



TEMPO

October 2019

Message From the President



Many thanks to everyone who joined us at the September Membership meeting at Clyde's Restaurant. Dutch Hillenburg, our candidate for Virginia Senate District 39 gave us an update on his campaign. He was optimistic that a Republican win in District 39 was possible and very appreciative of our club's campaign donation. Bethany Torstenson, Field Director for the Trump Campaign also spoke to the gathering. She advised that the Trump campaign is committed to winning in Virginia in 2020. But first, we must hold on to the Virginia State Senate and House of Representatives. There is so much at stake. Everyone in Senate District 39, please get out and vote for Dutch on November 5th .

Linda Greenberg announced the CRWC nominating committee 2020 officer recommendations at the September Membership meeting. Candidate bios are included in this issue of the Tempo. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated women willing to step up and take these leadership roles. The nominating committee report will be officially presented at the October meeting; elections will take place at the November meeting and induction into office at the December meeting. Please make every effort to attend these meetings to fulfill your responsibilities as a CRWC member and to show support for our new officers.

You don't want to miss the October Membership meeting on October 24 at the Alexandria Renew Enterprise Building, 1800 Limerick St. Alexandria, Va. 22314 for another reason. This is a new location for the CWRC membership meeting. I have been told the meeting space/conference room has the most beautiful view in town. During the program portion of our meeting there will be a presentation on River Renew a major initiative to achieve cleaner, healthier waterways in Alexandria – an issue that is important to all of us.

We still need volunteers to staff the old town market square table at the corner of King & Prince Street every Saturday, until November 5th, from 8:00 – 11:00 A.M. Just show up – we will be there.

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, October 24, 2019

7:00 Social,

7:30 Meeting & Program

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

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

GOP Senate Dist. 39 Nominee Dutch Hillenburg Campaigning Around Alexandria



As you probably know, there is only one Republican's name that will be printed on any ballot in Alexandria City this November 5: Senate District 39 with Republican nominee "Dutch" Hillenburg <http://dutchforsenate.com/> Dutch has been busy campaigning in Alexandria's West End and elsewhere, and CRWC has been helping him! Remember to tell your friends to vote for Dutch! He should be able to take this seat back from the Democrats! See our website for a link to his district map.



At the September Dinner at Clydes

CRWC President Eileen Brackens hands over a significant contribution to Dutch Hillenburg, Republican nominee for the Senate in District 39, Alexandria.

CRWC - October Meeting Guest Speaker

Lisa Van Riper is Director of Communications at AlexRenew, the water resource recovery facility for Alexandria, Virginia and parts of Fairfax County. She created the communications department, established an outreach practice, and led the rebranding of AlexRenew as Alexandria's Water Transformers. Van Riper was also Assistant Vice President, Communications at University of Richmond. She led development of a digital marketing strategy, and oversaw two website redesigns. She was the founding Assistant Vice President of Public Affairs at CarMax, establishing its communications practice. At CarMax, she led grand openings and store marketing, and got CarMax named a Fortune 100 Best Company to Work For. The teams Van Riper has led have

won almost 50 awards. She is Vice Chair of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Strategic Communications Committee, a cheer mom for her daughter's cheer team, and provides assistance to those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.



White House Ornaments

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CRWC Members are Write-In Candidates for General Assembly!

You all know that the November 5, 2019 elections will determine the balance of power in Virginia’s General Assembly (and the potential legalization of late-term abortions if Democrats gain the majority). In Alexandria City, there are Democrat incumbents on the ballot running unopposed in all districts but one (Senate District 39 with Republican nominee “Dutch” Hillenburg <http://dutchforsenate.com/>) because it is difficult to find Republicans willing to run for office (sacrificing a lot of time and effort) to get on the ballot in an area that typically votes around 70% Democrat.

However, some CRWC members and associate members have stepped up to be write-in candidates to give moderate and conservative voters a chance to display opposition to the liberal Democrat agenda. These folks are not officially endorsed by the Republican party, are not professional politicians, and never intended to run for public office. They are simply fellow citizen-neighbors who are willing to “step into the arena” in this symbolic way.

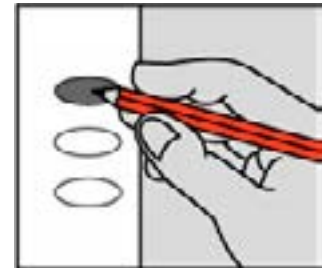
The write-in candidates are:

Hazel Anne Miller, Senate District 30, Republican, Write-In candidate.

Peter Benavage, Senate District 35, Republican, Write-In candidate.

Eileen Marie Brackens, House District 45, Republican, Write-In candidate.

Gerald Chandler, House District 46, Republican, Write-In candidate.



Names MUST be spelled correctly, **and** the little circle next to the hand-written name MUST be filled in for your votes to be counted.

More information can be found on these Alexandria write-in candidates on our homepage at: www.alexandriacrwc.org



Absentee Voting OPEN until Saturday, Nov 2

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.

The slate was 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.



Linda App ~ President

(MBA/CPA) worked for thirty years in the fields of banking, public accounting, and government financial management. She currently serves as the CRWC 1st VP of Programs. Over the decades, she has served on a variety of boards in the fields of education, homelessness, the arts, and child protection, as well as on her church finance committee. Currently serves as on the Board of Agenda: Alexandria as Secretary. She is married and has two sons, both Eagle Scouts.

Susie Miller~ Program VP

Like so many of us in Northern Virginia, I was raised in the military, Dad was Army, and I moved with my parents and brother and sister to many assignments such as Verdun, France and Ankara, Turkey and lived in Ft. Monroe, Va, now a decommissioned fort with a moat. We moved to Annandale, VA and my parents retired there. My husband, Lou and I have 2 children, our daughter was born in California and our son in Ohio. We have lived all over the country, Wheeling, St. Louis twice, San Diego, San Francisco, Chicago, Atlanta, Cleveland, Houston and Fairfax. We seem to have a wander lust, as we have lived in D.C., Brunswick, GA and Alexandria since we retired. We also lived on a sailboat, but always had a home port. Our furthest sail, with our yellow lab, was a 7 day sail to Bermuda, then back again. Most of our time on the boat was spent in the Bahamas, but our last 2 winters was in Key West, Florida.



I have always been a Conservative and voted Republican, except for the year I voted for Ross Perot. He, too, was against NAFTA. Of course, because of my vote and 20% other Americans, Bill Clinton became President. I guess you could say "that was a hard lesson." I was a member of the Washington, D.C. Republican Party and then a member of the Golden Island Women's Republican Party when I lived in Brunswick, GA. That was a wonderful experience. I learned that women can make real changes, because they have the perseverance and fortitude to get things done

Lauren Waldron and Laurie Kirby ~ Co-Membership VPs



Lauren Waldron is the Associate Director of Marketing of the Society of Marketing Professional Services, where she manages the non-dues and product marketing strategy for the association's events and programs as well as serves as a spokesperson and lead for the association's public relations strategy. Currently, she is on the Board of Directors of Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society. Ms. Waldron previously was the Senior Public Relations Specialist of Venable LLP, where she served as a spokesperson for the organization and handled media relations for key partners of the firm and the Regulatory and Legislative and Government Affairs Practices. Waldron also was a Marketing Specialist for the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), where she was responsible for the marketing

and communications strategy to advance the social work profession. In March 2017, she was appointed by the District of Columbia Mayor, Muriel Bowser, to serve as the Commissioner for the Commission on National and Community Service (SERVE DC). She also serves on the Communications and Outreach Committee for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Ms. Waldron has a certificate in Digital Media and Marketing from Duke University and has a B.A., cum laude, in Political Communication and American Government from George Mason University. Lauren happily resides in Old Town North in Alexandria with her West Highland White Terrier, King Henry.



Born in the Lakes Region of NH, Laurie Kirby grew up as a Navy brat, residing primarily in Virginia's Tidewater Region during her grade school years. Following graduation from high school in NH's Monadnock region, Laurie received her B.A. in English Literature from Keene State College and her MA in Accounting from Georgetown University.

In 1990, she married Ron Kirby and the couple made their home in Manassas, VA where they raised Ryan and Tressa Kirby. Ron and Laurie moved to Alexandria in 2006 and Laurie retired during 2015 from her position as director of administration for the DC office of the NYC-based law firm, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

These days, Laurie spends as much time as possible in Great Falls, VA watching granddaughter, Alexa, 2.5 years and grandson, Dean, 1 year old, as they journey all too rapidly through childhood.

Laurie was inducted into P.E.O.'s Chapter J during 2017. She enjoys gardening, traveling and following national politics. Laurie has been a proud member of CRWC since 2007. daughter, Alexa, 2.5 years and grandson, Dean, 1 year old, as they journey all too rapidly through childhood..

Suzanne Morrison ~ Treasurer

Agreeing to a second term as Treasurer, a long time Realtor with Mceneaney Associates, Inc in the Old Town office, Suzanne is a member of the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Virginia Association of Realtors (VAR) and the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR). In addition, she is a graduate of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Marketing and Selling Historic Homes.

For many years she has actively volunteered with TWIG, raising funds for Alexandria Hospital, volunteered for the Historic Garden Week tour and recently with the Alexandria Symphony (SOLA) and her homeowners association. She and husband James reside in Alexandria



Jan Bates ~ Corresponding Secretary & Web Mistress:

I am a retired programmer/analyst, technical writer, and technical translator. Born and brought up in the UK, I had the great good fortune to meet my husband Gerry while we were both working in France. I moved with him to the US in 1978 and when retirement rolled around in 2012, we chose to settle in the DC area to be close to the beating heart of American politics. Soon after settling here, we met Bruce and Linda Greenberg and through them were introduced to the CRWC and the ARCC and have been members ever since. For the past two years, Gerry and I have manned a table for the GOP at the West End Farmer's Market. I served as Recording Secretary in 2015-2016.

BOARD OPENING

Salina Greene, the nominee for Recording Secretary, just learned she is moving. Consequently, we are looking for a Recording Secretary. A Recording Secretary takes the minutes at the Board and General Meetings. Please consider if this is something you could do. It is a great way to become involved with CRWC activities and the decision-making process. Taking minutes about the meeting is easy. Please contact Linda Greenberg at lindaroseveargreenberg@comcast.net or Eileen Brackens at ebrackens@comcast.net.

2019 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

October 2019

24 - **CRWC Meeting**, Alexandria Renew Enterprises, 6thFl, Semonian Boardroom, 6th floor, 1800 Limerick Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

November 2019

5 - **Election Day**

7 - **ARCC Meeting**

14 - **CRWC Board Meeting**

21 - **CRWC Meeting**. 7pm Social; 7:30 Program. Guest Speaker: Michael Maibach on "The Importance of the Electoral College" Location TBD.

December 2019

CRWC Holiday Party, Date and location TBD

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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A Republic if You Can Keep It by Neil Gorsuch

“A Republic if you can keep it,” was Benjamin Franklin’s response when asked at the end of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, “what kind of government would you propose?”

Gorsuch’s book discusses the challenges we face maintaining our republic. His focus is on the judiciary branch.

At the end of the book he reflects on a question asked of him during his confirmation hearing? “How will you know if you were a good judge?” I couldn’t help but think we could ask each other, “How will you know if you were a good Republican or good conservative?”

Neil Gorsuch is an Originalist and a Textualist. By that he means that his criteria for judging a case concerning the U S Constitution is: What was the original intent of the writers? He is a Textualist because his criteria is: the simple understanding of the wording in a statute (or law).

He rejects the idea that because the U S Constitution was written in the 18th century, the words and concepts do not apply to life today.

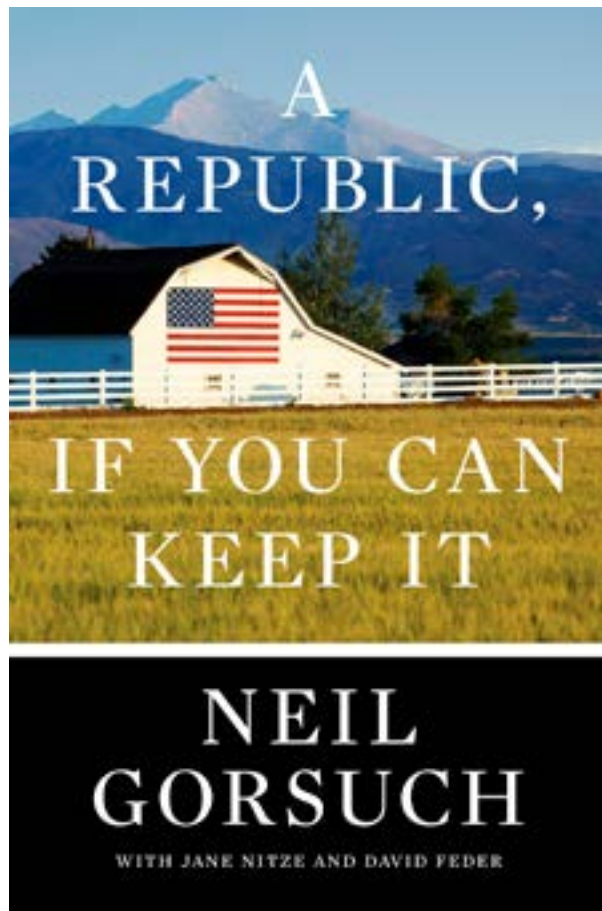
Those that disagree with him are Purposivists and Consequentialists. The former think the spirit of the statute or its primary purpose, deduced through legislative history, is more important. The latter think the U S Constitution should be interpreted to arrive at the best outcomes for society.

However, legislative history or precedent can change and interpretations are subjective. What Gorsuch argues for is minimal subjective decisionmaking.

He is also concerned about the number of agencies that run our government and are not elected or subject to the overview of the electorate. They govern in effect. Congress has abdicated its constitutional power.

A question was also raised: When we consider Alexandria’s city government – does it– not an elected body – shape our laws and procedures to a much greater extent than the elected city council.

At the next book club meeting we will discuss Michelle Malkin’s new book *Open Borders, Inc. Who’s Funding America’s Destruction.*



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:

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