



TEMPO

August 2019

Message From the President



Our summer has ended on a sad note with the passing of our dear friend and colleague Pauline Bacaj. Pauline was always there to help and support the CRWC in so many ways. She fought a heroic battle against cancer, never complaining, always showing a strength of spirit and a smile. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed. A memorial service for Pauline at 2 o'clock September 13 at the

Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home on Braddock Road.

The CRWC Board has continued to meet during the summer months, planning up-coming activities and meetings.

Mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

- Annual Irish Festival, Saturday, August 24th at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince Street in Old Town. It is a family-oriented fun time for all. We need several volunteers to staff the CRWC / Alexandria GOP booth from 11am to 7pm to greet attendees, hand out literature and register voters. Email: information@alexandriacrcw.org if you can help.
- Annual Alexandria GOP BBQ, Sunday September 22nd from 11am to 2pm at Ft. Ward Park, 4301 W Braddock Road, Alexandria Va. 22304.

Annual CRWC dinner meeting, Thursday, September 26th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Clyde's Mark Center, 1700 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Va. 22311. We hope to have Dutch Hillenburg, who is running for Virginia Senate 39th District seat which covers part of Alexandria as our guest speaker. Bethany Torstenston, Regional Field Director, Republican Party of Virginia has agreed to be a guest speaker. Invitations will go out soon.

I hope everyone continues to enjoy the remainder of summer.

Eileen Brackens

*"No dream is too big. No challenge is too great.
Nothing we want for our future is beyond our reach,"*

Donald J. Trump

**Commonwealth
Republican Women's Club
Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2019
6:00 Social, 8:30**

**Clyde's Mark Center
1700 North Beauregard St.
Alexandria, Va. 22311.**

**Guest Speaker.
Bethany Torstenston,
Regional Field Director
Republican Party of Virginia**

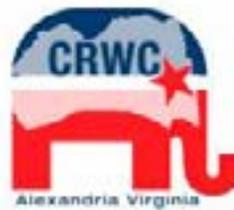
RSVP required
*See invitation for details of
reservations and costs*

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

CRWC Advertisement in the Alexandria Gazette

The CRWC Board voted to put an advertisement in the local newspaper's Newcomer's Guide, published by the Alexandria Gazette Packet. It will be published on August 28, 2019. Here is a sneak peek at our ad:

COMMONWEALTH REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB



Welcomes You to Alexandria!

Join fellow political conservatives and moderates as we put our values to work in our community by promoting Republican candidates, spreading our message, engaging with local officials, and supporting local charitable organizations.

Join us and meet your new friends at CRWC!

Membership dues are only \$35 per year.

Men may join as Associate Members for \$15.

www.alexandriacrwc.org

Authorized and paid for by the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

Our GOP Candidate for Virginia Senate in the West End

We are happy to let you know that Samuel "Dutch" Hillenburg is running for Virginia District 39 Senate seat, which encompasses a large part of Alexandria's West End. Dutch is from Clifton, Virginia and this is his first political race. Several of us had the opportunity to meet Dutch at a recent SUVGOP event. We are looking forward to hosting him at our September to host him ourselves at an event soon.

Check out his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Political-Candidate/Hillenburg-for-Senate-VA-District-39-2166220503668209/> and website <http://dutchforsenate.com/>

Send campaign contributions to: Friends of Dutch Hillenburg, PO Box 46, Clifton, VA 20124.



Linda App, Dutch Hillenburg, Susan Hobbs, Lois Lipson, and Eileen Brackens at SUVGOP's Politics and Pot Luck event in July, 2018

With Deep Sorrow

The CRWC Board sadly informs our members of the sudden passing of CRWC member Pauline Bacaj. Pauline was very active with our club at Farmers' Markets and with our Conservative Book Club. She recently hosted the book club in her home, despite her ongoing battle with cancer.

Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers, especially her daughter, CRWC member Nadine Bacaj. A service is planned for 2 o'clock pm, September 13th at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria on Braddock Road. Reverend John Roddy of St. Andrew and St. Margaret Anglican Catholic Church will officiate.

A reception will follow at the funeral home.

Ar right, Pauline Bacaj toasting the one-year anniversary of the Trump Administration in January 2018.



MEMBERSHIP : *by Susie Miller, VP Membership*

We have one new member this month, which brings our grand total to 73 Members and 24 Associate Members.

Joanna Marino is our newest member. She has already attended a CRWC book club meeting. Welcome Joanna.

You all will be receiving an updated directory in a couple of weeks, once Suzanne Morrison, our Treasurer , reports our new members to the Virginia Federation Republican Women



MAKE OUR CLUB STRONG AND HELP IT TO GROW



CRWC Board Meets with Bethany Torstenson, Regional Field Director Trump Campaign

Bethany Torstenson, the Regional Field Director for Republican Party of Virginia was a special guest at our August CRWC Board meeting. We plan to have her speak to the club in September as we work toward election victories in November 2019 and 2020!

Photo above.:Linda App, Eileen Brackens, Susan Yonts-Shepard, Bethany Torstenson, and Suzanne Morrison.



CRWC Seeks New Fundraising Chair for 2019-2020

After serving for several years as our fabulous Fundraising Chair, Laurie Kirby is stepping down. If you are interested in serving as our new Chair for fundraising efforts, please contact any of our Board members.

2019 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

August 2019

14 - **Trump Victory Training**, Alexandria GOP HQ 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

24 - **ARCC/CRWC Booth** at the Alexandria Irish Festival needs volunteers, Waterfront Park, 1 Prince Street,

31- CRWC Book club meets

September 2019

22 - **Alexandria GOP Annual BBQ** 11am-2pm at historic Ft Ward Park, 4301 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria VA 22304.

26 - **CRWC Dnner Meeting**, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Clyde's Mark Center, 1700 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Va. 22311.



CRWC MEMBERS ACTIVE AROUND TOWN



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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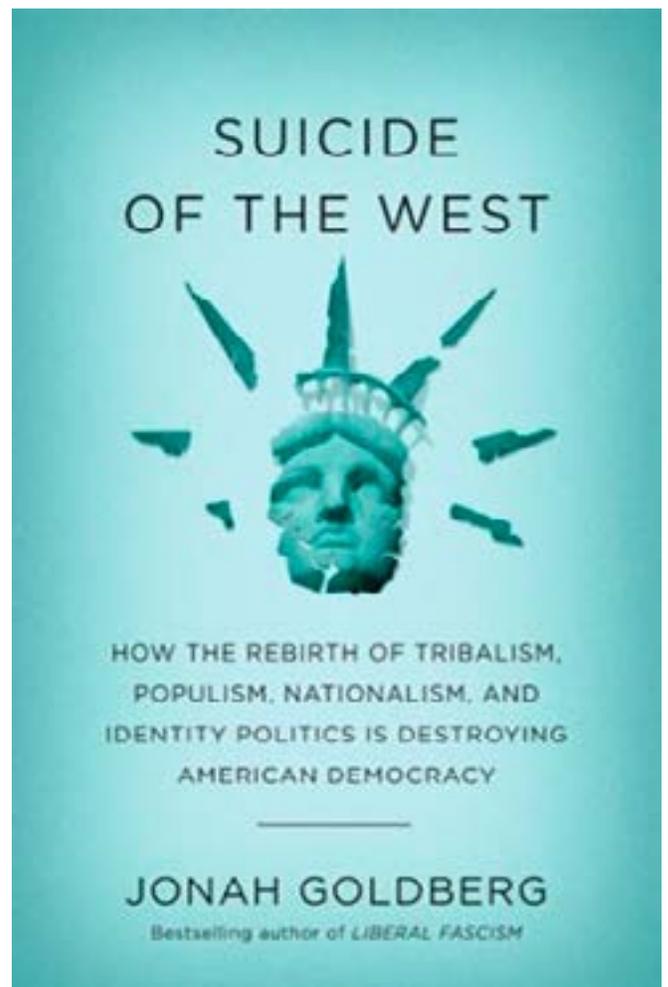
CRWC Book Club *by Susan Yonts-Shepard*

For July we read Jonah Goldberg's book, [Suicide of the West How the Rebirth of Tribalism, Populism, Nationalism and Identity Politics is Destroying American Democracy.](#) Goldberg writes in an easy to read style and his research is very good. The book contains an excellent bibliography of his sources if you want more information on any of the topics he covers. He is also masterful at one liners that sum up some deep and critical thinking. One of the more interesting points he makes is how capitalism destroyed slavery. The very notion that an individual could sell his or her labor or skill to someone else was a completely new concept. Communism, Fascism, any of the isms he notes are all "command economies" and yet are always sold to the people as good for the social order. Ultimately they all lead to forced labor by everyone. You no longer work for yourself. You work for the State. And the State decides what you get in return for your labor. Very different from a willing seller and a willing buyer deciding what your talent and labor are worth. Socialist societies you are paid what you are paid, or not, it is dependent on the State. Capitalism gives you the option to walk away and find someone who will pay you what you are worth.

In discussing "Identity politics" Goldberg notes identity politics is exactly what you see in governments led by absolute monarchs, dictators and even the caste system in India. You, as part of a class, tribe, caste, or type are ascribed a status; you have not achieved a status due to your own effort. Identity politics is manufactured tribalism. "It is the heart of the aristocracy and the soul of nationalism. Identify politics may be a modern term but it is an ancient idea. Embracing it is not a step forward but a retreat to the past."

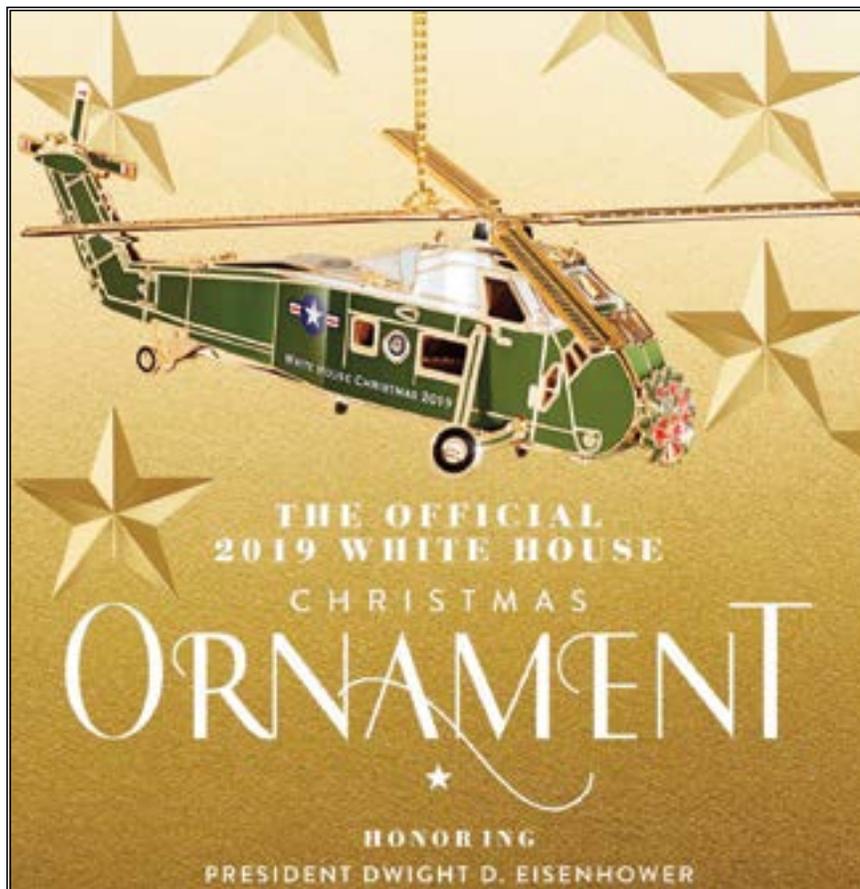
On religion Goldberg notes that Christianity recognizes that every person is due a certain measure of justice and every person is obliged to respect others as children of God. The Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is the seed from which grew the concept of the individual. (ed. Individualism is a concept missing from Islamic teachings.) Goldberg also notes the notion that God is watching you even when others are not is probably the most powerful civilizing force in all of human history. He quotes author C.K. Chesterton "When men choose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they then become capable of believing in anything."

And finally a couple of pithy quotes from the book: "We drown in information but we starve for knowledge." And a quote we thought should be included in all Republican literature/handouts "The Government can improve your net worth with a check, but it cannot improve your self-worth."



**JEAN KLINGE HAS SOLD OVER 100 ORNAMENTS.
How many have you purchased and/or sold?**

The White House Historical Society 2019 Ornament



President Eisenhower was the first President to use helicopters for his personal transportation. Helicopters were fast and flexible. He was impatient when sitting in traffic and with a helicopter he did not have to inconvenience other motorists when he traveled. *U.S. News and World Report* remarked that "Mr. Eisenhower is far ahead of any previous President when it comes to conveniences and conveyances ... with the addition of two helicopters ... the President will have a vehicle for every occasion."

With gift box and descriptive brochure. Ornament is 24 karat gold-plated brass.

Contact the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club. Cost: from 1 to 10 ornaments \$25 each, for 10 or more \$20 each. Linda Greenberg -- lin-daroseveargreenberg@comcast.net or 703.461.6992. We accept cash, checks, or charges.



**Commonwealth Republican Women's Club
Membership Application/Renewal 2019**

*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](https://twitter.com/AlexCRWC), and Facebook: CRWC - Commonwealth Republican Women's Club



You Are Cordially Invited
To the
Commonwealth Republican Women's Club
Annual Fall Dinner Meeting

September 26, 2019

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30; Program at 7:30

Cost: \$50.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity

Chesapeake Room - Clyde's at Mark Center
1700 Beauregard Street.
Alexandria VA 22311

Special Guests:

Dutch Hillenburg, VA 39th Senate District candidate
Bethany Torstenson, Regional Field Director, Republican Party of Virginia

Dinner Menu

Salad:

Mixed Greens Salad

Entrée Selections:

1. Sausage Ragu Pasta
2. Baked Chicken
3. Vegetarian

Dessert:

Cheesecake

Beverages:

Soda, Coffee, Tea, Cash Bar

Please RSVP with Entrée selection and payment to:
Suzanne Morrison, 3812 Woodlawn Ct. Alexandria Va. 22304

Or PayPal payment at: Alexandriacrwc.org

By September 19, 2019

Free Parking is provided by Clyde's