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*Notes from Hazel Lee*

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This is the first newsletter for me as President after being elected at the December, 2006, Christmas party.....so much has happened.

☞ In February we began the new year with a wonderful Membership Coffee at the home of **Marilyn Ricketts**. Our guest speaker was **Rep. Frank Wolf**, accompanied by his wife **Carolyn**. It was a special treat to have her attend. **Jill Holtzman Vogel** and **Mark Tate**, candidates in the 27<sup>th</sup> District State Senate primary were present to discuss the issues of immigration, education, and property rights. They reminded us that stakes are very high in the Virginia 2007 elections. **Ross D'Urso**, **Beth Ledgerton** and **Gail Barb**, constitutional officers, reviewed their duties and views on local issues. In addition, **James Rich**, 10<sup>th</sup> District Chairman ; **Ray Graham** and **Richard Robinson**, members of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors; and **Terry Nyhous**, candidate for the Center District supervisor position, all provided words of wisdom. **Ten** new members were added to our rolls!

☞ Unfortunately, on the icy evening of February 16, **Carolyn and Bud Kirkland**, my husband **Clyde** and I were in an automobile accident. There is no way to express how grateful we are to all of you who sent your prayers and offered to help in any way. Thanks for all the cards, flowers, food, visits and calls. Carolyn, who felt like a fairly new member, was overwhelmed at how much everyone cared. Thank you all.

☞ All functions of the PRWC continued without a glitch as 1st Vice President **Lisa Mauck** conducted the Board Meetings and arranged for a speaker in April. **Marilyn Ricketts** again opened her home for the board meetings. Each of the elected officers, committee chairs and members carried on the work of the Piedmont Republican Women. I thank each and every member for your efforts and accomplishments.

☞ For our April program **Erin Anderson**, author of the [The Open Borders Lobby and the Nation's Security After 9/11](#), spoke of her experience as a landowner along the Mexico border and the damage inflicted by illegal immigrants on property and property rights in Arizona. Her story is breathtaking in its description of the audacity of the illegals and the helplessness of American citizens. **Jackson Miller**, Virginia Delegate from Manassas, spoke about the bills he has introduced to control immigration. His efforts this year were successful in the House, but not in the Senate where the door to reform was slammed shut. **Ron Maxwell**, resident of Rappahannock County and producer of the successful Civil War movies, "Gods and Generals" and "Gettysburg," summed the illegal immigrant situation up passionately. "This is not immigration, it is an invasion." He thinks the problem needs to be taken care of at the local level—vote the rascals out who are enabling the invasion of our neighborhoods and nation.

## THE GRAPEVINE

**Kay Hayes'** daughter is much better and back to work. A true miracle. We are all grateful for this good news.

**Jeanne Stith's** sister has a brain tumor and is undergoing treatment. 724 Fox Chase St., Warrenton, VA 20186

**Wynonna Nutt** has been ill, but is improving. PO Box 328, Catlett, VA 20119. Ph. 788-9009

**Peggy Swift** is recovering from surgery. 7735 Leeds Manor Road, Orlean, VA 20128. Ph. 347-7567

**Hazel Kizer**, thankfully, is on the mend after Bud, Hazel and the Kirklands were in an automobile accident.

*These are the reported concerns of our members. For those unreported needs and healings, we join in support and prayer.*

*I want to thank my new Call Committee Members: **Gay Bass, Peggy Een, Elizabeth Krieger and Kanoa Ratliff.** They will be calling about events and special bulletins.*

~ Bobbie Miller  
4/12/07

**Nancy Wickersham**, Chair of Membership and Arrangements, needs your prayers as she undergoes chemotherapy for breast cancer. This is a debilitating process so call before visiting. You have our prayers and love, Nancy.

**Pat and Tommie Hillis** had to cut their trip to Texas short when Tommie suffered a detached retina. He is now recovering from surgery. Our prayers go out to Tommie at this time for his healing.

**Wanda and Keith Born's** daughter has been quite ill and was in UVA for a time.

Please keep in your prayers all who have suffered the loss of a loved one and those in hospitals who are still healing from the tragic nightmare at **Virginia Tech.**

~ Hazel Lee Kizer  
4/30/07

## A TIME FOR REFLECTION

*(Ed. Note: In view of the hate speech, vulgarity, pornography, and immoral behavior glorified by the left today, these verses are especially meaningful.)*

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

~ Philippians 4:4-8.

~ Bobbie Miller  
4/12/07

**The NFRW community service programs—Caring for America, Literacy Program, and Support Our Troops—are "based on the belief that problems can be solved more effectively through generosity and the combined energies of individuals rather than through dependency on government programs." Thank you for your support.**

## CARING FOR AMERICA

**Elizabeth Campbell** has made arrangements with Foster's Grill for 10% of all sales on August 14th, 2007, to go to PRWC's "Caring for America" service program. Please mark your calendar, and use the coupons from the e-mail that I sent to members or pick up coupons at our next meeting. Let's all go eat at **Foster's Grill.**

~ Donna Smith



## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

**Anne Claggett** has researched the donation of frequent flyer miles for family members to travel to be with their wounded loved ones. PRWC members can help! For those who already have earned frequent flyer miles, use the airlines search box to select “charities” or “donate miles.” For the rest of us, signing up for membership is easy and FREE. The phone numbers/e-mail addresses are listed below.

American Airlines  
800-882-8880 or [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com)  
(click on AAdvantage to sign/log in)

Continental Airlines  
713-952-1630 or [www.continental.com](http://www.continental.com)  
(click on OnePass Frequent Flyer to sign up/log

Delta Airlines  
800-323-2323 or [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)  
(click on Skymiles to sign up)

United Airlines  
800-421-4655 or [www.united.com](http://www.united.com)  
(click on Mileage Plus to sign up)

US Airways  
800-428-4322 or [www.usairways.com](http://www.usairways.com)  
(click on Dividend Miles to sign up)



**Sylvia Worrall** has discovered that you can sign up for FREE SAMPLES and other freebies from Wal-mart’s website  
<http://walmart.triaddigital.com/Free-Samples.aspx>. You can use that site to gather freebies to send to our troops in Iraq.



Then, of course, there is the magazine fundraiser. You can either purchase a magazine for yourself or one for a soldier—making that fundraiser a win-win situation. For each magazine PRWC sells, the club earns 40%. To date, we have earned \$58.00. Postcards to be sent to our troops will be included in the 200 bags provided to the ladies attending the VFRW Convention. Attendees will be asked to write a word of encouragement and gratitude to our men and women in uniform—at the end of the convention the cards will be

gathered and mailed to those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Thank you to **Jill Holtzman Vogel** for her donation of \$150.00 for our soldiers.

And a thank you to **Sylvia Worrall, Anne Claggett, Elizabeth Campbell, Janet Jackson, and Rita Grace** for becoming part of the Caring for America Committee.

To all our ladies, I am forever grateful for your faithfulness. As always, your suggestions and feedback are welcome.

Please check our website for this and other information about PRWC:  
<http://piedmontrepublicanwomen.org>.

~ Donna Smith  
4/11/07



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### WELCOME TO PRWC!

We look forward to working with you.

~ Peggy Een  
4/24/07



### VOTES OF CONSCIENCE

Virginia Senators **John Warner** (R) and **James Webb** (D) stood together to help pass the Stem Cell Enhancement Act of 2007 to allow human embryonic stem cell research. Never mind that the only success with stem cell research has been with adult stem cells and that research on human embryos takes a human life. These two senators voted "yes" for death to unborn babies.

On the other hand, the **U.S Supreme Court** ruled 5-4 on April 18 that the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban does not violate a woman's right to an abortion, as several courts had ruled. There is no constitutional right to the barbaric process of "stabbing a baby in the back

of the head and vacuuming out its brains." Pro-life advocates say this decision represents an awakening of the conscience of a nation.



### VFRW CONVENTION REPORT

The Virginia Federation of Republican women held its annual convention at the Omni Hotel in Richmond on April 20- 22. The Virginia federation is the sixth largest political organization in the United States. Delegates from the PRWC were **Peggy Een, Donna Smith and Anna Turanchik.**

Participants were involved in seminars, receptions, and tours, as well as the general sessions. They enjoyed a Presidential Straw Poll, a discussion of liberal hypocrisy (!), use of blogging in elections, and a mini campaign school. What a good way to spend a weekend in Richmond!

PRWC was in charge of filling 250 goodie bags for each guest at the hotel. Peggy gathered the items for the bags; Donna, Hazel and Peggy then filled them. Postcards for our soldiers were included in the bags—guests wrote notes to the military, the postcards were collected and mailed off to the troops. A great idea!

Peggy and Donna were Sergeants-at-Arms for the Convention; Anna sold patriotic items every chance she had—and made \$600.00 in sales. Thanks to all three ladies.

~ Lisa Mauck/Hazel Lee Kizer  
4/25/07

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**CAMPAIGN:** We are pleased to add **Suzanne Corbett** as our new Chair of Campaign Activities. She will welcome your help as the campaign progresses. PRWC volunteers, led by **Donna Smith**, have been active in the race for the Republican nomination for the 27<sup>th</sup> District Senate seat being vacated by Russell Potts. Donna's team has been making telephone calls on Tuesdays and door-to-door visits on Saturdays in support of **Jill Holtzman Vogel**.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** **Kay Campbell** has agreed to chair the committee while Nancy is getting well. Our next meeting will be June 7 at The Inn at Vint Hill. More information will follow.

**BYLAWS:** Since the Bylaws of the Federation of Republican Women were changed during the Convention, our Chair **Betsy Hostrop** will be rewriting the PRWC Bylaws. Each member will get a copy after the revisions are made.

**MEMBERSHIP:** PRWC members are requested to tell friends about our club. Because of the many campaign activities the club will be assisting this year, we need more members and volunteers. Call **Peggy Een** at 540-341-3693 for more information.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Courtesy of **Suellen Knowles**, Legislative Chair, Winchester-Frederick-Clarke Republican Women

**House Bill 3202:** Comprehensive Transportation Funding & Reform Act of 2007. This bill was called "the most significant legislative initiative on transportation offered since 1986." Accepted by a House vote of 85 – 15 and a Senate vote of 29 – 10

**Veto:** Gov. Kaine vetoed 8 bills. Vetoes were overridden by the House and Senate for **HB 2347, HB 2750, SB 1116**.

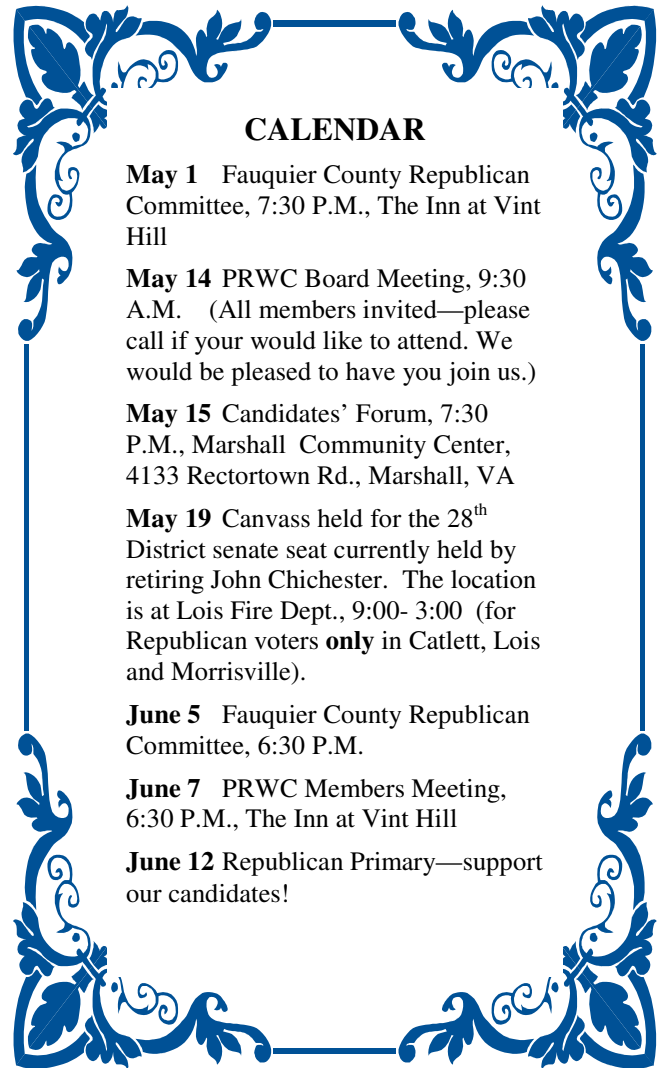
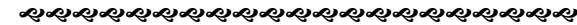
Two other bills were overridden in the house but not in the Senate—**HB 2348 and SB 1288**.

The house also rejected amendments to the Governor's recommendations on **HB 1908, HB 2261, HB 2707**



## **PRWC VOLUNTEERS**

Please turn in your volunteer hours for **January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2007**, to **Marilyn Ricketts** by **May 30**. Volunteer hours include members' time in two separate categories: **General** volunteer work and **Campaign** volunteer work. Time can be estimated or actual time spent. All hours for **June 1 – December 30, 2007**, will be estimated and included with the same report. Please call **Marilyn** at **540-341-1039** or e-mail her at **klm222@hughes.net** as soon as possible. **PRWC members are very generous with their time, so let's be recognized for what we do.**



## **CALENDAR**

**May 1** Fauquier County Republican Committee, 7:30 P.M., The Inn at Vint Hill

**May 14** PRWC Board Meeting, 9:30 A.M. (All members invited—please call if you would like to attend. We would be pleased to have you join us.)

**May 15** Candidates' Forum, 7:30 P.M., Marshall Community Center, 4133 Rectortown Rd., Marshall, VA

**May 19** Canvass held for the 28<sup>th</sup> District senate seat currently held by retiring John Chichester. The location is at Lois Fire Dept., 9:00- 3:00 (for Republican voters **only** in Catlett, Lois and Morrisville).

**June 5** Fauquier County Republican Committee, 6:30 P.M.

**June 7** PRWC Members Meeting, 6:30 P.M., The Inn at Vint Hill

**June 12** Republican Primary—support our candidates!

## **...A PARTING THOUGHT...**

*"The best portion of a good person's life is little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love."*

*~ Bo Miller, Chaplain*