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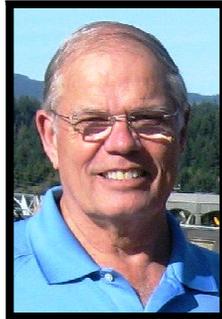
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President's Message by Bob Zschoche:

This is a great time to be a member of the Republican Men's Club. We continue to attract top notch speakers—this month we have the senior republican in the North Carolina Senate. The NC legislature continues to do the hard work of reversing over 100 years of liberal nonsense. You can judge how well they are doing by how loud the libs and the media are yelling.

On the national scene, President Trump continues to confound the libs and the media (but I repeat myself). Regarding the issue of illegal immigration, the left wants to frame the discussion that Republicans are against immigrants. Remember---we are all immigrants at some point in our family history. Even native Americans immigrated across the Bering land bridge way back in history. The issue today is immigration that follows the law or immigration that does not follow the law.

We continue to allow folks to enter our country legally. For example, in 2016, 1.2 million immigrants were issued a 'green card'. Additional data as to who comes and goes legally and illegally is a nightmare to sort out and is beyond the scope of this message. Suffice it to say, as a country, we are very lax about controlling who enters our country. We do have laws on the books, but prior administrations did not always enforce them.

On the local scene, we Republicans are in better control of the political process. As I mentioned in my January message, during the primary season the Men's Club does not endorse candidates. We will provide an opportunity for republican candidates to sell themselves at our April meeting. It is up to each of you to analyze, assess and decide who is the best candidate.

When the primary election is completed, and we have determined who will represent us in November, the Men's Club will determine how our Club funds will be used to best meet our objectives. Please consider the options; (direct candidate support/voter education/voter turnout/etc). We will be asking for your input in this process.

When you see a report in the media that is negative to President Trump, remember, that is the same media that told you that Hillary had a lock on the presidency.

If you have not done so, please renew your dues for 2018. We are influential because of our numbers.

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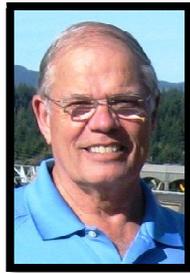
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John Boesch*

***Committee Chairman**

As noted above, we have Chairs and members of committees being assigned. Our committees do the day-to-day "work" necessary to make our club a success year after year. We thank those who put in the time and effort outside our monthly luncheon meeting to keep us the largest and best Republican Men's Club in North Carolina.

If you would like to be active in one or more of our standing committees, contact an EC member and let him know.



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Would you like to serve as the Calling Colonel? If so, please let the Acting Calling Colonel, Bob Zschoche, know.

When your Calling Captain calls, return the call and let him know if you are coming to the meeting or not.

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(Become a member of our calling team. Call today and volunteer)

Luncheon Meetings:

Our luncheon meetings in 2018 continue to be on the 3rd Monday. The March meeting is at CCNC on the 3rd Monday, March 19. Registration begins at 11:30am, with the meeting being called to order at noon. Watch for more details by email & in this newsletter.

Our March 2018 speaker is NC State Senator, Philip (Phil) Berger. To get the latest NC political scoop, come and hear him at the March luncheon. Sign up today!

The lunch price is \$20.00, all inclusive, payable by cash or check to CCNC.

Make your March luncheon reservations on or before Thursday, March 15 at: www.mcrmc.club/home.html Click on the upper right "Luncheon Reservation" tab.

Future Meetings and Events:

The remaining meetings this year are scheduled to be on the 3rd Monday. However, be sure to watch for date changes due to potential guest speaker scheduling issues.

In April, we are inviting the May 8 Republican Primary candidates to speak and have a Q & A session. Each will be limited to a set time, including the Q & A. We are having the 2018 golf outing in June, details to follow by email.

Please make note, our next meeting is on the 3rd Monday, March 19 at CCNC

Officer and Executive Committee Changes

If you looked over the Executive Committee members listed on the left side of the front page, you may have noticed that there were several changes from the January and February listings. Those changes are the result of the resignation of Jerrell Seawell from the EC as VP Membership and the resignation of Ken Lewis from the EC as an At Large Member. Both will remain active members of the club.

Replacements for these two positions were offered by Tom Beddow acting as the Chair of the Nominations Committee. The nominations were approved by the EC and offered to the attendees at the February meeting for a vote. The following EC changes were approved by a voice vote:

- Vice President Membership – Bill Demastus
- EC Member at Large – Tom Schroeder
- EC Member at Large – Paul Shaffer

One additional change involved John Rowerdink, a non-voting member of the EC. John will continue to be available as needed to provide input to the EC based on his years of club leadership and Moore County GOP leadership, but he will no longer be a member of the EC. This change was made at his request.

As you look over the Committees for 2018 on the left side of page 2, you will note that we have some of the Chair positions and some committee members have been named. Review the highlighted notes in that column and let an EC member know if you would like to get involved in committee work. A special thanks to Bill Scholtes for agreeing to continue as the Chair of and resident expert on our Bylaws.

March Meeting Program News by Pat Haggerty – VP Programs

The Keynote Speaker for the MCRMC March 19th meeting will be N.C. Senate President Phil Berger. Berger, a Republican, is in his 9th term in the N.C. Senate. He



will provide us with the “inside scoop” (^Haggerty) on how the Republican controlled Senate operates, how the Senate works with the Republican controlled N.C. House and how the legislative works with Governor Roy Cooper, a Democrat. Senator Berger will also be available for questions.



(^Berger)

Member Connie Lovell will make a short presentation about the upcoming Moore County Schools and SCC Bond Referendum that will be on the May 8 Primary ballot. For the Bond Referendum details go to:

http://www.thepilot.com/classifieds/community/announcements/legal/legal_notices/bond-referendum/ad_39a891d4-e957-5639-a1e7-bf033c3f6084.html

The April 16th meeting will be a Candidate Forum. All Republican candidates who have an opponent in the May 8, 2018 primary. The offices that have two Republican candidates in the primary are, Moore County Council, Moore County Sheriff, N.C. House and the N.C. Senate. Of course, the MCRMC takes no position on any candidate nor endorses any Republican over another. All candidates will have equal time to speak, the order of speakers will be determined by coin toss, etc.

Please contact me, pat@patrickhaggerty.com on 301-466-7403 with suggestions for speakers for future meetings.

Newsletter Distribution Changes Update

In January, we started sending the newsletter ONLY by email, if you have an active email address. Those who do not have email will get a paper copy in the US mail.

If you have email, but still want to get a paper copy by US mail, please let Newsletter Editor, Paul Shaffer know by telephone or email. Occasionally, if you want a paper copy call or email Paul and ask for a one-time paper copy by US mail. Paper Copies of the current and previous month’s newsletter will be available on the reservation table at the luncheon meetings.

With this change, we are saving the club between \$300 and \$400 a month. Thanks for your understanding and we hope you enjoy reading the monthly newsletter.

If you have an email address but are NOT getting the newsletter, let Paul know and you will be added to the paper copy list. We have found that some email servers reject the newsletter because of strong spam settings.

If you have any comments or questions, please call or email Paul. His telephone number and email are found in the left column of the front page.

Steve Woodward, Secretary

Steve Woodward continues his work to promote our club through the MCRMC Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, go to our club page:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=moore%20county%20republican%20men%27s%20club>

Become a friend and get postings to the MCRMC Facebook page on your page.



Another informational opportunity is the project by Secretary Woodward and club webmaster Tom Schroeder testing an online texting platform called SlickText: Woodward says, “This text messaging system will help the Club promote luncheons/speakers, and events, push out election notifications, and incentivize new member prospects to grow membership. Research shows that 95% of

texts are opened in 10 minutes or less.
The trial texts are free for now. We will subscribe to a monthly package when we need to expand the number of people we wish to text.

To try this out -- and remember, this is just an internal test, -- text the key words *moore republicans* to 31996 on your smart phone. AFTER you text the key words to 31996, I will have you in the backdoor system, at which time I can send you a follow up text welcoming you, etc.

Learn more about the potential of SlickText by clicking: <https://www.slicktext.com/login.php>
Any and all feedback is welcome.”

If you elect to try this text platform, if you have any questions contact Woodward as noted in the left column of the front page.

VP Membership – Bill Demastus

As noted in an earlier article, three changes were made on the Executive Committee due to two EC members resigning. One of those being Member at Large, Demastus, who was asked and accepted being nominated to the position of VP Membership. As previously noted, his name was submitted for that position at the February luncheon and he was elected. At the EC meeting prior to the luncheon, Demastus said he was looking forward to helping build our membership if elected.

The most efficient and effective way to recruit new members is for current members to invite like-minded conservatives to a luncheon meeting and ask them to join. If you have any friends or relatives that would be good member prospects, give them a call and invite them to our March meeting or the next upcoming meeting that they would be able to attend.

If you have any ideas about how to generate interest in club membership or need any specific information about membership, give Bill a call. His contact information is on the front page in the left column.

Treasurer – Scott Sheffield

We have over \$15,000 in the bank and all the bills are paid, Sheffield reported in the EC meeting and at the February luncheon meeting. This balance will increase as members pay their 2018 \$25 dues. As a reminder, dues may be paid by cash or PERSONAL check at the March meeting. If you want to mail in your check, make it out to MCRMC & put “2018 dues” in the memo line. Mail the check to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC ‘28388.

To keep your membership active, we must receive your 2018 dues payment by the end of March. All members who have not paid by March 2 will or already has received a dues invoice by email. Those who have not paid and do not have email will receive a reminder by US mail.

If you have questions about whether you have paid 2018 dues, call or email Scott using his contact information found on the front page in the left column.

**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE,
PAY YOUR DUES NOW!**

News by Tom Schroeder:

(Editor’s Note: Webmaster & member, Tom Schroeder, is now a voting member of the EC as noted in the earlier article. In addition, Schroeder is assisting Secretary Steve Woodward on the new text platform as described the article on page 3. Schroeder also publishes “Tom’s News” containing current political issues stories with comments and links to the online versions. They are on the club website and are emailed to those who ask to be on Tom’s News email list. Starting with this Issue of the club newsletter, one or more of these stories will be featured. Following find Tom’s News story about the NRA.)

Tom’s News

[Tom’s News Blog - Click Here](#)

“Be a Voter and Make a Difference”

Headline: Quote From Local Resident - Cleta Mitchell

Comments: For those who remember local resident, Cleta Mitchell, from the recent Moore County GOP Reagan Dinner, she is quoted in this article.

Here are some quotes from the below article: (emphasis added by bold)

-- “The *Daily Mail* quoted Cleta Mitchell, a former NRA board member and former Oklahoma lawmaker, who said, “There is no one. NO ONE. Who joins the NRA for a discount on a rental car. You can rest assured that the NRA will not lose a single member as a result of this. If anything, it should spur people to join the NRA as a means of demonstrating that we who believe in the Second Amendment will not be bullied by these left wing multi-billion dollar corporations.”

-- “The *Daily Mail* [reports](#) that Google searches for “NRA membership” rose “4,900 percent” since the Florida attack. That rise occurred at a time when

many Democrats, media personalities, and Hollywood celebrities were denouncing the NRA as causal in the shooting that took 17 lives in a gun-free zone.

-- "But a large swath of the American populace is equating these various attacks on the NRA with attacks on the Second Amendment, and others see the attacks as proof of "media bias." The result is an explosion in NRA memberships."
More details in the below article.

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Article: Here is the weblink to the below article:
<https://goo.gl/jWN873>
NRA Memberships Surge in Wake of Anti-NRA Protests, 'Media Bias'

breitbart.com by AWR Hawkins, 5 Mar 2018

National Rifle Association memberships surged in the wake of the anti-NRA protests and "media bias" that followed the February 14 Florida school shooting. The *Daily Mail* [reports](#) that Google searches for "NRA membership" rose "4,900 percent" since the Florida attack. That rise occurred at a time when many Democrats, media personalities, and Hollywood celebrities were denouncing the NRA as causal in the shooting that took 17 lives in a gun-free zone.

The Hollywood attitude was epitomized by writer-director Judd Apatow, actress Mia Farrow, and comedian Chelsea Handler, [all of whom](#) responded to the Florida school attack by calling out the NRA to drive a wedge between voters and pro-gun legislators. For example, Handler tweeted:

We have to elect candidates that are not funded by the NRA in November. We have an opportunity to elect candidates who won't allow kids to go to school and get shot. It is disgusting how many times this has happened and Republicans do nothing. You all have blood on your hands.

— Chelsea Handler (@chelseahandler) [February 14, 2018](#)

CNN's February 21 gun control town hall highlighted the media's animosity towards the NRA, as it featured survivors from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting confronting Republicans over NRA affiliation. The *Guardian* reported that one student spoke to Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), [asking](#), "Can you tell me right now you will not accept a single donation from the NRA?"

In addition, more than a dozen companies severed ties with the NRA in the wake of the school attack, ending discounted rates and fares for NRA members. But a large swath of the American populace is equating these various attacks on the NRA with attacks on the Second Amendment, and others see the attacks as proof of "media bias." The result is an explosion in NRA memberships.

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AWR Hawkins is an award-winning Second Amendment columnist for Breitbart News, the host of the Breitbart podcast [Bullets with AWR Hawkins](#), and the writer/curator of [Down Range with AWR Hawkins](#), a weekly newsletter focused on all things Second Amendment, also for Breitbart News. He is the political analyst for Armed American Radio. Follow him on Twitter: [@AWRHawkins](#). Reach him directly at awrhawkins@breitbart.com. Sign up to get Down Range at breitbart.com/downrange

"Voters do Make a Difference"

Luncheon Reservations Reminder by
Acting Calling Colonel, Bob Zschoche

You are encouraged to make your luncheon reservations via the website (www.mermc.club) by the Thursday prior to the Monday meeting. After that you will need to make a reservation by calling Bob Zschoche at 910.949.4250 or email him at BobZschoche@msn.com. If you are calling or emailing please be sure to provide your name, email address and the names of any guests that you are bringing.

If you have made a reservation and find that you cannot attend it is important to cancel the reservation by contacting Bob Zschoche as early as possible. The MCRMC provides CCNC with the number of meals to prepare. If people don't show up we still have to pay for those meals.

Veteran News from John Boesch,
Chair of Veterans Committee

WASHINGTON — More than 500 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and its Auxiliary are arriving in the nation's capital this weekend (March 3 & 4) to urge their respective members of Congress to end sequestration and to continue improving the programs and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“The VFW is appreciative of the two-year budget agreement because it will bring temporary funding stability to the Defense Department,” said VFW National Keith Harman, “but a two-year agreement doesn't end the continued threat of sequestration on a military that is still at war with an all-volunteer force that is fighting with less training and overused equipment,” he said.

Sequestration has been the law of the land for seven years, so service members, veterans, their families and the VFW are counting on the newly-established super committee on budget and appropriations reform to finally repeal it once and for all. We need our troops to keep their heads in the fight instead of wondering about the well-being of their families back at home.”

Moore Republican Women Meeting News



MARCH 5TH LUNCHEON MEETING

Republican Primary Candidates attended the March MRW luncheon meeting. As per the MRW bylaws,

Article III, B, all Republican candidates who have filed to run against another Republican in the Primary on Tuesday, May 8th, shall be invited to speak at a luncheon.

Accordingly, the following candidates attended and spoke:

Running for the North Carolina Senate:

Michelle Lexo
Tom McInnis

North Carolina House of Representatives:

Jamie Boles
Ken Byrd

Sheriff:

Ronald Alan Fields (Ronnie)
Neil Godfrey

Mark Brody is rescheduled to meet and speak to us at a later date.

Watch for the April meeting announcement and other future MRW meetings and/or functions by email. You may also want to visit the MRW website, www.mrwnc.org, for April and other future meeting details and other informative articles/links.

MCRMC members are always welcome to attend the MRW meetings as guests. You can go to the MRW website to make a reservation.

Moore County GOP News by Chairman Tom Beddow



On February 6, we had the most successful Reagan Dinner ever! We had record attendance and raised significant funds to help support Republican candidates in the fall general elections. For an outstanding gallery of dinner pictures, go on our GOP website, www.mcncgop.com.

In case you missed it, following is David Sinclair's article from The Pilot Newspaper about the Reagan Dinner; it is reprinted with permission:

Former Reagan Assistant Relates Lessons Learned, Life Experienced

David Sinclair/Managing Editor, Feb 9, 2018

Peggy Grande, author of a book entitled “The President



Will See You Now,” was the featured speaker for the annual Reagan Day dinner that is traditionally held on the birthday of the nation's 40th president. Her book is available at The Country Bookshop in Southern Pines.

Peggy Grande had a “front row seat to history” working for former President Ronald Reagan for a decade after he left the White House.

“I truly felt like luckiest woman in the world to sit at this great man's feet for 10 incredible years,” Grande said in her address during the Moore County Republican Party's Reagan Day Dinner Tuesday night at the Pinehurst Country Club. Grande worked as Reagan's executive assistant for the last five of those years.

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Grande witnessed firsthand Reagan's meetings with leaders from around the globe — Mikhail Gorbachev, Margaret Thatcher, Helmut Kohl, Brian Mulroney and Mother Theresa, among others — as well as everyday ordinary citizens.

In that time, she forged a “powerful partnership” with Reagan.

He returned to California in 1989 after serving two terms in the White House and set up his office and presidential library in Los Angeles. Grande was a senior communications major at Pepperdine University at the time and thought it would be great to work for the man known as the “great communicator.”

“Ronald Reagan wasn't consumed by what people would say after he was gone,” Grande told her audience at the dinner. “It was important to live every day to the fullest and treat people with respect, with kindness and with graciousness. Be strong and powerful for those who are powerless. His legacy looms large and long because of that.”

“I was always the nerdy little kid that loved presidents, politics and government,” said Grande, who grew up in Southern California. “So I took a chance. I wrote a letter on a typewriter.”

She was hired on the spot as an intern until that December when she graduated from college and became the executive assistant to Reagan's chief of staff in the post-presidency office. In 1993, the woman who had been Reagan's executive assistant since his days as governor of California from 1967 to 1975, retired.

Reagan asked Grande, who was six months pregnant with her first child, to take the job. She said she was a bit concerned about whether she could do it.

“You don't say no to the president,” she quipped.

Grande said she had never thought about writing a book about her experience working for Reagan.

“In fact I was adamantly opposed to writing a book because with proximity to an individual comes also a certain stewardship responsibility,” she said.

But Grande, who now speaks all over the country, said she was approached by a man after an event four years ago and he told her something she “couldn't quite shake out of my head.”

“If there was a woman sitting outside Abraham Lincoln's office every day for 10 years, don't you think we'd want to know what she saw, what she learned, what she experienced?” the man asked her. “And don't you think she would owe it to history to tell them?”

Grande's book was published in February 2017, and the soft cover version came out the day of her appearance in

Pinehurst. Copies of the book are available at The Country Bookshop in downtown Southern Pines.

She makes clear that this is not a political book.

“It is very personal,” she said. “It is a story of a great man of faith, of character, of principle,” she said. “The book kind of takes you with me to see his life as I saw him.”

Grande said she expected the book would be well-received by “flag-waving patriots” on the political right, but she said she has been pleasantly surprised by its reception on the political left as well.

She said that is “because there is a longing for that political civility. He truly respected people of all kinds. He was always looking for ways to bring people together, to include people, not exclude.

Peggy Grande, left, with Wanda Little. “To my kids, it was all normal,” Grande said of her time with Reagan. “The kids would ask, ‘are you having dinner with daddy or the president?’ It was wonderful that they got to spend time at the feet of this great man.”

“He was a man of great respect. Whether you agreed with his politics or not, you couldn't help but like him personally. He respected the office of the presidency and all the occupants of it whether they were his party or not. He had great respect for opposing ideas. You could disagree without people being disagreeable.

As Reagan's executive assistant, Grande drafted and managed correspondence for his original signature, reviewed invitations, scheduled visitors, appointments and phone calls and attended to a wide range of office and personal needs. She traveled with him regularly. She was also his official post-presidency photographer, which gave her a behind-the-scenes view of his private interactions.

“It was so much fun,” she said. “It is kind of a pinch-me moment as I look back on my life and say ‘did this happen?’ There were snapshot moments I wanted to capture and savor but I had a job to do with this man. I had to stay five steps or 10 steps ahead of this man. I wanted to savor each and every moment.”

Grande said one of the most common questions she gets asked is what Reagan was really like away from the limelight.

“Ronald Reagan was more charming, more kind and more appreciative than you thought was possible,” she said. “I appreciated his cheerfulness. He came into the office every day with a skip in his step and smile on his face.”

She said it would have been understandable if Reagan wanted to “ride off in the sunset” to his California ranch after leaving the White House “but that wasn't who he was.”

“He felt there was unfinished business,” she said.

Shortly after Grande became Reagan's executive assistant, he announced to the world that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

"In a lot of ways, the world started to saying goodbye to him at this point, but I was still saying good morning to him every day for almost five years. ... This was a man who had a work ethic unlike any other."

She said he treated everyone the same, whether they were a famous world leader or a private citizen.

"There was an authenticity about Ronald Reagan," she said "There was a genuine twinkle in his eye. For that moment you were the most important person in the world to him."

She said he loved nothing more than to be surrounded by a group of "giggling" children when he would walk through his presidential library.

Grande said one of the greatest joys about her job was serving as Reagan's personal photographer.

"I got to be the ultimate fly on the wall in all of Ronald Reagan's meetings," she said. "World leaders from all over the globe came to see him. ... They did it because they wanted to. They had a relationship with him that they wanted to continue."

Grande joked that because Reagan's post-presidency staff was much smaller that it was at the White House, "everyone wore lots of hats." Aside from the glamour details, she also — among other things — made sure he had tooth paste in his private bathroom.

Speaking of hats, one of most memorable moments came when Gorbachev visited Reagan's ranch. Reagan tasked her with buying an authentic cowboy hat to give the man who was the last leader of the Soviet Union before its collapse.

She made calls to the State Department and Moscow trying to determine his hat size, and when she finally got it, she had to find out how to convert it from a Russian to a U.S. hat size. The next challenge was finding a real cowboy hat in LA. Ronald Reagan presented to Gorbachev, and "it fit perfectly."

Grande said the next day in office while still "patting myself on the back," she got a call from someone with the Stetson hat company.

"They said, 'you know Gorbachev put the hat on backwards,'" she said to laughter from her rapt audience.

Grande said another trait she admired about Reagan was his optimism. He was known as a great optimist, which she said "really changed the game" when he was elected in 1980. The country was mired in recession. She said Reagan's optimistic approach helped people to start believing in themselves again.

"When you asked Ronald Reagan at the end of his presidency what he was most proud of, it wasn't anything he had done," she said. "It was that we the people had come together to change and right the ship and head it in the right direction, and we the people had accomplished great things together."

Grande worked for Reagan until 1999 when his declining condition prevented him coming to the office. She always remembers a sign he kept on his desk.

"There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go so long as he doesn't mind who gets the credit," she said. "That was not just a sign on his desk. That was the way he lived his life. There were so many ways he exhibited this humility."

The bond between Grande and Reagan also transcends to their families. She married and had three of her four children in the 10 years she worked for Reagan.

"I am so grateful for the way Ronald and Nancy Reagan welcomed me, my family and my children, into their home, their lives and their hearts," she said. "What a blessing."

She showed photos of Ronald and Nancy Reagan with her children at their ranch, swimming in their pool and playing in their home.

One of many memorable moments was seeing Ronald Reagan pushing her six-month-old son in a stroller at the zoo flanked by two secret service agents.

"It was quite remarkable," she said. "To my kids, it was all normal. The kids would ask, 'are you having dinner with daddy or the president?' It was wonderful that they got to spend time at the feet of this great man."

Another funny personal moment came when Nancy Reagan called one day and asked to speak to her husband. She said "Ronnie needed a fourth" for a golf game the next day.

Grande said her husband announced that he had been looking forward to mowing the lawn and was "excited about the honey-do list of chores, 'but duty calls. I must serve my country.'" The room erupted in laughter.

Returning to a more serious tone, Grande said she learned everything she needed to know about leadership from "this remarkable man, not by a list of things ... but by the way he lived his life."

"One of the things he taught me that has profoundly affected my life is that your legacy is not something that is written after you are gone," she said. "It is something that is written with every day of your life, and what a great reminder and challenge to all of us to lead and live as if our legacy depends on it, because it does."

"Ronald Reagan wasn't consumed by what people would say after he was gone. It was important to live every day to the fullest and treat people with respect, with kindness and

with graciousness. Be strong and powerful for those who are powerless. His legacy looms large and long because of that.”

RESOLVE NEWS:

The Moore County GOP BLOG “RESOLVE” is found at: www.resolvecnc.blog. See the following recent submission:

Doer-in-Chief

While corrupt media outlets such as CNN promote their “White House in crisis” narratives 24/7, basking in the Mueller “investigation”, cheering Jared Kushner’s reduced security clearance status and Hope Hicks’ resignation, and staging town halls to exploit grieving and angry high school students from Parkland, Fla., Heritage Foundation staffers have been following an undeniable trend.



Working with Congress when possible (on tax cuts, principally), or through regulatory guidance, the Trump administration “had an extraordinarily successful first year.” That is the assessment of the Foundation’s Thomas Binion, director of congressional and executive branch relations.

The Heritage Foundation, a public policy think tank with a well-deserved reputation for holding politicians accountable, sets a high bar for incoming Presidents. It is known as the “Mandate for Leadership”, and it debuted in 1981 when Ronald Reagan launched his two-term presidency.

The Trump mandate is comprised of 334 unique policy recommendations, nearly two-thirds of which (64%) already have been adopted by Trump and his administration. Reports The Washington Examiner:

At this stage of his presidency, Reagan had completed 49 percent of the Heritage policy recommendations. “We’re blown away,” Binion said in an interview. Trump, he said, “is very active, very conservative, and very effective.”

While not all of the adopted policies received the fanfare of across-the-board tax cuts, or the successful nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States, they are squarely on Heritage Foundation’s radar. These are the major achievements, according to the Foundation:

Leaving the Paris Climate Accord: In August 2017, Trump announced the U.S. was ending its funding and membership in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

- **Repealing Net Neutrality:** In December 2017, Trump’s Federal Communications Commission chairman proposed ending the 2015 network neutrality rules.
- **Reshaping National Monuments:** Heritage’s recommendation to prohibit Land Acquisition (Cap and Reduce the Size of the Federal Estate) was adopted by Trump when he issued two executive orders effectively shrinking the size of national monuments in Utah.
- **Reinstating the Mexico City Policy:** This executive order prevents taxpayer money from funding international groups involved in abortion and ending funding to the United Nations Population fund. On Jan. 23, 2017, in his first pro-life action, Trump signed an executive order today reinstating the Mexico City Policy.
- **Increasing Military Spending:** Trump’s budget calls for a \$54 billion increase in military spending to improve capacity, capability, and readiness of America’s armed forces.
- **Reforming Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF):** The Trump administration adopted and is in favor of strengthening existing work requirements in order to receive benefits.
- **Allowing Development of Natural Resources:** The Trump administration opened off-shore drilling and on federal lands. Executive Order 13783 directed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to commence federal land coal leasing activities.
- **Reforming Government Agencies:** Trump tasked each of his Cabinet secretaries to prepare detailed plans on how they propose to reduce the scope and size of their respective departments while streamlining services and ensuring each department runs more efficiently and handles tax dollars appropriately.
- **Withdrawing from UNESCO:** In October 2017, Trump announced he was putting an end to U.S. membership in the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

These are but a few examples of what former Trump deputy assistant and strategist Sebastian Gorka characterizes as the Trump “revolution” playing out before our eyes. If Republicans will continue to embrace Trump’s ambitions to steamroll reform through Congress and deliver for his supporters, Gorka forecasts a dismal November 2018 for Democrats in the mid-term elections. Writing for The Hill, Gorka opines:

If Republicans understand just how revolutionary and system-smashing an event like the election of Trump was, and they hitch their future to his brand of anti-establishment leadership, there will be no hope for the Democrats come November.

Donald Trump has demonstrated a remarkable capacity to learn at the wheel. Now the question is, have the professional politicians learned and

internalized just how revolutionary the times we are living in actually are?

To submit a post to RESOLVE, please do so as an attachment by email to gop.mcrp@gmail.com. We hope you will sign up for RESOLVE to stay in touch with the important political issues of this important time in our history.

February Luncheon and Program:

We had a good turnout for the February luncheon and to hear speaker Richard Hudson, our own US Congressman. We had about 125 attendees, including 30 guests.

In addition to another great lunch, we elected one EC member to the position of VP Membership and elected two new EC Members at Large as noted in the earlier article.



Rep. Hudson brought the club up to date on the hottest issues in DC and talked about the issues not yet addressed by Congress. He ended his presentation with a spirited Q & A.

Elected Officials Contact Information:

The most recent elected official contact list is attached to the email copy of this newsletter. If you want a paper copy, email or call the Newsletter Editor and ask for a copy to be mailed to you. You can also visit the Moore County Board of Elections website: www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections then click on the “Elected Officials” icon, then click on “View a List of Elected Officials” text.



Or, best of all, go to our MCRMC Website: <http://www.mcrmc.club/links.html> and click on “List of Moore County Elected Officials”.

From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer

If you want a paper copy of this newsletter by US mail, let me know by phone or email.

I want to take this opportunity to again emphasize the importance of the upcoming elections. We have a Primary election in May, and a General election this



fall. That election is very important as we hope to maintain or increase our control of the House and Senate at the State and Federal level. Loss of control of even one of these at the state or federal could put a freeze on any further progress toward correcting the mess the

Dems made over the eight years of the Obama administration. At the state level, it would likely result in freeze of or the undoing of all the progress made by the Republican majority in the last five years.

The only way we keep the Republican majority is to get the vote out; i.e. every member must go vote and work to get other like-minded conservative voters to the polls. Following is a short summary of the election dates and further information.

Election Year News:

Primary ~ May 8, 2018

- Click this link: [UOCAVA Election Notice](#)
- Books Close: 4/13
- Absentee by mail: 3/19 - 5/1
- One Stop (Early Voting): 4/19 - 5/5

General Election ~ Nov. 6, 2018

- Books Close: 10/12
- Absentee by mail: 9/7 - 10/30
- One Stop (Early Voting): 10/18 - 11/3

For more details, voting locations, precinct information, etc. go to:

www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections

Watch for further information and sample ballots by email and the newsletter. As a reminder, we are able as individuals to support the candidate(s) of our choice in the May primary election. However, our club does NOT endorse any one primary candidate over another in the May primary races.

From and About Members:

Moore County “Pickers” News
By Bob Coates

Earth Day 2018

Keep Moore County Beautiful will be organizing an Earth Day highway cleanup event on Saturday, April

21st. The details are still being worked out but we will probably meet in the Food Lion parking lot on Highway 5 (near Pinehurst/Aberdeen line) at 8:45 AM. The MCRMC supplied 7 volunteers last year. Let's try to beat that number this year!

If you are interested in participating please contact Bob Coates at: rcoates777@gmail.com.

Felice Schillaci to the Pilot on 2-14:



“ Not surprised that Miss Reehling has joined the media mockery of the President's military parade.

I see a couple of her points. Unfortunately, many of her others morphed into attacks on the President.

For example: “Huffington” reports that a National parade will not include tanks, but will feature five military flyovers with a total of 20 planes representing each branch of the armed services. In other words, it will not be a parade of force, as stated in the Opinion page.

Miss Reehling doesn't give any credit to President Trump, on the job for just a year, for improving the conditions of our serving groups, with better armaments, training, pay, after care thru drastic changes in the Veterans administration, and for him having the confidence of 1.4 million in uniform.

She also goes on and on, listing her concerns for the waste of money caused by the parade, but seems to ignore the waste of the Obama years: \$1trillion dollars for “shovel ready” jobs, \$849 million for Solyndra, a company that went bankrupt soon after, and the \$630 million for the initial, inoperable computer systems for Obamacare.

Since 1880, the French have had a tradition of celebrating Bastille Day with a Parade to unite its people. In years past, I have attended this event, and others in Normandy, where the colors and pageantry only inspire feeling of pride, optimism, and gratitude

I think that our military deserve the same official recognition, to celebrate the bravery, courage, and dedication of the people who choose to protect us. I would be even more supportive if the event would include representation of the nations who were fighting side by side with us, to defend the oppressed. That is the unity which could become a yearly tradition for the leader of the free World.

This & That:



The One Charge Suspiciously Missing From Those Russian Indictments

Posted On 18 Feb 2018 By : shawn

Special Counsel Robert Mueller handed down indictments on Friday, accusing 13 Russian nationals and three Russian entities of conspiring to defraud the United States, committing wire fraud, and identity theft. Notably absent from the charges levied against these Russians, however, was any indication that they would be charged for specifically violating the law preventing foreign nationals from interfering in U.S. political activities. To do that without registering as a foreign agent is a crime and it would seem to be the most obvious crime with which to charge these individuals and groups. Indeed, much of the indictment seems written to support such a conclusion. So why did Mueller decide to leave off the most obvious charge?

Over at Power Line, they have a fascinating explanation of why that might be:

The Russians obviously violated this statute; they spent millions of dollars to promote the candidacies of Bernie Sanders, Donald Trump and Jill Stein, and to oppose the candidacies of Hillary Clinton, Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio. So why weren't they charged with the most pertinent crime they committed? Because Christopher Steele arguably violated the same law. He is a foreign national, and he contributed a “thing of value” to the Hillary Clinton campaign, namely the fake dossier.

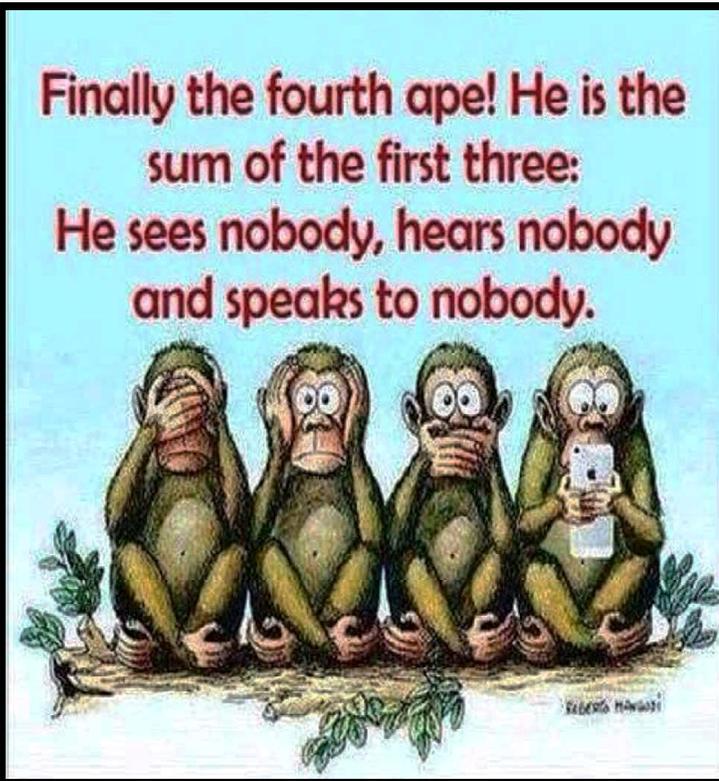
Note, too, Section (2): it is a crime to “solicit, accept, or receive” such a contribution from a foreign national. Isn't that what the Perkins, Coie law firm, the Clinton campaign, the DNC, and probably Hillary herself, did?

The FEC guidance on contributions by foreign nationals is interesting. There is a “volunteer exception”; i.e., foreign nationals can volunteer their services to a political campaign. But Steele wasn't a volunteer.

If there is even a hint of truth to this, then it proves that Mueller's team is NOT letting the facts lead the way. No, they are orchestrating this investigation in

such a way that it leaves Clinton and her cronies untouched while putting Trump and his team in maximum legal jeopardy. To the extent that the Trump campaign “colluded” with a foreign power, so did Clinton and her campaign. Trump’s campaign spoke to a Kremlin-affiliated lawyer; so did Clinton’s campaign proxies, Fusion GPS. Trump’s campaign used information from WikiLeaks; Clinton’s campaign spoke with Ukrainian government officials. All’s fair in love and war. Both Trump and Clinton played dirty and did everything they could to win. But only Trump is in “trouble” for it.

That’s not the way the Justice system is supposed to work.



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Keep your membership current by paying your 2018 dues now. Bring a \$25.00 PERSONAL check to the March 19 meeting. If you cannot come to the meeting, send your check by mail to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388. Remember to put “2018 dues” in the memo line.



Remember, our meeting this month is on the 3rd Monday, March 19 at CCNC. Registration is at 11:30am with lunch at noon. Make your reservations at www.mcrmc.club.

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