

James River Republican Women's Club

May 2017 Newsletter

Marie Quinn wins seat on State Central Committee!

Hello Ladies,

The VFRW was a very successful convention for JRRWC with the election of **Marie Quinn** to the State Central Committee. Congratulations.

We had a wonderful Fundraiser on April 7th

Here is a summary of the event from **Ginny Carlson**, the Chairman of the event.

"Dear Friends: With thanks for your support of our annual JRRW event at the Gilmore's. First, a big thank you to **Roxane** and **Jim** for their continuing hospitality, hosting our gathering year after year.

Several innovations this year: changing the date to early April, avoiding holidays and family celebrations and, most important, before important primaries. This change allowed us to provide a forum for state and local candidates, learning more about their positions and, thus, generating better informed voters and volunteers.

Further, having a guest speaker: **John Fredericks**, gave us an inside glimpse into issues and candidates, broadening our understanding of state and national figures and a window into the reasoning behind their positions. I found the information illuminating and enjoyed his visit.

Also, we comped the candidates and one staff member this year, providing a forum to inform our members and guests. Each candidate presented their views and had an opportunity for one-on-one conversation. We're grateful for their time and talent on behalf of citizens in Central Virginia.

Lastly, the silent auction switch to gift baskets was well-received, generating revenue for our ongoing programs in the community. We'll expand on the variety next year and more about that in upcoming newsletters.

While JRRWC remains vibrant, we've lost two devoted members: **Anne Bordelon** and **Jane Brown**. So, we'll follow up with guests who expressed an interest, as well as inactive members and associate members, to increase our numbers and thus, expand our efforts in the metro area. This goal is clearly at the top of our "to do" list. With thanks, **Ginny Carlson**"

Remember the June 13th primary

Of special importance is marking your calendar to vote on June 13th. If you are going to be away be sure to get an absentee ballot. There is a lot to be decided to move forward to win in November.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 at the Olive Garden Restaurant for those who want dinner. The meeting itself will be at 7:00. **Marie Quinn** will be in charge of the meeting as I will be unable to attend. Please let them know of any topics or issues you want the club to consider.

Marie Quinn and **Marian Winer** will report on what they learned at the VFRW convention in Roanoke.

Hopefully our Corresponding Secretary, **Sandy Tucker**, will be recovered soon from her surgery and be able to join us.

Again, thank you to all of you who helped at the Legislative Day meeting in March and the April fundraiser. It really made a big difference in how both events turned out so well!!

Terry Warthen

President