

Editoriales y Noticias



Left to right: Delegate Barry Knight, Virginia Beach attorney Tanya Bullock and Congressman Scott Rigell. Photo by Brenda Roberts Haegley.



Delegate Bob Tata

Delegates Tata and Knight, and Congressman Rigell, to speak at upcoming GOP breakfasts

A former coach, a pig farmer, and a car dealer-turned-congressman will be sharing breakfast with Virginia Beach citizens the on upcoming Saturdays.

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On March 5, Delegate Bob Tata, who has represented the 85th district of Virginia Beach since 1984, will be the speaker. Delegate Tata is known as "Coach," because for many years he worked as a high-school coach and counselor. Most of his family is also associated with the education field. Appropriately, he chairs the Education Committee in the House of Delegates, and he also serves on the Appropriations and Transportation Committees. He is known for funding he has obtained and protected for Virginia Beach Public Schools.

Delegate Barry Knight actually is a hog farmer and he will be speaking on March 12. A native of Pungo, he got his start by working on a neighbor's farm as a teenager and later worked as a long-haul trucker until he saved enough money to purchase his own farm. Over the years, he turned a plot of land into a thriving hog-farming business. Delegate Knight was elected as a delegate for the 81st district in 2009. Some of the committees on which he serves include Agriculture and Transportation. When he has spoken at breakfasts and other events in the past, attendees have thoroughly enjoyed his relaxed style and sense of humor.

Representative Scott Rigell spends much of his time in Washington, D.C., since being elected as the 2nd District's newest congressman. However, he tries to get back to the district as often as possible, to stay in touch with his constituents and their concerns. His district includes Virginia Beach, the Eastern Shore, and parts of Norfolk and Hampton. Before being elected to Congress in November 2010, he was best known for the Hampton Roads business he founded, Freedom Automotive. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from him about what is happening in Congress and

to ask questions you may have. Representative Rigell will be speaking on March 19.

The weekly Saturday breakfasts held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Bonney Road, are open to the public and provide a good opportunity for citizens to meet their representatives and ask questions. Doors open at 8 a.m., and the meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 for the breakfast buffet or \$4 for continental, although it's possible to attend without buying breakfast.

- RPBV's next monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 14 at the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Training Academy, 411 Integrity Way. Attendees will "meet and greet" members of the General Assembly and hear about the recently completed Session in Richmond. Guests are welcome!

The Republican Party of Virginia Beach is open to everyone, regardless of their race, religion or nationality. Visit rpvb.org for more information or call 757.486.3282.

Single-Parent Scholarship

The Beach Suburban Republican Women's Club is accepting applications for the Lois Roulston Scholarship for single parents who wish to further their education. A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the selected applicant. For an application, please call Patricia Knight at 757-467-8864 or email her at iiizone@cox.net. The deadline for the application to be completed and returned is April 30, 2011.

Blood drive for Barnes

Virginia Beach Middle School is holding a benefit blood drive for sixth grade science teacher, Lori Barnes, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer.

The drive will be held from 3 to 8 p.m., on Friday, March 11, at the school, located at 600 25th Street.



A map of Virginia Beach's Rosemont area, which located somewhat in-between the city's Town Center area and Lynnhaven business corridor.

Open house, public meeting at Bow Creek and Windsor Woods invite the public to opine of the future of its Rosemont section

Virginia Beach residents are invited to attend two events, designed to solicit public opinion on the city's "Rosemont Strategic Growth Area Plan."

An open house will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at 6 p.m., at the Bow Creek Recreation Center, 3427 Club House Road, where the public may view the work in progress and talk with design team members. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, from 6

to 8 p.m., at Windsor Woods Elementary School, 233 Presidential Blvd.

In February, city planners held its first round of public meetings on the plan. Facilitated by Urban Design Associates, the gatherings spawned a list of "draft design principles." The new sessions are to refine those principles and obtain more public opinion.

For more information call Debbie Zywina at 757-385-4621.

VA Beach attorney

David McCormick enters Senate race

By Susan Hurley
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Attorney David McCormick is third to enter senate race but the only one from Virginia Beach. Here he is with his wife, Judy.

David McCormick wants to turn up the HEAT in Washington. By "HEAT," he means Honesty, Efficiency, Accountability, and Thriftiness, which are the things he believes are needed to get America back on the right track. What does McCormick know about Honesty, Efficiency, Accountability, and Thriftiness? Quite a bit, believes the former Eagle Scout, UPS manager, and Sunday School teacher, who has had his own law practice for 15 years.

McCormick chose February 22 to announce his candidacy, because it is George Washington's birthday. "Against all odds, he led a small American regiment against a much bigger army whose government had become unresponsive, overreaching and intrusive." Notice the parallels to his own campaign? He hopes you will, and he also notes that the "Miracle on Ice," America's defeat of the Russian hockey team in 1980, also happened on this date. That team went on to win the Olympic gold medal. McCormick's official announcement was made on YouTube and can be viewed on his website.

David McCormick grew up as the son of a 30-year Air Force pilot, which meant

he lived in 10 different states plus Africa and Asia. It also meant he learned first-hand about the sacrifices that military families make.

After obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, McCormick earned a business degree from Baylor University, a masters degree from Amber University, and later a law degree from nearby Regent University. Prior to law school, McCormick had a 13-year career with United Parcel Service, running nine different business operations and training over 1,500 employees.

Outside his two successful careers, McCormick has been active in the community. He has been involved in the Republican Party of Virginia Beach, where he served on the finance committee and as a precinct captain, and he volunteered on numerous campaigns. He has been active in the Norfolk Sports Club, where he served as

a board member for seven years and president in 2005. He is a Rotary Club member and served on the Fairfield Elementary Parents Leadership Council.

McCormick and his wife Judy, who together founded America's Ice Cream Party for Kids, have four children, ages 14-28, two of whom are adopted.

"It's time to run our country like a business, to balance the budget, and return dividends back to its citizens," said McCormick. "It's time for a new senator who will represent Virginians again and put its citizens first. A new senator who will have great respect and allegiance to our Constitution, principles of federalism, and our great heritage."

To learn more about David McCormick and his candidacy, visit his website. www.davidmccormicksenate.com

Pro-life measure approved by narrow margins; Lt. Gov. Bolling breaks 20-20 tie.

This afternoon, after lengthy debate, legislation requiring the Board of Health to create new regulations on abortion clinics was approved by the state Senate and now heads to the Governor's desk for his signature!

This commonsense, long overdue measure – a top priority of the Virginia Catholic Conference and its pro-life allies – has been blocked year after year by the Senate Education and Health Committee, but a surprise procedural maneuver on the House floor earlier this week created the opportunity for a floor vote by the full Senate and thereby ended the Senate committee's stranglehold on the issue. The result today was a 20-20 tie (see below), which the Lieutenant Governor "broke" by casting his vote in favor of the regulations. Because the new regulatory requirement has already been endorsed by the House (63-34 vote), it has finally, after many years, received the full legislative approval it needs to become law!

Hailing the legislature's action, Conference Executive Director Jeff Caruso observed, "Today, the General Assembly decided the abortion industry should no longer be exempt from safety standards that apply to other surgery centers. The Virginia bishops have long sought these regulations because, although state legislation cannot put an end to legal abortions, it can reduce their occurrence and prevent policies that favor the abortion industry. The Virginia Catholic Conference thanks Governor McDonnell, Attorney General Cuccinelli, and all legislators who voted in favor of these new regulations for their roles in calling for this reform and bringing it to this historic point."

Voting in favor of the regulations were Senators Blewins, Colgan, Hanger, Martin, McDougle, McWaters, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Puckett, Quayle, Ruff, Smith, Stanley, Stosch, Stuart, Vogel, Wagner, Wampler and Watkins.

Voting against the regulations were Senators Barker, Deeds, Edwards, Herring, Houck, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Marsh, McEachin, Miller, J.C. Miller, Y.B., Northam, Petersen, Puller, Reynolds, Saslaw, Ticer and Whipple.

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