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Message From the President



The fund raising event at the Little Theatre of Alexandria was a smashing success thanks to Laurie Kirby and her team that pitched in to help in so many ways. It takes a lot of hard work and coordination to make an event like this successful. I was truly

gratified to see so many members and guests come out in support of the club enjoying a night at the theatre and a lovely reception. The food donations from our members, Union Street Public House and Alexandria Cup Cake were fantastic. We were honored to have Jody Rushton, National Federation of Republican Women and Carrie Almond, immediate past President in attendance. The true mark of success I believe was seeing so many smiling faces, knowing they had an enjoyable evening in the company of friends and supporters. Well done Laurie – you're the best.

I am looking forward to seeing you and your guests at the next three scheduled Membership meetings. For the March 22nd meeting, once again Kerri has lined up an outstanding program for us. **Bre Payton** and **Kelsey Harkness**, journalists for the *The Federalist* and *The Daily Signal*, respectively, will be our speakers. They will talk on "Fake News" and their work as millennial female journalists.

At the March meeting we will also elect delegates to the VFRW convention. If you haven't already, paid your 2018 membership, please do so as soon as possible – our convention voting strength is based on our active paying membership count.

The April 26th membership reception at the Lyceum is shaping up to be a spectacular event. This is the CRWC's premier event of the year and this

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Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Thursday, March 22, 2018

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

Speakers:

Bre Payton, of the Daily Signal
&
Kelsey Harkness, of the Federalist

"FAKE NEWS"

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

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year we are honored to have the renowned **Sebastian Gorka** as our guest speaker. Copies of Sebastian's book "Defeating Jihad : The Winnable War" will be available for purchase.

Our last program before the summer break will be on May 24th. Once again Kerri has lined up a speaker you won't want to miss. **Amber Smith**, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Outreach will be our speaker. She is the author of *Danger Close: My Epic Journey as a Combat Helicopter Pilot in Iraq and Afghanistan*.

So, **Mark Your Calendar** now, plan to attend all three of these meetings and bring a guest.

Eileen Brackens

"Socialism only works in two places: Heaven where they don't need it, And Hell where they already have it." Ronald Reagan

COMMONWEALTH CONNECTION by Loree Gunn



NFRW - The NFRW 2018 Spring Board Meeting in Arlington, Virginia will take place March 22/24. Legislative Day is scheduled for March 22.

VFRW - The call for the VFRW 2018 Convention In Richmond, VA scheduled for May 4/6 has gone out. The official hotel is the Hilton Richmond Downtown. Make your reservations early. Election of the 2018/2020 Officers will take place at the convention.

CRWC - Delegates to the 2018 VFRW Convention will be elected at the March General Meeting. CRWC is allowed, based on member strength 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates. Deadline for election of Delegates & Alternates is April 14.

ARCC - Filing for membership in the 2018/2020 term on ARCC will be decided at the April Meeting. The Primary for election of nominees for the Congressional and U.S. Senate seats is June 12.

Never TOO EARLY to THINK Christmas (WH Ornaments that is!)

See important change re when purchased with Pay Pal.

CRWC has your 2018 White House Christmas ornaments and we need your help in selling the 500 ornaments we have purchased. They are exceptionally beautiful this year so they will be treasured by those you gift them to.

BUY 1,2,3,4,5,6 or 7 ornaments and pay \$25.00 each.

AND do we have a deal for you!!!!

If you want to pay ONLY \$20.00 for each ornament, BUY 10 ornaments and pay \$200.00, thus you pay only \$20.00 each.



The White House Historical Association is charging \$22.95 for the ornament this year. Remember shops in Old Town charged \$32.00 last year.

Spread the word that ornaments can be purchased on our CRWC website www.alexandriacrwc.org using Pay Pal for \$30.00 each when S & H are necessary or \$25.00 at events when purchased in person.

Ornaments will be available on **April 26** at Lyceum Membership Event.

For more information regarding your purchase contact Gail Ledwig.

MARCH SPEAKERS



Kelsey Harkness is senior news producer at *The Daily Signal*, covering education reform and social issues such as abortion, religious liberty, and same-sex marriage.

Harkness produces videos in addition to writing news stories and in-depth investigative features for The Daily Signal, which she joined for its launch in Washington in June 2014. Her work includes on-camera interviews, information graphics,

and documentaries.

In 2015, she garnered more than 4 million views with a short, documentary-style video featuring Aaron and Melissa Klein, the Oregon bakers whom the state ordered to pay \$135,000 for declining to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" played the video, prompting news organizations nationwide to pick up her work.

Harkness was one of a few Washington-based reporters to shed light on the Justice Department's secretive Operation Choke Point, which critics said put financial pressure on pawn shops, gun stores and other businesses that were out of favor with the Obama administration. Her stories helped spark hearings and legislation in Congress and drew the attention of media across the nation.

See more @ <https://www.heritage.org/staff/kelsey-harkness>

Bre Payton, Staff Writer at *The Federalist*

Bre Payton is the culture and millennial politics reporter for The Federalist.

She has written on subjects ranging from Kanye West to Supreme Court rulings, to 2016 and breaking news.

She has appeared on Fox News, MSNBC, CNN, NPR, BBC World News, among others, and her work has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, Washington Times, Daily Signal, WORLD Magazine, and The Daily Caller to name a few.

A native Californian, Bre traded her west coast sunshine for an east coast newsroom. She previously worked as a reporter for Watchdog.org and received her degree in Political Journalism from Patrick Henry College. She is based in Washington, DC and can be contacted at bre@thefederalist.com. Follow her on Twitter at @Bre_Payton.



CRWC members enjoy CPAC and National Harbor



... and a Good Time Was Had BY ALL

by Laurie Kirby

The CRWC was thrilled to welcome a standing-room-only crowd to The Little Theatre of Alexandria's Green Room for a pre-show reception on February 23, 2018. With the help of innumerable CRWC members, associate members and good friends, the room sprang to life in under an hour. Never have food, beverages and especially napkins been arranged, rearranged and, in the end, expertly presented so beautifully to our delightful and delighted guests. Special thanks to CRWC associate member, Gerry Chandler for capturing the joy of the evening in unforgettable photographs!

The delicious mainstay of our evening's cuisine, sliders and vegetable sandwiches, was donated by event sponsor Union Street Public House for which we thank them immensely. And, the remainder of our wonderful and ample reception buffet was prepared and provided by our ever-generous CRWC members—thank you all so very much!

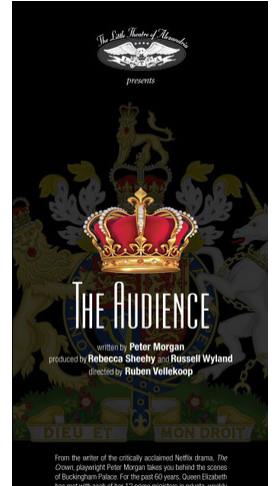
By all accounts, producers Rebecca Sheehy and Russell Wyland delivered and Ruben Vellekoop directed an outstanding production of Peter Morgan's *The Audience*. Attendees emerged from the theatre at intermission having thoroughly enjoyed Act I and were treated to delicious red velvet cupcakes donated by event sponsor, Alexandria Cupcake to whom we are extremely grateful! Rounding out the table were equally delicious CRWC member-prepared and donated dessert items—thank you so very much!.

While we missed each immensely, we are gratefully indebted to our generous individual sponsors Jane and Connie Ring and Sean Lenehan for the evening's much-enjoyed wine and champagne! Thank you, George Croft, Mike Lane and Ron Kirby for setting up the bar and serving our guests in your always cheerful and professional manner. And thank you, Carrie Almond for devoting your entire evening to overseeing and helping us prepare for intermission and straightening up the room during Act II.

A special thanks is owed to Tina McCrea, Little Theatre of Alexandria's Business Office Manager and to CRWC 2018 Fundraising Committee members, Linda Greenberg, Phyllis Sintay and Susan Yonts-Shepard without whom the entire event simply would not have happened!

Lastly, we thank you, our dear members and guests, for spreading the word among local Republican Women's clubs and within the NFRW, for your event ticket and raffle ticket purchases, and most especially for the pleasure of your company throughout the evening. We look forward to seeing you again very soon!

photos: Gerald Chandler



2018 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections



MARCH

Mar. 17 @ 11:45 a.m Book Club Meeting see article page 6
 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

JUNE

Jun. 12. Primary Election

Celebrating the President's Birthday with Tea and Fashion Show at Trump

Hotel By Linda App, 2nd VP Membership

We have just learned about a celebration being organized by *Virginia Women for Trump*. Here are a few details as we go to press. See the link for details and to RSVP.

Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018

Time: 1:00 Doors Open; 2:00 Event Begins

Place: Trump Hotel, Washington DC

Cost: \$100 tickets increase to \$125 on March 31

When you RSVP, tell them you want to sit at the CRWC table.

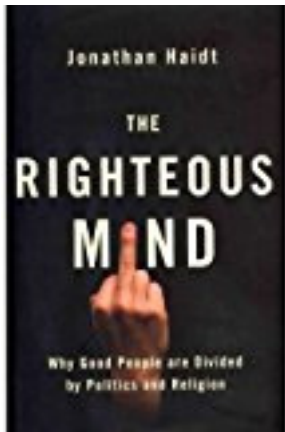
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tea-for-trump-birthday-extravaganza-tick>

www.viriniawomenfortrump.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](https://www.facebook.com/CRWC-Commonwealth-Republican-Women's-Club)

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CONSERVATIVE BOOK CLUB *by Susan Yonts-Shepard*



This month the book club is reading “The Righteous Mind, Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion” by Jonathan Haidt. The book came highly recommended by the Conservative Book Club blog as a must read for all conservatives. Haidt draws from his 25 years of ground breaking research on moral psychology and show how moral judgement arises not from reason but from gut feelings. Haidt explains why liberals, conservatives and libertarians have such different intuitions about right and wrong and demonstrates why each side is actually right about many of its central concerns.

If you want to join us, you don't have to have read the book. Our discussions range over a broad spectrum of subjects inspired by what we are reading. This month we will be meeting at Pauline Bacaj, on March 17 from 1-3pm. Contact Pauline at pba-caj@comcast.net and let her know you are coming!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Linda App, VP Membership

We have a lot of work to do this year with the mid-term elections and many upcoming events. We need everyone's participation. We are excited to welcome new members Jenna Frost and Judith Poe. Please make a point to introduce yourself at the next meeting. We still have about 20 members and 10 associate members from last year who haven't submitted their 2018 dues yet, and if you are in that category, please mail them in now!

Current Membership Total: 45

Current Associate Membership Total: 10



April 26 is our membership reception

Everyone is welcome. no charge but we need members to committ to bring the food.

Here is the On-line Sign Up for the April 26 Lyceum Event

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ba5ae2a1-annual>

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club



Annual Reception

The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum



Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Sebastian Gorka

Fox News Contributor

Former Deputy Assistant to President Donald Trump

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Social/Refreshments at 6:00 and program runs 7:00 – 9:00 pm

201 South Washington Street

Alexandria VA 22314

No RSVP Necessary.

Event is open to members, spouses, guests, and potential members.

For More Information: <http://www.alexandriacrwc.org/> CRWC Membership is only \$35/year.



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