCC on this important endeavor. The second is to monitor city spending, budgets and accountability. The third, under the aegis of Lois Lipson, will be to pursue voter registration at the state level by party affiliation.

Finally, we have asked Chris Marston and Sharon Annear to be committee advisors. Their valued inputs and counsel will be helpful in keeping us steered in the right direction and on course. Thankfully, both have agreed to provide this support, as needed.

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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>

Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate

I, _____, a duly qualified voter of _____ precinct, Alexandria, Virginia, hereby declare that I am a candidate for Delegate to the 2013 Republican Party of Virginia State Convention. I hereby certify that I am a qualified voter of the City of Alexandria. I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and I intend to support the Republican nominees in the November 2013 General Election.

Signature

Date

I have attached a voluntary non-refundable registration fee of \$35 for the Republican Party of Virginia and a voluntary non-refundable \$10 administrative fee for the Alexandria Republican City Committee (make checks payable to the Alexandria Republican City Committee).

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Employer City: _____ Employer State: _____

(This information required by Virginia Campaign Finance Disclosure Act)

***Mail to ARCC Chairperson for receipt not later than Thursday, April 4, 2013
(postmark does not govern)***

Post Office Box 245
Alexandria, VA, 22313-0245

571/281-7042

or

***Return in person to the ARCC Chairperson
at Thursday, April 4, 2013 ARCC Meeting, not later than 8:00 p.m.***