

## **Republican of the Month - February 2009**



Jeanne M. Kling, *Chair of the Northumberland County Republican Committee*

Jeannie was born near St. Louis, MO and grew up listening to family debates between her mother, a democrat, and her republican father. It made for interesting family reunions and holiday dinners. She married and had seven children, who kept her quite busy with little time for politics.

That changed when, as a single parent with four children at home, she moved to Northern Virginia in 1975 and went to work on Capitol Hill, joined the Fairfax County Republican Committee, and began a professional and volunteer political career.

Jeannie went to work as a congressional correspondent for Paul Trible and eventually became the Administrative Assistant for Rep. Ed Weber (R-OH) until his retirement. During this time she managed two campaigns for Congress. She then went to the Department of Agriculture as a legislative specialist and before her retirement from USDA in 1998 became Public Affairs director for the Rural Electrification Administration and later Legislative and Public Affairs Director for the Farm Credit Administration.

Before moving to the Northern Neck in 2002 Jeannie was a member of the Prince William County Republican Committee and served as chairman of the Coles Magisterial District. While living in Northern Virginia she held many volunteer positions in the Republican party, including Vice Chairman of the Arlington County Republican Committee, one of the organizers of Virginians for Reagan and campaign volunteer for Sen. George Allen, Ollie North, County Chairman Sean Connoughton, Rep. Tom Davis and Rep. Frank Wolf, among many others.

Jeannie and her husband, Bill Kling moved to the Northern Neck in 2002. They joined the Northumberland County Republican Committee in 2003 and Jeannie became Committee Treasurer in 2004. In 2007 she became Committee Chairman, a job she holds today. She belongs to the Mary Ball Washington Republican Women's Club. Her other volunteer activities include work in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and the Lancaster/Northumberland Interfaith Service Council.