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## Pat Corso to speak at March 4th meeting



Pat Corso, Executive Director of Moore County Partners in Progress, a public/private partnership promoting economic development in Moore County, will be the speaker at our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. He is also a franchisee/partner of Pinehurst Donuts, LLC, which owns the local five-county Dunkin Donuts franchise.

Pat came to the Pinehurst Resort in 1986 and was named President and CEO in 1987, a position he held for 17 years. During his tenure, the resort returned to prominence as one of the world's three great golf resorts. With Don Padgett Sr., Pat recruited major championship golf events including the 1999 US Open Championship. Pat also led ClubCorp's Resort Division which included the

Homestead in Hot Springs, VA.

Pat has served on the North Carolina Travel & Tourism Board and the North Carolina Economic Development Board, as well as the State Chamber of Commerce Boards in both North Carolina and New Hampshire. He also is Past Chairman of the American Hotel & Lodging Association Resort Committee.

Currently Pat is Vice President of the board of the Givens Library & Tufts Archives, Board member of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership, Advisory Board member for the Reeves School of Business at Methodist College and a member of the Moore County Land Use Planning Committee.

Pat was named one of 40 North Carolina Tourism Leaders of the 20th Century by Appalachian State University. He is a graduate of Ball State University and a member of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Mark your calendars for the **April 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon** to hear Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter.

### March 4<sup>th</sup> Luncheon



St. Andrew Room at Pinehurst Country Club Resort  
Registration 11:30 am Lunch 12 noon

#### Menu

Mushroom Stuffed Ravioli, Smoked Tomato and Shallot Fondue, Warm Frisee and Fennel Salad, Rolls & Butter, Rainbow Sherbet w/cookie straw, coffee or tea.

Cost \$17.00 inclusive. Checks payable at lunch to Pinehurst LLC.

We welcome all registered Republicans and their guests. To make reservations, please e-mail Joan Ward at [paward@embarqmail.com](mailto:paward@embarqmail.com) or call 295-6544 no later than February 27, 2013.

Cancellations are due no later than noon on Saturday, March 2, 2013. If you do not cancel by the appropriate time you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

## President's Message . . . . . Lane Bergstrom

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan reminded us: "*Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It has to be fought for and defended by each generation.*"

Are we as a nation following his lead? It appears that we are floundering in the very things that made our country strong, and people do not seem to care or to be aware! Our economy is at an all-time low, our dollar is being threatened, inflation is on the rise, taxes are steadily rising, the banking industry is out of control . . . . it goes on and on. With the country's liberal leadership it looks like there is nothing we can do.

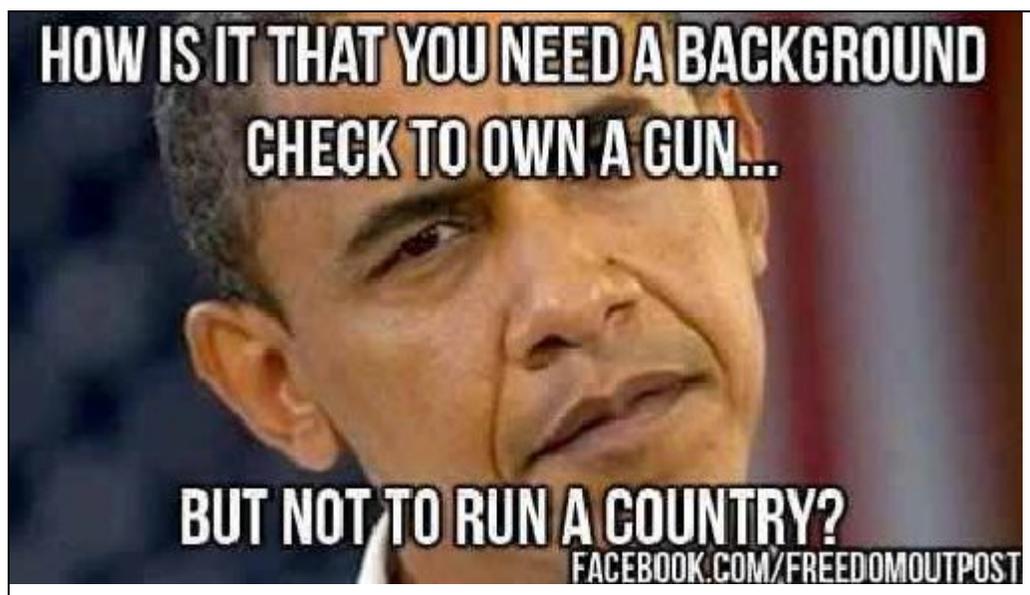
But, wait! Reagan said we must fight for our freedom – and we must! There are many reasons why we lost the 2012 election, and now, if we are truly serious about saving our freedom, we have to face the immediate problems and work in earnest to bring our party together to face the enemy.

We are preaching to the choir to point out the need to 'reach out' to minorities and young people who will be voters in the next election. The large number of voters with entitlements will certainly continue to grow as ObamaCare takes hold. Our mission is to first 'educate' ourselves, then go out to those who we should communicate with and show them how America can be the #1 world leader again!

Today American Heritage sent an email describing their 10-week online course from Hillsdale College, whose motto is "Pursue Truth and Defend Liberty." They say, "for over 100 years, Progressives (today's liberals) have made it a stated goal to transform education - especially higher education - in America into something hostile to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution."

We see it everywhere, every day. Hopefully some of you would like to learn about the course . . . it's a history lesson. Go to <https://online.hillsdale.edu/heritage/registration-reagan07> to see if the course will be of interest to you, and to send on to others. We can make a difference, but it will take time and effort, plus a long hard fight.

Republicans, let's work together for a new and stronger Republic!



## Membership Corner . . . . . Mariann Benway

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

Judy Havenstein	16 McMichael Dr.	Pinehurst	28374	420-2568
Patricia M. Taylor	625 Pinehurst Trace Dr.	Pinehurst	28374	295-3321
Marcy Soltis	520 St. Andrews Dr.	Pinehurst	28374	235-0533
Carol Wheeldon	50 Lake Forest Dr.	Pinehurst	28374	295-6628
Ann Gregory	170 Baker Circle	Seven Lakes	27376	673-1969
Louis Gregory (Assoc)	170 Baker Circle	Seven Lakes	27376	673-1969

MRW has 147 Members and 24 Associates, with 52 members who have yet to renew. If you know someone who hasn't renewed, please encourage them to do so! There is still time for them to join before the new directory goes to print. We want to keep our status as the largest club in the state!

Renewal checks for \$30, payable to MRW, may be mailed to the new MRW Treasurer: Dorinda McNamara, 2 Scott Lane, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

If you have questions, please contact Mariann Benway at 949-3856 or e-mail [mariannbenway@me.com](mailto:mariannbenway@me.com).

## Ways and Means . . . . . Mariann Benway

Thank you to Cheryl Burris, who has agreed to take over leadership of the Ways and Means Committee. I will be helping Cheryl for the next several months as she learns the ropes.

February sales were very good. We made over \$900 from sales of our "Right-wing Bling" at the NCFRW weekend in Wilmington. Additionally, at our February luncheon we netted \$222 from sales of soap and other items and \$72 from split-the-pot drawing.

## From the Editor . . . . . Mary Ann Manning

### The U.N. Shall Not Infringe

Between March 18 and 28, the United Nations will meet at its New York City headquarters. Among the issues to be considered is the Arms Trade Treaty which was discussed last July but wasn't finalized due to opposition from lawmakers, advocacy groups like the NRA and law-abiding citizens who support the 2nd Amendment to keep and bear arms — as well as fears that its passage would hurt Obama's chance at re-election.

Well, Obama's been re-elected, and the treaty is back under consideration. While it seems innocuous enough, couched under the humanitarian guise of keeping weapons out of the hands of terrorists, pirates and others of international ill-repute by banning and regulating the international trade of firearms, it represents a very real threat to our Second Amendment rights.

How? Among other things, the treaty would require registration of international gun purchases. This would mean that if you purchase a Beretta in the United States, you would be required to register your purchase not just within your state but **internationally** because Berettas are not manufactured in the United States. The same goes for Glock, Taurus and all other popular brands not made in the U.S.A. Do you really trust the leadership thugs from U.N. member states like Iran, Afghanistan and Cuba with your gun registration information?

Any treaty with the United Nations which includes gun control measures — no matter how well-meaning it sounds — will open the door for further controls and erosion of our Second Amendment rights. It could leave us defenseless against the very tyrants who are advocating the treaty should they decide to come for us.

We don't want our tyrant making laws for us. Do we really want to allow the world's other tyrants to do so also?

## A Leftist View of a Red North Carolina

The following, written by Jim Morrill, was taken directly from the Charlotte Observer's website on Feb. 21, 2013. It's a firsthand view of what we, as Republicans and Conservatives, are facing from the Liberal left.

RALEIGH -- With Republican Gov. Pat McCrory and other conservatives controlling state government, what's a North Carolina liberal to do? According to one group, they should:

- "Cripp(e) their leaders (McCrory, Tillis, Berger etc.)"
- "Eviscerate the leadership and weaken their ability to govern."
- "Pressure McCrory at every public event."
- "Slam him when he contradicts his promises."

Those were among the talking points and action steps in a memo forwarded by Blueprint North Carolina, a partnership of advocacy and policy groups based in Raleigh. The memo was emailed to groups last week with a warning: "It is CONFIDENTIAL to Blueprint, so please be careful – share with your boards and appropriate staff but not the whole world."

The Observer obtained a copy. Stephanie Bass forwarded the memo as communications director for Blueprint. She referred questions to the group's executive director, Sean Kosofsky.

"If you want to impact the effectiveness of a lawmaker ... one way to do that is to find out where they're weak and use that to your advantage," he said.

Among other things, the talking points memo said that "McCrory is extremely thin-skinned." It also mentioned House Speaker Thom Tillis of Cornelius and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger of Eden.

It recommends a "staff of video trackers that follow targets' every move (McCrory/Tillis) and also capture as much video of committee hearings as possible looking for opportunities to feed our overarching narrative (McCrory and the Legislature are out of control...)"

The memo included slides of progressives' arguments. There's some suggestion that they may have already had an effect.

When House Minority Leader Larry Hall of Durham gave his response to McCrory's State of the State address last week, he talked about how McCrory's plan for charter schools "lacks accountability and would allow out-of-state corporations to create online, for-profit virtual charter schools."

**Those remarks**, and ones about charters that followed, were identical to language in the memo forwarded by Blueprint. Hall said Thursday he's not sure where his language came from, that he researches a variety of sources. He said the memo may have taken the language from earlier speeches he gave on the subject.

Blueprint, funded in part by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. According to its web site, it is "strictly prohibited from participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office."

"All Blueprint activities will be strictly non-partisan," it says. "Blueprint activities will not be coordinated with any candidate, political party or other partisan entity."

Kosofsky said the talking points don't cross the line. He said the group, which acts as a "back office" to other nonprofits, isn't trying to influence an election. "Office holders, not office seekers," he said, "are fair game."

IRS spokesman Mark Hanson declined to comment on the specific case. But one Republican consultant said the memo doesn't help any hopes of bi-partisanship in a GOP-controlled legislature.

"The North Carolina Democratic Party's attempt to retake the legislature better start today," said Larry Shaheen of Charlotte. "Any hope they had of working together in the legislature just got dashed."