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DECEMBER 2018



You Are Cordially Invited

To the

Commonwealth Republican Women's Club

Holiday Party!

December 13, 2018

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Buffet at 6:30; Program at 7:15 PM

River Room -- Porto Vecchio's Party Room

1250 S. Washington St.

Alexandria VA 22314

Special Guests:

Susan Allen, former First Lady of Virginia

Installation of 2019 Officers to be conducted by *Jodi Rushton*, President,

National Federation of Republican Women

Gifts to be received by *Susan Fitzpatrick*, Development Director,

Community Lodgings

Free Parking for registered attendees. When you RSVP, please provide your Car's Year, Make, Model, Color & Tag Number. You will be given a Parking Pass at the outside entrance to place on your Dashboard. RSVP (with car tag and make) to Susie Miller – loususiemiller@aol.com

See page 2 for up dated details.

Message From the President



Thoughts of our loss still hang in the air. With Loree's passing we lost a dear friend and colleague. She truly was an unsung hero. She never looked to be in the lime light and hated to have her picture taken. She was always willing to volunteer and help any way she could. The last few months it became apparent that she was struggling but she never complained and just kept fighting on. I learned so much from Loree and will miss her greatly. She will always hold a special place in my heart.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Christmas party on December 13th. One of Loree's last wishes and efforts was to arrange for this club annual event to be held in the beautiful party room at Porto Vecchio overlooking the Potomac River. Please plan on attending as a tribute to Loree and remember to bring a gift for our club charity - Community Lodgings.

Eileen Brackens

***"Peace and Honor is what I cherish;
I have no regrets;
I did my best." George H. W. Bush***

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Susie Miller, Hospitality Chair

A final reminder! The CRWC Holiday Party will be held at Porto Vecchio, 1250 S. Washington, Alexandria on Thursday, December 13, 6:30-8:30. I will need your license Plates Numbers, Make and Model and Color of car by Sunday, Instructions are included in invitation.

Members and Associate Members should have received both an invitation and a separate Special Announcement. The separate announcement has you sign up for either an appetizer, salad, hot vegetable or dessert. If you have not received both, check Spam as one associate said her invitation was in spam.

I could use a couple more salads and hot vegetables, but appetizers and desserts are welcome, too.

I want to give a special thanks to Linda Greenberg. She has helped me plan and organize this party and was able to find a new sponsor for our CRWC Holiday Party. Kim Hart is our new sponsor and will be at the party. Be sure to thank Kim.

Loree Gunn, Linda Greenberg and I met at Porto Vecchio just 2 days before she passed away. I want you all to know how pleased she was that we were using the River Room that overlooks the Potomac River in her condominium building. I am so thankful to have known Loree and I will miss her as my go to person for answers to my Republican questions. She always reached out to me for special Republican Events.

Loree really looked forward to CRWC having its Christmas/Holiday party at Porto Vecchio. She thought of Porto Vecchio as her home and its amenities worth praising. One of her last projects was planning the party in the River Room with the twinkling balustrade lights outside. Loree was terribly pleased that former Virginia First Lady Susan Allen would attend and that Jodi Rushton, President of the National Federation of Republican Women, would install the 2019 officers.

Susie Miller

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

IN MEMORIAM



Featured Slider News Obituaries

Loree Gunn dies at 76

November 29, 2018

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Loree Gunn, third from right, and fellow members of the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club. (Courtesy Photo)



By Denise Dunbar | ddunbar@alextimes.com

Longtime Alexandria resident and Republican political activist Loree Gunn died Nov. 15 of kidney disease. She was 76.

After a successful career as an administrative assistant on Wall Street, primarily at Weeden & Co., Gunn moved to Alexandria in the late 1970s, where she quickly became involved in local Republican organizations and campaigns. After George Allen was elected Governor of Virginia in 1993, Gunn moved to Richmond to work in his administration. She served as special assistant to Secretary of the Commonwealth Betsy Beamer.

"Loree Gunn was always a smiling, cheerful person of sunshine at all times," former Gov. Allen said in a statement. "Loree was a loyal, smart and dedicated special Allen Team leader who we especially relied upon in the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office finding the best people to serve on boards and commissions as well as promptly acting to assist all the people of Virginia. Everyone who was blessed to know Loree Gunn loved her."

Terri Hauser, former head of the Alexandria Republican City Committee who also worked in the Allen administration, praised Gunn's work in the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office.

"She was such a people person that she was a

great ambassador for the administration," Hauser said.

Gunn's sister, Carla Ochs, said Gunn greatly enjoyed her time in Richmond.

"I think she absolutely loved it," Ochs said. "I think one of the things that, I think that George Allen was really good to her. She enjoyed her time there very much. ... I think that whatever she did, she went whole hog."

Long-time Alexandrian Jane Ring cited Gunn's exemplary work ethic.

"She was an incredibly hard worker," Ring said. "She was very, very detail oriented. ... She had her finger in everything. She was always a hard worker for Connie [Ring, former Alexandria City Council member]."

Hauser said Gunn was one of a group of women who helped keep the local Republican party together. Gunn also helped coordinate and track delegates for George H.W. Bush as he was running for president.

"I was impressed by how organized she was," Hauser said. "She worked so tirelessly and she

worked so well with other campaigns. She was absolutely incredible in her work for that campaign."

In addition to her attention to detail, Gunn was known for her fierce loyalty.

"You could kind of feel the New York [Gunn's hometown] in her," Hauser said. "She was like a locomotive moving forward. Just steaming ahead. I she believed in you, she believed in you. ... People who liked George Allen, she would do anything for. Once she was on your team, she was on your team."

Current ARCC chair Sean Lenehan described Gunn as someone who was willing to do the unglamorous and often thankless tasks that are vital to political campaigns.

"Loree's passing leaves a hole unfillable by any single human being. She was so often the unsung hero behind the scenes of an activity. Loree rarely received adequate appreciation – and never sought credit – she truly was, as Connie Ring describes her, a gem whom we already miss, and whose friendship we will forever treasure," Lenehan said in a statement.

Jane Ring and Hauser said Gunn continued to find ways to contribute, even after her health began failing from kidney disease, and she had to receive dialysis treatments three times a week.

"When she got to the point that she couldn't be as physically active, she would find other ways to help," Ring said. "The Scottish walk and parades, she couldn't go and walk, but she would keep Republican headquarters open so they could have coffee and stop by."

She cited Gunn's fun-loving nature and capacity for friendship.

"She just loved to be with people. She had a ton of friends," Ring said. "She liked nothing more than a good joke. She was one terrific person and one terrific friend. And you couldn't do any better than that."

Gunn was born Dec. 25, 1941 in New York City. Her family later moved to White Plains, New York, where she grew up. She graduated from Michigan State University.

Despite her diminutive size – she was less than five feet tall – Gunn was very athletic in her youth and studied physical education. After working as an administrative assistant on Wall Street, she moved to Alexandria and worked for the National Science Foundation in the same capacity.

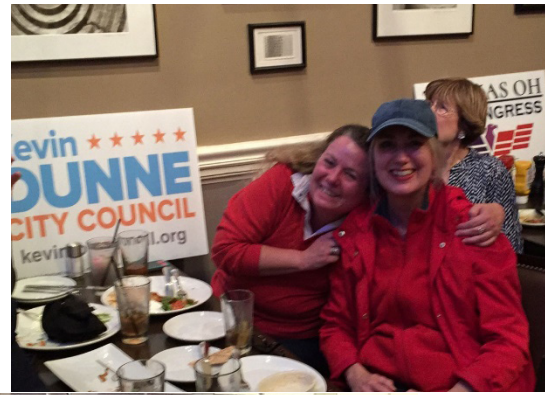
Gunn is survived by her sister, Carla Ochs; her brother-in-law, Jeremy Bernstein; her niece, Sa Ochs Addeo and her son-in-law, Jake Addeo.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

<https://alextimes.com/2018/11/lore-gunn-dies-at-76/>



November Watch Party



Planning Session Get-Together



Michael, Thomas, Kevin, and Bob



Gregory, Susie, Sean, Kevin, and Eileen.



James, Frank, Eileen, and Suzanne



Laurie, Sean, and Linda C. listen to Thomas.

2019 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

January 2019

- 3 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School - 7:30 PM
- 10 - Legislative Day, Richmond, Va. - 7:30am - 3:30pm
- 10 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd - 7:30 PM
- 24 - CRWC Membership Meeting, Police HQ, Wheeler Road - 7:30 PM

February 2019

- 7 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School - 7:30 PM
- 14 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. - 7:30 PM
GW Parade
- 28 - CRWC Membership Meeting, Police HQ, Wheeler Rd. - 7:30 PM

March 2019

- 7 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School - 7:30 PM
St. Patrick's Day Parade, Alexandria, Va.
- 14 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. - 7:30 PM
- 28 - CRWC Membership Meeting, Police HQ, Wheeler Rd. - 7:30 PM

April 2019

- 4 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School - 7:30 PM
- 11 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. - 7:30 PM
- 25 - CRWC Annual membership Reception at Lyceum, S. Washington St. - 7:30 PM

May 2019

- 2 - ARCC meets at Minnie Howard School - 7:30 PM
- 9 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. - 7:30 PM
- 23 - CRWC Membership Meeting, Police HQ, Wheeler Rd. - 7:30 PM

June 2019

- 7 - A Fox on the Fairway FUNdraising event at Little Theatre of Alexandria - 7:30 PM
- 13 - CRWC Board Meeting, Bradley Safeway Community Room, King St. & Braddock Rd. - 7:30 PM

Christmas Ornament Sale

ALMOST SOLD OUT!!

Less than 10 left

CRWC has your 2018 White House Christmas ornaments \$25.00 at the Holiday Meeting!!

Once sold can be purchased at Henderson Hall Exchange for \$20.95 by anyone with military privileges.

Thank you ladies!

For more information regarding your purchase contact Gail Ledwig
<donaIdgail@yahoo.com>



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Linda App, VP Membership

Our roster continues to grow! Please welcome new member Nancy Manning at our next meeting. And remember to invite your friends to join us. We have a lot of work to do, but we have fun doing it!

Regular Members: 65

Associate Members: 19

New CRWC Hospitality Chair Needed

Now that Susie Miller is going to be the new 2nd VP for Membership, CRWC needs a new Hospitality Committee Chair. If you love to organize social events, and plan menus, this job is for you! Contact Eileen Brackens or any other Board Member by e-mail or at our next event.

November Meeting Speaker

Linda Greenberg introduced Hillary Orr, the Alexandria City Deputy Director, for Transportation, in the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services aka TES presented a discussion on transportation priorities for 2019 .

An informative presentation and Q&A followed.

The Alexandria Gazette Packet covered our November meeting and guest speaker read more at this link. <http://connectionarchives.com/PDF/2018/112818/Alexandria.pdf>



Photo credit Gerry Chandler

Conservative Letters to the Editor Needed Year-Round

CRWC members are encouraged to let their conservative voices be heard by writing to the local newspapers. Fiscal conservatism and accountability in government are good topics, but you can think of others just by reading the local papers. Stay positive, and take the high road. We have had good success getting our submissions printed. Challenge yourself to do at least one this year. Let's keep track of how many member's letters get printed in 2019. Maybe the member with the most letters printed wins a prize! (Who wants to volunteer to keep track?) Letters to the Editor should be e-mailed to:

Alexandria Gazette Packet, Steve Mauren, Editor

smauren@connectionnewspapers.com

or online at www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter/

Alexandria Times, Alexa Epitropoulos, Editor aepitropoulos@alextimes.com

CONSERVATIVE BOOK CLUB *by Susan Yonts-Shepard*

This month we read, *Contempt* by Ken Starr. It is a very interesting, behind the scenes look at everything Clinton. Starr was originally hired to investigate the Whitewater, Madison Guarantee scandal. He soon found himself investigating Vince Foster's death and when Linda Tripp called about an intern involved in an intimate relationship with the president, both Eric Holder and Janet Reno tossed the hot potato to Starr and his team. It was somewhat disheartening to see how biased the press was even then in favor of the Clintons and how they cherry picked facts to put Starr in a bad light. And all of us in the Book Club were puzzled as to how Bill and Hillary, who are clearly out for themselves, could depend on their loyal "friends" taking the fall for them. Something they enjoy to this day.

Starr writes very well, and he is very good at stitching together all the different threads that is the Clinton finance scheme. There is quite a bit of information in the book that was never covered by the press so even those members of the Club who remember "The Starr Investigation" were surprised by some of the information and his honest depiction of all the major players. The book also serves as a cautionary tale for current Republicans generally and Members of Congress on how vicious the Democrats can be when the TV cameras are on and they are playing to their base. One interesting little bit of information that most of us didn't know before reading the book was that Bret Kavanaugh was part of the Starr investigating team. Could explain why the democrats were so nasty to him, don't you think?

Here is the upcoming schedule of books.

For January, we are reading *Positive Populism*, by Steve Hilton. If you are not familiar with him he is an import from England and has a TV show on Fox News, Sunday nights called *The Next Revolution*. Watch him, entertaining and very informed. Book Club members, don't forget the book exchange. Bring one or two books you no longer want to exchange for someone else's used book. Any genre! Not confined to politics. Bring biographies, autobiographies, mysteries, thrillers, true crime etc.

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).



"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”

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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:

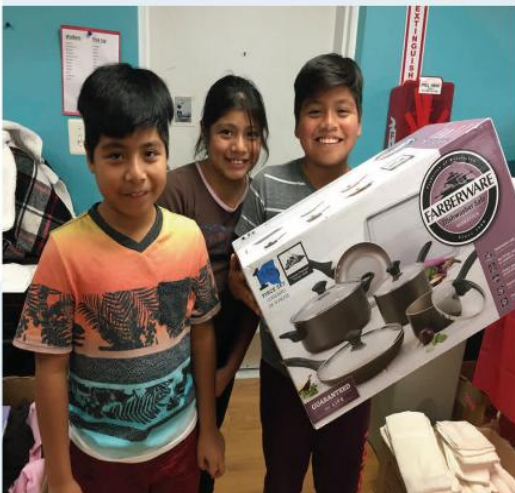
Wallets
Cold weather hats
Tools: power tools and basics such as hammers and screw drivers
Watches
Gloves
Pots and Pans
House wares: plates, mugs, small appliances
Toiletries

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:

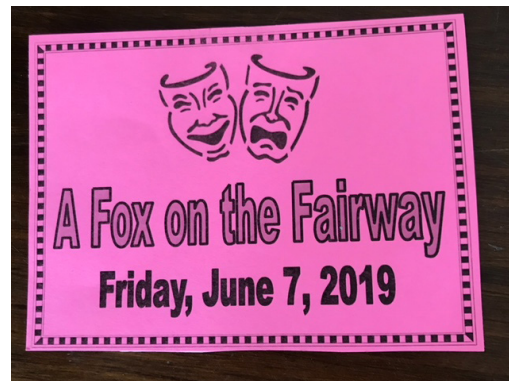
First, Save the Date: Friday, June 7, 2019 for A Fox on the Fairway which LTA describes as:

"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-Alexandria)

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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

Paint The Town RED



2019 Legislative Day



Get Ready to Paint the Town Red!!

Ladies, mark your calendars now for the 2019 VFRW Legislative Day. This is always an exciting and informative day planned each year in Richmond during the General Assembly session. This year, more than ever, we need to welcome and honor our REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS to the luncheon. The 2019 event will be on Thursday, January 10, 2019, beginning at the Hilton Richmond Downtown. We are taking the morning hours to gather at the Hilton between 7:30-8:30 to register our members in groups according to hot button topics. We will then advocate through the Pocahontas Building to our Republican and Democrat Legislators in an effort to advance our cause. After the morning's efforts, we will gather at the back at the Hilton Richmond Downtown to report on our efforts and dine with our Legislators.

So get your **RED OUTFITS** ready as Virginia's Republican Women make

another stunning appearance in the Capital City!!

Schedule for the Day:

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast and Registration for Advocacy
Hilton Richmond Downtown Miller Rhodes Gerhart Ballroom
- 8:30 - 9:30 Coordinate into Advocacy Groups
- 9:30-12:00 Meet with our Legislators/Staff about hot button issues
- 1:00-2:00 Luncheon and program with our Elected Officials
- 2:00 - 3:30 Reports on Advocacy Groups

The cost for the day is \$55.00 per person - Reservations need to be made through your local club. Make your individual check to your local club.

Each club will send in one check made payable to VFRW to cover the individual reservations. Deadline for club reservations is December 26, 2019. Don't wait to the last minute to mail your check for your club as late fees will be charged.

Don't miss the chance to advocate for your cause and to network with other Republican women from across Virginia. This is your opportunity to become more informed on the issues of the day, and to meet your Republican elected officials. So get ready as the VFRW "paints the town red" at our 2019 Legislative Day!

If you have further questions or concerns about the event or questions about your reservations, please feel free to contact:

Legislative Day Chair: Sue Hughes by phone (804) 557-3933 or by email at such.gop17@gmail.com

Event Chair: Janet Haley Varre by email at jhvarre59@gmail.com

To make your overnight reservations for January 9, 2019

Call Hilton Richmond Downtown: 804-344-4300
Website: hilton.com
Deadline: **December 20, 2018**
Rates: \$139.00 Single/ Double

Reservations are under the name Virginia Federation of Republican Women's Legislative Day.

For questions or further information please contact:

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Event Chair: Janet Haley Varre by email at jhvarre59@gmail.com. Please notify Janet if you should have any special dietary needs.

Cost \$55.00 per member
Late Registration Cost:
\$60.00 per member after December 26, 2018
\$65.00 per member after January 3, 2019

This message sent by:
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