

Goochland Republican Women Newsletter

May 2016

GRW invites you and your spouse to a

SPRING FLING!

Join with like-minded individuals
for light fare, libations, and good conversation!

Thursday, May 26
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Home of Carolyn and Jacques Moore

"Pembroke" (near Benedictine), 315 Riverside Ct., Richmond, VA 23238

Bring an appetizer to share and your choice of beverage(s)!

RSVP: Joan Wilkins, (804) 784-5015, jwilkins738@me.com

(We will have a short business meeting during the gathering to
select members for the GRW Nominations Committee.)

CASUAL ATTIRE



SAVE THE DATE:

TUESDAY, MAY 17: GCRC Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE! Meetings
will now be at Enzo's 36 Broad St. Rd., Manakin-
Sabot, VA. Hear from the **7th District**
candidates for the State Central Committee.
Delegates to the May 21 Convention will vote for 3
of these candidates to represent us on the
committee. Buffet lunch is available. Contact Pam
Johnson at drewridge24@aol.com to make a
reservation by May 16. **THIS IS AN IMPORTANT
MEETING!**

SATURDAY, MAY 21: 7th District Convention at
the Richmond Convention Center, 10 a.m.
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

THURSDAY MAY 26: Gathering at the home
of Carolyn and Jacques Moore. RSVP to Joan
Wilkins.

GRW Reports and Requests:



- * **Fundraiser Chairmen Sylvia Diersen and Joan Wilkins** have decided to move our annual fundraiser to the fall because of all the political activities and conventions filling our calendars this spring. Instead, we will have a social gathering on Thursday, May 26 (see page 1 of this newsletter).
- * Inform **Sunshine Chairman Alison Ervin** of anything going on with any of our members so that she can pass along our best GRW wishes! Alison can be reached at IHONDO@comcast.net or (804) 784-4614.
- * This Summer when you're escaping from the heat and cleaning out your closets, consider donating books you no longer need to a worthwhile cause! **Literacy Chairman Becki Stokes** just took 80 books to Goochland Family Services, 50 of which were children's books (most needed). Becky has taken selections from the 2016 Mamie Eisenhower List to our middle and high schools. They were from the "Wicked History" series.
- * Looking for a way to help the GRW effort that is not very time-consuming? Consider heading up our Caring for America or Webmaster efforts! Contact **President Susan Lascolette** with your questions or to volunteer: susanl@reagan.com or (804) 338-3843.
- * Remember that during the summer months, many Goochland children do not have access to school lunches. When you're at Costco or any grocery store, remember these county residents and take donations of food and paper goods to Goochland Free Clinic's Food Pantry!
- * If you or someone you know would like to join GRW, contact **2nd Vice President Millie Spevak** at (804) 784-2220 or Millie.Spevak595@gmail.com.

GRW Executive Board

President: Susan Lascolette
First Vice-President (Programs): Mary Martin
Second Vice-President (Membership): Millie Spevak
Recording Secretary: Irma Topper
Corresponding Secretary: Ann Beauchamp
Treasurer: Carolyn Moore

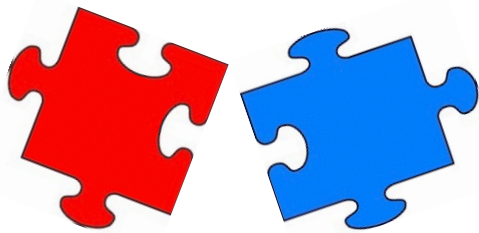
GRW Standing Committees

By-Laws: Linda Smith
Campaign Activities: Margie Derreberry
Finance: Mary Webb, Pam Venitz
Historian: Carol Pipes
Legislative: Charlotte Whitmire, Susan Lascolette
Public Relations: Debra Arnold

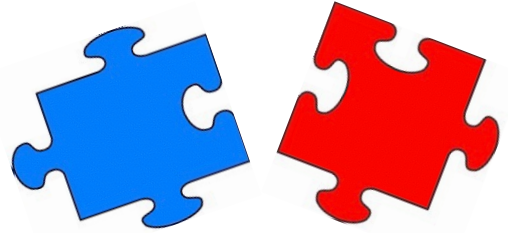


GRW Special Committees

Caring for America:
Fundraising: Sylvia Diersen, Joan Wilkins
Hospitality: Kay Gates, Susan Lascolette, Carolyn Moore
Literacy: Becki Stokes
Newsletter: Ann Beauchamp
Parliamentarian: Pam Johnson
Sunshine: Alison Ervin
Support the Troops: Bobbi Scruggs
Webmaster:
Yearbook: Carolyn Moore
Nominating Committee: To Be Elected



Report from
President Susan Lascolette...
...putting the pieces together!



**RPV STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 29 & 30**

Goochland County sent 22 delegates to the state convention.

Election winners are:

- John Whitbeck, RPV Chair
- Morton Blackwell, National Committeeman
- Cynthia Dunbar, National Committeewoman
- 13 national delegates (10 who support Cruz and 3 who support Trump)
- 13 alternate national delegate
- Electors at Large:
Samuel Howe and Erich Reimer

**COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY/
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT**

Claiborne Stokes, Goochland Commonwealth Attorney, has tendered his resignation effective June 30, 2016, as he will be sworn in as a General District Judge in the 16th Circuit effective July 1, 2016. According to Virginia Code, Deputy Commonwealth Attorney, Mike Caudill, will be sworn in as Interim Commonwealth Attorney until the judge sets a special election, hopefully November 8.

Congratulations Claiborne!



VFRW DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Effective April 16, 2016, our District Representative is Karen Wooten, Powhatan. Her contact information is: (804) 564-2779, karenwooten@verizon.net.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY BUDGET

- On April 18, the Goochland County Board of Supervisors passed the FY17 budget, with no increases in the property or ad valorem tax rates. The budget increased 2.3% to \$72.7 million.
- Included in this budget, the Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) costs have been reduced from \$50 to \$15. This change, effective 7-1-16, keeps the \$15 fee mandated by our General Assembly.



**GOOCHLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- Goochland County BOS will meet with our legislative delegation on June 7 to begin dialogue about 2017 state legislation. The meeting is open to the public.
- The search for a new County Administrator is continuing. County Attorney, Norman Sales, has been named as Interim County Administrator.

**VFRW CONVENTION
APRIL 22 TO 24**

Pam Johnson, Pam Duncan, and Susan Lascolette attended on behalf of GRW.

We won a GOLD AWARD for our achievement of completing 19 of 21 of the President's Guidelines. Thank you, Patricia Turner, and our 2015 members!

The Convention approved many bylaw changes. The most notable are:

- All club presidents are now added as voting members to the VFRW board of directors, which approximately increases the size of the board from 30 to 90.
- The requirement that someone serve at least 2 years as a club president to become eligible for a position in the VFRW leadership has been reduced to 1 year.

Several resolutions were passed. One notable resolution was that nominating candidates by conventions is preferred to primaries.

Interesting Insight from Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah):

Senator Lee spoke at the Breakfast with Brat on April 11. He said that 80 years of progressivism have gotten us to where we are today. Senator Lee, Congressman Brat, and other members of Congress have combined efforts on something called the **Article 1 Project**. They are working to restore the main duties of Congress: using the power of the purse and acting as a lawmaking body. The legislative branch of our government is delegating more and more of its power to organizations (like the EPA) who make the laws and also enforce those laws. Senator Lee defines that scenario as "tyranny". Right now, Congress is weak and has no accountability. At this point in history, most of the policymaking power of our government is concentrated in the hands of the executive branch and unelected bureaucracies. 80,000 pages of federal regulatory rules have been enacted by President Obama. There is an excessive accumulation of power in the hands of a few. Senator Lee stated that we need another "Philadelphia Moment" to get us back on track. The good news is that executive regulatory actions can be repealed by the next President on Day One!



Republicans in ACTION this spring!

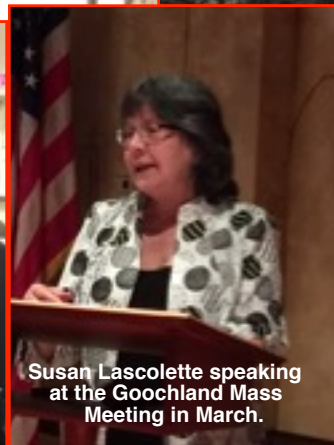
Senator Mike Lee and Congressman Dave Brat answer questions after the April 11 Breakfast.



Cynthia Dunbar, Virginia's new RPV National Committeewoman, with Anita and Mark Hile.



Sylvia Diersen, Charlotte Whitmire, and Margie Derreberry spend some time speaking with Senator Lee.



Susan Lascolette speaking at the Goochland Mass Meeting in March.



Congressman Brat and Millie Spevak at a fundraiser.



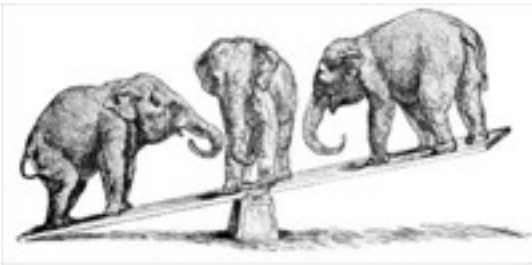
Tyler and Granville Scott, Ann and Ray Beauchamp, Laura and Dave Brat at an April fundraiser.



Susan Lascolette and 7th District Republican Chairman Ben Slone at an April gathering.



Let's not leave Virginia in the balance! We are NOT a blue state! Take some time off this summer and come back ready to help the Republican Party win back the White House!



DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:

May 14, 2016: **District 5** at Nelson County High School, Lovingston, VA 22949. Election of the Republican nominee for Congress from the 5th District. Candidates are Garrett, Del Rosso, McKelvey, and Whited. www.virginia.gov/event/5th-cd-convention/

May 21, 2016: **District 7** at Richmond Convention Center. Goochland County has 59 delegates attending, 57 of whom have paid the fee. www.virginia.gov/event/convention-of-the-7th-district-republican-committee/. Will elect the Republican nominee for Congress from the 7th District, a 7th District Chair (deemed to be Ben Slone as of 3-1-16 because there were no challengers), 3 State Central Committee members, 3 national delegates, 3 national delegate alternates, and one elector.

Part 2: More Highlights from **DELEGATE LEE WARE'S** 2016 General Assembly Report

Virginia's Public School System:

Virtual Schools: Allows students the opportunity to take online courses not offered in their local division.

Education Savings Accounts: Establishes ESA's to allow families with special needs students to receive direct access to the state funding for that student, where it can be used for private school tuition, homeschool, online classes, course materials, or other educational purposes.

Common Core: Prohibits Common Core from being implemented in Virginia without General Assembly approval. This was vetoed by the Governor.

Early Childhood Education: The House of Delegates does not believe statewide mandated pre-school is the best approach. It is focusing on breaking down barriers that limit access to private providers.

The Budget includes a \$78.6 million increase to Governor McAuliffe's proposal for higher education funding.

- Includes \$114 million for operating and maintenance at colleges and universities to offset tuition increases.
- Includes \$48 million for undergraduate financial aid.
- Includes \$12.5 million for the New Economy Workforce Credentialing program.

Flat Fee Degrees: This measure would encourage public universities in Virginia to offer discounted tuition and reduced fees for students seeking degrees that prepare them for employment in fields needed in the state's economy.



See You in
September

