



April Newsletter

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

The purpose of our club is to educate our members and encourage woman to participate in all things governmental. Our guest speaker this month, Angela Kelly-Wiecek, is a fine example of what spirit, determination and education can produce, a woman in an important leadership position. We have had many of these outstanding women speak to our group this year, State Senator Siobhan Dunnivant, candidate for Republican National committeewoman, Suzanne Obenshain, and Virginia Cobb founder of the Family Foundation. Our club scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated leadership qualities and has done her best to excel at an early age and promises to be an outstanding leader in the future.

Our club must do its best to learn from the best, elect the best and do it in an informed and intelligent manner.

You are in the HRWC because you know that we all have work to do to make a difference. We will be preparing soon for an important election. Get ready to do your best.

I know you will! You are the Best!

Liza Bradford



*COMMUNITY SERVICE
NEWS:*

Liza Bradford will be collecting this month's donations for the Hanover Humane Society. We need a kind hearted member to take on this worthy job.

Contact Liza if you have any questions. It is an easy and worthwhile contribution to your club and community.



*HRC Summer Meeting
schedule:*

May - Debbie's Restaurant

June- No Meeting

July- No Meeting

August- No meeting

Members will be notified when volunteer opportunities arise over the summer. Check your emails for updates!

*PEARLS, POLITICS AND
PICNICS*

LADIES WE DISCUSSED DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT! BRING YOUR IDEAS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING!

THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS, LET US HEAR FROM YOU AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

CAROL JELLIE

April

GUEST SPEAKER

Angela Kelly - Wiecek

*Vice Chair Hanover County Board of
Supervisor*

UPCOMING EVENTS

VFRW CONVENTION APRIL 22-24

HRWC 2016 VFRW Convention Delegates:

Liza Bradford

Julie Coggsdale

Lynn Hamilton

Jane Ladd

1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION - MAY 7

RPV 2016 QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION - APRIL 29 - 30

May Community Service project:

We will be collecting diapers, wipes, and infant and toddler clothes for Catholic Commonwealth Services who distribute these items to needy children all over the Commonwealth.

As we celebrate Mother's Day we show our Motherly love for all children!

CONTRIBUTED REPORT FROM DELEGATE CHRIS PEACE



The 2016 General Assembly session was a productive and successful session. The legislature finished their work early for the second year in a row, saving taxpayers over \$25,000 dollars. The House of Delegates crafted a conservative and responsible state budget that carefully spends taxpayer dollars while making strategic and targeted investments in the core functions of state government. The budget supports the legislative priorities of the General Assembly

- Includes a 3% pay raise in the first year of the budget for state employees and college faculty, and a 2% pay raise for state-supported local employees.
- **Education**
 - Invests over \$900 million in new funding for K-12 education compared to previous biennium, \$73 million more than originally proposed by Governor McAuliffe.
 - Includes a 2% teacher pay raise in the first year of the budget.
 - Re-establishes the lottery proceeds distribution in the second year of the budget, sending 29% of lottery proceeds back to local schools by FY18. The House goal is to fully restore the 40% distribution, which was the policy prior to 2010.
 - The budget proposal builds on our continued effort to make college more affordable for Virginia families and includes \$78.6 million more than Governor McAuliffe proposed for higher education funding.
 - Includes \$114 million for operating and maintenance at colleges and universities to mitigate tuition increases.
 - Includes \$48 million for undergraduate financial aid.
 - Includes \$12.5 million for the New Economy Workforce Credentialing program.
- **Economic Development**

- The budget funds strategic and targeted investments in economic development, while promoting increased accountability and oversight in coordination with our legislative priorities.
- The budget allows the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission to undertake ongoing and continuing oversight of economic development initiatives and tax preferences.
- Increases accountability by directing funds to GO Virginia and research funding. The budget includes \$35 million for GO Virginia.
- **Public Safety**
 - Includes a 3% pay raise for state police and a yearly adjustment to address salary compression for senior employees.
 - Includes funding for 20 new state troopers in the Special Operations Division.
- **Healthcare**
 - The budget does not include Obamacare’s Medicaid expansion or the Medicaid provider tax that both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have called a “gimmick.”
 - Invests new funding to build a stronger healthcare safety net to create new two PACT teams and raises the eligibility for the GAP program to 80% of the federal poverty level.

Education

- Education is always a top priority for the House of Delegates. Education is the gateway to jobs and opportunity.
- While most Virginia students attend a good school, some are still being left behind. There is a commitment to maintaining Virginia’s strong K-12 system, and working to give all children the opportunities in education they deserve by enacting reforms in public education, promoting choice and flexibility, and encouraging early childhood education.
 - Virginia Virtual School – Allows students the opportunity to take courses not offered in their local school division through online public schools.
 - Education Savings Accounts - allow families with special needs students to receive direct access to the state funding for that student. That funding is deposited into an account, where it can be used for educational purposes.
 - While the House of Delegates does not believe a statewide mandated pre-school program is the best approach, we are exploring better ways to encourage early childhood education. Our focus is on improving access to private providers and breaking down barriers that limit access.

Jobs & Economic Development

- The House of Delegates advanced several major pieces of legislation aimed at (i) fostering private-sector economic growth, (ii) promoting a positive, pro-business climate, and (iii) protecting small businesses through regulatory reform.
- Pro-Business Climate
 - Constitutional amendment for Right-to-Work
 - General Assembly approval for implementation of the Clean Power Plan
 - Protect small business franchises from being overrun by big labor unions
- Economic Growth
 - GO Virginia – regional economic development collaboration to vet projects
 - Virginia Collaborative Economic Development Performance Grant Fun – grants to aid in the expansion or relocation of a company in the Commonwealth
 - R&D Tax Credit – encourages new investment into R&D efforts in the Commonwealth
- Regulatory Reform
 - Increase transparency when new regulations are being promulgated
 - Ensuring occupational licenses are not over burdening individuals and small businesses

Second Amendment

- The House of Delegates passed a major, bipartisan agreement to (i) restore and expand concealed carry reciprocity, (ii) require State Police to be available for voluntary background checks at gun shows, and (iii) prohibit individuals under permanent domestic violence protective orders from possessing a firearm, which is already federal law.
- There was obviously concern after the Attorney General's decision to unilaterally end concealed carry reciprocity. Restoring reciprocity was a top priority for the House of Delegates. This bipartisan agreement not only restores reciprocity, the compromise expands concealed carry reciprocity for Virginia's law-abiding citizens.
- An agreement was put into place on voluntary background checks and legislation on domestic violence that we have considered for many years.
- Under this law, the Superintendent of the Virginia State Police has 60 days after the bills are effective to enter into reciprocity agreements, securing the rights of law-abiding gun owners. **The General Assembly will meet again on April 20 for the reconvene session to consider the Governor's vetoes.**

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



We cannot ignore this horrendous problem. I will have blue ribbons at the meeting to wear this month to promote conversation and awareness of this terrible crime ! Information will be available on our education table. Pray God we stop it! Here are the disturbing facts! More are never discovered or reported.

Child Abuse Statistics	Data
Number of children annually who are abused	681,000

ALWAYS REPORT ABUSE!

**PICK UP YOUR RIBBON AT THE MEETING AND WEAR IT
DURING THE MONTH TO HELP PROMOTE PUBLIC
AWARENESS OF THIS TERRIBLE CRIME AGAINST OUR
INNOCENT CHILDREN!**



SPECIAL PROJECT!

Dear Members,

With all the troubles we face and all the disrespectful behavior demonstrated by some of our fellow citizens regarding the flag, I have a project I would like you all to support.

Flag Day occurs on June 14 and to show our respect and enthusiasm for those who choose to proudly display Old Glory, I would like to send a certificate of appreciation from the Hanover Republican Women's Club to businesses in Hanover County who fly the Stars and Stripes.

All that is needed is to have you write down the name of the business and their address where you see the flag displayed. We will send them a certificate of appreciation from our club. The person who submitted their name will be mentioned in the cover letter.

Please join me in recognizing those businesses that show their pride in our great nation by flying Old Glory!

Thank You!

Liza Bradford

“...Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. ...The US Army also celebrates the Army birthday on this date.”

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY SCHEDULE

APRIL

19 - NEW YORK ...42 DELEGATES

26 - CONNECTICUT ... 28 DELEGATES

DELAWARE ... 16 DELEGATES

MARYLAND ... 38 DELEGATES

PENNSYLVANIA ... 71 DELEGATES

RHODE ISLAND ... 19 DELEGATES

MAY

3 - INDIANA ...57 Delegates

10- NEBRASKA ...36 DELEGATES

WEST VIRGINIA ... 34 DELEGATES

24 - WASHINGTON ... 44 DELEGATES

**ALTHOUGH WE WILL NOT MEET IN June, July and August,
volunteer opportunities will be shared via email.**

Check information regularly!

HRWC Executive Board

Liza Bradford – President

**Kristie Helmick – 1st VP
(Programs)**

**Lynn Hamilton – 2nd VP
(Membership)**

**Virginia Habansky -
Recording Secretary**

**Nancy Hazzard -
Corresponding Secretary**

STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRS

By-Laws: Fran Sadler

Hospitality: Elaine Martin

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
(POSITION AVAILABLE)**

Legislative: Julie Coggsdale

Newsletter:

Supporting Our Troops:

Reeva Tilley

**Scholarship: Meghan
Sheffield**

**Historian: Stephanie
Chalkley**



Next Meeting - May 17

Debbie's Kitchen - 6pm

13155 Mountain Road

Glen Allen

Important Information:

There will be no meetings during the months of June, July and August!

We need a Chair for the Pearls and Politics event!

A picnic has been proposed for your consideration. We need someone to step up; you will have plenty of help!

PEARLS, POLITICS AND A PICNIC!