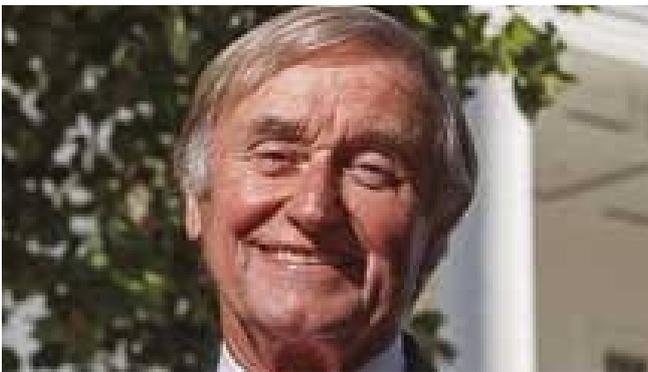


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Conservative thought absent action is just that - absent



FED/STATE UPDATE

Both Congress and the Virginia General Assembly are in full swing. In this and coming issues, we will highlight certain bills or accomplishments by our law makers.

This month we will cover DACA reform, economic development, budget fixes, a measure aimed at punishing lying politicians, and a sit down with a massive state agency that yielded a practical solution for a small business owner.

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Be sure to attend our February 1 business meeting, where we will vote on the budget and on terms for our 2018 reconstitution

FED/STATE UPDATE

Congressman Dave Brat is one of 77 cosponsors of the Goodlatte/McCaul Securing America's Future Act (HR 4760), which, among other things, authorizes construction of the border wall and adds 10,000 Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents. It also requires implementation of a biometric entry-exit system endorsed by the 9/11 Commission. This system would allow the government to know with some degree of certainty who is in the country and who has overstayed their visas. The bill ends chain migration by limiting family-based immigration to spouses and minor children of citizens and green card holders, while also providing renewable nonimmigrant visas for parents of U.S. citizens. The bill ends the visa lottery system and requires all new employment hires to submit to E-Verify. Lastly, it provides for a sensible compromise to resolve the DACA debate by offering a three-year renewable legal status instead of a path to citizenship.

Senator Siobhan Dunnivant has been working on several issues this session, in addition to health care. Her personal property tax bill (SB 268), which passed last week, constitutes an important economic development incentive aimed at bringing big data firms to Virginia. It creates a separate classification of tangible personal property, for valuation purposes, for computer equipment and peripherals used in a data center and specifies that the equipment and peripherals shall be valued by means of a percentage or percentages of original cost. She also introduced budget amendments, including Item 453 #4s to correct a mistake by which Henrico would not have gotten its fair share of road maintenance funds from the state and Item 38 #1s to provide additional funding for the Henrico drug court.

Delegate Riley Ingram's bill targeting false campaign statements (HB 845) is waiting its turn in committee. That bill would prohibit a candidate from, with actual malice, sponsoring a political advertisement that contains a false statement of material fact, or otherwise making, publishing, disseminating, or circulating a false statement of material fact, about another candidate for the office to which the sponsoring candidate is seeking to be elected, if such statement is calculated to injure the targeted candidate or his candidacy. Any violation shall be proven by clear and convincing evidence, and, if so proven, a civil penalty of \$2,500 shall be assessed against the sponsoring candidate.

There are only five drive-in movie theaters in the state, and the 56th District has one - Goochland Drive-In. However, they were having trouble with getting their logo onto an interstate attraction sign. Delegate John McGuire introduced a bill which would allow drive-in theaters to have their logo on such signs. Before the bill went to committee, McGuire met with the owner and VDOT. By the end of the meeting, the owner and VDOT had worked out a solution to the problem. Now, Goochland Drive-In will get its sign logo.

YOUNGER VOICES

By Tyler Scott, Contributor

Since many young people are voting for Democrats, I decided to interview a few Republican activists. I asked them what issues are most important to them and how we can improve outreach to the under-30 voters. Here is a sketch of the conversations I had with these forward-thinking voters.

Adam Sheldrick, 19, Christopher Newport University. The issues most important to Sheldrick were stopping or curbing illegal immigration and improving the entire process. He also believes we should designate English as the national language and yes, we should build a wall; economic development was also key.

Sheldrick thinks RPV can do better with youth by sending out surveys, asking students what issues are important to them, and visiting campuses more often. He says our party needs a makeover, a re-branding, and we need to talk to students about the high cost of college and how they are going to pay back those loans; he also says students want to hear more about the market for entry-level jobs. “Most of my friends are from Northern Virginia, therefore, most are liberals. They think the Republicans are ‘wrong’ on all fronts, but they can’t give me a reason.”

Andrew Brennan, 22, staff member for Cong. Jodey Arrington, R-TX, 19th District. The hot button issue for Brennan is immigration and he feels the Republicans finally have a chance to make a deal. We must find “balance,” he says, and “protect the country” because of the drugs, violence, and problems with MS-13.

Brennan believes the liberalism on college campuses is also a challenge, particularly the nonsense being taught,

and that many of his fellow students aren’t even exposed to capitalism. He says we need to focus on educating young people about economics and start pushing back; he encourages more voters to get involved, separate what they believe from the media, and not be afraid to support President Trump.

Brennan, who was an intern at The White House last summer, calls himself an optimist and says what Republicans are doing is working and we need to just keep on this path. “Politics is not everything. It’s the Left’s religion and that’s why civility has crumbled. It should be a means to an end, not an end of itself.”

Lauren Keiser, 21, Randolph Macon College. Keiser is the Chair of the Randolph Macon College Republicans. According to Keiser, the most important issues are fiscal ones, especially in light of student loans although we do need to find a solution for the Dreamers so they can seek citizenship.

As far as state issues are concerned, she thinks the General Assembly should focus on lowering taxes, improving infrastructure, and creating more opportunities for those who aren’t interested in attending college and want to learn trade skills.

Keiser spoke firmly about how RPV can increase young people’s turnout. She believes we need to rethink our strategy and since President Trump’s unpopularity makes it politically detrimental to openly support him, particularly in Virginia, she advises, “to praise President Trump when he does something worthwhile, but we need to be cautious about how the often

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(cont'd)

inflammatory things he says will affect public perception of Republicans.”

She admits her generation doesn't "vote with its wallet" and often leans Democrat because they come across as friendly and well intentioned and offer programs to help people with low or no income. "When we come in to cut programs to balance the budget, it's understandable the perception is we despise women, the lower class, and minorities. We need to change our message."

To improve outreach Keiser says we need to eradicate those who "hurt our image, like those who get away with holding leadership positions or even just standard membership, all while going against standard Republican values by making bigoted statements. These awful people are hurting our party, and by extension, our nation."

Cole Trower, 25, businessman. Since Trower is self-employed, it should come as no surprise that economic development would be a key point for him, "To achieve the American dream, to start in poverty, and rise up for a good quality of life." He says the Republicans need to keep our strongholds in the southwest, but focus more on our inner cities.

Trower had solid advice for how we can attract more young voters, saying people need to stop attacking and disrespecting one another, regardless of social views. He also doesn't think we should cede environmental issues to the Democrats because we have good ideas such as conservation. He cited the Chesapeake Bay and the oyster industry and suggested Cong. Rob Wittman, R-1st continue leading the initiative.

Trower also says Republicans need to work harder on college campuses. The first step is to support College Republican chapters financially and help with memberships drives, something Sen. Mark Obenshain, R-26th, and his wife Suzanne have been known for. He also thinks all committees should only charge students \$5 to join.

In closing, when asked about bipartisanship in the General Assembly, Trower advises, "The reality is you need to do what's best for Virginia. Find common ground without sacrificing our principles."

About the Author

Tyler Scott is a writer based in Richmond, Virginia. She is the author of *The Excellent Advice of a Few Famous Painters* and has written for many magazines and newspapers over the years, including *The Atlanta Constitution*, *The Washington Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. We look forward to seeing more of her work.

LOCAL & STATE

February 13, 2018
Henrico Board of Supervisors Meeting
7:00 p.m.

February 22, 2018
Henrico School Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.

February 14, 2018
General Assembly Crossover

March 10, 2018
General Assembly Adjourns *Sine Die*

2018 REAGAN DINNER

You do not want to miss our 2018 Reagan Dinner. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Clara Belle Wheeler, Vice Chair of the Virginia State Board of Elections. She is a real force for good in the realm of electoral integrity.

We will return to the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Garnish will cater our meal again this year. You will find the Ticket form at the end of this newsletter. You may also purchase tickets on our Eventbrite page. Just copy the link below into your browser and it will take you right there.

2018henricoreagandinner.eventbrite.com



UPCOMING HENRICO GOP EVENTS

February 1, 2018

Business Meeting

VERY IMPORTANT!

Henrico County Gov't Center

4301 East Parham Road

Henrico, VA 23228

7pm-8pm

February 3, 2018

Breakfast

O'Charley's Restaurant

9927 Mayland Drive

Richmond, VA 23233

8am-9am

February 19, 2018

REAGAN DINNER

Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen

2880 Mountain Road

Glen Allen, VA 23060

6pm-9pm

All are Welcome

Bring a Friend

(We Mean It)

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A Word of Thanks

I know that I am filling some big shoes, having stepped in to finish out Eddie Whitlock's term as Chair. It is an honor to be afforded the opportunity to do so and to serve the Committee. More importantly, I want to thank everyone who put their time, effort and money into this past election cycle - all the door-knockers, lit-droppers, event staff and attendees, event hosts, host committees, phone-callers, data-crunchers, in-kind-givers and monetary donors, and everyone else. Without you, this work is nigh impossible. Once again,
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Bryan W. Horn, Chair, Henrico GOP

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ANNUAL REAGAN DINNER FUNDRAISER

Special Guest, Dr. Clara Belle Wheeler
 February 19, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 The Cultural Arts Center At Glen Allen
 Attire: Business Formal
(VIP Reception for Sponsors at 5:30 p.m.)



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	Number
Great Communicators - \$1,500 Ticket for sponsor and one guest to VIP reception at 5:30 p.m.; Reserved Full Table + 8 tickets; Recognition in pre-event announcements, opening remarks, table card/program, scrolling credit/logo, Henrico GOP social media, & at Henrico GOP meetings	
Reagan Ranchers - \$1,000 Ticket for sponsor and one guest to VIP reception at 5:30 p.m.; Reserved Half Table + 4 dinner tickets; Recognition in pre-event announcements, opening remarks, table card/program, scrolling credit/logo, & HCRC social media	
Reaganomics - \$500 Ticket for sponsor and one guest to VIP reception at 5:30 p.m.; Reserved Quarter Table + 2 dinner tickets; Recognition in pre-event announcements, opening remarks, & table card/program	
Friend of the Committee - \$100 One (1) dinner ticket and admittance to general reception beginning at 6:00 p.m.	
Special Contributors - \$100 to \$400 (i.e. without ticket purchase) Recognition in opening remarks & table card/program	
Amount of Check Enclosed	\$

Candidates for public office will enjoy the added benefits of space as available on display tables, the chance to distribute campaign literature and solicit petition signatures outside the venue, and an excellent opportunity to network with GOP activists and with potential donors.

Please send this (i) form, (ii) a list of the names of each of your guests, and (iii) your check made payable to Henrico County Republican Committee (with "Reagan Dinner" written in the memo line) to:

Henrico County Republican Committee
 P.O. Box 2424
 Glen Allen, VA 23058
 Attn: Reagan Dinner Fundraiser

Ticket/Sponsorship forms and checks must be received by February 12, 2018.

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