

# CRWC TEMPO

Alexandria, VA

April 2006

## Message from the President

"I'm getting tired of victory parties where we have no victories!"

So spoke a wise former Commonwealth Club president at our January meeting. If you share those sentiments, and I know that you all do, then let this be your wake up call. There are only two weeks left until Alexandrians elect the next City Council, and YOU have the power to deliver a victory for the Republican Party on May 2.

Our candidates – Ken Foran, Craig Miller, Bernie Schulz, Pat Troy, and "Van" Van Fleet – are doing their part. They have been campaigning for months. They're talking with voters at grocery stores, knocking on their doors, and going to their meetings.

And something exciting is happening out there. Our issues are taking hold... and not just among Republicans. If you've been to any of the recent candidate forums, you know that the GOP team has the Democrats on the defensive. And with good reason.

Real estate taxes paid by Alexandrians have more than doubled since the decade began ... but incomes haven't. And across Alexandria, taxpayers are crying out for relief from a budget that is clearly spiraling out of control.

Our Republican City Council candidates are all committed to holding the line on spending, trimming the annual 8 percent increases down to 3 percent and halting the annual 12 percent growth in Alexandrians' real estate tax bill.

The Democrats... they're making their usual election year noises, but record speaks louder than rhetoric. For the last three years, the ruling Democrats have had monopoly control over the city, and they've voted unanimously together 97 percent of the time. This lack of dissent and discussion is unhealthy, to say the least.

So sound the alarm! Clear your calendar, and get out to the debates, the phone banks, and the polls. Put signs up in your yard and bumper stickers on your car. Tell your friends and neighbors that things have to change and urge them to join you in restoring fiscal sanity in Alexandria by voting Republican this year. You'll be surprised what a powerful messenger you can be.

And with your help, we will have a Victory Party worthy of its name on May 2.

Terri Hauser

## Commonwealth Republican Women's Club General Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2006  
7:30 p.m. Social  
7:45 p.m. Meeting

Home of Becky Davies  
3901 Terry Place  
Alexandria VA 22304  
703-370-6890

Speaker: Pat Bergstresser  
Director, International Press Center  
Baghdad Convention Center

Patricia Bergstresser will share her perspectives on a year spent in Iraq, for the Department of State, working as the director of the International Press Center (IPC) located in the Baghdad Convention Center.

Ms. Bergstresser is an experienced public relations and public affairs expert with a special interest in cross-cultural communications. Beginning in January 2005, she applied her considerable expertise and energy to directing the activities of the IPC, coordinating press relations with Iraqi and western media and facilitating press conferences and media receptions for the U.S. Ambassador and the Embassy Public Affairs Office.

She also served as liaison to the office of the Prime Minister of Iraq as well as to the newly formed Iraq National Assembly and to related government offices. In these roles, she worked directly with the Prime Minister's office and with Iraqi officials to facilitate communication with the media and with world political leaders, including members of U.S. Congressional delegations.

Prior to her service in Iraq, Ms. Bergstresser built an extensive professional portfolio in media strategy, promotion, cultural affairs and television production, working with a range of not-for-profit organizations, private corporations, major television outlets and governments to build images, promote ideas and create better communication.

Her world perspective has been influenced by her work in other countries and through many experiences abroad, including residencies in France, Mexico, Iran, Italy and Switzerland.

## Welcome!

New Member  
Frances Redmon (Fran)  
Tall Oaks  
Seminary Post Office  
Alexandria, VA 22304-9998



## Letters and Notes!

Dear Terri:

It was a pleasure talking to your club last night. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for the \$100 donation your club provided to support our work. It is supporters like you that make helping needy communities possible. Thank you.

I encourage your members to come visit our office and maybe hold your next meeting here.

Warm regards,  
Richard Wong  
CEO and President  
Gifts in Kind International  
331 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria VA 22314



The all-Democratic City Council has raised tax bills on the average homeowner by 12% in each of the last three years. Despite the entreaties of taxpayers, both Democrats and Republicans, to control their appetite for spending, the Democrats on Council have increased spending by 7-10% every year, relying more and more on homeowners to pay the bill.

Between now and May 2, we have a chance to change the course of the City, bring spending back under control and hold the line on property taxes. All five of our great candidates are committed to increasing the budget by no more than 3% (No Cuts Required--don't believe the Democrat hype), so tax bills will stop their rapid climb.

Help us turn out our Republican vote by working at the party's phone bank or assisting in our Election Day effort. The alternative is another three years of rising taxes and frivolous spending. Please join our effort. You can contact me at [chair@alexgop.org](mailto:chair@alexgop.org) or 703-627-4679 to lend a hand.  
Chris Marston, ARCC Chair

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## Membership Reception Assistance!

The Membership Reception at the historic Lee-Fendall House offers us an excellent opportunity to reach new women and invite them to join the CRWC. The Reception is May 25th from 7 to 8:30 pm, and we're looking forward to a record turnout -- thanks to all of the new women who will be attending. A record turnout requires our participation now. Each member needs to provide the names of women to invite. Please, therefore, bring the names and addresses of 5 invitees to our meeting on April 27th. Just five names.!

On May 25th we will be able to tour the house and stroll in its lovely garden while sampling delicious refreshments, after which Executive Director Kristin Miller Lang will recount her restoration activities. And, we will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting on the 27th for members to assist at the reception. Linda Greenberg



## VOLUNTEER NOW!

Until May 2 our primary focus should be on helping our City Council Candidates. After that we should turn our attention to helping George Allen retain his U.S. Senate seat. Below is contact information for all of these candidates:

### City Council:

\* Ken Foran for Council - [ken@KenForan.com](mailto:ken@KenForan.com) - [www.KenForan.com](http://www.KenForan.com), 703-931-8824 - PO Box 2780, Alexandria VA 22301

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\* Pat Troy - [www.PatTroy.org](http://www.PatTroy.org) - [troyforcouncil@comcast.net](mailto:troyforcouncil@comcast.net) - Pat Troy for Council, 111 North Pitt Street, Alexandria VA 22314

\* "Van" Van Fleet - [van@VanFleet2006.org](mailto:van@VanFleet2006.org) - [www.VanFleet2006.org](http://www.VanFleet2006.org) -

Van Fleet for Council, 127 South Fairfax Street, #141, Alexandria VA 22314

### Senate:

Senator George Allen - 708-845-3689 - Friends of George Allen, P.O. Box 6859, Arlington VA 22206

Allen HQ is located in Shirlington Gateway, with free parking available. Wednesdays are best and CRWC members are urged to sign up as a group. Volunteer Coordinator is Garrett Moewe - 703-845-3689.

# Calendar

## 2006

April 19	League of Women Voters & Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, Minnie Howard School, 3801 W Braddock Rd
April 20-22	VFRW Convention, Hotel Renaissance, Portsmouth
April 27	CRWC Regular Meeting Social Hour 7:30 Meeting 7:45 p.m. Rosemont Citizens Association, Upper King Street Civic Association, Taylor Run Citizens Assn., Maury School, 600 Russell Rd
April 28	Old Town Civic Association Candidates Night, Lyles Crouch School, 530 South Saint Asaph St
May 2	Election Day, City Council/Mayor/School Board
May 4	ARCC Meeting
May 11	CRWC Board Meeting 8:00 p.m.
May 20	8th District Convention, Key Bridge Marriott
May 25	Membership Reception Lee Fendall House 7:00 - 8:30 pm
June 1	ARCC Meeting
June	CRWC Regular Meeting TBA
June 13	GOP Primary for Congress
July & August	No Regular Meetings - Summer Vacation
July 20	Approximate availability of White House Ornaments
August 10	CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
September 7	ARCC Meeting, 7:30 pm
September 14	CRWC Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
September 28	CRWC Regular Meeting and Covered Dish Supper, 7:00 p.m., Home of Jane Ring, 308 Monticello Boulevard



### Absentee voting

By mail: Applications due by Thursday, April 27

In person: Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm,

Sat., Apr. 1, Sat., Apr. 22

Sat., Apr. 29, 8 am - 5 pm

Location:

Alexandria City Elections Office

132 N. Royal St., Alexandria [Old Town]

### 8th District NEWS

*Congratulations to David Avella the newly elected chair of the 8th Congressional District GOP Committee*

*Note: As of the deadline, there are two filed candidates for the Republican nomination for Representative, Virginia 8th Congressional District Tom O'Donohue and Mark Elmore*

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**Finance/Fundraising:** Mary Clare Haskins

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Please join the Commonwealth Republican Women at its

# Membership Reception

on May 25, 2006

at the historic Lee-Fendall House

614 Oronoco Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Reception from 7 p.m. and Program at 7:45 p.m.

with tours of the house

and a special presentation by Executive Director Kristin Miller Lang

Parking is available on the street.

RSVP and for information, call Linda Greenberg, 703-461-6922

CRWC members are requested to bring refreshments.

Please call Gail Ledwig to volunteer, 703-823-0975