



# MRW News

Monthly Newsletter of the Moore Republican Women

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## Holiday Brunch, Drawing and Toy Drive Highlight December Meeting

The annual MRW Christmas brunch will be held Monday, Dec. 1, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Pinehurst Members Club. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

Winners of the 300 Club cash drawing will be selected at the meeting. Eight prizes, totaling \$2,500, will be awarded. Last chance to buy a ticket is at the brunch, so if you haven't bought yours, be sure to stop by the 300 Club table when you arrive at the meeting.

MRW is working through the Wounded Warrior Transition Brigade at Fort Bragg to help provide toys to needy children whose parent was injured. If you are bringing a toy for this project, please bring it to the dining room. Sandi Carl and Debbie Spelman will collect them and take them to a party for children at the base. If you wrap your toy, please tag it with an appropriate age of the child and indicate boy or girl. Unwrapped toys will be wrapped for you.

Please note: toys left under the tree in the club lobby go to Toys for Tots.

The cost of the brunch is \$17 inclusive, payable in cash or by check made out to Pinehurst, LLC. Reservations are required and may be made by responding to [mooregopwomen@gmail.com](mailto:mooregopwomen@gmail.com), no later than Wednesday, November 26. You will receive an email confirming your reservation. If you have any questions, or if you need to reserve by telephone, call Luncheon Chair Linda Robson at 910-235-0860.

Cancellations are due by noon on Saturday, November 29. If you do not cancel by this date, you will still be responsible for the cost of the brunch.

### Upcoming Meeting Notes:

MRW will take a break in January, but there's plenty to look forward to when we resume meetings in February.

**John E. Skvarla**, Secretary of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), will kick things off in February with a discussion of hydraulic fracking, horizontal drilling and coal ash clean-up.

At the March meeting, **Hal Weatherman**, Chief of Staff to Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, will outline the battle that Republican activists face during the campaign season.

In April, **Mary Clare Kendall**, a Washington-based writer of political commentaries, features, books and screenplays, will present her newly published book, "Oasis, Conversion Stories About Hollywood Legends."

## **Military Outreach . . . . . Sandi Carl**

Thanks to the caring efforts of MRW, we were able to assemble six beautiful baskets of food to be given to needy Veterans for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Each basket contains items for a Thanksgiving supper, plus a Food Lion gift card for \$25 to purchase a turkey. Once again the members have demonstrated that our Veterans and their sacrifices will not be forgotten. We will extend the Baskets for Veterans program through the Christmas season. If you have food or other donations for the veterans, we will pick them up from your home. To arrange pickup, call Kay Wildt at 235-4654.

For the December meeting/brunch, we will be collecting wrapped gifts for the Christmas party at Ft. Bragg for the Wounded Warriors and their families. A giving tree with ornaments was set up at the November meeting/lunch and members took home ornaments with a child's age and gender. We look forward to collecting the gifts at the coming meeting!

Debbie Spelman continues to work diligently on the "Troopons". It's a wonderful program and helps our troops and their families save money when they shop in the commissaries overseas. Coupons are clipped, sorted, and the face value is tallied. Thank you, Debbie, for a time-consuming task!

## **MRW 2014 Accomplishments**

Thank you, members, for making 2014 a very successful year. Our club engaged in the activities listed below:

- Support for USO Honor Guard Lounge at Arlington National Cemetery
- NFRW Spring Board Meeting in DC
- Donation to Young Republican Club at Pinecrest HS for TAR Leadership Conference
- WEEB community education radio spots
- MCAAP Hike 2 Help 5K
- Pottery Crawl for Northern Moore Family Resource Center
- Moore County Republican Party's Reagan Day Dinner – Sponsorship & Volunteers
- Legislative Postcard Campaign
- MRW's Literacy Project at Robbins Elementary
- Promotion Ceremony at Robbins Elementary School in Robbins/June
- Conservative Workshop on Voter Issues
- Donations to Fort Bragg Fisher House
- Donations to MMIA (Military Missions in Action)
- Sandhills Food Bank Event
- Volunteering at Moore County Republican Headquarters
- Troopon's
- Holly Fair
- Military Mission in Action – Fill the Footlocker Program
- Blankets for Homeless Veterans
- Fundraising 300 Club
- Letter Writing GOTV Campaign
- Life Care Pregnancy Center – Sponsor
- Fund Raising – Nuts
- Fund Raising – Right-wing Bling
- Thom Tillis Rally
- Wreath for Festival of Trees – Sandhills Children's Center
- Veteran's Thanksgiving Food Baskets
- Christmas Gifts for Wounded Warriors and Their Families
- NFRW Dallas Board Meeting
- Supported NFRW projects

## President's Report . . . . . Kay Wildt

Congratulations to our successful Republican candidates: Thom Tillis, Renee Ellmers, Jerry Tillman, Jamie Boles, Allen McNeill, Catherine Graham, Otis Ritter, Jerry Daeke, Susan Hicks, Judy Martin, Neil Godfrey, Mark Martin, John Tyson, Donna Stroud, Steve Bibey, Jayrene Maness, Becky Smith Carlson, Ed Dennison, Charles Lambert, Scott Sheffield, and Lewin Mack Blue.

We thank those candidates who ran great campaigns, but were not elected; some races were very close. Our county's votes for the judicial candidates were strong, but not in the rest of the state, so not only are we disappointed, but also, we are concerned about our tenuous judicial majority for the next election.

Moore County results were so strong thanks in large part to MRW members. Your generosity in personal donations and in supporting our fundraising enabled us to give \$6,500 to candidates. Further, your hard work in canvassing, working at GOP headquarters, at polling places, planning rallies, baking cookies, writing letters, Get Out the Vote (GOTV), and tasks too numerous to list here. You did it! You can be proud of your accomplishments. We are working now on 2016.

## Report from NCFRW Fall Board of Directors Meeting . . . . . Kay Wildt

The Fall Board Meeting in Winston-Salem was an opportunity for clubs all across the state to come together and report on Get Out The Vote efforts for the election. Ideas from many clubs will be shared with planners from MRW, MCGOP, MCRMC, and Moore TEA, all of which formed a working group for the mid-term elections and are now meeting on the 2016 election.

Judge Richard Dietz of the NC Court of Appeals spoke about his ties to the NCFRW, and Dr. Ada Fisher, RNC Committeewoman, and Carolyn Justice, NCGOP Vice-Chair, reported on the latest campaign news.

There was a special screening of "Blue Beats Green," a new movie pointing out the fallacies of the global-warming movement, and showing how CO2, a building block of life, helps the planet to be more verdant. Rather than helping the planet, the "Green" movement is hurting the balance of nature and providing ways for environmentalists to enrich themselves, while hurting nature and families dependent on our land for their livelihoods.

The culminating dinner was the Tribute to Women 2014 where Dee Park was honored for her hard work for our club and for the GOP. The event was managed by our own Joan Thurman; the full text of Dee's accomplishments that were presented at the dinner is covered in another article in this newsletter.

## Legislative Update . . . . . Peggy Smetana

Bills are delayed into the lame-duck session so they seem "must pass" legislation before the end of the current Congress. This sense of urgency bundles bad laws which don't have time to be properly examined. **Oppose lame-duck "Omnibus bills" and tell our Senators and Representatives your views.**

The government is only funded until Dec. 11, 2014. The Heritage Foundation recommends a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) that would freeze spending, including on any future executive amnesty and allow Congress to maintain the leverage of the purse. Suggested short-term would be 2 months, till February. <http://www.heritage.org/research/factsheets/2014/11/lame-duck-threats-in-2014>

**Tell our Senators and Representatives to pass a short-term Continuing Resolution of 2 months, till February 2015.**

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## Legislative Update, continued:

### Explanation:

National Review points out that Congress cannot stop Obama's passive abuse of executive action, like exempting the vast majority of illegal aliens from immigration enforcement, but Congress can use the power of the purse to prevent active abuses, like the provision of work permits, Social Security cards, and driver's licenses to illegal aliens (See article below). Obviously, restrictions cannot be achieved during the lame-duck session with Harry Reid still in power in the Senate.

A short-term Continuing Resolution, until February 2015, without any riders should be passed in the House. If the Senate does not pass it, the Democrats are to blame for the government shutdown. If the President doesn't sign it, the President is to blame.

In the next Congress, the House could pull out the Homeland Security budget from the funding bill for the rest of the government. Congress could attach a rider just to the Homeland Security budget. The rider would defund administrative activities such as the issuing of work permits, Social Security cards, and driver's licenses to illegal aliens.

When Obama vetoes it, only DHS will be subject to a "shutdown." It won't be much of a shutdown because "essential services" including the Border Patrol, the Secret Service, the Coast Guard, ICE, and the TSA would continue to function. The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the bureau that would have to implement Obama's lawless amnesty, would be idled.

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/392607/vote-long-term-budget-vote-amnesty-mark-krikorian>  
<http://www.conservativehq.com/node/18917>

## OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ACTION AMNESTY PLAN

President Obama's 10-point Executive Action on immigration includes amnesty for up to 4.5 million illegal aliens who are parents of children born in the U.S. Amnesty hurts American workers, putting them out of a job or making it harder to secure a job. Black youths are especially hard hit.

Democrats in Congress urged Obama to "go big." It's time for us to **urge our Senators and Representatives** to be even bigger and bolder, and smarter and more creative, in defunding Obama's immigration overreach and usurpation of Congressional power. Congress must get their message out to the American people. We must get our message out through letters to the editors, on radio, in conversations, on facebook, twitter, etc.

**WHAT A DEAL!** Obama and Chinese President agreed on Wednesday to limit greenhouse gas emissions: U.S. will cut its emissions 26 percent below 2005 emissions; China will peak its emissions by 2030. Tell our Senators and Representatives what a **bad** deal this is.

## EPA COULD DICTATE WHAT YOU DO WITH A PUDDLE IN YOUR YARD

The Obama administration is proposing a rule titled "Definition of 'Waters of the United States' Under the Clean Water Act," which would define any piece of land that is wet at least part of the year, no matter how remote or isolated from navigable waters, as "waters of the United States," or WOTUS. The proposed rule would provide EPA, the Corps of Engineers and environmental groups with the power to dictate the land-use decisions of homeowners, small businesses, and local communities. This would include a decorative pond of a suburban homeowner or low spots on a farm field.

The Obama administration is conducting an aggressive campaign to downplay the proposed rules' huge negative impacts on individual rights. Remember lies about Obamacare? Recently a group of 25 Senators called out the Obama administration for misleading Americans on the proposed rulemaking. In September, the House passed bipartisan legislation, H.R. 5078, that prohibits the EPA and Corps from finalizing the WOTUS rule. Not surprisingly, a companion bill is stalled in the Senate. Call Senators Burr and Hagan to oppose WOTUS.

## Dee Park Honored with 2014 Tribute to Women Award



Biennially, clubs in the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women choose one outstanding member, known for her dedication, hard work, and commitment to our goals, to be named the Tribute to Women Honoree. For 2014, Moore Republican Women chose Adelle "Dee" Park, who was honored at a banquet on November 15 in Winston-Salem along with the Honorable Justice Barbara Jackson, Carolyn Justice, Celeste Stanley, and other notable North Carolina women.

The accomplishments for which Dee was named are as follows:

After a successful career as a professor and small-business owner, Dee found her calling working for the GOP, the Voter Integrity Project, and as one of the founders of Moore TEA Citizens. Virginia Thomas (wife of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas) leads The Rosies, a group of 50 women leaders in conservative action. One outstanding woman from each state is invited to be

a member of The Rosies, and Dee Park is North Carolina's Rosie.

While serving on our board, Dee developed our website and co-edited our newsletter. Since 2011, she served Moore County on the Executive and the Steering Committees. For District 2 and NCGOP, Dee serves on their Executive Committees, with special emphasis on Data Center Training for GOTV programs.

**VOLUNTEERISM = DEE!**

Dee and her husband, Irwin (Bro) Park, live in Pinehurst and both work tirelessly for the Constitutional conservative grassroots movement. MRW is inspired and honored to have Dee Park as a member and role model, and we deeply appreciate her untiring efforts and thank her for her devotion to our ideals.

### **Ways and Means . . . . . Andrea Moore**

At the November lunch, we earned \$148 in sales and split \$96 with our winner, Anne Marie Scheuermann.

The Club earned \$802 from sales at the North Carolina Federal of Republican Women last weekend. For the first time, we used PayPal and felt it increased our sales.

We will have our PayPal with us at the December Brunch, also. Please visit the Ways and Means table to see lovely Christmas, golf, and humorous soaps, which make perfect stocking stuffers and hostess gifts. We will have nuts and candy for sale along with beautiful elephant scarves and patriotic jewelry.

### **Membership . . . . . Meg Lindenberger**

You are important to MRW. Your membership renewal dues for 2015 are due by December 31, 2014. Your renewal may be made at the December 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](mailto:meglindenberger@icloud.com) or call/text her cell phone 910-603-5505.

Please remember to say hello to the new members who are named below. They are wearing nametags with shiny stars.

- Teny Nudson
- Mary-Joy (MJ) Pizzella

## **Volunteer Hours: Policy for Counting Volunteer Hours**

December 10 is the deadline for reporting Club Volunteer Hours to Diana Barton (dianabarton@earthlink.net or 910-315-1650). Report monthly hours spent volunteering for MRW from July 1 through December 31 (please estimate to year's end).

We have a special request in this election year to separate hours spent volunteering for election activities versus those for MRW or Caring for America activities. The purpose of Caring for America is "To change lives, to show we care about our community, by being a giving and loving organization, and proving we can make a difference. Listed below are examples of campaign activities, and following those are general volunteer or Caring for America examples:

### **Eligible Campaign Activities:**

1. All non-paid campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or NFRW or NCFRW.
2. Campaign work done within or outside the home, including mailings, phone calls, computer work, and social media postings (Facebook or Twitter) or blogging.
3. Work at and/or for a special campaign event - but NOT if you attend as a paid guest.
4. Attendance at (and travel portal to portal) State or National Federation Board of Directors Meetings and Conventions - as well as time spent in preparation for Federation meetings if you serve on a committee.
5. Time in session at (and travel portal to portal) municipality, precinct/ward, county, district, or state party conventions.
6. Time in session at (and travel portal to portal) RNC conventions.
7. Time spent as a county, state, or national party committee member or as a temporary member, i.e. Rules Committee, Resolutions Committee, etc.
8. Campaign work at club meetings, i.e. getting petitions signed, doing mailings. DO NOT COUNT TIME SPENT IN REGULAR BUSINESS AT CLUB MEETINGS.
9. Traveling from event to event - but NOT for personal stops en route.
10. Volunteering at any municipality, county, state or Federation headquarters.
11. Volunteering for a Republican candidate for a non-partisan office, e.g. school board elections.
12. Working as a poll watcher on Election Day - but NOT if you are paid.
13. Involvement in a Campaign Management School, i.e. training to be a faculty member, teaching and organizing a campaign school.
14. Working on Election Day as an Election Judge or Election Clerk - but only if you turn the money you are paid over to your county party or your local FRW club.
15. Presenting campaign programs or speeches at local civic organizations.
16. Appearing on local media for the GOP cause.
17. Running for office - all time spent campaigning.
18. Time spent registering voters.
19. Hours spent as editor of a club newsletter or state newsletter and hours spent as club yearbook chairman.
20. Only ONE individual club, the member's primary club, may count the time for Associate members (women) who volunteer for the Federation or individual clubs, or GOP. Men who are Associate members should report their hours to the primary club of his spouse or friend who is the member of that club.
21. Baking cookies and planning/executing campaign events.

## **Volunteer Hours, continued:**

### **Examples of projects that should be considered for Caring for America or other volunteer activities:**

Helping out at food banks and soup kitchens.  
Participating in Arbor Day events.  
Cleaning beaches, highways, parks, etc.  
Teaching English to new citizens.  
Teaching citizenship classes to future citizens.  
Helping underprivileged children with food, homework, hygiene, and children leaving foster care at 18.  
Teaching young mothers mothering skills.  
Participating in counter drug programs.  
Volunteering at women's shelters and homeless shelters.  
Making blankets for newborns, children and the elderly in nursing homes.  
Creating a thank-you program for first responders  
Assisting military organizations that need help beyond monetary donations.

## **Community Outreach . . . . . Mariann Benway**

The Community Outreach Committee delivered our wreath entitled Readers are Leaders at the Festival of Trees on Monday and we hope it will earn a lot of money for the Sandhills Children's Center. It opened on Wednesday, November 19 and runs to Sunday, November 23.

### **Correction:**

Barbara Dunn was our 43<sup>rd</sup> letter writer in our campaign to contact Republican women, and we missed including her name in last month's newsletter. Although Barbara does not want public recognition, we are very appreciative of her work and thank her. If we missed anyone else in our thanks, please let us know. All our volunteers worked very hard to personalize those letters and to send them out in a timely manner.

## **Campaign Report: Barbara Harris Para**

We already announced that we sent out over 1400 letters. Thanks to all the ladies who spent their time and effort writing letters, using their stamps, and getting the word out for this past election. *You Gals Rock!*

## **Moore County GOP News:**

Moore County GOP has already begun working on and planning for the 2016 election cycle. The mid-term elections taught us a lot, and we will incorporate those lessons in our future plans.

From John Rowerdink: we did well in terms of voter turnout for the mid-term election. Per the NCBOE website, here are the turnout percentages by county for the Second Congressional district. They are as follows:

Chatham	58.9% (Unfortunately, it's a Democrat county.)
Moore	51.6
Wake	48.8
Alamance	46.9
Lee	45.9
Randolph	40.9
Harnett	39.1
Cumberland	37.4
Hoke	34.4

## Mark Your Calendars:

February 6, 2015, will be the President Ronald Reagan birthday celebration. The 2014 dinner was outstanding, so make plans to attend the 2015 event.

## Literacy . . . . . Pam Venet

MRW will give a certificate and school supplies to Robbins Elementary students, who completed their summer projects. The National Federation of Republican Women holds a yearly contest of club literacy projects, and MRW submitted its project for consideration.

## Personals:

**Veterans Weekend in the Sandhills:** Congratulations to the local chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) and to the local communities for an excellent tribute to our veterans over the Veterans Weekend.

**Thank you, Mariann Benway**, for leading the November meeting while our president, Kay Wildt, and her husband went to greet their son who returned from deployment in Afghanistan. Although he was delayed several weeks, he is back in the USA. Kay extends her sincere thanks to all the members of MRW for their prayers and thoughts for her son's safe return.

Nancy Cleveland, wife of N.C. Rep. George Cleveland and a prominent Republican in Onslow County, died earlier this month at the Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune. Cleveland was a former city leader in Jacksonville, NC, and helped build the Onslow County Republican Party.

## Congressional Representative Contact Information:

### U. S. Senator Richard Burr

DC phone: [202-224-3154](tel:202-224-3154) ; Toll-free: [800-685-8916](tel:800-685-8916) Winston-Salem, [888-848-1833](tel:888-848-1833) Wilmington

Twitter: @senatorburr

Website contact form: <http://www.burr.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Contact.ContactForm>

Write to: 2000 West First St, Ste 508, Winston-Salem, NC 27104

### U. S. Senator Kay Hagan

DC phone: [202-224-6342](tel:202-224-6342); Toll-free: [877-852-9462](tel:877-852-9462)

Twitter: @SenatorHagan

Website contact form: <http://www.hagan.senate.gov/contact/>

Write to: 310 New Bern Ave, Raleigh, NC 27601

### Rep. Renee Ellmers

DC phone: [202-225-4531](tel:202-225-4531); Toll-free: [877-645-8764](tel:877-645-8764)

Twitter: @RepReneeEllmers

Website contact form: <https://ellmersforms.house.gov/contact-us1>

Write to: 406 West Broad St, Dunn, NC 28334

For other Senators and Representatives, call the Capitol Switchboard at [202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121) and ask by name.

For additional information or other Senators, [www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

For additional information or other Representatives, go to <http://www.house.gov/representatives/>

For President Obama, Phone [202-456-1111](tel:202-456-1111); Website contact form:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments>