



# TEMPO

February 2020

## Message From the President



As I write this, there are still a few weeks or so before the General Assembly session ends. The new Democrat majority is taking full advantage and is passing legislation that is intended to fundamentally change the great Commonwealth of Virginia, which doesn't need any fundamental changing. See the information in this newsletter for contacting your representatives. They may not change their votes, but they should hear from us.

Thank you to all of the CRWC members who supported the GOP's former City Councilman Frank Fannon's Alexandrians Have A Heart campaign. Our ladies care deeply about our community and serve on a variety of Boards and as volunteers all around town. You all are amazing and kudos to Frank for organizing such a great event for local charities!

CPAC is coming up at the end of the month! Please let me know if you are attending so we can arrange to meet up as a group during the conference. This will likely be the most exciting CPAC in the history of CPAC! FYI, their campaign boot camps on Wednesday the 26th are free, but you must pre-register.

I hope you'll be able to attend our meeting on February 20 at Susie Miller's house with Former Vice-Mayor Bill Cleveland and former candidate for city council Fernando Torrez who will give us some ideas about how we can increase outreach and messaging to minority communities.

Lastly, the GOP in Alexandria will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Old Town on Saturday, March 7 and all Republicans are encouraged to join in. Please plan to walk with us to show support and solidarity for our party and our values. We will e-mail details as they become available. Bring a friend!

Linda App  
CRWC President


**Commonwealth  
Republican Women's Club  
Membership Meeting  
February 20, 2020  
7:00 Social and Refreshments  
7:30 Meeting and Program  
Home of Susie Miller**

The address is listed in Club's Directory  
or for directions contact:  
[information@AlexandriaCRWC.org](mailto:information@AlexandriaCRWC.org)


**Topic: Republican Outreach to  
Minorities and Business Meeting**

**Speakers:**

**Bill Cleveland  
Former Vice  
Mayor &  
Councilman  
and**



**Fernando Torrez,  
former Candidate for  
City Council**



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

## February Program *by Susie Miller, 1st Vice President, Program Chair*

This month we will be addressing Republican outreach to our minority communities in the City of Alexandria. Bill Cleveland, past Republican Vice Mayor of Alexandria, will address the issues of the black Community and how Republicans can favorably present themselves. Fernando Torrez, past Republican city council candidate, will talk on how best to approach the Latino community to encourage positive views of the Republican Party and the sharing of common values. Questions will be taken after each presentation.



### IRISH PARADE MARCH 7

The Alexandria Republican City Committee has submitted an entry into the Irish Parade this year. It is shaping up to be a great event for the Republicans. Of course, we want our CRWC members to show up in force. We already have a commitment from the Mt Vernon Republican Women's Club of over 30 participants.

Republican candidates for the US House and US Senate are marching, too, plus College students from Georgetown University. How exciting!

Updates will be on the CRWC website. So, calling all members, be sure to sign up!

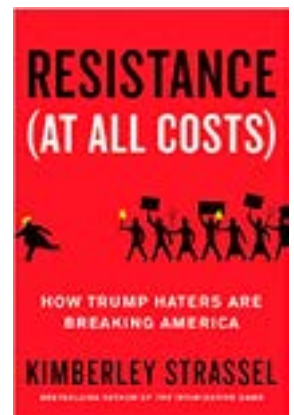
## CRWC Book Club *by Susan Yontes Shepherd*

The CRWC Book Club is over a year old! We have grown over the past year and are still having a great time. Please join us!

We started the year reading Kimberley Strassel's new book, *Resistance (At All Costs)*. The phrase "at all costs is the key to this book. Those who hate Trump and his supporters will do anything and destroy anything to keep power. Witness the recent impeachment effort. Strassel points out that Trump's critics are always screaming about how our democracy is threatened under his presidency, when it is actually his opponents that are undermining our institutions and sowing distrust among citizens. E

Strassel is an investigative journalist for the Wall Street Journal and she writes in a clear, crisp style that is easy to read and packed with information. She backs up all her acts with copious footnotes and references.

During the discussion of her book, book club members acknowledged that the swamp dwellers are influencing us whether we want them to or not. For example we noted our trust in the FBI, CIA and the House of Representatives has been tested and found wanting due to partisan politics and unfair tactics. Apparently there are people above the law and we elected some of them. Strassel's book hit close to home, in some ways too close.



*CRWC members attended author Amity Shlaes presentation on her new book, *The Great Society*, at The Heritage Foundation.*

## Town Hall Meetings

Members are encouraged to stay alert to town hall meeting opportunities with our legislators. We've had members attend a few of these events lately and we have observed (and participated in) more audience conservative push-back that I don't think the speakers were expecting. Try to attend and speak up as the voice of reason. Ask questions to make them justify their extreme vision and point out their hypocrisy (like death penalties for the innocent pre-born but not for convicted murderers). Conservatives are finding their voice and need to hear other supportive voices to know they are not alone. Moderate Democrats are reconsidering their party affiliation as the extreme far left has taken over the Democrat agenda. The #WalkAway movement is real. Virginia is in play for 2020!



### Frank Fannon's Alexandrians Have a Heart Food & Funds Drive



*CRWC members were happy to support former City Councilman Frank Fannon's Alexandrians Have a Heart food and clothing drive and fundraiser on February 15th. Our members contributed items and cash valued over \$2,500 to benefit Carpenter's Shelter, A.L.I.V.E., and Christ House.*

## MEMBERSHIP *by Laurie Kirby, Membership Chair*

CRWC got off to a great start in 2020 with ten brand new members in January! It's going to be a great year as everyone wants to get on the Trump Train. See membership application on page 7.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us!!



## At the January Meeting



*At the January CRWC meeting, members signed a letter to the five Alexandria representatives (all Democrats) in the General Assembly urging them to support election integrity and oppose bills that facilitate voter fraud, such as those that would eliminate voter photo ID requirements*

Since taking over the Virginia Legislature, Democrats wasted no time in pursuing a progressive fueled agenda. In order to bring CRWC members up to date on what is happening in Richmond a panel of several CRWC members discussed some of the critical bills that have been introduced that could change how we live in Virginia.

We had a great panel discussion on a variety of proposed bills being considered by the General Assembly. Topics included proposals to: allow casinos, limit second amendment and self-defense rights, change Electoral College voting rules, eliminate single family zoning throughout the Commonwealth, provide abortions to minors without parental consent, abolish the death penalty, and repeal the Right to Work laws.

Also at the January CRWC meeting, members signed a letter to the five Alexandria representatives (all Democrats) in the General Assembly urging them to support election integrity and oppose bills that facilitate voter fraud, such as those that would eliminate voter photo ID requirements.

Please if any of these topics are of interest or concern to you, please write your elected officials and let them know of your concerns. They need to hear from us!





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Your Window into Virginia Politics

Tuesday was the deadline for legislation to pass its chamber of origin. **More than 1,450 measures survived and now "cross over" to the other chamber** for consideration before the legislature's scheduled adjournment on March 7. In the State Senate, Republicans may have given up control, but so far, their bill-passage rate hasn't taken a hit.

<p><b>Senator George Barker</b> Pocahontas Building Room No: E619 Senate of Virginia P. O. Box 396 Richmond, VA 23218 Phone: (804) 698-7539 district39@senate.virginia.gov</p>	<p><b>Senator Adam Ebbin</b> Pocahontas Building Room No: E520 Senate of Virginia P. O. Box 396 Richmond, VA 23218 Phone: (804) 698-7530 district30@senate.virginia.gov</p>	<p><b>Senator Dick Saslaw</b> Pocahontas Building Room No: E602 Senate of Virginia P. O. Box 396 Richmond, VA 23218 Phone: (804) 698-7535 district35@senate.virginia.gov</p>
<p><b>Delegate Mark Levine (Dist. 45)</b> Pocahontas Building 900 E. Main St, Room 409 Richmond, Virginia 23219 Office: (804) 698-1045 DelMLevine@house.virginia.gov</p>	<p><i>Delegate Charniele Herring (Dist. 46)</i> Pocahontas Building 900 E. Main St, Room 606 Richmond, Virginia 23219 Office: (804) 698-1046 DelCHerring@house.virginia.gov</p>	<p>These are the five Senate and Delegate legislators representing different parts of Alexandria in Virginia's General Assembly. Dick Saslaw is the Majority Leader in the Senate and Charniele Herring is the House Majority Leader. Both are leading the charge for Democrat-sponsored legislation.</p>

Keep Track of Legislation and Read Bills at: <https://www.richmondsunlight.com/> <https://lis.virginia.gov/>

## Republican Election Officers Needed to Ensure Voting Integrity

Judicial Watch has identified Virginia as one of 38 states with more registered voter than citizens of voting age (CVAs) in its 2019 Election Integrity Project. Almost 90,000 registrations fit that category Virginia-wide. In Alexandria, over 6,000 registrations fit that description. Scary, right? So we must all work to ensure election integrity. Being an Election Officer is one of eight key steps to stop voter fraud, according to Judicial Watch. Our local Republican party is trying to recruit more poll workers for Election Day because most of the poll workers in Alexandria are Democrats. We need to be represented to ensure fairness. Please consider being one of those patriots willing to work up an entire day (about 5 am to 9 pm) to prevent voter fraud and ensure fair elections. Some CRWC members are Election Officers (Kimberly Pinter for one), and can let you know what it's like. Contact CRWC Leadership or ARCC Chairman Sean Lenehan so we can keep track of how many Republicans are signing up.

More info and sign up here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections#BecomeanAlexandriaElectionOfficer>

# 2020 Calendar

*Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections*

## FEBRUARY

20 – 7:30 pm CRWC Meeting at Susie Miller’s House

26-29 - CPAC, National Harbor

## MARCH

5 – 7:30pm ARCC Meeting at Minnie Howard Campus for Election of Officers (must be paid up to vote) [www.alexgop.org](http://www.alexgop.org)

7 – ARCC/GOP/CRWC Marches in Old Town St. Patrick’s Day Parade

12 – 7:00 CRWC Board Meeting at GOP HQ

26 – 7:30 pm CRWC Meeting at Police HQ

## APRIL

23 - 7:00 Annual CRWC Membership Reception Lyceum

## MAY

1-2 – GOP State Convention in Richmond

30 – 8th Congressional District GOP Convention in Springfield at Waterford

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***Candidate Event Announcements We Have Been Asked to Share:***

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7 pm. Knox Presbyterian Church in Falls Church, Town Hall event for Heerok Christian Kim, Candidate for Virginia’s 8th Congressional District. [www.HeerakForCongress.com](http://www.HeerakForCongress.com)

***(Note to GOP candidates and campaign managers: Please submit your event information the first week of every month to get into the Tempo newsletter.)***

**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 2020**

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

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address\_\_\_\_\_

\*City\_\_\_\_\_ \*State\_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip\_\_\_\_\_

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New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: Full \$ 45 \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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