



## Message From the President



It was good to see so many of you at the March membership meeting. Those who didn't make it missed an excellent program. **Bre Payton and Kelsey Harkness**, journalists for the Daily Signal and Federalist were our speakers. It was so refreshing to see two talented millennial conservative women speak so articulately about

our core beliefs and values. The program included an active Q and A. Later that evening, some of us were surprised to see that Bre had returned to DC for a live appearance on Fox News. She certainly was relaxed while with us; you would never have known she had such a tight schedule. Thanks to everyone who paid their dues - we are sending 5 delegates to the VFRW convention in May!

I am looking forward to seeing EVERYONE at the April 26th membership reception at the Lyceum. Bring your spouse, a friend, a guest, a new member; all are welcome. This is the CRWC's premier event of the year and we are so honored to have the renowned Dr. Sebastian Gorka as our guest speaker. Signed copies of Dr. Gorka's book "Defeating Jihad: The Winnable War" will be available for purchase.

Our last program before the summer break will be at the Alexandria Police Headquarters 3600 Wheeler Avenue 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*.

Eileen Brackens

*"Never loose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people, your family, friends and co-workers and even strangers you meet along the way."*

*Barbara Bush*

## Speaker for Membership Reception

Sebastian L. Gorka, Ph.D. is the Chairman and CEO of the Threat Knowledge Group and Non-Resident Scholar with the Institute of World Politics in Washington D.C. Until August on 2017 he served as Strategist and Deputy Assistant to President Donald J. Trump.

Before serving in the White House, Dr. Gorka held the Major General Matthew C. Horner Distinguished Chair of Military Theory at Marine Corps University where he taught courses on Irregular Warfare and Counterterrorism. Previously he was Associate Dean of Congressional Affairs and Relations to the Special Operations Community at National Defense University.

He is an internationally recognized authority on issues of national security, irregular warfare, terrorism and democratization and has testified before Congress and briefed the CIA, ODNI, NCTC, the NIC, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the SEALs. He also served as a subject matter expert for the Office of the US Attorney for the Boston Bombing trial.

During his time with the Defense Department, Dr. Gorka was an Adjunct Professor with USSOCOM's Joint Special Operations University where he served as Lead Instructor for the Special Operations Combating Terrorism course, as well as the interagency and Senior/Executive Counterterrorism courses. He has also been an Adjunct Professor in National Security and US Foreign Policy at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy and remains to this day a regular instructor with the US Army's JFK Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg.

Dr. Gorka has advised the Office of the Secretary of Defense regarding the draft guidance for US Strategic Communications and was consulted by USSOCOM during the drafting of the new Joint Operating Concept for Irregular Warfare. Dr. Gorka is a recipient of the Department of Defense Joint Civilian Service Commendation, awarded by US Special Operation Command.

Dr. Gorka has published in excess of 140 monographs, book chapters and articles, many for the JANES Group of the UK, and along with Dr. Chris Harmon and the late COL Nick Pratt (USMC), he was contributor and co-editor of *Toward a Grand Strategy Against Terrorism* (McGraw Hill). His latest book, *Defeating Jihad – the Winnable War*, was a New York Times best-seller. He is the co-author of two reports, *ISIS: The Threat to the United States*, and *The Islamic State and Information Warfare: Defeating ISIS and the Broader Global Jihadist Movement* which are widely used by the FBI, the Intelligence and Special Operations communities

You Are Cordially Invited!

*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 7:00 and program runs 7:45 - 9:00 pm

201 South Washington Street

Alexandria VA 22314

RSVP is not necessary, but helpful to us at [information@alexandriacrwc.org](mailto:information@alexandriacrwc.org) .

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

For More Information: <http://www.alexandriacrwc.org/>

## HOSPITALITY REPORT

*Susie Miller, Hospitality Chair*

Thanks to Susan Yonts, Sylvia Snyder, Jan Rivenburg and Krista Price for bringing their delicious contributions to our CWRC March Meeting. As this was my first endeavor as Hospitality Chairman I was so pleasantly surprised that others also brought food to add to our table of goodies, Eileen Bracken and Gail Ludwig and I apologize if I have left anyone out of my thank you. Let me know so I can include you in a thank you next time.

We need everyone to contribute a finger food platter or drinks for our Lyceum April Membership Meeting. Linda App on April 13 sent a log in for sign up genius.

I look forward to seeing you all there.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Linda App, VP Membership*

Our big membership recruitment event is just around the corner. The Annual Membership Reception at the Lyceum is April 26 and you wonderful ladies play a very important part by donating food items, inviting your friends, and welcoming strangers and potential new members the night of the event. A great big **Thank You!** to all of you for your contributions to the reception.

The sign up (for food, drinks, raffle items, etc.) is online this year at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ba5ae2a1-annual> . Many people have already signed up, and a few things were added to the list last week. We are asking for people to bring simple, ready-to-eat finger food to keep things simple yet elegant. Please arrive with your food items at 6:00 to set things up and help us get ready. We open to the public at 7:00.

It will be a great event with Special Guest Dr. Sebastian Gorka, Fox News Contributor and former Trump Administration official. We are all very excited to host him and hear his views on the latest national security happenings and issues.

Also, please welcome our latest members - new and renewing: Dr. Minnie Diaz, Michele Moorhouse, and Tatjana Williams. Our latest membership official count is 51 paid up members reported to the VFRW. This event should encourage many new members. Thanks to Loree Gunn, we will have new CRWC membership brochures to give to potential members at the welcome table.

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

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

### **Available at the April 26th , Membership Reception.**

**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.

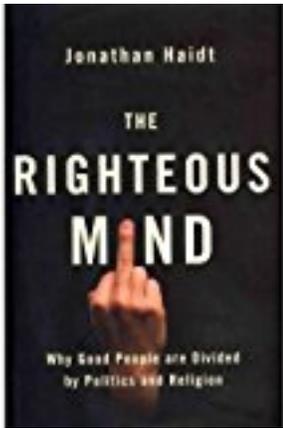
**Spread the word that ornaments can be purchased on our CRWC website [www.alexandriacrwc.org](http://www.alexandriacrwc.org) using Pay Pal for \$30.00 each when S & H are necessary or \$25.00 at events when purchased in person.**

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

For more information regarding your purchase contact Gail Ledwig.



## CONSERVATIVE BOOK CLUB *by Susan Yonts-Shepard*



For the month of March, the CRWC read two books, *The Righteous Mind, Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*, Jonathan Haidt, and Donna Brazile's book, *Hack, The Inside Story of the Break-ins and Breakdowns That Put Donald Trump in the White House*.

Most people were disappointed in Haidt's book. He took a long time to come to a fairly obvious conclusion that people bring to the table not only their opinions but those opinions are based on personal experience and culture. He does think there is a lack of civility in society today and that officials, administrators and others are abdicating their responsibility when they take the side of the screaming mob. Letting them get away with shutting down opinions not their own, just encourages them to do it more often.

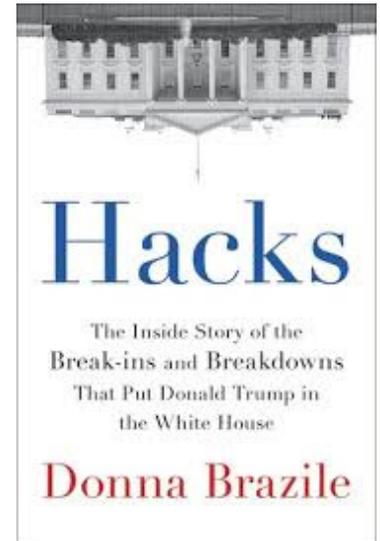
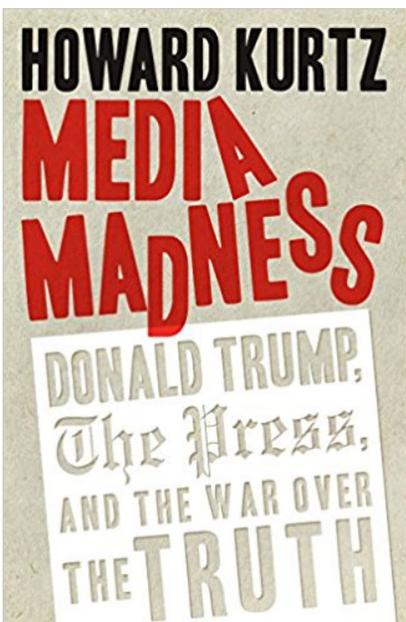
Hacks, is a very good read.

The book follows Ms Brazile from her appointment as Head of the DNC during Clinton's candidacy til after the inauguration of Trump. Amazed to learn that the DNC was totally broke when Donna became head of the DNC. Obama took \$8 million, she never explains why or why it was allowed. Also, Debbie Wasserman Schultz did not like to raise money and did not take the hacking of the DNC seriously. Clinton financed the DNC, so called all the shots from her campaign headquarters in New York. Great explanation on Robby Mooks campaign strategy. She does not believe Seth Rich's death was a burglary as nothing was stolen(wallet, computer, jewelry). She insinuated that Seth gave info to Wikileaks. She also gave an in depth explanation of the the cyber attacks and expresses her fear for her life. Overall, an easy read with an unbeliev-

able explanation that she cannot remember releasing the CNN questions to Hillary during the CNN debate.

For April we are reading Media Madness by Howard Kurtz. The meeting will be held at Jan Bates' house on April 21 at 1:00.

Contact Jan for directions ([jloubates@yahoo.com](mailto:jloubates@yahoo.com)) The CRWC Book Club is open to members and other like minded, please come for the discussions even if you haven't read the books.



# 2018 Calendar

*Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*



## APRIL

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  
 June 24 Trump Birthday Tea, Trump Tea

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

*Hotel By Linda App, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-tickets-42648662297>

[www.viriniawomenfortrump.com](http://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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**Commonwealth Republican Women’s Club  
Membership Application/Renewal 2018**

\*Required Information \*Date\_\_\_\_\_

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New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: Full \$35\_\_\_\_\_

Associate Members: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

If a woman, the name of Primary Republican Women’s Club \_\_\_\_\_

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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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