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JUNE 2006

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President's Summary

Since our March newsletter we have had a busy two months:

- ❖ We had a "Meet and Greet" on March 18 which, I think, members enjoyed. Sandy Higgs attended our April 3 events and gave an excellent summary of her time in Jordon where she helped train Iraq's new security forces.
- ❖ Then on May 16 PRWC held an open house for Senator George Allen's wife, Susan, who spent the day in Fauquier County (the public was invited). Susan visited four homes where she discussed Senator Allen's views on the issues most important to voters. Susan Allen also took questions. I took Susan to the homes and she commented that she had a fantastic day talking to people and visiting interesting homes. I want to take this opportunity to again thank Marilyn Ricketts, Wynnona Nutt, Mary Root and Caroline Polhemus who opened their homes for Susan's visit.
- ❖ On May 20, PRWC sent Delegates to the 10th District Convention where Jim Rich was re-elected Chairman of the 10th District. As a fund raiser PRWC ran the Concession Stand at the 10th District Convention. On June 29 we will be honored to have Ed Meese speak at our June event. Please see below for more information.

~Peggy Een

JUNE 29 PRWC EVENT: From California's capitol to the White House, Ed Meese III was Ronald Reagan's most trusted aide. Raised in a public service-oriented family, Mr. Meese ALWAYS answered the call. His five decade career leaves an unparalleled legacy of contributions to constitutional law, criminal justice and public policy. As 75th Attorney General of the U.S. during President Reagan's presidency Mr. Meese led the war on drugs and was the Voice of Conscience when President Reagan confronted Iran-Contra. Mr. Meese now serves the Washington based, conservative Heritage Foundation where he holds the Ronald Reagan chair of public policy and also heads the foundation's Center for Legal and Judicial Studies. Mr. Meese is a distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He consults, has authored numerous publications and has been a key player in the confirmation of two U.S. Supreme Court nominees. Mr. Meese and his wife, Ursula, live in McLean and have two grown children. **Please make your reservation to attend this uniquely educational event at The Inn at Vint Hill by calling Sarah Consentino at 540-829-2545 or Barbara Consentino at 540-349-4044. Date is June 29, time is 6:30 p.m. and price is \$20. Bring your personal copy of any of the 10 books that Ed Meese has written for his autograph.**

VFRW 2006 CONVENTION: Five PRWC delegates attended the Convention in Portsmouth, VA on April 20 thru April 22: Barbara Chapman, Peggy Een, Hazel Lee Kizer, Donna Smith, and Anna Turanchik. Betty Quigley also attended as a PRWC member. There were Committee and Officer reports; a "Tribute to Women Luncheon; Donald Bartnik, former FBI special agent, gave an informative Homeland Security speech; and Senator George Allen spoke about issues people care about. Peggy Een was delighted to receive the "Blue Ribbon" award for PRWC from Senator

George Allen. FYI: the "Blue Ribbon" award is higher than the Gold award which is the highest award a club can receive. This is a first for PRWC - congratulations PRWC members!

Also, the scholarship award was won by Taylor Lee Wickersham whose mother is a member of PRWC. Taylor Lee who attends James Madison University, won \$1,100 toward her college education by writing an excellent 500 word essay regarding political policy. Taylor Lee will be attending Oxford in the fall. Congratulations Taylor Lee Wickersham!!!

VFRW 2006-08 OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE CONVENTION

Paula Willoughby ----- President
Brenda Campbell ----- 1st Vice President
Vicki Alvord ----- 2nd Vice President
Fay Williamson----- Treasurer
Judy Gastler----- Corresponding Secretary
Mildred Miller----- Recording Secretary

- ✓ **FAUQUIER FAMILY SHELTER AT VINT HILL:** A big thank you to those who donated money at our "Meet and Greet" event on March 18 for the Shelter's children's room. The children are watched there while the parents take Life Skill classes. The room which is plain white needed a child's table, toys, and color on the walls. We received \$105 at our "Meet and Greet" event. PRWC member, Elizabeth Campbell, who volunteers on Tuesday evenings watching the children purchased leggos, Barbies, toy cars, puzzles, two chairs, art supplies, baby wipes, and some board games.
- ✓ **WORKING CLASS FAMILIES PRICED OUT OF HOUSING MARKET IN FAUQUIER COUNTY:** There will be a Family Housing Community Meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at the Warrenton Community Center; 430 East Shirley Avenue; Warrenton, VA 20186 at 7 p.m. This is a must meeting for Fauquier County residents to attend because even starter homes are just too expensive. Ten years ago rural housing for under \$150,000 was available all over Fauquier County. In 2005 there were 1,200 homes sold for over \$500,000 which young families just cannot afford. WE WANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. As Republicans we must lend our support to those working hard for a better life. Please try to attend this very important meeting. For more information go to www.FauquierFamilyHousing.com or contact Lee Smith at 540-349-4556. Also, see Mr. Smith's editorial in the June 7 edition of the Fauquier Democrat paper.

**WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND STATE GOVERNMENT?**

BY MARK COLE, VA DELEGATE OF 88TH DISTRICT

- ❖ **Budget Standoff Continues**
- ❖ **Fiscal Year Deadline Approaching**

BUDGET: Despite what you may have read in the papers last week, there has been little progress in the budget negotiations. Last week the Senate modified its budget proposal which had previously included about \$1.8 Billion in tax increases. While they pulled their tax increases out of the budget, they significantly reduced transportation funding and included language that said if the House did not agree to tax increases by 1 November, \$339 million in transportation funds would be redirected to other programs. The House wants more than \$1 billion in additional transportation funds with no tax increases.

The House proposal dedicates more resources to transportation than any of the other current proposals, including the budget proposals submitted by both Governors Warner and Kaine.

DEADLINE APPROACHING: The deadline for a new budget, 1 July, is rapidly approaching. What will happen if a new budget is not adopted by then is unclear. The Governor has said he believes he has the authority to keep government running, but the Attorney General has said that no such authority exists without a budget. I am sure the House will pass a continuing resolution to keep government functioning; however, I have no idea if the Senate would agree.

In all honesty, the Senate has been dragging their feet throughout the negotiations. They have cancelled meetings at the last minute and delayed others. Last week when the House negotiators tried to discuss transportation the Senate

negotiators said their transportation figure was “non-negotiable” and stormed out of the meeting. Behavior like that is inexcusable when you have a deadline just a few weeks away. The House proposal dedicates more resources to transportation than any of the other current proposals, including the budget proposals submitted by both Governors Warner and Kaine.

IMPORTANT FAUQUIER COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (FCRC) EVENT: The FCRC is having a Community Leadership Open House on July 23 from 3 – 7 p.m. at the Inn at Vint Hill. PRWC is asking all of its members to contribute a Silent Auction item for this event. Please call Pat Hillis at 347-5115 or Ann Atherton at 364-2973 and let Pat or Ann know what you will be contributing. Also, one can drop the item off at Miller’s Carpet which is located on Route 29 in Warrenton, or call if you want the item to be picked up. Appreciate your participation.

MEMBERSHIP: We have one new member since our last newsletter. This brings our membership to 72 members and 5 Associate members. Please tell your friends and neighbors about PRWC so that we could reach 90 by the end of this year. Please welcome our new member at our events. She is:



Marge Dumas
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Warrenton, VA 20187
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VOLUNTEER HOURS (reminder): Please do not forget to keep your volunteer hours current so that when I ask for them in February 2007 we will have an accurate number of volunteer hours. ***Our 2005 through March 2006 hours amounted to 2,754.***

2006 FALL ELECTIONS: As you well know this November is very crucial for the Republican elections of Senator George Allen, Congressman Frank Wolf and Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis. We will need many volunteers to work at the grassroots local level. I hope that you will respond when Caroline Polhemus (our PRWC Campaign Chairwoman) contacts you to volunteer making phone calls, dropping off literature, etc.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 12	George Allen Regional Leadership Meeting; Sterling, VA
June 14	PRWC Board Meeting
June 17	VFRW Board Meeting, Richmond, VA
June 29	Ed Meese at The Inn at Vint Hill - 6:30 p.m.
July 12	PRWC Board Meeting
July 13-16	Fauquier County Fair (Republican table will be at the Fair)
July 23	Fauquier County Republican Committee Open House/ Silent Auction; Inn at Vint Hill, 3-7 p.m.
Aug 6	Picnic at The Inn at Vint Hill
Aug 9	PRWC Board Meeting
Sep 13	PRWC Board Meeting
Oct 5	Event TBA
Oct 11	PRWC Board Meeting
Nov 8	PRWC Board Meeting
Nov 11	VA Conservative Action PAC; Richmond, VA
Dec 7	PRWC Christmas Party



Website: Message from Donna: The Website is up and running. The format will evolve as we use it as a communications tool-especially as we put our newsletter online, which will save a bit in postage money. Please take a look at www.piedmontrepublicanwomen.org, and forward your comments to me via the information@piedmontrepublicanwomen.org email contact.