



## *The Bridge Newsletter of the Bull Run Republican Women*

*February/March 2009*

---

### *Letter from our President*

Our February Membership meeting was a rousing success! Over 25 members & guests were in attendance, and lots of information was shared. The Honorable John Stirrup, Prince William County Board of Supervisors – Gainesville District, spoke to us about the County budget process and recommendations for FY 2010 as well as the current national economic situation and its impact on our local issues. A very lively question & answer session afterwards revealed many thoughtful and provocative insights on the part of attendees. This is just one example of intelligent Republican women coming together to seek information and ask questions on subjects which are important to each of our lives. What better place than Bull Run Republican Women's Club to do so!! I challenge each of you to make the effort to attend all our meetings this year, bring your friends, and broaden your exposure to subjects of interest to all Republicans.

Other business transacted at the meeting included the approval of the 2009 BRRWC Budget and election of 3 delegates to the VFRW Convention to be held April 24-26. The delegates elected by the membership are: Mary Jo Rigby, Rose Schulz, & Dena Blaylock. Martha Hendley was elected as an Alternate delegate. All members are encouraged to attend the convention, and information concerning all the activities can be found on the VFRW website. It promises to be a fun and informative weekend plus our delegates will have the opportunity to cast their vote for two women to serve on the RPV State Central Committee representing the VFRW. Our voices do count!

BRRWC will be participating with other Republican Women's Clubs in Prince William County to sponsor a Combined Candidate Forum on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Old Courthouse in Manassas City. More information to come as details are finalized. Please put that date on your calendar.

I'd like to further emphasize that meetings such as our last one do not just "happen." It takes hard work and coordination of many to make meetings successful and interesting. Rose Schulz, BRRWC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Program Chairman did a fantastic job on the program! Thank you, Rose. We look forward to many more during the coming year.

We have many activities coming up this spring. A revised schedule of events is included in this issue of our newsletter. Please pay particular attention to this, so you don't miss out on any of these opportunities.

One of the most important of all upcoming events is the Virginia State Convention wherein Republican Candidates for the office of Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General will be elected. In order for you to attend as a delegate and make your voice heard and vote count, it is required that you file for such with the Prince William Republican Committee. The deadline for filing is March 7, 2009; and I highly encourage each of you to do so. There is a link in this newsletter providing for you to download the official information regarding the convention and the filing form.

BRRWC's 26<sup>th</sup> annual Fashion Show fundraiser is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>, and there is a need for help in all areas. Please contact Martha Hendley and/or

Sandy Painter to volunteer. All members are a part of this event – together, we can make it the most successful ever. Let's do it!!

Mary Jo Rigby  
President

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, March 19, 2009  
7:30 p.m. at Marsh Mansion  
Heritage Hunt Gainesville, VA

### **MEMBERS CORNER**

The Executive Board approved the appointment of Dena Blaylock to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President which was vacated by Jeanine Lawson.

Dena also has been selected as the PWC Chair for the Women's Coalition for McDonnell.

There will be a March for Life on 25 April in Manassas. Contact Dena Blaylock for more info.

Welcome to new members Deborah Bowers & Judy Colucci.

**PLEASE SEND 2009 DUES TO MEG DESMEDT, 10108 Baileysburg Lane, Nokesville, VA 20181**

### **CAPITOL TOUR**

Congressman Wolf has been kind enough to agree to take our BRRWC members on a personal tour of the U.S. Capitol this spring. He is available to do this for us in on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He will have the opportunity to take us on the House Floor before any business is conducted, as well as access to some areas that are not generally open to the public. We had over 30 people express interest in this tour. If you have not already expressed your interest to Mary Jo Rigby, please call her ASAP.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Martha Hendley and Mary Jo Rigby visited the Turning Points Shelter on February 7, 2009. They delivered new sheets and towels for use by the occupants of the bedroom that the BRRWC has undertaken to furnish. There is a need for two (2) table lamps, one for the bedside table between the bunk beds and one for a desk. Also, we need someone with a truck to pick up & deliver a computer desk that is being donated from one of our members. If you can provide either of the above, please contact Martha or Mary Jo.

### **FASHION SHOW – April 18th**

**Our annual Fashion Show and Luncheon** will be held at the Heritage Hunt Clubhouse starting at 11AM. Tickets have been mailed to each BRRWC Member who are asked to sell 8 tickets (fill one table). Extra tickets are available from Meg Desmedt. While it is great to sell a large number of tickets, our real profit is made through the Silent Auction and Raffle. Let's get started making contacts for donations of Silent Auction, Raffle and Door Prize items. Solicitation/Receipt form is attached. Also, look around your house, maybe those items you wanted to re-gift would make good door prizes. Please advise Sandy Painter ([ssiskpainter@comcast.net](mailto:ssiskpainter@comcast.net)) of all items you collect to ensure inclusion in the Program. Let's make this event better than ever!!

### **PWC GOP**

**The PWCRC Convention is set for Saturday, March 14, 2009** at Stonewall Jackson High School, 8820 Rixlew Lane, Manassas, VA. The main purpose is to elect Delegates to the Republican State Convention being held in Richmond on May 29-30th.

The Convention Call is at this Link: [Link to CALL](#)

**PRE-FILING DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2009.** The Pre-Filing Form is at this Link: [Link to Pre-Filing Form](#)

In order to attend the PWCRC or Virginia State Convention as a Delegate, YOU MUST file a pre-

filing form with the PWCRC by March 7th (or postmarked by then).

Filing fees are optional, but they do help pay convention expenses

***Report From Your Legislative Chair,  
Carol Ferguson:***

***VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
(Excerpts from Weekly Legislative Report)***

As you are aware, the Virginia has adopted a budget using a substantial level of federal stimulus funds. Among the programs benefiting from this include K-12 Education, Higher Education, HB 599 and other areas. It should be noted that the federal stimulus funds are temporary and will need to be replaced at some point in the next couple of years with State funds.

For State Legislative info, go to:  
<http://leg1.state.va.us/>

For Federal Legislative info, go to:  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2008/06/20080609-2.html>

***EDITORIAL (from Sandy Painter)***  
***I found the following on the internet and felt it was worth passing on:***

Interesting Statistics: Professor Joseph Olson of Hemline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, points out facts of 2008 Presidential election:

Number of States won by: Democrats: 19;  
Republicans: 29

Square miles of land won by: Democrats:  
580,000; Republicans: 2,427,000

Population of counties won by: Democrats: 127  
million; Republicans: 143 million

Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by: Democrats: 13.2; Republicans: 2.1

Professor Olson adds: "In aggregate, the map of the territory won by Republicans was mostly the land owned by the taxpaying citizens of the country.

Democrat territory mostly encompassed those citizens living in government-owned tenements and living off various forms of government welfare.

Professor Olson believes the United States is now somewhere between the "complacency and apathy" phase of Professor Tyler's definition of democracy, with some forty percent of the nation's population already having reached the "governmental dependency" phase.

If Congress grants amnesty and citizenship to twenty million criminal invaders called illegal's and they vote, then we can say goodbye to the USA in fewer than five years

***(POST THIS PAGE TO YOUR REFRIGERATOR)***

***BRRWC 2009 Schedule***

**March**

- March 7 Deadline for Filing for PWC  
GOP & State Conventions
- March 14 PWC GOP Convention
- March 19 BRRWC Membership Meeting 7:30 Marsh Mansion**
- March 23 PWC GOP Committee Meeting
- March 25 NFRW Legislative Day, U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.
- March 26 Delegate Scott Lingamfelter  
Birthday Party – Richmond, VA
- March 27 Runway USA: NFRW Fashion Show  
& Dinner Fundraiser, Arlington, VA

**April**

- April 3 10<sup>th</sup> Dist. Jefferson Day Dinner,  
7:00, Maggiano's Little Italy,  
Tysons Corner
- April 18 BRRWC Fashion Show,  
11:00, Heritage Hunt Golf  
& Country Club**
- April 24-26 VFRW 2009 Convention,  
Crystal City Hyatt, Arlington,  
VA
- April 27 PWC GOP Committee Meeting

**May**

- May 21 BRRWC Membership Meeting  
7:30 Marsh Mansion**
- May 29-30 RPV State Convention,  
Richmond Convention Center

**June**

- June TBD BRRWC Garden Party**
- June 22 PWC GOP Committee Meeting

**July**

- July 27 PWC GOP Committee Meeting

**August**

- August Prince William County Fair
- August 24 PWC GOP Committee Meeting

**September**

- September TBDBRRWC Membership Tea**  
September 9-14 NFRW 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention,  
Orlando, FL
- September 13 PWC RW Combined Candidate  
Forum, Old Courthouse, Manassas
- September 17 BRRWC Membership Meeting  
7:30 Marsh Mansion**
- September 28 PWC GOP Committee Meeting

**October**

- October TBD 10<sup>th</sup> District Oktoberfest
- October 15 BRRWC Membership Meeting  
7:30 Marsh Mansion**
- October 26 PWC GOP Committee Meeting

**November**

- November 3 Election Day
- November 19 BRRWC Membership Meeting  
7:30 Marsh Mansion**
- November 23 PWC GOP Committee Meeting

**December**

- December 5-6 RPV Advance, Williamsburg, VA
- December TBDBRRWC Christmas Party  
& Installation of 2010 Officers**

### ***2009 BRRWC Officers***

President Mary Jo Rigby  
1st Vice President Rose Schulz  
2nd Vice President Dena Blaylock  
Recording Secretary Ardeen Nickisch  
Corresponding Secy Margie Boatwright  
Treasurer Meg Desmedt  
Past President Martha Hendley

### ***Standing Committees***

Bylaws: Mary Jo Rigby  
Campaign Activities: Jeanine Lawson  
Finance: Meg Desmedt  
Historian: Dena Blaylock  
Legislation: Carol Ferguson  
Membership: Jeanine Lawson  
Programs: Rose Schulz  
Public Relations: Rose Schulz

### ***Special Committees***

Achievement Awards: Debbie FitzSimmonds  
Americanism: Ilma Striker  
Community Service: Martha Hendley and  
Barbara Chapman  
Fund Raising: Martha Hendley and  
Sandy Painter  
Hospitality: Robyn Candland  
Literacy: Jacquie Meeks  
Newsletter: Sandy Painter  
Telephone & Cap Alert: Margie Boatwright

### ***Appointees***

Chaplain: Jeanine Lawson  
Parliamentarian: Martha Hendley  
Protocol Officer: Debbie FitzSimmonds  
Sergeant-At-Arms: Ilma Striker

## **Websites**

Bull Run Republican Women's Club:	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/bullrunrwc">www.geocities.com/bullrunrwc</a>
Virginia Federation of Republican Women:	<a href="http://www.vfrw.org">www.vfrw.org</a>
National Federation of Republican Women:	<a href="http://www.nfrw.org">www.nfrw.org</a>
Republican National Committee:	<a href="http://www.rnc.org">www.rnc.org</a>
Republican Party of Virginia:	<a href="http://www.rpv.com">www.rpv.com</a>
Prince William County Republican Committee:	<a href="http://www.pwcgop.org">www.pwcgop.org</a>
Manassas City Republican Committee:	<a href="http://www.manassasgop.com">www.manassasgop.com</a>