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Mary Ann Manning, Editor

Moore County Schools Superintendent to Speak at Feb. 4 meeting



Dr. Aaron Spence, Superintendent of Schools for Moore County, is the speaker at the Moore Republican Women's February 4th luncheon.

One year ago, Dr. Spence assumed the role of Moore County Superintendent of Education. He came to Moore County from the Houston Independent School District where he was Chief High School Officer supervising over 200,000 students in 35 high schools. While he was Houston Superintendent, the drop-out rate decreased and the graduation rate increased to an historic high. Science and math test scores and the number of students participating in advanced courses also increased dramatically during his tenure.

Prior to his tenure in Houston, Dr. Spence worked in Virginia for the both Chesterfield County and Henrico County public schools. He also worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia. During his seven years as principal of Deep Run High School in Henrico County, he led the school from its opening to the distinction of being named one of America's Best High Schools by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Dr. Spence received the REB Award for Distinguished Educational Leadership and was selected as an Emerging Leader by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development – one of only 30 professional educators chosen to participate in the national cohort.

He is also very involved in the local community serving on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club, Moore County Chamber of Commerce, Moore County Partners in Progress, Moore County Public Education Foundation and the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series. Dr. Spence also enjoys coaching a girls' softball team for the Parks and Recreation Department.

February luncheon

All registered Republicans and their guests are welcome to attend the Moore Republican Women's Lunch on Feb. 4. Please note: this month, the lunch will be held in the **St. Andrews Room** at the **Pinehurst Country Club Resort**. Valet parking is available. Registration is at 11:30 with the luncheon to follow at noon.

To make reservations, please e-mail Joan Ward at paward@embarqmail.com or call 295-6544 no later than **Wednesday, Jan 30**. Cancellations: No later than noon on Saturday, February 2. Please note: if you do not cancel by the appropriate time you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.



Menu: Grilled chicken served over mixed greens, with dried cherries, toasted pecans, sliced pears, sliced pineapple, bleu cheese crumbles, served with white peach & maple vinaigrette; rolls and butter; key lime pine, coffee or tea.

Cost **\$17** inclusive. Please make checks payable to: **Pinehurst LLC**.

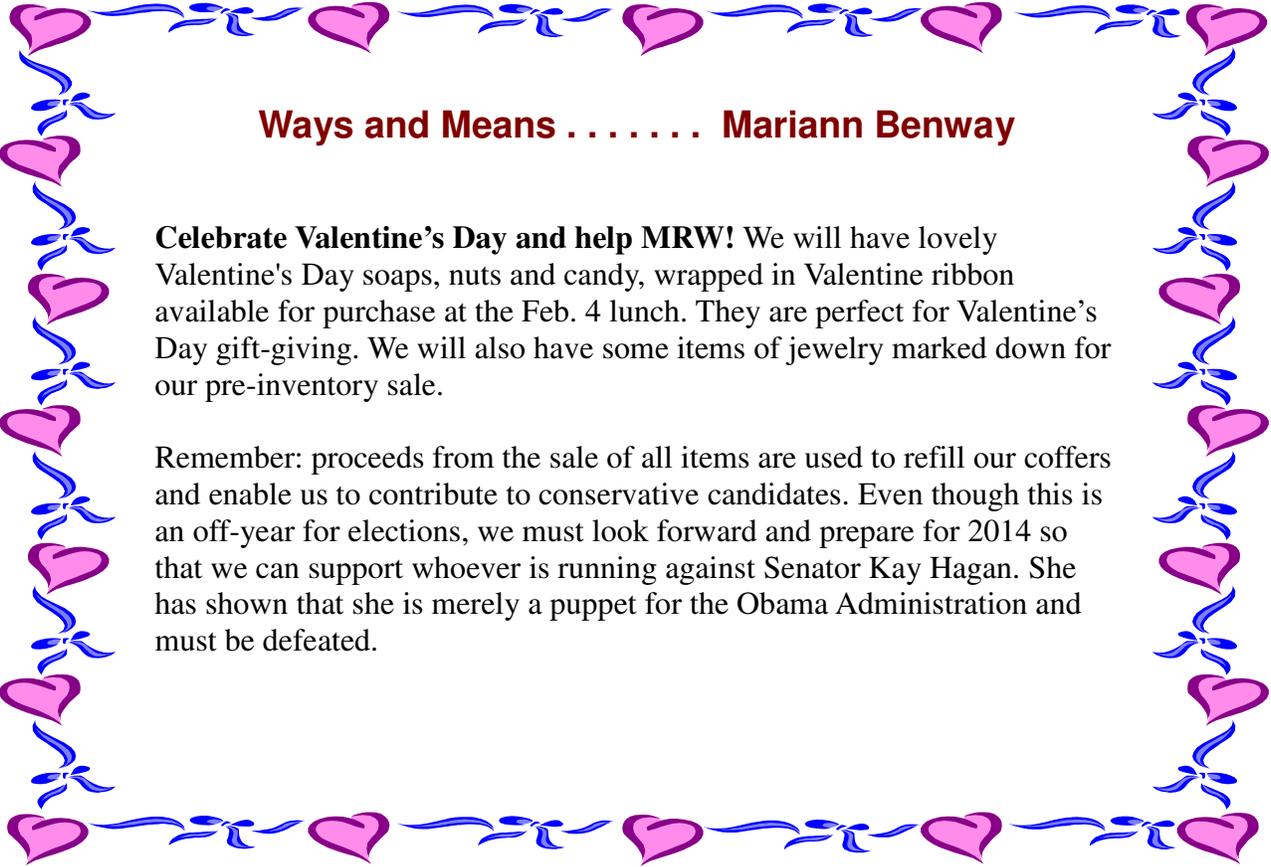
President's Message Lane Bergstrom

We have heard the saying "history repeats itself" and the following quote from antiquity sums up the current status of today: "Do not blame Caesar, blame the people of Rome who have so enthusiastically acclaimed and adored him and rejoiced in their loss of freedom and danced in his path and gave him triumphal processions. Blame the people who hail him when he speaks in the Forum of the 'new, wonderful, good society' which shall now be Rome's, interpreted to mean: more money, more ease, more security, more living fatly at the expense of the industrious." -- Marcus Tullius Cicero.

Could anything be more descriptive? We Republicans are aware of the meaning 'fiscal responsibility' and now we must prove that it is possible to do something constructive to put our country back on the path of fiscal solvency. We certainly want less debt, the Democrats want more debt. We seem to have public opinion on our side, with those who think we should have less debt.

Where are our leaders? It can't be accomplished without them backing up their position with action. We must deliver! Please be in touch with our legislators to give your opinion on the debt ceiling. We have a simple message: it is not about a debt ceiling ... it is about debt.

It has been said, "Republicans have to find a way to take the risk of leadership, stand up for the things they believe in, and be willing to suffer the consequences." **AMEN!!**



Ways and Means Mariann Benway

Celebrate Valentine's Day and help MRW! We will have lovely Valentine's Day soaps, nuts and candy, wrapped in Valentine ribbon available for purchase at the Feb. 4 lunch. They are perfect for Valentine's Day gift-giving. We will also have some items of jewelry marked down for our pre-inventory sale.

Remember: proceeds from the sale of all items are used to refill our coffers and enable us to contribute to conservative candidates. Even though this is an off-year for elections, we must look forward and prepare for 2014 so that we can support whoever is running against Senator Kay Hagan. She has shown that she is merely a puppet for the Obama Administration and must be defeated.

Legislative Report Linda Jarrett

It's a New Year, and we have political situations about which to be both optimistic and regretful. Both will require our vigilance and action.

Clearly, we should be very pleased that our efforts resulted in Republican control of both the Legislative and Executive branches of our North Carolina government! This is the first time Republican control has been in place in the both the N.C. Legislature and the Governor's Mansion since Reconstruction! This occurred in spite of the Democrats' best efforts, including holding their National Convention in Charlotte! In fact, we are the only swing state which the Dems sought that the Republicans won! *We worked hard, and it paid off!*

However, the National picture is not as encouraging ... despite retaining control of the House, we lost 2 seats in the Senate, as well as the Oval Office - much to the surprise of many "experts." Depending upon the future resolve of the House Leadership, this will translate into grid lock at best, and, at worst - further deterioration of our economy, even our personal rights.

Both situations demand close monitoring and appropriate action during the coming year, by vigilant, informed Patriots -- YOU.

In Raleigh, we must be sure that campaign promises are kept, and, in a timely fashion -- before the electioneering begins once again in 2014. In Washington, we must make sure that as much support and expectation of our GOP majority is brought home to our Representatives, especially in regard to the most important Legislation (and, the Benghazi debacle).

Your Board of Directors is currently involved in developing an Action Plan to present to members -- hopefully by the March Meeting.

Never has America needed the involvement of all its citizens more!!

Membership Corner. Kathleen McGillan

Welcome all new Members and Associates for 2013. We are very happy that you have joined us.

Pauli Curl	250 Frye Road	Pinehurst	28374	215-9796
Diane Ingold	400 Whippoorwill Lane	Pinebluff	28373	281-5471
Elizabeth Kelly	220 South Page St	Southern Pines	28387	725-0201
Cheryl Burris	1 Martin Way	Whispering Pines	28327	224-4802
Lorraine Schwerin	46 Royal County Down	Pinehurst	28374	420-1002
Joseph Kasko	2 Wee Burn Place	Pinehurst	28374	687-6400
Clement Munno	206 La Foret Lane	Aberdeen	28315	215-0703

As of this writing, MRW has 114 Members and 20 Associates which is about 88 members short of our 2013 goal. There is still time to join before the new Directory goes to print. Please make your \$30 check payable to MRW and mail to the **new MRW Treasurer: Dorinda McNamara**, 2 Scott Circle, Pinehurst, NC 28374. If you have questions about your membership please contact Dorinda at 295-3694 or at larkinmack@earthlink.net

If you know someone who hasn't renewed, please encourage them to do so! We want to keep our status as the largest club in the state!

If you have questions, please contact **our new Membership Chair, Mariann Benway** at 949-3856 or mariannbenway@me.com

Americanism Nancy Fiorello

"...It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds..." Samuel Adams

The following, which has been fact-checked, has been making the rounds over the internet. In light of this, it is vitally important to defend our Second Amendment rights.

You're sound asleep when you hear a thump outside your bedroom door. Half-awake, and nearly paralyzed with fear, you hear muffled whispers. At least two people have broken into your house and are moving your way. With your heart pumping, you reach down beside your bed and pick up your shotgun. You rack a shell into the chamber, then inch toward the door and open it...In the darkness, you make out two shadows. One holds something that looks like a crowbar. When the intruder brandishes it as if to strike, you raise the shotgun and fire. The blast knocks both thugs to the floor. But the next day's headline says it all: "Lovable Rogue Son Didn't Deserve to Die."

The story goes on to relate how the national and international media picks up the story and the surviving burglar becomes a folk hero and you become a lying, vengeful man who is critical of law enforcement. A few months later, you go to trial. The judge sentences you to die in prison.

THIS CASE REALLY HAPPENED. On August 22, 1999, Tony Martin of Emneth, Norfolk, England, killed one burglar and wounded a second. In April, 2000, he was convicted and sentenced to a life term; his sentence was eventually reduced to manslaughter and he served 3 years.

Yet how did this happen? It started with the Pistols Act of 1903, a seemingly reasonable law which forbade selling pistols to minors or felons and established that handgun sales were to be made only to those who had a license. The Firearms Act of 1920 expanded licensing to include not only handguns but all firearms except shotguns...Later laws passed in 1953 and 1967 outlawed the carrying of any weapon by private citizens and mandated the registration of all shotguns.

Momentum for total handgun confiscation began in earnest after the Hungerford mass shooting of 1987. Michael Ryan, a mentally disturbed man with a Kalashnikov rifle, killed 17 people. Nine years later, at Dunblane, Scotland, Thomas Hamilton used a semi-automatic weapon to murder 16 children and a teacher at a public school. For many years, the media had portrayed all gun owners as mentally unstable, or worse, criminals. Now the press had a real kook with which to beat up law-abiding gun owners.

A few months later, the Dunblane Inquiry sealed the fate of the few sidearms still owned by private citizens. During the years in which the British government incrementally took away most gun rights, the notion that a citizen had the right to armed self-defense came to be seen as vigilantism. Authorities refused to grant gun licenses to people who were threatened, claiming that self-defense was no longer considered a reason to own a gun.

When the Dunblane Inquiry ended, citizens who owned handguns were given three months to turn them over to local authorities. Being good British subjects, most people obeyed the law. The few who didn't were visited by police and threatened with ten-year prison sentences if they didn't comply. Police later bragged that they'd taken nearly 200,000 handguns from private citizens.

How did the authorities know who had handguns? The guns had been registered and licensed.

Does any of this sound familiar? We must protect our Second Amendment rights lest this scenario happen here in America.