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Michael Clinkscale, GOP Candidate for VA House of Delegates, Dist. 45; Thomas McDevitt, Chairman of The Washington Times; and Eileen Brackens, President of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC) at the annual CRWC Membership Reception at the Lyceum.

## Washington Times Chairman McDevitt Speaks on the Sacred Role of Citizenship

ALEXANDRIA, VA –

The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC) held its annual Membership Reception for members, potential members, spouses, and guests at the Lyceum history museum with guest speaker Thomas P. McDevitt, Chairman of The Washington Times (TWT). McDevitt spoke on "The Sacred and Central Role of Citizenship: Being Informed, Connected, and Engaged."

McDevitt addressed the political divisiveness in the nation today that can discourage citizen participation in politics. He spoke of the need for conservatives to thoughtfully and actively engage with political opponents and voters. He said opponents should not be considered enemies, and that offering practical solutions to problems can help win hearts and minds. He criticized the phenomena of celebrity journalism and its negative impact on the objective, factual reporting that citizens need.

McDevitt spoke of journalism as a calling and of the industry's moral responsibility to readers and to the nation as a whole. News should be written in a way that is interesting, informative, and objective. He shared information about how The Washington Times is striving to make its news more accessible with new technologies, and provided other insights into the news business.

The event was attended by many local Republican former officials and candidates, as well as Michael Clinkscale, the only announced GOP candidate for Virginia's House of Delegates, District 45. Former officials in

attendance included Frank Fannon and Bill Cleveland. Former candidates included Thomas Oh, Micah Edmond, Monique Miles, and Sean Lenehan, who now serves as the Chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC).

CRWC is the Alexandria chapter of both the Virginia and the National Federation of Republican Women (VFRW and NFRW). CRWC encourages local conservative women of all ages to become more politically involved by helping support and elect Republican candidates to public office at the local, state, and national levels. The club also has a conservative book club and organizes activities to support charitable organizations. More information is available at [www.alexandriacrwc.org](http://www.alexandriacrwc.org) . ARCC (at [www.alexgop.org](http://www.alexgop.org) ) is the Alexandria chapter of the national Republican Party.

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CRWC Board members and guest speaker: Susie Miller, Sally Linderman, Laurie Kirby, Thomas McDevitt (Chairman, The Washington Times), Linda App, Linda Greenberg, Susan Yonts-Shepard, Eileen Brackens (CRWC President).



Shirley Miles, Monique Miles, Florence King at the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club's annual Membership Reception at the Lyceum.



Laure Kirby, CRWC Board; Thomas Oh, 2018 GOP candidate for Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; Geraldine Oh; Olga Kenedy; Thomas McDevitt, Chairman of The Washington Times at the CRWC annual Membership Reception at the Lyceum.



Thomas McDevitt, Chairman of The Washington Times and Sean Lenehan, Chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC) at the CRWC annual Membership Reception at the Lyceum.



Thomas McDevitt, Chairman of The Washington Times and Micah Edmond, 2014 GOP candidate for Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.



Frank Fannon, GOP former member of Alexandria's City Council, and Bill Cleveland, GOP former Vice Mayor of Alexandria at the CRWC annual Membership Reception at the Lyceum.