

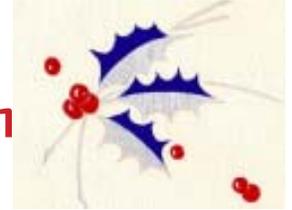


Moore Republican Women NEWS

December 2017



New Officers To Be Installed At December Brunch



Pat C. Smith, President of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women, will be with us to install our new Board at the Holiday Brunch on Dec. 4 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Pinehurst Country Club.

Pat previously served NCFRW as Assistant Secretary and Secretary, before being unanimously elected President. She was installed by the National Federation of Republican Women's newly-elected President, Jody Rushton, on Nov. 18, at the NCFRW's meeting in Cary.

Join us in welcoming our new MRW Board:

Pauline Bruno - President; Miriam Chu - 1st Vice President (Programs); Carolyn Loeser - 2nd Vice President (Membership); Carolyn Fitzpatrick - Recording Secretary; and Peggy Smetana - Treasurer

Holiday Brunch Info

Monday, Dec. 4

10:00 Registration - 10:30 Brunch

Pinehurst Country Club,

1 Carolina Vista Drive, Pinehurst.

Valet Parking available.

Cost is \$18.50 payable to Pinehurst LLC.

Menu

*The Brunch Menu is the sinfully delicious,
extravagant brunch buffet
that is the hallmark of the Pinehurst Country Club.*

Reservations required; we cannot accommodate walk-ins.

Reserve by noon Thursday, Nov. 30

cancel by noon Saturday, Dec. 2

If not cancelled by this date, you will be charged for lunch.

Reserve via **Website:** www.mrwnc.org
you will receive an immediate confirmation.

Email: mooregopwomen@gmail.com.

Phone: Linda Robson, Acting Luncheon Chair,
910-235-0860.

President's Message

A Fond Farewell

May Peace and Love reign in your hearts and homes as we approach the end of 2017, and may you and your loved ones have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

While "Thank you" never quite seems enough, mine comes from the heart. Thank you to all the members of MRW who have so generously supported the projects our board implemented during the last four years.

You made a real difference in the quality of life in our county. From literacy projects, helping babies and mothers, feeding the hungry, donating toys and Teddy bears, helping the animal shelter, remembering law enforcement each year, aiding our military through myriad projects, MRW members always gave of themselves. You are dear to me, and I cherish your friendship.

It has been an honor to serve with the talented, wonderful women who selflessly volunteered on our board over the last four years: Mariann Benway, Meg Lindenberger, Carole Alfieri, Dorinda McNamara, Lisa Sheridan, Linda Robson, Joan Ward, Deb Spelman, Ruth Iverson, Judie Luse, Bekah Bibb, Nancy Fiorillo, Diana Barton, Diane Ingold Lydia Boesch, Mary Ann Manning Cathy Jackson, Ellie Ray, Peggy Smetana, Pam Venet, Dawn Wehrum, Sandi Carl, Connie Lovell, Kim Tackett, Libby Carter, Miriam Chu, Andrea Moore, Donna Bartrip, Laura Morgan, Lane Bergstrom, Pud Kent, and Barbara Para. Thank you for your service, your loyalty, your leadership and your guidance.

A special thank you to a few outstanding board members – and you know who you are, who individually and collectively impacted my life in ways I cannot express; I will always be grateful.

Four years ago Mariann Benway and I found kindred spirits and teammates in one another as Army Moms; in fact, we call ourselves "Two Ranger Moms." We worked for the betterment of MRW, and that joint effort multiplied our outcomes exponentially. Mariann, thank you for all that, and more, for your friendship.



Kay Wildt



Kay Wildt with Pat C. Smith, NCFRW President; and Mariann Benway, MRW 1st VP Programs and Program Chair for NCFRW.

Miriam Chu, Mariann Benway taken at the NCFRW meeting this past weekend in Cary.



Membership News

By Meg Lindenberger

Please welcome 5 new Associate Members and 1 new Member: **Kevin Drum, Lois Lee and Ralph Redmond** from Pinehurst, **Chris Sundman** from New Hampshire and Pinehurst, and **Janice and Senator Tom McInnis** from Ellerbe.

We had six new members join at November Luncheon. Since September, we have nine new members. Since January, we have 48 new members!

MRW is now accepting 2018 membership renewal dues of \$30. Renewals may be made in one of 2 ways: Bring your \$30 check, payable to MRW, to the next luncheon meeting or Mail your \$30 check, payable to MRW, to MRW Membership, 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.

Also, it is VERY important to let Meg know if your address, phone number or e-mail has changed, so that our membership spreadsheet is kept current.

Legislative Update

By Peggy Smetana

Judge Roy Moore: Guilty Until He Proves He Is Innocent

Rep. Pete King said Roy Moore should drop out of the Alabama special election race unless Moore can prove his innocence. This flies in the face of the American judicial system mainstay of “Innocent Until Proven Guilty.”

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said that Moore is not fit to be in the Senate because of sexual allegations, despite the lack of a conviction.

McConnell has shown little tolerance for charges of sexual misconduct that he thinks reflects badly on Republicans. (Democrats defend their own; Republicans throw fellow Republicans under the bus.)

Remember also that the Washington Republican establishment had backed Luther Strange in the primary against Roy Moore. The New York Times reported that “the Senate Leadership Fund, a “super PAC” closely allied with Mr. McConnell,” . . .”spent more than \$10 million to prop up Mr. Strange.”

Gloria Allred, who has often reached hefty settlements for her clients in sexual misconduct cases, is representing Beverly Young Nelson one of Moore’s accusers. Allred wants a Senate hearing to investigate accusations against Roy Moore because a lawsuit would take many years. It appears to me that Allred doesn’t want justice for her client, but wants Moore to lose the December 2017 election.

Nelson has her yearbook that Moore allegedly signed as evidence of sexual misconduct. Moore’s lawyers want to see it in order to have an independent expert examine the signature. Allred refuses unless in a Senate hearing.

Remember the case of Ted Stevens, who was running for re-election as U.S. Senator from Alaska? He was convicted in a federal corruption trial and narrowly lost the race to a Democrat.

Subsequently his indictment was dismissed, overturning the conviction, after a Justice Department probe found evidence of gross prosecutorial misconduct. How’s that for manipulating an election? It seems like déjà vu.

Judge Moore was twice removed as Alabama’s Supreme Court Chief Justice, once for installing and refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument in the Supreme Court building and a second time for defying court orders in telling lower-court judges not to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

It is no wonder that the establishment does not want him elected. He does not go along to get along.

For more information visit Judge Moore’s campaign website - <https://www.roymoore.org/>

Box Tops for Education

By Kimberly Lindenberger

Please continue to support The Academy of Moore County by cutting out and donating Box Tops for Education. This is a joint project between Moore Republican Women and the Moore County Republican Men’s Club.

Box Tops for Education 10 cent coupons are located on the exterior packaging of the following products:

Betty Crocker items,
Finish dishwasher pods,
General Mills cereal,
Hefty trash bags,
Kleenex tissues, Land O Lakes butter, Lysol household cleaners, Motts apple sauce, Nature Valley granola bars, Progresso soup, Reynolds parchment paper, and Ziploc storage bags.

When you sign in at the monthly luncheon, please look for a poster and jar at the membership table. You can put your Box Tops in there. Thank you.



Meet Pauline Bruno and Carolyn Loeser

Pauline Bruno, President. Growing up part of a family who always worked for and served the Republican Party and the military, her values and ideas were formed and sustained.



Pauline Bruno

Born and raised in West Pittston, a small village in northeastern Pennsylvania, Pauline graduated from Kent State University and earned her master's degree from Walden University. She taught special education at every level for many years.

Pauline is involved with her grandchildren, loves to work in her flower garden, stays in shape with strength training and loves to cook and read.

"I am very excited about my new role with MRW and looking forward to everyone's help and know-how."

Carolyn Loeser is 2nd Vice President (Membership). She and her husband Bill spent a golf weekend in the area while living in Greensboro, fell in love with the Sandhills and decided to purchase land in 2000 for their retirement. They moved here in 2011.



Carolyn Loeser

Carolyn retired from the Department of Defense with 32 years' service. Her career included nine years in the European Theatre and two years in the Middle East.

Carolyn was born and raised in the Dallas Texas area, but feels a close connection to North Carolina. As a result of her love for the study of genealogy she has discovered many ancestors who helped settle North Carolina. She is a member of the Alfred Moore Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution serving as Regent.



December Brunch Raffle

Patt Boatman donated two beautiful leather-covered elephant statues to MRW to raise funds for the work we do in our community.

Raffle tickets for \$5 to win an elephant will be sold at our Dec. 4 meeting with two winning tickets drawn at that time.

The first ticket drawn will win the larger elephant, and the second ticket drawn will win the smaller one. Thank you, Patt, for your generous donation.

**THE NCAA PLAYS GAMES IN
CUBA AND CHINA.
BUT THEY REFUSE TO
PLAY GAMES IN NORTH
CAROLINA BECAUSE OF
"HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS"
LET THAT SINK IN.**

CAROL PHILLIPS

Editor's Note: Carolyn Fitzpatrick will be featured in the January newsletter.

Volunteer Hours: 2017 Policy for Counting Volunteer Hours

Each year we report Volunteer Hours to the NCFRW for work done by our MRW **Members** and **Associates**, both men and women, whether in myriad charities or in work for the GOP (a few examples are listed below).

Please report monthly hours spent volunteering from January 1 through December 31, 2017, (please estimate to the end of December) to Kay Wildt at mrwnc1981@gmail.com.

Estimate separate hours spent volunteering for election/GOP political activities versus those for charities in our community.

Our experience is that most members do not give themselves enough credit for all the good works that they do because being generous with our time comes second nature to us.

Thank you for all the wonderful activities that you do to strengthen our Community and our GOP.

Examples of Volunteer Activities:

All non-paid campaign activities for the local, county, or state GOP, candidates, and/or NFRW or NCFRW.

Campaign work in or outside the home, including mailings, phone calls, computer work, and social media.

Attend, prepare (and travel time) NCFRW or NFRW Board of Directors Meetings and Conventions.

Time in session at (and travel time) municipality, precinct/ward, county, district, or state or RNC conventions.

Campaign work at club meetings, i.e. getting petitions signed, doing mailings.

Travel time to and from volunteering..

Volunteering for a Republican candidate for a non-partisan office, e.g. school board elections.

Running for office - all time spent campaigning – applies to supporting spouses and friends, too.

Time spent registering voters.

Helping out at food banks and soup kitchens.

Meals-on-Wheels volunteer.

Hours spent for Habitat for Humanity.

Helping underprivileged children.

Volunteering at women's shelters and homeless shelters.

Assisting military organizations that need help beyond monetary donations.

Teaching pet responsibility; caring for animals.

Volunteering at or through your church.

Ways & Means Report

By Andrea Moore

The November meeting had \$217 in sales, between jewelry and elephant raffle tickets, \$51 to the Club from split-the-pot, where Barbara Riley won \$51.

The sales at the NCFRW amounted to \$327.51, with \$50 of that in elephant raffle tickets.

The total earned from all our efforts is \$595.51. Thank you to all who participated in helping our Club earn money!

Quote of the Month

I went at your bidding, and passed along their thoroughfares of trade. I ascended their mountains and went down their valleys. I visited their manufactories, their commercial markets, and emporiums of trade. I entered their judicial courts and legislative halls. But I sought everywhere in vain for the secret of their success, until I entered the church. It was there, as I listened to the soul-equalizing and soul-elevating principles of the Gospel of Christ, as they fell from Sabbath to Sabbath upon the masses of the people, that I learned why America was great and free, and why France was a slave."

Alexis de Tocqueville, French historian reporting to the French Senate, 1800s



We are sad to announce the sudden death of **Paul A. Brodict**, husband of **Mary Lou**, and a frequent guest at our MRW luncheons. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mary Lou and the Brodict family.

As we announced at our Nov. 6 meeting, **Nancy Kasko**, died that morning after a brief illness. Nancy was committed to conservative causes, and she will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to Joseph Kasko and the Kasko family.

Sherri Ogorek, who had been a longtime member of MRW, died recently after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sons.

Thanksgiving Basket Project Completed

Many thanks to the MRW members who collected canned goods and other items to make Thanksgiving food baskets for needy Moore County veterans.

Cash donations were used to purchase grocery store cards or additional food for the baskets.

Many thanks to **Deb Spelman of our Armed Services Committee and her husband**

Chuck, who delivered Thanksgiving baskets to those in rural areas.

Privacy Notice

At the NCFRW meeting in Cary, we were admonished that all our MRW records, our directory, and our email list are private and not to be used for commercial purposes.

In addition, our email list is the property of the NCFRW and not to be shared with any other group. Anyone who violates that directive is liable for expulsion.



Note from Stan Bradshaw

Our November speaker, **Stan Bradshaw**, spoke about a global initiative called The ZOE HELPS PROJECT, that serves seven countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and targets areas of extreme poverty with high concentrations of vulnerable children.

Building on a foundation of indigenous staff, community leaders, and local resources, ZOE empowers orphans and vulnerable children to become socially, economically, and spiritually strong, transforming entire communities in the process.

If you would like to have Stan as a speaker for your church or club, contact us for more information. Following is a note from Mr. Bradshaw:

Dear Moore Republican Women:

I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to appear before your group to talk about my ZOE orphan program--a program with nearly a 100% success record.

If you found the program in any way compelling, I invite you to discuss it with your churches, mission outreach committees or service clubs.

If they have any interest, I would be glad to appear before them and provide a similarly detailed presentation and explanation of this amazing program.

Until then, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Stan Bradshaw

Wreaths Across America Update

At our recent board meeting the board voted to donate ten Christmas wreaths again this year to the Wreaths Across America Program at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery.



Volunteers are needed to place the wreaths on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at 310 Murchison Road, Spring Lake, NC. Please advise if you can join us.