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WFRWC Installs New Officers

The Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club (WFRWC) held their annual installation of officers at the Heart in Hand Restaurant in Clifton on December 3rd. Beth Baron, 2006 President, passed the gavel to Heidi Salkeld, 2007 President, while Virginia Olander, past 2004-2005 WFRWC President, installed the new officers.



Virginia Olander is pictured installing the WFRWC Board of Officers. From the left: The 2007 Board of the WFRWC are Heidi Salkeld, President; Dottie O'Rourke, 1st Vice President; Betty Ann Olson, 2nd Vice President; Ana Jackman, Recording Secretary; Anita Lovelace, Corresponding Secretary; and Sheila Turner, Treasurer.

Deck the Halls and Welcome All!



About 25 club members gathered near the White House on the morning of December 22 eager to begin our Christmas Tour. The slight drizzle couldn't dampen our enthusiasm or excitement. We were ready to take in all the holiday grandeur this house had to offer.

The tour began at the East Entrance where we were greeted by 10' tall Nutcrackers. After passing through the colonnade we came upon a display of the official White House collection

of cards from the past. Also in the foyer was the original oil painting of the 2006 card. It was done by Texas artist James Blake and shows the Oval Office from the south lawn. The original painting by Pamela Carroll of the holiday booklet was on an easel, too. These booklets are given to each person who takes the tour.

We could not help notice that red glass balls were displayed everywhere. They were glued by the hundreds to form trees, balls and the garland. Traditional reds and greens were prominent this year.

The point of interest in the East Room was the White House creche. A gift to the white House in 1967, this Nativity features carved

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Upcoming Events:

- February, 25, 2007 WFRWC Membership Tea at the International Town & Country Club
www.wfrwc.org
- March 15, 2007 WFRWC Monthly Meeting at Fairfax County Government Center (Sully District Station)
www.wfrwc.org
- April, 17, 2007 White House Easter Egg Roll in Washington, DC
- April 19, 2007 WFRWC Monthly Meeting at Fairfax County Government Center (Sully District Station)
www.wfrwc.org
- May 4, 2007 10th District Jefferson Day Dinner
www.va10gop.org
- May 17, 2007 WFRWC Monthly Meeting at Fairfax County Government Center (Sully District Station)
www.wfrwc.org
- May 19, 2007 Firehouse Primary

Welcome, New Members!

The WFRWC is very pleased to announce our newest valued members to the club! Please join me in welcoming them.

2006 New Members:

Debbie Balancia - Member
Amy Collins - Member
Gail Cooper - Member
Elsie Crites - Member
Lynn Dysart - Member
Carolyn Harris - Member
Hilary Hoffman - Member

Ana Jackman - Member
Diane Moccio - Member
Katherine Mooney - Member
Nancy Randall - Member
Karen Sullivan - Member
Jennifer Wilson - Member
Gail Anderson - Associate Member
Suzanne Becker - Associate Member

2007 New Members:

Lu Desrosiers - Member
Joanne Higgins - Member

Kari Reed - Member
Susan Christman - Associate Member
Mike Reed - Associate Member

Renew Your WFRWC Membership!

This is a friendly reminder that it's time to renew your membership with the Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club (WFRWC) for the 2007 membership year.

Your membership enables the WFRWC to continue to work towards increasing the

effectiveness of women in government. We need strong voices from the community to help spread the message! We need you! You can simply renew your membership for only \$25 (\$15 - Associate Member) by submitting a renewal form to Sheila Turner

along with your payment. We look forward to renewing your membership today.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Sheila Turner at 703.830.7502 or via email at turnersj@cox.net.

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wood and terra cotta pieces that were crafted in Naples, Italy, in the 18th century. A few of us noticed that the Wise Men were riding horses rather than the traditional camels that we are used to seeing. It was truly a stunning display.

Next was the Green Room, with garlands filled with Christmas treats. This was the private dining quarters of Thomas Jefferson. In the room hangs the painting 'Farmyard in Winter'.

It was featured on the

Christmas card of President and Mrs. Gerald Ford in 1975.

We then came upon the Blue Room, which was highlighted by the over 18' Douglas fir. It came from Pennsylvania, and the growers were the Botek family who own Crystal Spring Tree Farm.

The tree was covered with crystals and iridescent glass and definitely took over the room.

The warmth of the Red Room was so welcoming, as was the portrait of Dolley

Madison. This room doesn't need very much as it is festive in itself, but for repeat visitors, the cranberry tree was there as a tradition dating back to 1975.

Of course, another highlight of the tour was the gingerbread house in the State Dining Room. Former White House pastry chef Roland designed a southern view of the White House using 300 pounds of gingerbread and chocolate. Our flag graced the top, and a sleigh driven by Barney and Miss Beazley was ready for take-off.

Kitty sat underneath the birdhouse on the lawn.

As we entered the Cross Hall, I think most of us lingered, not wanting it all to end. Exiting the Grand Foyer, I feel we all left with different but special memories of our tour. I'm sure we all felt blessed, though, to have the opportunity to experience this house which plays such an important part in history. Our deepest thanks go out to Anna Pilato for making it all happen!

— Donna Gustave

The Alternative House and How You Can Get Involved:

Alternative House is celebrating 35 years of providing support to at-risk children, youth and their families through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and outreach. Its programs include

Emergency Shelter for Teenagers – a two-week shelter for 13-17 year olds who are experiencing a personal or family crisis. The Shelter also houses a 24-hour crisis hotline, 1-800-SAY-TEEN.

Community Outreach Program – providing street-based and after-school support to high risk young people in lower income communities. This includes a Teen Center for 7th-12th graders; Safe Youth Project after-school programs for 4th-6th graders; Support on Suspension, a daytime program for youth who have been suspended from school; and mobile outreach where counselors

drive through the neighborhoods reaching out to young people on the streets.

Assisting Young Mothers (AYM) – residential programs for homeless pregnant and parenting young women and their babies. AYM 1 provides young women (18-21) and their children with a safe place to live in a group home setting for up to 18 months while they go to school or work and develop important skills to be able to live independently. AYM 2 allows young mothers to live in their own apartment for up to 24 months while they work and continue to take steps toward self-sufficiency.

Alternative House is a 501 (c) 3 private nonprofit organization. Support from the community allows Alternative House to make a difference in the lives of some of our area's most vulnerable young people.



Santa's sleigh was overflowing with an abundance of much needed items donated by the Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club.

There are many ways to get involved in addition to supporting the Alternative House through the WFRWC including: volunteering at one of the programs where you can

work directly with the young people, donating items from their wish list (they accept new and gently used items), or making a financial contribution. www.thealternativehouse.org

WFRWC Meetings

WHEN: WFRWC meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of each month (no meeting in July and December)

WHERE: Fairfax County Government Center (Sully District Station) 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA.

TIME: 6:30pm — Social
7:00pm — Meeting,
Speaker Presentation

MORE INFORMATION:
www.wfrwc.org

My great-grandfather used to say to his wife, my great-grandmother, who in turn told her daughter, my grandmother, who repeated it to her daughter, my mother, who used to remind her daughter, my own sister, that to talk well and eloquently was a very great art, but that an equally great one was to know the right moment to stop.

— *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Thank You, Thank You

Dear Western Fairfax Republican Women Club,

Thank you for your incredibly generous donations to Alternative House's Emergency Shelter for Teenagers this holiday season. We had a full house of teenagers who stayed with us during Christmas. The teens had a fun morning opening their gifts, and enjoyed the turkey and ham meal that evening. There was plenty for leftovers the next day too! Your generosity and enthusiasm made a tremendous difference for these young people. It helped put a spark into what would have otherwise been a difficult holiday.

Many, many thanks for all your support, and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

— *Karen Horowitz, Director - Alternative House*

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Jim Rich Speaks to WFRWC

At our meeting on January 18, we were honored to hear our 10th District Committee Chairman Jim Rich update us on the state of the party in Virginia.

Passing up his boss's invitation to dinner, Jim confirmed what we already believed about the last two statewide elections: a change is needed! On the bright side, he shared our optimism that our new state party chairman Ed Gillespie is an '80/20



Jim Rich

Republican" and a real party builder. (NOTE - Make plans to attend our Membership Tea on February 25th to meet Ed in person.)

Jim went on to thank us for our support in his reelection as district chairman and assured us of the importance of our being precinct captains and county committee members. He also discussed upcoming legislative priorities in the General Assembly and Congress and strategies for the 2007 "super election" including more technology and improved media applications.

— Dottie O'Rourke

Upcoming Program Plans

*Sunday, February 25 - Membership Tea with Ed Gillespie, Virginia Republican Party Chairman, International Town & Country Club, Fairfax, Va.

*Update on Transportation, our #1 issue - a panel discussion featuring those in the know - local, state, federal.

*By popular demand -- Immigration in our Backyards, with Erin Anderson updating her presentation from April 2006 about the Herndon immigration controversy.

*U. S. Capitol Tour -- still in the planning stages - let us know if you are interested.

*English as our national language -- one of our political priorities. What progress have we made in a PC world?

*Women's Health -- Is there an issue that particularly interests you? Share your idea and we'll build a program.

— Dottie O'Rourke

Get involved by participating in Campaign Committees

The 2007 elections are in full swing, we the women of Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club want to make a difference.

The lessons we have learned from the 2006 election is that grassroots makes a difference: One of the most instrumental ways we as members can help is by signing up to join Operation Precinct Program. This program will ensure that all precincts are covered not only on Election Day, but in the weeks and months leading up to the election. We must identify new voters and welcome them into our party. We must be the party of inclusion and not exclusion if we are to grow and win elections.

In the weeks ahead we will host a series of

Campaign and Precinct workshops to educate our members in precinct organizations.

This is a crucial year, those elected, especially in the Senate, will be responsible for the next Congressional redistricting. Therefore, Republicans must stay in control, PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

Firehouse Primary

May 19, 2007 there will be a Firehouse Primary in the 33rd Senate District to nominate a candidate to run against Democrat Mark Herring. This district encompasses Loudoun and Fairfax. There will be two locations one in Loudoun County and one in Fairfax. The

Fairfax location is Rachel Carson Middle School. We need all of you to help volunteer with registration. This is one seat that the Republicans can regain.

Save the Date 10th District Jefferson Day Dinner May 4, 2007

This year the dinner will be held at the Belmont Country Club in Ashburn, Virginia. This is a beautiful 18th Century Manor House that has been restored. We are very pleased and honor to have Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez as the guest speaker. More information will be forthcoming.

— Anna Lee

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