



TEMPO

MARCH 2019

Message From the President



I think we have turned the corner – spring is right around the corner and in no time we will be setting up our table at the Old Town Market on the corner of King and Fairfax Streets promoting the Alexandria GOP and our candidates for State House and Senate elections in the fall.

As expected, the February membership meeting program on the proposed 2020 City Budget was very informative. We had a great turnout and an active Q and A that was hard to wrap up because there were so many questions and comments. We also made the presentation of scholarship fund gifts in memory of Loree Gunn to Jody Rushton, National Federation of Republican Women President. Jody graciously accepted the gifts on behalf of the NFRW with kind and thoughtful words of Loree's many contributions to the NFRW and VFRW. Special thanks to Linda App for arranging this very special meeting and Margaret Ann Jenkins, our new hospitality chair assisted by Nadine Bacaj for the variety of snacks and refreshments.

Linda is arranging another information program for our March membership meeting on how to use social media. To date, I have avoided being a twitter person, so I am looking forward to being educated. We will also select our delegates to the Annual VFRW convention at this meeting. This will be a dinner meeting and I can attest – the food is very good at Glory Days Grill. So, please plan on attending and I will see you on March 28th.

Eileen Brackens

"We will vote for the country we want.

We will vote for the future we want.

We will vote for the politics we want.

*Join me in taking back our country and creating
a bright and glorious new dawn for our people."*
Donald J. Trump

Commonwealth

Republican Women's Club

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Place:

Glory Days Grill

Private Party Room

**3141 Duke Street,
Alexandria, VA 22304**

Time:

6:00 Dinner (each pay own tab)

7:30 Meeting & Program

Speaker:

**Dena Espenscheid of the
Leadership Institute**

Subject:

**"An Introduction to
Social Media"**

Guests welcome.

Bring a friend

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

CRWC PROGRAM: *by Linda App, VP Program*

Come early for dinner at 6:00 pm (bring a spouse or friend) in the private party room at Glory Days Grill at 3141 Duke Street. There is plenty of free parking. Our meeting with program speaker, Dena Espenscheid of the Leadership Institute, begins at 7:30pm. She will be giving us a 'hands on' presentation on how to use social media. This will be fun!

In anticipation of our March 28 meeting on Social Media, CRWC members may want to get a preview of Twitter. Google the words "Twitter #MAGA" and that will be a good place to start. Or use this link: <https://twitter.com/hashtag/MAGA?src=hash> Once there, just read some tweets and click on the embedded live links, and you will get the hang of how it works. You will see some of the funniest things ever! You'll also see that both conservatives and liberals use the same #MAGA hashtag to get their message across.

Then you'll be better prepared to learn how we can use Twitter to help our candidates.

Other fun hashtags(#) to check out are: #realDonaldTrump & #FakeNews

Bring with you:

- Your iPad or laptop or cell phone if you want help setting up your account.
- Ideas for a clever name/handle like "Smoky Bandit" and backup ideas if it's already taken. You can also use your real name.
- Ideas for your password to use to open a Twitter account



March Speaker - Dena Espenscheid

Director of Grassroots Coalitions The Leadership Institute

Immediately prior to joining the Leadership Institute, Dena was the Field Director for Donald J Trump for President in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC. As such, she oversaw ballot qualification, volunteer recruitment and training, and got out the vote efforts during the primaries. Then-candidate Trump won three of the four primary contests and had a better-than-expected showing in DC.



Dena graduated from Thomas More College in Northern Kentucky with degrees in Biology and Speech Communication. Dena serves the Leadership Institute as the Director of Grassroots Coalitions, where she travels the country training conservatives to be political masterminds. When she is home from LI training trips, she lives in Quantico, Virginia with her houseplants.

MEMBERSHIP : *by Susie Miller, VP Membership*



I am pleased to announce our membership is up to 45 Members and 11 Associate Members. That is an increase of 8 paid members and 8 new associates. I also have a check to submit for another member, so each month we are seeing increases. I have a new goal to set. Jane Ring at our board meeting informed us that we actually had 120 members at one time, I am just not sure what year it was.

I need every member's help to reach that goal. Be sure to invite a friend, neighbor or acquaintance to a meeting. Share your Tempo with them. The last page of the Tempo is a membership registration form and address where to send it with their check.

Our big membership drive will be the Lyceum event, April 25. Please extend an invitation to 5, you will be surprised the number of people who will want to attend because of the speaker and location.

February Meeting Report *by Linda App, VP Programs*

Lisa Henty, Assistant Director, Alexandria's Office of Management and Budget, was the guest speaker at the CRWC February meeting. The meeting was held at City Hall. Henty gave a presentation of the City's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposals that are currently being shared with the community for comments in advance of being finalized in May. CRWC members had submitted some questions in advance, and came prepared for a lively discussion.

Also, CRWC President Eileen Brackens reported that the club's efforts to raise funds for the scholarship and internship programs of Pathfinder, Inc. had reached over \$2,200. The funds were raised by members of CRWC and the Alexandria Republican City Committee (ARCC) to honor the memory of Loree Gunn, who had been extremely active in Alexandria's Republican circles. Eileen presented the funds collected to Jody Rushton, President of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), the sponsor of the non-profit Pathfinder, Inc. Thanks to all CRWC members who contributed!



"Potluck and Politics" Dinner Club *by Linda App, VP Programs*

We had a great response to our first dinner club get-together on Feb. 22 at Glory Days Grill. Almost 30 members, husbands and friends turned up to socialize and talk politics. Our next meeting will probably be in May, since we have the Lyceum event in April. Stay tuned.

Here are a few photos from the dinner. (By the way, the food at Glory Days was fabulous! Please patron this great establishment!)



photo credit: Gerald Chandler

HOSPITALITY REPORT: *by Mary Margaret Jenkins & Nadine Bacaj*

For March Meeting, as it is being hosted at Glory Days, we need no food or drinks brought in.

BUT, In preparation for the Annual Membership Reception (see flyer on page 9), we will need all hands on deck. Please begin to think what you may be able to bring/donate.

This is the link for items - we are using - this electronic sign-up sheet

Signup Genius a free to non profits online program. You will need to set up your email address.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B49A9AD2CA2FE3-april>



CPAC and CRWC

It was the best CPAC ever! Four solid days of conservative speakers, campaign training, and other fun events. President Trump set a record for speaking over two hours! Several ARCC/CRWC members attended CPAC, bringing husbands and family members along.

The dates for CPAC next year are Feb. 26-29, 2020. Mark your calendar now for the most exciting CPAC in Presidential election year history! (We've already concluded that next year we won't have the CRWC meeting during CPAC week! It was difficult to do both this year.)

There were so many of us attending that we couldn't all coordinate for a complete group photo, but here is what we did manage to photograph:



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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2019 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

February 2019

27 - March 2 - CPAC at National Harbor

28 - CRWC Membership City Hall, Sisters City Meeting Room 7 Social, 7:30 Meeting

March 2019

7 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School – 7:30 PM

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Alexandria, Va.

14 - CRWC Board Meeting, TBA

28 - CRWC Membership Meeting, Glory Days Grill, Something New! Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

Come early (6:00pm or later) to the party room for dinner or just a quick bite and/or a drink and some socializing.

April 2019

4 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School – 7:30 PM

11 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. – 7:30 PM

25 - CRWC Annual Membership Reception at Lyceum, S. Washington St. 7:00 PM

27-28 Virginia Federation of Republican Women Convention, Norfolk, Virginia

May 2019

2 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School – 7:30 PM

9 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. – 7:30 PM

23 - CRWC Membership Meeting, TBA

June 2019

7 - A Fox on the Fairway FUNdraising event at Little Theatre of Alexandria – 7:30 PM

13 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. – 7:30 PM

CONSERVATIVE BOOK CLUB *by Susan Yonts-Shepard*

Our book of choice for March was *We Wanted Workers* by Dr. George Borjas. Everyone was very impressed with the book. It is an honest look at immigration from the last major wave of immigrants to enter the US in the early 1900s to the current day. We all felt Borjas did a good job of putting to rest some of the more extreme beliefs on all sides of the immigration issue. And unlike some in academia these days he is very honest with his findings and interpretation of those findings. He admits he is a son of immigrants, it make a distinction between those people who come as refugees and those who self-select. The people who self-select are more likely to assimilate into the US because they want to be here. He points out that many of the current policies we have for immigrants actually work against them being a part of society at large and allow them to live in enclaves were they don't have to learn English and don't have to assimilate. All of which works against them and the US economy.

The take-away ideas from the book : 1) We must have secure borders; 2) compensate native Americans who are displaced by immigrant labor; 3) give up on trying for comprehensive immigration, fix pieces of the problem like chain immigration, require English language skills; 4) no birthright for illegals; 5) do away with State welfare programs they act to disincentives immigrants; 6) and finally the most surprising recommendation, get rid of affirmative action programs.

Two more interesting notes from the book; 46 percent of high school dropout immigrants are on welfare and most of them live in California. Borjas says that 98 percent of the benefits of immigration goes to the immigrants. And we disincentivize workers every time we increase the minimum wage. It is important that people work and work up the career ladder.

Stay tuned for information about the next book club. Our regular meeting would be Easter weekend so changes are being considered.



COMMONWEALTH REPUBLICAN

WOMEN'S CLUB (CRWC)

INVITES YOU TO OUR

MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

FOR MEMBERS, POTENTIAL NEW
MEMBERS, AND INVITED GUESTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

7:00 PM

The Lyceum: Alexandria's
History Museum

201 S. Washington St.

Alexandria, VA 22314



EACH YEAR, CRWC HOLDS THIS
EVENT TO BRING LOCAL
REPUBLICANS TOGETHER TO HEAR
A POPULAR SPEAKER, MEET OTHER
CONSERVATIVES, AND ENCOURAGE
INVOLVEMENT IN CRWC, LOCAL
GOP ORGANIZATIONS, AND
CAMPAIGNS.

We would love to have you join us!

Free Buffet and Wine Bar
7:00 – 7:30 pm

Program Begins 7:30 pm

Special Guest Speaker:

Thomas P. McDevitt
Chairman

The Washington Times

RSVP to
info@alexandriacrwc.org

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. Online go to www.alexandriacrwc.org

A Fox on the Fairway at The Little Theatre

Now is the Time to Snag Your Tickets for A Fox on the Fairway at The Little Theatre of Alexandria

Our tickets are printed for A Fox on the Fairway scheduled for June 7, 2019! Remember the \$40 ticket price includes a pre-play reception (so, no need to eat before arriving) and includes a champagne intermission with dessert! As a bonus this year, we hope the weather will permit us to hold our reception in the outdoor courtyard at Little Theatre of Alexandria.

A Fox on the Fairway is an old-fashioned comedy described as:

“A charming madcap adventure about love, life and man’s eternal love affair with...golf. (Ken) Ludwig’s play will take you on a hilarious romp that pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and romantic missteps, this furious paced comedy recalls the best of the Marx Brothers’ classics.”

What’s Not To Like ?!!!

Tell each of your friends and family members about this always enjoyable event! Tickets will be available for purchase during the next Alexandria Republican City Committee meeting as well as at the next CRWC monthly membership meeting. Flyers will also be available at these meetings so that you may take them to grocery stores, nail salons and other places you frequent.

And, for the first time ever, you may purchase tickets online at <http://alexandriacrwc.org/fox> and pick up your tickets at the theatre on the night of the performance!

What Could Be Easier ?!!

Ladies and gentlemen, this is CRWC’s biggest annual fundraiser and the chief means by which CRWC supports our local Republican candidates financially—please plan to attend, please reach out to your friends and neighbors and please spread our flyers far and wide—we have 213 seats to fill and we can fill each one, with your help and support!

We look forward to welcoming you, your friends, your family and prospective CRWC members at 7:00 pm at Little Theatre of Alexandria on June 7, 2019!

Note:flyer on next page

Laurie Kirby (703) 220-1067 KirbyL2@aol.com

Heads Up: The Annual Lyceum Event is April 25th!

A reminder to mark your calendars now for our April event at the Lyceum, when everyone needs to remember to help host by bringing ready-to-serve food on platters, tiered trays, etc. for a beautiful and tasty buffet of savory and sweet items. Use the attached invitation to invite your friends. More info to come.

During our March meeting, we will briefly discuss and vote for five members to represent our club at the convention in Norfolk. We still have slots available for interested members. So far, we have Eileen Brackens, Susan Yonts-Shepard, and Susie Miller interested in attending. Details are provided in a separate e-mail from VFRW that you should all have received by now.

Red Hat Walkers Club

Well, the weather has been working against us, so we haven’t had our first walk yet. Our first walk will probably be in early April. See Linda App if you’d like to join the e-mail list for the walking club.





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KEN LUDWIG'S

a fox on the fairway

written by **Ken Ludwig**
produced by **Luana Bossolo**
and **Russell Wyland**
directed by **Scott Strasbaugh**

A charmingly madcap adventure about love, life, and man's eternal love affair with . . . golf. Ludwig's play will take you on a hilarious romp that pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and romantic missteps, this furious paced comedy recalls the best of the Marx Brothers' classics.

JUNE 7, 2019

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

JOIN US FOR

CRWC'S ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

at

The Little Theatre of Alexandria

600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Tickets **\$40.00**

including pre-show buffet and
champagne intermission

Tickets available from Laurie Kirby:

By phone: **703-220-1067**

By email: kirbyL2@aol.com

Online:

<http://alexandriacrwc.org/fox>

Buffet: **7:00 p.m.** Show: **8:00 p.m.**



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](#), and Facebook: CRWC - Commonwealth Republican Women's Club