



MRW News

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Second District Chair to Speak in May



Joyce Cotten, 2nd District chair since 2012, will be the featured speaker at the Moore Republican Women's Club meeting on Monday, May 5 at the Pinehurst Members Club. She will provide 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.

The lunch menu is grilled Raeford chicken breast stuffed with goat cheese, olives, spinach and roasted red peppers, orange basil pan jus, Boursin potato gratin, asparagus and baby carrots and key lime pie.

Registration begins at 11:30 with the meal to be served at noon. Cost is \$17 inclusive, payable to Pinehurst, LLC. Reservations are required and may be made by email at Mooregopwomen@gmail.com or by calling **Kay Wildt** at 910-235-4654 no later than Wednesday, April 30. Cancellations are due by noon on Saturday May 3. If you do not cancel by this date, you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

President's Message Kay Wildt

How do we all fit together, and how can we work to accomplish our common goals as Republican women in our club, in our state, and at the national level? This month's speaker, Joyce Cotten, NCGOP 2nd District Chair, will explain her leadership role in the NCGOP and how we may work with her in our shared goal to elect Republicans in November.

At the national level, a wonderful group Republican women's clubs leaders from across the nation came together at the NFRW Spring Board meeting held just outside DC in March. Federation President Kathy Brugger called on each committee to present plans for 2014-15, to find ways to make the Federation stronger and to work with clubs to help us grow and to have a greater impact in our communities.

NFRW elected leaders, assisted by a Board of Directors, work through committees to carry out their plans of action. Current Standing Committees are: Bylaws, Campaign, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, Programs, Public Relations. Special Committees are: Achievement Awards, Agriculture, Americanism, Armed Services, Caring for America, Community Engagement, Health Issues, Homeland Security, Leadership, Literacy, Regents, Resolutions, State Presidents, Technology, Web Assistance, Women in Business, Youth Outreach.

I was honored to be asked to serve on one of the committees, and I chose the Armed Services Committee, where my heart is. The breadth of committees is a clear indication of the emphasis that the Federation places on our working in our communities.

MRW's 2014 plan of action follows NFRW guidelines. It is a work in progress, and we continue to add activities to the roster. MRW is one of the finest clubs in the nation and one that will serve as a model for other clubs throughout the state and the nation.

THE MRW PLAN OF ACTION

In accordance with the National Federation of Republican Women's initiatives, MRW has embarked on a plan of action for 2014. While the NFRW initiatives are broad and far-reaching, we have begun with the following projects and activities. Member participation is essential to the success of our initiatives. If you see an area that interests you and would like to learn more, please contact Kay Wildt at 910-235-4654 for more information.

MRW PLAN OF ACTION: To educate ourselves and our community through the following:

Community engagement (formerly outreach):

- Poverty areas (e.g., Robbins), Literacy, food, clothing, books, school supplies
- Dictionary Project
- Military Outreach
- MMIA
- Hike2Help
- Shoebboxes for Soldiers
- Fisher House/Military Hospital

Education

- Essay Contest
- Scholarship
- Young Republicans High School
- ROTC
- Sandhills Community College

Work through our committee structure in our bylaws.

Advance women in Politics

- Become a standing "incubator" for women candidates.
- Establish programs to educate and develop women leaders.
- "Salt the County" - run for boards, commissions and public office.

Coalition Building

- Interact with legislators, Moore County Republican Men, Moore TEA Citizens, GOP, NFRW, NCFRW, club-to-club.

Support the GOP

Membership Meg Lindenberger

The 2014 member directories are completed and ready to be picked up. Members may pick up their directories at the membership table at the May meeting.

Welcome to our new members and associates:

New Members: Ruth Caldara, Eileen Giglio, Laura Morgan, Rosemary Weber

New Associates: Lee Settles

From the Literacy Desk Pam Venet

Literacy is an important goal for MRW this year. We are donating books for the fifth graders at Robbins Elementary in north Moore County through the Northern Moore Family Resource Center. Some 160 children will have a book of their own, thanks to your generosity in donating to the literacy project.

The following statistics about literacy in our country, from the National Center for Education (NCES), illustrate why it is important for children to have books in their homes and to be exposed to reading at an early age. Reading proficiency scores were higher among children who had exposure to more types of reading material in their home. Reading frequency is a crucial component to becoming a good reader. Young children whose parents read to them at home have higher reading proficiency than children who are not read to at home. Yet in 1999, NCES reported that only 53 percent of children age three to five were read to at home.

Parent involvement with the school is paramount to good reading scores among students. Scores dip to 46 percentage points below the national average when parental involvement is low but soar to 28 points above the national average when parents are involved. That's a gap of 74 points!

In 2013, the Literacy Company, a leading developer of reading materials that support all readers, found that children who can read and enjoy reading are better equipped to avoid drugs, teen suicide and dropping out of high school. Conversely, children who cannot read by the end of third grade are very likely to drop out, experience teen pregnancy, and rely on state social services as adults. Ultimately, their low reading skills limit their ability to hold good paying, skilled jobs. Over one million children drop out of school yearly which costs the nation over \$240 billion in lost earnings, lost tax revenues, and increased disbursement of social services.

In the U.S., 44 million adults cannot read well enough to read a simple storybook to a child. MRW's children's book drive is one way we are helping to ensure that children in the North Moore Area develop good reading skills. Watch for more information on our Literacy project at upcoming meetings.

Americanism Nancy Fiorillo

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending "Mayor's Day" at Ft. Bragg. I joined the Mayors of Aberdeen, Fayetteville, Laurinburg, Raleigh, Whispering Pines, Fuquay-Varina and many others for a day with the troops.

We started with a group photo in front of Iron Mike, had a briefing about the many units under the Command of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Ft. Bragg. We were paired with a soldier for lunch and heard from a Gold Star Wife - she was in her twenties, had two children and was pregnant when her husband was killed in Iraq. We also heard from a wounded soldier who ultimately lost his foot but who, after many months of rehabilitation, was able to return to duty as a test pilot.

Other adventures included a demonstration of combat readiness by medics and opportunities for us to shoot (simulated) machine guns and ride in tank simulators and spot and shoot "unfriendlyes."

Major General Clarence "K.K." Chinn and Command Sgt. Major Johnson, who planned the day, stayed with the group. They rode the bus with us, answered our questions and introduced us to some amazing young men and women.

From all over the United States these young soldiers are dedicated to keep us safe. They train for combat and are ready to leave for their missions within hours. They sacrifice time with their families and most have been deployed overseas multiple times. They are young, they are respectful, they are smart and they are brave.

More than once throughout the day, I thought of their young families as well as their mothers and fathers. These brave soldiers are our neighbors and many live here in Moore County.

Remember, when the world calls 9-1-1, the phone is answered at Ft. Bragg. When we hear the sounds that rattle our windows - those are the sounds of freedom.

Member Spotlight Nancy Fiorillo

It seems that reading has been a recent spotlight and it is again. But this time it's not a teacher in the limelight, it's a dog named Abby and her owner, MRW member [Nancy Bouldry](#).

Nancy and her husband, John, moved to Pinehurst in 2006 following John's career in the Marine Corps. From California to Germany to Virginia, Nancy loved to volunteer - first in her children's classrooms. Then, as their children grew, she discovered the Moore County School's therapy dog reading program. Abby, a gentle lab, and Nancy entered the training program and have been active for seven years!

As a Volunteer at Aberdeen Elementary School, Nancy emphasizes that her role is not as teacher or critic. The children often find that reading to a sweet, gentle dog like Abby is less stressful than reading aloud to a teacher or the classroom. They read directly to Abby and if a question arises she answers. She is often asked what Abby's noises mean and she regularly replies, "she likes your book!" The photos below show Nancy and a very patient Abby enjoying reading books with Moore County school children.

Nancy has also extended her volunteer activities to Ft. Bragg during the "read across America" program and during Dr. Seuss's Birthday celebrations.

Congratulations to Nancy and Abby for receiving the 2012 Eileen Vansant Volunteer of the Year award. If you know Nancy you know we have a very smart and caring woman as a School Volunteer and member of MRW.



Nancy Bouldry and Abby reading with Moore County school children.

PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

To clarify why MRW is not endorsing anyone in the primary, nor are we distributing any voter guides, we are prohibited by our bylaws from choosing between or among Republicans running for the same office.

From the MRW Bylaws, Article III, Policies: whether local, statewide or national."

"Neither MRW nor the MRW Executive Board shall endorse a candidate prior to the primary election, nor any election wherein Republicans are running in opposition on a ballot for the same office, whether local, statewide or national."

Personals

Condolences to [Lynne Lain](#), whose husband, Lt. Col. David Eugene Lain, U.S. Army (ret.), of Southern Pines, passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2014

A big thank you to [Dawn Wehrum](#), our Luncheon Chair, who is moving away. We will miss you, and we wish you and your family much happiness in your new home.

Thank you, [Dee Park](#), our official photographer, for the lovely photos of the April luncheon.

[Bill Cochrane](#), we appreciate your videotaping our meetings.

Reminder: May 10th Behind the Scenes Pottery Crawl in Seagrove to benefit summer camp of the Northern Moore Family Resource Center. Tickets: Individual \$35 or Patron \$100. For information: www.nmfrc.com

Don't forget, the Moore County GOP Raffle to win two tickets (valued at \$1,200) to each U.S. Open. Dates are June 12-15 for the Men's Open and June 19-22 for the Women's Open. Open practice and championship rounds are included. Drawing will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$12 each or two for \$20. For more information, visit <http://www.mcncgop.com/us-open-raffle.html>

MRW Executive Board Notes

For the second year, MRW will have a team for the Hike2Help 5K walk/run through Rassic Wicker Park in Pinehurst. Our donation of \$100 will advertise our name on the tee shirts, and MRW will provide bottles of water and energy bars to the hikers. Elizabeth O'Brien, a sophomore at Pinecrest HS and volunteer for Military Missions in Action (MMIA), is the organizer. Please consider volunteering to help with the distribution of water and energy bars or plan to walk in the race.

As a community service project, NFRW member clubs were asked to contribute to supplying a lounge at Arlington National Cemetery with food and supplies. MRW contributed \$100 to the USO Honor Guard Lounge that has been a place of refuge for thousands of service members and their families as funerals are conducted at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Young Republican Club at Pinecrest High School recently added 44 new members through a membership drive. The group requested financial support to send three members to a six-day National Teenage Republican Leadership Conference. MRW board voted to donate \$500 toward the per student cost of \$995.

Media Initiative Update

Last month, we unveiled a new media plan to bring our conservative message to the wider community. WEEB spots are now on the air, and they are "Sponsored by Moore Republican Women, the Moore County Republican Men, Young Republicans, and Moore TEA Citizens."

To hear the spots, go to <http://www.weeb990.com>. Click on "Podcasts" in the blue box on the left of the page. Find the podcasts under "Community in Action." The following spots are airing:

- 04/71/2031 - [First Health Foundation](#)
- 03/20/2014 - [First Tee Part Two](#)
- 03/20/2014 - [First Tee Part One](#)
- 03/31/2014 - [Northern Moore Resource Center](#)
- 03/20/2014 - [First Tee Part Three](#)
- 04/06/2014 - [Friend to Friend](#)

Early Voting Begins This Week

Early voting for the May primary election begins this Thursday, April 24. There will be two sites open for voting during the One Stop Absentee Voting period. Dates and times will vary at each site.

Carthage, which is the main site, will be open the entire period beginning on April 24, while the additional site will only be open April 30 through May 2. Times and dates for each location are as follows:

In Carthage at 707 Pinehurst Ave., open Thursday, April 24 through Saturday, May 3

- Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In West End at the Old West End School Gym (off of NC 211), 134 Old West End School Lane, open Wednesday, April 30 through Friday, May 2

- Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 6. To see a sample ballot, visit the Moore County Board of Elections website at <http://www.moorecountync.gov/webfiles/Boe/docs/MOORE-20140506-Style001-REP.pdf>

Legislative Update Peggy Smetana

Primary season can be very stressful between friends in the Moore County Republican Party – eight candidates for U.S. Senate, and two candidates for each of the other races on the Republican ballot. We each have our favorites, and sometimes honest and open discussion between friends does not result in a common favorite.

There was an interesting article in the March 24th NFRW Round Table Newsletter. I'd like to summarize and paraphrase. The authors acknowledge that competition is valuable and works best for consumers (voters, citizens, etc). However, primaries can strain relationships and lead to erroneous conclusions that someone will not work with you on a project because they voted for a different candidate.

The authors illustrated the story of the orange, two sisters fighting over the last orange in the refrigerator. Their father solved the problem by cutting and giving each half, only to find one sister later squeezing her half for juice and the other grating her half for the peel needed for a recipe. Dad, and the sisters, assumed their interests were incompatible. Each could have been 100% satisfied if someone had asked "What do you need?" We should not assume we understand the intentions of other people. Instead, ask more questions and seek to learn about and understand others.

This works in projects within a Republican women's group, as well as a county Republican Party, and when considering U.S. or N.C. legislation that we may be examining.

Below are some legislative issues that bear watching right now:

U.S. to relinquish control of internet management system. On March 14, the U.S. Dept. of Commerce announced steps to transfer control over the technical system that operates the Internet's domain name system to an international body. Currently, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) oversees that technical system and contracts its operation to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers on a biennial basis, with the current contract to expire in Sept. 2015.

Why? The willingness to transfer control seems to be part of the Obama administration willingness to give away American assets, to be politically correct. Foreign governments increased their complaints over U.S. control after leaks by Eric Snowden on the Internet. Maybe Obama wants international control so that he can blame it for Internet censorship.

Tell Senators and Representatives not to give away control of the Internet:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=NC

http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_ne

Legislative Update (continued)

House immigration bills are not dead. On April 17, the Wall Street Journal reported that John Boehner told attendees at a Las Vegas fundraiser in March that he's "hellbent" on getting this done.

Tell Representative Renee Ellmers that you are determined that no immigration bill should pass the House until we have a Republican Senate, House, and President. Insist that ICE and the DHS and President Obama follow the U.S. laws. In 2013, ICE released 68,000 illegal immigrants with criminal records. Why does embattled Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy have to follow U.S. law but not ICE, DHS, and Obama? Why is Congress letting the Executive Branch trample on laws which Congress passed?

To reach Congresswoman Ellmers, call 877-645-8764 (toll free in NC) or 202-225-4531; write 406 W. Broad St., Dunn, NC 28334 or Twitter @RepReneeEllmers.

Death by a thousand cuts. That's how Buck Sexton, subbing for Rush Limbaugh on April 18, characterized the overwhelming regulations by the federal bureaucracy, which doesn't have the normal check and balances system provided for in the Constitution. Sexton reported 79,000 pages of regulations in the Federal Register last year, 81,000 in 2010. Regulations add \$14,974 to the annual cost of a household, according to Sexton.

We must find a way to take back control from the bureaucracy. By dismantling the bureaucracy, we can slow the proliferation of laws and regulations, reduce the control government has over our individual lives and lower our costs of living.

Finally, please contribute your time and talent to the Republican candidates of your choice in this primary election. You can be sure that the Democrats will be doing so. Choose candidates who reflect conservative, Republican values in their speech and their actions.

Join the Pottery Crawl!

For fun and to support the summer camp of the Northern Moore Family Resource Center, join your MRW friends for the Behind the Scenes Pottery Crawl on Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in northern Moore County. Visit as many of the 12 potters as you wish. Sample the excellent treats and wines. Discover talented artists.

Individual tickets are \$35 or be a Patron for \$100.

To purchase tickets, go to www.nmfrc.com, click on "2014 Pottery Crawl" and follow directions to register, or send checks, payable to the Northern Moore Family Resource Center to P.O. Box 190, Robbins, NC 27325, call the Resource Center at (910) 948-4324, visit The Country Bookshop or Heavenly Pines Fine Jewelry and Gifts, Inc. in Pinehurst.

All proceeds go to support the programs of the Northern Moore Family Resource Center.

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