



MRW News

Monthly Newsletter of the Moore Republican Women

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Educator, Non-profit Director to Speak in November

Suzanne Clendenin, Executive Director of the Life Care Pregnancy Center, will address the Moore Republican Women at their Nov. 3 meeting at the Pinehurst Members Club.

Clendenin earned a bachelor's degree in music at the University of North Carolina - Greensboro and taught music education in both public and private schools for several years.

In more recent years, she has worked as a parent educator in Moore County, offering group classes and workshops in the area. She has been the director of support groups for teen mothers in Moore County Schools for the past nine years. Suzanne has been Executive Director of Life Care Pregnancy Center, a nonprofit organization offering pregnancy resources and ministry to women facing unplanned pregnancies, for the past 6 years.

The meeting begins at noon; registration is at 11:30. Cost is \$17, payable at the door: checks may be made out to Pinehurst, LLC. Reservations are required no later than Wednesday, Oct. 29, and may be made by calling Linda Robson at 910-235-0860 or by email at mooregopwomen@gmail.com. Cancellation deadline is Saturday, Nov. 1 at noon.

This month's menu is Sage and Honey-Roasted Breast of Turkey Medallions with Balsamic Brown Sugar Pan Jus, Roasted Red Pepper and Chive Mashed Sweet Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables, Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter, North Carolina Tarheel Pie, Coffee or Tea.

Legislative Report Peggy Smetana

There is not much in legislation going on right now with the November elections looming. However, that doesn't mean there isn't work to be done. Now is a perfect time to sign up - to help at Republican headquarters in Southern Pines, to work at the polls, and to help your precinct chairs with GOP Walk List surveys.

If that's not for you, then contact your Senators and Representatives, while they are asking for your vote, and tell them what they must do after Nov. 4 and after January 20, when they return to D.C. and are in session.

- repeal Obamacare (aka The Affordable Care Act) and replace it with common-sense, free-market solutions,
- secure the borders against all invaders, including ISIS terrorists and Ebola, allow the Keystone Pipeline and drilling in federal lands and offshore
- continue to insist on investigations of Benghazi, the IRS targeting of conservative groups applying for 501(c) (4) non-profit status (and the cover-up and destruction of evidence), the NRA surveillance, the Veterans Administration scandal of lack of care for veterans, Fast and Furious....

Be on the look-out after the elections for liberal lame-duck legislation.

We must win the Senate to avoid leftist U.S. Supreme Court nominations and approval, should a Justice resign.

President's Report Kay Wildt

Remember Ronald Reagan's "My 80-percent friend is not my 20-percent enemy" rule when voting. None of us agrees totally with one another, so why should we expect to be 100% in synch with our Republican candidates? We have good Republican men and women on the ballot, not perfect, but then, who is? Considering where the opposition party has led us in just six years, I will vote for "good" 80%. Republicans to do a better job of adhering to Constitutional principles than the best of the opposition.

It seems we say that every election is the most important one in our lifetime; this one surely is, especially now that dysfunction rules the day in D.C. Americans now see the fallout of electing a regime that takes no responsibility for planning for a worst-case scenario - like Ebola. The arrogance of appointing an "Ebola Czar" more experienced in shelling out favors and money to regime friends, than any knowledge of disease, is appalling and is an insult to every American. Now our own U.S. troops have been sent to Africa to "fight" Ebola. What insanity! And Ebola is only the latest example.

Before Ebola, the crisis *du jour* was the threat of the Islamic State in Syria (ISIS) or, if one prefers, the Islamic State in the Levant (ISIL). We are told that their adherents have crossed our porous borders, along with thousands of law breakers and gang members, and are massing here to attack us in our homeland. The list of other abuses of power and affronts to our citizenry and to our Constitution is too long and, frankly, too sorrowful to review.

We Republicans disagree with what the President said, "It's not surprising, then, they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations." We are not bitter; we hold the Lord in our hearts and are guided in love by His Words. However, we are frustrated because we look to our President to keep the oath he made to protect and defend our Constitution and our laws, and we are betrayed again and again. And, yes, Mr. President, we do have a right under the Second Amendment of the Constitution "to keep and bear arms."

We will vote this November 4 to elect Thom Tillis, to re-elect Representative Renee Ellmers and other Republicans whom we pray will have the courage to oppose the hateful and spiteful actions you and your cohorts have taken to tear down our nation.

Remember Your Coupons

Families of our soldiers at home and abroad appreciate receiving manufacturer's coupons to help make their dollars stretch a little further. The commissary will accept coupons for a short length of time after their expiration date.

If you have coupons that you will not be using, please bring them to the November meeting and drop them off to Debra Spelman at the Troopons Table. Be sure to check the expiration dates – only those that have expired within the past two months will be accepted.

Manufacturer's coupons of all types are needed. They may include food items, non-food items, baby food and baby products (disposable diaper coupons are especially appreciated!) and pet items including dog and cat food.

Coupons will be sorted and sent to the Troopons headquarters for distribution.

Reminder: As Nov. 4, Election Day, nears, your help is needed more than ever! If you can help on election day by going to the polls and handing out sample ballots, please contact the GOP headquarters or your precinct chair.

Representative's Letter Dispels Left's Claims

The following letter to the editor, dated Oct. 10, 2014, written by Rep. Paul Stam of Apex, does a good job of disproving the misinformation and lies the Democrats are spewing about GOP Senate Candidate Thom Tillis. Please share the facts with others.

Friends:

Yesterday I received mail from the NC Democratic Party. While the mailer was directed against Speaker Thom Tillis, every charge in it is really directed at the North Carolina General Assembly. The Democratic Party is not very good at math.

1. They charge that Speaker Tillis cut \$500 million in education. In the year before Speaker Tillis led the House, the budget for K-12 education was \$7.3 Billion. This year the budget is \$8.1 Billion. Fifth graders can figure that this is an **increase of \$800 Million**. But Democrats say it is a \$500 Million "cut." The Washington Post awarded this lie "two Pinocchios."
2. They charge "the wealthy got huge tax breaks" with two big pictures of a yacht and a helicopter. This mirrors Senator Hagan's charge about the tax rate for jets and yachts. North Carolina has capped the sales tax paid on airplanes **since 1957** and on boats **since 1967**. Speaker Tillis and the current General Assembly had nothing to do with it. While Senator Hagan was in charge of the Senate Budget Committee for years, she never attempted to change the rate. And this session not one single Democrat made any motion to change that rate. WRAL gave this claim a "red light" award as part of its fact check research.
3. Democrats say "Thanks to Speaker Thom Tillis, last year Wake schools lost 528 teaching positions." The state budget funded 6,788 teachers last year and 6,977 teachers this year. This represents an **increase of 189 teachers** for Wake County. Democrats apparently can't tell the difference between addition or subtraction.

MRW to Donate Wreath for Children's Center

Once again, MRW will be donating a prelit wreath for the Sandhills Children's Center Festival of Trees. In keeping with one of our focuses this year, our entry will be entitled "Readers are Leaders." It will include book-theme ornaments, including the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch, Thomas the Train Engine, Dinosaurs, the Nutcracker Prince and Clara, Raggedy Ann and Andy, and Clifford the Big Red Dog. The club will provide books to go along with the ornaments on the wreath.

Ways and Means Mariann Benway

During the month of October, the club earned a whopping \$3222.55 from various fundraising efforts.

During the October meeting, the sale of Right-Wing Bling earned \$150, and split the pot brought in \$85 (October winner Neil Godfrey did not take his winnings, instead donating them to MMIA.).

The 300 Club continues to be popular. Many thanks to Diane Ingold, to the people who went table-to-table at the October lunch, to Barbara Para selling at the Tillis Rally, and to Kay Wildt for taking the book to the men's club luncheon, the GOP headquarters and anywhere else she thinks there'll be a crowd!

The nuts have been ordered and the profits total \$1412.55. There will be some extra products to sell at the November lunch, the NCFRW convention and the December brunch.

On the weekend of Oct. 18, MRW participated in the Holly Fair. Sales during the festival totaled \$451. Thanks to all who helped to staff the booth.

Hundreds Turn Out For Tillis

The Rally for Thom Tillis on Oct. 20 was a huge success, thanks to all of our MRW members and Rally committee members. Volunteers brought fabulous cookies and brownies, enough to fill three tables; ice cream sandwiches, hot dogs, and popcorn were a treat for the two hundred attendees, who enthusiastically greeted Susan and Thom Tillis and Senator John Thune of South Dakota. As promised, the event gave attendees ample opportunity to meet face-to-face with Speaker Tillis and question him about his campaign.

THANK YOU TO THE COOKIE CREW AND TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS for helping to make this event a success!

Upcoming Events:

Please note these critical election dates:

- OCT. 23: One-stop early voting begins
- NOV. 1: Last day to vote early for the election, ends at 1 p.m.
- NOV. 4: General election

Public Forum Continues:

Oct. 27: The Moore County GOP will continue its Public Forum series with a presentation on Immigration at Sandhills Community College on Monday, October 27, at 7 pm. The speaker is Roy Beck, visionary founder and President of Numbers USA, an organization committed to sound immigration policy for America. The title of his presentation is "Immigration: Moral and Environmental Implications of Current U.S. Policies."

Veterans Weekend in the Sandhills:

- Nov 8 - 10:00 a.m. Carthage Veterans Memorial (NC Hwy 24/27 and NC 15-501).
- Nov 8 - 10:00 a.m. Southern Pines Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 8 - 1:00 p.m. Aberdeen Lake Veterans Memorial (US1 & Hwy 5)
- Nov 9 - 5:00 p.m. Southern Pines Patriotic Pops Concert, featuring Todd Allen Herendeen (Lee Auditorium - Pinecrest) Tickets \$15 general and \$20 reserved.
- Nov 11 - 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day Observance (Pinehurst Village Hall)
- Nov 11 - 1:30 p.m. Veterans Day Putting Challenge (Mid-Pines Country Club)

NCFRW to Honor Women:

November 14-16, 2014 in Winston-Salem - **NCFRW** Tribute to Women

Military Outreach Sandi Carl

At October's meeting, members brought enough Fill the Footlocker boxes for deployed troops to fill an entire SUV, and MRW members personally donated \$365 to MMIA. Thank you so much for your generosity and thoughtfulness to our troops.

MMIA is collecting clean, gently used blankets. There is a current need for 300 blankets for homeless veterans. If you can help, you may either bring your blanket to the November meeting or drop it off at the following locations:

- Aberdeen Parks And Recreation
- Aberdeen Bead Co
- Railhouse Brewery
- Aberdeen Honda
- MMIA office at the VFW in Southern Pines
- Marie and Marcele Boutique in Southern Pines
- National Guard Armory on Morganton in Southern Pines

Military Outreach, continued

If you wish to help with a needy veteran's Thanksgiving dinner, please bring canned goods, stuffing, grocery gift card, or a monetary donation for a turkey to the November meeting. Our members, Sandi Carl and Debbie Spelman, are working with MMIA on this annual program.

After hearing Mike Dorman's moving speech in October, we decided that we will make a slight change in the way we donate toys at our Christmas brunch. The Veteran's Affairs office in Carthage identifies needy military families, and Sandi Carl, our Military Chair, is part of a team that interviews the families to determine their requirements. At Christmas, requests from these families mostly are for clothes or other basic needs. At November's meeting, there will be a small tree with ornaments listing the age and sex of a military child in need for anyone willing in some way to help.

Members Write for Change

A few months ago, Ken Benway alerted us to a letter-writing campaign started almost one year ago by Democrat women. MRW took that idea and made it our own. The GOP provided us with two lists: one with 13,000 names, the other with 7,400. We whittled that down to a manageable 1,303 names of Republican women, who had not voted in the last election. Our Campaign Chair, Barbara Para recruited MRW members to write personal letters to each woman, urging them to vote in this election, and those letters were mailed on October 17. Joanne Wittenborn of the Greater Greensboro Republican Women's Club gave us great advice and 500 additional names that we whittled down to 101. In all MRW members wrote to 1,404 voters urging them to vote right!

Thank you to all our members, who volunteered time and risked cramped hands to write letters to voters. A million thanks to:

Carol Alfieri	Pud Kent
Diana Barton	Michelle Lexo
Chris Beibrich	Meg Lindenberger
Mariann Benway	Jane McDougall
Beverly Bizzell	Dorinda McNamara
Lydia Boesch	Lois Mitchell
Angela Boles	Barbara Para
Sue Brown	Sharon Parkey
Pauline Bruno	Barbara Riley
Ruth Caldara	Michele Rockett
Becky Smith Carlson	Elaine Schwartz
Miriam Chu	Peggy Smetana
Rita Diffor	Kim Tackett
Dee DiGregorio	Diane Tate
Michelle Fisher	Joyce Brown Tickle
Kay Harrop	Pam Venet
Roberta Hopkins	Joan Ward
Fran Hurley	Carrie Webb
Martha Jack	Kay Wildt
Rebecca Jandrisevits	Blanche Woodruff
Nancy Kasko	Betty Zeilstra

Writers, We Salute You!

MRW member Barbara Para, who is heading up the “MRW has a pen and will write” campaign, penned the following:

Ladies, I can't say enough about your willingness to take your time and write letters for our nation's future. It has been a great experience getting this project off the ground in less than a month's time frame. Kay Wildt asked me if I could get started with this in August just before our first meeting, and by October we had a large number of you signed up.

Kim Tackett, Michele Lexo and Beverly Bizzel helped me in September and October with getting folks to commit to the letter writing. Beverly and Kim handed out the instructional information and packets. Thanks to their efforts, most everyone got her packet. I was fortunate to be able to hand deliver a number of the remaining packets to members who could not be present at October's meeting.

Thanks to all who wrote the letters and got them in the mail. We wrote over 1300 letters to individuals within Moore County that are registered to vote and didn't the last election. Additionally, we wrote over 100 letters to people who asked for absentee ballots. We included sample ballots and blue candidate information palm cards with all our letters. Hopefully this effort will encourage more people to come out to vote this year.

This is just the beginning; 2016 will be upon us quickly, so as soon as we are finished with this election, we have to start thinking of ways to get a Republican President in the White House and get back our country. So don't be surprised if we start early for 2016, and keep those pens and papers ready to go in the near future.

Thanks once again for all your help. Moore Republican Women, you ROCK!

Personals

Mary Wittpenn Memorial Service in Southern Pines

Long-time member, Mary Wittpenn, died Friday, April 4, 2014. Her family will hold a memorial service at Trinity Christian Fellowship, Saturday, November 1st, at 2pm, The O'Neal School, 3300 Airport Rd., Southern Pines. Many people in the community may want to attend; please share this information.

Membership Meg Lindenberger

The 2015 Membership Drive will continue at the November meeting. Your renewal may be made at the November luncheon meeting or by sending your check for \$30, payable to MRW, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

If you have any questions, please email Membership Chair, Meg Lindenberger, at meglindenberger@icloud.com or call/text her cell phone 910-603-5505.

Please remember to say hello to our new members. You'll identify them by the shiny stars on their nametags.

Welcome to our newest members

- Mary Ann Goad
- Ruth Iverson
- Claudia Lindsey