



# TEMPO

September 2014

## Message From the President



Dear All,

A lot has happened since the last issue of The Tempo. Not the least of which it appears we are back fighting in the Middle East.

When I was little my family would play what we called the “the what if” game when we traveled. Since we were usually visiting some sort of historical site, this game was very similar to the current game of alternative timelines. What if the South had won the Civil War, what would be different and why, what if Britain had lost to Hitler what would be different, you get the idea. With that in mind I would like to

play a very current version of this game.

What if President Obama had agreed to protect the southern border and once that had been accomplished deport all the illegal aliens with criminal records and then granted amnesty to the rest. In addition his Administration finished the Keystone Pipeline and over the past couple of years the US had produced the oil and gas we needed for domestic consumption. What wasn't used by the US was sold at discounted prices to Europe lessening their dependence on Russian oil. Do you think we would be considering fighting in the Middle East? Do you think our allies in Europe would be more willing to help defeat ISIS if they could count on cheap American oil instead of Russian crude? Do you think the unemployment rate would be better or worse than now?

In his book, “The Audacity to Win”, David Plouffe, President Obama’s former campaign manager reports that the soon to be President Obama didn’t want to turn over work to his staff thinking he would do it better. As recounted by Plouffe Obama reportedly said, “I think I could probably do every job on the campaign better than the people I’ll hire to do it.” I think this is probably accurate given Mr. Obama’s past comments about his abilities. For example in a New Yorker

## Commonwealth Republican Women’s Club Membership Meeting

Home of Jane Ring  
308 Monticello Blvd  
Alexandria, VA 22305

DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2014  
*(Note date change)*

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

**No SPEAKER - Just FUN!!**

### THIS IS ALSO A POTLUCK DINNER

- **If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a main dish**
- **If your last name begins with I -R, please bring appetizer**
- **IF your last name begins with S-Z, please bring veggies or dessert.**

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

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article (2008) where he announced “I know more about policies on any particular issues than my policy directors.” He also announced he was a better speechwriter than his speechwriters.

So, what if President Obama talked less, listened more, and had less of an ego and thought his military and foreign affairs advisors might know something he didn't. Do you think we would be facing the very real prospect of fighting yet again in the Middle East?

Susan

## Commonwealth Connection

by Loree Gunn

### Connie Ring To Be Honored

Connie Ring, former City Council Member and GOP Chair of Precinct Operations to be honored. You are invited to attend Living Legends of Alexandria's Theatre Night at MetroStage, Saturday, September 20, 2014.

This is in observation of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. The occasion will honor those Living Legends of Alexandria who played key roles in fostering civil rights in Alexandria in the 60's.

Reception - 7:00 pm; Curtain: 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$75 (held at the door)

MetroStage is located at 1201 N. Royal Street in North Old Town, Alexandria

Link to buy Tickets: [CLICK HERE](#) or cut and paste to your browser:

<<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-legends-theatre-night-at-metro-stage-tickets-12623903435>>



## MEMBERSHIP

by Margaret Wood, Membership Vice President

This month we would like to welcome new members

Janet Bates and Constance (Connie) Crigler. We are so glad you have chosen to give your support to the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club and look forward to getting to know you.

Our membership count as of September 1, 2014 stands at: 81 Full membership with 17 Associate members.



## MY NAME IS .....

Many CRWC member are pleased to have magnetic name badges which you see them wearing at our meetings. Based on our 2013 membership name badges for Jeanne O'Leary, Fran Redmon, Susan Merritt Nelson, Reba Burns, Julie Lineberry, Maren Seubert, Paula Potoczak, Rose Kobylinski, Marcia Feinstein and Karen Kilday were ordered and will be available at our September 18th meeting. A donation of \$5.00 is asked for to cover the cost. I am now getting ready to place another order so if you would like one please email me at [donauldgail@yahoo.com](mailto:donauldgail@yahoo.com) or 703-823-0975. Gail Ledwig

**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: [CRWC - Commonwealth Republican Women's Club](#)

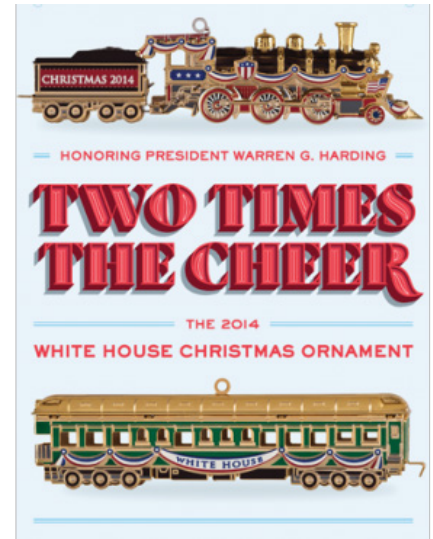
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## 2014 White House Christmas Ornaments

The ornament this year honors the administration of the nation's 29th President Warren G. Harding. It is the first to be comprised of two train pieces, a locomotive and the president's private Pullman car. These can be hung separately or attached together.

We have already sold more than 150 due to our Honorary Associate member Jean Klinge, out in Bayse selling 100 and Jane Ring, Karen Kilday and Anne LeHuray and NFRW President and our CRWC Associate member Kathy Brugger buying many.

Priced at \$20.00 they are a fundraiser for CRWC and make for a wonderful holiday gift or add to your own personal collection. The ornaments will be available at our September 18th meeting at Jane Ring's and at all ARCC and CRWC meetings this fall. If you can not get to a meeting I can deliver. To order or with questions contact Gail Ledwig at 703-823-0975 or [donauldgail@yahoo.com](mailto:donauldgail@yahoo.com).



## SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in helping at the various Saturday Markets, festivals or at Alexandria GOP headquarters please let Eileen Brackens know. She can be reached at home (703) 836-6682 or cell (703) 438-8000 or [eibrackens@comcast.net](mailto:eibrackens@comcast.net).

If she doesn't hear from you; you will be hearing from Eileen or Susan. So please call!!!!

## Voter Registration Deadline and Absentee Voting



On Tuesday, November 4 there will be a General Election for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives as well as a proposed Constitutional Amendment.

*\* We encourage all supporters of our candidates (Ed Gillespie for Senate & Micah Edmond for Congress) who are eligible, to vote absentee. Don't leave anything up to chance on Election Day.*

The voter registration deadline for this election is Tuesday, October 14. You may submit a voter registration application online through Virginia's Department of Elections website. You may also view and update your voter information at this site.



<http://sbe.virginia.gov/index.php/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/>

If you would like to submit a paper registration application, you can use the form on the Voter Registration Information and Application page.

<http://alexandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720>

Absentee voting begins on Friday, September 19. Registrar's Office  
Beatley Library opens for absentee voting on October 25.

In-person Absentee Voting is available at the Alexandria Registrar's office, 132 N Royal St (across from City Hall). The Registrar's office is open weekdays from 8 AM to 5 PM (except for the Columbus Day Holiday on Oct. 13), as well as Saturday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 1, from 8 AM to 5 PM

# 2014 Calendar

*Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*

## **September, 2014**

18 CRWC Meeting and Potluck ( see page 1)  
19 Absentee Voting begins

## **October, 2014**

23 CRWC Meeting, 7:30 PM TBD

## **November, 2014**

4 Election Day  
20 CRWC Meeting, 7:30 PM Election of Offices, TBD

## **December, 2014**

11 Holiday Party & Installation of Officers, 7:00 PM Julie Lineberry's, 500 High St.