



TEMPO

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Of the past few years a lot has been said about campaign financing, the cost of getting elected, the trend in out-of-state monies to fund local elections, and single issue funding. The other night Senate Democrats filibustered themselves on global climate change. Why climate change, why no Republicans and why now given what is going on in the world? Climate change lags behind the economy, Obamacare, action in the Ukraine and even March Madness on the radar screen of most Americans. However it is of major importance to one significant fundraiser for the Democratic Party. And he has pledged a staggering \$50 million to democrat candidates

for making climate change a major issue in their re-election or first time candidacy.

I see nothing wrong with this person wanting to spend his money on something for which he feels passionate. And I would have no problem if candidates just talked about issues and did nothing else. But sometimes they get elected and then they are expected to put their money where their mouth is. And that can lead to increases in taxes, regulations, more studies, more programs, more, and more, and more. One of the jobs of Congress and the Administration is to take your money, that is taxes, and redistribute it among and between various government programs and activities. Members of Congress and the President control how your money is distributed. And they each have their favorite recipients.

So what does any of this have to do with CRWC? We have a very important election coming up. As the "boots on the ground" members of the Republican Party we need to make sure we nominate people who are more than just electable. We need to make sure we are recruiting, nominating and electing people who believe in the core values of the Party of Lincoln. And when the chips are down will act accordingly. We can do this and it won't cost us \$50 million; it won't cost a cent. **Ask questions.** Don't let the candidate or elected official get away with the bumper sticker answer. Years ago I saw a little old lady in tennis shoes (literally) stop a politician in their tracks and she did it very simply. She prefaced her

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Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Monthly meeting March 27, 2014

7:30 PM

IN THE

ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY ROOM

3600 WHEELER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA 22304

THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 7:45

GUEST SPEAKER ALICIA CUNDIFF
RICHMOND JUSTICE INITIATIVE
"HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN VIRGINIA"

(SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION.)

GUESTS ARE MOST WELCOME.

FOR INFORMATION

PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION@ALEXANDRIACRWC.ORG

*Politics make it possible,
but women make it work!*

MEMBERSHIP by Margaret Wood, VP, Membership

A hearty welcome to new member Eleanor Bartow. So glad you have joined us we look forward to getting to know you. Not a stranger to politics Eleanor's husband is running for 8th CD District as a congressional candidate.

It is that time of year again when we feature a special event that is an open house for members and non-members alike. This year we will host a program at Lee-Fendall House Museum on April 24th from 7:00-9:00pm.

This is your time to help our club introduce new people to what we have to offer. Please submit at your earliest convenience the name and address of someone

you believe might enjoy and be interested in participating in this event. Please send that information directly to me by email woodm72@gmail.com or by phone 571-483-0720. Thank you in advance for being a part of making this club a force in our community.

Check out our invite in this newsletter!

Finally, Please do RSVP for our April program

Please take time to renew your membership by filling out the form provided in this newsletter.

Full time members: dues \$35

Associate members: dues \$12

Make checks to CRWC

Mail to:

Anne LeHuray, 3916 Charles Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305

PROGRAM by Deb Ackerman, VP, Program

"Twenty seven million people in slavery today".

These words exploded into Sara Pomeroy's consciousness and ignited a fervor that led her to found The Richmond Justice Initiative in 2009. In her own words, Ms. Pomeroy describes that it was through an encounter with God which gave rise to this calling.

Human trafficking is the illegal trade of people for profit and it is the second largest criminal industry in the world. The statistics are abhorrent – 250,000 children a year are trafficked in the United States - the average age of a child being trafficked is twelve. Children can be sold up to forty times a day. And the demand in the sex industry for young children is growing.

Ms. Pomeroy is raising awareness about this crime through educating the community, healthcare providers, schools, and law enforcement. The Initiative's intervention has resulted in investigations and rescues of children. Two other Justice Initiatives have been founded in Virginia and a third is being developed. Ms. Pomeroy has led the campaign to modernize Virginia's criminal code so that traffickers can be prosecuted and to require that social services care for the victims. Her work with a bipartisan coalition resulted in the Virginia General Assembly passing six pieces of legislation in the past two years.

Our speaker this month will be Alicia Cundiff, Advocacy Manager with the Initiative. She grew up in Gainesville, Virginia, and is a recent graduate of the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's degree in Government. While attending Passion – a Christian conference in Atlanta, Georgia, for college students, she learned about the issue of human trafficking and turned her attention to combating this problem. Ms. Cundiff believed that she could use her degree to glorify the Lord in advocacy work to become a voice for the voiceless victims of slavery. See: <http://richmondjusticeinitiative.com>



RJI

Richmond Justice Initiative

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question with something along the lines of I see in your campaign literature that you believe blah-blah. She then followed with “what in your life experience lead you to that belief, or position on that issue.” I thought it was a wonderful way to determine if someone was parroting what a “handler” told them to say or had really thought about the subject and, arrived at their opinion honestly.

In spite of major campaign donations, social media and lobbyists, it is still important for elected officials to remember they represent the people in their State or District. They are in Congress to represent us. And who better to remind them of that fact than a member of CRWC armed with knowledge of the issues and a well-crafted question. So please over the next few months get active, learn the issues, determine what you think of those issues and start asking questions. And, then get out your checkbook. always volunteer when possible!

Let’s do everything we can to make 2014 a Republican year! You can begin by renewing your CRWC membership and encouraging others to join. I look forward to seeing you at the CRWC January meeting.

Susan Yonts-Shepard

2014 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

MARCH

MARCH 27 - CRWC GENERAL MEETING ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM

MARCH 27- 29 - NFRW DC SPRING BOARD MEETING - GATEWAY MARRIOTT - CRYSTAL CITY MARRIOTT

APRIL

APRIL 3 - ARCC MEETING MINNIE HOWARD

APRIL 4-5 - VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NORFOLK APRIL 4-5.

APRIL 10 - CRWC BOARD MEETING, ALEX. REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

APRIL 24 - CRWC GENERAL MEETING , LEE-FENDALL HOUSE, GUEST SPEAKER LOREN SPIVAK

APRIL 26 - EIGHTH DISTRICT CONVENTION 10 A.M. BISHOP O’CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL,
6600 LITTLE FALLS ROAD, ARLINGTON, VA 22213.

MAY

MAY 1 - ARCC MEETING MINNIE HOWARD

MAY 8 - CRWC BOARD MEETING, ALEX. REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

MAY 22 - CRWC GENERAL MEETING, DIANE MURPHY’S HOUSE,
RECEPTION FOR SENATE CANDIDATE ED GILLESPIE

JUNE

JUNE 6-7 - REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ROANOKE FROM JUNE 6-7.

Keep up with club activities on our website <http://www.alexandriacrwc.org/> sign in gopwoman

CRWC Facebook www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54856131881

Keep up with Alexandria GOP at <http://www.alexgop.org/>

CRWC meets the fourth Thursday of the month www.alexandriacrwc.org

Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC) meets the first Thursday of the month

CRWC is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) www.nfrw.org

Friends, Neighbors and Members please join us for.....

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Annual Spring Program

Thursday April 24th

7:00-9:00 PM

Lee -Fendall House Museum
614 Oronoco Street, Alexandria

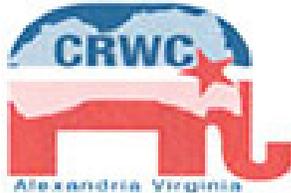
Guest Speaker

Loren Spivak

Founder Free Market Warrior

Educator in economics and how to attain free markets and
freedom through conservative principles

RSVP: 571-483-0720 or woodm72@gmail.com



This Sunday, March 23, Ed Gillespie will be officially opening his Senate campaign headquarters. The event will begin at 3 PM and is located at 8198 Terminal Road, Lorton, Virginia.

Please download the complete invitation at < http://edforsenate.nationbuilder.com/r?u=http%3A%2F%2Fd3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net%2Fedgillespie%2Fmailings%2F49%2Fattachments%2Foriginal%2Fed_for_Senate_Office_Opening_Flyer.pdf%3F1395017563&utm_campaign=office_opening&n=1&e=7ee968b6b2fb997ebc15209d60bcb4b672a90e34&utm_source=edforsenate&utm_medium=email>

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: <https://www.facebook.com/AlexandriaCRWC>

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Will Congress Hike the Minimum Wage This Year?

Talking Points

- On February 18, the Congressional Budget Office released a report titled “[The Effects of a Minimum-Wage Increase on Employment and Family Income](#)” that may take the wind out of the sails of members of Congress who want to raise the minimum wage this year, because it highlights the damage a minimum wage hike to \$10.10 will do to the economy and low wage workers.
- Late last year, the White House expressed support for a Senate Democrat proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour. President Obama mentioned the proposal, the Harkin/Miller bill (S. 460, the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013), in his State of the Union speech last month. The CBO report released on February 18 analyzes the effects of raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour based on the provisions in the Harkin/Miller bill.
- The current minimum wage by federal standards is \$7.25 an hour. The Harkin/Miller bill would raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 in 2015 by 95 cent increments.
- The last change in minimum wage took effect in July 2007, when it was raised from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour in July 2009.
- As the CBO report notes, as of last month, 21 states and the District of Columbia have raised the minimum wage higher than the federal standard on their own initiative.
- According to the CBO, the minimum wage hike proposed in the Harkin/Miller bill would reduce total employment by about 500,000 workers. The report notes, however, that “the actual losses could be smaller or larger; in CBO’s assessment, there is a two-thirds chance that the effect would be in the range between very slight reduction in employment and a reduction in employment of 1.0 million workers.” The report names the 500,000 figure the “central estimate” of workers who will lose their jobs as a result of the minimum wage hike, and a slight decrease in workers who will lose their jobs to 1.0 million workers who will lose their jobs as the “likely range.”
- The report also notes that those minimum wage workers who will take home more real income if the Harkin/Miller bill passes are in two different living situations: low wage earners who are not living beneath the poverty threshold, and low wage earners who are members of low-income families living under the poverty threshold. Only 19% of the low-income families will be taking home higher, real wages if the bill passes. At the same time, three groups of people will see a reduction in real income—people who become jobless as a result of the minimum wage increase, business owners, and consumers facing higher prices.
- An increase of minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour would result in an overall rise in real income by \$2 billion once all increases and decreases are taken into account.
- An increase of the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour would lift 900,000 people above the poverty threshold out of 45 million who live under the poverty threshold.
- The minimum wage hike may come up in the next Senate work period, in March.

GRAND OPENING

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Special Guest

Governor George Allen

with Frank Fannon, Alicia Hughes

& Bob Wood

Saturday, March 22, 2014

11 AM—12:30 PM



Alexandria Republican Party Headquarters

221 South Henry Street
(corner of Route 1 S and Duke St.)

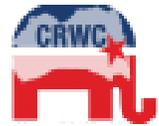
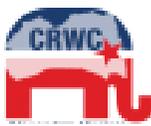
Refreshments will be served

RSVP: Sharon Amear
at gypsySLA@verizon.net



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**Commonwealth Republican Women's Club
Membership Application/Renewal 2014**

***Required Information** ***Date** _____

***Name** _____

***Address** _____

***City** _____ ***State** _____ ***Zip** _____

***Email** _____

***Phone(H)** _____ **Phone(C)** _____

Employer _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

New _____ **Renewal** _____

Membership: Full \$35 _____ **Newsletter Only \$12** _____ **Associate \$12** _____
10/1-10/31: \$20.00 11/1-12/31: \$14.00

Name of Primary Club _____

(Associate Women Members Only)

Make check payable to CRWC

Mail to:

**Anne LeHuray
3916 Charles Ave
Alexandria, VA 22305**

I am interested in participating in the following areas:

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| <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:

