



MRW News

Monthly Newsletter of the Moore Republican Women

AUGUST 2015

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 3RD AT PINEHURST COUNTRY CLUB.

AUGUST 3, 2015 – ELECTION ACTION 2016 Meeting – Our Speakers:



Zan Bunn, President, North Carolina Federation of Republican Women

While studying History/Political Science at Meredith College, Zan was inspired by President Ronald Reagan's love of country. She was elected President of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women (NCFRW) in 2013 and re-elected in 2015. She has served on the National Federation of Republican Women's Legislative and Bylaws Committees.

In the North Carolina Republican Party, Zan currently serves as Chair of the 13th Congressional District and has served on the State Executive and Central Committees for many years and is a lifetime member of the NRA.

In 2013, Zan was awarded the J. E. Broyhill Award, the highest statewide award bestowed upon an individual for lifetime grassroots activism.

Hasan Harnett, Chair of the North Carolina Republican Party



Hasan Harnett, a businessman and author from Concord, was elected the NCGOP's first African-American Chair at their June Convention in Raleigh.

A former Democrat, Hasan became active in the State Republican Party in 2010, after meeting Tim Johnson, who founded the Frederick Douglass Foundation. The organization describes itself as "the largest Christ-centered, multiethnic, and Republican ministry in America."

Since then, he has worked on several Republican campaigns across the state, serving as campaign manager for GOP Congressional candidate Vince Coakley.

Harnett's goal is to build the party at the grassroots level and get it ready for 2016. He says he can expand the GOP's appeal to minorities. "We need a bold, reinvigorated Republican Party that listens to the grass roots. Together we will win in 2016 because teamwork makes the dream work."

The Menu is a Chicken, Tuna and Fruit Salad Trio - house-made Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad, Fresh Fruit and Berries, served on a bed of artisan romaine greens with marinated cucumbers, sliced red and yellow beefsteak tomatoes. Dessert is Peach Shortcake with Chantilly Cream, Lemon Scones and Berry Coulis.

The luncheon is at noon; registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Please reserve by **THURSDAY, JULY 30th**. Cancellations are due by noon on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st**. Reserve by email at mooregopwomen@gmail.com or call luncheon chair, Linda Robson, at 910-235-0860. If you do not cancel by this date, you are responsible for the cost of the lunch. Cost is **\$18.50** inclusive, payable to Pinehurst LLC. Valet parking is available.

Special meal requests should be made early and limited to allergies and dietary restrictions.

President's Message Kay Wildt

Although we had not brought this to your attention previously, we are having a significant problem with our luncheon count being skewed by those who arrive without a reservation. Our MRW team of volunteers works diligently to ensure that our luncheons run well, that members are welcomed and given their nametags, that payments and purchases go smoothly, that we are served what was advertised and in the expected quantity. We can only do this if we know in advance who is planning to attend.

We understand that schedules change, so we extended the date to make reservations by one day to the Thursday before the luncheon. Then if necessary, one has until Saturday at noon to cancel a reservation. The board voted unanimously at its last meeting to no longer allow persons to walk-in without a reservation. As one commented, it is like planning a dinner party for 10 but having 30 appear.

Luncheon Chair, Linda Robson, confirms all reservations to the e-mails and calls that she receives, so expect that you will receive a confirming e-mail or telephone call. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact Linda because that indicates a problem with your reservation.

Thank you for your understanding and thoughtfulness to those who manage the luncheons by making your reservation in a timely manner.

Christmas Cards for Heroes Kay Wildt

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) will collect Christmas cards for military, both deployed and veterans, at its Phoenix, Arizona, convention September 10 – 13th. Clubs are asked to submit cards for distribution by the USO and by chaplains.

At our August 3rd meeting, MRW members will sign Christmas cards for the troops to send to Phoenix for the project. If you have extra Christmas cards at home that you are willing to contribute to the effort, and even pre-sign them at home that would be wonderful.

Here are the instructions from NFRW: **“Be sure the messages in the cards are appropriate:”**

- Messages in cards should be positive: “Thank you for your service.” “Have a safe and happy holiday season.” “Have a happy new year.”
- Use the greeting: “Dear Service Member or Veteran,” **not** “Dear Soldier” or “Dear Sailor.”
- Sign cards with only first names—do not include full name, address, phone number or e-mail addresses. “Merry Christmas from the Sanderson Family, Phoenix, Arizona” or “Ken and Pat in AZ say Happy Holidays to You.”
- Do not put cards in envelopes. No envelopes or letters are accepted, only cards.
- Please do not include inserts **of any kind**, including photos, glitter or attachments; these items will be removed during the reviewing process.
- Religious cards can be accepted. They will be given to military or VA chaplains to distribute.

Condolences

We extend our deepest condolences to Martha Jack on the death of her husband, Paul Richard “Dick” Jack, who died on July 10th.

Former member, Norma Boggs, died July 18th, and we send our condolences to her family.

From This...



THANK YOU, Diane Ingold, our "Peanut Butter Sandwich"

To This...



OUR WONDERFUL MRW MEMBERS DONATED 134 POUNDS OF PEANUT BUTTER!

Here are Diane Ingold, our Caring for America Chair, and the driving force behind our peanut butter campaign, along with Kay Wildt, MRW President, at the Sandhills Food Bank making our delivery.

Future Speakers.Mariann Benway



September 14, Lt. Col. Bill Cowan (USMC Ret.) - Bill Cowan is a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel, highly decorated combat veteran and a Fox News Channel military contributor. He spent most of his professional life engaged in special operations and activities in support of sensitive U.S. Government programs abroad. He lives with his wife, Velvet, in North Carolina.

October 5th: Tammy Fitzgerald of NC Values will speak.

November 2nd: Clare Lopez, an expert on terrorism at the Center for Security Policy, will return. Clare was here in June, 2014, and spoke to a record-breaking audience. She is an expert on terrorism.

December 7th: Ilario Pantano, NC Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs, will speak about his soon-to-be released history of the battle of King's Mountain, the Revolutionary War's most decisive battle in the South. The book is entitled, "Grand Theft History."

SAVE THE DATE! SHERIFF DAVE CLARKE TO SPEAK ON OCTOBER 4TH!

Sunday, October 4th, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College



Sheriff Dave Clarke, Jr., *The People's Sheriff*, is coming to Moore County for a fundraiser to benefit Fort Bragg's Fisher House and MMIA (Military Missions In Action), organized by Mariann and Ken Benway and Kay Wildt.

David A. Clarke, Jr., Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, has taken a principled stand for law enforcement, advocating for our nation's police officers. Despite criticism, he boldly and publicly faced down critics like Al Sharpton and Eric Holder for bringing suspicion on our officers and failing to uphold justice in the wake of the Ferguson shootings.

He has publicly reprimanded those who denigrate and unfairly accuse our officers of wrongdoing in the line of duty and has spoken firmly in support of our nation's police.

He staunchly defends the Second Amendment and upholds the right of lawful citizens to keep and bear arms. Sheriff Clarke represents our last line of defense in protecting our citizens and law enforcement officers from the chaos we see on our streets every day.

Mariann and Kay, Two Ranger Moms, contacted Sheriff Clarke about coming to the Sandhills to raise funds for the great work being done by the Fisher House at Fort Bragg and by MMIA. Last year, both Kay's son and Mariann's son-in-law were deployed to Afghanistan and both received several of the MMIA "Fill the Footlocker" shipments that they shared with their units.

General Admission tickets are \$20, and sponsors are needed to help defray the costs of presenting the program, so the maximum money can go to MMIA and Fort Bragg Fisher House. For more information, go to: www.tworangermoms.com

Legislative Update Peggy Smetana

TRANSPARENCY

I am tired of hearing opposite versions of the Iran Nuclear Agreement. I have decided to read the original document and formulate my own opinion. Then I can decide which commentator, legislator, or president is bending the truth.

Life is more interesting if you actively participate. And mentally challenging tasks help ward off Alzheimers and dementia.

If you would like to join me in reading the actual text, click here

<http://apps.washingtonpost.com/g/documents/world/full-text-of-the-iran-nuclear-deal/1651/>

If you want to print it off to read it, click here

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/s3.documentcloud.org/documents/2165399/full-text-of-the-iran-nuclear-deal.pdf>

Unfortunately, I did NOT find the text on a government website (usa.gov, congress.gov, senate.gov, house.gov, state.gov), despite Pres. Obama's claiming that he has the most transparent administration in history.

However, if you would like the texts of Obama's and Kerry's comments, they are easily available.

When I finally found a phone number for the State Department, they suggested the text was not on the State Department website because the agreement did not just involve the U.S. The representative suggested I search for European Union and then for Iran Nuclear Agreement. Government bureaucracy!!!

SUGGESTION:

Contact Burr, Tillis, and Ellmers and **tell them** to READ THE IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT THEMSELVES. We hired them to do this. They should not rely on journalists, news commentators, or fellow legislators.

Sen. Richard Burr - DC phone 202-224-3154

Postcard - 2000 West First St, Ste 508, Winston-Salem, NC 27104,

Website comment - <https://www.burr.senate.gov/contact/email>

Twitter - @SenatorBurr

Sen. Thom Tillis – DC phone 202-224-6342

Postcard – 310 New Bern, Ste 122, Raleigh, NC 27602

Website comment, <http://www.tillis.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-me>

Twitter - @SenThomTillis

Congresswoman Renee Ellmers – DC phone 202-225-4531

Postcard – 406 West Broad St, Dunn, NC 28334

Website comment – <https://reneeellmers.house.gov/contact/>

Twitter - @RepReneeEllmers

You have the power of 10. Legislators have said that when they get a phone call on an issue, they figure 10 other people are thinking the same but not calling. You have power!!!

Legislative Update. Peggy Smetana

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL

President Obama continues to divide Americans and increase racial tensions, using injustices of the past. He picks sides immediately and jumps to conclusions. He does not allow time for the judicial system to investigate the facts before he speaks. He has overrun Minnesota with Somali refugees. He allows our southern borders to be invaded with thousands of illegal aliens. All of these are Alinsky tactics of destruction by overwhelming the system.

Contrast that with our Declaration's words "All men are created equal." Some call the Founders hypocrites, pointing to slavery. The Founders' words were not the consensus of mankind at the time. Their words were their principled beliefs, based on belief in God. Belief in equality was a goal to be achieved. Is it not better to set high aspirations for a country, even if not immediately achievable?

The Founding documents stressed our common humanity. Birth, death, sorrow, joy, aspirations bind us all in the human experience. Belief in God, a being greater than ourselves, someone out there who cares for us, is a uniting experience.

Abraham Lincoln's words "With malice toward none, with charity for all, . . .to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan..." do not talk of vengeance or division.

When President Obama speaks with words of blame and racial divisions, we should retort with our common aspirations of individual liberty and personal achievement.

Then and Now Kay Wildt

In Nazi Germany, allegedly some of the companies that worked with them were Random House (parent company - Bertelsmann A.G.), Chase Bank, Allianz, Novartis, Nestle', BMW, GE, Standard Oil, Ford, Coca Cola, Siemens, Bayer (parent - IG Farben), Volkswagen, Hugo Boss, and Kodak. I saved my favorite for last - IBM.

IBM is the reason that Hitler was able to locate and exterminate so many Jews and others they considered undesirable. IBM used its punch card system to categorize people by race and ethnicity and had excellent records on many persons. What IBM's punch-card system did in Nazi Europe was child's play compared to what computers can do today.

If we extrapolate the information that Common Core has on children and their parents, Obamacare information on patients, credit information known to every credit reporting agency, IRS, and every other federal agency being able to track us...well, to turn a phrase, we are in deep trouble.

This administration has and is doing its best to turn group against group...think Stanford Prison Experiment, "By dividing and conquering in this way, guards promote aggression among inmates, thereby deflecting it from themselves." This administration is adept at using whatever the latest incident is to divide us and to distract our attention from the evil it is perpetrating. Hateful is the byword for this president. It was easy enough for Hitler to find like-minded Germans to join him in singling out and arresting Jews. There will be in any group a percentage willing to go along with that sort of endeavor, no matter how repulsive.

So, yes, scary times. The three branches of government are either co-opted or unsympathetic to our concerns, the fourth estate has sold us out for the most part, and at least half of us are as Jonathon Gruber said, too stupid to know the score.

I love our military, but I am worried about another group mentioned in the pesky quote, "We cannot continue to rely only on our military in order to achieve the national security objectives that we've set. We've got to have a civilian national security force that's just as powerful, just as strong, just as well-funded." [YouTube, [7/2/08](#)]BHO.

May God have mercy on us all.

Education Update from NC Senator Ron Rabin

Interestingly, about 75% of the Senate floor debate on the budget bill focused on education, not Medicaid. The main topics included teacher pay, teacher assistants, textbooks, etc. The Democrat strategy is a lesson out of “Rule for Radicals” (aka the Obama and Hillary playbook) by Saul Alinsky, noted Communist and mentor to Hillary Clinton. They are pretending that last year’s Budget enacted by the Republican majority didn’t award teachers their biggest pay raise ever (which it did) and that this year we didn’t meet our promises of follow-on raises (which we did). They are pretending we didn’t fund teacher assistants for K-3 (which we did) and not telling you that local school boards can hire as many more TA’s as they wish (which they can if they are competent as managers). The Democrat treatment of the textbook issue is even more bizarre. The former Governor zeroed textbooks in the last liberal majority-produced budget, but since 2011, we have incrementally restored textbook funding. Not fully restored yet, but an honest attempt to fix their mistake with textbook funding. I guess they think this pretense on their part will fool you, the people of NC, like Obama did with his budget. They must think you all have amnesia and won’t remember what the General Assembly has done for education by increasing the State education budget every year since we won the majority. A few details on the budget and education:

- Adds 6,756 new teachers over two years to reduce class size ratios in Kindergarten through third grades.
- Provides an additional \$58 million for textbooks and digital resources over two years.
- Increases funding for K-12 public schools by \$453 million, for community colleges by \$5 million, and for the University of North Carolina system by \$160 million over two years.
- Provides \$21.3 million each year to raise pay for community college instructors.
- Allocates an additional \$12 million to fully fund the requirements of the Excellent Public Schools Act, including the Read to Achieve program created to ensure students can read proficiently by fourth grade.
- Increases support for the opportunity scholarship program by close to \$7 million each year.
- Provides in-state tuition for veterans at the state’s community colleges and universities and increases funding for the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program.
- Fulfills the commitment to increase starting teacher salaries to \$35,000 and provides teachers a four percent pay raise on average.

Teaching Experience	Annual Salary
0 - 4 years	\$35,000
5 - 9 years	\$38,250
10 - 14 years	\$41,250
15 - 19 years	\$44,250
20 - 24 years	\$47,000
25 + years	\$50,000

For the record, we allocate about 55% of our state budget to education. That tells you where our priority is. The results tell us that it’s time to recognize that dollars alone will not fix our education system’s problems. Problems cannot be properly addressed until we let ourselves see them with clarity and solve them with surety. **It’s a problem when** there is no entity to fill the void that exists when families are not there to rear their children and instill the values of good citizenship. **It’s a problem when** we have such huge societal issues that the General Assembly has to pass laws to control classroom behavior so that students do not attack teachers and otherwise disrupt learning. **It’s a problem when** we fail to recognize that lowering standards does not foster learning (otherwise about 60% of high school grads wouldn’t need remedial training in English and Math when entering Community Colleges). **It’s a problem when** we engage in endless, enervating debate concerning competition between public schools and alternative schools when the real issues are how to provide a positive learning environment for kids who want to learn and how to give parents the ability to choose the best alternatives for their children. These are just a sample of the problems that impact our education process and keep it from being fully effective regardless of how many dollars we invest.

Education Spending - Locke Foundation Agenda 2014 Guide to Public Policy Issues

In his book *Education Myths*, University of Arkansas professor Jay Greene points out that the inadequately funded school myth "is simultaneously the most widely held idea about education in America and the one that is most directly at odds with the available evidence." Indeed, empirical research continues to affirm Greene's claim.

In 2014, Andrew Coulson of the Cato Institute published a study that adjusted education spending for inflation and state-average SAT scores for participation rates and student demographics. He found that most states had massive increases in public school spending but virtually no change in student outcomes. North Carolina was no different. Despite doubling our state's inflation-adjusted per pupil expenditure between 1972 and 2012, there was very little change in North Carolina's adjusted SAT scores over time. Conservatives and libertarians are not the only ones noting the lack of a consistent relationship between the two.

In 2011, Ulrich Boser, senior fellow at the left-leaning Center for American Progress, made the case that decades of significant funding increases for public schools failed to produce long-term innovation or progress on measures of student performance. Boser concluded that public school systems needed to stop thinking of inputs and outcomes separately and embrace the concept that unifies them - educational productivity or "bang for the buck."

It is counterproductive to focus solely on how much is spent. North Carolinians should ensure that public schools use taxpayer money in the most productive ways possible.

Key Facts

- North Carolina spent approximately \$8,500 per K-12 student in federal, state, and local operating funds in 2012. When average spending for buildings and other capital costs are included, the total cost of public education in our state exceeds \$9,100 per student.
- State funding is not distributed to all public school children equally. State and federal agencies allocate funds based on the needs, circumstances, and grade level of each student. During the 2013-2014 school year, for example, small, low-wealth school systems received \$11,223 in state funds for each special-needs elementary school student with limited English proficiency from a low-income family. Federal funding may add up to an additional \$5,495.89 per elementary student, depending on program eligibility.
- Over the last 10 years, state public school funding has increased by approximately 29 percent, from nearly \$6 billion in 2004 to \$7.7 billion in 2013.
- Although the Great Recession produced a three-year dip in local education spending, expenditures from local government sources increased by 32 percent since 2004.
- Federal funding to North Carolina public schools has increased during the same period thanks to significant increases in No Child Left Behind (Title I), special education (IDEA), and American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (stimulus) funding. In 2013, federal funding reached nearly \$3 billion, a 54 percent increase over 10 years.
- The state has contributed over \$2.1 billion for capital expenditures since 1996. School districts are responsible for financing their own capital programs and have spent almost \$12 billion during the same period. Taking all sources of revenue, school districts have spent over \$14.1 billion for school capital

Recommendations

- 1. Acknowledge that empirical studies find a weak relationship between education spending and student performance.** Embrace "educational productivity." It's not how much you spend, but how you spend it. Research suggests that expenditures on classroom instruction provide the most "bang for the buck."
- 2. Discontinue the confusing practice of allocating funds to each school district using various funding formulas, and utilize a block grant funding system.** Give school districts the freedom to allocate education funding according to unique needs and circumstances.
- 3. Alternatively, change the way that North Carolina funds public education by attaching funding to the student.** Coupled with open enrollment for schools statewide, student-centered funding will ensure that schools of parents' choosing receive funds necessary to educate each child — nothing more, nothing less.
- 4. Require school districts to post budgets, check registers, contracts, and other public documents online.** In addition, districts should be required to report per-pupil expenditures by school and grade level.

Military Outreach.Sandi Carl

At each meeting, we collect hotel toiletries for MMIA to distribute to homeless veterans in our area.

Troopons for the Military.Deb Spelman

We continue collecting manufacturers' coupons for military families overseas. Volunteers at Penick Village kindly clip them for us to send to the troops. Thank you for your support of this ongoing program.

Literacy Pam Venet

Volunteer Opportunities in Southern Pines and Aberdeen

The importance of volunteering in the public schools is limitless.

Research indicated that volunteer involvement positively affects the structure and operation of the classroom. In addition, when volunteers assisted in reading with student, it found that they did better in school, have more positive attitude and behavior, better social adjustment, and better grades.

Volunteering allows that teachers to individualize with students in their class and create better effectiveness in the classroom.

This is why MRW is asking you to assist us with this challenge. To complete the application. If you are interested in volunteering to be a "Reading Buddy", please call [910-295-1072](tel:910-295-1072) or email the Volunteer Coordinator, Dr. Robin Moore, at robin@cismoore.org. Members can learn more about the program and procure a volunteer application on the website (<http://cismoore.org>). Dr. Moore stated members do not need to complete the reference page. However, Dr. Moore said that a social security number must be on the application. Strict confidence will be assured. This is for the background check. Time allowance for this would be 1-2 weeks.

I am hoping many MRW members and friends will sign up to volunteer in the Reading Buddies program this summer to improve the reading and literacy skills for our children. Then you will be ready to start when school begins in August.

Membership Meg Lindenberger

All 2015 MRW Member Directories have been distributed. Please call or text Meg Lindenberger, [910-603-5505](tel:910-603-5505), if you do not have your 2015 MRW Directory.

Moore Republican Women is growing! Our membership is now 182, 159 regular members and 23 associates. We have 22 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](mailto:MegLindenberger@icloud.com) at meglindenberger@icloud.com or call/text her cell phone 910-603-5505.

MRW Elections in the Fall

Per our bylaws, the terms of our current elected board members will be up at the end of 2015, and a nominating committee will have the responsibility to develop a slate for election. We welcome participation by all our members. If you are interested in seeking office, this is the time to reflect and to ask questions. Feel free to approach any board members with your questions or concerns.

Do You Care for a Service Member or Veteran?

If you are a spouse, friend, family member or loved one who assists a wounded, ill or injured Service member in any activity of daily living you are a **military caregiver**...

Join us in a conversation with your peers at The **Military Caregiver PEER Forum** (Personalized Experiences, Engagement and Resources):

- » **Connect** with other military caregivers;
- » **Learn** more about issues impacting your day-to-day life; and
- » **Share** stories and resources in a safe environment facilitated by Military Family Life Counselors.

DATE: Wednesday, August 12th

TIME: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Family Readiness Group Center (FRGC), – Bldg. 236, Interceptor Street (Corner of Reilly Rd.), Pope Army Airfield. (Call 910-432-3742 if you need directions.)

PLEASE CONTACT: Mary Jane Kerr – (910) 489-5528, or Michael Hewett – (910) 488-8246 or Max Dolan – (910) 709-2142, or email CMFLC12.ftbragg@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.

We look forward to your participation.



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