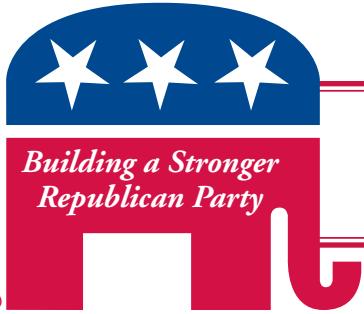


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WFRWC Membership Tea 2007

For the 30 members, associate members and guests who braved the snow on Feb.25th for our Annual Membership Tea at the International Country Club, the weather would not be the only surprise of the day.

Our 1st VP, Dottie O'Rourke, greeted all with name tags and a huge smile. Ana Lee, who never attends a function without a list, clipboard and

pen had everyone sign petitions for our upcoming Republican candidates. An eye appealing and delightful array of finger foods and desserts, coffee and tea was ready to warm us.

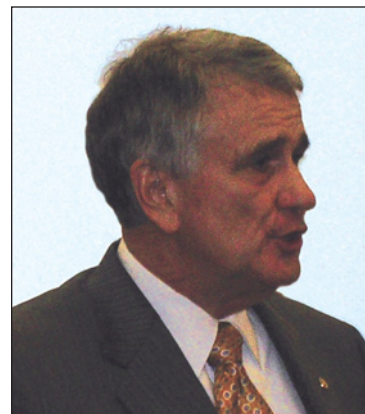
After we had some time to nibble and chat, Heidi proceeded to make the introductions. The

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Left to right: Dottie O'Rourke, Heidi Salkeld, Virginia Olander, and Anna Lee.

Delegate Tom Rust Explains the Transportation Package



With the variety of opinions about the General Assembly's transportation package, who better to bring us the best insider information than an author of the plan? 86th District Delegate Tom Rust detailed how he, Dave Albo, Jean Marie Devolites-Davis, Michelle Mc-

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To our friends at Virginia Tech

Our thoughts and prayers are with those that were tragically affected by the Virginia Tech massacre.

WFRWC Meetings

WHEN: WFRWC meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of each month

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

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

MORE INFORMATION:
www.wfrwc.org

Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club

Welcome, New Members!

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

Margaret Flanders - Member

Barbara Litzenberger - Member

Susan Llewellyn - Member

Sharon Makel - Member

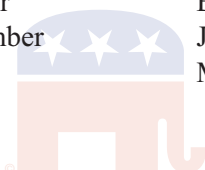
Rita Thomas - Member

Crystal Weeks - Member

Bob Frizzell - Associate Member

John Litzenberger - Associate Member

Mike O'Rourke - Associate Member



Upcoming Events:

• May 17, 2007

WFRWC Monthly Meeting
Meeting at Fairfax County
Government Center
(Sully District Station)
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• May 19, 2007

Firehouse Primary

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• September 26-30, 2007

The 34th Biennial NFRW
Convention is set for
Sept. 26-30 in Palm Springs,
Calif. The official convention
web site is available at
www.nfrw.org/programs/convention
and will be updated with new
information regularly.

A few stitches above the rest!

Joan Schmidt, member of Western Fairfax RWC, received a first place at the 44th Annual Needlework Show at Woodlawn Plantation, Alexandria, Virginia. The winning entry is called Rosemarkie. Joan stitched it on lavender Belfast linen using Soie D' Crystale silk threads. It is cross stitch and blackwork.



Photo:
Joan Schmidt proudly displays her 1st place blue ribbon.

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Quigg and Joe May met in December 2005 to ponder the damage of transportation gridlock on the Northern Virginia economy.

Attempts at legislation in the 2006 session to raise \$400 million for Northern Virginia projects died in regular session. The extended session proposal received significant business community endorsement but received no Republican votes and failed.

The primary focus of the 2007 package is the ability of Northern Virginia localities to raise monies locally which are protected from state appropriation. Included are commercial and real estate sales taxes as well as an increase in hotel/motel taxes and car rental taxes and new drivers licenses. Administration of these local funds sources will be through the Northern Virginia Transportation Author-

ity, made up of chief elected officials of area jurisdictions. These funds will be available, by law, only to the jurisdictions which participate in the plan: that is no play - no pay!

The statewide component of the package includes significant increases in "abuser" fees (i.e. reckless, speeding, unlicensed, drunken,etc,dri- vers), \$172 million from the General Fund, \$2.5 billion in bonds to mature over 8-9

years and a \$10 increase in auto registration fees. Northern Virginia is slated to get 10% of this statewide revenue.

How much of the plan survives the Governor's veto and amendment review will be discussed in the one day session of the General Assembly on April 4th. We in Northern Virginia can only hope for positive solutions as we wait in traffic.

Sisters band together

The Sister Study is the only long-term study of women aged 35 to 74 whose sister had breast cancer. It is a national study to learn how environment and genes affect the chances of getting breast cancer. In the next 3 years, 50,000 women whose sister had breast cancer, and who do not have breast cancer themselves will be asked to join the study.

WHY IS THE SISTER STUDY SO IMPORTANT?

The Sister Study is one of the first long-term studies to help us understand how women's genes and the things in their environment — homes, workplaces, and communities — influence risk of breast cancer. It is the first to collect such extensive and detailed information about environmental exposures.

For more information, please go to <http://www.sisterstudy.org>

Michael Frey is at it again...

The luck of the Irish was with the St. Baldrick's Foundation on March 17! The Foundation, which was started in 1999, has



Michael Frey

now grown nationwide, globally, and locally, holding yearly events on St. Patrick's Day. Over 160,000 kids every year are diagnosed with cancer worldwide.

The sole purpose of the organization is to raise awareness and dollars for pediatric cancer research by sponsored participants willing to have their heads shaved by 'shavers', professional hairdressers who donate their time. Participating 'shavees' — both men and women — raised thousands of dollars in two local events.

One packed local event was

held at Fast Eddies in Centreville for the second year in a row. Meg Crossett, who is organizer of the event, got involved when her daughter Rachel was diagnosed in 1998 with neuroblastoma, and who has sadly lost the battle since. Supervisor Michael Frey, a shavee for the second year in a row at Fast Eddies, raised \$1,000 for the cause.

The other event, held at the Fairfax County Police Union Hall on March 16, had police officers (including 8 women!) organizing themselves into teams such as the McLean Mug Shots, the Fuzz Busters, and the Station Six Cue Balls — to compete for top dollars. The police teams alone raised well over \$60,000, and the Fast Eddie's event netted well over \$55,000.

For more information on the St. Baldrick's Foundation, go to www.stbaldricks.org.

— *Kathy Buckley*

2007 WFRWC Committee Appointments

Dear Members and Associate Members,

Please join me in congratulating the follow members on their WFRWC Appointments for the 2007 membership year!

Thank you for serving in your positions and helping the club to be the best it can be!

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| • Americanism | Kari Reed |
| • Awards | Lois Koch |
| • Bylaws | Jo Nunnenkamp |
| • Caring for America/
Community Service | Heidi Salkeld |
| • Fundraising | Gail Cooper |
| | Rita Thomas |
| • Historian | Dottie O'Rourke |
| • Hospitality | Donna Gustave |
| | Diane Moccio |
| • Membership | Betty Ann Olson |
| • National Legislation | Kelly Kaar |
| • Newsletter | Amy Collins |
| • Parliamentarian | Anna Lee |
| • Political Activism | Anna Lee |
| | Dottie O'Rourke |
| • Public Relations | Stephanie Miller |
| • Scholarship Committee | Carol Mooney |
| • School Commission Committee | Jean Pujanauski |
| • State & Local Campaign Activities | Anna Lee |
| • Ways-N-Means | Anne Pilcher |

Congratulations to all!

— *Heidi Salkeld, WFRWC President*

What happened in April history?

- 4/1** With 30 of 59 members present, the U. S. House of Representatives reaches a quorum and begins operation. Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania is elected Speaker in 1789.
- 4/4** John Tyler becomes the first Vice President to succeed to the Presidency on the death of William Henry Harrison, who dies of pneumonia after serving only one month in 1841.
- 4/5** George Washington casts the first presidential veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representatives among the states in 1792.
- 4/9** Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia in 1865.
- 4/11** Iowa becomes the first state to impose a cigarette tax in 1921.
- 4/12** Less than three months into his fourth term, President Franklin d. Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Georgia; Harry S. Truman is sworn in as President in 1945.
- 4/14** President Abraham Lincoln is shot in Ford's Theater by John Wilkes Booth. Lincoln dies the next day in 1865.
- 4/17** U. S. trained Cuban exiles launch an unsuccessful raid at the Bay of Pigs in 1961.
- 4/19** A truck bomb shatters the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995.
- 4/24** Federal troops are ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War occupation in the South in 1877.
- 4/25** New York becomes the first state to require automobile license plates: the fee is \$1 in 1901.
- 4/30** George Washington is sworn in as the first President of the United States in 1789.

Note of Interest: The first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives is Jeannette Rankin (R-Montana) in 1916.

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VFRW was represented by Brenda Campbell-1st VP and Fay Williamson-Treasurer. Joyce Hazelwood-South Side RWC President also attended. We were pleased to have Bob Carlson, John Frey, Ron Koch and John Litzenger share our afternoon, too.

When it became apparent that our guest speaker Ed Gillespie, former Chairman of the NRP and current Chairman of the VRP would not be able to attend, the afternoon took a surprising twist.

Member Kelly Kaar just happened to have a prominent Educator, Diplomat and Author,

Dr. Patrick Mendis, as her guest and he graciously stepped in as our guest speaker. No one was disappointed! He held us captive as he related his story of coming to Minnesota as an exchange student from Sri Lanka, and proceeded to complete his postdoctoral training at Columbia, Harvard (the Kennedy School), and Yale Universities. Since 2003, Dr. Mendis has been serving as a governing board member of the USDA Graduate School, an appointment by the Bush Administration.

Dr. Mendis authored the book, *Glocalization: The Human Side of Globalization* as If the

Washington Consensus Mattered (2nd edition, 2007), and established t s u n a m i scholarships and a peace prize in Sri Lanka from the proceeds of the sales. He has traveled to and worked in more than 70 countries and visited all 50 states. Since 2003, Dr. Mendis has been serving as a governing board member of the USDA Graduate School, an appointment by the Bush adminis-



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Dr. Mendis has numerous contributions and accomplishments, and if you would like to read more about him you can go to:

— <http://www.asianamerican.net/bios/MendisPatrick.html>

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We are hoping to have Dr. Mendis speak at one of our regular club meetings so he can inspire everyone. If you are interested in purchasing his book you can get in touch with Kelly Kaar.

— Donna Gustave

Legislative Day

Bright and early on January 11th, Jane Phelps, Anita Lovelace and I bundled into Beth Baron's car for the trek to Richmond for VFRW Legislative Day 2007. Now, I've been down to Richmond for the assembly session before, so I thought I knew all about this stuff: crowded halls and committee rooms, cafeteria food, dingy snack bars, smoky corners, busy, busy legislators with no time WRONG! The VFRW knows how to do this day right, beginning with spacious, comfortable accommodations at the Marriott with the really important legislators coming to us!

Thanks to the excellent program organized by 1st VP Brenda Campbell, we experienced insider views of the General Assembly session from the Senate Majority Leader Walter Stosch (12th District), Sen. John Watkins (10th District), our own Del. Tom Rust (86th Dist.) and Del. Robert Hurt (16th Dist.), "better looking" brother of Charlie Hurt of the Washington Times. The morning began with a keynote talk by Lt. Governor Bill Bolling outlining his goals and enlisting our support for the Bollings' personal campaign to end cervical cancer. The morning session wrapped up on a light note when Sen. John Watkins' Legislative Aide Lorraine Waddill tested our civics knowledge with a review of how a bill becomes law in Virginia and then gave us a test on Virginia's official emblems. Did you know that the state dog is the American foxhound and our state drink is milk?

A delicious lunch during which we were joined by a number of senators and delegates enjoying good conversation was followed by a surprise introduction of Attorney General Bob McDonnell, not by Brenda Campbell, but by his wife Maureen. After enduring a bit of good-natured teasing, "Land Slide Bob" shared his goals including internet and identity security and their campaign for organ donation. We were also treated to the news that 1st Lt. Jeanine McDonnell has safely completed her tour in Iraq. A presentation on lobbying by Marianne Radcliffe of Kemper Consulting was fun and refreshing. "I must be crazy to be speaking about lobbying in front of all these legislators!", she laughed. She also counseled that we have our facts 100% accurate and, most of all, always be totally honest. Great advice. The finale of the session was remarks by our new Republican Party of Virginia Chairman Ed Gillespie. He rallied us to work for the "Super Elections" coming in November when both chambers of

Adventures in Campaign Management School

Do you know how much a yard sign is worth to a campaign? How about a bumper sticker? How many times does the average voter have to hear or see a candidate's name to remember it? When do most undecided voters decide?

These items are just four bits of information presented at the NFRW Campaign Management School last month in Harrisburg. Hosted by the Pennsylvania Federation of Republican Women, the school was two days packed with presentation by professional campaign consultants and a delightful chance to meet and talk with Republican women from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Had the weather been more cooperative than the 8+ inches of snow and sleet that fell Friday, we could have gotten to socialize more. Scattered among several hotels (mine was, thankfully, NOT the one with the kids' hockey tournament and the dog show), we had to limit our after class travel due to road conditions, but made many good contacts for the future.

Our morning sessions were with Holly Robichaud, founder of Tuesday Associates of Stoughton, Mass. Discussing planning, candidate preparation, fundraising, how to prioritize time, money and other recourses, she absolutely glowed with a confidence and energy that was contagious. Although there were a number of active candidates and elected official attending, many more of us felt ready to tackle the campaign trail for our favorite candidate or even for ourselves. Talk about a saleswoman ... and at 8am!

The first afternoon was with Vic Gresham of Conquest Communications Group and Bold Strokes Associates, a strategic consulting message development and management firm. Focusing on how to analyze and target

your audience, that is the voting public, he detailed how to determine the demographics of a district, the strategy to reach them and how and when to be most effective with various media: direct mail, radio, tv, signs, telephone. He gave particular insight on the value of volunteers to a campaign, particularly the necessity to use their time effectively and to show appreciation for their efforts. We can all agree with that!

Wrapping up the school, Mike Shannon of MANDATE: Message, Media & Public Relations kept us laughing and alert with tales of various campaigns, including a Caribbean election that sounded more outrageous than anything we could imagine in Virginia. His focus was on developing and controlling the message, managing the media, both earned and purchased, and the essentials of fundraising. He finished with a crash course in crisis management: what can wrong, what to do if it does and how to control the result to best benefit your campaign.

This school was so packed with information that I'll be rereading the manual and my notes for months just to cover it all. Was it worth the effort of the trip? That is a definite yes! If you have any interest in working for a campaign or being a candidate yourself, this school is a must. Watch for the next NFRW Campaign Management School in our area and sign up ... you will love it!

Oh, by the way — a yard sign is worth \$400 in paid advertising, a bumper sticker is worth \$200. That "average voter" needs to hear or see your candidate's name 13 times for it to be recognized — so start campaigning early to capture those "undecideds", who make up their minds in the last 3-5 days of the campaign.

Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club

Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an American in 1907

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any Man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

— Theodore Roosevelt 1907

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the assembly will be up for election, uniting in our Republican principles and putting aside our differences.

This day was a wonderful experience. We saw how influential our organization can be; we met other club members; we made plans for future campaign goals. My only regret is that more members of our club did not get to enjoy this day with us. Next

year we will have a longer session of the General Assembly with even more work to be done. Put the Legislative Day on your calendars for next January. The trip is great fun and a good way to get to know each other — and the meeting is an easy way to see how things work and how you can be involved.

— 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.

— Anna Lee

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