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TILLIS TO SPEAK AT NOVEMBER MEETING



Thom Tillis, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, will address MRW members at the next meeting, set for Monday, Nov. 4 at the Pinehurst Members Club.

Tillis had a long career in technology and management consulting, first as a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and later as a partner at IBM Global Business Services. Tillis was first elected to the NC House of Representatives in 2006 and re-elected through 2012. At the end of his freshman term in 2008, he was elected the House Republican Whip, and in 2010 he was instrumental in helping Republicans win a majority in the NC House for the first time in over a decade. Elected Speaker of the House in January 2011 and again in 2013, he is only the second Republican in North Carolina history to serve as House Speaker. Recognized for promoting a business-friendly environment, Tillis' bipartisan leadership produced two balanced budgets with no tax increases and over \$1.5 billion in tax cuts.

Luncheon registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with the lunch to be served at noon. Valet parking is available.

This month's menu is:

Slow Roasted Loin of Pork served with
Apple Jack Cream and Orchard Chutney
Sweet and Russet Potato Hash,
Roasted Asparagus and Carrots
Rolls & Butter, Coffee or Tea
Dessert: Lemon Cream Tart

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

We welcome all Republicans and their guests. To make reservations, please e-mail Joan Ward at paward@embarqmail.com or call 295-6544 no later than Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

Cancellations must be received no later than 12:00 noon, Saturday, November 2, 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

MRW is a proud club, and we are now celebrating 32 years as a member of the National Federation of Republican Women. As our history continues, we will work with difficult odds toward the 2014 national Congressional election. All of our energy and strength will be necessary to elect conservative candidates in our state and be of help to those in contested states where the left is becoming more liberal. Republicans must stand together ... we must elect individuals who will govern in Congress as they are sent to do. This may be the most critical election of our time for the Grand Old Party!

MRW To Elect New Officers In November

At the November meeting, MRW will elect new officers to serve for a two-year term beginning in January, 2014. At the October meeting, the nominating committee, comprising members Patt Boatman, Nancy Fiorillo, Joan Thurman, Lorraine Tweed and Carol Wheeldon, advanced a slate of five people to serve: Joan Thurman, president; Linda Jarrett, first vice-president; Meg Lindenberger, second vice-president; Joan Ward, recording secretary; Dorinda McNamara, treasurer. Two additional nominations were made from the floor: Kay Wildt, president; Mariann Benway, first vice-president.

Because there are two nominees for the positions of president and first vice-president, members will cast written ballots for those positions at the November meeting. We asked each candidate to outline their background and qualifications and to tell us why they are seeking an MRW office and their goals for the club. Here's what they had to say. Candidates' comments are listed alphabetically by office nomination.

Joan Thurman, Candidate for President

Education: Attended Oregon State College.

Personal/Professional: Resident of Pinehurst since 1995. Raised in a military family; married an Air Force officer who devoted 35 years to his country. My experience as a military child and military spouse offered me many opportunities to develop my own organizational and managerial style. Chaired numerous committees and served as advisor to many boards.

MRW Experience/Offices Held:

Member since 1999

President, 2001 -2005; Advisor – 2006-2007; Parliamentarian – 2008-2009; Bylaws -2010-2013

Participant in almost every activity the club offers. Served as Campaign Chair, Bylaws Chair, Public Relations, Luncheon, Parliamentarian, and Newsletter Editor for two years

Ways and Means Special Fund-raising project committee member

Served NCFRW as Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian for 6 years; Special Committees chair for two years

Honorary NCFRW member and NCFRW "Tribute to Women" award winner

Other Community Activities:

Pinehurst Civic Group officer for six years including one year as President and five as an Advisor, Chair of Government, Infrastructure Committees and Special Projects

Elected to Pinehurst Village Council in 2007; Mayor Pro-Tem for two years

Vice Chair of NC 6th and 2nd Districts

Received the DAR'S Excellence in Community Service Award

Precinct Chair for Pinehurst B-2 for many years

Longstanding member of the Moore County Executive Committee

Why are you seeking this position?

I believe I have the knowledge, experience and commitment to lead MRW.

What would you like to see the club accomplish under your leadership?

Gain membership; inspire action on the part of the members; achieve greater involvement of the membership in local, state and national political activity.

What do you see as the biggest obstacles the Republicans face and how can we, as a group, help to overcome those obstacles?

The GOP must work TOGETHER and we, MRW, should lead the way.

KAY WILDT, CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Education: Mount Mary College and Northwestern University

Professional: University of Southern California, Los Angeles - 2 years Grant Manager

California State Dept. of Education in Washington, D.C. Office: Lobbyist for 7 years meeting and advising members of Congress and Federal Agencies on the impact of legislation to schools in California. Obtained federal grant money for targeted programs.

Self-Employed: 14 years planning events DC, Maryland and Virginia

MRW Experience/Offices Held:

Member since 2009

MRW Luncheon Chair, 2011; 1st Vice President (Programs), 2012-13

Outreach Committee Chair, 2013

NCFRW Regent (Silver level), 2013

Attended NCFRW Campaign Management School training in August 2013

Attended NCFRW conferences in Greenville, Durham, Wrightsville Beach and Raleigh

Attended GOP State Convention in Greensboro and District 2 GOP conventions

Organized MRW Outreach projects including gift baskets to the O'Neal School and Pope John Paul II School; MMIA Hike-to-Help and Golf Outing; care packages to soldiers

Participated in North Moore Family Resource Center Advisory Group Pottery Crawl; St. Patrick's Day and Fourth of July parades and Holly Fair

Created Christmas wreaths for Festival of Trees/Sandhills Children's Center

Other Community Activities:

Volunteered for 2012 GOP Election Activities

Pinehurst B-2 Precinct Secretary Moore County GOP, 2011-13

Moore County Republican Men's Club Associate Member

Helped Mariann Benway to bring ACORN Whistleblower Anita Moncrief to Pinehurst

Active in my church and church choir member

Former Chairperson of the Pastoral Council for a 2,800-family congregation in Vienna, Va.

USO volunteer

Red Cross volunteer

Concealed Carry Permit Holder

Why are you seeking this position?

I am deeply concerned with the direction our country has taken. MRW needs energetic leadership, and I am committed to strengthening and making our club's activities the model for others in North Carolina. I promise to work with the same passion and dedication serving our club as my son does serving our great nation in the Army.

What would you like to see the club accomplish under your leadership?

I want MRW to accomplish the following:

- To be more visible locally and that our members be more engaged and influential at both the county and state levels
- To focus on member information and for more members to participate in NCFRW's educational programs
- To grow our club due to its reputation for integrity and inclusiveness

What do you see as the biggest obstacles the Republicans face and how can we, as a group, help to overcome those obstacles?

Communication is the Republican's biggest obstacle. Our Republican principles are the foundation of our country. Our challenge is to inform and to share our ideas at the local and state levels by our actions working through the NCFRW and the party.

MARIANN BENWAY, CANDIDATE FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Education: Certified Court Reporter, Alvin Community College in TX, 1985

Professional: Self-employed court reporter for 19 years in Cape Cod, MA.

Personal: two children, Betsy and Rob, and husband, Ken.

MRW Experience/Offices Held:

Member since 2010

Current Second Vice President; Ways and Means Committee Chair since 2010; Membership Committee Chair since Dec. 2012

Outreach Committee member

NCFRW Regent since 2011

MRW Activities/Experience:

Most of the money we were able to donate to candidates in 2010 and 2012 was earned through Ways & Means activities. My goal has always been to stoke the MRW coffers and thereby enable the club to donate to conservative candidates.

Developed the MRW "Republican Soap"

Sell "right wing bling" and split-the-pot tickets at all MRW lunches; sell jewelry and gift items at NCFRW conventions, MCGOP convention, and the Pinehurst Arts & Crafts Holly Fair in 2010, 2011, and 2012.

2012 GOP headquarters volunteer. Ordered and sold "Romney-Ryan" buttons and bumper stickers which generated nearly \$800.

Assist Club Treasurer in State Board of Elections reporting by depositing Ways and Means proceeds and creating spreadsheets with the required SBoE information.

Maintain membership records, track renewals, process new members and create the MRW directory.

Participated in sponsored events including the Military Missions in Action Hike 2 Help

Design the second MRW-sponsored wreath for the Sandhills Children's Center Festival of Trees.

Other Community Activities:

Brought ACORN Whistleblower Anita Moncrief to Pinehurst

Organized Second Amendment rallies in Moore County

Why are you seeking this office?

I am seeking this office to bring new leadership to MRW, especially in this all-important 2014 election year. I look forward to creating new strategies for getting out the vote and communicating our conservative message.

What would you like to see the club accomplish under your leadership? My goal would be to advance the Moore Republic Women objectives, as stated in our by-laws, especially to promote an informed public through political education and activity.

What do you see as the biggest obstacles the Republicans face and how can we, as a group, help to overcome those obstacles? I think the biggest obstacle to GOP victory is the inability to communicate what we believe in and overcoming the "rich white people" label with which the Democrats and media have labeled us.

LINDA JARRETT, CANDIDATE FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Education: Graduated from Albany Medical Center School of Nursing

Professional: Registered Nurse for 35 years; 30 years experience in Nursing and General Administration; Member, Bartholomew County CHP (Indiana; '73 & '74); County, and Regional HSA (NYS, 1976-92); various State-wide committees, representing NYSHFA, a health care trade association, (1975 – 2000); Board of Directors of Hospice Association in Ulster & Dutchess Counties, New York; Board of Directors P.P., New York (1975 - 1980)

MRW Activities/Experience

Member since 2000

Membership Committee Chair, 2002; Second Vice President, Membership 2003-2009;

Legislative Affairs Chair, 2009-present; Outreach Committee member, 2006-2007

Regularly assist at annual Parades, Galas' set-up, Holly Arts Fairs, etc.

Other Community Activities

MCGOP Vice-Chair 2011-'12; Credentials Committee, 2002, 2004, 2006; Audit Committee 2008

Attend Executive Committee Meetings, 2001 – present;

Attend County and NCGOP Conventions, 2001 - present

Precinct Worker (poll coverage each election, door-to-door 2010 - 2012)

Chair, MCGOP Minorities & Outreach Committee, 2009 - 2010

MCGOP Fundraiser Committee, 2009; Chair, 2011; MCGOP Rally/Fundraiser Committee, 2012

Get Out TheVote Co-administrator, 2010, Co-chair, 2012

NCGOP Executive Committee, 2011-2012; Member-at-Large, 2013-14

Second District Executive Committee, 2011-2012, Member-at-Large, 2013

Moore TEA Experience

One of four co-founders, April, 2009; attend monthly meetings regularly

Legislative Affairs Chair, 2009-10; Board of Directors/Planner's Group Member, 2009-10; Member, Legislation Focus Group

Why are you seeking this position?

It is critical that MRW focus upon building its strength and effectiveness by incorporating all Conservative/Republican viewpoints thus recruiting the greatest potential membership, plus forming strong coalitions and networking with all groups with shared goals for our Country -- in preparation for the predictably historic/pivotal 2014 elections, playing a role appropriate for the largest Republican women's group in North Carolina. The MRW Board of Directors will need to provide the coordination and leadership necessary. Further, the programs and speakers presented will serve as an important educational and motivational resource for all members.

What do you see as the biggest obstacles the Republicans face and how can we, as a group, help to overcome those obstacles?

While several large obstacles exist which prevent GOP successes, especially at the national level, in my opinion, the two greatest are the "low information voter," and the tendency of Conservatives/Republicans to focus upon their own independent rationality, losing sight of their basically shared goals and objectives, consequently descending into criticisms of each other -- rather than presenting a negotiated "united front" against Liberals/Progressives. MRW can make a proactive contribution by functioning as an example of the latter, while encouraging it at the national level, and can 'chip away' at the former via educational and "outreach" activities. MRW's position in both the North Carolina and National Federation of Republican Women provides a ready-made and extensive network which is a unique and decided advantage, serving as a potential multiplier of our efforts, thus making accomplishment of both objectives more likely.

MEG LINDENBERGER, CANDIDATE FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Education: Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Syracuse University.

Professional: IBM Senior Technical Sales Consultant for the State Farm Team, specializing in Mainframe Software such as DB2, IMS and CICS. Retired in 2010 after 25 years.

MRW Activities/Experience:

Calling Tree

Photographer for the MRW website gallery

Other Community Activities:

College Club, publicity chair, two years. Write articles and takes pictures to submit to the Pilot on behalf of the College Club.

Member of the Duke Cancer Institute Board of Advisors. As a breast cancer survivor and as someone who recently lost two friends to cancer, I am passionate about supporting research to find a cure for cancer.

Why are you seeking this position?

Membership chair needs someone like me who is good with computer tasks and who will contact members about their membership dues.

What would you like to see the club accomplish under your leadership?

I am new so I will support the MRW leadership team with their ideas. I would like to see MRW recruit younger members and minorities. Example: I am Chinese. Our 35 year old daughter is a strong Republican. USA should lead from the front not from the back. Europeans told us this week while we are in Europe that USA lacks strong decisive leadership.

What do you see as the biggest obstacles the Republicans face and how can we, as a group, help to overcome those obstacles?

Younger generation tends to be more liberal; Huge national debt; I am in Spain, Portugal and Italy this week and I fear our country is going downhill with huge deficit and loss of respect from other major countries.

DORINDA MCNAMARA, CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Education: Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Cornell University, master's degree in mathematics from Boston College.

Professional: High School math teacher, three years. Spent 35 years designing, programming and managing the development of computer systems in the oil and insurance industries. These systems were commercial systems which involved order entry, billing, receivables, general ledger and financial reporting.

MRW Activities/Experience:

Treasurer since 2012

Automated checkbook with Quicken; interface online with the bank for statements, etc.

Utilized the State Board of Election Computer system for meeting MRW Board of Elections Reporting Requirements.

Other Community Activities:

Treasurer for a group at my church.

Why are you seeking this position?

I am trying to support the Republican Party by being an active member in MRW.

JOAN WARD, CANDIDATE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY:

Education: Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education

Professional: Teacher in Baltimore County School System for 11 years

Self-employed in the restaurant business for four years

U.S. Department of Justice for 17 years

MRW Activities/Experience:

Volunteer Coordinator, one year. Responsible for collecting and recording volunteer hours.

Lunch and Reservations Coordinator, three years.

Why are you seeking this position?

I hate politics but realize the worst thing we can do is NOTHING!