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~MARCH 2011 LUNCHEON MEETING AND PROGRAM ~

GUEST SPEAKER

Marie Bauckman

THURSDAY, MARCH. 24TH, 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, March 21st 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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Marcus Calabrese

Having spent nearly half of his life overseas in Japan and Saudi Arabia, Marcus Calabrese now contributes his passion for people, diversity, and the community through his consulting work and community involvement.

Marcus has provided his Public Relations & Marketing background to businesses, political campaigns, as well as not-for-profit organizations through his practice Kinetic Relations.

In addition to serving as a member of The Board of Directors as the Business/Government Relations Chair for HRBOR, a local business chamber recognized by

US Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke as The Rising Star Chamber, Marcus also serves as a member of The Board of

Directors for The Mid-Atlantic Digital Alliance helping Neighborhood Network centers throughout Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. As well as serving on The Board of Directors of The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia as Chair of The Child Nutrition Council and Community Gifts

Division of The Capital Campaign. Marcus was also an honoree in The Inside Business Journal's 2010 Top 40 Under 40 for his involvement in the community and work with individuals such as Bob McDonnell, Al Roker of NBC's The Today Show, Promise Keepers and others.

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government. Thomas Jefferson



Greetings to everyone!

As I write this letter, I find my heart heavy with sadness for the people of Japan. Watching the news the last few days, has made me realize how very fortunate we are and that this too can happen to us. Let us all remember the Japanese people in our prayers and thoughts and let us be ever mindful of the fragility of our very existence, appreciating each day as we live it.

Due to illnesses, injuries and travel, many of our members were unable to attend the February meeting. You missed a real treat! Marie Bauckman, Director of the USO, was our speaker and what a wonderful speaker she was! She shared information regarding the workings of the USO, in particular the USO facility at the Norfolk Airport. Marie and her staff strive every day to offer comfort, relaxation, treats, rides and food to our military as they travel to and from our airport daily. Many servicemen have traveled for many hours with little or nothing to eat when they arrive in Norfolk. Norfolk is a main debarkation station, so many of our servicemen and women who pass through Norfolk are on their way to duty stations all over the world, including those in harm's way. Marie says that this may be the first time away from home for many of the young enlistees. The airport USO offers them a haven of friendly people and a place to relax. There is a need at the USO and I personally hope that we as a group can help in some way. On that note, I would challenge everyone to bring items that our servicemen could use to our next meeting on March 24, 2011. Needed items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, small size toiletries (shampoos, deodorants, lotions, dental floss, etc.), magazines, games, puzzles, books, DVDs, and CDs, boxes of hotdogs, rolls, condiments and snack items. (many of these items can be purchased at the dollar stores) Lets put together a nice package of goodies that can be delivered to Marie so that she can share them with our most deserving, but often forgotten and ignored group men and women. Let us reach out and let them know we care about them just as we appreciate their service to our great nation.

I would like to remind everyone to attend the NRW luncheon meeting on March 24 at Cagney's Restaurant, 1108 Little Creek Road, Norfolk at 11:30 check-in, 12 noon lunch. Marcus Calabrese, Board of Directors, Child Nutrition Advisory Chair of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia.

I look forward to seeing everyone on March 24th. Until then, remember to stay informed and stay the course.

Sincerely,
Carmen Bittinger, President
NRW

Pictures from the NRW

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VFRW Board Meeting in Richmond on Feb. 19, 2011



Carmen with Brigitte Gabriel at VB Central Library, holding two of her books-recent event of ACT! for America.

Upcoming Events

- VFRW Convention: April 8-10, 2011, Marriott, Short Pump, Richmond, VA.**
- Star Spangled Ball: April 29, 2011--23rd Annual Star Spangled Ball to be held at the Cavalier Beach Club.**