

# BULL RUN REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB



THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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# Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas to all!

In order to give everyone the opportunity to be with family, there will be no December meeting.



Congratulations to our 2018 officers: Meg Desmedt as our newly installed President; Stephanie Stauffer, (First Vice President), Tiffany Woodard, (Second Vice President), Gail Forry (Recording Secretary), Heather Rice (Corresponding Secretary), and Debbie Bowers (Treasurer). I know that each of these women will serve the club well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all of you for the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been both an honor and a privilege, and I appreciate the opportunity. I have enjoyed this time very much, and I'm looking forward to doing whatever I can to assist the incoming Executive Committee.



In addition, I would also like to extend my deepest appreciation to this year's Officers: Ardeen, Robyn, Meg, Lesley, and Heather; as well as Dottie, as Immediate Past President. Each and every one of these women dedicated her time and talents to make 2017 a successful year. I am deeply indebted to each for her many contributions to the club. I am also extremely grateful for all of the committee chairs who worked so hard for their specific committees.

2018 will be a busy and exciting year. Meg and her Executive Committee will need your support. Stay safe and warm over the Holidays!

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*Guests are always welcome. Feel free to invite a friend.*

# Next Membership Meeting

*Thursday, January 18, 2018*

*7:30 PM Meeting*

*6:00 PM, or as you are able, for dinner*

*Location to be announced later*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Dec 8-10** - RPV Advance

**Dec 13** - White House Tour

**Dec 19** - last day for payment to be received by BRRWC for Legislative Day

**Dec 26**- last day to complete your on-line Registration Form for Legislative Day

**Dec 30** - Deadline to reserve a room at Richmond Hilton if desired

**Jan 11** - Legislative Day

**Jan 31** - Deadline to pay 2018 club dues

## *This and That*

### *Our GOP Committee Chairs*

*Please take a moment to thank our GOP Committee Chairs for all their hard work during this election season: Dottie Miller, for Prince William County, and Sharon Ashurst, for the City of Manassas. These are full-time (although unpaid) positions, and both of these women worked tirelessly to help elect or re-elect our Republican candidates.*

*Despite their long hours and dedication, the election results were not what we had wanted to see, but our loss is by no means because of a lack of effort or ability on the part of these two ladies. Their hard work and dedication has been a valuable resource to the Republican party. No one could be more disappointed with the election results than these two, so please take a moment to acknowledge all they have done for the Republican party and for our state and local politicians.*

### *Legislative Day*

*The VFRW Legislative Day will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Richmond Hilton. The initial deadline to register is Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> (but payment to the club (not VFRW) is due by December 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost to attend is \$55, which includes a light breakfast, advocacy, and a post-advocacy meeting and lunch. After December 26<sup>th</sup>, the cost for late registrations will increase incrementally.*

*For those who wish to stay overnight, rooms may be reserved at the Hilton for the reduced rate of \$139. Rooms must be reserved by December 11<sup>th</sup>, to be ensured a room at the discounted rate. To reserve a room, call 1-804-344-4300 or the Hilton Reservations number, 1-800 -Hiltons and ask for the VFRW rate.*

*Valet parking is available for \$17 per day for overnight guests, or \$8 for those attending only during the day.*

# Personally Speaking

## Bir**Birthdays**

*Happy birthday to our members celebrating another year!*

*Debbie Bowers  
November 13*

*Jacquie Meeks  
November 13*

*Ardeen Nickisch  
November 15*

*Sharon Ashurst  
November 22*

*Judy Colucci  
November 23*

*Rose Schulz  
December 8*

*Theresa Ellis  
December 25*

*Robyn Candland  
December 30*

*Mary Beth Schaal  
December 28*

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## More More

*If you are celebrating an anniversary, going on a special trip, welcoming a grandchild, or have any other occasion you'd like to share, please let me know. For your safety, trips will not be announced until after your return..*

*Send to: [jan.bullrun@yahoo.com](mailto:jan.bullrun@yahoo.com)*

## CHARITIES RATED AT 100%

This is the time of year when we often think of charitable giving. [Charity Navigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org) rates charities, based on a number of factors including CEO pay, the percentage of donations spent on the program versus advertising, CEO pay, accountability, transparency, etc. Few charities receive a perfect score, but a few of those who did appear below. There are others, but these seem to be most closely aligned with the values of our members.

### Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO)

SEO was founded in 1963 with a mission to provide talented and motivated young people from underserved and underrepresented communities with access to superior educational and career opportunities. Today, SEO runs three programs: SEO Scholars is an eight-year academic program that gets low-income public high school students to and through college-with a 95% college graduation rate; SEO Career is the nation's premier summer internship and training program for underrepresented college students, specializing in banking, private equity, corporate leadership, law, and non-profit; SEO Alternative Investments provides education, exposure, training and mentoring opportunities to talented professionals traditionally underrepresented in the alternative investments sector.

### Give Kids The World

Give Kids The World exists only to fulfill the wishes of all children with life-threatening illnesses and their families from around the world to experience a memorable, joyful, cost-free visit to the Central Florida attractions, and to enjoy the magic of Give Kids The World Village for as long as there is a need. Each day, Give Kids The World lives by this mission and has made a promise to never turn a child away. Since 1986, more than 122,000 children have had their dream come true at Give Kids The World. Through the tireless support of our volunteers, employees and generous partners, we dedicate each and every day to these special families.

### Help Hope Live

As a national nonprofit, our mission is to support community-based fundraising for people with unmet medical and related expenses due to cell and organ transplants or catastrophic injuries and illnesses. At Help Hope Live, we HELP relieve the financial burden of a medical crisis, provide HOPE at a time of overwhelming need and support patients and their families to LIVE life as fully as possible. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised more than \$125 million to help patients and families bridge the gap between what their health insurance will pay and what is actually needed to heal, live and thrive, resulting in more than 3,000 transplants, restoring independence and quality of life for more than 1,100 individuals affected by a catastrophic injury or illness, and providing more than \$105 million to pay patient expenses.

### Army Emergency Relief

Established in 1942 by the Secretary of War, Army Emergency Relief (AER) is proud to have helped more than three million soldiers and their families overcome financial emergencies during these last 67 years. Since its founding, AER has always been where soldiers are stationed when they needed help. While active duty soldiers receive the bulk of our assistance, we continually help retired soldiers and widows/widowers also. We also have a robust education scholarship program that provides financial support for both dependent children and spouses

### Arthritis National Research Foundation

To provide initial research funding to brilliant, investigative scientists with new ideas to cure arthritis and related autoimmune diseases.

## **Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty**

Founded in April, 1990, the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty is named in honor of John Emerich Edward Dalberg Acton. The mission of the Acton Institute is to promote a free, virtuous, and humane society. This direction recognizes the benefits of a limited government, but also the beneficent consequences of a free market. It embraces an objective framework of moral values, but also recognizes and appreciates the subjective nature of economic value. It views justice as a duty of all to give the one his due but, more importantly, as an individual obligation to serve the common good and not just his own needs and wants. In order to promote a more profound understanding of the coming together of faith and liberty, the Institute involves members of religious, business, and academic spheres in its various seminars, publications, and academic activities.

## **Fisher House Foundation, Inc.**

Fisher House Foundation, Inc. is an international not-for-profit organization established to improve the quality of life for members of the military, retirees, Veterans and their families. The Foundation builds comfort homes at military and VA medical centers and gifts them to the government. It assists with the coordination of private support and encourages public support for the network of comfort homes known as "Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Houses." It works to educate and inform the military and Veterans' communities, their families and the general public about Fisher Houses and provides necessary support to individual Fisher Houses as needed. Other quality of life programs include scholarship programs, a grants program for volunteer organizations with innovative plans for quality of life projects, the Hero Miles and Hotels for Heroes programs and individual assistance to members of the military and their families during a crisis.

## **Lifesong for Orphans**

Lifesong for Orphans seeks to mobilize the Church, His body, where each member can provide a unique and special service: some to adopt, some to care, some to give. A struggling business, a simple vow to further God's Kingdom, and many divine encounters. These would be used as catalysts to begin, what is now, Lifesong for Orphans. With a family culture and a heart for the world's fatherless, Lifesong for Orphans offers adoption financial assistance, foster care support, church and ministry partnerships, and international orphan care by serving advocates who help carry out this work of bringing joy and purpose to orphans

## **Navy Seal Foundation**

The Navy SEAL Foundation's mission is to provide educational and motivational support, promote health and welfare programs for the Naval Special Warfare Community, and perpetuate the history and heritage of the U.S. Naval Commandos. Our Foundation is strong, our leadership is dedicated, and our mission is noble. The Navy SEAL Foundation is proud to serve the Naval Special Warfare community including the U.S. Navy SEALs, SWCC, NSW Support Personnel, and their families. Our programs center around three pillars: health and welfare, including tragedy assistance and family events; education and motivation, including scholarships and tuition assistance; and history and heritage, including the funding of monuments and memorials.

## **Hope for Haiti's Children**

Hope For Haiti's Children (HFHC) is a faith-based organization founded in 1995 in order to demonstrate Christian compassion to poverty-bound Haitian children and their families, providing opportunities for these children to become leaders in their homes, churches, and communities. Today, there are over 1,600 children sponsored in ten different schools associated with churches of Christ in central and southern Haiti. Currently Hope for Haiti's Children average 100 new students per year to the Child Education Sponsorship program. HFHC follows a sustainable approach in this work, having established an in-country network of trusted local Christian educators, business leaders, and other professionals who carry out the day-to-day operations.

# *Bull Run Republican Women's Club*

## *2017 Officers*

|                               | <u>OFFICERS</u>                                                                        | <u>HOME</u>  | <u>CELL</u>  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| President                     | Jan Burch<br><a href="mailto:jan.bullrun@yahoo.com">jan.bullrun@yahoo.com</a>          | 703-753-8435 | 703-975-2356 |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership | Ardeen Nickisch<br><a href="mailto:adnick4562@aol.com">adnick4562@aol.com</a>          | 703-754-3810 | -----        |
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| Corresponding Secty           | Lesley Salman<br><a href="mailto:lesleysalman@gmail.com">lesleysalman@gmail.com</a>    | -----        | 703-505-7400 |
| Treasurer                     | Heather Rice<br><a href="mailto:hmr7@comcast.net">hmr7@comcast.net</a>                 | -----        | 575-430-6753 |

**To send an email to any of the Officers, just click on the email address below their names.**

# *Bull Run Republican Women's Club*

## *2017 Committee Chairs*

### STANDING COMMITTEES

|                                     |                 | <u>HOME</u>  | <u>CELL</u>  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bylaws                              | Meg Desmedt     | 703-754-0694 | 703-987-5567 |
| Campaign                            | Carol Fox       | 703-743-2189 | 703-507-4171 |
| Finance                             | Heather Rice    | -----        | 575-430-6753 |
| Historian                           | -----           | -----        | -----        |
| Legislation                         | Martha Hendley  | 703-754-4181 | 703-966-5613 |
| Membership                          | Ardeen Nickisch | 703-754-3810 | -----        |
| Programs                            | Robyn Candland  | -----        | 703-881-8695 |
| Communications/<br>Public Relations | -----           | -----        | -----        |
| Sergeant at Arms                    | Carol Fox       | 703-743-2189 | 703-507-4171 |

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

|                                                 |                  | <u>HOME</u>  | <u>CELL</u>  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Chaplain                                        | Ardeen Nickisch  | 703-754-3810 | -----        |
| Web Profile (Newsletter,<br>Website , Facebook) | Meg Desmedt      | 703-754-0694 | 703-987-5567 |
| Armed Forces/<br>Homeland Security              | -----            | -----        | -----        |
| Parliamentarian                                 | Carol Fox        | 703-743-2189 | 703-507-4171 |
| Achievement Awards                              | -----            | -----        | -----        |
| Americanism                                     | Ilma Striker     | 703-754-7515 | -----        |
| Fund Raising                                    | Heather Rice     | -----        | 575-430-6753 |
| Hospitality                                     | Pat. Johnson     | 703-754-7611 | -----        |
| Literacy                                        | Debbie Bowers    | 703-753-4238 | 571-991-7843 |
| Community Service                               | -----            | -----        | -----        |
| Scholarships                                    | Mary Beth Schaal | 703-753-4292 | 540-270-7213 |

### FASHION SHOW

|             |               |              |              |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Coordinator | Debbie Bowers | 703-753-4238 | 571-991-7843 |
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| Corresponding Secty           | Heather Rice<br><a href="mailto:hmr7@comcast.net">hmr7@comcast.net</a>              | -----              | 575-430-6753       |
| Treasurer                     | Debbie Bowers<br><a href="mailto:debbiecurl@yahoo.com">debbiecurl@yahoo.com</a>     | 703-753-4238       | 571-991-7843       |
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# *Bull Run Republican Women's Club*

Membership is open to all who support the principles of the Republican Party and advocate support of its candidates.

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:** A full voting membership, available to women, which includes membership in the Virginia and National Federations of Republican Women. Annual dues are \$35 which includes \$14 for membership in the state and national federations, and \$3 for the Women's Candidate Fund.

**SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP:** A voting membership available to women who support the BRRWC through their financial contributions. Sustaining Members are invited to attend all BRRWC activities. Annual dues are \$40, which includes \$14 for membership in the state and national federations, and \$3 for the Women's Candidate Fund.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:** A non-voting membership available to Active Members of other Republican Women Clubs and to Republican men. Annual dues are \$15 and do not include membership in the state and national federations, and does not include any contribution toward the Women's Candidate Fund.

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP:** A non-voting membership available to students of any age, with the stipulation that those under the age of 16 be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Annual dues are \$5 and do not include membership in the state and national federations, and does not include any contribution toward the Women's Candidate Fund.

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*The BRRWC's fiscal year is January 1 through December 31. Dues are payable each January. For Active Membership beginning after June 30, dues are prorated at \$1 a month plus \$14 for state and national federation dues for the balance of the year.*

# *Bull Run Republican Women's Club*

## Membership Application

*My Information is current on the current club roster. If not, please update information below.*

| Personal Information | Contact Information |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Name                 | Home Phone          |
| Address              | Cell Phone          |
| City, State          | Work Phone          |
| Zip                  | Email               |
| Birthdate            | Spouse's Name       |
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| <p>_____ <b>\$35 Active Member</b></p> <p>I am a Republican woman over the age of 18</p> <p>_____ <b>\$40 Sustaining member</b></p> <p>I am a Republican woman over the age of 18 who would like to participate without committee responsibilities</p> <p>_____ <b>\$15 Associate Member</b></p> <p>I am a Republican woman who belongs to another Republican Women's Club, or a Republican man</p> <p>_____ <b>\$ 5 Student Member</b></p> <p>I am a student and will be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 16</p> | <p><b>MY DISTRICT</b></p> <p>Congressional District _____</p> <p>Magisterial District _____</p> <p>Precinct _____</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Please mail form with your check to</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">BRRWC Treasurer, Debbie Bowers</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">13048 Bourne Place</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Bristow, Va 20136-1000</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;"><i>(checks should be made payable to BRRWC)</i></p> |
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**I WANT TO HELP**

|                                              |                                                   |                                            |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Americanism         | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrapbook/ Historian     | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising              | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter          | <input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentary Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeland Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality              | <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy          |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

# Bull Run Republican Women's Club

Please indicate the Committees that you would like to join or learn more about:

## STANDING COMMITTEES

- Bylaws
- Campaign
- Finance
- Historian/Public Relations
- Legislation
- Membership
- Programs

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Chaplain
- Communications (Newsletter / Website / Facebook)
- Armed Forces
- Homeland Security
- Parliamentarian/ Sergeant at Arms
- Achievement Awards
- Americanism
- Fund Raising
- Hospitality
- Literacy
- Community Service / Caring for America
- Scholarships
- Photography

## FASHION SHOW

- Coordinator
- Ticket and Seating Assignments
- Reception
- Decorations
- Model Coordinator
- Ads, Sponsorships
- Programs
- Silent Auction & Drawings
- Door Prizes
- Photography

## OTHER

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# WEBSITES

Just click on the website you wish to connect to. If necessary, use “Control + Click” on links.

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[Republican National Committee](#)

[RNC – Women](#)

[Republican Party of Virginia](#)

[Prince William County Republican Committee](#)

[Manassas City Republican Committee](#)

[Republicans in Congress](#)

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