



VALLEY REPUBLICAN VOICE

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Valley Republican Women,

As we enter our third month as a Club, on behalf of the Executive Board and as your President I want to thank all of you for making this Club a success.

We've been working hard behind the scenes to become what we felt was the goal of the Charter members - to be positive and encouraging in our support of Republican candidates. As you may know it takes a lot of time to get a new club up and running. We have truly enjoyed our tasks at hand, and as each Standing Committee was up and running with a Chairwoman for each one, the tasks have grown lighter.

One of the greatest blessings in being your President is watching this club grow. I have seen you invite your friends, family and acquaintances to our meetings and believe people are excited to have a new club here in the Valley. The proof is in how much our club has grown since January 2009. Wow, it is incredible! We've gone from 23 charter members and 10 associates who joined at our first meeting to 65 members and 39 associates today.

We have several young women members also, and that is exciting because we want to get information out to our younger generations, showing them what it means to be a

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Governor Sarah Palin speaking at VRWC's March 21st meeting

VALUABLE WORDS

Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith.

Ronald Reagan

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Exec Board w/Gov. Palin. L-R Irene Bogue, Sec; Corie Cruise, VP; Gov Palin; Gayle Ann Swanson, Pres; Julie Gillette, Treas

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Member Meeting; April 25th, 10:00am Glacier Canyon Grill, Grandview Hotel; Guest Speaker, Senator Linda Menard
- Garage Sale; June 6th - location and time TBD. See Tracey Porreca for donations
- BBQ; July 2nd - location and time TBA. Details in future newsletters and/or e-mailings/mailings.
- Member Meeting; August 1st, 10:00am Glacier Canyon Grill, Grandview Hotel

CALL TO CONVENTION

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Republican and what we stand for. Our goal is to provide examples to young people of core Republican values such as patriotism, and financial and social responsibility. Please encourage any and all young women and men who share our values, believe in America, and want to learn about Republican views to join us.

We all enjoyed having Governor Sarah Palin speak at our last meeting. We want to thank her and her dad, Chuck Heath for sharing their trivia questions and wonderful prizes with us. Over 110 people attended, which was very exciting.

The Board has worked on developing our calendar for the coming year. We have planned several events we hope all will enjoy and participate in. We will have a Garage Sale in June and a BBQ in July. This is our first Newsletter and the information about these will be inside. Realizing that in Alaska we are all busy in the summer months, we don't want to have too many formal meetings and have everyone be out of town, so we decided we could make our meetings more casual and get to know one another better. We will, of course, need your help to make it a success, but by what I have seen so far, you are all willing to help out and keep things running smoothly. And for that I am very thankful.

There are still many things to iron out, which has been a learning experience for me especially, but I am very honored and excited to be entrusted with leadership of our Club. I know we will grow into a "force to be reckoned with" here in the Valley on behalf of our Republican Party. Thank you all for your much appreciated support.

Best wishes,
Valley Republican Women's Club

Gayle Ann Swanson
President

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Governor Sarah Palin, her father Chuck Heath and President Gayle Ann Swanson at VRWC's March 21st meeting.

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VALUABLE WORDS

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

John Adams

COMMITTEE UPDATES



Newsletter Committee

If you're interested in contributing an article, recipe, book review or would like to be on the newsletter committee, please contact the Newsletter Chair Jill Frost at frost3@mtaonline.net or 354-7216

Fundraiser Committee

In a short time, our group has grown by leaps and bounds. We have an excited group of members and associates that will help us to reach our goals. Fundraising is an important part of that. Here are just a few of the things we have planned.

Our first fundraiser on the calendar is a yard sale. This is scheduled for Saturday June 6. Your donations for this sale would be welcome and this is a great opportunity to do a little spring cleaning and help our club at the same time. We will have more details, such as location, times, and

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A TOUCH OF HOMEMADE

George Washington's Macaroni & Cheese Pudding

(it's really Mac & Cheese, not a "pudding")

Courtesy of Carolyn Clements

- 2 1/2 Cups Macaroni
- 1/2 Cup Butter; divided (1/4 Cup each)
- 1/4 Cup Flour
- 2 Cups Cheese; divided (1 3/4 Cup and 1/4 Cup)
- 1 teaspoon salt and a dash of pepper

Cook the macaroni and preheat the oven to 400°. Melt 1/4 C. butter in saucepan, whisk in 1/4 C. flour little by little. Add 2 1/4 C. milk and cook until sauce bubbles then add salt and pepper. Alternate layers of macaroni with 1 3/4 C. cheese. Once arranged pour warm sauce over layers. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 C. cheese and dot with butter. Bake for 35 minutes.

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Members listening intently to Gov Palin addressing the VRWC March 21st meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES CONTINUED

Community Service Committee

VRWC has chosen Cell Phones for Soldiers as our first community service project. We currently have drop locations in the Valley at Shalom Bookstore, Beehive Hair Salon, True Identity Spa, Liberty Tax and Mocha Moose (store not drive through) and are looking at additional locations. Drop off your old cell phones for recycling. The phones are sent to ReCellular which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers enough for each phone to provide an hour of prepaid calling time to our soldiers abroad. Listen to KMBQ for a Public Service Announcement regarding this project.

Sheryl Lloyd, Community Service Chair, dasalloyd@yahoo.com

Membership Committee

Membership Chair ~ Dawn Huddleston

Questions or comments contact Dawn at akhudd99@hotmail.com

Legislation Committee

Legislation Chair ~ Corie Cruise

Questions or comments contact Corie at vrwcvp001@yahoo.com

Bylaws Committee

Volunteers still **needed**. Please contact Gayle Ann at vrwcpres001@yahoo.com or 907-357-8850 if interested in helping.

Programs Committee

Programs Chair ~ Ivy Frye

Questions or comments contact Ivy at ivyfrye@ymail.com

Fundraiser Committee Cont'd

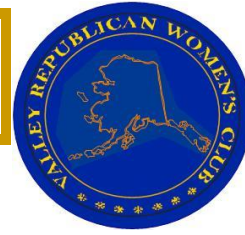
drop off points, at our next meeting.

Other fundraisers discussed include a tea, which would be both an in-person and mailing fundraiser, a dinner and silent auction, and holiday craft sales. If you're a crafty person, think about what you might be able to contribute for craft and other sales we might have in the future.

Finally, I would love to hear from you. Do you know of a good fundraiser we might consider? Would you like to help with fundraising? Your help is needed and can be as simple as donating an item for sale, all the way up to helping plan one of our major fundraisers. Please let me know if you're interested in helping in any way. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Tracey (Mendenhall) Porreca
Fundraiser Chair
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TAX DAY TEA PARTY

This year April 15th marked more than just the deadline for filing our federal income taxes ~ it marked a nationwide Tea Party Rally where common folk joined to protest high taxes, bailouts and wasteful spending by our government.

At least 800 people joined together at Wasilla Lake from 2pm-4pm for one of thousands of nationwide Tax Day Tea Parties. Speakers included Eddie Burke, local radio talk show host; Veteran Rick Kinnman; Penny Nixon of the Alaska Standard and Congressman Don Young to name only a few.

The rally began with the Pledge of Allegiance and included the singing of the National Anthem and America the Beautiful by Joy Lynch.

While participants held their signs beside Parks Highway, passersby joined in with honks and waves.

It was a connection in patriotism ~ persons from all walks of life and all party affiliations coming together peacefully, with thoughtful and calm approach to remind the government they work for "The People".

If you missed the April 15th Tea Party, mark your calendar for Memorial Day, May 30th to attend the next one.

(Information purposes, not endorsed by VRWC)

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VALUABLE WORDS

"I wish it were possible to (amend our) constitution with...an additional article taking from the federal government the power of borrowing."

Thomas Jefferson

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TAX DAY TEA PARTY PICTURES

Lead Tea Party organizer Cheryl Brooks with Congressman Don Young



Gayle Ann, Lynn and Debbie



Lynn with Eddie Burke



Sharon with Chuck Heath

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CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS

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Top: L-R Willow Palin holding Trig, Piper. Bottom: L-R Bristol Palin, Willow with Trig, Gov. Palin. March 21st VRWC mtg

VALUABLE WORDS

"My best friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read."

Abraham Lincoln

Suggested Reading:
Liberty & Tyranny; A Conservative Manifesto
 by Mark Levin

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 25th ~ Member meeting, 10:00am; Glacier Canyon Grill at the Grandview Hotel, 2900 East Parks Highway, Wasilla AK 99654
- May 30th ~ Memorial Day & American Freedom From Taxes Tea Party, 2pm, Wonderland/Iditarod Park (tentatively) ~ *Not endorsed by VRWC* but important for those interested in attending.
- June 6th ~ VRWC Fundraiser Garage/Yard Sale ~ watch your email for donation drop information, location, and time. **Important! Donations needed please!** **Page 5**

NO VRWC EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MAY ~ WATCH FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER DUE 5.15.09

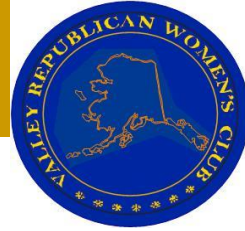
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MAIL TO:

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VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a positive forum for conservative Republican women to share their views and promote conservative values within government, and to pro-actively develop and mentor future Republican leaders through education and awareness.

BECOME A MEMBER

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone(s)

Email

Republican voter registration number

Annual Membership \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Membership \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please make checks out to *Valley Republican Woman's Club* and mail to:

Valley Republican Women's Club
C/O Julie Gillette
4301 S. Well Site Rd
Wasilla, AK 99654

For membership questions contact Julie at 907.376.5455 or email vrwctreas001@yahoo.com

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VRWC MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 25, 2009

MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

We're pleased to announce that the Honorable Senator Linda Menard has accepted our invitation to speak at our April meeting!

A continental breakfast will be served at \$15.00 per person at the door—cash or checks accepted. Admission includes one ticket for our drawing, and extra tickets are available for \$1 each for chances to win Door Prizes.

DATE: 4.25.09

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:
DAWN HUDDLESTON
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GUEST SPEAKER: SENATOR MENARD



SENATOR MENARD

Will speak following our State Delegate Vote

IMPORTANT—VOTE FOR DELEGATES

Those interested in attending the AFRW Statewide Convention in Anchorage from May 7th – 9th as a voting delegate, please nominate yourselves and speak for one minute on why you would be a good delegate.

LOCATION DETAILS

Glacier Canyon Grill
Grand View Inn & Suites
2900 East Parks Hwy.
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

(Turn off E. Parks in front of Chili's. Parking in front and back of Grand View Inn.)

[Link to Map:](#)

VOTE ON BYLAW CHANGES

IMPORTANT – VOTE ON BYLAWS CHANGES

Bylaw packets were distributed at the March meeting to better prepare members to vote on these amendments. Bylaw amendments proposed at our March 21st meeting will be voted on.

You've received this email because you are a member, associate member or guest of the Valley Republican Women's Club.

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