



**THURSDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM**

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Coming in May, our NCRC May meeting will be Thursday, May 16th and our Speakers for this meeting will include Mike Peroutka. He will be speaking about the state of the country today.

**“The constitution vs socialism.”**

More information soon! Plan on coming!

### **Message from the NCRC President:**

We had a very good turn-out at our April meeting where we had candidates for Congress, the Board of Education, and for Circuit Court Judge. The congressional candidate was Michele Talkington who is unopposed in the primary and running against Steny Hoyer, the perennial congressman for District 5. Michele is a fiery speaker and will represent District 5 well if elected. School Board Candidate from District 1, Hunter Voss said that only 1/3 of AA county students read at grade level and he wants to put more emphasis on basics rather than social issues. Two candidates for the District 3 school board spoke. Julia Laws also spoke about getting back to basics. Chuck Yocum spoke of his background as a teacher and innovator of many successful programs that he developed over his years with the school system.

Susan McConkey, the chairman of the AA County Republican Central committee, spoke about an app, available through the State GOP, that will allow people working the election to track voters and record results for analysis and better door knocking.

Names for those interested were requested so that the app could be downloaded to interested parties.

Our May speaker will be Michael Peroutka who will talk about our Constitution and how it is incompatible with socialism. The problem is that our Constitution is not self-enforcing. The people must be aware of what it does and doesn't give the government the power to do. Without an enlightened citizenry, we will be doomed to fall into socialism or something much worse. Also, Chris Hayes, a Crofton high school student, who we sponsored to attend CPAC back in March, will talk about his experiences.

I worked 2 days in late April preparing mail-in ballots for the scanner. I was technically called a Canvasser. We had 25 tables of 2 Canvassers each, one republican and one democrat. There were a few unaffiliated people who could represent either party. Our job was to open the ballot envelope, verify the presence of a signature, ensure that the ballot was not marked in the wrong spots, no stains to confuse the scanner, and that the voter's intention was clear. Over votes or undervotes were allowed and would be picked up by the scanner. My understanding was that overvotes cancelled the vote for that particular race. I was surprised at the number of people who did not vote for the school board or the judges. It should be everyone's civic responsibility to investigate the candidates and pick who they feel is the best one for the position, but to give up your vote and mail your ballot weeks before the election is unforgivable.

By the time you get this early voting will be over, so if you've not voted, you still have time to go to the candidate's web site, rallies, or speeches to pick the best one. We need to put in this work if we hope to retain a civil society.

The club has been busy planning our events. We plan to hold our yearly picnic at the Elks again this year on August 17th. More information will be forthcoming. Check out our [Facebook page](#) at North County Republican Club or web site at [www.northcountygop.com](http://www.northcountygop.com).

We have scheduled our first fundraiser in a long time. The proceeds will be used to fund our Republican candidates in the general election this fall. Our event is labeled "A Country Dance for our Country". It will be on Thursday, September 19 and, of course, will have a country theme. Since it is our only fundraiser, we urge all our friends and members to attend, if not to dance, to congregate with friends.

More details soon!

Carol Whittington