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NC DENR SECRETARY TO SPEAK IN OCTOBER



John E. Skvarla, III, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, will speak to members at the Oct. 7 meeting. Governor McCrory named Skvarla to his post in Dec. 2012, as part of his new Cabinet and administration.

Skvarla comes to the DENR after a successful career in business. He most recently served as CEO for Restoration Systems, an environmental mitigation firm based in Raleigh that helps improve and restore wetlands and waterways. Skvarla, an attorney, is a founding partner of the Raleigh-based Skvarla, Wyrick and Robbins law firm, where he specialized in corporate and tax matters, as well as public and private capital formations.

Mark your calendars for the November 4 meeting when Thom Tillis, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives will speak.

OCTOBER LUNCH

Monday, Oct. 7 at noon
Pinehurst Members Club
Registration begins at 11:30
Valet Parking is available

Menu

Pinehurst Quiche with Broccoli, Zucchini, Country Ham and Swiss Cheese
and Farm Fresh Eggs in a Flaky Pie Crust
House Salad and Choice of Dressing
Rolls and Butter
Dessert: North Carolina Peach Crumble
Coffee or Tea



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

All registered Republicans and their guests are welcome. To make reservations, please e-mail Joan Ward at paward@embarqmail.com or call 295-6544 no later than **Wednesday, October 2, 2013**.

Cancellations are due **no later than noon, Saturday, October 5, 2013**. If you do not cancel by the appropriate time you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE..... LANE BERGSTROM

Our concerns as a country are growing by the day. With Obama's "step forward, step back" attitude it appears that we are being used by the Russians. They have the upper hand, and are looking much stronger than our country to the rest of the world. Vladimir Putin certainly knows how to play his hand in global politics. It remains to be seen just what will happen in the near future. Hopefully the looming problem in Syria will improve and our prayers will be answered.

Have you looked at our website recently? A new item has been added, and is a big plus for our club. On the HOME page you will find a link on the right sidebar - Espanol. Our newsletter is now transcribed into Spanish, via a service that Google makes available at no charge. As we approach the coming election year, it should help us encourage others to become aware and take an interest in conservative issues. www.mrwnc.org.

The NFRW 37th Biennial Convention was held September 19-22, in Louisville, KY. During the four-day event, which was a large national gathering of Republicans, 1072 registrants, including three MRW members, participated in a series of leadership training seminars in the areas of outreach, community, campaigns, fundraising, and message development taught by nationally recognized experts. We heard from Republican leaders, elected officials and other notable guests, including US Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), former Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC), Republican National Committee Co-Chair Sharon Day, and noted author and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza's address was a crowd pleaser. The social highlight was the opening reception at Churchill Downs, Fourth Floor, Millionaires Row to view several races, enjoy the Mint Juleps, and a buffet dinner. A special surprise at the end of the day delighted the attendees when NFRW was announced the sponsor of the last race. The convention was a complete success!



A SAD COMMENTARY ON OUR STATUS UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATION

AMERICANISM NANCY FIORILLO

I've been thinking about the 31 states who weigh students at the beginning of the school year, then send letters to the parents of students considered obese. How embarrassing! And unnecessary!

Can you imagine a "husky" youngster on the scale with the "lean and mean" student standing in line? I don't think the parents are learning anything new about their child!

Many kids are chunky in their early years and slim down as they grow in height. What purpose is served by announcing to parents, "your child is fat!" I think parents already know their child is a little overweight but does our government need to tell them? Don't the parents have the ultimate responsibility and couldn't they, themselves, choose to consult with a health care provider if they think there is a problem?

I was having dinner with my daughter and family months ago when we discussed the government plan to "outlaw" the Happy Meal. As a family who eats healthy food at home the vast majority of the time, my grandson chirped in, "but how do they know the kids who are overweight (we do not use the term obese) are the ones eating Happy Meals?" Good point from a 7 year old!

We don't know what happens behind closed doors. And we should not.



MEMBERSHIP MARIANN BENWAY

October is here and it's time to renew your membership! Please bring your checks in the amount of \$30, payable to MRW to me at the Membership Table at the October lunch.

If you are not planning to attend the October lunch, please mail your membership renewal to our treasurer, Dorinda McNamara, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Also, it is VERY important to let me know if your address, phone number or e-mail has changed, so that our database is kept current. Please contact me at 949-3856 or email mbenway@me.com.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE LINDA JARRETT

This September and October mark a potential turning point for America, as Congress faces a series of critical issues.

The "Continuing Resolution" for short-term financing of governmental functions is already in process as we go to press. It is more important than usual because it contains de-funding of Obamacare and cuts to spending. Even more notable is that Speaker Boehner has stiffened his prior stance in approving the former inclusion, and - very correctly (& smartly) - has pointed out several times that the GOP does not want to "shut down" the government. That role, in fact, remains with the President and the Democrats. De-funding and delaying Obamacare in its entirety can be accomplished without that final step.

Given that the Unions, and several Democrats, have joined in pointing out that this law is a "train wreck" makes the delay an outside possibility despite Senator Reid's and Obama's claims to the contrary. As a side note, please remember that even if the negotiation struggle extends to a "shut down", all "essential functions" continue (including mailing of Social Security checks, payment of the military, etc.) We will need to support and encourage House Leadership to "stand firm".

Next on the Agenda will be the issue of whether to raise the Debt Ceiling. It should be noted that the deadline was already moved from this past Spring because of the effects of the "Sequester"; this emphasizes a definite beneficial effect of cutting spending. It is to be hoped (& encouraged!) the House will require another 2.5% cut across-the-board - as a minimum - to be included in the "deal" that is sure to be made.

The last of the "Fall Trifecta" is the so-called Immigration Reform Bill - S 744. This proposed legislation is a looming disaster and only the House refusing to allow it on their floor will derail it. Last Spring, it was intended that the House substitute up to five of its own bills to deal with various portions of this huge problem. Since then, there have been differing reports of progress made - or not made. It is critical that we join in calling for this task to be completed. The alternative is currently S 744 -- a hugely destructive force to the intent and outcome of the citizenship process in general, to the spread-out nature of the distribution system of government programs (concentrating tremendous power in the "10 Community Organizations"), and, to our all important two-party system.

Your 'voice' will be an important contribution during this remarkable period of our history; you have before you an opportunity to ensure a better tomorrow for your grandchildren. Make room on your calendar in the next four to six weeks! You will be receiving "E-blasts" at various points-in-time, i.e., when it's indicated as most effective. They will contain some 'talking points' from which to choose and the contact information for the most influential Representatives and Senators.

Get Ready!

IN CASE YOU MISSED THESE N.C. HEADLINES

American Laws for American Citizens: American Laws for American Citizens is now state law without Gov. Pat McCrory's signature. Ours is the seventh state to have such a law, which prohibits state judges from considering Sharia (Islamic) law when deciding family law cases. Gov. McCrory, allowed the bill to become law without his signature, stating in an Associated Press interview, "I didn't think it was worth the time to pass, nor do I think it's worth the time to have someone come back and vote on it again."

Welfare Drug Testing: Gov. McCrory signed into law a bill that would require drug testing for welfare recipients, but he will not enact the law because the amount legislators set aside to implement the drug-testing, \$145,000, is not enough to carry it out. The NC Health and Human Services Agency said it requires an additional \$300,000 to make computer changes, not including expenses incurred by all 100 counties. The law does not take effect until next year.