



# TEMPO

February 2016

## Message From the President



With six states conducting primaries during the month of February and with the large number of Republican presidential hopefuls still in the race (at least as of this writing), it seems appropriate to talk about keeping one's perspective between now and November 2016. For the average voter, the opportunity to vet and select our presidential nominee occurs fewer than

20 times during our voting lifetime--clearly an infrequent and awesome responsibility.

But, with the campaign period having become a lengthy one, our very human tendency is to develop strong emotional attachments to the candidate we most "like" in much the same way as we favor a Miss America contestant or a team to win the Super Bowl. But, make no mistake, the stakes in this race are far, far greater than for any other contest in our lifetime--keeping an open mind, understanding that it is our Republican beliefs--small government for the people and by the people, self-reliance and the exercise of fiscal responsibility, a strong defense, and the preservation of our liberty as granted by the U.S. Constitution--that we seek to vote into the highest office in the land and into what should be the leader of the free world! Must you or I like this person best among those have made a bid for the job? Absolutely not!

Nothing pains me nor gets me up on my soapbox more than to hear a fellow Republican say, "If Candidate X becomes the nominee, I simply cannot vote for that person!" To that, I say, think again, as a responsible, concerned citizen, you simply cannot NOT vote for the Republican nominee, because, a non-vote is a sure vote FOR the Democratic nominee and this great country simply cannot withstand another four to eight years of the policies we have endured during the past seven!

And, if that in itself is not enough to convince you or others you know to think long and hard about backing the Republican Party nominee no matter who he or she may be, remember, too, that the 45th U.S. President will nominate at least three Supreme Court Judges who will serve for their lifetime--can we afford for the person nominating those very powerful and influential individuals to be other than a Republican? Can we

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## Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, February 25, 2016

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

**PLACE:** Alexandria Police Headquarters  
3600 Wheeler Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22304

Guests welcome.

For questions email:

[information@alexandriacrwc.org](mailto:information@alexandriacrwc.org)

**SPEAKER: Lauren Catts**

**TOPIC:**

**Citizens United vs. FEC Supreme  
Court Case** *(see page 2 for more details)*

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

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afford for the 45th U.S. President to be an apologist for our Nation? Can we afford for our 45th U.S. President to make deals with our enemies while turning America's collective back on our allies? Can we afford for our 45th U.S. President to put global warming at the top of his or her agenda while denying our country's need for a strong national defense? No, no, no and no!

It is time for every Republican to say, "Yes! I CAN and I WILL vote for the Republican nominee because I know that more than LIKING the person nominated, the future of my country depends upon my casting an affirmative vote FOR the candidate who best represents Republican values while just as affirmatively voting AGAINST the party who is bent on the destruction of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in America.

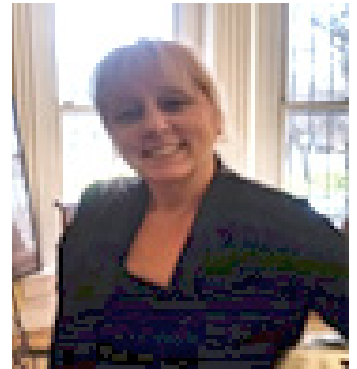
Laurie Kirby  
CRWC President

## CRWC PROGRAM: *by Kamila Lipowska-Torrez, VP Program*

### Lauren Catts to Speak February 25th

Our February program is exciting as we welcome Lauren Catts, currently the CFO for Citizens United, who has worked for the company for the last thirteen years. Lauren is a native Alexandrian. She prides herself on her "working family" roots, as Lauren's father was an electrician and mother drove a school bus for Fairfax County Public Schools. Lauren is the youngest of three siblings, the only girl in the group, and the first and only to attend college.

During our membership meeting, she will speak about her experiences working for Citizens United. She will also address the importance of the Citizens United vs. FEC Supreme Court case, which ultimately brought about the SUPERPACs, and allowed for freedom of speech for various organizations. Lauren also plans to discuss the controversial movie "Hillary". She believes in the power and importance of education, and would like to share with us her passion for scholarship programs.



Six CRWC members attended the VFRW Legislative Day event in Richmond on January 28, meeting with women from other clubs across Virginia, meeting Republican Delegates and Senators, and listening to interesting speakers. Pictured at the luncheon are, L to R: CRWC President, Laurie Kirby, Eileen Brackens, Kamila Lipowska-Torrez, Jane Ring, Loree Gunn and Shirley Miles.



**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](https://www.facebook.com/AlexandriaCRWC)

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## First Meeting of 2016

January's speaker, Chuck Smith, a committed downstate Republican, has served the party and Virginia Beach in many political capacities. Smith spoke to CRWC members at the club's regular meeting on January 28, 2016, in the Police Station Community Room. His very timely subject was Outreach and "thinking outside the box."

Chuck challenged Republicans to consider why the Republican message is not resonating with minority voters. Irrespective of intention, is the perception among minority Americans of how Republicans act, vote and elect candidates to office at all levels of government, minority citizens, who otherwise subscribe to conservative values, to look to the Democrats for answers, support and governance. Implicit in Chuck's message is the strong suggestion that Republicans must determine how to modify their actions and message to make "voting Republican" attractive to voters who were born here or are naturalized, whose skin color, accents and ancestry are different from the stereotypical Republicans.

## COMMONWEALTH CONNECTION

by Loree Gunn

Become A Delegate; Join The Committee

Every two years the Republican Party reorganizes itself at the local level (every four years at the state and national level). A whole new City Committee is elected for Alexandria and delegates from Alexandria attend Congressional District and State Conventions to elect national convention delegates, national committee members, and State and Congressional District Party leaders. Every Republican is welcome to participate in this process and we hope you will!

- To be elected to the City Committee or as a delegate you must file the Official Filing Form on Page 7 in this TEMPO no later than March 7! The process is easy - if it's your first time getting involved please feel free to contact Loree Gunn if you have any questions - lgunny@yahoo.com or (703) 684-8989.
- The Virginia State Convention is April 29/30 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg (most of the action takes place on Saturday, April 30, so you can go there and back on the same day).
- The 8th Congressional District Convention will be held Saturday, May 7, at Kenmore Middle School in Arlington.
- Do Not Forget the Presidential Primary - In Virginia we will have a Presidential Primary on March 1. Do Not Forget To Vote!
- The NFRW Spring Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled March 16-19, 2016, at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Va. To go to Legislative Day or any of the committee meetings or the luncheon please Contact the NFRW Meetings Director.
- Mark Your Calendars - VFRW Convention in Tyson's Corner - April 22 - 24, 2016. Eileen Brackens and Loree Gunn are the Co-Chairs of Registration for the convention. They will be counting on the women of the Commonwealth Club to help run the Registration Desk during the convention. Stay tuned for more details.

### **March 1 Presidential Primary from [www.alexandriava.gov/Elections](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections)**

On Tuesday, March 1 there will be Democratic and Republican Primary Elections for President of the United States.

- Absentee voting for the Presidential Primary began Friday, January 15, 2016.
- The voter registration deadline for this election is Monday, February 8, 2016. You may submit a new or updated voter registration application online through Virginia's Department of Elections website. If you would like to submit a paper registration application, you may use the form on our Voter Registration Information and Application page.
- All persons qualified to vote may vote in either Primary, however, they may not vote in both Primaries (Virginia Code 24.2-530). For this election, voters who wish to participate in the Republican Party Primary must sign a statement before voting.
- Virginia voters must show photo identification prior to voting. For more information, including a list of acceptable IDs, please see Virginia's Department of Elections website.

## MEMBERSHIP

*by Shirley Miles, VP Membership Vice President*

A Very Happy Valentine and President's Day to You Too!

We are half way there with our renewals. Of the 99 members on board, 55 have renewed their membership. I am happy to say this is credited to our membership team Gail Ledwig, and Linda Greenberg adding that personal touch of friendly reminder phone calls. It really works! For the remaining 40 members that have not sent in your checks and application forms, expect a gentle reminder from our team.

CRWC needs all of our members as active participants. Why? Because 2016 is a very important election year. With Virginia being a swing state with a ranking between the first or third place, depending on the media articles you read, Virginia could easily send a Democrat to the White House, not to mention sweeping the local candidates in.

We need 100% renewal by March 1, 2016. There is much work to be done with recruitment. Our goal is to increase our membership by 25% this year. We need each of you to commit to recruiting one new member by April 2016 and to invite them to our April 28 Annual Membership event at the Lyceum.

The membership application is included in this newsletter. We encourage each of you to print it out, update your current information, indicate the committee on which you wish to serve and mail it in with your check as soon as possible as dues are required immediately. Applications and checks should be mailed to CRWC's treasurer:

Eileen Brackens 2715 Holly Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22305 703-836-6682 .

We encourage our members to bring forth ideas outside of the box for new fun innovative membership program activities for this year. Please send your ideas to: Shirley Miles, 3304 Old Dominion Boulevard, Alexandria, Virginia 22305 202-262-8253 or risingstar10@hotmail.com . I am looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our programs activities planned for 2016.

**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)**

## 2016 Calendar

*Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*

### FEBRUARY 2016

Feb. 25 @ 7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting @ Alexandria Police Station

### MARCH 2016

Mar. 01 VA Republican Presidential Primary  
 Mar. 03 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School  
 Mar. 04 @ Noon DEADLINE FOR TEMPO ARTICLES to Jane  
 Mar. 5 @ a.m. St Patrick's Day Parade in Old Town  
 Mar. 10 @ 7:45 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ Jane's home  
 Mar. 17 @ NFRW Legislative Day @ U.S. Capitol  
 Mar. 24 @ 7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting Location TBD.

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**APRIL 2016**

- Apr. 01 @ Noon DEADLINE FOR TEMPO ARTICLES to Jane  
 Apr. 07 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School  
 Apr. 14 @ 7:45 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ Jane's home  
 Apr. 22-24 VRFW Convention in Tyson's Corner  
 Apr. 28 @ 7:30 p.m. Membership Reception @ Lyceum  
 Apr. 29-30 (@ 2:30 & @ noon) Republican Party of Virginia 2016 Quadrennial  
 Convention @ JMU, Harrisonburg, VA

**MAY 2016**

- May 01 @ Noon DEADLINE FOR TEMPO ARTICLES to Jane  
 May 05 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School  
 May 07 8th District Convention  
 May 12 @ 7:45 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ Jane's home  
 May 26 @ 7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting @ Alexandria Police Station OR FUNDRAISER

**JUNE 2016**

- Jun. 02 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School  
 Jun. 09 @ 7:45 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ Jane's home  
 Jun. 23 @ 7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting @ Alexandria Police Station OR FUNDRAISER

**JULY 2016**

- Jul. FUNDRAISER AND/OR MEMBERSHIP EVENT

**AUGUST 2016**

- Aug. Membership event?

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

- Sep. 01 @ Noon DEADLINE FOR TEMPO ARTICLES to Jane  
 Sep. 01 @ 7:30 ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School  
 Sep. 08 @ 7:45 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ Jane's home  
 Sep. 22 @ 7:00 p.m. Annual Potluck Dinner @

**OCTOBER 2016**

- Oct. 01 @ Noon DEADLINE FOR TEMPO ARTICLES to Jane  
 Oct. 06 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School  
 Oct. 13 @ 7:45 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ Jane's home  
 Oct. 27 @ 7:30 p.m. Work a Night for Candidates?

**NOVEMBER 2016**

- Nov. 01 @ Noon DEADLINE FOR TEMPO ARTICLES to Jane  
 Nov. 03 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School  
 Nov. 10 @ 7:45 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ Jane's home  
 Nov. 17 @ 7:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting or Fundraiser

**DECEMBER 2016**

- Dec. 01 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School  
 Dec. 08 @ 7:45 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ Jane's home  
 Dec. ? @ 7:00 p.m. Install New Officers & Annual Holiday Party @ Julie Lineberry's home



# Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Application/Renewal 2016

\*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:

Eileen Brackens  
2715 Holly Street  
Alexandria, VA 22305

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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Alexandria Republicans 2016 Membership and Delegate Form

Due by mail on Monday, March 7 to Loree Gunn, ARCC, PO Box 245, Alexandria VA 22313 (postmarks don't count)  
(may also be filed in person ONLY at the February 4 and March 3 meetings of the City Committee)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City, State) of Employment (e.g., Washington, DC): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Delegate, 8th District Convention (May 7)\* \$20

\_\_\_ Delegate, State Convention (April 29-30)\* \$35

\_\_\_ Member, Republican City Committee\*\* \$100

\_\_\_ Voluntary Processing Fee \$10

\_\_\_ Additional Contribution \$\_\_\_

Total \$\_\_\_

Pay by:

\_\_\_ Check payable to "ARCC" (enclosed)

\_\_\_ Credit Card:

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**8th District Convention**—become an Alexandria delegate to the 8th District Convention on May 7 at Kenmore Elementary School. The Convention elects a District GOP Chair, 3 members of the State Central Committee, 3 delegates and 3 alternate delegates to the National Convention, and a presidential elector.

**State Convention**—become an Alexandria delegate to the State Convention on April 29-30 at the JMU Convocation Center in Harrisonburg. The convention elects a State GOP Chair, a national committeeman and committeewoman, 13 delegates and 13 alternate delegates to the National Convention, and two presidential electors.

**Republican City Committee**—become a member of the official GOP committee for the City of Alexandria. The Committee works to elect Republicans, including determining how Republican candidates are nominated.

\*Delegate Declaration—I, (name above), a duly qualified voter of (precinct above) precinct, hereby declare that I am a candidate for delegate to the (convention(s) above). 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 2016 General Election. [Filing Fees are voluntary, but much appreciated]

\*\*Member Declaration—I, (name above), a duly qualified voter of (precinct above) precinct, hereby declare that I am a candidate for Member of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. 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 all elections during the two-year term of the City Committee. [Filing Fee mandatory]

Contributions to the Alexandria Republican City Committee are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes. Contributions meeting the requirements of Federal law may be used in connection with federal elections. Other contributions will be used only for non-federal elections.. To comply with federal law, we must use best efforts to obtain, maintain and submit the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 per calendar year.