

MRW News

Monthly Newsletter of the Moore Republican Women

APRIL, 2015

Writer/Commentator to Speak in April



Moore Republican Women invite you to our April 13th luncheon in the Pinehurst Members Club. Our speaker will be Mary Claire Kendall, a Washington-based writer of political and social commentaries, books and screenplays. She will speak about her newly published book, "Oasis: Conversion Stories about Hollywood Legends."

Developed from her Forbes column, "Old Hollywood and Beyond," Kendall's book reveals the lives of famous actors in ways that few know. Kendall's writing details the struggles they faced to overcome their frailties and to find peace.

Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.; the meeting begins at noon.

This month's menu is Chicken, Mozzarella and Mushroom Crepes served with Tomato Balsamic Cream, Basil Parmesan Israeli Couscous, Asparagus and Julienne Carrots. Dessert is Tarheel Pie.

Cost is \$17 inclusive, payable to Pinehurst LLC. Valet parking is available.

Reservations are required and may be made by at mooregopwomen@gmail.com, no later than Wednesday, April 8. You will receive an email confirming your reservation. Cancellations are due no later than noon on Saturday, April 11. If you do not cancel by this date, you will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch. If you have any questions, or if you need to reserve by telephone, call Luncheon Chair, <u>Linda Robson</u> at 910-235-0860. Special meal requests should be made early and limited to allergies and dietary restrictions.

Communities in Schools to Hold Prom Fundraiser

You are invited to attend the Second Chance Prom, sponsored by Moore County School's volunteer program, Communities In Schools (CIS), on Saturday, April 18 at down Memory Lane, 161 Dawkins St., Aberdeen, off Route 5 near Pinehurst Plaza. The event will raise money to fund CIS programs and to give volunteers, friends, sponsors, and CIS staff a chance to celebrate their fine work.

The evening begins with a social hour at 7:00 p.m., followed by music and dancing at 8:00 p.m. The Mike Wallace Quartet will provide music. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served along with punch, water and soft drinks; a cash bar is available. Tickets for a raffle may be purchased on-site.

Admission tickets are \$25 per person, \$40 per couple, and may be purchased via telephone at (910) 295-1072 or on-line at: www.cismoore.org. If you plan to pay at the door, please call ahead with a reservation for sponsor planning purposes. Participants must be 21 or over. CIS is supported by United Way of Moore County.

President's Message Kay Wildt

The Easter season and Spring are times to affirm new life and new beginnings, both in our spiritual lives and in the world around us. Each day is a gift, an opportunity to make a new start. As Republicans, we are the party of life, life for everyone from expected babies to the elderly. We want people to receive the health care they need to lead fulfilling and healthy lives without the heavy hand of government predetermining our options. Per the AMA (American Medical Assn.), "Age alone is no longer considered a reason to deny necessary care." Although the White House claims that "Medicare is a sacred trust with America's seniors," it is disturbing to learn that this administration seeks to limit by age the care we may receive. So with our new Spring and the Easter example of love for one another, we continue our work to protect the weak and the helpless, to keep our country strong, and to show gratitude for the blessings we enjoy. We know that many in our country share our same goals; the 2016 election will show whether or not our message wins the day.

Second Annual Reagan Dinner A Success. Kay Wildt

Congratulations to the Moore County Republicans for an excellent 2015 Reagan Dinner on March 28th. Under the leadership of <u>Louis Gregory</u>, the committee transformed the Cardinal Ballroom at the Carolina Resort into a patriotic wonder. Moore County GOP, Chair <u>John Rowerdink</u>, welcomed donors and sponsors of the event to an earlier reception to meet featured speaker, Representative Tom Price, M.D., Chair of the House Budget Committee. <u>NC Senator Jerry Tillman</u> and <u>Rep. Jamie Boles</u>, <u>Rep. Allen McNeill</u>, <u>Judge Jim Webb</u>, and <u>Judge Steve Bibey</u> were among many local elected officials in attendance. Turnout for the dinner was outstanding, and guests bid on special silent auction items assembled by Harold Mendelson.

Special thanks to <u>John</u> and <u>Linda Jarrett</u> for securing Rep. Tom Price as our speaker and welcoming him to Pinehurst. Heartfelt thanks go to our MRW Members and Associates, who made the event so successful: <u>John Rowerdink</u>, <u>Louis Gregory</u>, <u>Harold Mendelson</u>, <u>Pud Kent</u>, <u>Donna Bartrip</u>, <u>Lydia Boesch</u>, <u>Bill Cochrane</u>, <u>John Jarrett</u>, <u>Linda Jarrett</u>, <u>Linda Parke</u>, <u>Sherri Ogorek</u>, <u>Mariann Benway</u>, <u>Joan Thurman</u>, <u>Joe Kasko</u>, <u>Nancy Kasko</u>, <u>Bro Park</u>, <u>Dee Park</u>, "<u>Do" Shaver</u>, <u>Tom Beddow</u>, <u>Bob Tweed</u>, <u>Carol Wheeldon</u>, <u>Lane Bergstrom</u>, and <u>Kay Wildt</u>, Thanks also to Bob Zschoche, Belina Bryant, and especially to Donna Tanner whose artistry transformed the event.

Ways and Means Andrea Moore

After <u>Mariann Benway</u> and <u>Kay Wildt</u> sold out all of our "right wing bling" at the February NCFRW Meeting in Statesville, we have restocked and will be selling our terrific items at the April 13th lunch and also at the 2 District Convention on April 25 in Sanford. In May we will be selling again at the NCFRW meeting.

Please stop by the Ways and Means table at lunch and support your club by buying some of our patriotic jewelry or a lovely, soft elephant scarf, which is large enough to serve as a shawl, just right for our North Carolina spring and summer.

Membership Meg Lindenberger

Moore Republican Women is growing! We have 21 new members who joined for 2015. Please continue to bring your friends to our luncheons and encourage them to join MRW. A registered Republican who wishes to join MRW may send a check for \$30, payable to MRW, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374. If you have any questions, email Meg Lindenberger at meglindenberger@icloud.com or call/text her cell phone 910-603-5505.

Please welcome our new members:

Jeanie Daigre, Lisa Dishman, Carolyn Loeser, Jim Duncan, Jean Jones, Lynn Roberts and Terry Slonim.

Legislative Update Peggy Smetana

Immigration Issues: Despite calls from us and thousands like us, the Department of Homeland Security Act **became law <u>without defunding Obama's Executive Action amnesty</u>. The 46 Senate Democrats filibustered the bill; the necessary 60 votes to invoke cloture to stop the filibuster could not be achieved.**

However, Judge Andrew Hanen of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas issued a **preliminary injunction blocking the implementation of Obama's November 20th Executive Action Amnesty**. Hanen issued this injunction in response to a **case brought by 26 governors** and attorneys general that claimed Obama's Nov. 20th Executive Action amnesty did them irreparable harm.

After Hanen refused to stay his injunction, the Obama Administration tried to sidestep Judge Hanen's injunction by asking the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit Court of Appeals to set aside Judge Hanen's injunction. The 5th Circuit Court denied the Administration's request for a fast ruling.

Complicating the case is that the **Administration had misled Judge Hanen** when attorneys failed to disclose the issuance of 100,000 work permits to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) aliens prior to Hanen's injunction, as part of the expansion of the DACA program announced by the President in November.

Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced S. 534, Immigration Rule of Law Act of 2015, on Feb. 23 and it was placed on the Senate Calendar. According to the Senate Republican Policy Paper, S. 534 includes nearly all the amendments that were contained in the original House-passed DHS Appropriations bill, except those that pertained to his actions on immigration in 2011 and 2012.

S. 534 prohibits the use of funds to carry out the administration's various executive memoranda issued on November 20. It also prohibits fees collected to be used to carry out executive memoranda of Nov. 20.

There is no information about co-sponsors at the time of this writing. Check with Senators Burr and Tillis to see if they have co-sponsored. If not, ask them why not?

Loretta Lynch: It is unknown at the time of this writing if the Nomination for Attorney General has been taken up in the Senate. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has been delaying bringing her nomination to the floor until S. 178, Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, has been resolved.

Letter to Iran: Hurrah for the brave 47 Republican Senators who signed the letter to Iran. You can read the text of the letter here. http://www.cotton.senate.gov/content/cotton-and-46-fellow-senators-send-open-letter-leaders-islamic-republic-iran. I love its tone, its respect, and its openness. Signers included Senators Burr and Tillis.

Secret Science Bill: H.R. 1030, Secret Science Reform Act of 2015, passed the house on March 18. The bill requires the EPA to make publicly available all the details of any scientific research it uses in regulating. It prohibits the EPA from using so-called "secret science" to justify its regulations. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Lamar Smith (TX) and has 28 co-sponsors, all Republican.

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Why I am a Climate Change Skeptic by Patrick Moore, Ph.D.

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Dr. Moore is a founding member of Greenpeace and served for nine years as president of Greenpeace Canada and seven years as a director of Greenpeace International. As the leader of many campaigns, Dr. Moore was a driving force shaping policy and direction while Greenpeace became the world's largest environmental activist organization.

I am skeptical [that] humans are the main cause of climate change and that it will be catastrophic in the near future. There is no scientific proof of this hypothesis, yet we are told "the debate is over" and "the science is settled."

My skepticism begins with the believers' certainty they can predict the global climate with a computer model. The entire basis for the doomsday climate change scenario is the hypothesis [that] increased atmospheric carbon dioxide due to fossil fuel emissions will heat the Earth to unlivable temperatures.

In fact, the Earth has been warming very gradually for 300 years, since the Little Ice Age ended, long before heavy use of fossil fuels. Prior to the Little Ice Age, during the Medieval Warm Period, Vikings colonized Greenland and Newfoundland, when it was warmer there than today. And during Roman times, it was warmer, long before fossil fuels revolutionized civilization.

The idea [that] it would be catastrophic if carbon dioxide were to increase and average global temperature were to rise a few degrees is preposterous.

Recently, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) announced for the umpteenth time [that] we are doomed unless we reduce carbon-dioxide emissions to zero. Effectively this means either reducing the population to zero, or going back 10,000 years before humans began clearing forests for agriculture. This proposed cure is far worse than adapting to a warmer world, if it actually comes about.

IPCC Conflict of Interest

By its constitution, the IPCC has a hopeless conflict of interest. Its mandate is to consider <u>only the human causes of global warming</u>, not the many natural causes changing the climate for billions of years. We don't understand the natural causes of climate change any more than we know if humans are part of the cause at present. If the IPCC did not find humans were the cause of warming, or if it found warming would be more positive than negative, there would be no need for the IPCC under its present mandate. To survive, it must find on the side of the apocalypse.

The IPCC should either have its mandate expanded to include all causes of climate change, or it should be dismantled.

Political Powerhouse

Climate change has become a powerful political force for many reasons. First, it is universal; we are told everything on Earth is threatened. Second, it invokes the two most powerful human motivators: fear and guilt. We fear driving our car will kill our grandchildren, and we feel guilty for doing it.

Third, there is a powerful convergence of interests among key elites that support the climate "narrative." Environmentalists spread fear and raise donations; politicians appear to be saving the Earth from doom; the media has a field day with sensation and conflict; science institutions raise billions in grants, create whole new departments, and stoke a feeding frenzy of scary scenarios; business wants to look green, and get huge public subsidies for projects that would otherwise be economic losers, such as wind farms and solar arrays.

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Climate Change, Continued:

Fourth, the Left sees climate change as a perfect means to redistribute wealth from industrial countries to the developing world and the UN bureaucracy. So we are told carbon dioxide is a "toxic" "pollutant" that must be curtailed, when in fact it is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, gas and the most important food for life on earth. Without carbon dioxide above 150 parts per million, all plants would die.

Human Emissions Saved Planet

Over the past 150 million years, carbon dioxide had been drawn down steadily (by plants) from about 3,000 parts per million to about 280 parts per million before the Industrial Revolution. If this trend continued, the carbon dioxide level would have become too low to support life on Earth. Human fossil fuel use and clearing land for crops have boosted carbon dioxide from its lowest level in the history of the Earth back to 400 parts per million today.

At 400 parts per million, all our food crops, forests, and natural ecosystems are still on a starvation diet for carbon dioxide. The optimum level of carbon dioxide for plant growth, given enough water and nutrients, is about 1,500 parts per million, nearly four times higher than today. Greenhouse growers inject carbon-dioxide to increase yields. Farms and forests will produce more if carbon-dioxide keeps rising.

We have no proof increased carbon dioxide is responsible for the earth's slight warming over the past 300 years. There has been no significant warming for 18 years while we have emitted 25 per cent of all the carbon dioxide ever emitted. Carbon dioxide is vital for life on Earth and plants would like more of it. Which should we emphasize to our children?

Celebrate Carbon Dioxide

The IPCC's followers have given us a vision of a world dying because of carbon-dioxide emissions. I say the Earth would be a lot deader with no carbon dioxide, and more of it will be a very positive factor in feeding the world. Let's celebrate carbon dioxide.

[Editor's Note: Patrick Moore, Ph.D., has been a leader in international environmentalism for more than 40 years. He cofounded Greenpeace and now serves as chair of Allow Golden Rice. Moore received the 2014 "Speaks Truth to Power Award" at the Ninth International Conference on Climate Change, July 8, in Las Vegas.

PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE EXTENDED TO MAY!

Help Moore Republican Women Spread the Love

To help fight hunger in our community the **Caring for America Committee** will be collecting jars of peanut butter which will be donated to the Sandhills Food Bank. Peanut butter is an excellent source of protein and a favorite of young, old and everyone in-between.

Please consider donating:

- Any size or brand peanut butter in a plastic jar
- Collected at the April and May MRW luncheons
- Cash donations are welcome and will be used to purchase jars of peanut butter



With the continued generous spirit of MRW we will spread "Moore" love to many needy families.

Literacy Pam Venet

The importance of volunteering in the public schools is well known. Research indicates that volunteers positively affect students; who do better in school, have more positive attitudes and behaviors, better social adjustment, and better grades.

One way to help locally is through the CIS (Communities In Schools) Reading Buddies program. This program was created to improve the reading skills for second graders in Southern Pines Primary and Aberdeen Primary by working with trained volunteers.

Volunteers will need to complete in-service training which provides a "tool kit" of skills to reinforce what is taught in the classroom. In addition, volunteers will receive orientation to school expectations and Moore County Schools' policies and procedures.

Reading Buddies meet in the schools: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, so members have choices of days. The classroom teacher will direct individual students or small student groups to work with their Reading Buddies volunteer.

Please consider making a small commitment of your time. Those who do volunteer in schools, like our own <u>Norma Sullins</u>, find the rewards are truly gratifying. Not only are volunteers encouraging students to learn, but also, they are making a difference in a student's life.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a "Reading Buddy," please call <u>910-295-1072</u>, or e-mail the Volunteer Coordinator, Dr. Robin Moore, at <u>robin@cismoore.org</u>. Members can learn more about the program and procure a volunteer application on the website (http://cismoore.org). Dr. Moore said that members do not need to complete the reference page, but, for the required background check, a social security number must be provided on the application. Strict confidence is assured. Time allowance for this would be 1-2 weeks.

I hope many MRW members and friends will sign up to volunteer in the Reading Buddies program to improve the reading and literacy skills for our local children. Let's get our applications in and be ready to start in September!

"I SUPPORT TEACHERS" License Plate Kay Wildt

Lt Governor Dan Forest is leading a drive for interested North Carolinians to apply for an "I Support Teachers" License Plate. The proceeds from these plates will fund the North Carolina Education Endowment Fund, which will help supplement teacher compensation.

By law, 500 applications and payments are required for the plates to begin the printing process. We hope that with your help, we can reach the 500 license plate goal and begin printing the new plates.

To sign up for an "I Support Teachers" License Plate:

- 1. Download the Application. Download the Application Here: Application I Support Teachers.pdf
- 2. Print off the I Support Teachers Plate Application.
- 3. Fill out the requested information.
- 4. Write a Check or Money Order made out to "I Support Teachers, Inc."
- 5. Mail both the completed application and payment to:

I Support Teachers, Inc.

310 N. Blount Street

Raleigh, NC, 27601

Teachers will thank you, as does Lt. Governor Dan Forest!

Troopons and Toiletries for the Military..... Debbie Spelman

Please continue bringing in Manufacturer's Coupons that go to PX's overseas for military families. Even recently expired coupons are fine. No need to clip them, although that is appreciated. Just drop them off at our next luncheon. Thank you to <u>Jane MacDougall</u> and the wonderful volunteers at Penick Village for agreeing to be our "Clippers."

As part of our ongoing assistance to MMIA (Military Missions in Action), we continue to collect hotel-size toiletries for homeless veterans in our area.



Monthly Drive to Benefit Ft. Bragg Fisher House

The Ft. Bragg Fisher House is one of 64 existing Fisher Houses which provide comfortable, temporary lodging for families with loved ones in a major military hospital. Last year Ft. Bragg's Fisher House served 283 families giving them 1,955 nights of free lodging.

Charitable contributions are an important source of funding for Army Fisher Houses. Many items are needed to help provide comfort for the families staying there. All donations are tax deductible and a Tax ID number will be provided upon request.

The following wish list outlines the most-needed items. Donations may be made to the address below or may be brought to any MRW meeting and given to <u>Sandi Carl</u> or <u>Debbie Spelman</u>, our military outreach coordinators.

Gift Cards: Commissary, Target, PX, Local Grocery Stores, Lowe's, Visa

Food Items: Bottled water, drinks, breakfast items, Cereal – single- serving size boxes.

K-Cups (coffee, decaf, tea, hot chocolate), creamer, sugar, snacks (ex: crackers, peanuts, cookies, popcorn).

Office Supplies: Forever stamps, envelopes, copy paper.

Paper/Kitchen Products: 12 oz. coffee cups, Kleenex hand towels, Ziploc bags, foil and plastic wrap.

Cleaning Products: HE Laundry detergent pods, air freshener, bleach, fabric softener, Windex, furniture polish, dishwashing detergent, vinegar.

Bed & Bath Items: Toiletries, White cloth shower curtain liners.

Monetary Donations: Checks made payable to the Ft. Bragg Fisher House.