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NC Congresswoman Set to Speak in September



District 8 Representative Susan Martin will address the Moore Republican Women at the September 9 luncheon. A rising star in the North Carolina House of Representatives, Rep. Martin brings extensive experience in the private sector to her job serving the people of Wilson and Pitt counties.

She earned an MBA from the University of Richmond and worked for twelve years at IBM with clients as large as Philip Morris. Her work involved helping companies solve problems and become more competitive, including evaluating when technology investments can reduce costs, improve productivity, or increase sales.

Representative Martin has devoted much of the last several years to serving locally, particularly in the public school system where her two teenage daughters attend. She believes strongly that parents, teachers, and administrators should strive together as a team for the success of students.

In her first term, she has been appointed by the Speaker of the House to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, where she serves as Vice Chair. She also serves on the Regulatory Reform, Health and Human Services, Public Utilities, Education, Commerce and Job Development, Appropriations Subcommittee on Information Technology, Appropriations, and Agriculture subcommittees.



Lunch Menu

Sautéed Chicken Scaloppini Piccata
Seasoned vegetables and Orzo pasta,
Rolls and butter.
Dessert: Caramel Flan
Coffee or Tea

Cost is \$17 inclusive – make checks payable at the luncheon to **Pinehurst LLC**.

To make reservations, please e-mail Joan Ward at paward@embarqmail.com or call 295-6544 no later than **Wednesday, September 4, 2013**.

Cancellations: **No later than 12:00 noon, Saturday, September 7, 2013**. If you do not cancel by the appropriate time you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

MRW MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED REPUBLICANS.

THE SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON WILL BE A PERFECT TIME TO BRING A GUEST AS A PERSPECTIVE MEMBER!

President's Message Lane Bergstrom

Labor Day is right around the corner which means our luncheons will start again. Looking ahead we have outstanding speakers for the balance of this year. Please mark your calendars now for the fall schedule. You won't want to miss any of the future luncheons.

Last weekend was the NFRW – NCFRW Campaign Management School in Raleigh. Over 60 Republicans attended the 9 to 5 conference. Holly Robichaud, a dedicated party member from Boston, who has over 25 years of managing campaigns at the local, state and federal levels, truly impressed us with her teaching methods. Fifteen years ago, Holly started her own political consulting firm specializing in campaign strategy. Her efforts have received national recognition and she has been honored with a myriad of awards. It was evident to the audience that she certainly knows how and what to do to win!

A frequent lecturer on politics and campaigns, Holly is known as an effective public relations strategist, while being a forceful energetic individual. She talked about campaign fundamentals, with emphasis on get out the vote, strategy research, voter targeting and identification, direct mail, organizing events, fundraising, social media and paid media.

One quote that stood out was, *"Winning today requires creativity, uniqueness, quality strategic planning, and the ability to think beyond traditional boundaries."* With Holly's direction at the workshop, it is my hope that her efforts will be a successful guide for us in the upcoming coming 2014 election.

Americanism Nancy Fiorillo

Cleaning up North Carolina one step at a time....

When I moved to North Carolina in 1984, we had a Republican Governor. James Martin was only the second Republican Governor since Reconstruction (Governor James Holshouser being the first) and the only Republican Governor to serve two terms. I was then a political neophyte but was eagerly learning about North Carolina politics. I enjoyed meeting Governor Martin on several occasions.

As his second term became apparent, the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center was born. As a Community Planner with the NC Department of Commerce, I interacted with the Center, its employees and once even applied for a planning position. On many occasions, I heard that the "Rural Center" was the Democratic Cabinet in exile. For years I wondered why the leaders at the Center, led by Billy Ray Hall, never came out of exile to again serve in Democratic Cabinets.

Recent reports about alleged mismanagement at the Rural Center gave me my answer. The center received millions of dollars each year for its mission to improve the lives of rural North Carolinians. From 2009 until the present year, the Center received \$25 million annually! Most funds went for infrastructure improvements tied to the number of jobs created.

Creating jobs in the rural areas of our state is indeed an important mission. However, it is now alleged that the Center gave preference for grants to its Board Members and their affiliated agencies, and seldom met the job creation targets attached to the funding. Indeed, many organizations, with connections to Board Members, received additional funds after failing to create even a small portion of the jobs required.

Our State legislature has recently cut off all funds to the Center and its director has resigned. There is an ongoing debate about his estimated \$250,000 severance payment! These discoveries of largess and cronyism in State government may only be the tip of the iceberg as our legislators examine many ongoing programs and assess their effectiveness. I applaud their efforts to take a firm stand and cut waste wherever it's found.

After all these years I realize that exile may have been just a little too cushy and return to the real world just a little too difficult.

Membership Mariann Benway

The Annual MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE is coming up soon! October 1, 2013 is the renewal date; however, if you'd like to submit your check at the September meeting, please make sure it is dated **OCTOBER 1, 2013 and payable to MRW.**

Several members still have not picked up their 2013 MRW directories. They will be available at the Sept. 9 meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call Mariann Benway at 949-3856 to make arrangements to have your directory delivered.

Happy Labor Day, Sept. 2, 2013!

What do you know about the history of Labor Day? Here's what the U.S. Department of Labor's records show about the origin of the holiday:

There is some doubt as to who first proposed the Labor Day holiday for workers. Some records show it was *Peter J. McGuire*, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. Recent research supports the theory that *Matthew Maguire*, a machinist, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

The first Labor Day holiday celebration was held on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

The first governmental recognition of Labor Day came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. The first state bill to establish Labor Day was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887.

On June 28, 1894 Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.



Legislative Report Linda Jarrett

When is enough actually enough?

Regarding the ongoing issue of potential impeachment, Barack Obama has committed more violations against the Constitution and the basic system gifted to us by the Founding Fathers than any other President in history.

Examples include:

- Ignoring Congress' role;
- Ignoring High Court decisions;
- Changing implementation definitions of Federal Law (Obamacare, Defense of Marriage Act, various Immigration Laws, etc.);
- Using Government Agencies to implement laws defeated in Congress (EPA for 'Cap & Trade', etc);
- Using Government Agencies to persecute political opposition (IRS versus Conservative groups, DOJ versus certain reporters, etc.);
- Lying to the American people repeatedly ("phony scandals," Benghazi cover-up," "recession is over,")
- the list goes on and on.

When **is** enough finally enough for the Washington GOP to take action? At the very least, Speaker Boehner and Senator McConnell should be on Fox, Hannity, &/or Rush regularly, identifying the latest Obama lie. Mr. Boehner's email newsletter is not enough.

Just look at the contrast with Nixon and Clinton. As bad as their impeachable actions were, they were not attacking and destroying the basic fabric of our Representative Republic!

By the Way: **WE** are part of the problem ... **and**, potentially part of the solution as well. **YOU** and **I** need to be in regular contact with the leadership in both the Senate and House, making our voices heard. Our leaders clearly need to hear our expectations and our **support** for specific actions on their part to stop this madness.

Your chance to make a difference is coming! Watch for the upcoming "Legislative Alert."

Scarborough: Racist Claims about Voter ID Laws "Outrageous:

From a Newsmax report: Former Florida Rep. Joe Scarborough said Monday it was "outrageous" to suggest that voter photo identification laws are racist, claiming the issue has been covered in a "one-sided way" by the media.

"If you believe that somebody should have a photo ID to prove they are who they are, that somehow this governor of North Carolina is racist, or everybody in the state of Texas is racist—it's outrageous," Scarborough said, referring to efforts in those two states to imposed tougher voter ID laws. "This has been covered in such a one-sided way."

"You read the New York Times, and you read these other media outlets that, again, make politicians in North Carolina and Texas sound racist for just saying, 'Hey, you're going to need a picture ID to prove you are who you are,'" the conservative Republican said on his MSNBC "Morning Joe" program.

The MSNBC commentator was responding to Justice Department challenges in Texas, North Carolina, and other GOP-controlled states where new voter ID laws have been put in place that would require a state-issued photo ID and would also restrict voting hours and in some instances polling places. Scarborough suggested that some of the reports on how the restrictions would impact black and minority voters unfairly are blown way out of proportion. He added that he sees nothing wrong with photo ID laws because they only ask for confirmation of someone's identity, just as if they were renting a video or getting a prescription filled.