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~FEBRUARY 2007 LUNCHEON MEETING AND PROGRAM ~

*Tim Murtaugh, Rep. Thelma Drake's Campaign Manager
Provides an Insider's View of her Contentious Re-election Race*

And

*Jean Ann Bolling will Address the "Ending Cervical Cancer In Our Lifetime"
Initiative.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2007

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Radisson Hotel, 700 Monticello Avenue, downtown Norfolk

**\$15.00 per person. Buffet with Chef's Choice, Vegetable and Starch of the day,
Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea and Coffee, and assorted Desserts**

***RSVP to Ellen Smith at 626-3591 by Monday evening, February 19th or email slgiffin@cox.net
You may bring cash or check (made out to NRW) to the luncheon.***



Mr. Murtaugh to Addresses Lessons Learned for Republicans

Mr. Tim Murtaugh, Rep. Thelma Drake's 2006 Campaign Manager, will provide an insider's view of her contentious re-election race. He'll discuss what worked and what didn't and tell us the lessons learned for Republicans seeking election in the future. Tim helped guide the successful campaign during a year when many incumbents, including Rep. Drake, had been targeted by the national Democrats and other interest groups. Rep. Drake embraced the challenge from her Democrat opponent, Phil Kellam and pulled off a win in a very difficult year for Republicans.

Prior the Drake campaign, Tim served as Press Secretary for Jerry Kilgore's 2005 Gubernatorial Campaign and previously served as Kilgore's Director of Communications in the Attorney General's office. Tim's other political experience includes stints as Deputy Communications Director at the Republican National Committee under Chairman Jim Gilmore and as Press Secretary for 2000 George Allen for Senate Campaign. Tim lives in Richmond with his wife, Tayne Renmark, and their two dogs, Eapoe and Eli.

Jean Ann Bolling to Address Causes & Prevention of Cervical Cancer

Cervical cancer is the second most common form of cancer found in women. It is a nearly preventable disease, yet 9,700 American women were expected to develop cervical cancer in 2006, and about 3,700 will die from it. Why? Because they did not understand some basic facts about this disease. A virus called the human papillomavirus (HPV) causes 99.7% of all cervical cancer cases. *Most sexually active adults will be infected with HPV at some point in their life.* HPV causes no symptoms and usually goes away on its own. However, high-risk HPV which stays in the body a period of years can cause cervical cancer.

Jean Ann. Bolling will address prevention of cervical cancer including the vaccine recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration for prevention of the human papilloma virus (HPV). She will also discuss diagnosis and treatment options.

Jean Ann was born in West Virginia and grew up on a farm near the town of Ansted. After high school, she attended Morris Harvey College in Charleston, West Virginia receiving a degree in Mathematics with an emphasis in Secondary Education. Following graduation, she taught Math at both the junior and senior high school levels.

While attending Morris Harvey College Jean Ann met her future husband, Bill. They married in August of 1978. Bill and Jean Ann moved to Mechanicsville in Hanover County in 1981 where they put down roots and started their family.

Jean Ann has also been actively involved in her local community. Currently she participates in a number of groups such as Community Bible Study and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. She serves on the Advisory Boards for the VCU Massey Cancer Center and the Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center. Also, she is a member of the Hanover Republican Women's Club.

Jean Ann and Bill are the proud parents of two sons, Matthew and Kevin. Matthew graduated from Virginia Tech and Kevin is a sophomore at James Madison University.

"The challenge of statesmanship is to have the vision to dream of a better, safer world and the courage, persistence, and patience to turn that dream into reality.."

--President Ronald Reagan



Check out our new website, www.norfolkrepublicanwomen.org



Annual NRW Dues - It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Please support your Club by renewing your dues promptly. Annual dues for regular members are \$25.00 while Associate members pay just \$10.00. Bring your check to the February 22nd meeting or mail your check if you are unable to attend to our Vice President, Stevie Giffin, 2318 Bay Oaks Place, Norfolk, Virginia 23518 You may call Maria Escobar, our Treasurer, at 427-0679. if you have any questions about joining NRW or about your membership status. Members are asked to return the completed form below with their check payable to NRW. Your contact information will be used to provide members a Club Roster. Please pass this form on to friends and neighbors.

Name	_____		Address	_____		
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Phone	_____					
	Home		Work		Cell	
Fax	_____					
	Email Address _____					

Excerpts from Senator Nick Rerras' Legislative Report - FEB 1st, 2007 Update on his Proposed Real Estate Tax Cap & Exemption Legislation

Dear Norfolk Friends and Neighbors:

I am trying to limit real estate tax increases to no more than 5% a year. Real estate taxes are growing so high, that they are eroding the American Dream, which is home ownership. I introduced two versions of my 5% tax cap bill. One version (SB 899) put this 5% tax cap in the Norfolk City Charter. Due to a lot of help I received from the citizens of Norfolk, who came to Richmond to support SB 899, this charter change started out with a positive vote by passing the Senate Local Government Committee.

SB 899 may have made history. People in Richmond tell me they do not recall ever seeing a charter change bill passing the Local Government Committee that did not have the approval of the city council. I was not able to obtain a resolution from the city requesting this charter change. However, when the Local Government Committee passed this bill last week, they also motioned to have it reviewed by the Senate Finance Committee.

Yesterday, I presented SB 899 to the Senate Finance Committee, and the bill was tabled. Tabling the bill means it was left in committee without a vote, which was a disappointment. I want to thank the many citizens who came up from Norfolk to support this tax relief legislation.

My second tax cap bill, SB 1063, would apply a 5% real estate tax cap to all cities and counties in Virginia. This bill did not have the votes to get out of committee. Therefore, I worked to get a substitute that would at least help our citizens and taxpayers by extending the 7 day required notice for a public hearing prior to a real estate tax rate increase, to a 30 day notice. This new increased 30 day notice would give citizens more time to become aware of any proposal to raise real estate tax rates, and would give citizens more time to contact their local government leaders on this issue.

The best news I have on lowering real estate taxes is that my SJ 354 legislation passed the Privileges & Elections Committee on a vote of 13 yes and 2 no. SJ 354 allows cities and counties to exempt up to 20% of the value of a primary residence home from real estate taxes. If SJ 354 is successful this session, the voters will get to vote on a constitutional amendment this fall that would allow any city to exempt from taxation up to 20% of the value of a home, which is a primary residence. My bill combines about 7 bills from various legislators who wanted to introduce more real estate tax exemptions. Also, the final wording of my bill is very close to the real estate tax exemption plan that Governor Kaine has been promoting, which should help this bill pass.

If approved by the voters, this legislation needs to pass the legislature again in 2008 (constitutional changes require 2 passages by the General Assembly, before and after the public votes to change the constitution). Then cities and counties can approve new real estate tax exemption programs starting July 1, 2008.

Please add my personal email to your community email group: nick@nickrerras.com.

Senator Nick Rerras
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The Norfolk Tea Party II to Meet to Lower Real Estate Property Tax Rate

Norfolk Tea Party II was by about 35 civic leaders, many of them from middle-income neighborhoods hit hard by escalating real estate tax assessments. The group's goal is to persuade the City Council to cut the tax rate to \$1.08 of \$100 of assessed value from \$1.27. "Cut the Rate in '08 to \$1.08" is the group's motto.

The group is modeled after the Norfolk Tea Party, formed in the late 1970s by W. Randy Wright. That group collected 40,000 signatures on anti-tax petitions. In 1979, the City Council reduced the tax rate to \$1.30 from \$1.62, though it denied that the Tea Party had anything to do with it. Log onto <http://www.norfolkteaparty2.org> for news & updates.

On Saturday, February 17th at 8:30AM, the Tea Party will meet at The Banque on Little Creed Road. The public is invited to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served while Congresswoman Thelma Drake, Virginia Senator Nick Rerras, and Norfolk Councilman Randy Wright address the Norfolk Real Estate Property Tax Rate.

View more pictures of the JAN 25th Meeting at www.norfolkpublicanwomen.org.



January 25th NRW Meeting



Jim Shaw speaks about Norfolk Voting Machines



Hugh Gallagher of Election Systems & Mgmt Services addresses NRW



Joseph Waymack, Exec.Dir. Southern Coalition for Secured Voting Addresses NRW



Hank Giffin smiles for our camera.



Speakers, Mr. Gallagher & Mr. Waymack with Yvonne Reid, President, NRW