



# Newsletter of the Goochland Republican Women

March 2015



Join us for our  
**March Meeting**  
Friday, March 6

**Coffee and Conversation at 10.**  
Meeting will begin promptly at 10:30,  
so be sure you order your lunch before then!

**Rumble Seat Grill**  
12912 Plaza Dr.  
Manakin-Sabot, VA

The Rumble Seat asks that each person who drinks coffee contribute \$2 to cover their expenses.

Deadline for April Newsletter is Friday, March 20, at 6 p.m.!

**GRW 2015 Yearbooks will be distributed!**

**Delegates and Alternates for the VFRW Convention will be elected.**

Our speaker is  
**Dan Palazzolo**

**Chairman of the University of Richmond Political Science Department**

His topic will be:

**“Developments in Party Politics”**

Dr. Palazzolo received his Ph. D. In American Politics from the University of Virginia. He currently teaches courses on American Government, Campaigns and Elections, the Legislative Process, and Public Policy at the University of Richmond. Dr. Palazzolo also coordinates the Virginia General Assembly Internship program. He is a co-editor of the book ***Election Reform: Politics and Policy*** and his current research focuses on the voting patterns in Virginia and partisanship in Congress. Dr. Palazzolo provides political analysis for various local radio and television stations, as well as NPR, CNN, and Fox News.



**Bring a friend to this fascinating discussion of our political system!**

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

GRW meetings are canceled if Goochland Schools are closed. Visit: [www.wric.com](http://www.wric.com), [www.wtvr.com](http://www.wtvr.com), or [www.wvbt.com](http://www.wvbt.com)

# SAVE THE DATE:

- Wednesday, February 25** - **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE** for membership form and check to be turned in if you would like to be included in the 2015 GRW directory.
- Friday, March 6** - GRW Monthly Meeting, Coffee and Conversation at 10, Meeting at 10:30. Speaker will be Dan Palazzolo, Chairman of the University of Richmond Political Science Department. His topic: "Developments in Party Politics". We will also elect Delegates and Alternates for the VFRW Convention. Yearbooks will be distributed.
- Thursday, March 12** - GRW Board Meeting at noon, home of Nancy Plageman, 737 Woodson Place.
- Monday, March 16** - Huguenot Republican Women's Club 33rd Annual Irish Coffee. General Assembly members will be present! Location: Capital Ale House in Midlothian Village. \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. Contact: [bretiss@hotmail.com](mailto:bretiss@hotmail.com) or [faywilliamson10@yahoo.com](mailto:faywilliamson10@yahoo.com) for more information.
- Tuesday, March 17** - Goochland Republican Committee Meeting at the Rumble Seat Grill, noon.
- Thursday, April 9** - GRW Board Meeting at noon, home of Joan Wilkins, 738 Woodson Place.
- April TBA** - Assemble bags for VFRW Convention - location and dates to be announced.
- April 17 - 19, 2015** - **VFRW 2015 Convention** at Hilton Richmond Hotel in Short Pump (There will be no GRW meeting this month due to Convention.)
- April 21** - Goochland Republican Committee Meeting at the Rumble Seat Grill, noon.
- May TBA** - Fundraiser
- Tuesday, May 19** - Goochland Republican Committee Meeting at the Rumble Seat Grill, noon.
- Thursday, August 13** - GRW Board Meeting at noon, location TBA.



## COMMITTEE REQUESTS & REPORTS:

**Becki Stokes (Barbara Bush Literacy):** Please continue to *contribute your gently used books (especially children's books)* to GRW! Going forward, they will be donated to the Clothes Closet of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services (GFCFS) and other organizations like Goochland Schools.

**Irma Topper (Caring for America):** Irma would like to report that we have been encouraged to collect donations for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services organization (GFCFS). There is an **immediate need for paper products, cleaning supplies, pet foods, soaps, diapers, feminine products, as they are not covered by the EBT program.** *Irma will be collecting your donations at the March meeting at the Rumble Seat.* If you learn of another organization who could benefit from our help, please contact Irma.

**\*Special Note: The GFCFS Clothes Closet SUMMER Clothes Drive..drop off your donations any time from March 25 to 27.**

**Rachel Parker (Sunshine):** Rachel would like you to keep her informed of any illnesses, deaths, etc. that are experienced by any of our members or our members' families. She sends cards from our group to those going through difficult times. Contact her at: 784-3333 or [rachel@goochlandhomes.com](mailto:rachel@goochlandhomes.com).

**Nominating Committee for 2016 Slate of Officers:** Ann Beauchamp, Suzanne Lunsford, Pam Johnson

### Special Committees

*Caring For America* – Irma Topper  
*Fundraising* - Joan Wilkins, Lucinda Slabaugh  
*Hospitality* - Kay Gates, Bobbie Scruggs, Carol Pipes  
*Literacy* - Becki Stokes  
*Parliamentarian* – Pam Johnson  
*Sunshine* – Rachel Parker  
*Support For Our Troops* – Mary Martin  
*Newsletter* – Ann Beauchamp



### Executive Board

*President:* Patricia Turner  
*1st Vice President (Programs):* Tyler Scott  
*2nd Vice President (Membership):* Pam Venitz  
*Recording Secretary:* Nancy Plageman  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Ann Beauchamp  
*Treasurer:* Carolyn Moore  
*Immediate Past President:* Kathy Crockett

### Standing Committees

*By Laws* - Linda Smith  
*Campaign Activities* – Alison Ervin  
*Finance* - Millie Spevak, Mary Webb  
*Historian* – Carol Pipes  
*Legislative* - Susan Lascolette  
*Publicity* – Debra Arnold





## Dave Brat returns to Goochland...

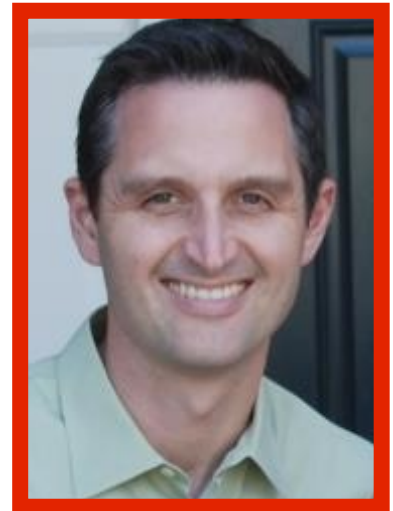
Congressman Dave Brat was greeted with a standing ovation at his Goochland Town Hall Meeting on January 23. Even though it was a cold, very rainy evening, 130 Goochland conservatives showed up to hear from him. Dave spoke about what he has learned about how Congress works and how to be heard. He also spoke about some difficult votes he has already taken, relaying to us that his first priority is to represent the people in his district. Dave seemed more committed, more determined than ever! After speaking for about an hour, he took questions from the floor.

**Remember:** Seeing your representatives in person makes such a difference in how you feel about them! Try to attend events that give you that opportunity!



## Meet John Whitbeck, the new RPV Chairman:

- Former Chairman of the 10th Congressional District Committee, which played a key role in Rep. Barbara Comstock's landslide win in 2014.
- Served as a professor of law at George Mason University Law School.
- Former Director of the George Mason University Law and Mental Illness Clinic, which provided pro bono legal representation to the families of mentally ill individuals seeking to have loved ones committed to psychiatric treatment.
- Served as a Substitute Judge in Virginia District Courts and Special Prosecutor in the Loudon County General District Courts.
- Served on various local governmental and charitable boards in Loudon County Community.
- Member of the Knights of Columbus in St. John's Parish in Leesburg, Virginia
- Attended Occidental College (where he was a starting tight end and offensive lineman on the football team) and George Mason University Law School.



*"[John Whitbeck] has worked tirelessly to build coalitions, because he understands that in order for Republicans to win in Virginia we must be able to successfully bring together Republicans, Independents, and conservative Democrats. John has remained true to his conservative principles throughout his tenure as District Chairman, and I am confident that he will do the same as RPV Chair."*  
(Mark Obenshain on FACEBOOK)

## Ever wonder about proper American Flag Etiquette?

**Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code. Some general guidelines from the Flag Code answer many of the most common questions:**



- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.

**...more guidelines next month!**

**Copied from:** <http://www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette.shtml>

# February Speaker: Nancy Smith of We rVirginia:

At our February Meeting, Nancy Smith provided us with a fascinating presentation about lessons the Republican Party should take from recent elections in Virginia. She said that the most important factor in winning is having a credible candidate. Money is nowhere near as important as having field operators, who are willing to knock on doors, network in smaller groups, and talk to people about the issues. She said that the public internal and external battles of the Republican Party hurt the conservative cause. The Democrats rally around whoever their candidate is and win. We need to do a better job of uniting to support our candidates. We have the better message, but need to translate that into success on Election Day.



## How can we prepare for 2016?

- *Successful grassroots organizations are only successful with volunteers. People volunteer when they're ASKED.*
- *Fundraising is a necessity, as democrats always have more money.*
- *Use social media to share information about our candidates with friends and neighbors.*
- *Start a social, nonpolitical organization that will support your cause and help you turn out voters. The democrats have done this for years!*
- *Become a delegate to a convention.*
- *Become a coalition developer and leader.*
- *Don't be afraid to contact voters over and over. The democrats never worry about nudging their voters. We respect privacy and, as a result, lose votes.*

## So what about Women in Politics?

- *We are good communicators.*
- *We are good organizers.*
- *We multitask.*
- *We network and build relationships.*
- *We are often overlooked in the campaign world and have the the potential to be the best motivators to get votes.*

## GOOCHLAND REPUBLICANS!

We're looking to form several Goochland tables for

### *Breakfast with Dave Brat and special guest Congressman Jim Jordan*

Contact Ann Beauchamp by **March 5** at [arbeauchamp@aol.com](mailto:arbeauchamp@aol.com) or **804-514-8401** to let me know you would like to be sitting at one of our tables of 10!

THEN....

**GO TO [DAVEBRAT.COM](http://DAVEBRAT.COM) to register!**

*(Invitation and reply card also attached to the email that sent this newsletter to you.)*



**U.S. Congressman Jim Jordan of Ohio's 4th District**

### VFRW Convention 2015

April 17 - 19

Hilton Richmond Hotel in Short Pump

Weather delays have prevented inclusion of the Convention Registration form and additional information in this newsletter. Learn more about this event at the March meeting and look for details in additional email to follow....



**Would you like to join Goochland Republican Women as a Member or an Associate?**

Contact the GRW Vice President in charge of Membership Pam Venitz at [venitz94@comcast.net](mailto:venitz94@comcast.net) for more information and a membership form.

***There is power in numbers and if we act together we can make a difference!***