

Elephant Tales July 2017

“Make It A Great Year To Be A Republican!”



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Save These Days!

On **Wednesday, August 23rd**, SARWC will host Cathy Gillespie, wife of our candidate for Governor, Ed Gillespie. The luncheon will be held in the LOW Clubhouse starting with a social time at 11:30am with lunch served at noon. We have also invited Lee Frame, 5th District Supervisor, to update us on happenings in Orange County. Be sure to bring some cash to buy donated conservative/republican books and a few other items at our Treasure Table.

The menu for the luncheon will be Chicken Picatta, Jasmine Rice, Peas, Salad with Ranch or Pomegranate Dressing, Rolls & Butter, Blueberry Pie and Beverages. Please RSVP to Toni Ruther at 540-972-0295 by Friday, August 18th and put a check in the mail for \$21.00 to SARWC, PO Box 803, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Add a note if you need a special meal and write August luncheon in the memo section of the check.

On **Saturday, September 16th**, we will have a Breakfast at the Clubhouse beginning at 9:30am and our Very Special Speaker will be Dr. Edwin Meese. Do not wait to make a reservation if you know you want to attend—other local clubs are interested in hearing him speak and he only speaks here because he is a resident of LOW. We will publicize this luncheon in August to the general public. As usual,

call Toni Ruther to be on the reservation list. Then you can put a check in the mail at the same address as above for \$21.00. Again, add a note if you need a special meal and write September breakfast in the memo section of the check.

In October we will emphasize bringing a prospective new member to our luncheon meeting.

Please plan to join us for the next few meetings and consider volunteering to help out during our candidates' campaigns to promote "Vote the Republican Ticket!"

Special Meals Available

If you have special dietary restrictions, please indicate that with a note when you send in your check for the meal at the meetings. The Clubhouse staff are usually able to find a suitable substitution for the planned menu selections.

President's Message

We have hit the halfway mark in our SARWC year. We have done a lot, but a lot more needs to be done. Our club has some great speakers lined up for the next few months such as Cathy Gillespie and Dr Edwin Meese. We encourage you to buy your White House Christmas ornaments early so we can build up our funds to support projects like our local school libraries and other community projects as well as our candidates. To help with the election of our candidates, we will hold several "Get Out the Vote" tents in the next few months. I have found volunteers for a Nominating Committee and they will be working to get a slate of officers for next year. In October we want you to bring in some new members for the coming year—invite neighbors and

friends. Don't forget to pay YOUR dues in October for 2018 since so many of us are away at the first of next year. Of course, in November we will work outside the polls and VOTE! We will close out the year with a tour of the White House at Christmastime. Whew, I am tired already but we must keep working.

I hear from so many good Republicans that they are sick and tired of the negative stories coming from the mainstream media. So am I. Every day I get reports from the Media Research Center and it is true—we are not imagining the bias of the MSM. They absolutely HATE our President. The National news is very disturbing.

But here in Virginia we must not let that stop us from supporting our candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and our 30th District Delegate! We know these candidates and we admire their values—they are also our values. When feeling disgusted I try to think about the Republican Creed of Virginia and how fortunate we are to have such great candidates. Our candidates DO believe in and live by that creed. You cannot find anything that positive coming from the other side. So volunteer in some way to help us "support the ticket".
Connie Buttimer

Four Talking Points for Ed Gillespie

- Supports cutting taxes by 10% for all Virginians
- Supports the natural gas pipelines
- Supports the Right to Work Law
- Supports public charter school expansion

See more at www.edforvirginia.com

Publicizing, Caring & Sharing

A Media Advisory was sent to the Free-Lance Star and the Orange County Review reporting on the SARWC summer picnic event and included a photo of Nick Freitas speaking to the attendees.

Get well cards on behalf of SARWC were sent to Cheryl Snyder who fell and broke her kneecap in 3 places, and to Joan Schulle for her broken ankle. Thoughts and prayers were conveyed to both members.

Cheryl Brown, Corresponding Secretary

Let's Take back Virginia

Virginia can elect a Republican ticket in November. We must unite to make it happen. We worked so hard to get a Republican in the White House and a majority in Congress. Many of us, including me, cannot bear to watch the news. And, that is exactly what the Democrats are counting on – they will not give up. This political media terrorism must stop. The Dems mantra is “Let’s take back the White House”. We, as Republicans, must adopt a similar mantra and say, “Let’s take back Virginia!”

The August and September meetings will be at the clubhouse. Mrs. Ed Gillespie will be our speaker at the August meeting. Former Attorney General Ed Meese will be at our September Saturday breakfast meeting.

There were many Trump signs throughout LOW, if you know someone who had a sign in their yard, please make an effort to invite them to attend the August or September meeting.

We are disappointed that Senator Reeves did not win – but we must vote the Republican ticket in November. If

central and western regions can turn out its voters and Virginia votes the Republican ticket we can win. No one expected Trump to win, the silent majority voted and won. SARWC must work to make sure every Republican votes in November – we need YOU.

Hope to see you at the next meetings with a guest. Let’s take back Virginia!
Brenda Rogers, 2nd VP for Membership

New Laws in Effect

The 2017 General Assembly adjourned at the end of February. Throughout the 45-day session, they considered thousands of bills. Most of the bills that ultimately passed and were signed by the Governor went into effect on July 1. The General Assembly publishes a comprehensive list of bills that are likely to affect your everyday life. You can read the entire list here

<http://dls.virginia.gov/pubs/idc/idc17.pdf>.

Here are a few of them:

State Budget The General Assembly produced a budget ahead of schedule for the third year in a row that keeps spending in check. The debt is reduced by about \$61 million. The budget includes no tax increases and eliminates all of the Governor's fees. Included in the budget is a 3% salary increase for state employees and faculty, a 2% salary adjustment for all state-supported local employees and a 2% raise for teachers.

Left-lane drivers Legislation passed that will fine slower drivers who do not drive in the right lane of the highway \$100. Slow drivers in the left lane are a danger to others on the highways.

Opioids A number of new laws were passed to fight the opioid epidemic. Measures include establishing a needle exchange program and increased access to the overdose-reversal drug naloxone.

Blaze Pink There are many female hunters who have asked to be able to wear blaze pink to encourage women to participate in the great tradition of hunting in Virginia. Now hunters may wear blaze pink or blaze orange hunting apparel when required during hunting seasons.

Volunteer to Help

On Saturday, August 12th you are invited to volunteer with the LOW Adaptive Watersports group for an amazing day of fun, smiles and most importantly, waterskiing for the disabled. They will host their third annual children's event at the LOW Clubhouse. There will be lawn games, face painting, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing, tubing, pontoon riding and adaptive waterskiing! Feel free to bring friends and family to observe or volunteer. All activities except adaptive waterskiing are open to everyone. Adaptive waterskiing is limited to participants only. There will be lunch provided free of charge for participants and volunteers. You can sign up as a volunteer or participant at www.adaptivewatersports.org.

Volunteers from this group attended our Potluck Picnic in June and we learned about their equipment and programs. We were pleased to present them a check to support this Community Service project.

White House Christmas Tour

On August 1st SARWC will request a White House and Capitol Tour for Saturday, December 9th. Then we wait to find out if our request has been accepted. Now we need to collect information that must be turned in as soon as we get confirmation. (See Information Request Form) Toni Ruther is accepting names at 540-972-0295 as soon as possible and before July 31st.

The price of the bus is \$40. To confirm your reservation, we need your check by **July 31st** with the form below filled out **exactly** as the government ID (driver license) you will present at the White House. Send your check and form to PO Box 803, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Enclose a form for each person you are paying for with the check. We will hold your check and information until we get confirmation of the tour. We cannot add or change names after we submit them to the White House. No refunds will be given except for medical or family emergencies after submission.

We have reserved a bus which seats 50, so **space is limited**. Members, Associates and family will be given priority. We will maintain a wait list of non-members that will be utilized to fill the bus.

You may bring a sack lunch and SARWC will provide water and drinks. The White House Tour usually takes about an hour. The Capitol Tour will either be at 10:30 or 1:30, depending on the time of the White House Tour and also takes about an hour. This is exciting because Melania Trump will be in charge of decorating the White House for Christmas! It will be beautiful!

Information Requested by White House Security

Please print your first name, middle name, last name, gender and date of birth exactly as they appear on your government issued ID. If there are any discrepancies between this information and your presented ID we cannot guarantee your clearance onto the complex.

First name: _____

Middle name: _____
(If you do not have a middle name, leave this blank)

Last name: _____

Date of birth: _____

US Citizen? _____

Social Security #: _____
(Not required for children under 18 or for non-citizens)

Gender: _____

City of Residence: _____

State of Residence: _____

Country of Birth: _____



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