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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN
OUR CLUB WILL BE 30 YEARS OLD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**



FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Pinehurst Members Club

Monday, February 7, 2011

Valet Parking Available

Registration: 11:30 A.M. - Luncheon 12:00

Roast Pork Loin Normande

Spiced Smashed Sweet Potatoes Mousseline

Herb Roasted Vegetables Birthday Cake

\$ 16.00 Inclusive

To make a reservation, please email Kay Wildt at mkgw824@gmail.com
or telephone at 235-4654 no later than Wednesday, February 2

Please make luncheon checks payable to **Pinehurst LLC**

For cancellations after noon, Saturday, February 5, 2011 only send a check for \$16.00
payable to MRW to Gina Brown at 1855, N. May St., Southern Pines, 28387



FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Moore County Commissioner Nick Picerno, Chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, is the February speaker. Mr. Picerno is a Moore County native, and has served as a Commissioner since 2008 and Chairman in 2009. He will provide updates from the Board of Commissioners while addressing "**where we were, where we are, and where we are going**" with specifics in regard to other pending items including the detention center and the possibility of a utility sale to the Village of Pinehurst.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Pauli Curl, Membership/Roster Chair.....

The MRW Roster/Yearbook for 2011-2012 will be published in March 2011. Please check the 2010 Roster to verify that your information is current.

Many members have requested that emails be published in the Roster/Yearbook. Emails are to be used only for member communication. Please let me know if you choose NOT to have your email address published.

If your information is not current and/or you do NOT wish to have your email address published, contact Pauli Curl at paulicurl@nc.rr.com or 215-9796 as soon as possible.

Have you renewed your 2011 membership! Please renew as soon as possible but no later than February 1, 2011. If you have not renewed by February 1, your name will not be in the Roster/Yearbook. Please send your check for \$30. payable to MRW, c/o Gina Brown, 1855 N. May Street, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request. Looking forward to seeing you at the February 7 Luncheon Meeting. Pauli Curl, Membership/Roster Chair



Board Meeting Notes

No update as the Board did not meet last month.



It's the Soldier, not the reporter,
Who has given us the Freedom of the Press.

It's the Soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us the Freedom of Speech.

It's the Soldier, not the politicians,
That ensures our right to Life, Liberty
and the Pursuit of Happiness.....



A note from Pud Kent: Hi, Blanche. I just heard from Nancy Wennberg. The shoe boxes for the troops were for her. She sends a huge "THANK YOU" to all who participated. This year they will be going overseas again. They went to the wounded this past year. So please ask the members to save their shoe boxes and I'll get a list of items to you later. Nancy said they would start collecting the boxes in September.

The big "THANK YOU" is important. She is very proud of our members!!!! Pud

FROM LORRAINE TWEED, President

100 DAYS THAT WILL CHANGE NORTH CAROLINA

According to Representative Paul Stamm, a North Carolina Republican leader, the first 100 days of Republican Governance will:

1. See the passage of the Healthcare Freedom Protection Act exempting North Carolinians from the job-killing, liberty-restricting mandates of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obama Care).
2. Fight to protect jobs by keeping our Right to Work laws.
3. Reduce the regulatory burden on small business.
4. Fund education in the classroom, not the bureaucracy.
5. Eliminate the cap on charter schools.
6. Pass the Honest Election Act, requiring a valid photo ID to vote.
7. Pass the Eminent Domain constitutional amendment to protect private property rights.
8. End pay-to-play politics and restore honesty and integrity to state government.
9. End the years of overspending by Democrats which have given North Carolina the highest tax rates in the Southeast and a budget deficit of at least \$3 billion; they will balance the State budget without raising tax rates.
10. Reduce costs and regulation on business, large and small, so that they can create jobs and prosperity.

Let us diligently monitor the actions of the Legislators we helped elect to see that they keep their promises to us.

GET INVOLVED. HELP CONGRESS TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY.



Obama's Last Stand

A re-energized Republican Party is storming Washington following its election success armed with an ambitious agenda to stop and roll back President Obama's liberal agenda.

Make no mistake, Obama and the GOP are heading for a showdown in Washington with Republicans drawing battle against an unpopular president and Obama facing his last stand.

(Excerpted from Newsmax, January 14, 2011)



"Time and time again, Obama has asked Republicans to 'put politics aside' so that he could be as political as he wanted to be."

AMERICANISM by Nancy Roy Fiorillo

JUST DON'T YELL FIRE

We are all saddened by the tragedy that occurred in Tucson last weekend. A dedicated Congresswoman, attempting to connect with her constituents, was shot and critically wounded. In addition, six citizens, exercising their constitutional right to assemble, were killed; many others were wounded. Tragically, a nine-year-old girl, eager to learn about government, was one of the victims.

The immediate response by the County Sheriff was to blame free speech – specifically comments by Conservatives. Both parties have used the terms “target” and “cross hairs.” Both terms relate not to guns, but to tactics intended to inform voters and influence votes.

As John Hood of the John Locke Foundation recently noted, the attempt to “transfer responsibility from the person who shot Congresswoman Gibbons and others to people who talk on the radio,” is ridiculous. Though inflamed terms are often used by both political parties, words alone cannot be blamed for actions that are despicable.

I am reminded of a time when I was a single parent, working full time and teaching part time. A student from Ghana was desperate to find an American sponsor. He described a homeland where speech was curtailed and votes were gained by rousing citizens out of bed to assure they would vote for the correct candidate. My heart went out to that student but my responsibilities at the time were as much as I could handle.

In the United States, we still have the right to free speech. We hope that our comments will be civil and respect opposing views. As citizens, we can speak our minds, use terms that make sense to us, disagree with others including the current administration, but (unless there really is one) we can't yell fire in a crowded theater.



Will Dems Use Rampage Backlash in Bid to Kill Talk Radio?

Thursday, 13 Jan. 2011 By David A. Patten.....Even before the applause for President Barack Obama's homily on civility faded in Tucson, leading figures on the left appeared to be dusting off plans to use the tragedy to push for reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine in a bid to muzzle talk radio. "Free speech is as free speech does," Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., declared the day after the shooting. "You cannot yell 'fire' in a crowded theater and call it free speech. And some of what I hear, and is being called free speech, is worse than that."

Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., had expressed similar sentiments, complaining that the Federal Communications Commission simply is "not working anymore." "What I'd like to see is if we could all get together on both sides of the aisle, Democrats and Republicans, and really talk about what we can do to cool down the country." Slaughter told TheHil.com. "Part of that has to be what they're hearing over the airwaves."

Adding to the concern that some in Washington want to use the shooting rampage that left six dead to elevate civility and political correctness above freedom of speech: Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chaffee's announcement that he will boycott talk radio appearances and ban all state employees from commenting to talk radio hosts. Chaffee castigated talk radio as "more entertainment than journalism" and blamed it for the nation's caustic partisan squabbles over politics. Chaffee, a Republican who turned Independent, was forced to modify his directive on Tuesday after it was pointed out to him that his order would prevent emergency response officials and police from advising the public what they should do during weather situations, traffic blockages and other circumstances.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Linda Jarrett

OUR NATIONAL DEBT

Our National Debt is one of the largest and most threatening problems that the 112th Congress faces; and, we do, too.

We must take action to assure the cessation of the collective national denial of the danger its burgeoning size poses to our maintaining our daily way of life, and even our national security (China might win its war against us yet, if we do not act wisely in a timely manner).

In 2000, the debt was about \$3.3 Trillion; in 2008, before TARP, it was about \$5.2 Trillion; now it is \$14.3 TRILLION!!* If every one of us sold our houses, cars, and, every other belonging, we would just manage to eradicate it – BUT not stop its continued runaway-train type of growth.

In April, the ceiling – as legislated last year – will be reached yet again. The debate about whether to raise it currently rages. Dems threaten that the “lights will go off, the soldiers withdrawn from the battle fields”, our World status and reputation will be irreparably damaged, etc. (note: none of those dire predictions occurred in 1995, when the Federal Government ‘shut down’ for a total of 4 weeks). Even many Republicans state positions that they will not favor raising the ceiling without attendant spending cuts.

That is analogous to the head of a household planning on going into further debt by arranging for yet another credit card because all the current ones are ‘maxed out’, while supposedly planning to lower family spending by reducing the frequency of steak dinners and trips to the Mall from 6 times a week to 5 times a week.

My question is this: With 3 months until April to make appropriate cuts in spending, why is that not the goal? It seems to me that enough areas could be identified that would allow the responsible House committees enough “breathing room”(? 3 – 6 more months’ time) to identify further cuts, and, so on.

Speaking of proposed cuts, there is quite a list beginning to circulate, independent of Social Security, Medicare, and Defense (which are the Dems’ favorites because they upset, or scare, Voters.) MRW could certainly develop its own priorities in the near future, but that is separate subject, for now.

Taking definitive action, in the absence of automatically raising the debt ceiling would send a clear message to the World – and, more importantly, the American Voter -- that Congress is finally serious about real repair, rather than temporary patch work, of our out-of-control, ineffective, and positively disastrous spending spree.

We, the American Voter, have a vital responsibility to send the message of what we expect, and that we are watching. In November, we have already proven we are equal to the job of affecting real change in the playing field!

* FYI: another source put the National Debt at \$5.6 Trillion in 2000 @ \$5.6 Trillion and at \$9.4 Trillion in 2008. Everyone agrees upon the current level of \$14.3 Trillion.

LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE.....



Before the last election, the press was touting the death of the Conservative Moment and the Republican Party. In one year Obama put a stop to all of this with the Republicans to take back the House. Obama has completely exposed liberals and progressives for what they are. Obama has brought more Americans back to Conservatism than anyone since Reagan. In one year he rejuvenated the Conservative Movement and brought out to the streets millions of Freedom-Loving Americans.

God bless America, land that we love.....

ISSA FOCUSES ON OBAMA ACHIEVEMENTS WITH HOUSE INVESTIGATIONS

Rep. Darrell Issa, the House Republicans' new chief investigator, is expanding his oversight committee to focus on the heart of President Barack Obama's legislative achievements. The California Republican, who has called Obama's administration "corrupt", says he will hold hundreds of hearings as chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

He has created two subcommittees to scrutinize policies defining Obama's first two years in office: the \$814 billion economic stimulus plan and the bailouts of banks and automakers. A third panel will oversee Obama's healthcare overhaul.

Issa's decisions signal that, at least initially, he wants to focus on issues that helped Republicans regain the House majority in the Nov. 2 elections, said Mark Paoletta, a lawyer who helped run investigations for the House Energy and Commerce Committee when the party was last in control before 2007.

"These will be very fertile grounds to find waste, fraud and abuse", said Paoletta. "It will be a gold mine" that "goes to the heart of some of Obama's signature legislative issues."

Issa, 57, a six-term congressman who became a millionaire selling car alarms, already has dropped one partisan issue. He has said he doesn't plan to pursue allegations that the White House offered a job last year to then-Pennsylvania Rep. Joe Sestak, a Democrat, in an unsuccessful effort to keep him out of a Senate race. Issa last year requested a Federal Bureau of Investigation probe and referred to the matter as Obama's "Watergate".

Issa has announced that he will investigate a list of topics that include a government program for helping homeowners avoid foreclosures, the release of classified diplomatic cables to WikiLeaks and Food and Drug Administration recalls. He plans to look into the role of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the foreclosure crisis, the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission's failure to agree on origins of the economic meltdown and corruption in Afghanistan.

Asked about his allegation that Obama's administration is corrupt, Issa said on Fox News Jan. 5 that the president used trillions of dollars "to take care of pet projects and pet organizations," including bailout funds to General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC that the congressman said benefited labor unions.
(Excerpted from Newsmax, Thursday, 13 January 2011)



STEELE QUILTS RNC RE-ELECTION QUEST AFTER TRAILING IN 4 ROUNDS

(Reince Priebus, the winner and new RNC chairman)

Michael Steele surrendered in his quest to retain his post as chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC) after the fourth round of voting in which his second-place running was flagging, according to news reports. Four challengers argued that they would be better stewards of the party heading into the 2012 elections, when defeating President Barack Obama will be the GOP's primary objective.

Steele, who surprised even his closest aides by seeking re-election, came in second in the committee's first round of voting, getting 44 votes to 45 for Reince Priebus, the Wisconsin Republican Party Chairman. Candidates jockeyed in the ensuing rounds as 168 committee members voted, eighty-five votes being needed for victory.

The chairman's job includes serving as the leading spokesman promoting the party's agenda and countering that of Democrats, raising money to help Republicans win the next elections, and improving a get-out-the vote effort that critics say languished under Steele.

Most urgently, the new chairman must retire a RNC debt of nearly \$22 million, owed to vendors and banks, as well as lure back demoralized donors who have been so frustrated with Steele's management that they sent their dollars elsewhere or didn't open their wallets at all last year. The party had only about \$1 million cash on hand at year's end.
(Excerpted from Newsmax Wires, Friday, 14 Jan 2011)