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~JANUARY 2009 LUNCHEON MEETING AND PROGRAM ~

**GUEST SPEAKER
THELMA DRAKE**

*THURSDAY, JAN 22ND, 2009
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM*

Radisson Hotel, 700 Monticello Avenue, downtown Norfolk

\$20.00 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 Judy Pethel at 466-0190 or Carmen Bittenger at 622-7845 by Monday evening, Nov. 17th or email Stevie at slgiffin@cox.net. You may bring cash or check (made out to NRW) to the luncheon.



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Thelma D. Drake

Thelma grew up in northern Ohio. She attended Old Dominion University. She worked as a real estate agent in Norfolk, Virginia. Thelma has two adult children & four grandchildren. She & her husband live in Norfolk.

Career in the House of Delegates

In 1994, Drake became the first Republican to be elected from the Norfolk area to the Virginia House of Delegates since Reconstruction.

She served in the House of Delegates for nine years as a representative of the 87th District. Drake served as chairman of the Virginia Housing Commission and as a member of the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

Career in US House of Representatives

In 2004, Drake was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives of the 109th United States Congress becoming the third woman to represent Virginia in Congress after Leslie Byrne and JoAnn Davis.

Politics is just like show business. You have a hell of an opening, coast for a while, and then have a hell of a close.
Ronald Reagan



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She served on the **House Armed Services Committee, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Resources Committee & the Education & Workforce Committee.** In addition to her work for our military as **Transportation, Energy, & Education** issues she became very engaged in the issues of immigration reform & human trafficking.

I would like to wish each of you and your families a **Happy and Healthy 2009!** It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the **Norfolk Republican Women** over the past year & Im looking forward to the upcoming year.

Volunteerism is important for the Party! We are approaching yet another critical election year. Our Party needs your help: letter writers; poll workers; phone callers; hosts for Meet & Greets, etc. Ask those who have volunteered in the past - it can be a lot of fun! Please come, share, & sign up at our monthly meetings or via e-mail. Consider helping in whatever capacity you feel you can.

I would like to solicit one of our gracious members to coordinate the Miami Eisenhower & Barbara Bush book donations. It is a simple & easy project. I just need a little help with this one & I know the (2) books will be a greatly appreciated gift by a library from our Club.

We will be updating our bylaws at the January meeting as they are out of compliance with VFRW & NFRW bylaws. You will receive a copy of the updates prior to the meeting for your review.

Pictures from the NRW Christmas Dinner 2008
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