



MRW News

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County and State Candidates Featured at April Luncheon

Candidates for local and federal offices who are seeking the Republican nod in the May primary will be in the spotlight at the Moore Republican Women's April 7 meeting. We have invited the following candidates to speak:

- **Louis Gregory** and **Otis Ritter**, candidates for Moore County Commissioner:
- **Susan Hicks** and **Doyle Markham**, candidates for Moore County Clerk of Courts:
- **Ted Alexander, Alex Bradshaw, Greg Brannon, Heather Grant, Mark Harris, Edward Kryn, James Snyder, Thom Tillis**, candidates for the United States Senate seat currently held by Democrat Kay Hagan.

April's lunch menu is Mediterranean Cobb Salad of Romaine lettuce, roasted turkey, roasted garlic and tabbouleh, cherry tomatoes, green onion, chopped egg, pita croutons and roasted red pepper vinaigrette; fresh lemon cream tart and iced tea or coffee. 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** at Mooregopwomen@gmail.com or by phone at 910-823-6881 no later than Wednesday, April 2. Cancellations are due by noon on Saturday April 5 or you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

Americanism Nancy Fiorillo

Benjamin Franklin said there were only two things certain in life: death and taxes. Most of us agree that certain services - police and fire protection, child welfare, public education, well trained armed forces and many more - are "public goods" and benefit us all. But how much we pay for these services and many others is the subject of much debate.

Every year the Tax Foundation calculates how many days it takes the average American to pay their taxes. Tax Freedom Day marks the date our obligation for local, state and federal taxes is paid and we become "tax free."

The Tax Foundation suggests that Tax Freedom Day differs in each State. Most Americans will work 107 days, until April 17, to pay required taxes. Louisiana and Mississippi residents are tax free by April 1 while in Wyoming and Illinois, states with higher taxes, Tax Freedom Day doesn't arrive until April 23. New York and New Jersey workers aren't through working for Uncle Sam until May 1 while Connecticut residents are the biggest losers, working until May 5 to satisfy tax obligations.

Ben Franklin would likely stand by his statement about death and taxes but might be a little shocked by the expansion of a government that takes 29% of an individual's income.

President's Message Kay Wildt

Quoting from Lao Tzu, "*Loving someone deeply gives you courage.*" We love our Country, and that gives us the courage we need from now to November 4 to step out of our normal routines and fight to save our nation. If this election is lost, our Country may be beyond rescue. If we fail to win the Senate, the current Administration will continue to devastate not only our economy, but also our military preparedness and our freedoms.

In just over one month, the May 6 primary will determine our Republican candidate to face Kay Hagan in the Senatorial race, and no matter who wins the primary, MRW will go all out to support the chosen candidate. It will be the same for the 2nd Congressional seat in the US House of Representatives, whether the primary winner is Frank Roche or Renee Ellmers.

As we direct our efforts to the May 6 primary and then on to November 4, we are relying on Claude Pope, Chair of the NCGOP, and the Republican National Committee to lead us. Per a press release asking for help, the NCGOP and RNC announced:

"Boots on the Ground," a statewide grassroots program that will go toe-to-toe with the Obama political machine and carry Republicans to victory in November and beyond.

Boots on the Ground focuses on neighbor-to-neighbor, personalized relationships and utilizes state of the art mobile technology to identify, inform, persuade and turnout voters. But we need your help! In order to build the strongest get-out-the-vote network in our state's history, we need a committed army of volunteers and activists who will help lead the effort in their precincts.

North Carolina's Senate race will be close, and every single voter we get to the polls increases our odds of taking back the majority in the U.S. Senate.

Don't forget to sign up and help us keep North Carolina red in November! Visit www.ncboots.com for more information."

The next few months may be the tipping point for our state and our nation. Give us your best efforts; join "Boots on the Ground;" defeat the party that has vowed to continue its corrupt agenda. Elect people with the courage to follow our Constitution!

"We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail." President George W. Bush

Military Outreach Sandi Carl

MRW is collecting toiletries, snacks and other comfort items to be shipped to our troops through the Fill the Footlocker Program. Items collected are packaged and sent to our active-duty soldiers in combat zones who spend weeks or months away from home. This project is sponsored by Military Missions in Action, a local charity that supports our veterans and active duty soldiers.

If you have items to donate, please bring them to the meeting on April 7 and place them in the Fill the Footlocker box. A list of requested items appears on the last page of this month's newsletter. Also, if you wish to include a card or letter of appreciation, it will be welcomed by our soldiers!

The magazine collection for the veterans hospital in Fayetteville has been temporarily suspended due to a flu epidemic. It will resume soon.

Legislative Update Peggy Smetana

The Legislative Committee continues to encourage MRW members to contact their legislators regarding on-going items of concern such as Benghazi, the IRS targeting of 501c4 organizations, federal government overspending, growth of federal bureaucracy, Obamacare, weakening of the military, etc. **For legislative contact information, visit <http://www.mrwnc.org/legislative.html>.**

At the April meeting, you will find information on how to word phone calls and postcards on the tables. Packets with highlighted issues, legislator contact information, blank postcards, preprinted labels, and instructions will also be available. Please take a moment to read the information and take home postcards, labels and information sheets to use when contacting the representatives.

Tell Senators Burr and Hagan to vote for the Enforce the Law Act: The Senate advanced the Enforce the Law Act, H.R. 4138, sponsored by Rep. Trey Gowdy, on March 12. This bill allows the House or the Senate to sue the Executive Branch for failing to enforce current laws. Please contact Senator Richard Burr and Senator Kay Hagan and tell them advance the bill to the Senate floor and approve it. The Legislative Branch must not allow the Executive Branch to pick and choose which laws to enforce. To access Rep. Gowdy's floor speech on the Enforce the Law Act, click on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw0AsBanu-o>.

Approve the Keystone XL Oil Pipeline: America needs energy from reliable friendly sources and America needs jobs. To that end, ask our U.S. Senators and Representatives to pressure the Administration to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

The Keystone XL oil pipeline will allow Canadian-produced oil to be shipped to refineries in the United States. Secretary of State John Kerry said he is approaching the decision on the Keystone Pipeline with an open mind, taking into account economic, environmental and security concerns. However, Kerry, a long-time environmental advocate, may be looking at the issue through the narrow focus of an environmentalist.

Contact your Senators and Representative to pressure the Administration to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline and help to ensure that we have an oil supply to carry us for many years to come.

Member Spotlight Nancy Fiorillo



Imagine how many lives **Pam Venet** has touched during her 37-year teaching career! From kindergarten to middle school to college - from Germany to Maryland and Florida - Pam taught reading and study skills. She is particularly proud to have brought the lessons of the Holocaust to middle school children in Ohio.

Pam and her husband, George, moved frequently during their working career. George served in the Air Force, which took them around the globe, and later worked for CSX railroad, which took them to several locations in the continental United States. They found their way permanently to Whispering Pines six years ago, having visited here for golf outings for 35 years.

As a retired teacher, Pam favors school choice for parents and encourages children to develop good study habits at an early age. Pam is leading MRW's literacy efforts in North Moore County and is excited about how our Club can reinforce the importance of reading.

The Venets have a daughter and two grandchildren. Thank you, Pam, for all your good work on behalf of MRW.

From the Literacy Desk Pam Venet

April is the final month for our book drive through the Northern Moore Family Resource Center (NMFRC) to benefit fifth-grade students at Robbins Elementary School. Our goal is to provide a book for each child to take home. To date, we have collected 57 of the 80 books needed and over \$600 in monetary donations.

If you haven't donated your book, please bring it to the April meeting where Literacy Committee Members **Ruth Fromm** and **Chris Mancuso** will have a table to collect them. If you wish to donate money, make checks payable to Northern Moore Family Resource Center. For suggestions for age-appropriate books, check out the MRW website.

On March 20, MRW President **Kay Wildt** and I met with Robbins Elementary School principal Judy Heffner, and fifth-grade teachers, Kristin Lowe and Rachel Ray to discuss the MRW Literacy Project. We shared our goal of giving each child a book to take home as part of a joint project with Clare Ruggles at the NMFRC and outlined the process we used to select the fifth-grade students as recipients. The educators reviewed a sample of the donated books and the recommended book list I developed from suggestions of the National Federation of Republican Women and other conservative groups. Even the Superman comic books received their approval.

We'll deliver the books during the first week in May and celebrate with an ice cream social. Drawing on my years of experience as a teacher and reading specialist, I'll develop a culminating summer project for the fifth-grade recipients. At the beginning of next school year at Elise Middle School, I'll collect the projects from the now sixth graders and evaluate them. We will also host a celebration for those who completed the summer project.

Because of your generosity, we have resources to do another project with the upcoming fifth-grade students to reach 160 children in all. Watch for more information next month! Thank you again for your generous donations!

Media Initiative Launched to Counter Leftist Message

Leaders of Young Republicans, the Republican Men's Club, Moore TEA Citizens, and MRW formed a Patriot Writers committee to promote the conservative viewpoint in our local media, to educate, to counter the leftist message, and to set the record straight.

The committee will interview county charities and tape 4-minute spots at WEEB-990 radio station. WEEB will broadcast them in prime time. Each segment will include this statement: "Sponsored by Moore Republican Women, the Moore County Republican Men, Young Republicans, and Moore TEA Citizens." The initial interview on the First Tee program is taped. MRW recommended the Northern Moore Family Resource Center to be the second charity featured.

The current Administration is bombarding us with horrors. Some say we are past the tipping point and this November's election may be our only chance to stop the juggernaut. Please join us in this fight by writing a letter or opinion piece to the Pilot newspaper. While letters need to be factual, take off the kid gloves and fight back - hard. Challenge and agitate. Give readers our viewpoint. The Left uses emotions rather than facts, and we can appeal in a similar way: facts and emotions. Our future and our loved ones' futures are in jeopardy.

The left-leaning Pilot does limit the number of letters from the same person, so we want a cadre of members who will submit pieces. MRW member **Mary Ann Manning**, mrmanning@centurylink.net, volunteered her services as an editor and will review copy on request. The Pilot requires letters to be 300 words or less (shorter is preferred), of public interest and free of name-calling and libelous language. To submit a letter, go to: <http://www.thepilot.com>, and follow the instructions there. All letters must bear the writer's name, address, and phone number.

If you are already a writer to the Pilot, thank you. If not, please work with us; Mary Ann will help you. Topics are your choice but write about what makes you passionate!

Membership Meg Lindenberger

The annual membership drive has ended and member directories are completed. Members may pick up their directories at the membership table at the April meeting.

Welcome to our new members and associates:

Diane Authement	Mia Bibey
Beverly Bizzell	Angela Boles
Becky Smith Carlson	Miriam Chu
Carol Collins	Deborah DeLong
Diane Dupree	Sandra Gibbons
Fran Hurley	Darleen Marchetti
Bobbie (Stella) McDonald	Nora Moran
Linda Parke	Maura Riva
Linda Robson	Elaine Schwartz
Nancy See	Ann Beth Simmons
Mary Ann Smith	Debra Spelman
Joyce Tickle	

Associate Members:

Tom Beddow	Steve Bibey
Neil Oakley	

Personals

Congratulations to Carolyn Justice, who was elected as NC GOP Vice-President.

Nancy Bouldry was named 2013 Volunteer of the Year by Moore County Schools Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence. Nancy and her dog, Abbie, have served as Pet Reader Volunteers at Aberdeen Elementary School.

The third grade students at The Academy of Moore County expressed their thanks for the dictionaries MRW donated to them.

Condolences to Marcy Soltis on the death of her husband, Eugene; and to Georgiana Ketcham on the death of her son, Mark.

Please pray for the safety of two soldiers, Chris Miller, son-in-law of Mariann Benway, and John Wildt, son of Kay Wildt. Both are deploying to Afghanistan.

Ways and Means Andrea Moore

Sales of our "Right Wing Bling" at the March lunch netted \$115. At the NCFRW convention, sales earned \$211. The Split the Pot earned the club \$69 at the March meeting.

At the April meeting be sure to look for a brand new Republican logo pin. Additionally, we have a lovely assortment of soaps, including the Republican Soap with a fresh pine scent which is suitable for men and women. Our Republican soaps make wonderful hostess and Easter basket gifts. Stop by the Ways and Means table and purchase some terrific items.

Oval lapel pins with "Moore Republican Women" will be available for a nominal price at the April meeting. The pins are intended to be worn when we work in the community to promote name recognition.

MRW 2014 ELECTED OFFICERS

President.....Kay Wildt
 1st VP.....Mariann Benway
 2nd VP.....Meg Lindenberger
 Treasurer....Dorinda M^cNamara
 Rec.Sec.....Joan Ward
 Past President/Advisor...Lane Bergstrom

2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Americanism	Nancy Fiorillo
Awards/Club Achievement	Diana Barton
By-Laws	Kay Wildt
Budget & Finance	Dorinda McNamara
Campaign	Barbara Para
Caring for America	Diane Ingold
Chaplain	Lydia Boesch
Communications Network	Mary Ann Manning
Corresponding Secretary	Emily (Pud) Kent
Fundraising	Mariann Benway
Historian	Cathy Jackson
Hospitality	Ellie Ray
Leadership	Kay Wildt
Legislative/CAP Alert	Peggy Smetana
Literacy	Pam Venet
Luncheon/Calling Tree	Dawn Wehrum
Military	Sandi Carl
Newsletter	Mary Ann Manning
Outreach	Mariann Benway
Parliamentarian	Barbara Para
Publicity	Mary Ann Manning
Volunteer Hours	Diana Barton
Ways & Means	Andrea Moore
Website	Mary Ann Manning

Executive Board Notes:

At the April meeting, the MRW Executive Board voted to donate \$100 to the Life Care Pregnancy Center.

They also voted to sponsor the Behind the Scenes Pottery Crawl at the patron level of \$100. The Pottery Crawl happens on May 10, and benefits the Northern Moore Family Resource Center.

These donations are part of MRW's outreach work and will help to promote name recognition and goodwill in the community.

Fill the Footlocker

Here are a few suggestions for the Fill the Footlocker Drive:

- Gum, hard candy, mints
- Jerky
- Water flavoring mixes
- Snacks, Snack & Trail Mix
- Tuna and Chicken Salad
- Canned Meats and Fish
- Nuts
- Breakfast & Protein Bars
- Energy Drinks
- Spray Cheese
- Packaged Hand Sanitizers
- Baby Wipes
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Mouthwash
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Insect Repellent
- Chapstick/Lip Balm
- Eye Drops
- Sunblock
- Aloe Gel
- Q-tips
- Tweezers
- Vitamins
- Cough Drops
- Baby Powder
- Foot Spray
- Black/White Calf-length Socks
- Long-sleeve Black or Brown Thermal Shirts
- Playing Cards
- Pens, Pencils, Paper
- DVDs
- Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate
- Creamer and Sweeteners
- Travel Mugs with Lids
- Girl Scout Cookies

And for our Military Canines:

- Dog Treats and Snacks
- Buddy Water Bowls
- Hartz Latex Dog Toys
- Furminator Brushes
- Unscented Dog Shampoo
- Large Size Cooling Vests
- Dog Boots, German Shepherd Size
- Kong Toys