



MRW News

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Judges, 2nd District Chair Headline March Meeting

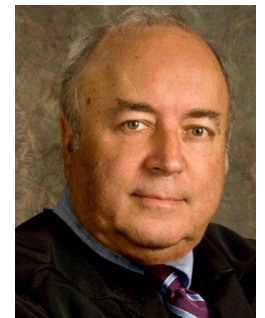
Three N.C. judicial candidates and the chairwoman of 2nd District will address the Moore Republican Women on March 3 at the Pinehurst Members Club. Registration begins at 11:30 with the meeting following at noon.



Joyce Cotten, 2nd District chair since 2012, will give an overview of the district including who the officials and officers are and what their duties entail. She will also discuss the District's goals and objectives. Cotten spent 31 years as a Business Education Teacher, specializing in Computer Applications. A Republican for 38 years, she has served in many leadership capacities with the NCGOP since 1969 and was inducted into NCGOP Hall of Fame in 2009.

Judge Robert N. Hunter has served on the North Carolina Court of Appeals since 2009. Prior to that time, he was in private practice and was an adjunct professor in the law degree programs at Wake Forest University, Elon University and N.C. Central University.

A native of Greensboro, Judge Hunter earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.



Judge Bill Southern has served as District Court Judge for Stokes and Surry counties since 2008. In this capacity, he hears countless criminal and domestic cases each year, many involving families, children, and the elderly. Prior to his election, he was an Assistant District Attorney for Stokes and Surry counties. A native of Walnut Cove, N.C., he resides in King. He received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his law degree from Texas Southern University School of Law.

Judge Donna Stroud was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 2006. In this position, she has worked to make the appellate process more efficient by eliminating an excessive backlog of cases. She was in private practice for 16 years and served as a District Court Judge in Wake County. She was certified as a Superior Court mediator and District Court arbitrator. Born and raised in Kinston, North Carolina, Judge Stroud earned her undergraduate and law degrees at Campbell University and a master's degree in judicial studies at Duke University School of Law. She is an adjunct professor at the Campbell University School of Law and has also taught continuing judicial education classes through the UNC School of Government.



March Lunch Menu:

March's lunch menu is lemon chicken with mushroom orzo pasta, carrots and asparagus and buttered rolls, Tarheel pie (chocolate pecan pie), coffee or tea.

Cost is \$17 and payable at the luncheon. Please make checks payable to Pinehurst LLC.

Lunch registration begins at 11:30; the meeting begins at noon. Reservations are required and may be made via email to [Dawn Wehrum](mailto:Dawn.Wehrum@mooregopwomen@gmail.com) at Mooregopwomen@gmail.com or by phone at 910-823-6881 no later than Wednesday, Feb. 26. Cancellations are due by noon on Saturday March, 1 or you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

March Member Spotlight - Donna Bartrip



This month, we spotlight [Donna Bartrip](#), MRW Assistant Membership Chairman. Donna was born and raised in Waverly New York, a small town on the Pennsylvania border. After Donna married her husband, Don, they moved to Wellesley, Mass. where Don worked for Gillette Corporation. Another move took the couple west to California where Donna opted for some excitement. She graduated from the Police Academy in 1972 and served as a police officer for four years. Although both fun and scary, Donna loved the job. Her most memorable experience was a 25 mile car chase with speeds that reached 90 miles per hour. The drug offender she was chasing was caught and all ended well. She feels her small stature made her ill-suited for the job for the long term but will never forget her great adventure in law enforcement.

Donna and Don have been Pinehurst residents for 18 years. Donna has been an MRW member for over eight years serving on the reservations committee, chairing the calling tree and assisting with new members. Donna loves to walk her dog, Casey, enjoys embroidery and is a proud 9-year member of Weight Watchers where she reached her weight loss goal.

When asked to finish this sentence, "The best thing that could happen to our Country is..." she replied, "for the Republicans to win the Senate and keep the House in 2014!"

If you have a suggestion for a member spotlight, please contact Nancy Fiorillo at nancyroy1@earthlink.net.

Americanism.by Nancy Fiorillo

At election time I'm often asked, "who are the conservative judges?" I'm sure you, as MRW members, are asked that question as well. North Carolina is one of only 13 states to elect judges in non-partisan elections. In 2011, efforts to change our election process to enable voters to know whether judicial candidates were Liberal or Conservative failed.

Liberals claim that trying to infuse partisan information into electing judges isn't healthy. Conservatives counterclaim that judges could certainly still run unaffiliated but the party label gives voters at least a modicum of information upon which to base their decisions.

Partisan elections for judges were established in 1868, but the general assembly moved to nonpartisan elections-for superior court judges in 1996, for district court judges in 2001 and for appellate court judges in 2002. Did these decisions occur while Democrats were in power? I think so.

Is it time to move to partisan elections for judges in North Carolina? I think so.

President's Report by Kay Wildt

Can North Carolina keep the improvements made over the last year by Governor McCrory and the Republican-controlled Legislature? That outcome may hinge on judicial elections in November when voters go to the polls. Voters will elect four of the seven judges of the NC Supreme Court, a Court that has as much, or more, power than Governor McCrory and all 170 state legislators. At the moment, conservatives have a tenuous 4-3 majority on the NC Supreme Court, so we need to work together to ensure that we maintain or increase that margin.

North Carolinians prefer conservative judges, who will support our liberties, protected by our State and Federal Constitutions, and who will not legislate from the bench. Since our judicial elections are non-partisan, and voters cannot easily know who will best represent their conservative viewpoint, our task is to educate ourselves, our friends, and other voters on who those conservative judges are.

Important legal cases are making their way to the NC Supreme Court, such as challenges to the state election laws, education lawsuits, and political redistricting maps. While we will elect another Republican to the US Senate, we must also be concerned about the NC judicial races especially at the NC Supreme Court level.

Book Drive Underway

MRW is conducting a book drive for North Moore Family Resource Center in Robbins. The goal is to collect at least 80 books, enough to give one book to each Robbins Elementary School fifth grader.

Lorraine Tweed first brought the North Moore Family Resource Center to our attention last May when we sponsored their Pottery Crawl fundraiser. In January, MRW Outreach Committee members visited the Center in Robbins to learn how we could work with very young children there through the National Federation of Republican Women's Literacy Program. However, test data for Robbins 5th graders showed alarmingly low test scores and the project focus changed. Robbins Elementary ranks 1208 out of 1302 North Carolina elementary schools compared to Pinehurst Elementary which ranks 48.

Participation in the book drive is voluntary and donations are tax deductible because individual MRW members are donating to the NMFRC, a 501(c)(3) charity.

How to Participate in the MRW Book Drive:

- Bring a book to the Outreach Table at our March or April meeting. Bookplates in honor or memory of a loved one will be available at the table. A list of recommended books appears under the literacy link on the MRW website: www.mrwnc.org.
- If you would prefer to donate money to the project instead of a book, **please make checks payable to NMFRC** and either bring them to the Outreach Table at the meeting or send them directly to our treasurer, Dorinda McNamara, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.
- If you have questions, contact [Kay Wildt](mailto:Kay.Wildt@mrwnc.org) at 235-4654 or [Pam Venet](mailto:Pam.Venet@mrwnc.org) at 949-2470.

Reagan Day Dinner A Success

Congratulations to the Moore County GOP and Chairman [John Rowerdink](#), MRW Associate, for hosting a very successful Ronald Reagan Day Dinner on Feb. 6. NC GOP Chair Claude Pope addressed the group, followed by Lt. Gov. Dan Forest who presented a fast-paced video on North Carolina's technology, business climate and education. Dr. Tim Daughtry, author of "Waking the Sleeping Giant," capped the evening with a moving speech.

MRW's \$500 contribution to the dinner included two free tickets which were given to two Union Pines High School ROTC students. Each student also received Dr. Daughtry's book.

Thanks to our members and associates who made the event so successful: [Donna Bartrip](#), [Lydia Boesch](#), [Bill Cochrane](#), [John Jarrett](#), [Linda Jarrett](#), [Joe Kasko](#), [Nancy Kasko](#), [Bro Park](#), [Dee Park](#), "Do" [Shaver](#), [Bob Tweed](#), [Carol Wheeldon](#), [Kay Wildt](#). Thanks also to Harold Mendelson, Eli Schilling and Donna Tanner for their help.

Legislative Update Peggy Smetana

WHY SHOULD REPUBLICANS CARE IF THE IRS AXES 501(C)(4) GRASSROOTS GROUPS?

Because in Hitler's Germany ... "first they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew, so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Catholics ... When they came for me ... there was no one left to speak out." (Martin Niemoller)

Because the IRS Proposed Regulations are an assault to free speech. Because the unions and big business will run all the political ads they chose, but conservative grassroots non-profit groups will not be able to hold a candidate's forum or mention a candidate's name. Because the IRS will not enforce the proposed regulations against Democrat organizations.

Most 501(c)(4)s were formed to engage in citizen education. The IRS has proposed regulations to eliminate their basic activities such as candidate forums, voter registration, voter guides and candidate comparison pages. They would not allow mention of a candidate's name within 60 days of a general election.

Go to <http://www.protect4freespeech.com/> to learn more. Click on the video to hear GOP super lawyer Cleta Mitchell (who has recently testified before the House on the IRS targeting scandal). Don't let the leftist IRS get by with these proposed regulations. Please call your Senators and Representatives to stop this assault on the First Amendment. Submit comments to the IRS at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=IRS-2013-0038-0001> by Feb. 27. Don't wait until the last day. Remember that government websites sometimes have "glitches!"

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT - You are invited to give your input to the Moore County Board of Education as they search for a new superintendent to replace Dr. Aaron Spence, who has resigned at the end of the school year. To weigh in, go to [Superintendent's Search Survey - English](#) and complete the online survey. Alternatively, paper copies of the survey are available at the Moore County Schools central office in Carthage. All results and comments are anonymous.

DON'T LET THE NAME FOOL YOU - WEEB AM990 has aired an ad for Americans for a Conservative Direction supporting "Republican immigration reform."

Do not be fooled. Americans for Conservative Directions is a creation of liberal Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook CEO and advocate for immigration reform. It's a cleverly worded psychological trick that praises Republicans for proposing immigration reform and based on this, encourages other Republicans to also support said reforms.

However, only the House Republican leaders supported immigration reforms at their recent retreat. The ads don't mention that four of five GOP representatives opposed their leaders' ideas of immigration reform. Beware of psychological tricks and the tendency to accept what others tell you that Conservative Republicans agree upon. YOU are the Republican Party. You get to decide the Republican position.

Ways and Means Mariann Benway

Ways and Means earned \$213 from the sale of jewelry and the club netted \$81 from split the pot at the February meeting. Thank you to all members who participated in these fundraisers.

The Ways and Means Committee can take special orders. If you have a request, please contact [Diane Ingold](#), [Andrea Moore](#) or [Mariann Benway](#) for assistance.

Personals

[Norma Sullins](#), has been a volunteer tutor for several years at Robbins Elementary, and she tells us that the children are engaging but in serious need of help. Norma is pleased that we are helping the 5th graders with our book project.

[Mariann Benway's](#) son, Rob, and his wife, Gena welcomed son Clayton Alexander Heber on Feb. 7 at Ft. Shafter, Hi. His joins brother Cannon August Heber, age 2.

[Sarah Wolf](#) welcomes a new grandson, Justin Burke Wolf.

Condolences to [Pauli Curl](#) on the death of her granddaughter.

If you have personal news to share in the MRW newsletter, please send it to Mary Ann Manning, newsletter editor, at mrmanning@centurylink.net.

Magazines Wanted

Looking for a way to recycle your magazines? [Sandi Carl](#) collects magazines for the Fill the Footlocker campaign to give to veterans through the Military Missions in Action program and at the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville.

If you have recent magazines (within six months) to donate, please bring them to the March meeting and place them in the designated container. All types of magazines are needed and appreciated.

2014 MRW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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1 st VP Programs	Mariann Benway
2 nd VP Membership	Meg Lindenberger
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Editor's Note. . . . Mary Ann Manning

The news media does a great job of turning Hollywood gossip into news while relegating legitimate stories that have national and international impact to the back burner. It's up to us to sort through the hype and keep the focus on what's important.

Ambassador Christopher Stevens, Glen Doherty, Sean Smith and Tyrone S. Woods were left to defend themselves to the death in Benghazi well over a year ago. While these four men engaged in a life-ending battle, our president skipped his daily intel briefing in lieu of a campaign trip and our secretary of state watched but did nothing. Obama's administration blamed it all on an obscure low-budget Islamic satire film. Just last week, Obama voiced a new version of the story: it's nothing more than another crisis manufactured in the newsroom at FoxNews.

It's well past time to end the D.C. blame game and bring both the attackers and those who sat by and did nothing to justice.

Let us remember these brave men who gave their lives for our country. In so doing, keep the pressure on our elected legislators to investigate and prosecute those responsible.