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~JANUARY 2011 LUNCHEON MEETING AND PROGRAM ~

GUEST SPEAKER

Eileen K. Shannon, CPA

THURSDAY, JAN. 27TH, 2011

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Cagney's Address. 1108 E. Little Creek Road, Norfolk, VA 23518

\$20.00 per person. Choices from menu.

RSVP to Judy Pethel at 466-0190 or Carmen Bittenger at 622-7845 by Monday evening, Jan 25th or email Jennifer Lee at jlee13@cox.net. You may bring cash or check (made out to NRW) to the luncheon.



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Earned her B.S. degree from San Diego State University
Member of the AICPA, VSCPA and Hampton Roads Tax Forum
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John Kennedy once said to a assembled group of scholars in the White House "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered at the White House - with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."



Dear Members,

Well folks, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday—how about that snow!!! If your household is anything like mine, then the chaos began with Thanksgiving, peaked with Christmas and ended with bringing in another year. Wheew! My how time does fly! It seems, like just a few months ago when we began talking about the November elections, and now here we are beginning to plan for 2012. If we stay the course, make the relevant points, and support our candidates, we will greatly enhance the likelihood of another victory. We must remain true to our faith in what the GOP stands for and continue our efforts to elect the candidates who best represent those values. While we succeeded in regaining the majority in the House, we will need to roll up our sleeves again and do all we can to help our Grand Old Party gain even more seats and win the majority in the Senate. Are you committed? Are you ready to fight for our country? Do I hear a loud cheer for another victory?

Just a note for those who were unable to attend the NRW Christmas party, you really missed a nice affair. Everyone enjoyed themselves—nice conversation, humorous entertainment by Ted Drake, finished off by a delicious dinner. Our officers were installed by Thelma Drake who also presented the coveted Thelma Drake award to Maria Escobar, a most deserving recipient. Thanks to everyone who came and to those who brought food for the Tidewater Food Bank.

In December a number of our members were Salvation Army Bell Ringers at the Ocean View Shopping Center. The day began sunny and later the rains came. However, our dedicated members were not deterred. Instead, they finished the day with an overflowing bucket! I personally found this to be a very fulfilling and heartwarming experience. The shoppers were generous, friendly with kind words of encouragement and appreciation. I was really touched by a young man who gave a few cents and said he didn't have much, but he always has to give something because the Salvation Army was there for his dad when he was in need. Many such stories were repeated that day. This is truly is a wonderful experience and a worthy cause. Thank you, members for coming out to help with special thanks to Charlie Thez for organizing the effort.

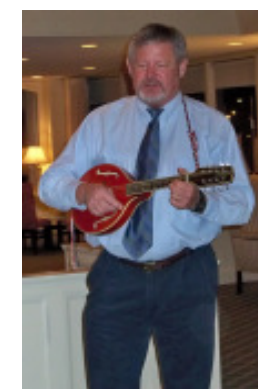
On January 13 NRW members Pamela Brown, Yvonne Reid and I attended VFRW Legislative Day in Richmond. This was a most informative event that began with a heartfelt welcome by Lt. Governor Bill Bolling and remarks from other wonderful speakers. After a little break, a number of Legislators joined our members for lunch. We had a wonderful surprise visit by Governor Bob McDonnell, who presented a very informative legislative update. Hampton Roads was represented by our own Thelma Drake and Terri Suit, joining a number of speakers who also provided us with interesting presentations on important issues of the day. Needless to say, the Republican Women from Hampton Roads were very proud. Many members took advantage of the Capitol and Governor's Mansion tours that were offered. A little note regarding the Capitol, two NRW members currently have art work showing in the General Assembly Building, so if the opportunity presents itself, stop by and view the art works in the meeting room of the third floor.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend this month's meeting on January 27, 2011 at Cagney's Restaurant at 11:30 AM check-in-with lunch beginning at noon at \$20 per person. Our speaker will be Eileen Shannon, a local CPA who will be speaking on "Taxes, Tax Changes and Preparing for April 15th". Please mark your calendar to attend, as this will be a very informative and beneficial presentation. To make a reservation, please call Carmen at 622-7845.

In closing, I encourage each and every member to recommit yourselves to NRW as one of your New Year's resolutions. Let's strive to attend all of the meetings, become more active and involved and do all that each of us can do to help in the 2012 elections.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Bittinger, President
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Pam & Faye at VFRW in Richmond

