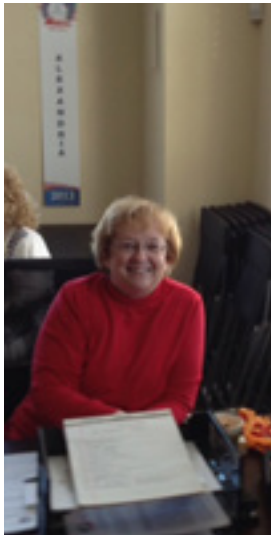




# TEMPO

FEBRUARY 2015

## Message From the President



Dear All,

In case you haven't noticed I've been trying to include in The Tempo, articles or suggestions of articles of interest to CRWC and Republicans generally. I hope you will take the time to read each issue of The Tempo for these articles because we have a job to do when it comes to presenting the Republican viewpoint against the barrage of liberal criticism. Which brings me to one of the articles I read recently; it appeared in the NY Magazine entitled "Not

a Very P.C. Thing to Say." The concluding paragraph says it all, but the entire article is worth a read just from the point of trying to untangle what I've always viewed as the angry and illogical thought process that is modern progressivism or liberalism.

I've also included my latest diatribe against the economic- elite telling the rest of us how we should live while they leave massive carbon footprints wherever they go. In recent years I found this bunch somewhat amusing, now I just find them annoying. However both articles I've referenced have important information we can use in talking to our liberal friends and making political points in public gatherings.

And finally some words from one of my favorite Conservatives from across the pond, Daniel Hannan, a Conservative Member of the European Parliament. He can explain complex issues in such clear, understandable logic as to leave one's opponent speechless.

So please take the time to read The Tempo it contains important information about issues, further meetings, and gatherings and many opportunities to help fellow Republicans.

## Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, February 26, 2015

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Alexandria Police Station  
Community Room  
3600 Wheeler Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22304

**SPEAKER:** Erica Smith

**TOPIC:** "ADVANCING SCHOOL  
CHOICE ACROSS AMERICA."

GUESTS WELCOME. FOR QUESTIONS  
PLEASE EMAIL [INFORMATION@ALEXANDRIACRWC.ORG](mailto:INFORMATION@ALEXANDRIACRWC.ORG)



## VFRW Legislative Day -- January 15, 2015 Jan Bates, Recording Secretary

Eight of us made the journey from Alexandria to Richmond to attend VFRW's Legislative Day ceremonies that kick off the sessions of the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate. The day was devoted to networking, networking, and networking. Breakfast was a time to catch up with friends old and new before the serious matters of the day began, drinks before lunch allowed the delegates to mingle and mix, and lunch gave us the opportunity to meet Republican delegates and senators.

The call of the day was to "Wear Red", so the room presented a dazzling display of red in innumerable shades and a varied display of elephant ornaments of every size on pins, pendants, belts and more.

President Linda Bartlett kicked off the session with some remarks, including announcing the introduction of a new database product to support the membership directory.

The program began with an introduction by Delegate Christopher Peace to the work of the bipartisan Commission of Youth. The commission analyses bills that come before the assembly on youth and family-related issues and does research and makes recommendations for legislation on those issues. Its work covers child mental health, child welfare, kinship-care, foster care, juvenile justice, and so on. The unhappy surprise in this talk was the fact that school vouchers, a tool for improving the quality of education for low-income students, are unconstitutional in Virginia. Let's do something about that!

Delegate Kathy Byron issued a call for the election of more Republican women. She noted that in 1998 women made up 12% of the Republican delegation with eight members but in 2015 that has fallen to only 6% and five members. Ms. Byron did note that part of that decline is good news with three women, including Barbara Comstock, leaving to represent Virginia in the US House of Representatives. She also announced the creation of **PAC 2023** a new political action committee to support women Republican candidates. The name of the PAC recalls the fact that 2023 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first woman elected to the Virginia Assembly. One of the women that PAC 2023 is designed to help is Nancy Dye, who is running in Roanoke to replace Virginia Senator John Edwards.

The remainder of Ms Byron's presentation was a rousing call to arms against Democrat mis-representations of Republican positions and a stirring condemnation of the health and financial effects of Obamacare on workers and the elderly.

Next was Senator Mark Obenshain, clearly a crowd favourite, who received standing ovations on arrival and departure along with loud and prolonged applause. He called on us to fight against Governor McAuliffe's policies to expand Medicaid and increase gun control. He called the Governor's agenda the most divisive and charged he has ever known in Virginia. He urged the members to instead support policies to improve the economy, put an end to human trafficking of children and protect our communities. He closed his remarks by noting that while his district in Rockingham County votes 70% Republican and Alexandria votes 70% Democrat, that should not discourage the Republicans of Alexandria. On the contrary we should take a leaf out of the Democrats' book and work to increase turnout of Republicans throughout the State, including in Democrat strongholds, because an increase of just 1 or 2% can make the difference between winning and losing a statewide election.

President Bartlett made the following announcements

1. All were encouraged to attend the fashion show at the upcoming VFRW Convention and to register early to avoid the higher post-deadline fee. See the VFRW website for details.
2. The recent survey conducted using Constant Contact software instead of Survey Monkey had problems. If you failed to complete the survey, you can try again until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Emails will be sent to club presidents with the necessary links.
3. Don't forget to read the VFRW newsletter each month for interesting articles and information about signing up for the Convention that will be held in Richmond on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.
4. President Bartlett encouraged every club to appoint a person to be responsible for IT. VFRW is planning to send a technical person around the state to help train members in each club.
5. The VFRW website is being improved and a new Facebook page created.

The hour before lunch was devoted entirely to FUN! The mass of red moved out of the room to let the staff set up lunch and partook of refreshments from the bar while networking, networking, networking.

Once everyone had found their seats, the Protocol chair introduced the head table and then called on each of the Delegates and Senators present to come to the front and be recognized. During lunch we heard from the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the House of Delegates. Rounding out the lunch speaker roster was Jill Vogel, the only female Senator in the Republican delegation.

Senator Vogel reminded us all that 50% of the smart people in Virginia are women and urged Republican women to run for office, noting the success of women like Joni Ernst in 2014.

A fitting end to a red-letter day.

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

*Peggy L. Hoffend, our  
speaker at our January  
meeting*



## **Which is Larger, Your Mouth or Your Carbon Footprint?** - Susan Yonts-Shepard

Years ago a friend of mine, having fought her way through anti-capitalists protestors at the World Bank expressed the desire that all these organizations like the UN, IMF, and World Bank should be moved to a country like Nigeria, Senegal or some small pacific atoll. She reasoned that it would improve their economy, and help our traffic congestion. And it would also give the policy elites a glimpse at real problems in a world they clearly haven't experienced but talk as if they have.

The same could be said about the World Economic Forum held in Davos, Switzerland, where we hear once again, how Americans should lower their economic expectations and start living with less. This message comes from the same people who arrived in Switzerland in 1800+ private jets accompanied by high paid PR types, nannies, policy wonks and assorted sycophants. I wonder how many of these elites would go to the World Economic Forum if it were held in some poor, war scarred country where economic investment might actually do some good, or where millions of dollars- worth of investments have failed. Wouldn't it be a much better meeting to actually see what works and what doesn't; instead of sitting around listening to the talking-heads of the IMF, World Bank, US Treasury, etc.?

One of the speakers at the Davos is a man named Jeff Greene. He is a billionaire property investor and democrat fundraiser and contributor. He made his millions betting against subprime mortgages. In other words, he gambled that all those poor people Barney Frank said by right should own homes couldn't really afford them so he cashed in on their misfortune. He is one of the people telling his audience of the need for Americans to live with less. A more charitable person would say that he knows what he is talking about seeing how he made some of his money. However, since he arrived at Davos with all of his children and assorted nannies in his private jet; his definition of less is different from most of us, in my humble opinion. But I'm just getting started. Greene owns 5 multi-million dollar properties in the US alone. He has three in California, one in Florida and one in New York. His \$195 million Beverly Hills estate has been called America's most expensive home. He told Davos attendees that Americans "need to reinvent our whole system of life." I think what he really meant to say, was now that I have what's mine the rest of you need to live with less.

Remember his name, Jeff Greene whenever Democrats talk about living with less, doing with less due to climate change, and those poor people who are underwater due to subprime mortgages for he is a champion of the underclass. He just doesn't want to live like one.

For more on Jeff Greene and pictures of all his wonderful houses, check out <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2924457/He-said-Multibillionaire-gave-lecture-Americans-needing-things-live-smaller-existence-owns-FIVE-mansions-are.html> and for more on Davos from a Republican perspective <http://m.nationalreview.com/article/397131/davoss-destructive-elites-kevin-d-williamson/page/01>

**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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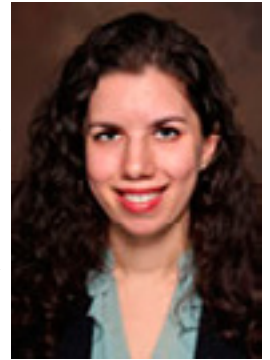
## CRWC PROGRAM: *Laurie Kirby, VP Program*

Erica Smith is an attorney with the Institute for Justice, the national lawfirm for liberty. She joined IJ in August 2011 and litigates cutting-edge constitutional cases protecting free speech, school choice, property rights, and economic liberty in federal and state courts.

Erica successfully defended the free speech right of the Fears Family to use signs to advertise their business in Fears

v. City of Sacramento. She was also part of the winning team that protected New Hampshire's Tax Credit Scholarship Program at the State Supreme Court in *Duncan v. State of New Hampshire*. Erica has been a guest on Fox & Friends, and her writing has been published in the Washington Times, New York Post, Times-Free Press and The Virginian-Pilot. Erica has also been a guest on several radio shows.

Before joining IJ, Erica served as a law clerk for the Honorable Terrence Boyle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Erica received her law degree cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2010. Erica received her undergraduate degree summa cum laude from Stony Brook University's Honors College in 2007, where she studied literature and journalism. Erica is originally from Bay Shore, N.Y.



## THURSDAY, March 19 - NFRW Legislative Day

Wear red and join Republican women from around the country on Capitol Hill for a continental breakfast and hear from South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham and other GOP members of the US Congress followed by a reception at the Capitol Hill Club, hosted by CRWC Associate member and NFRW President Kathy Brugger. Go to [NFRW.org](http://NFRW.org) to register for Legislative day or other events. There is a very reasonable cost of \$75.00. Our own CRWC member and NFRW Political Director Terri Hauser is organizing this event.

Put on your RED JACKET and join the NFRW members from around the country for a day on Capitol Hill on Thursday, March 19.

The Legislative Day agenda includes:

- Morning briefings from Republican congressional leaders including

Senator Lindsey Graham (SC) and Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY), the youngest

woman ever elected to Congress.

- A luncheon reception at the Capitol Hill Club with GOP leaders including RNC

Co-Chair Sharon Day and Senator Joni Ernst,

- Optional tours of the RNC in the afternoon.

The \$75 registration fee includes:

- Bus transportation from the Crystal Gateway Marriott to Capitol Hill

- Continental breakfast

- Luncheon reception

- A special "Congress at Your Fingertips" directory

## MEMBERSHIP

*by Debra Ackerman, VP Membership Vice President*

The month of February has brought us our first substantial snowstorm of the season. What a wonderful opportunity to stay indoors and catch up on all those things that we have put off – like remembering to renew our membership in CRWC!! I can email you an application form or you can fill one out at our next meeting on Thursday, February 26th.

Thus far, we have thirty members including one new member – Charlotte Adams. And we have ten associates, including two new associates – Kathy Brugger and Fernando Torrez. Please extend them a warm welcome.

FYI - when you join CRWC you automatically become a member of The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) and the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW). For more information about these active and influential organizations visit their websites - [NFRW.org](http://NFRW.org) and [VFRW.org](http://VFRW.org).



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“Be there”



ARCC & CRWC need your help to show off our strong GOP with a large marching contingent--spouse, children, friends, and pets are all welcome to join. If you have questions, please contact Loree Gunn at [lgunny@yahoo.com](mailto:lgunny@yahoo.com).

St. Patrick's Day Parade (not on St. Patrick's Day)--Saturday, Mar. 7, Meet at Noon at Alexandria GOP HQ, 221 S Henry St, RSVP Here.

## 2015 Calendar

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

#### March

**7 St. Patrick's Day Parade**, 12:30 PM Old Town, marshaling area TBA - contact Loree Gunn. All encouraged to participate

**12 CRWC Board meeting 7:45 @ Jane Ring's home**

**19 NFRW Legislative Day** Capitol Hill Washington DC 7:00 am WEAR RED

**26 CRWC Meeting, 7:30 PM** Alexandria Police HQ, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria Police HQ, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, speaker, John Guandolo, author of Raising a Jihadi Generation.

#### April

**8 Reagan- Lincoln Celebration: How WE Nominate the Next Great Republican President**, featuring Randy Evans, Georgia RNC Committeeman and member of the RNC's Primary Scheduling and Debates Committee. Mark the date on your calendar. Details coming soon.

**17-19 VFRW Convention-** Short Pump Hilton, Richmond, VA - hotel registration available now at [vfrw.org](http://vfrw.org). The Official Call will be published soon. Mark dates on your calendar, details will be available in the March Tempo.

**23 CRWC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION** - 7:00 PM The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, All members and guests welcome!!!

#### May

**7 CRWC Board meeting 7:45 @ Jane Ring's home**

**CRWC Meeting**, The May CRWC meeting will be a FUNdraiser - TBD - stay tuned.

**CRWC meets the fourth Thursday of the month** [www.alexandriacrwc.org](http://www.alexandriacrwc.org)  
**Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC) meets the first Thursday of the month**

**CRWC is a member of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)** [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

## Thoughts on Terrorism by Susan Yonts-Shepard

Daniel Hannan, member of the EU Parliament writing at capx.co makes some interesting points on the “home-grown” individuals who commit acts of terrorism that run a little counter to the mainstream press. He points out that when journalists refer to Islamists as medieval; they have it all wrong. Islam during the time of Medieval Europe was actually a free and capitalistic society compared to its western counterparts. What terrorists and their organizations are preaching like any other totalitarian regime is contrary and ignorant of past history and human nature. “It holds out a vision of something so pure that it can, in practice, never be achieved. This purity is precisely what appeals to a certain type of youngster,” he writes.

He goes on to state that analysis of the Quran or other religious tools is incorrect because most of these people have little background and only limited understanding of their religion. Most wannabe terrorists, he says have a pretty standard background of society’s losers. They are young, male, angry, have a history of petty crime and drug abuse and a yearning to be part of something bigger. If you look beyond the current terrorists to other groups like the Red Brigade, Baader-Meinhof gangsters of Germany, and I might add, the 1960s Weather Underground (that would be Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn et.al) you see the same traits again and again, “narcissism, alienation, violent proclivities, and belief that you can see things more clearly than anyone else.” Hannan, quotes Professor John Horgan who has studied the psychology of western born jihadist, saying, “They want to find something meaningful for their life, some are thrill seeking.”

Hannan goes on to note a briefing by MI5 that concluded, “Many lack religious literacy and could be regarded a religious novices.” Academia appears to agree. Scott Atran, an anthropologist who testified before the Senate committee in 2010 told Senators, “What inspires the most lethal terrorists in the world today is not so much the Quran as a thrilling cause and call to action that promises glory and esteem in the eyes of friends.”

In conclusion Hannan says we should stop believing the terrorists own press clippings. We should treat them not as soldiers, but “common criminals...and remind them that we offer something better.”

You can read the entire article at [www.capx.co/the-best-antidote-to-terrorism-is-ridicule/](http://www.capx.co/the-best-antidote-to-terrorism-is-ridicule/)

## It Isn't Easy Being PC in Liberal Land by Susan Yonts-Shepard

The NY Magazine published an article by Jonathan Chait on the political correctness movement or as I like to call it the anti-free speech movement. After chronicling the relentless march to the left by proponents of the PC movement he actually expresses the fear that the effect of all this political correctness is to stifle free speech. Really, he does. He cites numerous examples where PC warriors have forced college and university administrations to back away from guest speakers such as Condoleezza Rice, and Ayaan Hirsi Ali and even former Berkeley chancellor Robert Birgeneau.

My favorite example of PC run amok was raised by a friend and alum of Mt. Holyoke College who informed me about the latest antics from her college. The liberals at Mt. Holyoke announced they would no longer allow production of the play, “The Vagina Monologues”, because it might insult transgender and other women without vaginas. The two of us had a good laugh over this, and we also decided that our liberal friends would be horrified at our behavior. My friend said her reaction to this latest in a long line of liberal PCism was to inform the Alumni office that she would no longer be part of their annual giving program.

Chait gives many examples of various single issue PC advocates attacking each other over what is called “triggering trauma” in someone by something you said or did. He quotes one female professor as being terrified of this

and how it is stifling intellectual curiosity. And if you think these sounds a little Marxist you are correct. The Harvard Crimson editorial writers recently wrote that maybe free speech should take a back seat to the possibility of triggering trauma because of something someone said or did. This thought leads me to one of Chait’s examples, that of Miller-Young, a professor of feminist studies at UC-Santa Barbara. Miller-Young, when confronted by pro-life protestors, attacked and destroyed some of their protest signs and pushed several protestors. She is facing battery, robbery and vandalism charges as a result. Her defense is that when she saw their signs it “triggered her and violated her personal right to go to work and not be in harm.” In other words she reacted violently to a trigger and attempted to respond with righteous indignation to the cause of social justice.

Chait concludes that among other things PC is exhausting. And any liberal with a sense of history or a true liberal should be in favor of free speech and getting people to agree with you through reasoned discussion. Not by making people afraid to disagree with you.

I hope Chait’s liberal friends read his article and that they all start to support our first amendment, because if they don’t it could get very nasty in the 2016 election cycle. Chait’s entire piece can be found at <http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2015/01/not-a-very-pc-thing-today.html>



# Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Application/Renewal 2015

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising       | <input type="checkbox"/> Press/Public Relations  |

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

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