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Message from the President

Hello Members,

Having just received an updated report on our membership renewals for 2018, I send congratulations and thank you to all who have joined WFCRW again or for the first time. We set a goal of 70 for this year and we are well on the way. The directory will be printed very soon so, if it has slipped your mind to send the \$25, I encourage you to do so now. Your support is most valuable.

Also, thank you for attending our March 7th meeting. In keeping with our bylaws to allow all candidates for elected offices to speak before the primary is held, we will be represented by Barbara Comstock's campaign at the April 4th meeting. We were privileged to have Shak Hill, candidate for Congress from the 10th District, and E. W. Jackson, running for the US Senate, in March. Information on the featured speaker and the menu choices for the April meeting is found in the First Vice President's report in this Newsletter. I will be eagerly taking your reservations.

The Virginia Federation of Republican Women will hold its annual convention May 5th and 6th at the Hilton Hotel, Richmond, VA. Our membership number will qualify us to send 4 to 5 delegates. Two have committed to serve as delegates and I am searching for more. This event is always educational; and being together with other Republican women from throughout our State is enjoyable and uplifting. The daily barrage of disheartening news can be discouraging; knowing others who agree with our cause is so helpful. The delegates need to be elected at our April luncheon meeting—please contact me asap if you have interest in participating.

Speaking of the news, I feel strongly we Republicans need to get activated NOW. The opposition is pouring money and volunteers into the congressional races and will win if we do not do the same. Keeping a Republican majority is critical to maintaining President Trump and all the accomplishments he has made. E. W. Jackson said it right: "We need a Republican wave"! Let's each give careful thought to what we can do and be vocal about the issues whenever we have the opportunity. Our grandchildren's future is truly at stake.

From the Hill: Pinocchio #3 Breaking News! Nancy Pelosi was caught telling the truth. (But she says



she was misquoted.)
T.C. Schwarz

Programs/Luncheons -- 1st Vice President, Linda Fenner

April 4th Luncheon Meeting Presentation

The April presentation is entitled "The NRA and Gun Control." Our speaker is Lexi Higgins, NRA-ILA Grassroots Assistant Manager for Virginia, Montana, and Wyoming. She will be discussing the beginning of the Second Amendment and its intent; a short history of the NRA; instances where the NRA's work has saved lives; and the impact of current congressional proposed legislation for gun control and its variants.

Established in 1975, the Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) is the "lobbying" arm of the National Rifle Association of America. ILA is responsible for preserving the right of all law-abiding individuals in the legislative, political, and legal arenas, to purchase, possess and use firearms for legitimate purposes as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Their primary role is engaging and activating FrontLine volunteers, through public speaking, events and providing a direct line of communication for activists who want to get involved in NRA activities.

Don't miss this very interesting speaker and topic. Please plan to attend and bring your friends, family, or co-workers!

Wednesday, April 4th @ 11:30 am

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

Cost: \$17.00 cash/check at the door

Luncheon choice: Soup and Apple Blossom Salad OR Soup and Avocado Club Sandwich

RSVP by Friday, March 30th to tcandmr@verizon.net or 540-678-8748

Upcoming Activities:

FCRC Election: Tues., March 27th meeting from 6:00–8:00 PM at the Public Safety Building, (behind Costco) will allow ALL registered Republican voters to vote for the new chairperson of the FCRC Committee. Candidates for chair are Alan Morrison and Tim Stowe.

April 4 Luncheon -- "NRA and Gun Control" - Lexi Higgins, NRA-ILA Grassroots

April 18 (Wed.) - 2 p.m. WFCRW Board Meeting at the Firefly Café'

May 9 Luncheon -- "2018 Va. General Assembly Report" - Senator Jill Vogel, Delegates Collins and LaRock.

May 16 (Wed.) - 2 p.m. WFCRW Board Meeting at the Firefly Café'

June 6 Luncheon -- "Domestic and Sexual Violence" Caity Morgan, Victim Advocate, Laurel Ctr.

Community Outreach – CCAP Toddler Room

The Red Wagon Ministry, 501{c}{3} organization, collected its first diaper donation for Congregational Community Action Project, or CCAP, in 2008. With the use of a red wagon, the ministry gathered and donated 10,000 diapers to CCAP. Today, through the joint effort of churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals aiding the ministry with both, adult and baby, diapers nearly 126,000 diapers were distributed this year.

In July 2015, the clothing house, at 106 S. Kent Street, was open for clothing distribution to clients of all ages. The baby and toddler room, founded by the ministry, is located on the second floor of this building.

This year the room served 3,206 children with the total number of individual visits at 960. It offers a wonderful shopping experience for those visiting through the generosity of many donating diapers, wipes, baby accessories, new and gently used clothing, and books for our book nook. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. with donations gratefully accepted at CCAP's original building or by contacting Jody Stephenson either at 540-955-0949 or theredwagonministry@gmail.com.

One of the several new resources available to parents is the giving box which is filled with expensive, brand-name baby items for babies less than one year of age. The other service provided is a gift box, A Labor of Love, distributed to expectant mothers. This box contains new clothing, safe sleepers and literature, a crocheted baptismal outfit, bibs, burp cloths, and shampoo & body wash. These containers are provided to mothers-to-be two weeks prior to their expected due date. There is an average of three "stork drops" per month.

OUR WISH LIST (Please bring something to the 4/7 Luncheon)

Diapers in all sizes especially size 5 and baby wipes
Bibs
Bottles
Infant and toddler socks
Board books
Burp cloths
Pacifiers/teething toys
Baby Shampoo and body wash
Gently used and new clothing sizes newborn to size 5
Caring and loving individuals needed to volunteer one morning a month

Membership – 2nd Vice President, Cynthia Butler

It's membership time! Our membership drive is currently underway and we need a lot of new members to add to our club! Please encourage friends to attend the April luncheon at the WCC at 11:30 AM on Wed., April 4th. I will be at the registration desk and will have applications (see next page). If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2018, now is the time! I will need a new membership application form from you and a check for \$25. Please send your check, made payable to WFCRW to: Cynthia Butler 320 Handley Blvd. Winchester VA 22601.

We welcome our newest members: Belinda Schiavoni, Janet Hughes, Carol Rogers, Darlene Kent, Ann Burkholder, Susan Claytor, and Patricia Daye. [So sorry the inclement weather kept us from going to Washington to see the Museum of the Bible. We will attempt to reschedule the trip. Refunds will be mailed out.](#)

Campaign Activities -- Sandy Montgomery-Aker, Chair

10th Congressional Race – Republican Primary filing March 29th; Primary held June 12th for the Election on Nov. 6th, 2018. There are 9 Democratic candidates campaigning for this position. The only 2 Republicans competing for the position, Barbara Comstock and Shak Hill.

Virginia Senate Primary Race – For Tim Kaine's seat

There is a primary battle between Nick Freitas, E.W. Jackson, and Corey Stewart

Clarke County – OFFICIAL CALL District Convention of the 10th Congressional District of the RPV **June 16, 2018** at 11:00 AM at the Clarke County High School in Berryville. The purpose is to elect a District Chairman of the Republican Party and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. Registration will start at 9am. Delegates must be in line by 11 AM.

Frederick County – Tues., March 27th meeting from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Public Safety Building, will allow ALL registered Republican voters to vote for the new chairperson of the FCRC Committee. Candidates for chair are Alan Morrison and Tim Stowe. During the April meeting nominations will be taken from the floor for the other members of the FCRC Board. All new members to the FCRC must have their membership form submitted by March 25th by 5 PM if you are interested in joining and voting on the remaining Board members.

The FCRC voted to have a Mass Meeting as the selection process to determine Republican nominees. **Lincoln Reagan Dinner** was to be held in February, but has been delayed indefinitely.

Frederick County Board of Supervisors – Upcoming meetings: March 28 Budget Meeting, 5:30 PM **Winchester** – Mass Meeting: March 22. A new chairman and four city councilmen need to be selected. Please remember to keep a tally of your **Volunteer hours** so that they we can report to the VFRW.

National Legislation – Margaret Hobbie, Chair

The media is going crazy reporting the “discord” in the Trump White House and Cabinet. They cannot curb their hopes this administration will somehow implode and get out of the way. The truth is something entirely different. It seems President Trump is learning who on his staff and in his Cabinet is actually in sync with his thoughts and is removing those who cannot agree to support his policies and ideas.

After more than a year in office and a chance to see the Washington “swamp” up close, he is realizing the importance of having advisors and Cabinet members who are willing to work as a team with him.

The serious problem, which the media ignores, is the deliberate slowness in approving the President’s nominations. There are 1212 positions a President has a Constitutional obligation to fill. These all require Senate confirmation. **As of March 9, 2018 only 276 of President Trump’s nominees have been confirmed. There are 143 waiting confirmation.** At the current rate it is estimated the process will take **eleven** years. The President has stopped making nominations. The long wait for confirmation makes it difficult for the nominees to order their lives.

The problem is Senator Schumer, with Senator McConnell doing nothing to speed things up. The infamous “Senate Rules” are being used to deliberately frustrate the process. There were several suggestions made last year that would stop this practice. None were adopted, nor did they come to the floor for a vote.

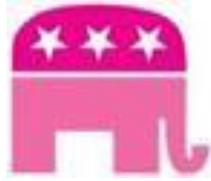
The current confirmation process requires a vote of 60% of the Senators to approve a deadline for closing debate on a nominee. Called “cloture” the Senate uses it for many reasons. The second part of this rule is a vote is not required until after 30 hours of floor debate. Given the limited number of days the Senate is actually in session, it is a wonder they find the time required..

The suggestions made last year included using the precedent set by Harry Reid in 2013 to use a majority vote (50% + 1) for the cloture vote. With a majority vote, the 30 hour rule could be changed to eight hours. Additionally, maximum debate for lower level appointees and judges would be two hours, and committees and sub-committees could vet the nominee and report their recommendations to the entire Senate.

Another 100-year old process, allows a home-state Senator to submit a “blue slip” on appellate court judges – they use it to approve, reject or offer no opinion for a nominee. A rejection stops the debate on the nominee until negotiation is attempted to change the opinion. The Democrats are using this process to further slow down the confirmation process.

This entire battle is strictly political. The Democrats are using the rules as “pay-back” for past Republicans actions. Senator McConnell is afraid to do anything about the situation. He does not want to suffer retribution from the Democrats in the future.

Please learn about the candidates running for Tim Kaine's seat in the Senate. Vote for the one you believe will be most likely to reject this negative thinking.



Winchester-Frederick-Clarke Republican Women's Club MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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

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

Active Membership: \$25 per year

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

Associate Membership: \$15 per year

Name:

Address:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Today's Date: _____

_____ Check Enclosed

_____ Applying for Active Membership

_____ Applying for Associate Membership

- Application Deadline: March 2018
- Please Make Check Out to: WFCRW
- Please Mail Check to: Cynthia Butler, Membership Chair, WFCRW
320 Handley Blvd.
Winchester, VA 22601