



Message From the President



Happy new year to all.

It is nice to have a reprieve from the frigid cold weather. Let's hope it lasts. But I really shouldn't complain after seeing what the people in New England are enduring.

On the good news front - we have a couple of things to cheer about. The House and Senate passed a good, much

needed tax reform bill and President Trump signed it into law on December 22, 2017. And in Virginia, the Republicans will maintain control of the House and Senate. We have all heard the expressing "every vote counts". No better example of this is the election in the 94th district which came down to a tied vote. Delegate Yancey won the drawing on January 4th. The Republicans now have a slim 51 to 49 majority in the House of Delegates.

Do you have some spare time to offer to the CRWC? We are looking for a Hospitality Chair for the March and May Membership meetings. If you are interested in getting more involved and helping the club, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact me for more information.

I hope to see you at the Membership meeting on January 25th which will be held in the Community Room at Police Headquarters on Wheeler Road. Start the year off right; join us and bring a friend to the first meeting of 2018.

Looking ahead to February, start making your plans to attend our annual fund raiser event on February 23 at the Little Theater of Alexandria. A lovely pre-show reception is being planned. I promise – a good time will be had by all. The funds raised will be used to support our city council candidates - 2018 is an election year.

Eileen

Politics make it possible, but women make it work!

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Thursday, January 25, 2018

Alexandria Police Dept Community Room 3600 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304

SPEAKER TBA

President:

Eileen Brackens

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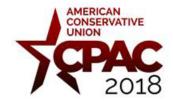
Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Pfeil

Recording Secretary: Krista Price

COMMONWEALTH CONNECTION by Loree Gunn

2018 VFRW Legislative Day in Richmond





Join CRWC Members Attending the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) By Linda App, VP Membership

Several CRWC members will be attending CPAC in February at nearby National Harbor, and we would love to get an even larger group to attend with us! Also, we are in discussion about having/sharing a display table in the Exhibit Hall with other local area GOP groups. If you have never been to CPAC, I can attest to the utter fabulousness of it! Inspiring speakers, incredible energy, and wonderful articulation of conservative ideas. Plus, it's great to be in the presence of thousands of other people who share your values. Discount tickets are available for Veterans, Seniors, and Students. The Wednesday Activism Bootcamp is free.





Preparing and Promoting Conservative Women Leader

Ladies,

We would like to invite your members to our January Conservative Women's Network lecture and brunch on Friday, January 26 at noon. We host these monthly events with The Heritage Foundation at their headquarters on Massachusetts Avenue. Attendance is free, but do require an RSVP so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you for distributing to your members.

I look forward to meeting many of you on January 26 to hear Anna Smith Lacey.

Best regards, Cindy Rushing

Conservative Women's Network Friday, January 26, 2018 at Noon Featuring Ann Smith Lacey Event Address: The Heritage Foundation

214 Massachusetts Ave NE Washington DC 20002-4999

Click here for RSVP



Anna Smith Lacey, Executive Director of the Hungary Initiative Foundation, will be the featured speaker at the January 26th Conservative Women's Network luncheon. Her presentation will focus on socialism.

Born and raised in Budapest, Hungary, Anna previously served in the Hungarian Foreign Ministry as U.S. Desk officer and subsequently as political attaché at the Hungarian Embassy in Washington.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Happy New Year Everyone! Thanks to all of those who have paid their dues early. For everyone else, here is your reminder that your dues are due NOW! Please bring your check and filled-out form to the meeting on January 25th, or mail them in as directed on the attached form. As always, think about inviting a friend to the meeting who might be interested in joining us.

Membership Totals as of January 10, 2018

Regular Members: Only 20 New/Paid or Renewed/Paid of 74 on our roll

Associate Members: Only 7 New/Paid or Renewed/Paid of 23 on our rolls



CRWC presents Community Lodgings, Inc. donations of childrens books and items for their annual Christmas Shopping "Shop". Linda Greenberg introduced Sarah Foote, the Volunteer and Development Coordinator for Community Lodgings

CRWC earned a Bronze Award from the National Federation of Republican Women for its activities in and services to the community.





The Commonwealth Club has been pleased to support the work of Community Lodgings – opening doors to independence since 1987 -- by giving books to students and gifts for the students' gift store.

This year is the 30th anniversary of Community Lodgings work in Alexandria. Community Lodgings is celebrating the occasion with an Anniversary Gala on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at the Belle Haven Country Club, from 6 to 10 p.m. It will be a very festive evening with dinner, dancing, a live and silent auction and special awards presentation.

In addition, there will be an Open Bar and live entertainment by The Intruders.

You can register at http://geni.us/gala or phone 703.549.4407 or email gala@comunity-lodgings.org. Tickets are \$125 for individuals and \$100 for young professions (30 and under). Black tie is optional.

This is a community organization with a mission CRWC enthusiastically supports: to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through transitional housing, affordable housing and youth education programs.

Hope to see you there. Linda Greenberg,

703.461.6992 or lindaroseveargreenberg@comcast.net

2017 Holiday Meeting and Installation of Officers







2017 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

FEBRUARY 2018

Feb.1 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School

Feb. 8 @ 7:30 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ TBD

Feb. 17 @ 11:45 a.m Book Club Meeting @ TBD

Feb. 23 @ 7:00 p.m CRWC Fundraiser "The Audience": @ Little Theatre of Alexandria,

600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314,

Tickets \$35.00 including reception and champagne and dessert intermission

Click here for details

MARCH 2018

Mar. 1 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School

Mar. 8 @ 7:30 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting @ TBD

Mar. VFRW Dues due

Mar. 17 @ 11:45 a.m Book Club Meeting @ TBD

Mar. 22 NFRW Legislative Day, Capitol Hill

Mar. 22 @ 7:30 p.m. - Monthly Meeting @ TBD

Mar. 23-24 NFRW Spring Board Meeting @ Washington, D.C.

Apr. 5 @ 7:30 p.m. ARCC monthly meeting @ Minnie Howard School Apr. 12 @ 7:30 p.m. CRWC Board Meeting

Apr. 21 @ 11:45 a.m Book Club Meeting @ TBD

Apr. 26 @ 7:00 p.m Membership Reception: The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Apr. VFRW Convention

Apr. Republican Party of Virginia Convention

2017 White House Ornament

CRWC sold the official 2017 White House Historical Association Christmas ornament for \$20.00 again this year. Four unsold ornaments will be available at the CRWC January 25 th Meeting. Contact Gail Ledwig at donaldgail@yahoo.com if you are interest in one of the four available.

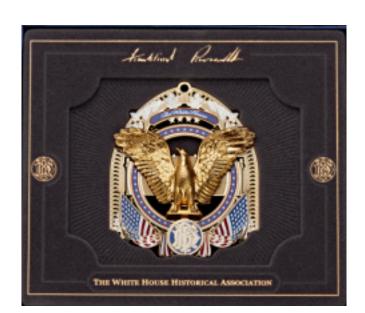
CRWC Name Badge

If you would like a magnetic Name badge, either call or email Gail Ledwig. Bring \$7 to the next meeting.

Contact for Gail: 703-823-0975 or

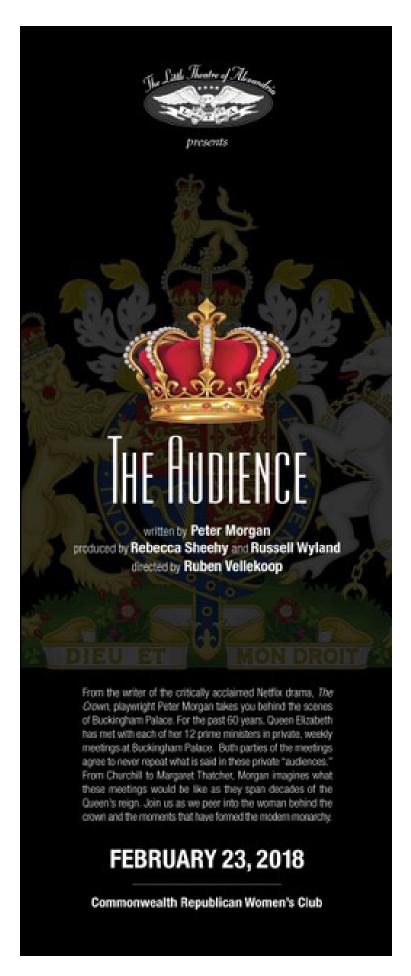
donaldgail@yahoo.com.

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's 2018 Fundraiser by Laurie Kirby

Please plan to join us on the evening of Friday, February 23, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. during CRWC's pre-performance reception at The Little Theatre of Alexandria followed by *The Audience*, a play which offers us a glimpse of what life may be like behind the scenes at Buckingham Palace during Queen Elizabeth's weekly meetings with her many Prime Ministers!

The Audience does not include an intermission but there will be time during the pre-play Reception to enjoy refreshments and to purchase a potentially winning ticket for some fabulous prizes--imagine going home with an Ivanka Trump purse! Winners will be announced just prior to the performance.

We hope you and one or several friends and family members will be in attendance. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased during our January monthly meeting or from any of our Fundraiser Committee members: Susan Yonts-Shepard, Phyllis Sintay, Vikki Birkett, Sara Matar or by calling me, Laurie Kirby, on 703-220-2067.

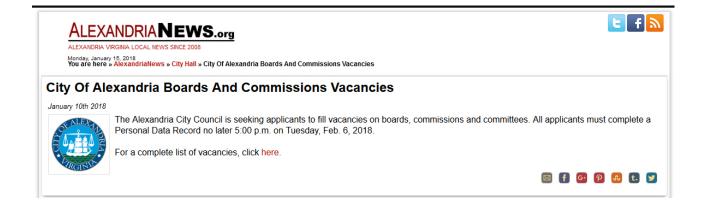
We would also like to hear from you if you can volunteer to be an usher, help replenish food from kitchen to serving tables, help set up pre-performance or clean up post-performance. And, finger food donations (e.g. shrimp cocktail, cheese and crackers, cookies or bottled water) will be greatly appreciated!

CONSERVATIVE BOOK CLUB by Susan Yonts-Shepard

At our last meeting we discussed the book, Clinton Cash by Peter Schweizer. Our timing couldn't have been better given the news about the Clinton Foundation and ties to Russia. Schweizer makes a compelling case for where ever the Clintons go, cash and business deals for them and their friends soon follow. The author makes it clear that he hasn't put a legal case together but he has done a great job tracking business deals, favored nations status and other perks that appear under the Clintons. After reading the book, we all decided the Clinton Foundation was nothing but a cash cow for their personal use. What is truly sad about the Clintons quest for cash is the innocent people they leave in their wake. A perfect example of this was the Clinton Foundation's "work" in Haiti. As near as anyone can tell they awarded contracts for disaster relief to donors and friends. What work was done to help Haiti was incidental to the cash flowing into and from the Foundation to Clinton business associations and donors.

Our next meeting is January 20th. We will be meeting at Linda Greenberg's house. The book for January is Hillybilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, by J.D. Vance. Please join us; there is always room for more. Just bring your lunch and join in the discussion.







Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Application/Renewal 2018

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Make check paya	able to CRWC and	mail to:	
Suzanne Morrison			
3812 Woodlawn C	t., Alexandria VA 2	2304	
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Other community	, civic or club activ	ities I am involved in:	

Visit CRWC's media pages - website: http://www.alexandriacrwc.org/, twitter: @AlexCRWC, and Facebook: CRWC - Commonwealth Republican Women's Club