

JRGC Membership Proposal 2026

Name: Lauren Streett Bates
1227 Rothesay Circle
Richmond, VA 23221

Proposer: Jo Cronly
Seconded: Lindsey Clark-Motley

Age: 46

Length of Residence in Richmond: 13 years

Education: Auburn University, Doctor of Pharmacy

Employment:

Present: Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Director, Field Medical Affairs

Past: Novo Nordisk, UCB Pharma, CVS Specialty Pharmacy

Volunteer Experience:

St. Christopher's School - classroom parent, Fall Festival, Book Nook; Richmond Ballet - Fundraising Gala volunteer; St. Catherine's School - Biennial Auction - Silent Auction Co-Chair; Tuckahoe Montessori School - Annual Auction Co-Chair; US Tennis Association - Junior Tennis Team Co -Captain

Interests and Skills:

Home Gardening ___x___ Horticulture _____ Conservation _____
Flower Arranging/Floral Design ___x___ Photography _____
Social Media/Marketing _____ Computer Skills/Web Design _____
Writing/Communications _____ Lobbying _____ Accounting _____
Finance _____ Development/Fundraising _____ Community Outreach _____

Family Members in JRGC: None

Previously Proposed: Yes

Proposer's Comments:

Lauren brings a wonderful blend of creativity, curiosity, and generosity that would make her an outstanding addition to the James River Garden Club. As a pharmacist, Lauren has a natural appreciation for the science behind the things she loves. She thoroughly enjoyed the Kokedama workshop in June, where she met and spent time with over 35 club members. What truly sets

Lauren apart, however, is her generosity. She delights in sharing her many talents with others: such as gifting her sourdough starter to friends and patiently spending hours teaching them the science of creating their own homemade loaves! Lauren also volunteers her time in the Saints community, the Richmond Ballet, and has recently taken up tennis. She is multi-talented, computer savvy, quietly intelligent and eager to engage in new opportunities. Lauren enjoys her home garden as well as the huge wildflower and vegetable gardens at their farm. She has a gift for building meaningful relationships, encouraging those around her, and contributing wherever she is needed. Lauren is the kind of person who enriches the lives of those blessed to call her a friend. She would be a natural fit within our club and would love to be a part of the JRGC family.