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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pam McKinley, President

Hello Members and Friends,

We are in the midst of our Membership Drive and growing! Last month's luncheon saw eight potential members join us to hear the excellent presentation by Dr. Bernard Swope on the Dissenting View of Climate Change. His hands-on experiment with water and ice cubes in a Mason jar showing the displacement of melted ice was a simple eye-opener. We are looking forward to our next speaker, Dr. Steven Camaroto, Director of Research for the Center of Immigration Studies in Washington, who will speak on the real cost to our country of the millions of illegal immigrants.

This year we are initiating monthly Service projects with our luncheon meetings. For April we have designated The Laurel Center for abused women and children, so please bring paper goods, towels, puzzles or books to the April 5 meeting so that we can deliver them the next day. A basket will be provided at the registration table.

The VFRW Convention this year will be held April 28-30th at the Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center. We will elect Delegates and Alternates at our April 5th luncheon, based on our number of full members. If you would like to be a Delegate or an Alternate, please make sure you attend the April 5th luncheon meeting. Room reservations at the Hotel Roanoke are \$139/night, single or double. Our Club underwrites \$75 for each Delegate. Other interested Club members may attend to hear speakers at their own expense. It would be a great time to spend a day or two with like-minded women from across the Commonwealth! Let's get a group together!

Mark your Calendars:

- April 5th - Luncheon meeting, Election of Delegates & Alternates
- April 28-30 - VFRW Convention, Roanoke
- May 3rd - Luncheon meeting

PROGRAMS/LUNCHEONS

1st Vice President, Sandy Montgomery-Aker

April 5 Luncheon Meeting Presentation

Dr. Steven Camarota, Director of Research, Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), located in Washington, D.C. will speak on the "Impact of Immigration." The CIS is a research institute that examines the consequences of legal and illegal immigration on the United States. He has the alarming data from his research and numerous publications on this important topic.

Please plan to attend and bring your friends!

Wed., April 5th @ 11:30 am

Winchester Country Club, 1300 Senseny Road, Winchester, VA 22602

Cost: \$16.00 cash/check at the door

Luncheon choice: Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad or Chicken Cordon Bleu Sandwich

RSVP by Friday, March 31st to tcandmr@verizon.net or 540-678-8748

Upcoming Speakers:

May 3 - Kyle Shideler will present the topic "The Muslim Brotherhood - and the importance of designating them as a terrorist organization."

June 7 - "General Assembly Reports for 2017" from our representatives which includes Senator Jill Vogel and our delegates, Chris Collins, Dave LaRock and Randy Minschew.

OUTREACH PROJECTS INITIATION

Each month we are going to designate a local community organization to be the beneficiary of donated items from our Club members. This is an effort that is spearheaded and encouraged by the VFRW, and we are more than happy to help our neighbors in need here.

We are designating **The Laurel Center**, a local shelter for abused women and children, as the beneficiary in April. Please help us in this effort, and **bring one or more of the items listed below to the April 5 Luncheon** and put it in the basket at the Registration table:

- New women's sweatshirts
- 2T-14 children's sweatshirts and sweatpants
- Boxes of individual snacks
- Bottled water
- Aluminum foil and plastic wrap
- Ziplock bags, Qt. and Gal. size
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Hand soap
- New twin sheet sets
- New twin blankets

Thank you for your generosity!

Pam McKinley

“We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.” –Ronald Reagan



NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Chairman, Margaret Hobble

Not only is President Trump moving “at the speed of light” as he works to keep his campaign promises, but there is more going on behind the scenes than anyone can follow coherently. And it doesn’t show any signs of slowing down.

At the halfway point in his first 100 days in office, his accomplishments toward keeping campaign promises were listed by many sources so I won’t repeat them.

A serious problem is the constant drumming of “the Russians are coming, the Russians are coming”! Or, more accurately, they have already been here and compromised the election, President Trump, some of his cabinet members and associates. There are dozens of investigations going on concerning these accusations, and Congress has authorized \$1.2 million to fund the effort. The multiple media articles reporting supposed activities and their results, and “what if” comments about things that could have, would have or should have happened continue unabated. Buried in every report has been the comment “NO evidence has been found to support the accusations”. It seems this is nothing but an expensive witch hunt, with the underlying objective being “if we repeat a lie often enough it will be believed.” It also provides a convenient diversion to what is really happening.

There have been real leaks of information thought to be secure and these have caused their share of problems. They are intended to reflect poorly on President Trump or his associates. Many have offered the opinion these are the results of a “silent coo” being waged by Barrack Obama and his supporters. There is evidence to support this. First Mr. Obama, immediately after the election, began positioning his staff members, who would be unemployed on January 20, 2017, in jobs across all agencies and departments in the government. Then two days before that date Mr. Obama increased by sixteen agencies and departments those already approved to receive top secret and secure information. The timing of these two actions provided employees loyal to him access to, and the ability to share, information they would probably have never seen.

Add to this the intentional slowness by Senator Schumer in approving President Trump’s appointees and it is amazing how much has been accomplished. President Trump held his first official Cabinet Meeting on March 13, and four members did not attend because they have not been approved by the Senate. Hearings for the Supreme Court Justice appointee have not been scheduled. At last count there are more than 100 judgeships that need approval as well as countless department heads, chairs of commissions and agencies, and now, forty-six federal attorneys President Trump needs to appoint but cannot because of the approval process backlog created in the Senate. The anger fueling this arrogance and putting behavior needs to be stopped by the majority leader in the Senate.

As for the repeal and replacement of Obama Care I have no idea “who is on first” or what is actually happening. Hopefully in my next report I will know more.

STATE LEGISLATION

Chairman, Gretchen Coffey

Our Republican candidates in the June 13 primary currently are: Ed Gillespie (edforvirginia.com), Corey Stewart (coreystewart.com), and Frank Wagner (wagnervagovernor.com) for governor; Glenn Davis (davisforlg.com), Bryce Reeves (brycereeves.com) and Jill Vogel (vogelforvirginia.com) for lieutenant governor; and John Adams (johnadamsforva.com) and Chuck Smith (chucksmithforvirginia.com) for attorney general.

See lis.virginia.gov for complete results of the recent session of the General Assembly. 1,086 bills were filed by house members; 515 passed. Of those that failed, 390 died in unrecorded voice votes, and at least 20 bills were assigned to committees but no hearings were held on them. The Governor has until March 27 to make decisions. On April 5 the Assembly reconvenes for what's known as Veto Day, to make decisions on the Governor's choices.

From perusal of the entire list of bills that reached the Governor and have been signed, here are some, listing just a few key words in the bill: guidelines for safe prescribing of opioids; pupil to teacher ratios in middle schools and high schools by school; referring veterans and family members to appropriate services (all our local legislators voted for it); charter school applications, revocations, non renewals; The Tax Amnesty Program (patron Thomas Norment); family life curriculum to include law and meaning of consent; prevention of trafficking of children; driver's ed. to include interactions of driver and law enforcement officer during traffic stop; photo ID for concealed carry permit.

Also, changes to DUI regarding blood test requirement (patron Chris Collins); indigence guidelines to be used in determining person's ability to pay fines and costs in civil action (C. Collins and J. Vogel); class 3 felony re terrorism support; dispensing Naloxone; new mental health and primary care by 7/1/'19 and 7/1/'21 (Creigh Deeds); increased minimum visual acuity for driver's license; opioid-prescribing MD must check the PMP (Prescription Monitoring Program) first; annual audit of ballot scanner machines (Mark Obenshain); citizen immunity to defamation lawsuit on matters of public concern; revised economic impact analysis of regs (Bryce Reeves); advance directives granting consent to the person's admission to a facility for mental health treatment (Creigh Deeds).

Among the bills the Governor has vetoed are: photo ID for voting; several dealing with weapons; reporting to Social Services refugee and resettlement figures; ICE detainees; Tebow bill; wage on public works contracts; and abortion and family planning funding.

MEMBERSHIP

2nd Vice President, Cynthia Butler

The WFCRW invites any woman 18 years or older who is interested in Republican issues to join the WFCRWC. We have monthly luncheon meetings with speakers, annual fundraising & other social events.

An **Active** member of our local Club automatically includes membership in the Virginia Federation Republican Women (VFRW) and National Federation Republican Women Clubs (NFRW).

Active Membership: **\$25 per year**

An **Associate** member is either a woman who is an active member of another Club, or a man. Both may attend meetings, but cannot make motions, have a voice or vote, serve on a committee, hold office, or be counted for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to national or state federation meetings. They also are not members of VFRW or NFRW members.

Associate Membership: **\$15 per year**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Full membership: \$25

Associate membership: \$15 (for gentlemen or ladies who are Full members of another Club)

Mail with your check to:

Payable to: WFCRW
Cynthia Butler, Chair
320 Handley Blvd.
Winchester, VA 22601

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Joy Dunn, Campaign Activities Chairman

Clarke County

- When Clarke County's longtime Commonwealth's Attorney Suzanne "Suni" Mackall retires on April 1, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Anne Williams will step up to fill the position until a special election in the fall.

Frederick County

- Supervisor Gene Fisher announced at the FCRC meeting that he will not run for re-election in November.
- Four supervisor's offices will be up for re-election November 2017. They include Red Bud, Stonewall, Shawnee and Gainesboro. The FCRC voted to have a Mass Meeting as the selection process to determine Republican nominees.
- Three School Board members are up for election. They include Red Bud, Shawnee and Stonewall.
- Middletown Police Chief Warren Houde resigned and Frederick County Sheriff Millholland was appointed temporary Chief until Middletown can make a replacement.

Winchester City

- Winchester Police Chief, Kevin Sanzenbacher, has announced his retirement effective April 30, 2017. The City will soon begin a national search and will hold public input meetings to solicit feedback about the characteristics the community wants in its next police chief.