



# TEMPO

May 2019

## Message From the President



Oh, what a Night! Many thanks to Linda App, Susie Miller, Mary Margaret Jenkins, Susan Yontes-Shepard, Linda Greenberg, Mike Lane, George Croft and all the volunteers and food and wine contributors. Special thanks to Bill Cleveland for movingly reciting the Republican Creed. Your contributions made our Annual Membership reception a huge success. Special recognition is due to Linda App for the room setup and

beautiful decorations and for engaging Thomas McDevitt as our guest speaker. His presentation was thought provoking and well received by all. Thank you, Linda for all you do for CRWC. I've been advised by Susie Miller that 20 new or renewed members signed up at the reception. This speaks volumes about the favorable impression our club is making with the Republican citizens of Alexandria.

The day after our CRWC reception, Paula Potoczak, Teri Hauser and I were in Norfolk Virginia attending as delegates the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW) convention. The convention planners did a superb job putting together a fantastic program with inspirational speakers and informative breakout sessions. Of special significance to CRWC, the convention adopted a resolution in Memory of Loree Gunn which is published in this issue of the Tempo. In addition to greatly appreciating VFRW's recognition of Loree, I proudly accepted on behalf of our club the VFRW Certificate of Excellence 2018 Unit Achievement SILVER Award. I wish more of our members could experience attending a VFRW convention. I highly recommend it. Next year's convention will be held at Liberty University in Lynchburg Virginia. I understand that the University will still be in session and the students are anxious to welcome the VFRW to their campus. In addition to normal convention activities, tours of the campus and local historical sites are being planned for attendees. I hope we can make a strong Alexandria presence at Liberty University next year.

I know everyone has busy schedules and things to do this time of year but during the next 4 weeks, there are three events I urge every CRWC member and associate member to attend. First on the agenda, our monthly membership meeting will be held in the Community Room at Police Headquarters on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. Police Chief Brown will be our guest speaker. I understand he is a great speaker – you won't want to miss his presentation.

**Message** *continued on page 2*

**Commonwealth  
Republican Women's Club  
Membership Meeting  
Thursday, May 23, 2019  
7:00 Social, 7:30 Program**

**Alexandria Police Dept.  
Headquarters, Community Room,  
First Floor, 3600 Wheeler Avenue,  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
Speaker, Chief Michael L. Brown**



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

By now you should have received your email invitation to the VFRW Suffrage Fundraiser on Sunday, June 2nd, 2-5 pm at the Lorton Workhouse, Lorton Va. This event will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Senate's passage of the 19th Amendment. As you know, the 19th Amendment guarantees all American women the right to vote. The Lorton Workhouse is a historic site where some women of the suffrage movement were imprisoned. The CWRC Board enthusiastically endorses this event and encourages all CRWC members and guests to attend. As I said in last month's Tempo, it is important that Republican Women retain the narrative of this important milestone in the history of our country. The link to purchase tickets is included in this issue of the Tempo.

And last but certainly not least is CRWC's Annual Night at the Theatre on Friday, June 7th at 7pm. This is our club's annual fundraiser; we need your support to make this another CRWC success. So, call Laurie Kirby or go to the CRWC web site today to purchase your tickets. You will enjoy a pre-show buffet, champagne intermission and a comedy theatre show. At \$40 per ticket, this must be the best deal in town.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our May 23rd Membership meeting.

Be a good Republican and be proud to support our President who is working so hard to "Make America Great Again".

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

## **CRWC PROGRAM REPORT:** *by Linda App, VP Program*

### **May 23 Meeting at Police HQ: Wear Blue!**

For our May 23 meeting, we will be back at Police Headquarters. In honor of National Police Week in May, our special guest speaker will be Police Chief Michael L. Brown. Virginia (Ginny) Obranovich from the Alexandria Police Foundation will also be attending. We Republicans are big supporters of law enforcement officers who hold that dangerous thin blue line between order and lawlessness. Let's all wear the color blue to show our support!

It's going to be a surprise, but CRWC will be making a contribution to the Alexandria Police Foundation. The Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit, so if you would like to bring your own personal tax-deductible contribution (checks only – payable to the Alexandria Police Foundation) to add to the contribution envelope, slip it to Eileen before the meeting begins.

You may also want to bring your checkbook to buy White House Christmas ornaments, and time is running out to buy tickets to our June 7 Little Theatre fundraiser The Fox on the Fairway.

## **MEMBERSHIP :** *by Susie Miller, VP Membership*



Our Lyceum Event certainly was a boon to our membership roll!!

Our **Full Membership** has increased from 52 members last month to 65 this month.

Our **Associate Membership** has increased to 20 members last month our associate membership was 11.

One of our new Associate Members, Michael Maibach gave a generous donation to our club.

Thank you Mike for your support and encouraging your associates and friends to join the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club.

I am happy to report that I have 2 more members to add to our membership in June.

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**

## Report from April Membership Reception Meeting *by Linda App, VP Program*

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Our speaker, Thomas McDevitt, Chairman of the Washington Times, drew a big crowd to hear him speak on the topic "The Sacred and Central Role of Citizenship: Being Informed, Connected, and Engaged." Our VP of Membership, Susie Miller, reports a record-breaking number of new members signing up to join CRWC.

Our event made the Alexandria Gazette newspaper.

See link here, page 6. <http://connectionarchives.com/PDF/2019/050819/Alexandria.pdf>



### Red Hat Walkers Club



We finally had our first walk! We had a great time talking and walking. We'd welcome more women, including those with kids in strollers or adults in wheelchairs. Let's Roll!

Susan Hobbs has offered to be the Walking Club Coordinator, so please contact her to join the e-mail distribution list for walking dates and times. [SusanAHobbs@comcast.net](mailto:SusanAHobbs@comcast.net)

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



The next Dinner Club will be on **Thursday, May 16 at 6:00pm – 8pm.**

Location is Atlantis Family Restaurant in Bradlee Shopping Center, 3648 King Street, Alexandria VA 22302. Easy, free parking. Pay for what you order (plus tax and tip, of course). The restaurant has asked for an estimated number of diners to ensure good service, so we need folks to RSVP.

Please **RSVP** with number attending to: [linda.app@comcast.net](mailto:linda.app@comcast.net) by Noon, Monday, May 13.



# Resolution

By the Virginia Federation of Republican Women

In Convention

Norfolk, Virginia

April 26-28, 2019

## *In Memory of Loree Gunn*

**WHEREAS**, Loree Gunn of Alexandria, died on November 15, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, Loree was a lifetime Republican political activist who served on many VFRW convention committees, on the Board and as President of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club and as Secretary of the Alexandria Republican City Committee;

**WHEREAS**, Loree was born on December 25, 1941, graduated from Michigan State University, engaged in a successful Wall Street career, and moved to Alexandria in the late 1970's where she quickly became involved in local Republican organizations and campaigns;

**WHEREAS**, Loree then moved to Richmond in 1964 to work in the Administration of newly-elected Governor George Allen, where she was known to assist all the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

**WHEREAS**, Loree continued to contribute even after her health began failing by working diligently to have Rosie the bus visit Alexandria during the 2016 Trump campaign and was often as inspiring presence promoting the Republican Party and candidates at the Old Town market and Irish festival;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the VFRW hereby notes with great sadness the loss of Loree Gunn, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Recording Secretary of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women prepare a copy of this RESOLUTION for presentation to the family of Loree Gunn as an expression of our deepfelt gratitude for and love of Loree and all that she did in support of the Republican Party.



# 2019 Calendar

## *Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*

### May 2019

23 - CRWC Membership Meeting, Police Community Room 7:30pm. See page 1

### June 2019

2 VFRW Fundraiser - Celebrates 100th Anniversary of the US Senate's Passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Lorton Workhouse, Lorton VA. 2-5pm. See page 7.

7 A Fox on the Fairway FUNdraising event at Little Theatre of Alexandria – 7:30 PM. See page 9

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

25 - CRWC Meeting - TBA

## AN OPPORTUNITY

Suggested by Linda Greenberg, a friend of Janice McLaury, Janice McLaury, a former CRWC member, who now lives in Fairfax, has a new job with Moss Building & Design. She thought the programs Moss offers might be of interest to our members. Basically Moss offers free workshops for women who want to tackle home maintenance jobs but who need help in learning how. The idea is to empower women to tackle home maintenance projects themselves. A workshop has 10 or more women and a Moss pro as well as a hands-on opportunity to try out newly-learned skills under Moss's watchful eye. The workshops are hosted locally during the week. Subjects include: design, hang it, power it (how to use common power tools for household, patch it and how to lay tile and use grout. Sounds very helpful. For more information contact Janice at [Community@MossBuildingandDesign.com](mailto:Community@MossBuildingandDesign.com) or call her at 703.961.7707 or visit them on Facebook.

Janice is one of the teachers and loves her work. And she is an experienced “handywoman,” who has a good sense of humor.

**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/CRWC-Commonwealth-Republican-Women's-Club)

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## Thank you Members!

At the recent VFRW Convention, the **Commonwealth Republican Women's Club** was awarded a Certificate of Excellence Silver Award for all of the hours you devoted to working for the party and its candidates in 2018.

Give yourself a warm hug!

And keep up the good work. Our candidate for Virginia Delegate, Michael Clinkscale could sure use your dedication in 2019.



## ARCC Event with Former Governor Bob Erlich

Commonwealth Women joined the Alexandria GOP on May 9th for the party's Reagan-Lincoln Reception with former Maryland Governor Bob Erlich.





## The Virginia Federation of Republican Women

Invite you to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary  
Commemorating the Senate's Passage of  
the 19th Amendment - Women's Right to Vote

Date: June 2, 2019

Time: From 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Morton Workhouse Arts Center,  
9518 Workhouse Rd., Morton, VA 22079

### Sponsorship levels:

\$800 Lilac Table of 8 with 8 pins

\$800 Gold 6 tickets, 6 pins, 1st tier seating

\$500 Purple 4 tickets, 4 pins, 2nd tier seating

\$200 Yellow 2 tickets, 2 pins, 3rd tier seating

### Tickets for the VFRW Fund

#### Raiser

\$50 Individual ticket

\$20 Student

\$20 Suffragist jail door pin  
(pewter)

Send check orders to: Beverley Cavataio, 3813 Bell Manor Ct., Falls  
Church, VA 22041. Please email [SecondVP@vfrw.org](mailto:SecondVP@vfrw.org) and  
[Treasurer@vfrw.org](mailto:Treasurer@vfrw.org) to reserve the tickets or confirm online payment.



The head of the suffragist parade in Washington, 1913. (Wikimedia Commons)

## A Fox on the Fairway at The Little Theatre

The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club is pleased to invite you to join us for an evening at the Little Theatre of Alexandria ("LTA") beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2019.

Our event will begin with a finger food buffet served in the outdoor courtyard (weather permitting) followed by an old fashioned slapstick comedy, a champagne intermission and A Fox on the Fairway's final act.

We would love to have you join us!

Tickets may be purchased with a check payable to CRWC or purchased online using the link shown on the flyer on page 8. If you would like your tickets mailed to you, please call me on the number below. Or, you may pick them up that evening at the theatre.

We hope to see you there!

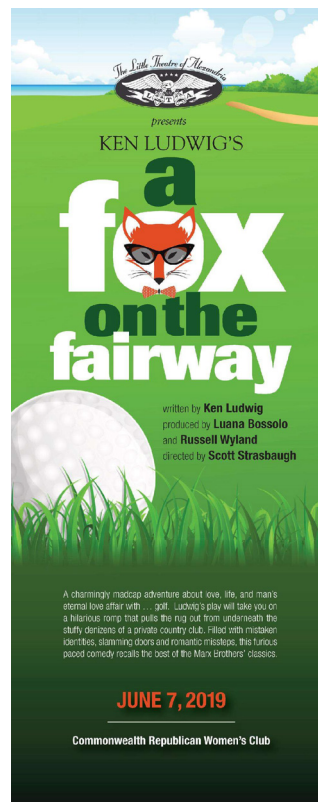
Many thanks!

Laurie

Laurie Kirby, Fundraising Chair

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

703-220-1067 KirbyL2@aol.com



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](mailto:kirbyl2@aol.com)

Online:

<http://alexandriacrwc.org/fox.html>

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

See page 8 for full color flyer

## 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 -- [lindaroseveargreenberg@comcast.net](mailto:lindaroseveargreenberg@comcast.net) or 703.461.6992. We accept cash, checks, or charges. Online go to [www.alexandriacrwc.org](http://www.alexandriacrwc.org)

## White House Ornaments 2019

*by Linda Greenberg, Ornament Sale Chair*

A note about the White House Ornaments: We have purchased 300 ornaments this year and hope to sell most for \$25./each. This and The Fox on the Fairway are CRWC's fundraisers. The money from both fundraisers supports local candidates. Jean Klinge in Bryce Virginia has taken 100 to sell to her friends; we have 200 for our local friends and ourselves. Please reach out to neighbors or former CRWC members through Facebook or other social media.

I sold one last week to Malinda Hunter who was a member eons ago, now lives in Chattanooga, TN, and has kept in touch through Facebook. Please help us raise money for our candidates.

See page 9 for full color flyer





presents

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**

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## 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