



The goals for the Historic Triangle Republican Women's Club are many and varied. Our primary goal is to educate and inform. By educating ourselves and others on the issues of the day and how they impact our individual lives, our community and our country, we are better able to further conservative-based solutions.

HTRW had an interesting and informative slate of speakers at our meetings in 2016. The highlights for the year follow:

February is Black History Month, and our 1st Vice President, Felice Pete, gave an interesting overview of the origins of Republican women's organizations and black women in the Republican movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Dianna Mooreman, JCC Registrar was the guest speaker. She expected voter turnout to be high for the 2016 election. She stated voter fraud is more prevalent in presidential elections and the difficulty of keeping track of legitimate voters in the area, especially with the college students' mobility. Dianna explained the need for more registrars and the training to become one.

In **March**, Rob Olson, Regional Field Director of the Hampton Road Chapter of Americans for Prosperity, was our guest speaker. Rob explained Americans for Prosperity fights for policy, not political party, on local and state levels. There are 356 state chapters across the country. In Virginia, they are fighting against Medicaid expansion; fighting for school choice, and locally against tax heights. An Americans for Prosperity office will be opening in Norge in April.

Member, Heather Cordasco, spoke of her experience at the recent CPAC meeting and an upcoming "Women Speak for Themselves Training".

Also addressing our club in March was a representative from Avalon Center, a local charity supporting women and children whose lives have been touched by sexual and/or domestic violence. She provided information about the seriousness of the problem and presented information about volunteering.

April brought a representative from the Virginia Federation of Republican Women to our club with information regarding the Federation and insights for growing membership for local clubs.

In **May**, our guest speakers were either running or speaking on behalf of current candidates for U.S. Congress from District 2—Pat Cardwell, Randy Forbes and Scott Taylor.

Our club does not hold meetings in **June** or **July**. In **August** we had a joint social meeting with a neighboring Republican Women's club.

In **September**, Felice Pete gave an interesting presentation, "What the Right Gets Wrong about the Left." A lively discussion followed. Two guest representing local candidates attended:

- Daniel Bradshaw represented John Adams who running for Attorney General in the June election.
- Madison Setness representing Scott Taylor, a State Delegate, businessman and Iraqi war veteran.

In **October**, Brian Bieron, Director at eBay, and former Policy Director for the House Rules Committee, U.S. House of Representatives spoke about "Net Neutrality" and how governments and internet service providers treat data, users, content, etc. He explained "Economic Nexus", a policy with regard to internet sales tax issues.

The **November** meeting was attended by a representative from Delegate Glen Davis' campaign. Mr. Davis is a Delegate from the 84th District who is campaigning for Lt. Governor. She spoke about the recent Republican victories and talked about Davis' platform for his 2017 campaign.

In **December**, we held our Christmas social for members and their guests. The new officers for 2017 were sworn in during the business portion of the gathering. Everyone had a wonderful time, and our club looks forward to an exciting year ahead in 2017.