



Elephant Tracks



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Exercise your right to vote, November 5!



Delegate Keith Hodges (R-98)



Senator Ryan McDougale (R-4)

Polls will be open in Virginia, including Middlesex County, Tuesday, November 5, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots can still be requested by appearing in person at the County Registrar's Office, 105 Bowden Street in Saluda, by 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2. Voting to re-elect Delegate Keith Hodges and Senator Ryan McDougale is most significant—Republicans must retain a majority in both the House and Senate of Virginia's General Assembly to fight against the Socialist agenda of George Soros, Governor Ralph Northam, and their Socialist ilk. Crucial races will occur all across the Commonwealth. Help your friends and neighbors get to the polls. There are no elections to federal office this time around, but there are plenty of local races. Be sure

to cast your ballot for county sheriff, Commonwealth's attorney, county treasurer, commissioner of the revenue, and in Pinetop, Harmony Village and Jamaica Districts a member of the Board of Supervisors. MCRC will host Meet & Greet tents at all precincts except Saluda, based on the volunteers who have stepped forward to help. An MCRC Sample Ballot will be at each tent for viewing by voters and campaign materials will be available for distribution.



Red, White & Blue BBQ & Rally Fundraising, Food, and Lots of Fun!



Martha Boneta, Keynote Speaker

Middlesex Shooting Sports Club clubhouse was full of people, October 13. Rational people with commonsense and love for God and our country—the kind of people you

want to be with from all across the Middle Peninsula. There was delicious barbecue and chicken, lots of Trump campaign items to take home, and lots of politicking!

Martha Boneta rallied support for the reelection of President Donald Trump with contagious enthusiasm, punctuated with personal stories of experiences she's gone through the last 10 years. This was on the heels of a rousing presentation by Congressman Rob Wittman who spoke of goings-on in Washington and the dangers this country—that's US—faces if Democrats are elected in majority. Senator Ryan McDougle and Delegate Keith Hodges, both up for reelection in November, echoed the Congressman's dire warnings while urging everyone to do everything possible to get out the vote for the GOP. Cheers, applause, laughter, and even a few tears clearly showed the encouragement and support for our elected representatives. It was a successful afternoon of raising funds to help underwrite these campaign efforts. Thanks to everyone for making the event a huge success!

Mike Hazlewood, legislative aide to Delegate Hodges, was chief photographer for the day, capturing the event, as you'll see, below. Thanks, Mike!



Left to right, Bob Watson, Keith Hodges, Trudy Feigum, Rob Wittman, Chip Holt

Emcee Bob Watson, 1st Congressional District Committee chairman, did a bang-up job tying the afternoon's events together. A super cadre of volunteers included MCRC members plus members of the Middlesex Sheriff's Department who helped not only with catering the food, but also with parking and traffic control. Did I mention the "Cookin' Cops"? Their efforts always deserve accolades! Darrell Sears, Unique Golf Carts of Urbanna, generously loaned us transportation to and from the parking area. John Priest, vice chair of the Mathews School Board, lent his expertise to keep the audio system working perfectly. Laura Walker, vice chair of the Gloucester Republican Committee, volunteered to oversee the onsite fundraising—donations for campaign items, for a 50/50 raffle sponsored by Volunteers International, Inc. (with proceeds going to MCRC), and a chance to guess the number of red, white and blue glass chips

in a glass bottle. Prize for the correct or closest guess was an American flag certified to have flown over the White House. The winner was Melissa Mabe of Gloucester whose guess of 446 came closest to the actual count of 451 chips.

Overall, it was a glorious afternoon filled with patriotism and good people!



**Monica Sanders,
"Official Dessert Lady"**



**Ryan McDougale, Keith Hodges
speaking with Kathy and Len Swinehart**



Bob Watson



Martha Boneta



Martha Boneta and Sheriff Dave Bushey



Tom and Trudy Feigum



Congressman Rob Wittman



U.S. Senate Candidate Gary Adkins

The afternoon's surprises included the presentation of some official MAGA hats by Martha Boneta. Among the recipients was Mike Hazlewood for his "understated, capable presence," and our own Sheriff Dave Bushey. Martha spoke of the sheriff and his law-enforcement abilities in glowing terms. She had met him and his wife, Liberty, previously at a White House event. Martha's gifts also included a President-Elect Donald J. Trump lapel pin, which she presented to MCRC Chair Trudy Feigum as an omen for the 2020 election.



Keith Hodges, Mike Hedrick, Pat Dunnington



MCRC Vice Chair Lynda Muller did the decorating!



Trudy Feigum and Martha Boneta

Martha Boneta was presented a glass sailboat from MCRC as a reminder of her visit to Middlesex County and the boating industry the county boasts—second only to our agriculture, a subject near and dear to Martha’s heart. As an aside, Martha had been with President Donald Trump and others at the Value Voters Summit just the evening prior to MCRC’s event Sunday afternoon.



Everyone has an opinion on the happenings in Syria with most opinions not favoring the withdrawal of American troops and giving President Trump black marks for his actions. If there’s one thing I’ve learned about President Trump, it is that you shouldn’t try to second-guess him. If you do, you’ll invariably be proved wrong. The man knows what he’s doing and he’s doing it because he loves the United States of America. With gratitude to MCRC member Alice Luck, below is a link to an opinion-piece written by a Gold Star husband about Syria. It is well worth reading.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/24/opinions/syria-kurds-trump-withdrawal-kent/index.html>

Why we should vote Republican!

- Once a government provides you with basic utilities –
 - The government can then decide when to turn them off and on.
 - Once a government pays for all your education –
 - The government can then control the education and career you get to have.
 - Once a government provides you with food –
 - The government can then decide how much you get to eat.
 - Once a government pays for your housing-
 - The government can then control where you can live.
 - Once a government pays for your healthcare and medicine-
 - The government can control whether or not you are valuable enough to allow to live.
 - Once a government gets you to agree to gun control-
 - You have NO way to prevent that government from doing everything listed above.
- Seen on the Internet



Wings, Wheels & Keels – Another success for MCRC!



MCRC members helped people from across Eastern Virginia learn why they should vote to reelect President Donald Trump for a second term, Saturday, September 29, at the annual Wings, Wheels & Keels festival at the airport at Topping. Although not in a favorable location, the MCRC Meet & Greet tent proved a popular site for visitors.

Thanks to MCRC volunteers Dave Johnson, Hal and Lynda Muller, Ken Wilt, Garth Wheeler, Monica Sanders, Betty Sheffield, John Rider, Tommy Kennedy, Thom Taylor, Jerry May, Tom and Trudy Feigum for making this day-long event such a worthwhile venture. Donations from the day's efforts totaled \$710 to help MCRC pay for campaign collateral—yard signs, brochures, hats, t-shirts, banners, American flags, U.S. Constitutions, and so much more. Best part was greeting so many patriotic Americans!



***Thank you for joining the
Middlesex County Republican Committee!***

Your support makes our educational efforts possible. Your membership helps buy campaign and yard message signs, campaign hats, banners, t-shirts, lapel pins, tents, stationery, postage, website domain and presence, American flags, U.S. Constitutions and so much more.

Let's work together to **KEEP AMERICA GREAT!**

Annual membership is \$15 per single/\$25 per couple. Mail your check payable to MCRC and send to PO Box 396, Hartfield, VA 23071.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Election Day – Tuesday, November 5, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – VOTE!

MCRC Monthly Meeting – November 21, 2019

Cooks Corner Public Conference Room, 2693 General Puller Highway, Saluda
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.



Meet & Greet opportunity for U.S. Senate Candidate Gary Adkins

Saturday, November 9, 2019

4521 Free School Road, Gloucester, VA - 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy brisket and a bonfire on the shore of the Severn River



Veterans Day Ceremony & Observance

Monday, November 11, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

Middlesex County historic courthouse courtyard

Speaker: Capt. Pat Roane, USN (Ret)

Hospitality following, All Saints Anglican Church (across the street)



County Meetings

Board of Supervisors – First Tuesday of each month, 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: November BOS meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, 3:00 p.m.

School Board – Second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission – Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
(Historic Courthouse in Saluda unless otherwise noted)

Check county website for updates, committee, and Authority meetings
www.co.middlesex.va.us/

PARTING THOUGHT:

“The day will come when it will be recognized without doubt throughout the civilized world that the strangling of Bolshevism at birth would have been an untold blessing to the human race.”

– Winston Churchill

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