



MRW News

Monthly Newsletter of the Moore Republican Women

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Noted Lawyer and Defender of Freedom to Speak in October



Tami Fitzgerald is the Executive Director of the NC Values Coalition, which defends a Christian Worldview of faith, family, and freedom in the culture of North Carolina.

A lobbyist since 2005, Ms. Fitzgerald was successful in convincing the General Assembly to place the Marriage Amendment on the May 2012 ballot and then led the Vote FOR Marriage NC Referendum Committee as its Chairwoman.

Mrs. Fitzgerald is also an award-winning Allied Attorney for the Alliance Defending Freedom, a board member of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a member of the Council for the Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Michelle Nix, Vice-Chair of the NC Republican Party to Speak in October



Michele Nix, the former County Chair of Lenoir County, is our newly elected NCGOP Vice Chair. Her vision for the North Carolina Republican Party is to instill the core values of Strength and Unity which will ensure Victory in 2016 and beyond.

Michele says she is a loud, proud, bold, red-Republican and she plans to stand in the current gap between the grassroots and the party to make all of our voices heard and bring our party forward for 2016 and the future.

The Luncheon Menu is Seared Ashley Farms Chicken Breast Cacciatore, with tomatoes, mushrooms, onion, and basil porcini mushroom stuffed ravioli, seasoned vegetables and thyme pan jus. Dessert is NY Style Cheesecake with caramel topping.

The luncheon is at noon with registration at 11:30 a.m. Reserve by **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st**. Cancel by noon **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd**. If you do not cancel by this date, you are responsible for the cost of the lunch.

Reserve by email at mooregopwomen@gmail.com. Cost is **\$18.50** inclusive, payable to Pinehurst LLC. Valet parking is available. Luncheon Chair, Linda Robson, confirms all reservations, so if you do not receive confirmation, email Linda at mooregopwomen@gmail.com, or call Linda at 235-0860 to reserve.

Please remember our new policy requested by the club: one must have an advance reservation to attend the luncheon. If not, we regret that we cannot accommodate walk-ins. Thank you for your understanding and thoughtfulness by making your reservation in a timely manner.

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

MRW Elections..... Kay Wildt

Per our bylaws, the terms of our current elected board members will be up at the end of 2015, and a Nominating Committee has been named to develop a slate for election and will present the slate at our October meeting. Also, nominations may be made from the floor at the October meeting, and then an election will be held at our November meeting. Officers will be installed at our December brunch.

Members of the 2015 Nominating Committee are: Diana Barton, Donna Bartrip, Carol Wheeldon, Chris Mancuso, and Kim Tackett. This is your club, so if you are interested in running for elected office, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee to make your interest known. Their telephone numbers are listed in your directory, but if you need help in locating anyone, call Kay at 235-4654, for their contact information.

To view what our bylaws require of the Nominating Committee, go to our website: www.mrwnc.org. On the home page under the banner heading, click on "About MRW." You will be directed to a page listing the officers. At the top of the page is a link to "Bylaws." Article IX on page 12 outlines responsibilities of the Nominating Committee.

President's Message Kay Wildt

The National Federation of Republican Women held its biennial convention in Phoenix, Arizona, in mid September. North Carolina was well represented with a delegation of 35 club presidents and members. On opening night, Mary Frances Forrester graciously invited the entire NCFRW delegation to her daughter's beautiful home in the foothills overlooking the Phoenix valley for an evening of fun and fellowship.

At the convention, a new NFRW board was elected, and a straw poll of the membership was taken of Presidential candidates for the 2016 elections. The attendees were impressed with the appearances of Carly Fiorina and Ted Cruz. Each gave an impressive speech, and Fiorina and Cruz won the top two spots, respectively, in the straw poll. The other candidates were unable to attend; however, some sent personalized videos or their representative, like Janet Huckabee, who spoke at the luncheon telling the Huckabee story with great humor.

We are proud that the NFRW is leading the fight against Human Trafficking. Cindy McCain and Congressman Chris Smith of New Jersey gave impassioned pleas to rally clubs in every state. North Carolina, regrettably, has a horrible problem with human trafficking, due to the I-95 corridor and to unchecked illegal immigration.

MRW members signed over 400 Christmas cards for troops and hospitalized veterans. The cards will be distributed by the Red Cross and by chaplains during the Christmas season.

The most exciting event that affected MRW was our winning the Diamond Award, signifying that our club operates at the highest level of activities championed by the National Federation. Without the energy and commitment of you, our very generous members, and our dedicated MRW Board, we would not have rated so highly. Thank you to every single member for making MRW the truly exceptional club that it is.

Caring for AmericaDiane Ingold

CARING FOR AMERICA



Every day, within our community, children face traumatic events, especially in cases of domestic violence. To help aid in these situations, the Moore County Sheriff's Office initiated **OPERATION BEAR HUG**, where they are able to give a child in the middle of a traumatic event a teddy bear to hold onto in times of sorrow and fear.

Please consider supporting **OPERATION BEAR HUG** by bringing a new small to medium-sized teddy bear to the October luncheon. Every child could use a bear hug to make a difficult time a little more "bear"-able.

MRW's own special Teddy Bear will be on hand to gather your teddy bears and deliver them to the Sheriff.

SHERIFF DAVE CLARKE TO SPEAK AT BENEFIT ON OCTOBER 4TH!

Sunday, October 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College
BENEFIT FOR FT BRAGG FISHER HOUSE & MMIA (MILITARY MISSIONS IN ACTION)

TWO MOMS



Sheriff Dave Clarke, Jr., *The People's Sheriff*, is coming to Moore County for a benefit for 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. 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's Womack Army Medical Center and by MMIA (Military Missions In Action). Last year, both Kay's son and Mariann's son were deployed to Afghanistan and both received several of the MMIA "Fill the Footlocker" shipments that they distributed to their units.

General Admission tickets are \$20, and sponsors are needed for the program.

For more information, call Mariann at 949-3856, or go to: www.TwoRangerMoms.com.



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Legislative Update. Peggy Smetana

WHY DO IT?

“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” (Thomas Jefferson)

Too often people in DC become different in that climate from when we elected them. We need to provide them common sense and bring them back to reality, by providing feedback to them, through calls and writing.

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” (John Adams)

Our government was not intended to rule our every movement. Yet this is what it has become. We need fewer laws and regulations and more personal responsibility. There once was a “reasonable man” test in courts, (how would a reasonable person have acted), which entered into court decisions.

Power has become more centralized in DC. Constitutional Amendment XVII changed election of Senators from the state legislatures to the people of the state. It took power away from the states and increased centralized power.

Election of senators became the same procedure as election of representatives, subject to the same pitfalls of massive advertising to the people and influence (and money) of special interest groups. Influence of special interest groups leads to more laws, regulations, and money for special interest groups.

The Constitution empowered the federal government to make laws to benefit all the people, not special interest groups. James Madison, an author of the Constitution, wrote:

"I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents... If Congress can do whatever in their discretion can be done by money, and will promote the General Welfare, the Government is no longer a limited one, possessing enumerated powers, but an indefinite one... The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. ... There are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

There is no panacea to regain our Constitutional Republic. Righting the ship of the nation involves arduous steady work. Are you up to it? The consequences of doing nothing are socialism or dissolution into anarchy.

WHEN IN DOUBT

Congress's approval record ratings have reached historic lows at least 12 times since 2010. About 3/4ths of Americans want to throw out most members of Congress, including their own representative, but the vast majority of incumbents get re-elected. <http://centeroncongress.org/why-incumbents-keep-getting-reelected>

If our legislators in DC do not abide by their promises, and do not provide logical, reasonable, believable, acceptable explanations for their deviations, then we should elect others. If we don't, we are training them to ignore our calls and correspondence.

My mantra has become “When in doubt, through the incumbents out.”

WHO CAN?

I cannot keep track of all legislation. As I write this, I don't even know if the Iran nuclear deal can be defeated.

At times I am ready to give up and focus on my husband, my granddaughter, and my house.

If you are willing to try the challenge of following a federal or state bill, please call me, Peggy Smetana, at 910-603-2329. Do not email me, because I have 12,000 unread emails in my hotmail inbox, and I may miss your email.

We must not allow the socialists or the radical jihadists to take over our country. It is injurious to our health.

Military Outreach. Sandi Carl

Socks for Homeless Vets

Until Nov 11th, MMIA is collecting 6 packs of white crew-length socks for homeless vets in North Carolina. If you wish to participate, please bring your 6-packs of socks to either the October 5th or the November 2nd meetings.

Also 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 to use at PXs under the auspices of a program called "TROOPONS." Volunteers at Penick Village kindly clip them for us to send to the troops.

Surveys show that military families depend on the savings that the TROOPONS provide, so please keep bringing them in.

Thank you for your support of this ongoing program.

Veterans Weekend in the Sandhills

This year from Friday, November 6th to Wednesday, November 11th, at sites throughout Moore County, we will celebrate Veterans Weekend in the Sandhills. A tentative schedule of events has been announced, and we feature some highlights for your planning purposes. Complete listings with location of the various venues will be published in the Pilot and in other media in the near future.

Friday, November 6

6:00 pm Free "Veterans BlueVass Concert"

Saturday, November 7

9:45 am Veterans Support Fund "Poker Run"
10:00 am Veterans Parade
11:00 am Freedom 5k & Chili Cook Off
10:00 am Veterans Day Ceremony
1:00 pm Military Exhibits/Movie, "Airborne"

Sunday, November 8

1:00 pm Military Exhibits/Movie, "Airborne"
5:00 pm Veterans Concert

Monday, November 9

8:30 am VGA National Championship Sponsor Tournament
1:30 pm Veterans Putting Challenge
5:00 pm VGA National Championship Kick-Off Dinner
8:00 pm Colt Ford Concert

Tuesday, November 10

8:30 am Wounded Veteran Open
7:00 pm Veteran Movie Special Event

Wednesday, November 11– VETERANS DAY

8:30 am VGA National Championship
11:00 am MOAA Veterans Day Observance
4:00 pm Free Concert – Ground Forces Band
7:00 pm Free Concert - Sandhills CC Jazz Band

Way & Means. Andrea Moore

Split Pot proceeds were \$106.00. Barbara Summers won \$53.00. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers



The Crystal Elephant Pin Is Back!

For over a year, this fabulous pin has not been available. We were able to order a limited quantity and it's only \$25! Get yours at the October lunch, because they will sell out quickly!



Last Chance: Order Nuts at the October Meeting

Terri Lynn catalogues were available at the lunch in September. They will be provided again at the October lunch for you to fill out **at the lunch** and drop off at the Ways and Means table, along with your payment for the nuts. If you would like a catalogue before then, please contact Mariann Benway at 949-3856, and we'll arrange to get a catalogue to you. All orders **MUST** be turned in on October 5th, so that we can get your order to you before Thanksgiving. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Holly Fair, October 17TH, Village of Pinehurst

Join the fun at the Holly Fair on a beautiful Fall Saturday! MRW will again have a booth to sell our 'right wing bling' and will need volunteers for 2-hours shifts to help staff our booth. Please consider helping us with this fundraiser for only two hours, and then enjoy browsing the Fair. Contact Mariann Benway at 949-3856 or e-mail her at mariannbenway@me.com to schedule a convenient time. Thank you!

Literacy Pam Venet

Volunteer Opportunities in Southern Pines and Aberdeen

I am hoping many MRW members and friends will sign up to volunteer in the Reading Buddies program to improve the reading and literacy skills for our children. Let's get our application in and be ready to start soon. MRW members may apply 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.

Box Tops for Education



Aberdeen Elementary School is collecting specially marked box tops that earn them 10 cents towards school supplies for the teachers and students. Look for a jar for members to deposit their box tops as donations to the Aberdeen Elementary School. Examples: General Mills cereal & granola bars, Ziploc, Scott Paper products and Progresso Soup have box tops. Thank you as always for your generosity.

Membership Meg Lindenberger

The MRW membership renewals for 2016 began on September 1, 2015. Renewals may be made at the luncheon meetings 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](tel:910-603-5505).

Future Speakers. Mariann Benway

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.”

CANCELED: Moore TEA Citizens Public-Speaking Workshop

Please note that the Public Speaking Workshop for Activists, Candidates & Citizens is canceled. ~~Saturday, October 3rd, 2015, 2 – 5 pm; Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst.~~

Workshop facilitator, Cliff Sumrall, M.A. Speech Communications and retired college professor, will reschedule the event. We will inform you when he has a future date. (919) 301-0018 or cliffsumrall@gmail.com