



# TEMPO

March 2020

## Message From the President



Since our last newsletter, a lot of things have happened. Many CRWC members attended the amazing CPAC2020 conference at National Harbor, then found out that an attendee from New Jersey was diagnosed with COVID-19. But enough time has passed for us to know that we didn't catch it. Yet, as I write this the entire country is grappling with developing proper, measured responses to the virus and it seems like all large group events are being cancelled

in an abundance of caution. Which leads me to...

The March 26 CRWC meeting is cancelled. We join the long list of Alexandria community events that are being cancelled and postponed indefinitely until the coronavirus situation settles down. Hopefully this time of uncertainty will only last a few weeks.

On the fun side, Susie Miller (1st VP of Programs) did a fabulous job organizing CRWC, ARCC, and GOP campaigns to join us for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Old Town Alexandria. We had a nice turnout, got a surprisingly positive reception from the crowd all along the parade route (this city is about 70% Dem), and showed Alexandria that we support President Trump. Thank you, Susie!

I look forward to seeing you all in April at our Annual Membership Reception at the Lyceum on April 23rd. Plans are being finalized and we should have more details soon. Mark your calendars now to Save the Date and tell your friends. Until then, be well. We need to be strong and healthy for election season to help President Trump win re-election!

Linda App

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

**Commonwealth  
Republican Women's Club  
Membership Meeting  
March Meeting  
Cancelled Due to COVID-19!**

**We are sorry to report our March 26 Meeting with Ann Stone has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak. We will try and schedule Ann at a later date. In the meantime take care!**

**Plans are continuing for our Annual Membership Reception in April on page 3**

We will have an exciting speaker, Luke Rosiak, an investigative reporter who broke the story about the Cong. Wasserman Shultz's staffers who were hacking computers and passing on intel to Pakistan.

He will have his book, Obstruction of Justice, available for purchase. So mark your calendars:

A Sign-up Genius has been posted -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044BA5AE2A1-lyceum>

Please sign up to bring a food or beverage, we need everyone to help.



## IRISH PARADE by Susie Miller

We had a wonderful turnout for the parade. One count had us at 70 participants. Not only were we well represented by CRWC and ARCC members, but we also had supporters of Daniel Gade for Senate and supporters for Mark Elmore for Congressional District 8.

I am happy to say the Mount Vernon Republican Party wants to participate in the parade next year and we all would like to march in the George Washington Parade, too. A special note: The Democrats were to march behind us, but only 2, some say 5, showed up and left before the start of the parade.

And finally, a big thank you to Eileen Brackens. She provided coffee and donuts to our marchers before the parade. We had a nice social hour to meet new people and candidates.



## MEMBERSHIP by Laurie Kirby, VP Membership

It is so exciting to have begun our 2020 calendar year with so many new members! And, we look forward to growing our membership this spring when we hold our annual Membership Reception on April 23, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at The Lyceum. Be sure to look for your invitation elsewhere in this issue—and be sure to mark your calendar! Start thinking now about who you may wish to invite as potential new members and forward the invitation to them!

For those who are not new members, please remember that we can only count you as a member when you pay your CRWC dues for 2020. To make it easy, we always include an application on the final page of each monthly Tempo!





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
THE COMMONWEALTH  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB'S  
**ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
RECEPTION**

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020**

**7-9PM**

**GUEST SPEAKER: LUKE ROSIAK**

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER, THE DAILY CALLER**

THE LYCEUM

201 SOUTH WASHINGTON ST., ALEXANDRIA VA 22314

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## 8th Congressional District: Clarification on Candidates

Please be aware that there are only two GOP candidates who met the qualifying requirements and who are still in the running as Republicans for the 8th Congressional District race: Mark Ellmore and Jeff Jordan. Either Ellmore or Jordan will be the Republican nominee determined May 30 in a party process based on the votes of registered delegates. The deadline to register as a delegate for this event has passed. The 8th Congressional District encompasses all of Alexandria, and portions of other nearby areas.

Two other Republican candidates for Congress in the 8th District did not meet certain qualifying requirements established by the GOP, but have decided to continue to run as Independent candidates: Heerak Christian Kim and Mike Webb. There may be some confusion on this point since they started their campaigns as Republicans, but switched parties in order to appear on the ballot.

To summarize, the Republican nominee for the 8th District Congressional seat will be either Mark Ellmore or Jeff Jordan, and CRWC will support the party nominee and the rest of the GOP slate in the November elections.

## 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.

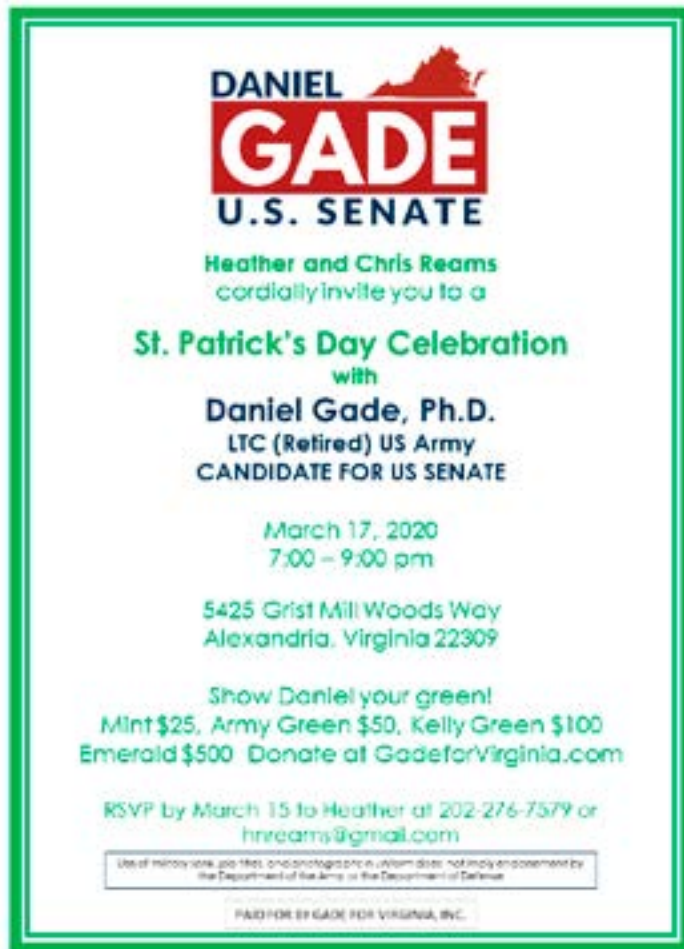
More info and sign up here:

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

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

**Important Notice: All events are subject to change/cancellation due to the impacts of Coronavirus closures. We urge all CRWC members to follow guidelines for staying healthy.**

The Following GOP Candidate Events Have Been Submitted to CRWC for Sharing with Our Members:.



**DANIEL**  
**GADE**  
**U.S. SENATE**

Heather and Chris Reams  
cordially invite you to a

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration**  
with  
**Daniel Gade, Ph.D.**  
LTC (Retired) US Army  
CANDIDATE FOR US SENATE

March 17, 2020  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

5425 Grist Mill Woods Way  
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Show Daniel your green!  
Mint \$25, Army Green \$50, Kelly Green \$100  
Emerald \$500. Donate at [GadeforVirginia.com](http://GadeforVirginia.com)

RSVP by March 15 to Heather at 202-276-7579 or  
[hreams@gmail.com](mailto:hreams@gmail.com)

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Please confirm directly with the campaign contacts for possible cancellation or changes.



Please Join Us for Our Official  
**CAMPAIGN KICKOFF**



Come join us for food, entertainment, and fun as we kick off Mark's campaign to retire 'Do Nothing Don' this November!

Special Guest Speaker  
**BAY BUCHANAN**  
Former U.S. Treasurer

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST AT 2:00PM**  
**5950 GRAND PAVILION WAY**  
**ALEXANDRIA, VA 22303**  
**\*\*Please note the new location!!!**

For questions or to RSVP, please contact  
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# 2020 Calendar

Meetings, Events, Deadlines and Elections

## MARCH

26 – 7:30 pm CRWC Meeting at Police HQ **CANCELLED**

## 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

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

## CRWC Book Club *by Linda Greenberg*

February 15, 2020, the CRWC Book Club met at the home of Linda Greenberg.. Attendees included Peggy Hoffend, Linda App, Laurie Kirby, Susie Miller, Suzanne Morrison, Caz Wesley, Nadine Bacaj, Linda Greenberg, Susie Miller and Mary Parker Lewis. Mary Parker is a friend of Nadine's and had some interesting insights on politics.

The book discussed was *Profiles in Corruption: Abuse of Power by America's Progressive Elite* by Peter Schweizer. The profiles are of Kamila Harris, Joe Biden, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Sherrod Brown, Bernie Sanders, Amy Klobuchar, and Eric Garnetti.

Each in some way abuses the power of their office and/or uses people and/or position to get privilege. They pick and choose issues to their personal advantage not necessarily to the advantage of the people they serve.

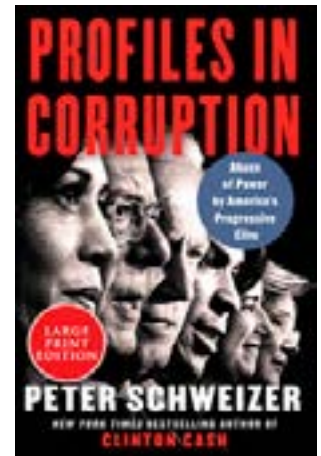
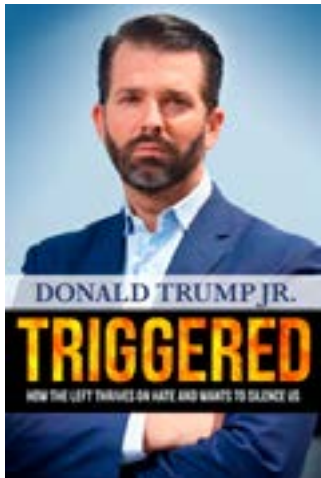
That said there are probably Republican equivalents.

Book's strength is its documentation of how each person got to the top of the heap. Its limitation is its lack of remedies for preventing corruption.

It did stimulate conversation about elite progressives and Alexandria city government.

Our next meeting will be at Laurie Kirby's home, 3209 Circle Hill Road, Alexandria on Saturday March 21 at 1:00 pm. The book we are reading is *Triggered by Donald J. Trump, Jr.*

All current and prospective members are welcome to the meeting even if you haven't read the book.



**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](#)

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# February Meeting recap

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## NEWS RELEASE



For Immediate Release

Date: February 21, 2020



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## **GOP Women Discuss Outreach to Minority Communities with Shared Values**

ALEXANDRIA, VA –

The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC) of Alexandria focused its February meeting on enhancing communications with minority groups.

Former Alexandria Vice Mayor Bill Cleveland and former city council candidate Fernando Torrez, both Republicans, shared their thoughts on ways to connect with minority communities. Cleveland emphasized the need for voting on values and principles, rather than feelings and emotions, and how that change in perspective will help bring more conservative minorities into the Republican party. He praised the work of the Douglas Leadership Institute (DLI) (<https://www.dlinstitute.org/>), named for Frederick Douglas, which focuses on the concepts of righteousness, justice, liberty, and virtue. DLI is not a political organization, but is engaged in many issues from with a conservative viewpoint.

Torrez, President of NanoTech and a former candidate for city council, provided insights into the concerns and experiences of the local Latino community. He said they share conservative values and are deeply concerned about finding work. Torrez spoke of a program he initiated to teach technical skills to inmates and Latino immigrants to prepare them for joining the local workforce.



**Commonwealth Republican Women’s Club  
Membership Application/Renewal 2020**

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

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

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

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

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone(H)\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(C) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_

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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