



# TEMPO

NOVEMBER 2018

## Message From the President



Well, what can I say? I always like to accentuate the positive, but truthfully, I can't deny, we came up short this year in Virginia. I am so proud of the City Council race Kevin and Michael ran. They gave it their all and truly deserved a better outcome. I wish we could have done more to help carry them to a win. Thanks to all of you who volunteered and a special thanks to those who volunteered and braved the elements on election day.

The CRWC Board is planning an election review meeting with the Kevin and Michael after Thanksgiving. We need to come up with a future winning strategy. All members are invited to share their ideas and suggestions, so please plan to attend – more information to follow.

And while we commiserate on our losses in Virginia, we can take some solace in the Republican Party Senate wins. I have faith in our President – with the Senate wins the GOP has secured, he will make the best of the hand that has been dealt and it will be much easier for him to get federal judges, cabinet and administrative appointments approved. Looking ahead, as Virginia Republicans we have our work cut out for us next year, but I can assure you, the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Board is committed to doing everything we can do to hold a Republican majority in the Virginia House of Delegates.

As the close of the year quickly approaches, please make plans to attend our membership meeting on November 15th and our holiday party on December 13th. The membership meeting on November 15th will be held at Police Headquarters, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, Va. 22304. A social will begin at 7:30 pm, followed by the meeting at 7:45 pm. We need you there to elect our 2019 club officers. Also, at this meeting, we will hear from a city representative about Alexandria's five transportation priorities for 2019.

Our holiday party on December 13th, will be held in the fabulous Porto Vecchio party room, 1250 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Va. 22314. The party room overlooks the Potomac River – truly a beautiful sight to see and a wonderful place to celebrate the holidays and our many blessings. We will have some very special guests this year. Jodi Rushton, President of the National Federation of Republican Women and Susan Allen, past first lady of Virginia will

Message *continued on page 2*

### **Commonwealth Republican Women's Club Thursday, November 15, 2018**

#### **Place:**

**Police Department  
Community Room,  
3600 Wheeler Avenue.**

#### **Time:**

**7:30 Social:  
7:45 Election of Officers**

#### **Speaker:**

**Hillary Orr,  
Deputy  
Director, Transportation,  
City of Alexandria  
Department of  
Transportation & Environmental  
Services.**

#### **Subject:**

**Five Priorities for 2019**

## Message from the President *continued from page 1*

join us. If his schedule permits, Gov. George Allen will also join us. Don't forget to bring a gift to the holiday party for our club charity -Community Lodging.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the membership meeting on November 15th and the Holiday party on December 13th. Best Wishes for a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Eileen Brackens

*"We will vote for the country we want. We will vote for the future we want. We will vote for the politics we want. Join me in taking back our country and creating a bright and glorious new dawn for our people." Donald J. Trump*

## PROGRAM REPORT *By Linda Greenberg*

The Department of Transportation & Environmental Services describes itself as a community partner in shaping a livable, green, and prospering Alexandria. It plans, builds, operates, and maintains transportation systems and infrastructure that improve mobility and provide people and businesses with core public services. The work it does keeps Alexandrians moving, growing sustainability, and thriving.

The Transportation & Environmental Services Department includes transportation, i.e., cars, bikes, buses, pedestrians, as well as the environment, resource recovery and public works. The department is responsible for recycling, leaf removal, as well as issuing parking tickets. About 212 employees work in this department. The Director is Yan Lambert who, in 2016, was tasked with coordinating pedestrian and bike traffic and subsequently became the department's director.

Orr joined the city in 2013 as the Complete Streets Coordinator – to assure the entire right-of-way meets the needs of all -- and was promoted to a Principal Planner in 2015. She was responsible for assuring that Alexandria streets were designed to accommodate people of all ages and abilities and to enhance the multimodal transportation network to create a safe, healthy and vibrant community. Orr worked with neighborhoods to design roadways that improve safety and access for everyone using the streets. She managed the development of the city's complete street design guidelines and the Capital Bikeshare Program.



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



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Linda App, VP Membership*

It was a busy election season, and we are still catching our breath from all of the campaign work. Thank you to all of the ladies who worked so hard for our four great GOP candidates on the ballot. Unfortunately, we were outnumbered by Democratic votes in all four races. Start thinking now about the role you want to play in the critical 2020 elections.

The recent Kavanaugh hearings and elections prompted more conservative women to seek out CRWC. Please welcome newest members Marie Bamford, Lenie Tiongson, Barbara Dickey, and Caz Wesley!

Regular Members: 64

Associate Members: 19

## HOSPITALITY REPORT

*Susie Miller, Hospitality Chair*

Welcome Committee: Our Holiday Party is Thursday, December 13 at Porto Vecchio in Alexandria. Loree Gunn has made the Community Room available for our Party.

Each of our members are asked to bring a dish to pass to complement our main entree, a ham.

**There will be a sign up sheet November 15.** The choices will be appetizer, salad, hot vegetable and desserts.

Susie Miller

912-577-8478

[loususiemiller@aol.com](mailto:loususiemiller@aol.com)



### **Slate of Officers for CRWC - 2019** **Election vote will be held at the November 15 at the Regular Membership Meeting.**

President - Eileen Brackens  
First VP/Programs - Linda App  
Second VP/Membership - Susie Miller  
Treasurer - Suzanne Morrison  
Recording Secretary - TBA  
Corresponding Secretary - Sally Linderman

Loree Gunn, Chair, CRWC Nominating Committee

### **Christmas Ornament Sale**

**See important instructions for using Paypal.**

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. Local pick up or delivery ONLY no shipping!!!**

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 locally and S&H are not necessary and delivery can be arranged with Gail.**

Ornaments will be available on at the membership meetings

For more information regarding your purchase contact Gail Ledwig  
[<donalldgail@yahoo.com>](mailto:donalldgail@yahoo.com)



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

For October, we read Sean Spicer's book, *The Briefing* and did a book exchange. Since we are all readers and we have an abundance of books we decided to try and exchange books we've read for those we haven't. It worked really well and we decided to continue the exchange. So each month bring books you no longer want and exchange them for books you want to read. Any genre, biographies, mysteries, fiction, non-fiction; it doesn't matter, someone will want them!

Our discussion on Sean Spicer's book centered on how surprised we all were that religion played such an importance role in his life and in the life of his family. Although the book did give a little insight into the early days of the White House it is not a "tell-all" and is very complimentary of the staff and the President. It is an easy read and very enjoyable.

We are delaying the next book club meeting until December 1 due to Thanksgiving. Originally we were going to meet at Susie Miller's house but that is also the Scottish Christmas Walk and traffic in Old Town will be heavy so we decided to meet at Susan Shepard's house instead. For the December 1 meeting we are reading, *Contempt, A Memoir of the Clinton Investigation* by Ken Starr. Bring your lunch and books for the exchange and we will discuss behind the scenes of the Clinton Presidency. If you need directions to Susan's house, email her at [seysrLs@comcast.net](mailto:seysrLs@comcast.net). Everyone is welcome!

Here is the reading list for the next few months.

January – Positive Popularism, by Steve Hilton (catch his show on Fox Sunday nights)

February – We Wanted Workers by George Borjas

March – Ship of Fools by Tucker Carlson

April – 3 Days in Moscow by Brett Baier

May – The Gutfeld Monologues

## Amplify the Impact of your Volunteer Hours

Whether we work on Club activities or participate in other endeavors in support of Republican candidates, CRWC members are all on the same team and our combined efforts both deserve and need to be recognized.

Our Club has made a concerted effort over the past year to publish articles in local papers highlighting CRWC member activities. Such articles send a message to our neighbors of our resolve to promote the Republican values enumerated in our Creed and can be of enormous assistance in recruiting new CRWC members. We hope you will assist our Club leadership in recording and publishing our many combined volunteer efforts and in making our civic contributions known to our local community.

Through its Campaign Award Program, the NFRW provides a framework for capturing our activities for the purpose of competing for an NFRW award and, as importantly, for measuring our impact on our local community.

To make it easy for you to track Republican campaign activities, Susan Yonts-Shepard [seysrLs@comcast.net](mailto:seysrLs@comcast.net) has volunteered to receive and to track pertinent campaign activity hours.

Below is a list of some activities in which you may soon or may have participated already during this calendar year. Please provide to Susan an estimate of the total number of hours you have expended in these activities. Going forward, please send your hours monthly to Susan. Total hours with a brief description will suffice—the more concise, the better.

Mailings done within or outside the home

Phone calls made on behalf of candidates

Door knocking

Working at Farmers' markets or other similar events to disseminate literature

Computer work and social media postings or blogging

Working as a volunteer at or for a campaign event

Attendance at NFRW meetings or conventions

including travel time

Time expended at state party and/or at RNC conventions

Getting petitions signed

Volunteering at any municipality, county, state or

Federation Headquarters

Volunteering for a Republican candidate

Working as a non-paid poll watcher on Election Day

Presenting unpaid campaign programs or speeches

at local civic organizations

Registering voters

Hours spent as editor of a club newsletter



## SLATE OF OFFICERS

### Eilene Brackens ~ President



Agreeing to a third term as CRWC President, Eileen is a life-long Alexandrian. She received her BA & MBA from Marymount University with majors in Accounting & Finance. Eileen and her husband of 46 years, Bob raised two sons. She retired in 2009 from the Communications Workers of America as Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer. Eileen still consults part-time in accounting & tax reporting and her husband owns an Independent Car Dealership in southwestern Virginia. She is a long standing member of St Rita Church on Russell Road. A member of CRWC since 2012, Eileen has enjoyed serving as Recording Secretary, Hospitality Chair and two terms as Treasurer.

### Linda App - 1st Vice President for Membership

Linda App is the 2018 Nominee for First Vice President (Programs). Linda App (MBA/CPA) worked for thirty years in the fields of banking, public accounting, and government financial management. She currently serves as the CRWC 2nd VP of Membership. She has served on a variety of boards in the fields of education, homelessness, the arts, child protection, etc. Her interests include natural health, Bible study (history and prophecy in Christian faith), current events (facts vs. biased news), and fiscal sustainability. She is concerned about the Left's control over the media as a major contributor to the decline and division in American culture. She hopes CRWC can help educate the public about both the wisdom of our policies and the benefits of having elected conservative voices in our majority-Democrat city, encouraging them to join the #WalkAway movement and leave the Democrat party. She was very active in the GOP candidate campaigns in the November 2018 election. She is married and has two sons, both Eagle Scouts. Let's Make Alexandria Great Again! #MAGA



### Susie Miller ~2nd Vice President for Membership



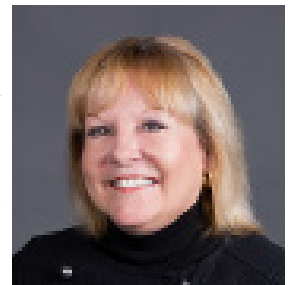
Like so many of us in Northern Virginia, I was raised in the military, Dad was Army, and I moved with my parents and brother and sister to many assignments such as Verdun, France and Ankara, Turkey and lived in Ft. Monroe, VA, now a decommissioned fort with a moat. We moved to Annandale, VA and my parents 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

### 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



### Sally Linderman ~ Corresponding Secretary



Born in Pittsburgh, PA, I grew up in Bethesda, MD. I attended Stone Ridge Country Day School of the Sacred Heart and graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase HS. I studied Psychology and Government and Politics at U. of Maryland. I studied real estate at American University. After working for several years as a legal secretary, I graduated from the George Washington University's Legal Assistant program in 1982. I worked as an Energy and Antitrust Paralegal with a large K Street Law Firm in Washington, DC. I left to sell real estate full time at Long & Foster.

The political bug bit me when I moved to Georgetown in late mid-70's where I became involved in DC Young Republicans. I served on the DCYR BOD and rose to become DCYR National Committeewoman and DCYR President in 1975/76. During this time, I organized the Metropolitan Council of Young Republican Clubs for the purpose of having a joint fundraiser. In 1977, I moved to Arlington, VA and became involved with the Arlington Republican Women's Club (ARWC) and Arlington County Republican Committee. I served on the ARWC BOD on various Board position and in various officer positions from 1981 to 1991 then concentrated on selling real estate. I subsequently took a job in reservation sales and services at United Airlines until 2006 when I retired. I returned to the Arlington County Republican Committee immediately upon my retirement and rejoined the Arlington Republican Women's Club. I was promptly elected as 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair. I was ARWC President in 2010 and 2011.

As a side, I have resumed studying voice again and took up Jazz. I have made a CD and have several recordings on YouTube under Sally Linderman. I often sing at various Open Mics in Maryland and Virginia.

# 2018 Calendar

*Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*



## NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 15 – CRWC Meeting, Police Community Room. 7:00 pm Networking, 7:30 meeting, Election of 2019 Officers and Speaker.

## DECEMBER

Thursday, December 13 – 7  
CRWC Installation of Officers and Holiday Party, Poto Vecchio Party Room  
7:00 Wine and refreshments, provided potluck.

## JANUARY

Thursday, January 10, 2019 - VFRW Legislative Day Richmond

## JUNE

Friday, June 7, 2019 – A Fox on the Fairway FUNdraising event at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. See article below.

## COMMUNITY ACTION *by Linda Greenberg*

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club supports **Community Lodgings'** mission: to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through transition-in-place housing, affordable housing and youth education programs. This year, as in the past, we will contribute books to their youth education program and gifts to the student Gift Store. Students work to earn money to buy presents for their family and friends at the Gift Store.

Community Lodgings would appreciate any and all books for youngsters from 6 to 17 or students in elementary, middle or high school. I've included samples of the kind of book of interest but please donate whatever is easy for you to purchase or retrieve from grandchildren (who have outgrown them).



pikastock.com - 20607397

"The Chronicles of Narnia" Series by CS Lewis

"If You Give a [Animal] a [Item]" (Various books) by Laura Numeroff

"Calvin & Hobbes" (Various books) by Bill Watterson

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

"BOB Books" series for beginning readers by Scholastic

Dr. Seuss books

No, David by David Shannon

David Goes to School by David Shannon

David Gets in Trouble by David Shannon

Arthur's Underwear Marc Brown

Arthur Writes a Story Marc Brown

Arthur Meets the President Marc Brown

Arthur Goes to Camp Marc Brown

Arthur's Family Vacation Marc Brown

Waiting is Not Easy (An Elephant & Piggy Book)  
Mo Williams

Should I Share My Ice Cream? (An Elephant & Piggy Book)  
Mo Williams

I Broke My Trunk! (An Elephant & Piggy Book)  
Mo Williams

I'm a Frog (An Elephant & Piggy Book) Mo Williams

Are You Ready to Play Outside? (An Elephant & Piggy Book) Mo Williams

## Community Lodgings

“Opening Doors to Independence Since 1987”

[www.communitylodgings.org](http://www.communitylodgings.org)



Every holiday season, Community Lodgings opens a Christmas Store, stocked with items donated by our supporters, for our children to shop for their family members. Our kids use "reward money" they earn through good behavior in our programs. In the 2018-2019 academic year we have over 130 children enrolled among our three learning centers: Fifer, New Brookside, and Beverly Hills Methodist Church. Listed below are some popular items and we appreciate any new item you donate. Thank you in advance for your generosity

### **FOR ADULT WOMEN:**

Jewelry  
Beauty Products: perfume, lotion, makeup  
Hats  
Gloves  
Socks  
Full size and hand towels  
Blankets  
Pots and Pans  
House wares: plates, mugs, small appliances

### **FOR BABIES:**

Bottles  
Toys  
Blankets  
Baby Clothes  
Hats and gloves

### **FOR YOUTH:**

Sports Equipment  
School Supplies  
Arts and Craft  
Kits Board Games

### **FOR ADULT MEN:**

Wallets  
Cold weather hats  
Tools: power tools and basics such as hammers and screw drivers  
Watches  
Gloves  
Pots and Pans  
House wares: plates, mugs, small appliances  
Toiletries

### **FOR TEENS:**

Jewelry  
Perfume/Cologne  
Toiletries  
Gloves  
Hats  
Socks  
Earbuds

### **WRAPPING ITEMS:**

Gift bags  
Tape  
Ribbons  
Tissue Paper  
Gift Boxes





## SAVE THE DATE for A Fox on the Fairway at The Little Theatre



The CRWC FUNdraising Committee is at it again! We're already busy planning another rip-roaring good time at The Little Theatre of Alexandria ("LTA")—in warm weather this time and in hopes of using the outdoor courtyard for our pre-performance reception!

Here are the many ways you can help:

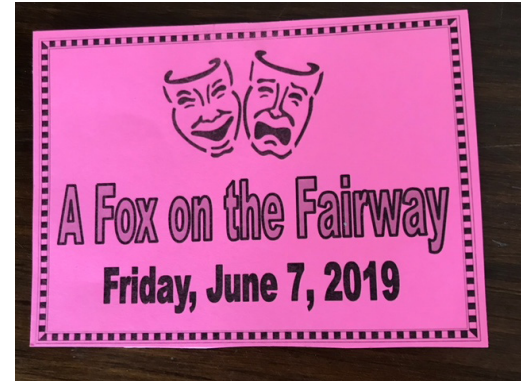
First, Save the Date: Friday, June 7, 2019 for A Fox on the Fairway which LTA describes as:

"A charming madcap adventure about love, life and man's eternal love affair with...golf. (Ken) Ludwig's play will take you on a hilarious romp that pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and romantic missteps, this furious paced comedy recalls the best of the Marx Brothers' classics."

My comment: If you're tired of whining "Snowflakes" and political correctness and are up for some old-fashioned humor, this is the play for you!

Second, tell all of your friends to save the evening of June 7, 2019 as well!

Third, think about joining our merry band of CRWC FUNdraising planners—all are welcome, we can use the help and we promise to make the planning meetings a jolly good time along the way!



## Christmas Gift Idea!

This year's play, A Fox on the Fairway, promises to deliver an evening of old fashioned fun described by LTA as "a charming madcap adventure about love, life and man's eternal love affair with...golf."



The \$40 ticket will include a pre-performance reception and our always popular champagne intermission!

We look forward to having you join us that evening and hope you will bring your friends and family.

**Stumped for a gift for one or more on your Christmas list—how about a ticket to A Fox on the Fairway?**

For tickets, contact: Laurie Kirby 703-549-0348 KirbyL2@aol.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)

CRWC Newsletter  
Editor Jane L. Ring  
[jring10@comcast.net](mailto:jring10@comcast.net)  
Desktop Julie R. Lineberry  
[jr.lineberry@verizon.net](mailto:jr.lineberry@verizon.net)  
Website:  
[www.AlexandriaCRWC.org](http://www.AlexandriaCRWC.org)





## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Visit CRWC's media pages - website: <http://www.alexandriacrwc.org/>, twitter:  
[@AlexCRWC](#), and Facebook: CRWC - Commonwealth Republican Women's Club