



TEMPO

September 2019

Message From the President



Thanks to everyone who showed up at The Irish Festival. It was a glorious, beautiful day; the best weather we have had all summer. We met many friends, neighbors and first-time visitors to our city. We registered a few voters, signed up Trump Campaign volunteers, introduced the Republican Creed to many and provide an opportunity for our candidates to meet and greet the festival attendees. A good time was had by all!

It was nice to see so many of our members at Pauline's Memorial service. The family memories of Pauline were moving. Her granddaughters reading of Pauline's written memory of coming to America, seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time, her fear and trepidation and eventually growing to love her adopted country was especially touching. Pauline was so proud to be a U.S. citizen. Her patriotic spirit will be greatly missed.

We need volunteers to staff the Old Town Market Square table at the corner of King & Prince Street every Saturday, October 5th – November 5th, from 8:00 – 11:00 A.M. Just show up – we will be there.

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

Annual Alexandria GOP Annual BBQ, Sunday September 22nd from 11am to 2pm at Ft. Ward Park, 4301 W Braddock Road, Alexandria Va. 22304.

Annual CRWC dinner meeting for candidates, Thursday, September 26th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., Clyde's Mark Center, 1700 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Va. 22311. Dutch Hillenburg, candidate for Virginia Senate District 39 and Bethany Torstenston, Trump Campaign Representative for Northern Virginia will be our guest speakers. The 2020 CRWC officer slate will be announced at the meeting.

Eileen Brackens

"No dream is too big. No challenge is too great.

Nothing we want for your future is beyond our reach,"

Donald J. Trump

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Dinner Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2019
6:00 Dinner, 7:30 Program

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

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

Special guest
Samuel "Dutch" Hillenberg,
GOP candidate for
Virginia Senate, District 39

RSVP required
*See invitation for details of
reservations and costs on page 9*

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

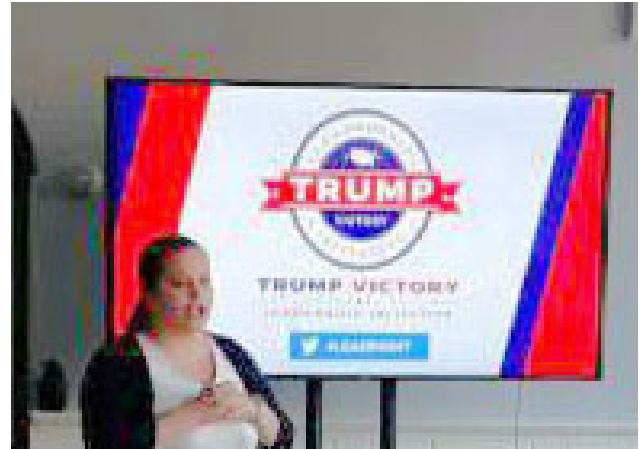
CRWC's Annual Dinner Meeting September 26



Dutch Hillenberg

Please join us at Clyde's for our Annual Dinner Meeting and meet our special guests, Samuel "Dutch" Hillenberg, the GOP's candidate for Virginia Senate, District 39 (parts of Alexandria, Fairfax and Prince William counties) and Bethany Torstenson, Regional Field Director for the Republican Party of Virginia.

It will be a fun night with great food and political talk. See detailed information on the attached invitation included in this Tempo newsletter. You can RSVP online.



Bethany Torstenson

Saturday Volunteers Needed for GOP Table

We will have a table at the Saturday Oct 5 Art on the Avenue event in Del Ray and the October Saturdays Farmers Market in Old Town. We need your beautiful faces to help us show a strong Republican presence in Alexandria. Meet old friends and make new friends. Contact any of our Board members for details.



Eileen, Laurie, Gregory, and Susan were among the volunteers at our table for the Irish Festival in August.

MEMBERSHIP : *by Susie Miller, VP Membership*



Our membership is up to 74 women this month. Please welcome our newest member, Salina Greene.

The associate membership total is now 25. Our newest associate is Julie Wade.

Don't forget to sign up for our September Dinner Meeting at Clyde's Restaurant. It is a wonderful time to meet and greet old and new members.

MAKE OUR CLUB STRONG AND HELP IT TO GROW

White House Ornaments

The ornaments are selling like “hot cakes.” Get yours now.

They are perfect holiday gifts or year-round decorations. See the full page photo and description on page 7

The White House Historical Society 2019 Ornament



Write-In Rumors for November 2019 Races

With only one Republican (Dutch Hillenberg for Senate District 39) on any ballot in Alexandria (and only in the West End, at that), there are rumors that we may have some local Republicans willing to have their names put forward as write-in candidates to send a message to the Dems. The word would spread via a social media campaign. Stay tuned.



DJ Jordan for Virginia House of Delegates !!!

Volunteers needed starting September 20th to do postcards. Monday-Friday until November 2nd. Everyone should volunteer at least one day to make DJ Jordan the 31st district delegate from Virginia. Call 571-595-6912. Location: 12535 Dillingham Square Woodbridge, VA.



Absentee Voting OPENS Friday, Sept 20, 2019

In-person absentee voting for the November 5, 2019 Election begins on Friday, September 20 and continues through Saturday, November 2. You may complete your application when you come to vote. Virginia's photo ID requirements apply to absentee voters who cast their absentee ballot in person. Voters who do not have acceptable ID may apply for an ID (and receive a temporary ID) at the same time they come to cast their in-person absentee ballot.

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/elections/info/default.aspx?id=1720>

Nominations Committee Report *by Linda Greenberg*

The Nominations Committee, Linda Greenberg, Chair, Eileen Brackens, Mary Margaret Jenkins and Laurie Kirby, has selected the following slate for 2020.

President: Linda App
Program VP: Susie Miller
Membership VP: Lauren Waldron and Laurie Kirby – co-chairs
Treasurer: Suzanne Morrison
Recording Secretary: Salina Greene
Corresponding Secretary & Web Mistress: Jan Bates
Photos and bios of the candidates will be presented in the October Tempo.

In addition, there are many committee chairs open. Please consider how you can help the club and advance our Republican goals by chairing or helping on a committee. Committees such as hospitality, community service, political reporting at the local, state or national level, fundraising, outreach at farmers' markets, or special events, etc., are in need of woman-power.

The slate will be presented formally to the membership at the September meeting at Clyde's. It will be voted on at the November meeting and the new board will be installed at the December meeting.

With Deep Sorrow Pauline Bacaj Obituary

Pauline Robert Bacaj, 84, passed away August 1, 2019 at her home in Alexandria after a yearlong struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Pauline was born June 6, 1935 in Verviers, just east of Liege, Belgium. She graduated from Lycee Liege and earned a degree from the University de Liege before studying at Universita per Stranieri di Perugia, in the geographical center of Italy. It was there she met Dr. Taullah Bacaj.

The two married in September 1956 in Liege, and remained so until Taullah's passing in 1996. They returned to Italy and lived in Perugia until 1960, when they immigrated to Toledo, Ohio.

Pauline and Taullah moved to Alexandria in 1961. She was active in the community, where she served as a volunteer in the Emergency Room at Inova Alexandria Hospital for 20 years and was a member of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club.

Pauline is survived by her children, Faton (Lynne), of Encinitas, Calif.; Patrick (Elizabeth), of Morgantown WVA; and Nadine, of Alexandria; her grandchildren Eric (Becca), Jason, Robert, Carolyn, Alexandra, William and Paul; and great-grandchildren Hudson, Sawyer and Everly.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Inova Health Foundation, Bacaj Memorial Education Fund, 8110 Gatehouse Road, 200E, Falls Church, Va. 20042 (memo code A720).

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2019 at Everly- Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 Braddock Road, Alexandria, Va. 22302 immediately followed by a reception for her family and their guests.



2019 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

September 2019

20 - Absentee Voting Opens

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

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

28 - CRWC Book Club at Linda Greenberg. see article page 6

October 2019

24 - **CRWC Meeting**, Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 6thFl, Semonian Boardroom 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, VA

November 2019

8 Election Day



CRWC - October Meeting

October 24, 2019

Guest Speaker: Lisa K. Van Riper

Director, Enterprise Communications

Alexandria Renew Enterprises



An Introduction to AlexRenew and its Operations and Plans
To Ensure a Sustainable Water Future for Alexandria

NOTE :New location:

Alexandria Renew Enterprises

6th Floor Semonian Board Room, 1800 Limerick Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

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*

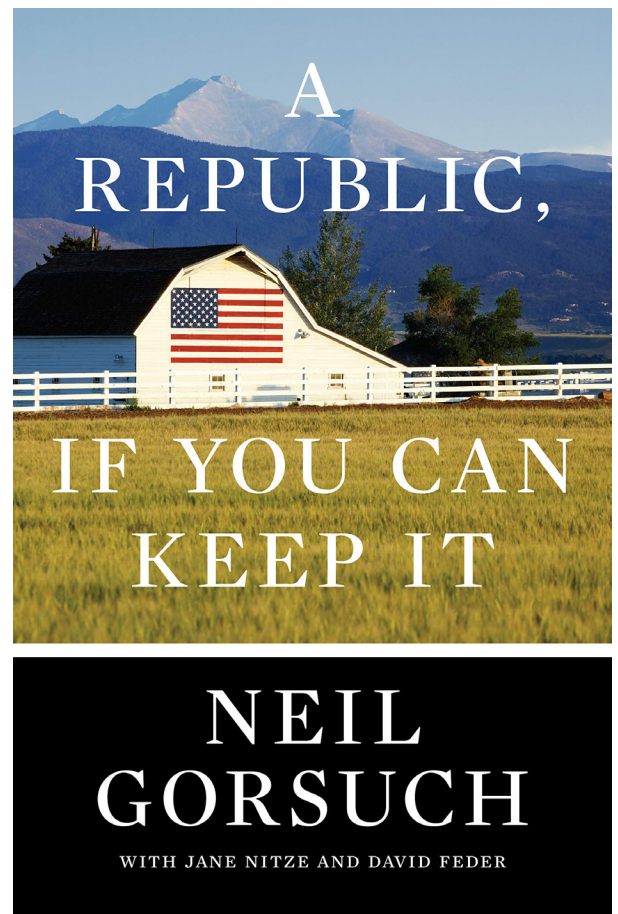
August Book Club Report

Our September meeting we took on a different project to read. The Manhattan Institute publishes a handbook of policy issues that represent a conservative view and offers possible remedies for urban problems. Linda Greenberg and Jan Bates took the lead for our discussion of Permits as part of the administrative state and Housing, primarily affordable housing.

Linda began the discussion asking if anyone had recently tried to get a new driver's license or a building permit or anything that required "permission" from the City. If so the first thing you will notice is the term "user friendly" is not in anyone's vocabulary which it come to forms posted on the internet. That is assuming you can find the correct forms. And if you've ever gone to the DMV you just know you are going to have to wait, and pray you have the correct information they need or you are forced to repeat your horrible experience at a later date. One example in the policy paper was NYC. There are over 6000 rules, 200 licenses, 15 organizations you might have to deal with. For any new construction or renovations to your home you might need 30 permits and require 23 separate inspections all costing you money. Alexandria is not quite that bad yet. But as we discussed requiring permits, licenses, inspections are stealth ways to increase revenue for cities, counties and States through the administrative state. Many people don't even know this large and growing group of government employees exist, much less what it is up to at the direction of City Councils, Mayors, etc. At the very least local governments should make this process as painless and easy to complete as possible. After all it is your money.

The housing issue was focused on California and how indirectly Proposition 13 has caused a major problem for housing in the State. It has only been made worse by a one-party controlled legislature. Prop. 13 said that property taxes could not go up for current residents; only when you sell does the new residents get hit with the new level of property taxes. This keeps people in their homes for longer times and it hits younger people in the market for the first time with a huge tax hit when they buy. It also forces municipalities to find other sources of income to feed the administrative state and social programs. Factor in all the permits, licenses, restrictions, and zoning that the legislature has affixed to the cost of new building and you get very expensive cost to rent or buy. That is assuming you can build in the area. Many times you can't due to zoning restrictions. All of this and more has created a stark two tier society: those with money who can afford to buy and those who can't. This situation goes a long way of explaining the number of people living in the streets of Silicon Valley. They may be employed but cannot afford to live close to where they work. Some possible solutions include: commercial corridors to include mixed housing, market rate properties, smaller living units, and where there is now shopping centers and strip malls, add mixed usage for dwellings.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 28 at Linda Greenberg's house and we will be discussing, *A Republic, If You Can Keep It*, by Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch. Please join us for an lively discussion!



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](#), 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