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AFP Director to Speak at May Luncheon



Dallas Woodhouse, State Director for Americans for Prosperity-NC (AFP), will be the speaker for the Moore Republican Women's luncheon on May 6. Since accepting the state director position in August 2007, Woodhouse has led the fight to ease the burden of big government. Previously, he was AFP's Communications and Legislative director.

Woodhouse holds a master's degree from NC State University and a bachelor's degree from Campbell University. Before his time at AFP – NC, he worked as a Raleigh television political journalist with NBC-17 and television stations WKFT and WLFL.

The May 6 luncheon will be held at Pinehurst Country Club Resort in the St. Andrews Room. For reservations, contact Kay Wildt at 235-4654 or email mkgw824@gmail.com. Reservation deadline: Wednesday, May 1. Cancellation deadline: noon, Saturday, May 4.

Cost: \$17 inclusive; checks payable at the luncheon to Pinehurst LLC. Registration begins at 11:30 with Luncheon at noon. Valet parking is available.



May Luncheon Menu

Chicken, Tuna and Pasta Salad Trio:

House-made Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad and Creamy Macaroni Salad served on a bed of Artisan Romaine Greens with Marinated Cucumbers, Sliced Red and Yellow Beefsteak Tomatoes and Pimento Stuffed Olives and assorted dressings.

Dessert: Fresh Lemon Cream Tart

Coffee or Tea

We welcome all registered Republicans and their guests.

Happy Memorial Day!

President's Message by Lane Bergstrom

With the past week behind us, the Boston tragedy is a reminder of the perilous times that we are living in our great country, and throughout the world today. All of us have memories of things better left unspoken, but there are some that should be told ... the following is an email that most have seen. Please read and give thanks for those who have spoken words that should forever be remembered.

When in England , at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of 'empire building' by George W. Bush. He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."

There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying, "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?"

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: "Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear-powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships. How many does France have?"

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. "You have been to France before, Monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready." The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible.. Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France!" The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then, he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to."

I am proud to be of this land -- AMERICA! I am proud to be an American!!

A Prayer for Every Day Submitted by Mary Wittpenn, Chaplain



Keep your heart free from hate,
Your mind free from worry,
Live simply, expecting little,
Give much, sing often,
Pray always,
Fill your life with love,
Scatter sunshine,
Forgetting self,
Think of others,
Do as you would be done by,
These are the tried links in contentment's golden chain.

Americanism By Nancy Fiorello

What Would Sequestration Look Like In Pinehurst?

It's always a challenge to observe the workings of the Federal government and try to imagine what might happen in a similar situation here in Moore County. If we were to model the sequestration dilemma, we would first need to overlook a few State laws - primarily the one that REQUIRES each municipality to produce a balanced budget by July 1 for the following fiscal year. All municipalities are held to the same standard. This is a good thing since it requires elected officials to act in a responsible manner and agree upon revenue projections, spending priorities and live within our means. Don't we wish this could happen in Washington?

Let's assume something unimaginable happened and the Pinehurst Village Council could not agree on a budget. And let's assume that I, as Mayor, had the power to declare sequestration (defined as a general cut in government spending). What would I do to prolong the sequester and why would I want to prolong it?

I might want to prolong the sequester if I wanted the electorate to take notice and suffer a bit. A most immediate form of suffering might be the suspension of garbage pick-up, followed by a cut in our Police and Fire departments. Sorry, your garbage will be piling up and the response time for public safety will now be fifteen minutes instead of five. Oh, sorry, your house just might burn to the ground in fifteen minutes but my aim is to make you suffer. I have no interest in being reasonable.

Following the garbage and public safety cuts, I might reduce our parks and recreation folks as well as our streets and grounds crews. Sorry, no more playing in the parks, no more walking on the greenways - it's positively unsafe without staff to maintain and supervise the parks and greenways.

Now let's assume I had a sincere interest in spending cuts that wouldn't jeopardize our health or public safety. In this case I might suspend travel and training plans until our budget could be reconciled. Next, I might consider bi-weekly recycling and yard waste pickup. I could delay capital projects or cut back maintenance in areas that would not affect the public's enjoyment of our amenities.

I hope you're recognizing the careful choices that could be made should we face these tough decisions locally. Though different in scope, these are the same decisions President Obama faces. He wants us to suffer a bit - close the White House to public tours at exactly the time when most field trips to Washington are planned; threaten to cut teachers; tell the traveling public that they will face longer lines due to cuts in TSA agents. Though none of these drastic cuts are necessary, they are the cuts the public will notice. Other, more sensible cuts are discounted since the public would never notice if the GAO conference budget was cut or eliminated, or if the President's lavish vacations were suspended.

If we would make sensible cuts locally, why is it that the Federal government cannot do the same?

Membership by Mariann Benway

The 2013 MRW Directories are ready for you to pick up at the luncheon on May 6. If you are unable to attend the May 6 luncheon, please ask one of your friends to pick up the Directory for you. Mailing them out is expensive!

If you are unable to come to the lunch and do not have anyone who can get the Directory for you, please call me at 949-3856 or e-mail me at mariannbenway@me.com and I'll get it to you.

At your Memorial Day festivities this year, please take a moment to remember those who fought and died for our great country!

Legislative Report By Linda Jarrett

Both Raleigh and Washington are currently bombarding us with legislative Issues that have major implications for our futures. I'll be sending "alerts" soon via e-blast so please watch your email.

During the next two weeks, please pay particular attention. There seems to be a strategy in place to pass these bills quickly, often without sufficient transparency for voters and/or without sufficient debate by the Committees and Legislatures involved.

One example is the Voter ID bill (H 589) currently working its way thru our NC Legislature. It has been quite clear that the Leadership has been protective of this bill, resisting any modifications to its content, which contains several provisions making fraud possible. These have been retained and there are no identifiable Federal Guidelines which justify them.

It appears in this case that North Carolina Speaker Thom Tillis and his immediate support team are not acting in the best interests of North Carolina and its people with this watered down bill.

Our electoral process is the one true 'voice of the people.' We all clearly recognize that this bill is only necessary at all because of the potential efforts to subvert this vital cornerstone of our Representative Republic. A weak bill, allowing corruption of the electoral process, defeats its basic purpose, and gives the general public a false sense of security.

You will be receiving another "Legislative Alert" prior to the final vote in the House on Wednesday.

Please set aside time now to contact your elected legislators now! You can reach them as follows:

- Speaker Thom Tillis: 919-733-3451 and email: Thom.Tillis@ncleg.net
- Congressman Jamie Boles: 919-733-5903 and email: Jamie.Boles@ncleg.net
- Senator Jerry Tillman: 919-733-5870 or Jerry.Tillman@ncleg.net.

