

Greetings, Members!

Happy Valentine's Day! The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club has started the year off strong. Our board is composed of experienced women alongside dynamic younger members who bring fresh ideas to help carry the club successfully into the future. We are committed to our mission, which aligns with President Trump's agenda: advocating for small government, eliminating fraud, waste, and abuse, prioritizing America first, and supporting our local community as well as our political candidates. We strive to ensure that our programs are effective, and the reputation of the CRWC is exemplary!

Shirley Miles
President CRWC



photo: newlyweds Shaina Greenfield (PR Chair ,CRWC) and her husband PJ Greenfield

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Wrapping Up 2024 & Welcoming Our 2025 Officers



We ended 2024 on a high note with a fantastic Christmas party, filled with great company, festive cheer, and unforgettable moments! It was also nice to see lovely festive decorations around town.



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A huge congratulations to our newly elected 2025 Officers:

- Shirley Miles** – President
- Michelle Dewaker** – 1st Vice President of Programs
- Cindy Ahlstrom** – 2nd Vice President of Membership
- Zada Martin** – Corresponding Secretary
- Kira Shaeffer** – Recording Secretary
- Shaina Greenfield** – Public Relations Chair
- Raquel Martinez** – Hospitality Chair
- Carole Omaggio** – Legislative Chair

Looking forward to an incredible year ahead!



Legislative Day



CRWC participated in Legislative Day in Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, January 15th. Click to read: [11 legislators will work out differences between House, Senate versions of the state budget.](#)

By ELIZABETH BEYER, Cardinal News

Senators Todd Pillion, R-Washington County, and Creigh Deeds, D-Charlottesville, along with Del. Terry Austin, R-Botetourt County, were among the named budget conferees during the House of Delegates and state Senate floor sessions on Wednesday. ... The budget process has been described as a waltz — Gov. Glenn Youngkin had the first dance, with the budget amendment proposal he released in December. The House and the Senate will work to merge their two budget proposals, and then work with Youngkin to get the final budget amendment document passed and signed.

Inauguration of our 47th President!



On January 20th, we witnessed a historic moment as President Trump was inaugurated in a beautiful and intimate ceremony held inside the U.S Capitol surrounded by his family. Although the weather was chilly, we hope everyone had an opportunity to celebrate a huge Republican win!

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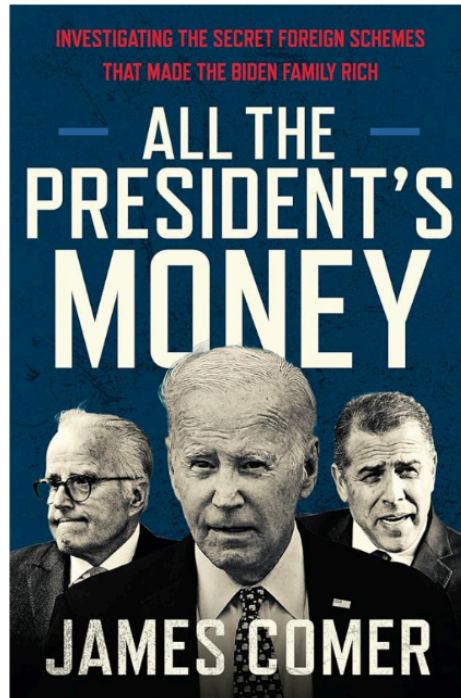


Promises made, promises kept! President Trump has kept his campaign promises and has already made immense progress in less than 3 weeks in office.

1. Seal the border and stop the migrant invasion
2. Carry out the largest deportation operation in American history
3. End inflation, and make America affordable again
4. Make America the dominant energy producer in the world, by far!
5. Stop outsourcing, and turn the United States into a manufacturing superpower
6. Large tax cuts for workers, and no tax on tips!
7. Defend our constitution, our bill of rights, and our fundamental freedoms, including freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the right to keep and bear arms
8. Prevent world war three, restore peace in Europe and in the Middle East, and build a great Iron Dome missile defense shield over our entire country -- all made in America
9. End the weaponization of government against the American people
10. Stop the migrant crime epidemic, demolish the foreign drug cartels, crush gang violence, and lock up violent offenders

Full platform can be found here: <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/platform>

CRWC Book Club Meeting



All the President's Money: Investigating the Secret Foreign Schemes That Made the Biden Family Rich is a book by Congressman James Comer, chair of the House Oversight Committee, detailing his investigation into alleged corruption and influence peddling by the Biden family. Comer shares insights into how Joe Biden and his relatives leveraged political connections for personal financial gain through shady foreign business dealings, raising serious national security concerns. The book outlines the challenges faced in exposing these schemes, including resistance from Democrats, mainstream media bias, and obstruction from federal agencies.

The CRWC Book Club will be at Jean Field's house on March 1st at 1pm. *Note that it has been delayed due to several members planning to attend CPAC.**

Please email Susan Yonts-Shepard seysrls@comcast.net if you're interested in attending the Book Club!

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CRWC January Monthly Meeting



We were thrilled to host Stacy Langton, aka “Grizzly Mom,” as our guest speaker at the January CRWC meeting at the Alexandria Police Department. She spoke about her fight to end wokeness in the American school system

Check out her site at www.MamaGrizzly.org to get involved!



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The Play That Goes Wrong Fundraiser

Mark your calendars! CRWC's fundraiser at The Little Theatre of Alexandria is set for **June 6, 2025**, featuring *The Play That Goes Wrong*—and you won't want to miss it!

As always, we'll host a pre-show reception, a delicious intermission, and this year, we're hoping to welcome a special guest speaker. Planning is underway, so stay tuned for details!

Tickets go on sale in late February—get yours early! They make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions. Invite your family, friends, and colleagues, and help us **fill the house** for another fantastic CRWC event!

Please contact Laurie Kirby at kirbyl2@aol.com if interested!

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS 1934-2024

The Little Theatre of Alexandria
presents

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

written by **Henry Lewis, Henry Shields & Jonathan Sayer**
produced by **Russell M. Wyland & Zell Murphy**
directed by **Frank D. Shutts II**

What would happen if Sherlock Holmes and Monty Python had an illegitimate Broadway baby? You'd get New York and London's award-winning comedy! Called "the funniest play Broadway has ever seen" (Huffington Post), this classic murder mystery is chock-full of mishaps, mayhem, and madcap mania! Welcome to the opening night of *The Murder at Haversham Manor*, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. With an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines), it's "comic gold" (Variety) sure to bring down the house.

JUN. 7-28, 2025
BOX OFFICE
703-683-0496
www.thelittletheatre.com

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Commonwealth REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

JOIN CRWC. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Joining CRWC is the way to participate in the political process at the grassroots level and to network with other women in Alexandria, Virginia and the nation.

The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club (CRWC) is the Alexandria Chapter of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women (VFRW), an affiliate of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Join CRWC and get automatic membership in VFRW and NFRW.

CRWC gathers monthly at 7:00 pm for snacks/social and 7:30 pm for our meeting on the 4th Thursday from September through June.

Our meetings offer informative programs, guest speakers, political candidates, and the company of like-minded people. **Join us!**

OUR BELIEFS

Free enterprise as the engine of our economy
Fiscally responsible government | Budgetary restraint
Equal rights, justice and opportunities for all
Responsible citizenship | Upholding the US Constitution
Strong national defense | A nation founded on faith in God

JOIN US AS WE:

- Enjoy access to resources for leadership and political training.
- Explore the political process through programs, workshops, and timely presentations.
- Experience politics in action.
- Meet party leaders and candidates.
- Work on local, state, and national campaigns.
- Encourage emerging local candidates considering political careers.

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Valentines Day Dance



For some local fun, join the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) on Saturday, February 15th, for the 42nd annual Evening of Viennese Waltzing. It's a delightful event perfect for the Valentine's season. Held in a beautifully decorated ballroom, guests can enjoy an evening of elegant dancing, live music, and a romantic atmosphere. Whether you're an experienced dancer or a beginner, this festive celebration offers a fun and memorable way to embrace the charm of the Viennese waltz with friends or a special someone!

Location:

The Organization of American States
200 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20006

Check out <https://isi.org/event/42nd-annual-viennese-waltz-ball/> for more information!