



Message From the President



Dear Members,

As I am writing this message, I am watching the coverage on our military strikes against the Assad airbase. We can be proud. Finally, we have a president that has the moral fortitude and courage to act when faced with unquestionable evil.

The Lt. Governors Debate was an outstanding success. Our three outstanding candidates spoke to an enthusiastic sold out crowd in a beautiful venue at the Army Navy Country Club. It was such a successful event that there is talk of the Northern Virginia clubs sponsoring a Governors debate after the June 13th primary. I hope everyone who wanted to attend the Lt. Gov. debate had the opportunity to purchase a ticket before it was sold out.

I have received more information on White House volunteering. They need over 250 volunteers. The White House Director of Agency Liaison has approached the NFRW to help fill important volunteer positions. The positions to be filled are for the White House Comment Line, the First Lady's Correspondence Office, the Student Mail Office, the White House Greetings Office and the Mail Analysis Office. All shifts are for 4 hours; the hours are from 9am – 4pm Monday – Thursday. You can volunteer for 1 day a week or several. You can establish a Regular Permanent Schedule or volunteer for just a few weeks. All positions require volunteers to be somewhat computer savvy. If you are interested, let me know by email and I will share that email with the Director. I have been advised that contact info will be available in the next couple of weeks.

The CWRC Annual Membership reception on April 27th at the Lyceum is shaping up to be a 5 star event. How fantastic to have Gov. Jim Gilmore as our Master of Ceremony and Mercedes Schlapp as keynote speaker. I'm sure she will have insights on news of the day you won't want to miss. Doors open at 7:00pm. Bring a guest, friend or potential member.

Mark your calendars and save the date – Afternoon Tea at Trump Hotel, Saturday June 3rd. This will be a fun event and a chance to see the beautiful and elegant Trump Hotel. Invitations will be going out shortly to all Northern Virginia Republican

**CRWC 56th Annual
Membership Reception**

April 27, 2017


Location: The Lyceum
201 S Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Doors/Bar Open: 7:00pm
Program Begins: 7:45pm



Keynote Speaker: Mercedes Schlapp
Master of Ceremonies- Jim Gilmore

RSVP: <http://CRWC.rsvpify.com>

Our Annual Membership Reception is less than 10 days away! Attached please find the flyer with the event. Feel free to share the flyer around and invite guests to attend the Reception with you.

Please RSVP at <http://crwc.app.rsvpify.com/>

Also - we still need LOTS of help with food and drink donations for the event. Please take a look at the list and see what you can contribute. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4baba822a4f85-membership>

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Women Club Members and Associates. Seating will be limited and tickets will go fast on a "first come, first serve basis", so don't delay in placing your order.

In closing, may everyone have a blessed Easter and joyful Passover season. Best wishes for happiness this spring and throughout the year.

Eileen Brakens

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DEBATE

The Lieutenant Governor's Debate on March 30, 2017, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., was a resounding success. We can thank Linda Bartlett, past VFRW President, for inspiring the northern Virginia Republican Woman's Clubs to join forces and sponsor the debate at the Army Navy Country Club. The Country Club's large and handsome auditorium was filled with enthusiastic Republicans, and the questions



posed by the two moderators, Tom McDevitt, president of The Washington Times, and Melissa Beaudoin of the George Mason Republican Woman's Club concerned important state-wide issues. Each candidate, Virginia Delegate Glenn Davis, Virginia Senator Jill Vogel and Virginia Senator Bryce Reeves, gave good answers and performed well during the hour and a half debate. At the end, one other Republican proved to be the "star attraction." Sitting in the audience with his daughter was G. Gordon Liddy of Watergate fame. Once

discovered, a long line of people, particularly women, had photos taken with Mr. Liddy. He was delighted to pose and to be the center of attention. Refreshments followed. Most of the Commonwealth club members had met earlier at Copperwood Tavern in Shirlington to socialize and eat before the debate. All in all, it was a meaningful and well-organized event. We thank Kate Kurjanowicz for organizing the pre-debate activities.



COMMONWEALTH CONNECTION by Loree Gunn

CRWC Email Policy

It is the policy of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club to NOT send emails to the membership with the email addresses showing. In the future, ALL emails sent to the membership list will be "blind copied" and except FOR the Tempo, will need permission from the President before an email is sent to the entire membership.

NFRW Store

Do you know that the National Federation of Republican Women has a number of Pins and Jewelry, Clothing and Accessories, and Office Items for purchase at very reasonable prices. Go to the NFRW website (www.NFRW.org) and scroll down to the bottom of the page (to store) and buy a number of these interesting items.

VFRW 8th Congressional District Afternoon Tea

Saturday June 3, 2017, 12 noon - 2 pm

Trump International Hotel

1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20004

\$75 per person (includes all taxes and gratuities. This event is open only to Members and Associate Members of the five VFRW 8th CD Clubs.

This is a social occasion, with NO political speakers. It's a time to dress up and celebrate!

Discount valet parking is \$26. Reservation information and additional transportation and parking options will be included in the actual invitation.

Watch the MAIL!!

CRWC WELCOMES SPECIAL GUEST MERCY SCHLAPP

to the Annual Membership Recruitment Reception

April 27 , :00 PM

Lyceum.

Former Governor James Gilmore wil join us to act as moderator, and introduce our special guest speaker.



Mercedes Viana Schlapp is a columnist for the The Washington Times, FOX News Contributor, and former Director of Specialty Media for President George W. Bush in the White House. She frequently appears on FOX News, FOX Business, MSNBC, PBS and CNN as a Republican strategist. A first generation Cuban-American and raised in Miami, Florida, she is fluent in Spanish and also provides political commentary for Univision, Telemundo, CNN en Español and national Spanish radio.

Mercy was a contributor to U.S. News and World Report. She also has written for FOXNews.com, The Daily Caller and The Hill on a variety of topics including immigration, Hispanic and women issues as well as on foreign and domestic policies.

Inspired by her father, who was held as a political prisoner in Fidel Castro's Cuba in the 1960s, Mercy discovered her passion for politics at a young age. Her father's experience in Cuba gave her a clear understanding of the need to protect freedom and democracy in the United States and around the world.

Mercy has worked on both local and national political campaigns including the 2000 and 2004 presidential campaign for President George W. Bush. She also worked at the Republican National Committee where she hosted an on-line show in both English and Spanish and interviewed national surrogates on current events.

As co-founder of Cove Strategies, Mercy develops and implements media strategy for corporate and non-profit organizations. She also works on Hispanic coalition-building efforts and issue campaigns and identifies the most effective ways to reach targeted audiences nationally and/or locally. She also writes speeches and editorials for clients.

Mercy is a native of Miami, Florida, a graduate of Florida International University and received a Masters degree from The George Washington University. She and her husband, Matt, live in Virginia with their five daughters.

Community Lodgings “Spring Forward” on Sunday, April 30

by Linda Greenberg

Community Lodgings is sponsoring its 12th Annual Fundraiser or “Spring Forward” on Sunday, April 30, 2017, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Union Street Public House, 121 South Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The event will showcase Community Lodgings' commitment to the City of Alexandria and spotlight the work they have accomplished. Their goal is to help families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. They also have a Youth Education Program which assists students in school and helps them prepare for a productive future. The Commonwealth Republican Woman's Club has supported the student literacy program and has given generously to their Holiday Gift Store.

Laurie and I have attended previous fundraisers. It is a fun and worthwhile event. Tickets are \$50 in advance (by April 21st) or \$60 at the door. Volunteers/guests under 40 pay only \$40.

To be enjoyed are: Live Music, Silent Auction, Beer & Wine Tastings, Open Bar and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres.

To register call 703.549.4407 or online at www.communitylodgings.org.

2017 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections



April

27 - CRWC Membership Recruitment/ Reception 7:30 PM Lyceum. Former Governor Jim Gilmore - moderator

28 - 30 - VFRW Convention Roanoke VA for CRWC delegates

May

4 - ARCC meeting - 7:30 PM Minnie Howard, 3801 Braddock Road

11 - CRWC Board - 7:30 PM Community Room, Bradlee Safeway

25 - CRWC meeting - 7:30 PM Alexandria Police Station - Wheeler

June

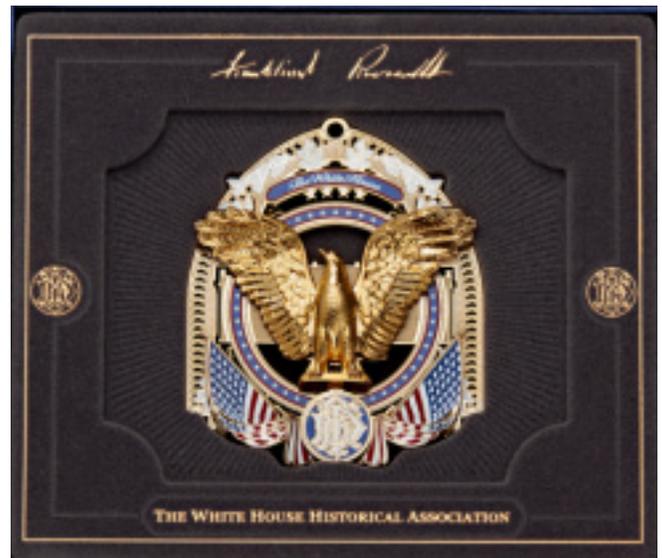
1 - ARCC meeting - 7:30 PM Minnie Howard, 3801 Braddock Road

13 - VA Primary to elect GOP candidate for Gov., Lt., and Att'y General

2017 White House Ornament

CRWC will be selling the official 2017 White House Historical Association Christmas ornament for \$20.00 again this year. 2017 White House ornaments will be on sale at the Lyceum Thursday night April 27. They are beautiful and still only \$20.00. We hope all members will support this CRWC fundraising effort and buy at least one ornament.

Contact: Gail at Donaldgail@yahoo.com



CRWC Name Badge

If you would like a magnetic Name badge, either call or email Gail Ledwig. \$9.00 which includes shipping and handling. to the next meeting. See Gail at the next meeting.

Contact for Gail: 703-823-0975 or

donaIdgail@yahoo.com.

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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**Commonwealth Republican Women’s Club
Membership Application/Renewal 2017**

*Required Information *Date_____

*Name _____

*Address_____

*City_____ *State_____ *Zip_____

*Email _____

*Phone(H)_____ Phone(C) _____

Employer _____ City_____ State_____

New _____ Renewal _____ Membership: Full \$35_____

Associate Members: \$15 _____

If a woman, the name of Primary Republican Women’s Club _____

Make check payable to CRWC and mail to:

Suzanne Morrison

3812 Woodlawn Ct., Alexandria VA 22304

I am interested in participating in the following areas:

___ Achievement Awards ___ Hospitality ___ By-Laws ___ Legislation & Campaigns

___ Community Service ___ Newsletter ___ Fund Raising ___ Press/Public Relations

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

Visit CRWC’s media pages - website: <http://www.alexandriacrwc.org/>, twitter: [@AlexCRWC](#), and Facebook: CRWC - Commonwealth Republican Women's Club