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February 2018

Message From the President



Dear Members,

Well, according to the ground hog, there are 4 more weeks of cold weather to endure. But don't let that deter you from stepping out on February 23rd to attend CRWC's reception and sponsored showing of

the Audience at the Little Theater of Alexandria. This is CRWC's main fund-raising event for the year. The club needs your support. I look forward to seeing you there. Tickets can now be purchased on-line at: www.alexandriaCRWC.org

I have many thanks to make this month. I am happy to announce that Susie Miller is our new Hospitality Chair. Many thanks to Susie, for stepping up and taking over this important responsibility for the Club.

Thanks to Kerri Kupec for arranging Jeanne Mancini, President of the Annual March for Life to speak at the January Membership meeting. Jeanne gave an uplifting talk on the successful 2018 march, and the important work of the organization's nationwide Pregnancy Care Centers.

Thanks to Linda Greenberg for getting the club some good press. An article and picture of the CRWC Book club toasting President Trump on the anniversary of his first year in office was published in the Zebra Press and On-line Alexandria News

Thanks to Linda App, Loree Gunn, Sally Linderman, Sean Lenehan, Bill Cleveland, Minnie Diaz and Judy Gyllansvann for attending the RNP National Day of Training on January 20th in Fairfax County.

And finally, thanks to Jan Bates and her husband Jerry Chandler for giving our web site an update and face lift. If you haven't visited lately, please go

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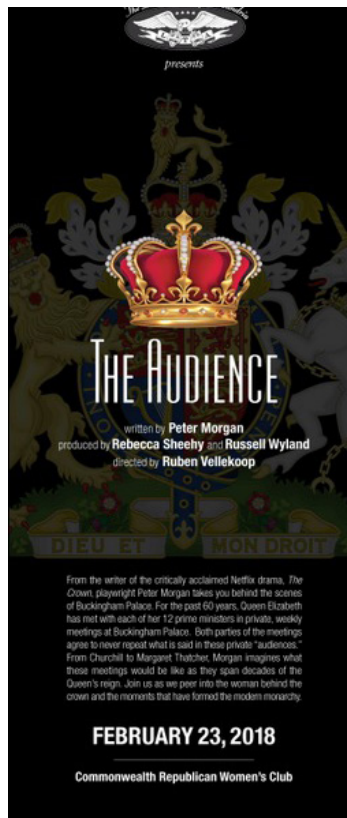
Thursday, February, 2018 Fundraiser

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!

Pre-play and during intermission there will be opportunities to purchase a potentially winning ticket for some fabulous prizes--imagine going home with an Ivanka Trump purse!

We hope you and one or several friends and family members will be in attendance. Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased Committee members: Susan Yonts-Shepard, Phyllis Sintay, Vikki Birkett, Sara Matar or by calling me, Laurie Kirby, on 703-220-1067. or online at www.AlexandriaCRWC.org

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! Contact Laurie 703-220-1067 or kirbyl2@aol.com



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to www.alexandriaCRWC.org and check it out.

Do you want to get more involved in club activities, meet other active Republican women from around the state; would you like to be a delegate or alternate to the Virginia Federation of Republican Women convention, May 4- 6, at the Hilton Richmond Downtown? This is an event for all VFRW members. Let me know if you are interested. We will elect our club convention delegates and alternates at the March 24, 2018 Membership meeting. If you haven't already, please pay your 2018 membership dues as soon as possible – our convention voting strength is based on our active paying membership count. If you are not interested in being a delegate or alternate you can also attend as a guest. More information on the convention will be available next month.

Eileen Brackens

*"A pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity
An optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."
Winston Churchill*

BREAKING NEWS! ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE BACK!

You can now use a credit card or a PayPal account to join CRWC as a full or associate member, or to renew your current membership by going to <http://www.alexandriacrwc.org>. Click on the red button in the top left corner of the home page.

On the page that opens, click the "Add to Cart" button next to the membership type you want, then follow the instructions on the PayPal page.

You can even use the same page to buy tickets for the CRWC Fundraiser at the Little Theater of Alexandria. Click on the "Add to Cart" button next to "Ticket(s) to "The Audience" and on the PayPal page specify the number of tickets you want to buy.

If you have problems, contact webmaster@alexandriacrwc.org. No excuses left ladies. Renew your membership now!

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Members Only

CRWC Book Club

Meet 2018 Board Members

Welcome to CRWC

Our February Meeting is a Fundraiser
It will be held Friday, Feb 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
at the Little Theatre of Alexandria

Join us for: The Audience

10th NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

VFRW

New! VFRW Press

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I don't know about you, but I sense a conservative revival in Alexandria starting to percolate. We are getting membership information inquiries from folks who apparently arrived on the Trump Train. So if you see unfamiliar faces at our meetings, welcome them with open arms and encourage them to join CRWC! Meanwhile, back at the ranch, more than half of our members still need to pay their dues for 2018. At this point, if you haven't paid - your dues are late! PLEASE get your checks in!

Also, please introduce yourself and welcome our newest members, Caitlin Doescher and Susan Merritt.

Our 2018 calendar year membership statistics as of 2/9/2018 are:

Number of Regular Members: 36 Paid (of 75 on our 2017 roster)

Number of Associate Members: 10 Paid (of 23 on our 2017 roster)

COMMONWEALTH CONNECTION *by Loree Gunn*

> NFRW - in January, Jodie Rushton of Texas took over the helm of the NFRW. The call for the NFRW Spring Board Meeting has been scheduled for March 22 - 24, 2018 (Legislative Day is March 22). More details to come.

> VFRW - 2018 Legislative Day was held on January 11 with over 90 women from around the state in attendance at this annual event. The VFRW Convention will be at the Hilton Downtown Richmond, May 4 to 6.

CRWC - Eileen Brackens, Loree Gunn, Susie Miller, and Suzanne Morrison, traveled to Richmond to Advocate and Lunch with our Republican State Delegates and Senators on Legislative Day. Delegates to the VFRW Convention will be elected at our March meeting.

ARCC - A "National Day of Training" was held at the Fairfax County Republican Headquarters on Saturday, January 13. Alexandria was well represented by Sean Lenahan, Linda App, Eileen Brackens, Bill Cleveland, Judy Gyllensvaan, Loree Gunn, & Minnie Diaz. Reminder, ARCC will be reconstituting their 2018 to 2020 term in March. Stay tuned for filing deadlines.



Above, left to right:

Minnie Diaz, Loree Gunn, Eileen Brackens, Linda App in front row. Sean Lenahan seated behind.

Join CRWC Members Attending the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC)

By Linda App, VP Membership



We've been anticipating it for months and it's finally here! Several CRWC members will be attending CPAC February 21-24, 2018 at nearby National Harbor, and there is still time for you to register to attend. If you have never been to CPAC, I can attest to the utter fabulousness of it! The speaker list isn't finalized yet, but President Trump spoke last year to a standing room only crowd. Expect 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 Boot-

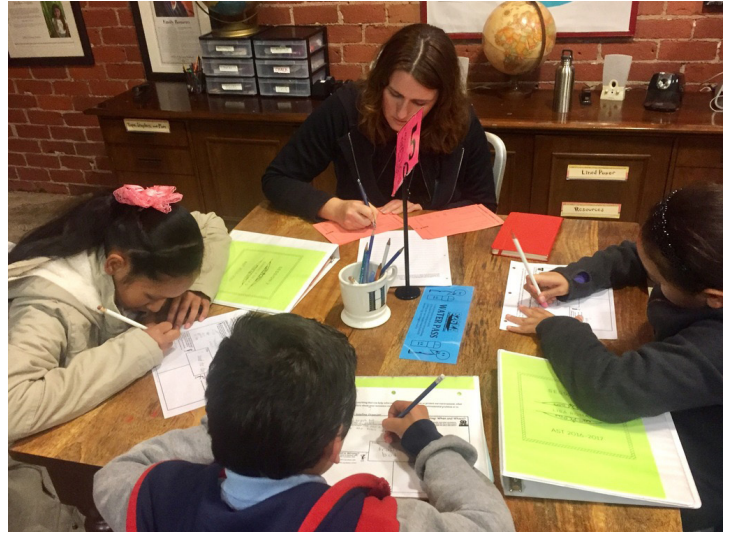
camp is free. <http://cpac.conservative.org/>

COMMUNITY LODGINGS

by Linda Greenberg

It is great to support the work of Community Lodgings at Christmas by giving books and gifts for their student store but it is even better to support the students throughout the year by mentoring and teaching students how to read and do math.

Community Lodgings needs adults like us to help their students read better and do math more readily. Volunteers can help students with their homework, guide them through specialized practice work, read with students, participate in on-line tutorials, play interactive games and participate in other designated activities. It is fun, in a nurturing environment with curious, engaging and sweet kids in the Arlandria section of Alexandria.



To sign up at one of the three learning centers please contact Sarah Foote, who visited us in December at Julie's home, at 703.549.4407 or at sfoote@community-lodgings.org. Or sign up at our Open Door Tour directly at www.communitylodgings.org/get-involved/events/.

Time: Monday – Thursday, between 2:30 and 6 p.m.

CONSERVATIVE BOOK CLUB

by Linda Greenberg

At this month's Conservative Book Club meeting -- on February 17, 2018 at 1 -- p.m. the topic is immigration. We will discuss *Adios* by Ann Coulter and *Killing the American Dream* by Pilar Marrero. This is a hot topic on the Hill and, after discussing the issue, we should give our Congressional representatives the club's policy priorities.

Please join us at Linda App's home, 1 – 3 p.m.

Last month we discussed *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance and *Dreamland* by Sam Quinones. Both books with different formats confront drugs (opiates), men without work, children without families, and their related social problems, particularly as they affect the poor.

We began the meeting on the upbeat with a toast to President Trump's inaugural anniversary citing all that has been accomplished since he became president.



Pictured here are from the left, standing, Linda App, Susie Miller, Jan Bates, Susan Yonts-Shepard, Pauline Bacaj, and, seated, Michelle Dewakar, Nadine Bacaj, Linda Greenberg and Laurie Kirby.

2018 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections



FEBRUARY

Feb. 17 @ 11:45 a.m Book Club Meeting @ Linda App;s home see page 7
 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

MARCH

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 @ Alexandria Police Community Room
 Mar. 23-24 NFRW Spring Board Meeting @ Washington, D.C.

APRIL

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

MAY

4- 6 VFRW Convention, Hilton Richmond Downtown

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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Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Membership Application/Renewal 2018

*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