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“Working to Build Local Spirit with National Presence”

New Providence Republican Women's Club Newsletter

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Letter from our President

Jayne Young

Happy, happy New Year to everyone, I wish each of you, your families and friends the very best in 2011. As 2010 has drawn to a close, we, the

NPRW, are required to file documents with an accounting of all of our NPRW volunteer hours for the past year. I am continually impressed with the dedication of many of our members. We submitted a total of 8,190 hours. As you well know, everything comes down to money – so if you were to apply a dollar value to our volunteer hours, say a conservative \$10.00 per hour. We contributed \$81,900.00 to our local politics. According to Jenny Mundy, VFTW, Chair of Campaign Activities the total number of hours contributed last year in Virginia was 327,000 or \$3.27 million dollars. **WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**, we need to continue to keep up our efforts!! Thank you to Becky Sinclair for compiling our hours, it was a big job!!

I recently received an email titled “Why 2011, Matters” from Matt Ames, the Providence District Chair. Matt says, “We have a lot to celebrate, but we also know that the job is NOT done. Victory will go to the tenacious and the persistent”. We need to continue to be actively involved in our local politics.

January is the start of the NPRW calendar year and thus, it's time to **renew your membership**, please do so as soon as possible!! Our delegate allotment for the VFRW convention in April is based on the number of members we have and we would like to be able to send as many members as possible to convention in Richmond. Thinking of Richmond, Legislative Day is next Thursday, January 13th.

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Letter from our President

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We have 8 members attending. I am really looking forward to meeting and hearing what our state legislators have to say about the upcoming year. Also can't wait to tour the Governor's Mansion!!

I am very excited about the activities planned for this year. **Mary Martin**, VP of Programs has some great ideas. Our February meeting will be a field trip to the Canary Cottage in Clifton, VA, owned by Lynne Garvey Hodge, a **historical interpreter**. She will greet us in period costume and tell us about the local events, such as the "Night of Terror" on November 15, 1917 when local women were victimized at the Occoquan Work House, that led up to the passage of the 19th Amendment and the **suffragette movement**. We will plan to have lunch while in Clifton. Please watch for your evite for all the details. I am trying to decrease the number of calls the board members make each month. Many of you are NOT opening the evites when you receive them. They are safe to open, no worry about a virus. Please open and reply!!!

I hope to see many of you at the Patrick Henry Library on **Tuesday, January 11th** at 7:00 to hear NPRW member **Patty Reed** tell us about the Fairfax Country School Board Budget and how it will affect your children and your property values!! Should the Fairfax County schools either be closed or close early on the 11th, the snow date for the meeting will be Tuesday, January 18th at Mary Martin's home (2202 Aryness Drive, Vienna, VA 22181)



Upcoming Events

NPRW January Meeting

Thursday, Jan 11, 2011
7:00 to 9:00 PM
At Patrick Henry Library
Everyone is welcome

Legislative Day

Thursday, Jan 13, 2011
Richmond Virginia
Richmond Marriott

Re-elect Patty Reed Fundraiser

Saturday, Jan 22, 2011
7:00: PM
Mantua Swim and
Racquet Club
Everyone is welcome

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathy is extended to VFRW President Fay Williamson.

On Sunday, December 25, 2010, he mother, Marjorie Herndon Doss, 87 of Midlothian, VA passed away. She had been suffering from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and passed with her family around her.



Like to take Pictures?

NPRW needs an official photographer to keep a pictorial record of our club members, fundraisers, meetings, guest speakers, parties and gatherings. If you enjoy taking pictures and would like to earn some service hours, we would enjoy your company as our club photographer. Contact:

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Again, thanks to Consuela Woodford, for all the time and effort that you gave to the NPRW club. We will always cherish the thousands of moments of memories that you so kindly documented for us.



January

Birthday Wishes

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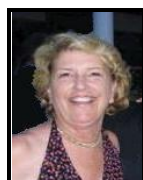
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Keith Fimian and Bob McDonnell

Keith Fimian made a guest appearance at the New Providence Republican Women's Christmas Party. He talked of his loss as being only a stepping stone to continue to support and work for the Republican Party. When questioned whether he would seek the seat in the United States Congress for a third time, he smiled and said, "I am not going to say that I will not run again". Encouraging words from a very special person. On December 15, Mr. Fimian treated his volunteer crew to a wonderful Appreciation Reception at Glory Days Grill in Fairfax.

Membership News



Linda Masterson

Membership in New Providence Republican Women runs for the calendar year. Therefore it is time to renew. We would like to have all memberships paid by the end of January. The fee is now \$40, a nominal amount considering the information provided and the friendships gained. This is a unique time for Republicans and New Providence Republican Women strives to keep its members aware of ongoing issues both local and national. The membership registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please complete it and send it with your payment to Linda Masterson at your earliest convenience.

Forget Something?

The NPRW Christmas Party was a grand event. Thank you to **Rebecca and Dennis Pick** for opening their beautiful home to us.

The food was wonderful, the guest speakers were informative and the people who attended were dedicated Republicans.

A few items left behind

- a gold charger plate
- a cake server utensil
- a glass pie pan

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News from your Providence District School Board Member

Happy New Year! January starts budget season for the FCPS School Board. On January 6, 2011, Superintendent Jack D. Dale presented to the School Board the FY 2012 Proposed Budget--and now the deliberations begin. We won't finalize the budget until late May. Here are some of my initial thoughts on the FY 2012 budget.

1) **We must attract and retain high quality teachers, our most critical resource.** FCPS starting teacher salaries have declined over the past two years. Additionally, FCPS now ranks fifth in the region in terms of mid-career teacher salaries and is next to last in maximum teacher salaries. If we can't provide competitive salaries, it will be more difficult to attract and retain experienced teachers. Also, it will be costly and disruptive to hire and train replacements.

In a recent work session, I requested that FCPS staff conduct an employee survey on current working conditions and morale. While my suggestion was voted down, two employee groups decided to poll teachers themselves and will soon bring their poll results to the Board along with their ideas and solutions for increasing teacher job satisfaction. While we may or may not be able to fund the first employee compensation increase in three years, we may be able to identify other "non-tangible" actions to improve morale, such as delaying new technology (or testing) initiatives.

2) **We must curtail spending.** The Superintendent proposed an operating budget of \$2.2 billion with a projected enrollment of 177,416 students; this represents an *increase of 3.0 percent, or \$48.8 million*, in the county transfer of funds over the FY 2011 level. The Board of Supervisors holds our checkbook and has signaled that higher funding levels are likely not forthcoming. I believe that we must practice *fiscal responsibility* and develop a realistic budget that assumes no increase from FY 2011 funding levels. To do so, the Board must make difficult funding decisions and encourage Dr. Dale to do more with less. I believe this will be a very unpopular view among my colleagues.

3) **We must involve parents and all taxpayers throughout the budget development process.** Given that county taxpayers provide over 70 percent of the FCPS operating revenue, all citizens have a vested interest in the quality of our school system. As an advocate for increased public participation, transparency and accountability, I welcome input on the budget throughout the next few months.

Upcoming Important Dates

January 10 School Board Budget Work Session (Gatehouse 1600)

January 24, 25 School Board Budget Public Hearings (Jackson Middle School)

January 27 School Board Budget Work Session (Jackson Middle School)

How Citizens Can Get Involved:

- Learn more at the FCPS budget website at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2012.htm>
- Attend School Board meetings.
- Speak at a School Board public hearing www.fcps.edu/sch/bd/requestspeak.htm

Speak at a Board of Supervisors public hearing www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bos/clerk/speaker_bos.htm

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The views expressed in this column are my personal views as your School Board member and may not reflect the perspective of the full Fairfax County School



Save the Date!

Re-elect Patty Reed Fundraiser:
Saturday, January 22, 2011 7 PM
Mantua Swim and Racquet Club
Featuring The Honorable Tom Davis
RSVP 703-473-2983 or at www.fcps.edu