



**2016 CONVENTION OF THE VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
ANNUAL REPORTS**

Compiled by Linda Kivi Porter, VFRW Recording Secretary

President's Report 2016

none submitted

VFRW Annual Report

Ellen Nau, VFRW First Vice President

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the First Vice President of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women for a second year. It was so rewarding to work on the programs for the 2015 VFRW Convention. Many wonderful speakers educated and entertained us at the convention meals and break-out sessions. I am so appreciative of all of the individuals who took time from their busy schedules to share their knowledge and talents with the VFRW.

The summer fundraiser, led by President Linda Bartlett, was held at Battersea in Petersburg. A historical structure under reconstruction, Battersea will be a shining star in the revitalization of historic Petersburg. Much praise to Alicia Brittle for her resourcefulness and organizational skills in relation to this event. I enjoyed working with her.

Legislative Day 2016 saw the return of advocacy at the General Assembly by members of the VFRW. What a successful event! Jean Gannon and Sandy Pettengill did a magnificent job in organizing the day with many VFRW members and friends. I am happy to report that they are reprising their roles as Legislative Day chairs and are planning an exciting event for 2017.

As we enter a new VFRW year, let's look at what is happening in our world, country and our treasured Republican Party. The world is in chaos. Global terrorism is on the rise, and no one can be certain of escaping its deadly deeds. Let's be vigilant for our safety and that of our loved ones, but not give into the fear incited by terrorists. Nationally, our military is diminished and questionable treaties have been negotiated with nations unfriendly to our country's values. As VFRW members, let us help rectify this situation of a weakened United States. Resolve to unite behind our Republican nominee for President and educate our fellow Virginians to the tenets and beliefs of the GOP. The founder of the Republican party, Abraham Lincoln, faced the task of uniting a quarreling nation. Let us help unite his political party – our Republican Party.

On to a Republican victory in November!

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Nau, VFRW First Vice President

Louise Shickle

VFRW 2nd Vice President

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I want to say THANK YOU to VFRW members. You have allowed me to serve you as an officer for the past 6 years, first as Treasurer, then as Recording Secretary, and most recently as 2nd Vice President. I have always worked to do what I believed to be best for our organization and I've enjoyed getting to know so many of you and will continue to expand my friendships in VFRW!

Membership grows with excitement about our Party. Since we are right on economic principles and life's principles of freedom and liberty, we should win and grow! If we can find the ways to tell our story and be attractive to newcomers to political thought, we will flourish. I have every hope and it is my prayer that as Republicans we are able to turn things around in this election year, so that we can bring America back to a land of opportunity and prosperity for us, our children, and their children.

The nitty-gritty of the 2nd Vice President's job as data input person for membership has been a bit of a roller coaster ride in the past two years. NFRW rolled out a new system, but they found out that it is less than perfect, so a different system will be initiated in the near future. For now, the training that's been given for clubs' to input membership will not go further, but it will surely reappear! In the future, I hope the NFRW will thoroughly test its product before they launch, and they will, I am sure, come up with a system that does allow membership to be entered by club officers. Meanwhile, since I am a data person, I've enjoyed working "with" the systems whatever they may be! Thank you and let's keep lifting each other up. There's plenty of opportunity here.

Thanks again,

Louise

Linda Kivi Porter
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VFRW Recording Secretary
Annual Report for 2016 Convention

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your VFRW Recording Secretary. During the past two years, I have: prepared meeting minutes of VFRW Executive Committee & Board of Directors meetings; called Roll at meetings in order to help determine quorum; collected/prepared reports, including the annual Convention report..... (*please note that this year's Annual Report is ONLY available on the VFRW website); updated the VFRW Calendar on our website (prior to its change to a new hosting service & webmaster), and, proofread numerous Federation documents before they went to print or were distributed electronically.

As a volunteer staff member at the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) Headquarters in Alexandria, VA, this year and last, I have gained greater knowledge and understanding of our organization. Our National Officers and NFRW Staff WORK TIRELESSLY to make our volunteer organization operate successfully. Please consider donating \$20.16 in 2016 as an NFRW member and/or as a club in support of the NFRW RV, whose nickname is Rosie (as in Rosie the Riveter, WE CAN DO IT)! Rosie will be driven through 11 key states this Presidential Election year (Virginia being one of them) and will, hopefully, be coming soon to a bus stop near YOU to organize voter registration drives, community service efforts, etc.

Thank ALL of you for the leadership you demonstrate day in and day out in your local clubs, with the VFRW/NFRW, and in support of our Party! Your dedication to our Federation's mission of educating and empowering women in the political process is INSPIRING!!

John C. Maxwell, author of "The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader," lists the following attributes of successful leaders like yourselves: Character, Charisma, Commitment, Communication, Competence, Courage, Discernment, Focus, Generosity, Initiative, Listening, Passion, Positive Attitude, Problem Solving, Relationships, Responsibility, Security, Self-Discipline, Servanthood, Teachability, and Vision. Under the chapter on Vision in this book, John Maxwell quotes John Sculley, Former CEO of Pepsi and Apple Computer "The future belongs to those who see possibilities BEFORE they become obvious."

The theme of our 2016 Convention is "United in Vision and Values." What benefits does being united in vision and values provide to an organization and to its leadership? According to Maxwell, "Vision is EVERYTHING for a leader. It is utterly indispensable....VISION LEADS THE LEADER."

In order to learn how vision becomes part of a good leader's everyday life, Maxwell emphasizes understanding the following:

"Vision - starts WITHIN.....draws on your HISTORY.... meets OTHER'S needs..... and, helps you GATHER RESOURCES." In order to find vision, you need to become a GREAT LISTENER and listen to several voices, as recommended by Maxwell, "The inner voice, the unhappy voice, the successful voice, and the higher voice." In other words, CARE DEEPLY about what you are doing and BELIEVE in it totally, so you can accomplish it; notice what DOESN'T WORK and become a determined

CHANGE AGENT; seek out good advice, helpful MENTORS, and create a TEAM to join you in your leadership journey; and, lastly, but most importantly, include GOD in your vision for it to be truly valuable.

Steps all of us can take to improve our vision:

Measure yourself - ask others what they think your VISION is for our federation, our country, or your life

Write it Down - clarify your thinking and be motivated to pursue your VISION

Do a Gut Check - Make time in your schedule to think about your VISION. Think about what can be changed in your world, and, like the NIKE motto, figure out a way to "Just do it!" I know you will!!

Submitted by Linda Kivi Porter

**Annual Report
Corresponding Secretary's Report
Lynn Hamilton
April 2, 2016**

Website

This year the VFRW's appointed Webmaster was unable to complete her duties because of a family illness. Therefore, the Corresponding Secretary (CS) made periodic updates to keep the information time sensitive and posted information regarding upcoming events. One event that was labor intense was creating pages with information supporting the 2015 Boots Fundraiser in Petersburg. The 2015 Boots Fundraiser, held in August 29 at the Battersea Villa in Petersburg, VA, was promoted via the website, email blasts through Constant Contact, and individual emails. The design of the Event's page included "Sponsorship" and "Registration" information with access to payment resources via PayPal. After the event, the Event pages were removed and a new homepage was posted.

During the 3rd Quarter, President Bartlett realized the organization needed a dedicated webmaster and contracted with Jackie Jones, from J-TEC Web Solutions, to host, develop, and maintain the VFRW website. Since the old hosting company was no longer needed, eight (8) clubs that used the add-on capabilities needed help transferring club accounts to another service. The CS assisted these clubs with identifying host options and assisted in the rebuilding their sites.

Membership Directory and Club Officer Forms

The CS received copies of the Club Officer forms and maintained a list of the organization's Board of Directors. This information was organized and published in a Membership Directory and distributed to District Representatives during the June Board of Directors meeting. The Directories not picked up by the District Representatives, were sent via postal mail to individual Board members.

VFRW Convention

To kick off the 2016 Convention, a SAVE THE DATE email was sent to members of the Board, which included District Reps and all Club Presidents. When the CS received the Convention Call from President Bartlett, she reconfigured the document for email delivery through Constant Contact. The Official Convention Call was also sent to the Webmaster to post on the VFRW website. Online forms for tracking event and workshop registrations were created and access granted to President Bartlett and Treasurer Switzer.

Board Meetings

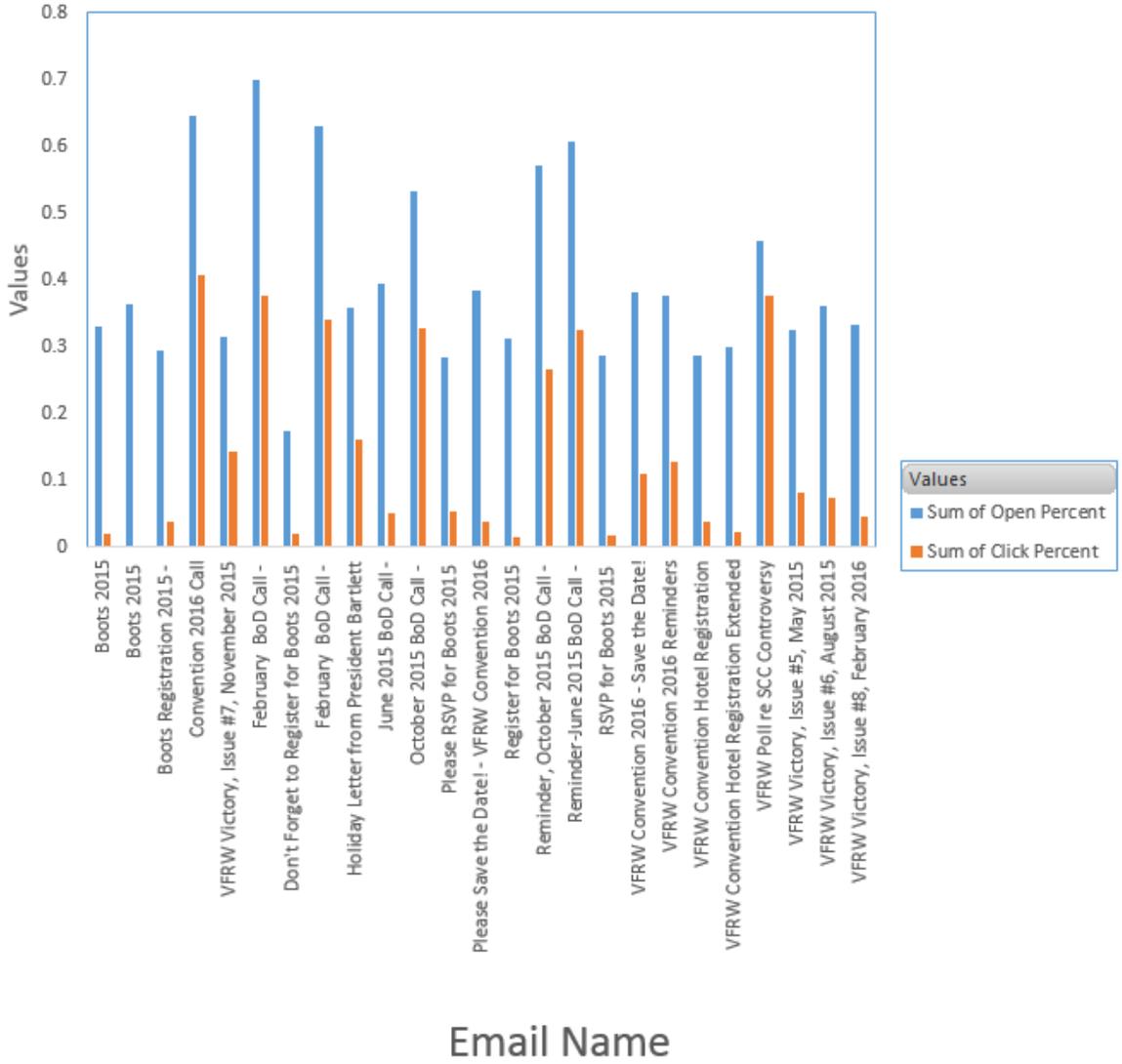
The CS worked with President Bartlett to edit the June, October, and February Board of Directors meeting Calls in Microsoft Word. Once the Word version was ready for publishing, the document was converted to a writable PDF and posted on the website. The Call URL was used to members to the information via email broadcasts and meeting reminders. The October Board meeting was canceled due to extreme weather, and an email was sent notifying Board members of the change.

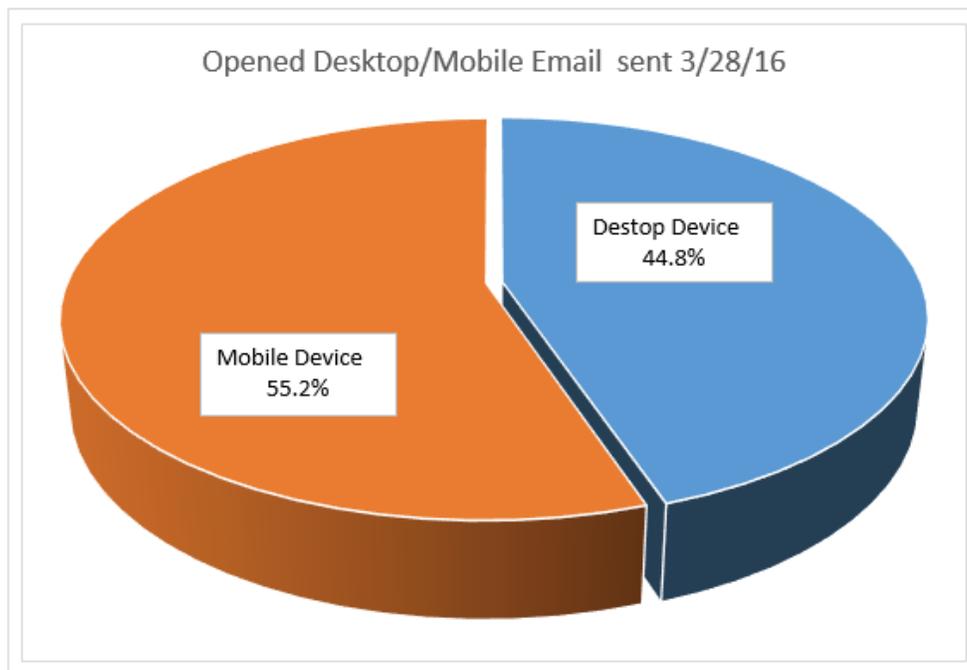
In addition to the Calls, the CS also created and maintained online RSVP and REGRETS forms accessible to President Bartlett and Treasurer Switzer. These forms were used to track the registrations for attendance and meals.

Constant Contact

Constant Contact is the email-marketing tool the VFRW uses as a means of communicating with members. This past year, twenty-five (25) documents or 30,258 emails were sent to members notifying members about events, the VFRW newsletters, polls, surveys, and communication from President Bartlett.

Percentage of Emails and Links Opened





Constant Contact Raw Data

Date Sent	Email Name	Sent	Opt-out	Open	Desktop Opens	Mobile Opens	Click	Forward
3/28/2016	Convention Hotel Registration Extended	1811	0.60%	30.00%	44.80%	55.20%	2.30%	0
3/23/2016	VFRW Convention Hotel Registration	1814	0.60%	28.70%	55.40%	44.60%	3.90%	0
3/21/2016	VFRW Convention 2016 Reminders	1820	1.00%	37.50%	51.60%	48.40%	12.70%	0
2/29/2016	Convention 2016 Call	163	0	64.50%	62.80%	37.20%	40.80%	0
2/21/2016	VFRW Victory, Issue #8, February 2016	1826	0.90%	33.30%	53.20%	46.80%	4.60%	0
2/21/2016	February BoD	107	0	69.90%	47.30%	52.70%	37.50%	0
2/9/2016	February BoD	164	0	63.00%	63.60%	36.40%	34.00%	0
1/26/2016	Please Save the Date! Convention 2016	292	0.90%	38.50%	57.90%	42.10%	3.70%	0
1/24/2016	VFRW Convention 2016 - Save the Date!	1543	0.80%	38.00%	54.60%	45.40%	11.00%	0
1/6/2016	VFRW Poll re SCC Controversy	1540	0	45.80%	55.60%	44.40%	37.60%	0
12/21/2015	Holiday Letter from President Bartlett	1545	1.00%	35.80%	58.60%	41.40%	16.20%	0.20%
11/19/2015	VFRW Victory, Issue #7, November 2015	1556	1.90%	31.50%	66.20%	33.80%	14.40%	0
9/25/2015	Reminder, October 2015 BoD	126	0	57.10%	58.90%	41.10%	26.50%	0
9/17/2015	October 2015 BoD	126	0	53.30%	51.90%	48.10%	32.80%	0
8/25/2015	Please RSVP for Boots	1563	0.50%	28.30%	61.20%	38.80%	5.30%	0
8/21/2015	Don't Forget to Register for Boots	1565	0.80%	17.50%	56.60%	43.40%	2.10%	0
8/16/2015	Register for Boots 2015	1567	0.20%	31.10%	53.70%	46.30%	1.60%	0
8/11/2015	Boots	1570	0.20%	33.00%	58.60%	41.40%	2.00%	0
8/11/2015	VFRW Victory, Issue #6, August 2015	1570	0.20%	36.20%	64.70%	35.30%	7.50%	0.20%
7/17/2015	Boots Registration 2015	1571	0.50%	29.30%	63.10%	36.90%	3.90%	0.20%
7/13/2015	Boots 2015	1577	1.20%	36.40%	58.40%	41.60%	0	0
6/20/2015	VFRW Victory, Issue #5, May 2015	1577	0.20%	32.50%	67.00%	33.00%	8.10%	0.20%
6/8/2015	Reminder-June 2015 BoD	128	0	60.70%	57.70%	42.30%	32.40%	0
5/27/2015	June 2015 BoD	1576	0.20%	39.40%	N/A	N/A	5.10%	0

Membership Database for Constant Contact

The CS collaborates with the 2nd Vice President to update the Constant Contact membership database to update email lists. The master list is segmented into thirteen lists, which allows the CS to target specific groups for emails. These include:

1. 2016 Club Presidents
2. District Reps
3. Executive Committee
4. Invited Guests
5. New Club Presidents
6. Past Presidents
7. Regents
8. RPV Leadership
9. Special Committees
10. Standing Committees
11. State Central
12. Unit Chairs
13. VA General Assembly

Treasurer's Report

VFRW Treasurer Dolores Switzer

none submitted

Immediate Past President Miki Miller

none submitted

VFRW State Central Committee Representative Annual Report

Miki Miller and Jenny Mundy

none submitted

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The Parliamentarian provided information and counsel to the President and other members of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women.

She wrote articles for the newsletters, made educational presentations and gave opinions on parliamentary questions.

This officer enjoyed her service to the President.

District Representative Reports

VFRW 1st District Representative Patricia Cowan



April blows in with gusto! Just like the National Republican races for the Presidential nomination...

The 1st District is losing several clubs to the 2nd District, if all attempts to stop redistricting fail, and the Chief Justice won't refer it back to lower court!!

However, we will gain one new club, Hanover, from the 3rd District...WELCOME Elizabeth and all your club members!

The year from last April has once again blown by...must be that age thing! Clubs in the district have held numerous fund raisers to help not only their candidates for elected office but also to show support for their communities. Fashion shows, cooking shows, Veterans benefits and much more are some of the events put on by clubs. Two clubs have struggled to gain and maintain members and hold their clubs together...well done, Kay and Joan! We appreciate your efforts.

Despite the misguided efforts by some from the RNC and RPV to ignore the work and importance of Republican Women, thereby actually fueling the so-called "war on women" and creating discord everywhere...we have refused to take a backseat and have continued to step up and into the breach to volunteer time and effort, to raise money, and work to get our candidates elected. Last fall we helped re-elect and elect more Republican women to office! Look at the efforts for Barbara Comstock...woohoooo! AMAZING!

As district representative I have tried to share club newsletters and events with all clubs in the district...there is not enough time to tell the whole story...but you, the women of VFRW, know the story as it also takes place in your clubs and communities.

I salute the outgoing Executive Board for all they have done to further the efforts of Republican Women...here's to a job well done! A bit of chocolate to all!



Looking forward to a Great Republican victory in November...if commonsense, rule of law, and the Constitution all prevail.
Patricia W. Cowan, 1st District VFRW Representative

2ND DISTRICT

Lou Call
VFRW 2nd District Representative
2016 Annual Report

Hampton Roads, Susan Yungbluth, President

During the fall election for state offices, Hampton Roads sponsored very successful fundraisers for Mark Matney for State Senate, Lara Overy for Delegate in the 93rd, re-election of Delegate David Yancey raising over \$5,000 for these candidates. A long time member of Hampton Roads club, Dr. Patricia Woodbury, is running for re-election to City Council. The club sponsored a Valentine-themed fundraiser for her raising over \$2,000 for her campaign. Another club member, Bethany Martin, is running for School Board. This is her first time running for public office and the club will be working very hard to get her elected. Local city election will be held May 3, 2016.

Hampton Roads is part of the committee sponsoring the annual Lincoln Reagan Gala on March 19th which was a great success. This event is made up of the Peninsula Republican City Committees and the Republican Women's Clubs.

The club has been supporting the Peninsula Rescue Mission supplying needed clothing and the Wounded Warriors Unit at Fort Eustis baking and delivering cup cakes to them once a month.

Virginia Beach clubs Princess Anne, Nimmo, Beach Suburban and Virginia Beach jointly hold their 27th annual fundraiser "The Star Spangled Ball" with each club sharing in the profits on May 6, 2016.

Virginia Beach, Pam Gordon President

VBRWC has had a good year with increased membership and looks forward to a continuance of increasing membership as the election season goes forward.

The club was busy attending campaign events, making calls, and knocking on doors to get their candidates elected. They spent many hours working on their Caring for America and Community Service Projects for the year.

The club presented four \$500 scholarships to outstanding high school seniors. The scholarship winners read their winning essays to the membership.

In May, the club had their annual member picnic at Sandbridge.

Princess Anne, Glenda Fiscus, President

Princess Anne members holding elected office are Shannon Kane and Rosemary Wilson serving on Virginia Beach City Council and Tina Sinnen Clerk of the Courts in Virginia Beach. The Republican Party of Virginia Beach selected club member Tina Mapes as Virginia Beach Republican Woman of the year, at their annual Send Off Dinner.

PARWC has been helping the homeless, donating blankets to Volunteers of America, The Light House. Also have donated monthly items for the Norfolk USO, caring for our Military Members and have sent donations to various organizations for their Caring for America projects.

At the Primary Election on March 1, PARWC were at the polls, asking if anyone would like to join or to have more information about the Republican Party of Virginia Beach and the women's clubs.

Nimmo RWC, Patricia Knight, President

Nimmo has had many great guest speakers the past year, including Virginia Delegates, School Board Members, Professional Networking, the ACT Program, the Regional Director of VA Wounded Warrior Program and finally the Director from LZ Grace Wounded Warrior Retreat Foundation in Virginia Beach. For that Foundation, there was an auction of a painting by Artist Dave Bracket. \$805.00 was raised and donated to LZ Grace Foundation.

At the February meeting, 2nd District Committee Chairman, Curtis Colgate, was guest speaker who spoke on the redistricting in our area and the impact the District Committees will have in Virginia. Also, VFRW President Linda Bartlett spoke about the benefits of membership in the VFRW for our individual clubs and the impact that it has in the Republican Party of Virginia. VFRW BOD member Belinda Dexter and VFRW 2nd District Representative Lou Call also attended the meeting.

Nimmo presented a college scholarship to a well deserved young lady. In addition, they have donated money and volunteered for their candidates and worked at the polls on election day.

Beach Suburban RWC, Betsy Nolan, President

Club members volunteered for the candidates and worked at the polls to get their candidates elected.

The club has been busy with activities focused on community service, education, and campaign support.

In June, Beach Suburban announced their 2015 scholarship winner, Jacquelyn Armstrong, who will be attending Tidewater Community College (TCC). Also honored was Dick Laslo for his work with the Southeastern Foodbank. Beach Suburban contributed \$250 to the Foodbank Back Pack Program.

Mamie Eisenhower Library Project - Ellie Spelman presented The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Jones Brown and Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard to Suzanne Malush, Head Librarian, Virginia Beach Central Library.

BSRWC members donated \$265.00 in cash and \$750.00 in-kind gifts for the Star Spangled Baby Shower sponsored by the non-profit Mid-Atlantic Region of Operation Homefront. The club also donated \$268 to the RPV Grassroots Challenge.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

**3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Portsmouth Republican Women Club
South of the James Republican Women
District Representative 2015 Report**

Year of 2015 to 2016 VFRW convention:

The VFRW 3rd District clubs were engaged with the local Republican City Units, Portsmouth Republican Party, Isle of Wight Republican Party and the 3rd Congressional District Committee.

The clubs provided assistance with holding events, door knocking, new voter registration drives, and manning the precincts on Election Day to bring a very successful re-election of incumbents and electing every candidate supported by the Isle of Wight City Republican Party for the local elections.

Portsmouth Republican Women and South of the James Republican Women worked with the Third Congressional District during the confusing time of, “re-districting”. Through our organizational skills, experience in campaigning, and always the “winning spirit” of Republican Women, we were able to provide stability and strengthen the 3rd Congressional District. Our success was the election of a VFRW member as the 3rd District Chair and several VFRW women from the 3rd District clubs to hold positions in the Third Congressional District Committee Board.

We are beginning to impact the 3rd District. As the, “go to” and “must include” organization for the future growth of the Republican Party in the Third Congressional District.

Thank You,

Jennifer Lee

**4th District- VFRW District Representative Sandra Gorby
none submitted**

5th District Annual VFRW Convention Report

April 2016

The 5th District members attended the 2015 Convention with a large majority. We aim to have equal or more attendees for 2016.

Several of the clubs were represented in Richmond at the redesigned VFRW Legislative Day in January.

We had a number of women in the district run for office this year. Delegate Kathy Byron ran for re-election unopposed. Two additional district members ran for School Board. One beat the opponent by a large margin and one narrowly missed the win in her locale.

I decided not to serve a second term as District Representative in order to concentrate my efforts and energies towards a candidacy for State Central Committee for the 5th district. I have been traveling the large district to introduce myself to the delegates attending the mass meetings. A call was issued and Chardon Jenks of the Albemarle/Charlottesville Republican Women’s League will be installed as the new District Representative at the 2016 Convention in Tysons Corner.

The following clubs installed new club presidents in 2016: Piedmont RWC and Smith Mountain Lake RWC.

Congressman Robert Hurt has decided not to seek re-election and the clubs have been active in conducting forums and events for the five candidates who are hoping to win the election to replace Congressman Hurt. Our 5th district committee voted to hold a convention to elect his replacement. Our 5th district convention, as of this date, is scheduled to be held May 14th at the Nelson County High School. In addition, delegates will also be electing a District Chair, National Delegates, and three State Central Committee members.

I attended the VFRW Annual Soiree in Petersburg with former SMLRWC club president, Kitty McCoy. We enjoyed the drive and the event very much and both left as winners of one of the beautiful donated items.

Below is an outline of the tremendous work that the clubs have been involved in.

Albemarle/Charlottesville RWL - Members took part in a fundraising effort to purchase track chairs for veterans; a luncheon meeting on the topic: How Does the Republican Party Work with guest speakers Cynthia Dunbar and Suzanne Obenshain and a separate panel presentation was hosted for the congressional candidates. During the summer months, the club celebrated their annual "Red--White--Blue" family picnic; offered a class on how to use Facebook and Twitter more effectively and a hot topic meeting on How Marriage Matters to Children, Couples, and the Country. The club paid tribute to past president, Codie Peters.

Dan Valley RWC - This club is going strong. They conducted an installation ceremony with new prospective members with a Delegate and Senator in attendance. In the fall, members worked on a joint fundraising effort with their local republican committees. The ladies have a new motto and a new pin, "The Club with Heart" developed by one of their members. Last July, they served food to the doctors, staff and volunteers at their local free clinic.

Madison County RWC - The members held a fundraiser in the fall, An Old Bags Tea, which proved to be a tremendous success. The club continues to produce a consistently thorough and thought-provoking newsletter each month. Some of the programs this past year included: Craig Johnson, "The Hatchet Man", Medicare and Medicaid, George Washington portrayed, an annual collegiate forum, RPV Chairman John Whitbeck, Senator Bryce Reeves, Gary Powers, Jr and Delegate Rob Bell.

Northern Pittsylvania County RWC - The ladies continue to meet monthly but have seen a decline in membership. They are seeking ideas to increase membership in order to keep their Federation membership.

Piedmont RWC - A great newsletter is produced monthly by this active club. The book review is always an interesting read. They experienced a great turnout at their annual Christmas party at the Inn at Vint Hill. The club hosted Gary Aldrich, a former FBI agent and author, Delegate Rob Bell speaking on Human Trafficking, Historian Marc Leepson and a women's health event. One of their members, representing their literacy program, volunteered for two weeks with a summer camp assisting immigrant children. During the summer, I attended their annual membership coffee. The hospitality of this club is remarkable. Their Caring for America committee turned in an outstanding report which brought acclaim to the club. The club works many festivals and events in their community for candidates and recruitment.

Smith Mountain Lake RWC - Their first meeting of 2016 opened with 50 men and women in attendance to hear Delegate Kathy Byron speak about the Party in Virginia, the inner workings, the importance of women in the GOP, etc. Their February meeting has 85+ in attendance to hear Jane Hogan's presentation on Sharia Law. In March, the congressional candidates were the special guests. The club also hosts an active web site www.smlrepublican.org.

The club hosted and supported a Girls State attendee through a local American Legion. Members attended a naturalization ceremony on Constitution Day at Poplar Forest. Karen Hiltz, a member, won her election to the local school board and was also on the Legislative Day panel. VFRW President Linda Bartlett, Senator Sutterlein, Cynthia Dunbar, and Deborah Birch visited the club during theyear as special guest speakers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Holden,

VFRW 5th District Representative

**2016 VFRW Annual Report
6th District**

The 6th District has been preparing for our “Valley Rally for Southern Belles” which is hosted by the 6th District Retreat committee. This year’s event is not our traditional retreat. We are hosting a fun kick-off event on the 29th of April, in Harrisonburg the day before the RPV Convention. We have invited women throughout the Commonwealth to join us. There will be a cash bar Happy Hour at the Courtyard Hotel on the evening of April 28th followed by 3 training workshops the next morning at the hotel. A true Southern Style luncheon at Early Katering’s “Terrace at Rocktown “ is where the fun begins and it’s just down the street from the hotel. Prizes will be awarded for “Most Southern Elegance”, “Most Political” and the “Funniest”. The grand winner will get her registration refunded.

The district club presidents attended our 2016 Presidents’ meeting on March 26th, where they elected their new VFRW 6th District Rep. I’m truly excited to welcome our new representative, Cher McCoy, and hope you will do the same. This is my last meeting as the District Representative and I wanted you to know that it has been a true learning experience. I’ve gotten to know so many of you and have enjoyed sharing news from the women of the 6th. I hope to continue working with all of you.

The VRW has been represented well at many of the local and statewide meetings and events such as Town Hall Meetings, 6th District Committee meetings, the RPV Advance, Legislative Day and much more.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Hughes
VFRW 6th District Representative

The following are reports from the 6th District clubs:

Botetourt County Republican Women

Our club helped a local Elementary school collect books to donate to the Rescue Mission. We donated 250 books as part of the Barbara Bush Reading Initiative.

Grace Connor, President

Central Republican Women

Central Republican Women started off the year in our February meeting where we had a speaker, Andrew Washington, discuss 2nd Amendment rights, gun safety, and personal safety, especially for women.

In March, the club's guest speaker was the Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center, Jennifer Snellings, who shared information about legislation in Virginia and other areas that affect abortion laws and protection of the unborn.

In March, we also held our Annual Easter Party at the All Nations Community Church, an inner city church with a diverse congregation and many children who might not have any Easter celebration without the party. We distributed 100 Easter bags - all of the contents and work donated by CRW members - to children up to age 11, and had a photographer to take pictures of them with the Easter Bunny. The church welcomes the women of CRW every year, and the congregation appreciates the effort to benefit the children.

Patsy Walker, President

Roanoke Valley Republican Women

Our club is growing very fast and plans on attacking a new ground game for this year's election. Our Gala this year is April 2nd and we have named it "The Mildred Scott Gala" since she has been the Caterer many years. The Bobby Deel Band will provide live music. It will be at the Vinton War Memorial in Vinton. Ed Gillespie will be our special guest and most of our elected officials on the Federal and State level will be there, plus hopefuls for other positions. We will also have a Silent Auction.

Pam Barger, President

Republican Women of Harrisonburg/Rockingham Co.

We had our Reorganizational meeting in January and our February meeting speaker is from an organization called People helping People. We are assisting with the sale of tickets to the Lincoln Reagan dinner Feb. 26th.

Two of our club members are running for state and District positions of leadership in the Party. Our website is being transitioned over to a new host domain and we are the pilot club to make the first move since our webmaster and the VFRW webmaster feel we are in a position to assist others to move theirs later.

Our club missed our February meeting due to snow. At our March meeting, we had a speaker from People Helping People and we elected our delegates to the VFRW convention. We had 3 new members join our club. We also successfully transitioned our website over to the new domain. Our club is working with the chairman of the state convention in order to assist with check-in for our convention, April 29th and 30th. This is a major project for our club for the month of April.

Suzanne Obenshain, President

Republican Women of Shenandoah County

The club has set an aggressive schedule for this year with the general monthly meeting the first Saturday of the month followed by the newly formed "Beat Hillary Committee" meeting the third week of the month. We are working to identify those closet Republicans who rarely get out and vote. We are also encouraging all conservatives to register for our county, district, and state conventions. We also plan to set up tables at WalMart and some of the nearby stores for Voter Registration.

Also this year, the Republican Women took the lead on chairing the annual Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner and Silent Auction. We doubled our attendance from last year and raised a lot of money for both the county committee and the woman's club.

Dianne Wyss, President

Valley Republican Women

- Exciting news for our club is that their president just won her election for the VFRW 6th District Representative!
- We are working on getting as many people to the "Valley Rally for Southern Belles" and working on our 2nd Annual Event – The Abraham Lincoln Doings
- Auction. We added the auction this year. We are looking forward to it. Everyone loves auctions.
- We purchased 6 books for our literacy program to give to local schools. The book is about the Constitution and the author is a member of our club – Nancy Cuzzimano.
- Our club is helping me campaign for National Delegate. The NFRW will be having their fall meeting early to have it at Cleveland at the National GOP Convention. Our President will be going there anyway since she is on that board. So, it makes sense for people to vote for the one that will be going anyway.

Cher McCoy, President

VFRW 7th District Report

2015

THIS REPORT REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUBS

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PAULA KALLAY

TUCKAHOE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

HARRIET FRANK

Founding Father's Report

2015 1st VP/Program Committee Chairman's Report

The Program Committee met twice in December 2014 to get a head start on planning the programs for the first several months of 2015. Since the members of the committee (Barbara Kile, Melanie Chambers, Lynn Neviasser, and Pam Hoag) regularly attended the board meetings, few additional meetings were needed. Following is a brief summary of 2015 programs, several of which were particularly well received. There was no meeting in July, and the December Christmas Party is planned by a separate committee.

January Meeting—Angel Flight, our chosen charity for 2015, was featured. JJ Quinn led the presentation, along with other pilots and patients who have benefited from Angel Flight services. A soup supper was served.

February Meeting—Bryant Osborn (Culpeper Exponent) was to talk about the VA Food Freedom Act and EPA proposals to greatly extend their regulatory authority. This meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, and Mr. Osborn’s presentation was later made at a CCRC meeting.

March 16 Meeting— Frank Bossio, county administrator, and Jack Frazier, a member of the Board of Supervisors representing the Cedar Mountain District, spoke to us about the FY 2016 County Budget.

April 20 Meeting—The April meeting was a candidates’ forum prior to the 2015 primary and general elections. Candidates for local and state level offices who identified themselves as Republican were invited to attend and speak for three minutes each. The six state legislature candidates, or their representatives, who attended participated in a very lively question and answer session.

May 18 Meeting—Hans A. von Spakovsky of the Heritage Foundation spoke to us on the topic of voter fraud. He is the coauthor with John Fund of *Who’s Counting? How Fraudsters and Bureaucrats Put Your Vote at Risk* and *Obama’s Enforcer: Eric Holder’s Justice Department*. Copies of his books were available for purchase.

June 15 Meeting—Dr. Scott Kennedy, a doctor who served in the Middle East, was to be the featured speaker but cancelled at the last moment. As a replacement, we honored law enforcement personnel and first responders in the county. A full meal was served.

August 17 Meeting—Mercedes Schlapp spoke to us on a range of topics, including Hispanic outreach and immigration. She served in the George W. Bush administration as a spokesperson for Spanish-language media outlets. As a bonus to us, Mercedes was accompanied by her husband Matthew, the chairman of The American Conservative Union. Together, they led an interesting question and answer session.

September 21 Meeting—Col. Ward Nickisch spoke to us on search and recovery operations to bring home remains of US servicemen and women who remain unaccounted for. His slide presentation impressed the audience with the efforts that have been made and continue to be made to bring closure to military families who have lost a loved one.

October 19 Meeting—The October meeting featured a presentation on the Culpeper County school system. CCSB Chairman Elizabeth Hutchins, along with CCSB members, prepared and presented a discussion of the CCPS system. Of particular interest, were the legislatively-imposed mandates that accompany state and federal funding.

November 16 Meeting--. Delegate Rob Bell was the featured speaker. He addressed the problem of human trafficking and other issues likely to come up in the next legislative session.

Goochland Republican Women Report 2015

The GRW started the year with a “political” bang...with Bob Baillie, founding member of The Middle Resolution, who stressed turning Virginia back to “RED” and Nancy Smith, a “premier grassroots organizer,” who spoke to us on “Women in Politics: Gearing up for 2016.” But not to be outdone, we finished the year with Dan Palazzolo, Chairman of the University of Richmond Political Science Department, who entertained us about “The Presidential Nominating Process.” We were also thrilled to have Congressman Dave Brat and his lovely wife, Laura, join us for our October Pot Luck Dinner.

We were proud to add three very active new members to our ranks. They have pitched right in and volunteered to step into chairmanships for 2016.

Our “Beads & Balloons” May Fundraiser was a new adventure. Republican Candidates, Elected Officials, good friends, good food, drink and some imaginative games, etc....made for a fun evening and a successful event.

Our membership made their mark in our county and beyond...We collected children’s book to be distributed to children in need by the GFC&FS Clothes Closet; collected paper products, feminine products and cleaning supplies for the GFC&FS

Food Pantry; donated gift cards for the families staying at the Fisher House; and took trays of “homemade” cookies to each of our 6 county Fire and Rescue Departments and to our Sheriff’s office along with “Thank you” cards signed by our members.

The future for the GRW is bright...building on successful projects and programs and discovering new ways to get involved and serve. I want to thank the Board and all the members for their support and hard work.

Patricia Turner, 2015 President

HANOVER REPUBLICAN WOMEN’S CLUB REPORT

1st Vice President/ Program chair Kristie Helmick Proctor

January: Members attended the VFRW Legislative Day

March: Commonwealth Attorney, Tripp Chalkley described the responsibilities of the Commonwealth Attorney and issues he felt were important to our county.

April: A candidate forum was held with Ed Vaughan, Bill Janis, and Vince Haley candidates for Commonwealth Attorney and State Senator.

May: Speakers were Delegate Buddy Fowler, Candidates Eddie Whitlock and Web Stokes.

June: State Senate candidate Siobhan Dunnavant was the featured speaker

September: Dr Siobhan Dunnavant discussed Women’s Health concerns

October: Annual “Pearls and Politics” Fundraiser with featured speaker Former First Lady Roxane Gilmore

November: Hanover County Administrator Rhu Harris discussed County issues

December: New Officer Installation Ceremony/Christmas Party. State Central Committee Member Dave Fuller conducted the ceremony.

A cash donation made to the Christmas Mother fund.

Ongoing Community Service Program: Each month toiletries collected for the Battered Women’s Shelter and cleaning items and food for the Hanover Humane society.

Food Bank items were donated at Holiday time.

\$1000 scholarship awarded.

HUGUENOT REPUBLICAN Women's Club Report

January: VFRW Legislative Day Event

March: Annual Irish Coffee Event complete with Irish Dancers and Candidates for Local and State Wide Office. Guest Speaker was Senator Glen Sturtevant,

May: "A Run for the Roses" Membership Party featuring a prize for the best Derby Hat

September: "Campaign Kick Off Picnic", a Meet and Greet the Republican candidates.

October: "Bridge of Spies" Private Screening Event. A unique opportunity to screen the new movie followed with a Q and A session with Francis Gary Powers, Jr.

November: "Greatest Show on Earth" Fundraiser event complete with cotton candy, balloons, delicious food and a straw poll for the Presidential election. In addition, proper job seeking attire was collected for "Dress for Success" and the VA Book Bank (Grades K-2nd). This event was attended by many distinguished guests to include the Honorable Kirk Cox and Congressman Dave Brat.

December: Installation of 2016 officers

JAMES RIVER REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

January: VFRW Legislative Day and Presentation on the 2015 Scholarship Awards

April: VFRW Convention

June: Annual Fundraiser, Wine and Cheese Reception & Silent Auction at the home of The Honorable and Mrs. James Gilmore III. This event was attended by state and local candidates seeking office and offered them an opportunity to speak to attendees.

September: James River Republican Women's Club Picnic. JRRW Call Night for campaigns of Tony Pham and Siobhan Dunnivant. Contributions made to candidates.

October: Jennifer Miller from FEED MORE, the Central Virginia Food Bank, Former First Lady Roxane Gilmore provided an update on Governor Gilmore's candidacy and Delegate John O'Bannon gave updates on Legislative matters.

November: Installation of Officers

December: Christmas Party and Acknowledgment of Club officers and chairmen.

Participated in gift card Collection for the Fisher House and collected canned food for Food Bank.

JRRWC collected personal hygiene items for long term recovering service members in our military hospitals.

Two \$200 scholarships were awarded this year.

The JRRWC's volunteers helped in various activities throughout the election season.

Spotsylvania Republican Women's Club

Spotsylvania had many unique and informative programs this year. Along with hosting candidate forums, members of the SRWC worked at campaign offices and provided food for the volunteers.

A program presented by Hans Von Spakosky from the Heritage Foundation addressing voter fraud was particularly revealing.

The SRWC sponsored a program called "Grow for your Neighbors". This program is sponsored by people, organizations, and businesses that support and participate in a movement to provide homegrown food to the recipients of the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank.

RPV Chair John Whitbeck spoke of the work of the state organization urging unity and grassroots activism.

Many officials were guest speakers addressing local issues.

The SRWC participated generously in the December 7th District Project to donate personal items to service members who are in long term recovery in our military hospitals.

The December meeting was the Installation event and luncheon. Special guest Delegate Scott Taylor discussed his Middle East experiences and concerns and signed his new book.

The successful fundraiser activity was the sale of White House ornaments.

The SRWC provided refreshments for the volunteers during this busy election year. They also donated time and service working phones and other campaign activities.

SUSAN ALLEN REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The SARWC hosted many great speakers this year.

A special treat was Ed Meese, the former Attorney General under President Ronald Reagan. It was a very interesting presentation with his special insights regarding the current political situation.

Local issues were also featured throughout the year. In May, Douglas Elliott, from the Germanna College Foundation, discussed plans for a Locust Grove location.

The SARWC hosted a Flag Day picnic with guest speaker Loren Spivack, who discussed his book "The Free Market Warrior". Candidates running for local and state-wide office were given opportunities to address the members, notably Senator Bryce Reeves and candidate for delegate Nick Frietas.

The SARWC participated in the 4th of July parade with Senator Bryce Reeves.

A special project sponsored by the club this year was the collection of premie diapers to be delivered to an orphanage in China by President Paula Kallay.

A tour of the Beauty for Ashes home for mothers fighting addiction was also conducted by the club.

The December event was the Installation of the 2016 Officers. Liza Bradford, 7th District Representative, officiated.

TUCKAHOE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Report submitted by President Harriett Frank

February: Harriett Frank, President of the Tuckahoe Republican Women's Club attended the VFRW Board Meeting at Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center. Congressman Brat visited with members at lunch.

The guest speaker at the February meeting was Brook Barnes who addressed the topic of Medicaid and how it affects Americans.

March: Siobhan Dunnavant, Vince Haley, Tom Shier, Heidi Barshinger spoke to members regarding their candidacy.

April: Sgt. J. Clarke, Henrico County Police Department, spoke to us on the topic of "Gangs" in our County. Many of the candidates running for local and state offices addressed the members at this meeting.

May: Susan Greenbaum was the speaker. Candidates visited and spoke at our luncheon.

September: We were fortunate to have Lisa Marshall, Henrico County Tuckahoe School Board Representative, as our guest speaker.

October: Henrico County Tuckahoe Supervisor. Pat O'Bannon spoke to our club. It was outstanding.

November: Erin Seifring, Chief of Staff for Congressman Dave Brat, was our speaker. Additional staff members attended and we were honored to have the Congressman's wife, Laura Brat, as well.

December: New officers were installed at the December meeting at the Commonwealth Club by Liza Bradford, 7th District Representative.

Additional Comments: President Harriett Frank and Sara Ellen McKinney attended the VFRW Convention in April.

District Representative Comments:

All clubs in the 7th District were active in the campaigns for their local and state-elected officials.

Additionally, they contributed to their communities with food, books, clothing, and in some cases with donations.

The 7th District Presidents met in August to discuss ways to improve communication and participation with our sister clubs. We shared ideas and forms to make our work easier. Valuable insight was gained at this meeting.

In December old and new Presidents met for lunch to discuss basic issues and to have the opportunity to meet each other.

I am very proud of the time and effort these clubs have given to promote Republican values and to better our communities. Our speakers have served to educate our members, thereby better equipping us to make informed decisions when we vote.

As we enter this Presidential Election year, I know these leaders and clubs will make a difference. I thank them for the honor of working with such a fine and dedicated group.

Sincerely,

Liza Bradford

VFRW Eighth District Representative

2015 Annual Report to the President

At the VFRW 2015 Annual Convention, McLean Hilton, McLean, VA

During the Calendar year 2015, I met with my 5 club Presidents by way of Free Conference Call for the purpose of discussing if the VFRW 8th District Support Our Troops BBQ at the Knights of Columbus on June 15 to raise funds for the Fisher House. Due to several road blocks put in our way, I had to cancel the Knight of Columbus and decided on a Silent Support out Troops BBQ. We successfully raised approximately \$2200 for the Fisher Houses. President Linda Bartlett, myself (VFRW 8th District Rep.), Vernell Strecker (Patriot RWC) toured the Fisher Houses and President Bartlett presented the envelope containing the donations to the Fisher House Representative.

I continued serving on the VFRW By-Laws Committee under Chairman Alicia Brittle's (3rd District) capable and commendable supervision. This year we reviewed several By Law changes that Alicia is submitting to the VFRW BOD at the VFRW Convention in McLean, VA. This year, I served again on the Nominating Committee under Chairman, Jennifer Lee (3rd District), who did a great job with all of us through meetings and conference calls. We managed to approve Ellen Nau (7th District) for President, Mary Franklin (5th District) as 1st Vice President, Linda Kivi-Porter (10th District) as 2nd Vice President, Dolores Switzer (7th District) for Treasurer, Paula Steiner (8th District) for Recording Secretary and Jeanne Gannon (6th District) as Corresponding Secretary. Unless there are any nominations from the floor at the convention, the above nominees will be your new officers for 2016/2017.

This year I saw an increase in President Bartlett's emails to forward to the Club Presidents. Other Board members also issued emails they wanted forwarded on to the Club Presidents. I regularly kept my clubs informed of VFRW and NFRW information as I receive it. I didn't receive very many complaints about the number of forms each club needs to submit to the VFRW. There was better communication from Bobbi Green letting the Presidents know when their hours were due.

I was asked to be in charge of receiving the VFRW Officer, District Representatives, Homeland Security Committee Chair, and Legislative Chair Reports and uploading them to the Reports page on the VFRW website. I worked with Lynn Hamilton to teach me how to do it utilizing Word Press. Subsequently, the VFRW hired a webmaster to create and maintain a new VFRW website.

I attended all, but one VFRW Executive Board Meeting in Richmond. I attended the VFRW Convention held April at the Hilton Hotel in Short Pump, Glen Allen, VA. I fulfilled my duty per the By Laws of attending each club's meetings at least twice during the year. I was invited to install the newly elected officers for 2016 for the Patriot RWC, Arlington RWC, Colonial RWC, and the Mt. Vernon RWC. I set up and regularly maintain the VFRW 8th District Facebook page. I attended the 8th District Executive Board meetings and the 8th District Convention. I attended most Arlington County Republican Committee meetings and supported Mike McMenamin in his campaign for Arlington County Board.

Sally Linderman
VFRW 8th District Representative
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ARLINGTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
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The Arlington Republican Women's Club hosted several events as well as supported Republican Candidates, 8th District VFRW representative, and the Arlington GOP in 2015.

Below is a list of events and the dates:

Arlington Republican Women's Club, Cordially Invites You to Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Arlington Republican Women's Club, Thankful We Are Still in Control of the Virginia Senate & House Brunch, Date and Time: Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 11am – 1pm
Speaker: Chuck Smith, Chairman of the Frederick Douglas Foundation of Virginia
Rocco's Italian Restaurant

Fall Dinner with Speaker on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 From 6:30 to 9 pm at Anthony's Restaurant, 3000 Annandale Road, Falls Church (near intersection of Rt. 50). Speaker: E. W. Jackson, (Former candidate for Lt. Governor, Marine, Graduate of Harvard Law School, Minister, Currently, heading the Christian Awakening Project)

The Arlington Republican Women's Club Invites you to the Annual Italian Night Dinner
Guest Speakers: John Vihstadt, Independent member, Arlington County Board
Mike McMenamin, Independent Candidate for Arlington County Board, September 16, 2015, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Arlington Republican Women's Club TEXAS BARBEQUE, Saturday, 1 August 2015, 5:30pm to 8:30pm
At the home of Hana Pham and Mark Jenson, 2738 N. Wyoming St., Arlington VA 22213
GUEST SPEAKER: MIKE MCMENAMIN, Independent Candidate for Arlington County Board
Arlington Republican Women's Club Breakfast Meeting. Saturday, 7 February 2015, 9:30am -11:30am
Holiday Inn, Ballston, 4610 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203

**COLONIAL REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
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January 2015

Newly elected President Nancy Almasi hosted a board meeting at her home to discuss activities for the upcoming year. The board decided that the theme for 2015 was Road to the White House.

The club's January meeting included two financial planners from AG Edwards who discussed how to save for retirement in the Obama economy.

CRW member Paula Steiner participated in the VFRW Legislative Day. CRW members Anna Urman and Susan Valentine participated in our local town hall with our local elected officials.

February 2015

The Colonial Republican Women co-hosted a candidates forum with the Lee District Republican Committee. The candidates included those who running for House of Delegates, State Senate, Fairfax County Clerk of the Court, and Fairfax County Soil and Water Conservation Board.

CRW President Nancy Almasi served as the Fairfax County Republican Committee's Legislative Chair for the 43rd district, filing paperwork to the Virginia Board of Elections on behalf of the nominees for 43rd district's House of Delegates seat.

March 2015

The Colonial Republican Women hosted its annual Membership Event at the home of Michelle Ryan. The guest speaker included RPV Chairman John Whitbeck. Anna Urman officially filed her paperwork with him at the event as a candidate for the House of Delegates. Several candidates for office attended the event.

April 2015

Five members of the Colonial Republican Women attended the VFRW State Convention. They included Nancy Almasi, Paula Steiner, Debbie Bodlander, Anna Urman and Alison Katzman.

We discussed our service projects for 2015 and gave an update on the Convention at our April 23rd monthly meeting.

May 2015

Susan Valentine and Nancy Almasi went door knocking for House of Delegates candidate and fellow CRW member Anna Urman as well as Jerry Foreman.

The Colonial Republican Women hosted a program on human trafficking with Beth Saunders from the Just Ask Prevention Project and Bryan Wolfe, a retired Fairfax County police officer and the GOP candidate for Fairfax County Sheriff.

June 2015

The Colonial Republican Women hosted its June meeting with a focus on education issues. Nathan Oppman of the Family Research Council spoke about Common Core. The rest of the program was devoted to composing an email to each member of the Fairfax County School Board regarding its recent changes in sexual discrimination policies.

CRW members were also out in the community in support of Anna Urman's campaign for the House of Delegates. Several members attended a fundraiser for Anna with special guest Susan Allen. They also attended a special Fairfax County Republican Committee event for all the state and local candidates with special guest Carly Fiorina.

July 2015

The Colonial Republican Women do not meet formally during the month of July. However our members did participate in the following activities.

CRW President Nancy Almasi hosted a Meet and Greet for Anna Urman to which all members of CRW were invited. VFRW President Linda Bartlett attended this event and presented Anna with a check on behalf of the VFRW. We took a photograph of Linda and Anna which was then published in our local paper, the Mount Vernon Voice.

CRW members continue working throughout the summer with door knocking and phone calling for our state and local candidates.

The Colonial Republican Women made a donation to the Fisher House Foundation as part of the 8th Congressional district's Support the Troops effort.

August 2015

The Colonial Republican Women do not meet formally during the month of August. However our members did participate in the following activities.

CRW President Nancy Almasi hosted a planning meeting at her home to prepare for the upcoming fall fundraiser.

CRW members continued its door knocking and other volunteer efforts on behalf of Anna Urman and the other state and local candidates.

CRW Past President Paula Steiner attended the VFRW's Boots on the Ground Soiree. Colonial Republican Women was one of the sponsors.

CRW President Nancy Almasi and Lee District Chair Susan Valentine participated in the RPV Grassroots Conference Call with Chairman John Whitbeck, Finance Chairman Pete Snyder and former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

September 2015

The planning committee had a follow up meeting on September 13th to finalize arrangements for the Fall Fundraiser/Chili Cook Off.

Several CRW members assisted Lee District Chair Susan Valentine with passing out literature at Back to School Nights across the county. This will continue through the end of the month and into early October.

CRW members also signed up to help Susan Valentine pass out sample ballots for the early/in-person absentee voting at the Franconia Government Center. That will start at end of September and continue throughout the month of October.

The Colonial Republican Women hosted a Fall Fundraiser/Chili Cook Off on September 27th to raise money for its state and local candidates. The club raised over \$900 on behalf of the candidates. Activities also included an auction and a trivia contest. We also collected boots for homeless veterans, a campaign which will continue until January. Members also signed thank you postcards for wounded soldiers at Walter Reed and Fort Belvoir, which will be delivered on Veterans Day. Guests also signed a get well card for Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, who recently completed treatment for cancer. VFRW President Linda Bartlett spoke about supporting all our women candidates across the Commonwealth and how the election results of 2015 will impact the 2016 elections.

CRW members continue to campaign on behalf of our state and local candidates by door knocking and phone banking. CRW member Marion Robertson has also been busy delivering yard signs throughout her precinct.

October 2015

Traditionally the Colonial Republican Women do not meet formally in October, but participate in a phone bank for the upcoming elections. The Colonial Republican Women hosted two phone banks at the Joe Murray for State Senate campaign headquarters making calls on behalf of Joe Murray and Anna Urman.

The CRW members selected Susan Valentine, Marion Robertson and Debbie Bodlander as the Nominating Committee for the upcoming officer elections.

Several CRW members assisted Lee District Chair Susan Valentine by passing out sample ballots at the early/in-person absentee voting at the Franconia Governmental Center.

November 2015

The majority of the club's members participated in Election Day activities in some capacity: precinct captain, election officer, poll watcher, outside volunteer, roving attorney. Others such as Debbie Bodlander made sure members and other local GOP voters who do not drive had rides to the polls.

At our November meeting Lee District Chair Susan Valentine debriefed our members on the Election Day results. We also met with RNC staffer Melissa Fwu and Preston Eager to discuss our thoughts and make plans for the 2016 elections.

The nominating committee presented its report to the membership and the following officers were elected: Nancy Almasi (President), Anna Urman (Vice President - Programs), Bethany Whitlock (Vice President - Membership and Treasurer), and Faye Schimmel (Recording and Corresponding Secretary). Paula Steiner will continue to serve on the board in her role as Immediate Past President. Susan Valentine will also continue to serve on the board in her role as Lee District Chair.

CRW members circulated petitions on behalf of presidential candidates to get their names on the ballot for Super Tuesday.

December 2015

Our December meeting included a holiday party at Fiona's Irish Pub. VFRW President Linda Bartlett and VFRW 8th District Representative Sally Linderman performed the officer installations.

We also collected boots for Homeless Veterans as well as books to deliver to local Little Free Libraries. The club also made plans to build its own Little Free Library in 2016.

CRW members circulated petitions on behalf of presidential candidates to get their names on the ballot for Super Tuesday.

January 2016

The Colonial Republican met and discussed administrative matters such as passing the budget and membership renewal. They also discussed plans for upcoming service projects and the 2016 elections.

Our theme for the upcoming year is Women Get It Done.

CRW members Nancy Almasi, Anna Urman and Paula Steiner participated in the VFRW Legislative Day. They met with both Republican and Democrat elected officials to discuss issues such as education and criminal justice reform.

February 2016

The Colonial Republican Women hosted its annual Membership Event at the home of Susan Valentine. Our speaker for that evening was Steve Hunt, a member of the Fairfax County Electoral Board, on the importance of having more GOP election officers.

The club was pleased to add several new members to its roster, including some old friends who have decided to rejoin.

Several CRW members made calls and assisted Lee District Chair Susan Valentine with early in-person absentee voting at the Franconia Governmental Center. We helped recruit several new volunteers to help in the 2016 elections. CRW members Nancy Almasi and Anna Urman participated in a local town hall with Mark Sickles, Adam Ebbin, Scott Surovell, George Barker, Tamara Kaufax and Jeff McKay. They both asked questions concerning pending legislation on the budget as well as business and regulatory matters.

March 2016

Many of our members participated in Super Tuesday election activities as election officers, precinct captains, outside volunteers and volunteers for individual presidential candidates.

Our March meeting was a Candidates Forum that we co-hosted with the Lee District Republican Committee. The candidates included those running for the 8th district Republican State Central Committee as well as the 8th District Republican nominee for Congress. CRW member Anna Urman is running for the State Central Committee.

We also elected our delegates and alternates to the VFRW State Convention. The delegates include Nancy Almasi, Debbie Bodlander and Paula Steiner. The alternates are Erika Dyer and Maria Riegger.

COMMONWEALTH REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

At our January monthly meeting, Club members and guests enjoyed hearing how CRWC member, Peggy Hoffend, successfully re-vamped the fire safety rules for the Pittsford (NY) School System where Peg lived at the time.

Member, Linda Greenberg was nominated as a Living Legend for 2015.

Eight CRWC members attended VFRW's 2015 Legislative Day in Richmond.

CRWC participated in the St. Patrick's Parade in Old Town Alexandria on March 7, 2015.

The Club members welcomed John Guandolo, President/Founder, Understanding the Threat as our speaker for the March monthly meeting.

Our annual Membership Reception was held on April 23, 2015. Grace-Marie Turner presented on ObamaCare vs. Patient-Centered Health Reform. The Club also presented a \$500 contribution to Community Lodgings during our Reception.

Member, Linda Greenberg and Laurie Kirby attended Community Lodgings' 10th Annual Spring Fundraiser on March 29 and presented a \$250 check from CRWC.

Several members attended the Alexandria Republican City Committee's 2015 Reagan-Lincoln Celebration.

Susan Yonts-Shepard, Loree Gunn and Kamila Lipowska-Torrez were official delegates to the VFRW 2015 Convention in Richmond. The CRWC was thrilled to bring home from this event a Bronze Achievement Certificate for Excellence.

Members, Linda Greenberg, Eloise Brantley, Barbara Nelson and Jane Ring attended and helped register members for the NFRW Spring Board meeting held on March 19-21 and enjoyed a Legislative Day outing to Capitol Hill.

Throughout the spring and summer until the election, various members manned a GOP candidates' table from 8am to 10 am on Saturdays at the Farmers' Market in Old Town and a table at the West End Farmers' Market on Saturdays from 8 am to noon.

The Club collected Fisher House contributions from members in concert with the VFRW 8th District's Support Our Troops Program.

At our May meeting, Members heard about Advancing School Choice from our speaker, Erica Smith, attorney for the Institute for Justice. Erica was originally scheduled to speak during our February meeting which had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

**MOUNT VERNON REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
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-Held 8 meetings during 2015.

We held a meeting at Senator Pat & Franki Roberts home with the founder of "Just Ask", a group dedicated to eradicating sex trafficking in Fairfax County, and made a donation to her efforts.

Our dear Kathryn Hook passed away in April. Our scholarship award was renamed in her honor, with \$1000 being won by a Mount Vernon HS Senior for his essay.

Martha Boneta spoke at our June meeting on her fight for personal property and farming rights.

Our members contributed over 3900 volunteer hours to FCRC, covering every Back to School night in our district, campaigns, and election day activities.

Held a jewelry fashion show and fundraiser to support our scholarship and campaign activities.

At our annual Candidate's Night Potluck, we heard from all of our candidates for local election, and presented each of them with checks in support of their efforts.

We continue to publicize the Honor Flight schedule and encourage our members to attend as many greetings as possible.

VFRW 9th District Representative- Vacant

10th District VFRW Representative's Report

Betsy McIntire - 10th District Representative

Apple Valley Republican Women

President - Kathleen Miller

They spent much of 2015 discussing the book, RIGHT FOR A REASON by Chicks on the Right. Board of Supervisor candidate, Blaine Dunn, spoke at a meeting about his goals in Frederick County. A representative from DAMSELS IN DEFENSE spoke about women's safety. The April meeting will have a nutritional trainer discussing healthy eating. The group also held two successful fundraisers.

Bull Run Republican Women

President - Jan Burch

The Bull Run Republican Women have had an extremely busy year with our Annual Garden Party in June, followed by a Fall Membership drive and our Annual Christmas party for members, spouses and guests.

We welcomed the New Year with new Officers for 2016: Jan Burch, President; Sharon Ashurst, 1st VP; Dottie Miller, 2nd VP; Meg Desmedt, Recording Secretary; Debbie Weber, Corresponding Secretary, and Bonnie Ippoliti as Treasurer.

With Dottie Miller's successful election as GOP Committee Chair and subsequent resignation as 2nd VP, Ardeen Nickisch was selected as her replacement, and installed at the March meeting.

The "Bull Run Babes," as we have been affectionately dubbed in the community, decorated the hall for our County's Lincoln-Reagan dinner, with our Corresponding Secretary Debbie Weber serving on the dinner's committee. Meanwhile, we are in the midst of preparing for our largest fundraiser: our 33rd Annual Fashion Show with Luncheon, Silent Auction and more. At the same time, we collect donations of gently used clothing to donate to B.A.R.N. Transitional Housing for victims of domestic abuse.

We are proud, as well, to have so many of our members holding elected office:

Jeanine Lawson, Prince William County Board of Supervisors,

Sheryl Bass, Manassas City Councilwoman

Alyson Satterwhite, Prince William County School Board

Sharon Ashurst, Chair, Manassas City Republican Committee

Dottie Miller, newly elected Chair, Prince William County Republican Committee;

and finally, Theresa Coates Ellis, candidate for Manassas City Councilwoman

Unfortunately, 2016 also brought with it a spate of critical illnesses and deaths among the close relatives of our members. This has had us attending funerals and helping one another with meals and visits to comfort our grieving members in between our other activities.

We are looking forward to a happier, healthier remainder of 2016.

Greater McLean Republican Women

President - Joan Dreux

The GMRWC has a busy 2016. Not only are we involved in helping re-elect our Republican Congresswoman, Barbara Comstock (R, 10 VA), we will be involved in the support of our Republican candidate for the U.S. Presidency. We plan to have our Club Fundraiser in December 2016. We had a technology event at the Microsoft Facility in Tysons as our January 2016 activity and celebrated our February luncheon with the theme of National Heart Month having as our guest speaker GMRWC past President and Fairfax County Paramedic, Lynn Clancy. In March we had, Pat Herrity, Fairfax County Republican Supervisor from Springfield, VA, as our guest speaker. Supervisor Herrity is one of two Republicans serving on the Fairfax Board of Supervisors. He talked about budget issues, Fair Housing Regulations and the challenge of heroine addition in the county. In April we will have a New Member Wine & Cheese Party at the home of President Joan Dreux. Special guests will include prospective members, Republican elected officials, and the Executive Board of the VFRW. We are sending delegates to the VFRW Convention and GMRWC is catering the VIP Reception at the Convention at Tysons Corner. Additionally many of our members will be serving as Delegates at the various Republican Party conventions held in Virginia. In May ,we will have a book signing and talk during lunch with book author, Michael P. Balzano, Mike just published, **BUILDING A NEW MAJORITY**. Mike served in the Reagan Administration. In the fall, we have already planned in September to have an election round table discussion with leaders from the local GOP organizations and in October we will welcome as our guest a speaker from the NEXT GENERATION GOP. All in all, 2016 has and will continue to be a very busy and active year for GMRWC.

Liberty Republican Women

Co-President - Janet Haley-Varre

- Incorporated Co President's and Co – First Vice President's to help with the duties of the club. Makes deadlines and meetings run more efficiently.
- Designed Potluck dinners for meetings. This increases our attendance and gives our members an opportunity for networking.
- Electronic email messages for meetings. Gives us a list of attendees prior to the day of the meeting.
- Meetings are planned six months in advance in order to generate enthusiasm and encourage our members to place meetings on their calendars and SAVE THE DATE!
- 5 Year Anniversary scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2016
- Networking with other local organizations to increase awareness of the club, bring in younger members and increase our membership.
- Annual Fundraiser scheduled for June 2016
- Annual Community Activity scheduled for December 2016 with Fisher House.
- Participating in VFRW 2016 Convention with a Vendor Table and Sponsorship.
- We have a VFRW Past President as one of our newest members
- We have Associate Members who actively participate in our meetings.
- Designed a Membership Contest for our Membership Drive. One member is awarded a gift card for recruiting the most members. This award is given in December at our Holiday Meeting.
- Meetings and Events are published in local calendar of events.

Loudoun County Republican Women

President - Debra Arthur

January kicked off our year with a well-attended meeting that introduced our members and associates to the two Republican candidates for Loudoun County Sheriff: Mike Chapman and Eric Noble. Our February speaker was Nicole Acosta, director for Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter. We presented her with donations from our members. In March, we joined the Liberty Republican Women's Club for their monthly pot-luck dinner and heard reports from RPV Chairman John Whitbeck and Del. Tag Greason.

The highlight of April was the Sheriff's forum hosted by the LCRWC. It was both civil and informative. At our April meeting, we welcomed Elaine Marshall, director of Birthright of Leesburg. Our May meeting hosted HSLDA Director of Federal Relations and Leesburg Supervisor candidate, Will Estrada.

After a summer hiatus, we reconvened in August to hear from Loudoun County School Board members and candidates. Our annual fundraiser in September was a lovely soirée in old town Leesburg. Many elected officials attended and we had a very educational talk from former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. At our October meeting, Leesburg town councilwoman Suzanne Fox gave a report, and a couple more school board candidates joined us, as well.

The LCRWC joined with the Loudoun County Republican Committee to round out the year with a joint Christmas Party at the home of incoming president Debra Arthur. 2015 was a full year!

Republican Women of Clifton

President - Bonnie Burkhardt

The Republican Women of Clifton was busy this year supporting the local and state elections with door knocking, contributions, and hosting a Republican information table at a local Farmer's Market. Our major fund raiser this year was a fall Gala featuring Michelle Malkin. We sponsored a \$1000 high school essay contest, and all the contestants were invited to our first annual Leadership Summit held on Capitol Hill with Congresswoman Barbara Comstock. To show support to our military community, we contributed to Tragedy Assistance for Survivors of Fallen Heroes, TAPS. We also held a "baby-shower" where the gifts were donated to a home for unwed mothers called New Eve Ministry.

Winchester, Frederick, Clarke Republican Women

President - Kay Gunter

The Winchester-Frederick-Clarke-Republican Women's Club (WFCRW) has 56 members and 8 Associate Members as of April 2, 2016. The WFCRW will be represented by 3 Delegates—Sandy Montgomery-Aker, Pam McKinley, and Kay Gunter—at the 2016 VFRW State Convention.

The WFCRW does not meet in July or August each year. January-June and September-November we have a Luncheon Meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Our December meeting is a Christmas Social held in the afternoon. We also install our officers for the next year at the December meeting.

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VFRW CONVENTION REPORT 2015-2016

BARBARA BUSH REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Connie Morrissey President 2015

Jo Watts President 2016

2015

The events of 2015 involving local law enforcement across the country caused me to want to do something. I looked up the names of the various chiefs of police in cities that were in the news at that time. I wrote letters and I sent "I Love You Blue" bumper stickers to chiefs from Indianapolis to Prince William County and more.

I thought the Barbara Bush RW had to do something as the negative publicity continued. Something had to be done to show community support for our men and women in Prince William County.

In November, the BBRWC gave a "We Love You Blue" Rally. All PWC law enforcement agencies were invited to participate. They were honored! More than 200 people attended! My church, Heritage Baptist, provided the venue. Agencies brought police cars, uniformed officers, motorcycles, a mobile command unit and an armored vehicle and equipment to make child ID cards. IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL GREAT DAY! We Love You Blue.org was organized.

-Angela Beckles

2016

- Recently a young police woman, Ashley Guindon was killed in the line of duty in PWC. A donation was given to her family from We Love You Blue.org
- A few weeks ago, the Barbara Bush Club met at the Suffragette Museum in Lorton, VA, to take a guided tour and to become familiar with the history from events that led to the Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote.

GEORGE MASON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Geraldine Davie President 2015

Melissa Beaudoin President 2016

2015

At the February meeting, the GMRW heard a woman from Paris, VA, Martha Bonetta. She challenged real estate powers and the EPA and pushed back against their attempt to over-regulate her out of her property rights. She has become a national hero to small farmers throughout the country who were being regulated out of their right to farm.

Another talented speaker was Stella Morabito Green, who spoke about one of the biggest problems today, "Political Correctness". She defined it as an attempt to silence not only free speech, but it was designed so people would question even what they think and believe! She compared today's P.C. movement to strategies used by other repressive regimes in history.

2016

President Beaudoin and Past President Davie performed a clever role play on "How NOT to talk to a Liberal" at a recent meeting. The audience tuned in completely! It was so successful, perhaps they "should take the show on the road"!

A Membership Brunch Meeting was held at the Membership Chair, Trish Martell's home. Members, guests, and local candidates listened intently as school board members Elizabeth Schultz and Jeanette Hough explained to us problems in Fairfax County Schools. A membership contest was announced with winners receiving prizes in June and in December.

MONTICELLO COUNCIL OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Susan Cobb President 2015-2016

2015

1. Chaired the Heritage Celebration for Hispanic Republican Candidates.
2. Participated in the Annandale fall parade.
3. Held a Meet Candidates Forum for all Fairfax County Republican Candidates.
4. Supported local food bank, an elementary school library and book fair, the military and Republican candidates.
5. Promoted Women's Health and health policy.
6. Worked on Election Day as election officers, poll watchers, precinct captains, and distributed literature at different events.

2016

1. Assisted with 2016 VFRW Convention at the Hilton Tysons Corner.
2. Will work to elect and promote Republican candidates.
3. Will work as election officers, poll watchers, precinct captains, and other Republican events.
4. Will support community-based activities.
5. Will ensure that as many qualified voters as possible vote on Election Day!

NEW PROVIDENCE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Rebecca Pick President 2015

Janet Kerr-Tener President 2016

2015

- Created a successful book club to study current events and politics.
- NPRW will award an annual \$1000 college Scholarship to a female high school senior.
- Hosted Ann Corcoran to speak on stealth "Refugee Resettlement" by the Obama administration.
- Hosted Gail Hambleton to speak on local sex trafficking of young women and teens.

2016

A gracious, elegant membership tea was held in the historical home of Jane Lindeman. The VFRW President, Linda Bartlett, attended and encouraged VFRW Convention Participation. NPRW will send 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates to this event at Tyson's Corner.



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KINGS HIGHWAY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S E CLUB

**Janet Gorn President 2015
Presidents 2016**

Janet Gorn and Ann Juliano Co-

Challenges in 2015

- 1. Traditioning the guidelines of a traditional club into a sustainable Virtual Club.**
- 2. Maximum use of limited available resources doing more with less and forming partnerships with other organizations.**
- 3. Greater empowerment of Republican Women in good governance.**

Accomplishments....

- Contributed 580 hours to Republican campaigns.**
- Hosted a Meet/Greet Brunch for the PWC school Board Chairman at Large.**
- Participated in 3 campaigns of RW for PWC Board of Supervisors.**
- Collected worn out American flags no longer fitting for display, and deposited them at the Boy Scout Center.**
- Supporting "Give the Gift of Literacy", the club collected 419 paperback books and donated them to the Manassas Adult Detention Center.**
- One member served as Campaign Committee Volunteer Coordinator for the PWC Board of Supervisor's Chair.**
- Circulated/gathered signatures for Petition of Qualified Voters for the Presidential Primary.**
- Club President served as the Vice Chair of the NFRW Literacy Committee.**
- In recognition of the Women's Suffragette Movement and the 19th Amendment, donated \$50 to the Sewell-Belmont House and Museum "Circle of Suffragette Project".**
- In recognition of the Club's founding, the club donated a book to each of the two new libraries.**
- The Club's multi-colored, extensive website is the heart and soul of the E Club operations center.**
- Club's Americanism project took its inspiration from the Kings Highway colonial transportation route through Prince William County, by adopting a "heritage project" whose objective was to recognize the role of Colonial Women. Our goal was to seek out a decorative artifact, to be donated to the Ripon Lodge Plantation and Museum. The club donated an 1887 framed needlepoint sampler created by Hanna, a young woman who visited the County from Boston and travelled the Kings Highway.**

Bylaws Committee

Annual Report to the President

**Virginia Federation of Republican Women
At the 2016 Annual Convention, Tysons Corner**

The Bylaws Committee has 5 members. Aside from me, they are Paula Willoughby, Sally Linderman, Mary Clark and Tonia Harris. Paula, Sally, Mary and Toni have each contributed large segments of their time and used their many talents in completing review of Club bylaws. I thank each of them for their service to the Federation. In addition, we are grateful to the District Representatives who have been an effective liaison from us to the Clubs and their Presidents.

The Committee has had a productive year since the last convention. We continued to review Club bylaws as required in Article IV (Membership), Section 5 (Responsibilities of Local Clubs), Paragraph (d) of the VFRW bylaws. At this point, our work is done and every club has had its bylaws reviewed. Our Clubs have leaders who are attentive to the details in their bylaws and this committee's work has been easy because of it.

In preparation for this convention, the Committee reviewed 2 amendments to the NFRW bylaws from its 2015 Convention. VFRW bylaws require in Article XIV (Amendments), Section 2 as follows:

If any amendment to NFRW Bylaws makes a corresponding amendment to these Bylaws necessary or causes them to be in conflict with the NFRW Bylaws, these Bylaws shall be amended automatically according to amendments adopted by vote of the national body. Such changes shall be ratified at the next VFRW Convention.

We will present these for ratification at the Business Meeting on Saturday, April 23.

Then, we will present 15 proposals to amend the VFRW bylaws. If adopted, these will substantially change the way we do business, most notably by giving every Club President in the Federation a vote on the Board of Directors. This will have far reaching consequences as we take into account the views and votes of our many talented leaders throughout Virginia.

I am humbled by the trust President Bartlett has invested in my chairing the Bylaws Committee during her administration. Thank you to every member of the Federation for giving me the opportunity to serve in this role.

Alicia Brittle
Chair, Bylaws Committee

Campaign Activities - Chair RoxAnne Christley
none submitted

Public Relations - Chair Belinda Dexter
none submitted

Yearly Report from Historian.... 1 April, 2016

Jo Watts

In the last two years I have taken over 600 pictures to record a VFRW history in photos.

Last year , I presented a book I published called BARTLETT. This was a history of President Linda Bartlett's first year as President. I am working on the second edition for 2015 – 2016. These pictures and words will be placed on a thumb drive and given to the new President as a record of the last four years. It will include the History of the VFRW that President Bartlett compiled.

Jo Watts Historian and Photographer

Legislative Chairman - National - Chair Anna VanLaethem
none submitted

State Legislative Report to the 2016 Convention of the

Virginia Federation of Republican Women

What a year since the last convention! The General Assembly faced some unusual challenges during the past year, but ended on a positive note with the 2016 Legislative Session producing a balanced Biennial Budget and completing all work to adjourn a day early. It is the second year in a row to adjourn early and it is estimated that it saved taxpayers approximately \$25,000 this year.

Challenges while Out of Session

ID at the Polls: The Democratic Party of Virginia filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging Virginia's photo ID law - two years after it was passed and a year after it was implemented in the Commonwealth. In early March of 2016 the case was heard. There were multiple testimonies by election officials that they were not aware of any eligible voter being denied the right to vote. The case is in the final stages. Memoranda were required by March 25, 2016 and rebuttals a week after. No ruling had been made as of the deadline for this report.

Redistricting in Eastern Virginia: Two redistricting lawsuits were brought by Marc E. Elias and funded by the National Democratic Redistricting Trust. A federal court ruled in early June 2015 that boundaries of Congressional District 3 must be redrawn. The 2-to-1 ruling by the panel of federal judges directed the General Assembly to draw new boundaries by Sept. 1st. This led to a General Assembly Special Session in August, called by Governor McAuliffe.

2015 Special Session The General Assembly was called to a Special Session on August 17, 2015 to address the redistricting issue and to select a judge to fill the position vacated by retiring Judge Leroy Millette. Governor McAuliffe had appointed an interim judge, but it is the responsibility of the General Assembly to elect judges. The Governor's selection, Judge Rousch, was not voted in.

Neither goal was accomplished during the one-day Session, because the Senate did not agree to a judge who was nominated by the House, nor would they sit down to jointly work on redistricting. The Senate abruptly adjourned with one Republican senator voting with Democrats to quickly adjourn. The House recessed, but did not adjourn.

All legislators went home, with the House expecting to go back to finish the business. Governor McAuliffe reappointed the interim judge, but it is argued that technically he did not have the power of "interim appointment," because the House had not adjourned. During the 2016 Legislative Session, Judge Stephen R. McCullough was elected to the Virginia Supreme Court. The Speaker's office emphasized the importance of following the Virginia Constitution and established procedures: "We have been reminded in recent months of the important role the judiciary plays in our system of government. We need to elect judges who are going to apply the law as written."

The adjournment of the Special Session, without accomplishing redistricting, moved the redistricting out of the hands of the General Assembly and into the hands of a 3-judge federal court panel. They adjusted district lines that greatly affected the 3rd and 4th Congressional Districts, along with changes to the 1st, 2nd and 7th District lines. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal by Republicans.

General Assembly Elections: In November 2015, all 140 House and Senate members were elected or re-elected. The work of Republican women helped to produce a 21-19 Republican majority in the State Senate and a majority of 66 Republicans to 34 Democrats in the House.

2016 Session: The 2016 General Assembly Session, which convened on January 13th, was a relatively calm and cooperative session with focus on working together to help Virginia and producing a responsible Budget.

The Budget:

- Does NOT include any new taxes or fees.
- Does NOT adopt Medicaid expansion that was in the Governor's budget.
- Puts emphasis on education, workforce training, and economic development.
- Includes raises for teachers and state employees.

Some noted bills addressed:

- Restoring, and actual expansion, of reciprocity for concealed gun permit holders. This was to restore the agreements with other states that Attorney General Mark Herring had suddenly cancelled in December 2015.
- Exempting certain non-profit **Veterans** organizations from paying sales and use taxes.
- Allowing members of the Virginia National Guard, who have a permit, to carry a concealed handgun while on duty-waiting for Governor's action.
- Establishing a new economic development program, the *Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act*, called "**GO Virginia**." It is to provide grants and funding for collaborative regional economic and workforce development opportunities.

A total of 811 Bills were sent to the Governor, and as of April 4, he has vetoed 12 House bills and 4 Senate Bills. 14 Bills have been amended. Some of the vetoed bills are: a bill to notify parents of sexually explicit books assigned in school; a religious freedom bill that would have prohibited state agencies from punishing religious organizations that choose not to participate in services that go against their faith; a bill to defund Planned Parenthood clinics that perform abortions.

In case you want to look them up, bills vetoed at this point are: HB2, HB9, HB70, HB145, HB264, HB 298, HB382, HB481, HB587, HB1090, HB1096, HB1371, SB41, SB44, SB270 and SB612. His deadline to act on all bills is/was April 10, 2016.

The Reconvened Session is/was April 20th, just before our convention. It is very unlikely that any vetoed bills are overridden, since there must be a two-thirds vote in both House and Senate.

You can access highlights of many 2016 Session bills at: <http://dls.virginia.gov/pubs/hilights/2016/highlights2016.pdf>

Access all bills by entering the bill number at: <http://virginiageneralassembly.gov/>

IMPORTANT: There will be 2 Virginia Constitutional Amendments on your ballot in November.

1. It establishes Virginia as a "right to work" state as a part of the Virginia Constitution.

"Question: Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?"

2. Property tax exemptions for spouses of certain emergency services providers

"Question: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide an option to the localities to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?"

Thank you to all who worked to keep our Republican majorities in the Virginia General Assembly!

**Submitted by Mary Franklin,
VFRW State Legislative Chair**

VFRW President's Guidelines Achievement Report - Chair Bobbi Green

Forty-one VFRW Clubs participated in the 2015 Presidents' Guidelines Achievement.

I will be awarding certificates to these clubs at the VFRW Convention, April 22-24 at the Hilton in Tysons Corner, Northern Virginia.

Eight clubs earned the Blue Ribbon Award, and nine clubs earned the Gold Award. The Silver Award will be presented to eleven clubs and the Bronze Award was earned by eight clubs.

My thanks to all the clubs who worked towards earning one of these awards.

VFRW Presidents' Guidelines/Achievement Chair Bobbi Green

2015 NFRW Achievements Awards Report - Chair Marie Quinn

We had 22 of our 60+ clubs receive Achievement Awards at the National Federation of Republican Women's 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona last September. Congratulations to those clubs who worked hard and reached those goals set forth by the National Federation of Republican Women. Maybe by the next Biennial Convention in Pennsylvania in 2017

Ask your club president if she has started working on the NFRW Achievement Awards that have to be in by June 1st

Your Official Report Form covers January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015. Although some programs or activities may occur after the June 1, 2015, awards form submission deadline, credit will be given for programs scheduled through the end of December 2015. Programs and activities can be checked off as your club completes them. Additional activities and bonus points have been added to the worksheet to give the opportunity for large and small clubs to achieve a higher level of recognition.

The Achievement Awards are designed to enhance teamwork among members of each club. Using the Achievement Awards worksheet as a guide for planning club activities will produce a well-balanced club program. It establishes standards of performance for club functions, membership development, programs, campaign activities and community relations.

There are four levels of achievement:	Bronze Award	158 - 183 points
	Silver Award	184 - 209 points
	Gold Award	210 - 236 points
	Diamond Award	237 - 270 points

Please total all points earned in each of the five program categories to tabulate your level of achievement.

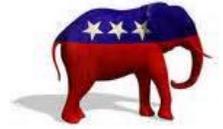
Only clubs that have paid their annual service charge and full membership per-capita dues for both 2014 and 2015 are considered eligible for the Achievement Awards, unless chartered late in 2014 or in 2015. Women club members are considered in good standing if they have paid their 2015 dues to NFRW through their club.

Please remember this is a two-year program. Some activities must be achieved in both years, others just once during the two-year period.

Your Achievement Awards forms can be downloaded from the [NFRW Website \(http://www.nfrw.org/documents/awards/achievement.pdf\)](http://www.nfrw.org/documents/awards/achievement.pdf) and must be filled out and arrive to the State President, Linda Bartlett, by June 1, 2015. You must make 2 copies and sign page 10 (both copies must be signed to be counted.) Remember to make a copy for your Club records.

If you have any questions please give me a call or email.

Marie Quinn 804-272-0865 email mquinnbonair@aol.com Achievement Awards Chair for VA



Caring For America Report – 4-1-16

After searching for some time looking for a way to work on a project that included dogs and veterans, I found that it was difficult to find one that has not been under investigation, has spent too much money on gifts to donors and administration fees. I gave up and started looking elsewhere when it occurred to me that the subject of women's issues is just as near and dear to the heart of the VFRW members as veterans and dogs helping veterans.

Some of you may know that I've been working for 3 years on some stalking bills, specifically penalty, all of which have been killed in committee until this year when a bill – HB 752 – was passed on March 11, 2016. I expect the governor to sign it or deal with the women that will surely contact him and discuss the subject of "War on Women" that the democrats claim is something the Republicans do.

The bill, in part, changes the penalty from a misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony. Prior to this bill, a stalker had to be convicted 3 times within a five-year period to get a penalty of a Class 6 felony.

January is "*Stalking Awareness*" month and I've been talking to women up and down the state for the past three years about the need to educate their community on this subject so that women know what their rights are. Some of the statistics that you may not be aware of:

- 7.5 million people are stalked in one year in the US – 15% of women and 6% of men have experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime.
- The majority of stalking victims are stalked by someone they know: 61% female and 44% male
- About half of all victims of stalking indicated that they were stalked before 25 years of age
- 46% of stalking victims experience at least one unwanted contact per week
- 11% of stalking victims have been stalked for 5 years or more, 76% by an intimate partner
- 78% of stalkers use more than one means of approach including social media
- Almost 1/3 of stalkers have stalked before
- 1 in 7 stalking victims move as a result of their psychological torture from being victimized
- 54% of victims reported stalking to police before they were killed by their stalkers.

I'd like to thank my delegate, Delegate Ben Cline, for all his work on stalking he's done with me the past 3 years.

For more information on "Stalking" or if you want to know what you can do to help if you have a friend or family member that is being stalked, contact me at chergrindlemccov@gmail.com or call me at 540.570.2111.

It's been a pleasure serving you as Chair of Caring for America.

Cher McCoy, Caring For America Chair

VFRW CHAPLAIN – MARIANNE GEARHART, 2014-2016

It has been a great honor and privilege to represent the Virginia Federation of Republican Women as chaplain under President Linda Bartlett from April 2014 to April 2016.

I was baptized in the First Lutheran Church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa as a 2-year old, where my mother was very active in the church; my father played Santa Clause at our Christmas parties. I eventually realized who Santa was after a couple years. I started singing in the choir when I turned nine years old (that was the earliest age one could join the youth choir.) I have fond memories of growing up in this church.

In 1982, my family and I settled in Fairfax Station, VA, after traveling around the world as a military family, and in 1987, we found our present church – Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

Being the VFRW chaplain has given me a deeper understanding of my faith and it has been inspiring to present prayers at numerous board meetings. Memorable occurrences include two “Boots on the Ground” events, one at Martha Boneta’s farm and one in Richmond, where I was prepared to give a prayer to open the meeting; however, Bishop E.W. Jackson was in attendance and did the prayer for me. Lasting memories were also made at the two Legislative Days, and two VFRW conferences.

I have truly enjoyed these past two years and thank Linda for asking me to be her chaplain.

VFRW Homeland Security Chairman

Vacant

VFRW Leadership Development Chair- Miki Miller

none submitted

Legal Counsel - Paula Potoczak

none submitted

Legislative Advisor - House - Kathy Byron

none submitted

Legislative Advisor - Senate - Jill Holtzman Vogel

none submitted

Legislative Day Chair - Sandy Pettengill/Jean Gannon

Legislative Day 2016

Notes from the Legislative Day meeting January 27, 2016

Legislative Day Committee members:

Jean Gannon, Co-Chair Sandy Pettengill, Julie Coggsdale and Ellen Nau were the driving forces behind this year's Legislative Day event. This was the first time in several years where we focused on bringing the issues to our Legislator's desks.

Date and Time: January 27, 2016, 7:30 - 3:30 pm

VENUE:

The day began with a 7:30 registration at the State Capital House Room #3. Coffee, tea, juice and continental breakfast baked goods were served by Merriweather's Café. The cost was \$589.66. The team took on calling Delegates and Senators and we were able to raise \$800.00 to cover the cost of the breakfast.

Donors were:

Speaker William Howell	\$100.00
Delegate R. Lee Ware	\$200.00
Delegate John O'Bannon	\$100.00
Delegate Jimmie Massie	\$100.00
Delegate Roxann Robinson	\$100.00
Delegate Manoli Loupassi	\$100.00
Senator Jill Vogel	\$100.00
Senator Glen Sturtevant	\$100.00

A letter was sent to all advocates regarding their participation during our advocacy for the day. Julie Coggsdale also provided VFRW with an extensive press corp contact list and a press release about our impending "storm" on the hill. We were greeted by Speaker Bill Howell and Majority Leader Tommy Norment and then broke out into groups to discuss strategy for advocating for the five topics. Our topics and team leaders were:

Medicaid Expansion – Dolores Switzer
Planned Parenthood – Eric Philipkoski
Domestic Violence – Julie Coggsdale
Violent Crime – William Pace
School Choice – Judi Lynch

Topic specific folders were available with legislation gathered by the team leaders, a roster of the specific groups, a self-guided tour and a map of the Capital, Capital Connections (aka the Red Book), Virginia General Assembly Pocket Glossary and Visitor's Guide, along with a building directory and morning program were available to each participant.

Our groups advocated until 12:00 pm when they returned to the Marriott for the luncheon.

We took a chance on the Marriott's shuttles to bring our members to and from the Capital and General Assembly Building. While I did not get specific complaints, I believe there were some problems with arrivals and departures. We will work on this next year. Perhaps get more donations to pay for a more reliable transportation source.

LUNCHEON:

The luncheon began at 1:00 pm with legislators coming in around 1:30 after session. The food was typical Marriott fare and room was filled with great Republican women. We had a panel of recently-elected Republican women who addressed their recent campaigns which was very informative. Our panelists included:

The Honorable Siobhan Dunnavant, Senator
The Honorable Heidi Barshinger, Clerk Circuit Court Henrico County
The Honorable Karen Hiltz, Supervisor, Franklin County
The Honorable Ruth Anderson, Supervisor, Prince William County

The members of the General Assembly were introduced.
The advocacy group leaders gave reports from the morning.

Treasurer Dolores Switzer introduced Delegate Kathy Byron 22nd District of Virginia.

Closing remarks were offered by President Linda Bartlett.

Take Aways:

Luncheon Chaos:

The luncheon was very noisy, people were talking during the presentations and this was very distracting. Two thoughts – members wanted to talk with their legislators while they had the chance and time was short.

Possible remedy: In keeping with the advocacy of the day, perhaps we could hold a cocktail party the night before our day of advocacy. We could serve cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres, have a brief introduction by the President of the Majority Leader and the Speaker, do the introduction of the Legislators and get back to talking to our electeds.

This would free the entire next day toward advocacy with a meeting at the end of the day in a House or Senate room with reports from the group leaders.

Transportation:

Raise enough money for reliable transportation for our members

Legislation:

I would like to start earlier on distributing the legislation for the topics and coordinate conference calls with the advocacy groups. This way everyone will be prepared prior to arrival to the State Capital.

Literacy/Mamie Eisenhower Library Project - Barbery McLawhorn
none submitted

National Committeewoman - Kathy Terry

none submitted

Virginia Federation of Republican Women 2016 Scholarship Committee Report

Chair - Anna Van Laethem, 3rd/4th

This is the first time in over five years that Past VFRW President Kendall Rhodes was not steering the scholarship committee. I miss her mentorship and kind guidance.

- **Two (2) VFRW Political Studies Scholarships were open to undergraduate students, graduate students and law students studying government, political science, or the law. The recipients of these two scholarships are young women who must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in the Commonwealth of Virginia and studying government, political science or law for the Fall 2016 semester (Please note: Students attending from other states on-line are not eligible.) Value: \$1,000.**
- **The VFRW also offered the 2nd Annual Kendall Rhodes Memorial Scholarship open to graduating female high school seniors in the Commonwealth of Virginia who will be majoring in education. The recipient of this scholarship must attend an accredited college or university in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Value: \$1,100.**
- **The winners will be announced at the 2016 VFRW Convention (April 22-24, 2016.) All Scholarships will be paid directly to the designated school.**
- **The original deadline was extended to March 18, 2016, to encourage more participation.**
- **Belinda Dexter, Publicity Chair, and Lynn Hamilton, VFRW Corresponding Secretary, assisted me in pushing the scholarships out numerous times to college/universities/Young Republicans/ College Republicans/high schools and VFRW member clubs.**
- **I want to thank Gale Butt, 3rd District Representative and President of the Portsmouth RWC (Kendall Rhodes home club), and Lorien Rhodes, last winner of the VFRW My Favorite Teacher award and NFRW Finalist for Teacher of the Year 2009 and former AP Government teacher in the Chesapeake Public School system, for serving on the selection committee with me. Their thoughtful insights helped us select the very best possible recipients. You will be pleased when you hear their essays at lunch on April 23rd.**

Protocol Chair- Chair Paula Steiner

none submitted

VFRW Regents Program - Chair Miki Miller

none submitted

VFRW Sergeants at Arms - Sandy Molineaux, Head Sergeant

none submitted

VFRW Webmaster

none submitted

VFRW Women in Business

none submitted

Women's Candidate Fund Report April 2016

By

Chair Patricia Martell

The intent of my report is twofold. First is to review the criteria that will be used to distribute the reserve campaign contributions for state and local Virginia candidates. Second is to determine the allotment that is available to contribute to each women candidate that has submitted a completed application to VFRW. Since the last 2015 report, we had twenty two applications that were supported by VFRW funds and of those twenty two, fourteen candidates were elected to their office.

Addressing the criteria that will be used to distribute the reserve campaign contributions begins with three main standards. These VFRW reserved campaign contributions can be allotted to women candidates that 1) are active VFRW club members, 2) have received the republican nomination to be the official candidate of the Republican party and 3) are running as a Republican for a state or local election. In addition to the above criteria, the allotment given should be based on 1) The VFRW's available budget, 2) How many candidates have submitted an application, 3) The magnitude of that candidate's race, i.e. by whom is the position contested and 4) the level of position being sought. I would also like the board to consider the area in which the candidate is running. For example, one might say Buckingham, Chesapeake, Stanton, and Winchester would be areas in which Republican candidates would be supported, while Alexandria, Arlington, Petersburg, and Norfolk might not be as successful in winning a Republican seat. Please take into consideration the cost of a campaign in different areas. For example, the cost may be higher in the Fairfax area and lower in the Tidewater area. These are just suggested ideas to consider.

At present, there are three applications, and I am recommending that Dr. Patricia Woodbury receive \$200. She is seeking a position on the Newport News City Council. Another application is from Bethany Martin who is seeking a local office on the Newport News School Board South District. I am recommending that she receive \$200. Finally, we have an application pending Republican nomination from Theresa Coates Ellis. She is seeking office on the Manassas City Council. I am recommending that she receive \$200 for her campaign.

The remaining allotments can be issued at a later date once more applications are received.

For publicity, it would be beneficial to the candidates, as well as good public relations with our membership, to have each check presented by a VFRW member and pictures taken for our web site.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Martell
VFRW Women's Candidate Fund

VFRW Women's Health

Vacant

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
PROPOSED RULES OF ORDER
2016 CONVENTION, TYSONS CORNER

*In addition to the provisions of the VFRW Bylaws and the Convention Call,
the following Rules of Order shall be adopted for the conduct of the Convention.*

1. VOTING BODY:

The voting body of the Convention shall be those voting members of the VFRW Board of Directors and the convention delegates who have been certified as registered by the credentials committee. No member shall have more than one vote. There will be no proxies or full vote representation. The voting body shall be seated in areas marked by their Congressional District standards. A majority of the voting body shall constitute a quorum.

Delegate badges issued by the credentials committee shall be worn for admission to all meetings. The Sergeants-At-Arms will check badges at the door for any meeting where there will be a vote.

A member registered as an alternate -- upon clearance by the credentials committee -- can be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the business meetings. The credentials committee will certify this change of status and issue a new delegate credentials.

Special seating areas will be provided for alternates and guests. They will not be seated with delegates.

2. MOTIONS:

All motions shall be written, signed by the proponent, and delivered to the VFRW Parliamentarian before being introduced to the body. The member who introduces the motion and the member who seconds it shall be from different clubs.

Only members of the voting body may introduce motions.

3. **DISCUSSION AND DEBATE:**

A delegate must proceed to a microphone: state her name and club name or title, in order to obtain recognition from the chair. The delegate must then state whether she is speaking in favor of, or in opposition to, the motion.

Discussion on a motion shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker with a maximum of six (6) minutes per side. No member shall speak a second time until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to speak once. General consent shall be required before additional time is granted to a speaker. If there is an objection to the general consent, a formal vote shall be taken and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to extend debate.

Debate on each substantive motion shall be limited to 15 minutes.

4. **TIMEKEEPERS:**

A timekeeper shall be appointed by the VFRW President to serve at each meeting. The timekeeper shall indicate to each speaker a 30-second warning before the expiration of the time allotted.

5. **TELLERS:**

The elections committee and Sergeants-At-Arms shall act as tellers. The VFRW President shall have the discretion to appoint additional tellers when necessary.

Tellers shall count and tabulate the ballots. The Elections Committee Chair shall report to the VFRW President standing votes.

All doors shall be secured during a counted vote, and only tellers shall be permitted to move about.

6. **NOMINATIONS:**

There shall be nominating speeches only when there are contested elections as a result of nominations from the floor. Each candidate for the contested election shall be allotted a total of three (3) minutes for nominations. The nominator for each shall speak for one (1) minute to be followed by the candidate speaking for two (2) minutes. There shall be no seconds to a nomination. Nominations may be made from the floor of the VFRW Convention following a report of the nominating committee. Such nominees shall have the written endorsement of their local clubs, such endorsement to be presented to the nominating committee by 6:00 PM on Friday, April 22, 2016 by a delegate from the nominee's club. The nominee's resume must accompany the endorsement.

7. **VOTING:**

As stated by the Bylaws, when there is only one candidate for an office, election shall be by voice. Contested elections shall be decided by secret ballot. Election shall be determined by a plurality in the case of three or more candidates.

Each candidate may have one observer in the room while the votes are being counted. There shall be no visiting or talking among the observers during the counting of the votes.

8. **RESOLUTIONS:**

The resolutions committee shall receive all proposed resolutions as specified in the Call, and may amend or withhold any resolution as it deems necessary. No resolutions will be considered from the floor. All resolutions presented to the Convention for adoption will be available, in writing, to the delegates.

9. **LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED:**

All literature distributed inside the general session room must be approved by the VFRW President.

10. **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:**

The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition)* shall be the parliamentary authority to govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws, the Convention Call, and any special rules of order adopted by the VFRW.