



KICKIN' NEWS

LOW Democratic Club

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Here's the second issue of Kickin' News. The response to issue 1 was very positive, and we thank you for your comments. It's so important for us to have an outlet for our views and ideas. A new continuing feature is a letter from Senator Edd Houck, a welcome addition indeed.

If anyone has a contribution or suggestion to Kickin' News - call Chris - 0348 or e-mail - ccarr333@comcast.net

Enjoy!

Remember - Blue Power!

CLUB NEWS

Meetings - 3rd Thursday
Woods Center 1:00

Don't Cut School - Sept 4
5:00-7:00 Community Center

CONGRATULAIONS TO:

Danielle Schneider for winning 1st place in the Garden Club Flower Show! Her "Rhapsody in Blue" was a beautiful, graceful piece -saw it with my own eyes! WOW !

DON'T CUT SCHOOL !

By: Chris Carr

Our club is sponsoring a special event to provide much needed classroom supplies to teachers and students of Locust Grove Elementary. Their budget has been cut from \$300.00 to \$50.00 a year per teacher. These and many other cuts are disastrous, and every penny raised will be used for this worthy cause. Superintendent Gramesey and Principal Magruder are delighted that a group would make this effort.

The event will be at the Community Center, Sept. 4 from 5:00 - 7:00. There will be snacks , beverages and entertainment.

There will be a raffle of many, many prizes, donated by businesses, shops and services. We will also take checks made out to Locust Grove Elementary.

This is a large endeavor for our club, but as Democrats, we care greatly about education, for we know -

DON'T CUT SCHOOL

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children are our country's future.

This sounds big and it is, but something our club members can be very proud of. It will take many of us to make this happen.. If each club member can get one donated prize or check- it will be a very successful non-partisan event.

A letter from the principal will be provided, with the school's tax I.D. number and list of talking points to choose from. There is also a lengthy list of places and people to ask. Come to the July meeting or for more information - call Chris Carr -0348 or Lois Powell - 6513. Hope to be hearing from you and see you at this event.

THOUGHT TO PONDER

"Talk with children every day; make sure they enjoy some recognition and small success as a person."



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ISSUES by Diane Sibley

It was great to talk with Rick Waugh at the picnic. I feel infinitely better knowing that someone is opposing Eric Cantor. Senator Houck added extra patriotic fervor and said some things I needed to hear. I'm very quick to paint all Republicans with the "bad brush" and he reminded us that some of them can occasionally work with Democrats for the common good.

ISSUE #1 in my book is still campaign finance reform. Unless that changes, we can expect very little to get done at any government level. And if you doubt me, just look at the decision to halt the moratorium on deep water drilling. And that judge didn't have to do his dirty work behind closed doors like Cheney did. The way in which campaigns are financed affects us all. It takes good men and women and gradually erodes their judgment and integrity. They are "Fired Up and Ready to Go" and then put at the mercy of consultants, lobbyists and power brokers, turning them into money raising machines, instead of those who can do the work of the people.

PUNDIT WISDOM: "Deregulation" - once a Reaganite call to arms must be transformed into an epithet." Jonathon Alter

Issues (continued)

RECOMMENDED READING for this month also comes from an issue of Newsweek, an article by Julia Baird - "A Letter from Lady Thatcher To my brand new chum, Sarah Palin" ..is absolutely hysterical Do yourself a favor and read it. We could all stand a good laugh right about now.

THE CONSTITUTION & THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Since someone else is having to key this in for me, my computer is not cooperating, I will briefly summarize Amendment VI, which guarantees the rights to:

A speedy trial by jury.

To be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation.

To be confronted by witnesses.

To have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense..

I have never been more aware of the obligations of citizenship than this week, as we prepare to visit our son and family in Florida' as he prepares to leave for Iraq. He is a member of the Reserves and does his duty proudly, but his mom, Liberal Democrat that she is, only wishes our children's lives had been as important to Bush and Cheney as oil was. Happy 4th !

I'm going to Florida to get an oil bath!



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Good Cookin' Good Lookin'

GLEN BECK'S TURKEY CROCKPOT

1 skinless, spineless turkey
One half cup crushed truth
1 American History book -chopped
3 tbsp. salty language
2 cups peppery attacks on our
President
Substitute mixed nuts for mixed
vegetables.

Throw it all in a crock pot- cook
on high every 24 hour news cycle.

KNOW WHAT YOU GOT?

A BIG FAT CRACK POT !!!!

ZESTY CABMEAT SPREAD

8 oz. Creamed cheese - softened
6 -7 oz. crabmeat - drained
Quarter cup mayo
2 Tbsp. finely chopped walnuts
1 Tbsp horseradish
Dash paprika

MIX - Serve with crackers or party
rye

THIS ONE IS SAFE !

Chris Carr - chef

Orange County History

In 1710 England's Queen Ann received a petition from George Hamilton, Earl of Orkney. He requested she make Alexander Spotswood Lt. Governor of Orange, Virginia The Queen assented and Spotswood had two plans - to make Virginia a colony and to make himself rich. (Some things never change, alas.)

Post Civil War Gordonsville had a village of freedmen called Brownsville. (Wonder who gave it that name?) I digress. Anyway, many train passengers stopped in Gordonsville and the ladies of Brownsville saw an opportunity. They met the trains with fried chicken, pies and coffee. They held trays up to the windows and the money was passed to them. Their grandchildren always claimed that America's first fast food, take-out restaurant was invented in Gordonsville by Black Freewomen. (Get a load of that Colonel Sanders! (I bet he's smiling !)

Many citizens of the South called The Civil War - the War for Southern Independence. However it was a civil war, because one part of the country was fighting against the other.

Chris Carr - historian



MEANDERINGS

By: Lyn Nowakowski

Our editor asked us to write about a time we met a famous person, but I needed more than a few lines, so I am including my experience, titled - "The Time I Did Not Meet President Ford" Everyone in LOW knew that the President was going to participate in the Lee Elder Golf Tournament here, so I was not surprised to see, many days in advance, men in three-piece suits looking into their lapels, riding in golf carts or, on their knees looking into culverts. All the while trying to blend into the local population.

Near the appropriate time, Don and I walked to Westover Parkway, knowing the president and his group would cross there. I half-noticed some activity in our area. Don said, "Well, what did you think of the President?" He added he had passed close by while I was looking up the hill for someone that looked like Abraham Lincoln. Shouldn't every President look like him? I was underwhelmed by Ford's appearance, which was so disappointingly nondescript, that I hadn't even noticed him.

One summer years ago, two of my college-aged cousins worked in a state park in Maine. They "collected" goofy questions asked by tourists. Their two favorites: Who decided when high and low tide will be? In the winter, when there are no tourists, do you still have high and low tide?

At Ellis Island in New York on July 10, 2001, President George W. Bush said, "It's my honor to speak to you as the leader of your country, and the greatest thing about America is - you don't have to listen if you don't want to."

FUN FACTS

I worked for the Office of Civil Rights when Clarence Thomas was Assistant Secretary and Anita Hill was his Special Assistant. Clarence was always very nice, and if anything, seemed a little shy around women. Anita, on the other hand, was nasty and obnoxious to career staff. So, during his Supreme Court nomination hearings, it was hard to tell who was telling the truth. The Chicago Tribune interviewed me and other women who had been managers under (no double entendre intended) Clarence. They never used the information, because most of the women had the same impression I did. Tish Liggett

When I was about fifteen, I was riding in our local horse show. (Our riding club included FDR Jr.) In those days you pulled your car up to the show ring and sat on the hood. That day I was thrilled to see Eleanor Roosevelt sitting on the hood, watching her son John and grandchildren compete. She was dressed in white and with her white hair she looked like an angel to me. She has been an inspiration to me my entire life.

Betty Beck

In 1995 Phil Gramm was a Republican candidate for President, stumping in Connecticut. I later discovered not only had I met him, but unknown to me he had sat at my old dining room table. I had donated it to my church for Sunday School. Evidently the pastor thought it would go better in his dining room.

Linda Hiross



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QUESTION NEXT ISSUE What's your pet peeve? ---

I met Benazir Bhuto in Pakistan in 1986. I was there to do a study on how to prevent the flow of drugs from that country to the rest of the world, including the U.S.A. When introductions were done, she introduced herself and offered all the help her government could contribute in this cause. I had noticed her during our presentation, because she was poised as a beautiful princess. I couldn't believe she was the Prime Minister. I so admired her and was much saddened by her murder a few years ago.

Danielle Schneider

In 1980 I was the Executive Editor of The Daily Progress in Charlottesville. I was invited with other Belt-way journalists to the White House for lunch and a question-answer session by President Jimmy Carter. I was amazed at his grasp of details and local issues. My memory was of a brilliant man who cared about the importance of these topics and respected our need for information. Years later, I was invited to the White house by President Reagan. He spoke about ten minutes, mostly jokes from his days in Hollywood. He didn't take questions and was not interested in issues. Maybe not fair to judge, but one was engaged and committed; the latter aloof and enjoying the trappings of power. Kerry Sipe

ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

ORCHIDS TO: President Obama for getting 20 billion to pay those hurt by the horrible oil spill, he means now - not later.

ONIONS TO: The GOP for apologizing to B.P. (Guess they want them to go to court, as they did in Alaska and not see a dime for 20 years!)

ORCHIDS TO: Rick Waugh for running against Eric Cantor !!!

ONIONS TO: Eric Cantor - for more reasons than I can list and remain a lady !

ORCHIDS TO: Democrats trying to stop the slashing of the school lunch program for needy children.

ONIONS TO: Glen Beck for saying the school lunch program should be abolished and needy children can go dumpster diving for lunch.

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Senator Houck Reports to the 17th District
June 21, 2010

Greetings to the 17th District! With the school year ending this week for many children, I want to take this opportunity to discuss recent events highlighting my involvement with education in Virginia.

Distinguished Public Service Award Recipient

At a recent luncheon, I was honored to receive the “Distinguished Public Service Award” from my alma mater, the University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education. This award is “in recognition of outstanding contributions to education.”

During my 27 years in the Virginia Senate, I have fought to maintain our high education standards. Because of our work, Virginia is now the best state for a child to receive an education. By receiving this award, it makes me work harder for funding to support our students.

Higher Education Reform Commission Appointment

Despite Virginia’s strong reputation, we still have work to do. For that reason, I am pleased that Governor McDonnell appointed me to the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation and Investment. This appointment complements my work in serving as Chairman of the Senate Education and Health Committee and the Senate Finance Committee’s Education Subcommittee. These positions of authority allow me to have an active role in shaping the Commonwealth’s education policies and budgets.

Over the next several months, the Commission will meet to examine a wide variety of higher education topics including, but not limited to:

- ❖ Increasing the number of Virginians enrolled in public colleges and universities.
- ❖ Preparing young adults for careers in areas, such as health care, where shortages and demands exist.
- ❖ Increasing higher education opportunities for active military and veterans.
- ❖ Increasing access to public colleges and universities for all Virginians regardless of income or background.

While the 60 days of legislative work receives the most attention by the media, my staff and I are available to serve you year-around with any issues or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you feel that we can be of assistance. I can be reached either at (540) 786-2782 or at senatorhouck@comcast.net