



# MOORE COUNTY, NC REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2018 ISSUE

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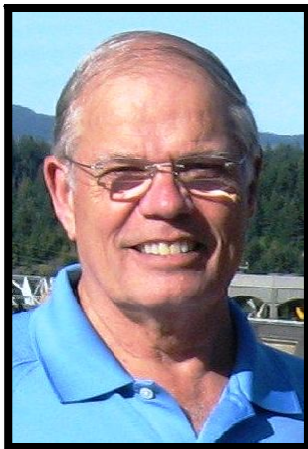
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## President's Message by Bob Zschoche:

**VOTE VOTE VOTE**

As a member of the Moore County Republican Men's Club, you are a leader in the community. Leaders lead by encouraging their friends to do the right thing. Beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>, the right thing to do is to early vote---and to get others to early vote.

The Men's Club will facilitate your decision-making by providing a candidate forum at the April meeting. All republican candidates who are opposed in the primary have been invited to speak. We hope they will all attend. After you hear what they have to say, make your decision as to who will best represent the republican party in the November general election.

Now for the hard part. Share your decision with your friends. Don't be shy. Friends do not let friends stay away from the polls. Vote early. (vote often only if you go back to Chicago) If you convince 10 of your friends to early vote, please send me a note. I will generate an honor roll of Men's Club members who have excelled at getting out the vote. I do not mean a list of names---we are on the honor system.

On the national scene, like many of you, I was not happy with the Omnibus spending bill. I would like to have seen a smaller number as we cannot continue to increase our county's debt. Having said that, I have seen examples of some good things in the spending bill. Does the good outweigh the bad? As you know, life and especially political life, is about compromise. Rarely do we get our own way completely.

On balance I believe President Trump is doing a great job. As I have said before, if the index is how loud the libs howl, he is doing a tremendous job. One measure I use to determine if I should stay calm is---how did the media/libs react when a similar event occurred during a democrat presidential term? That becomes a self-answering question.

Now to repeat myself: **VOTE-VOTE-VOTE.** See you at the April meeting.

## COMMITTEES for 2018:

### Membership, Communication & Publicity:

Bill Demastus\*  
Paul Shaffer

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Scott Sheffield\*

### Fundraising &

### Candidate Finance:

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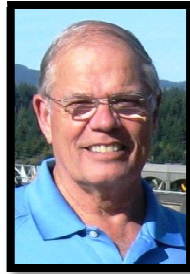
John Boesch\*

### \*Committee Chairman

As noted above, we have Chairs and members of committees assigned. We still lack a Chair for the Fundraising and Candidate Finance committee, but expect to fill it by the June golf tournament.

We could still add committee members, so if you have an interest in joining a committee, contact an EC member and let him know.

Success of our club depends on our members involvement in committee work.



**Acting Calling Colonel:**  
Bob Zschoche

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(Your name could be here) (Your Number here)

**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.**



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

(910) 949-4250 Home

Cell for text  
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## Luncheon Meetings:

**Our luncheon meetings in 2018 continue to be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. The April meeting is at CCNC on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, April 16. Registration begins at 11:30am, with the meeting being called to order at noon. Watch for more details by email and in this newsletter.**

Our April 2018 speakers are the May Republican primary candidates. See the program article for details.

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

Make your April luncheon reservations on or before Thursday, March 15 at:

[www.mcrmc.club/home.html](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. However, be sure to watch for date changes due to potential guest speaker scheduling issues.

In May we will hear from political pundit John Davis who will speak about his thoughts and views of the fall general election. We are having the 2018 golf outing in June, details to follow by email.

After our summer break in July and August, we will prepare for the fall elections in our Sept. and Oct. luncheons.

Please make note, our next meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at CCNC

April Meeting Program News by  
Pat Haggerty – VP Programs

## CANDIDATE AND BALLOT FORUM AT THE APRIL 16TH MEETING

In advance of the May 8th primary, all Moore County Republicans who are competing in that primary will



address the Moore County Men's Club. Strictly adhering Ronald Reagan's 11th Commandment, "Thou shall not speak ill of another Republican,"

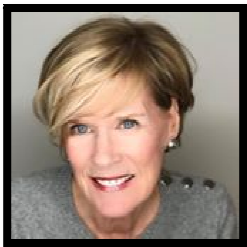
The club absolutely takes no position or endorses any Republican over another. Of course, after the May 8th primary, the club will endorse the Republican winner of the primary. In keeping Reagan's 11th Commandment, the order of speakers will be alphabetical, so the two candidates for County Commission will be first, then the NC House candidates, the NC Senate candidates and finally, the candidates for Sheriff. Which candidate will speak first will be decided by a coin toss. All candidates

will be given equal time and candidates will not be allowed to exceed their time allotment.

The following candidates have been invited:

County Commission; Otis Ritter and Andy English  
NC House; Jamie Boles and Ken Byrd  
NC Senate; Tom McInnis and Michelle Lexo  
Sheriff; Neal Godfrey and Ronnie Fields

Also on the ballot in May is a Bond Initiative to fund schools and nursing programs at Sandhills Community College. Connie Lovell will speak about the bond initiative.



All candidates have been invited to make their campaign literature available during the meeting and be available for questions before and after the meeting.

The meeting will be at the Country Club of North Carolina. 11:30am to Noon is registration plus meet and greet time, the Lunch is served at Noon and everything will be over by 1:30pm.

At the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the keynote speaker will be political pundit John Davis. That is after the May 8<sup>th</sup> primary, so John will give us a preview of all the races on the November 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. John is the author of the *John Davis Political Report* and is recognized as a preeminent prognosticator of candidates and election contests.

In June we will have our annual golf tournament followed by lunch. We will again be at CCNC and those not playing golf may make lunch only reservations. Watch for more details such as date and time.



Currently we are planning our usual summer break, not having meetings in July and August. We will reconvene with our September luncheon and expect to work hard at getting our members and other like-minded friends and family motivated to cast their vote in the fall general election.

Please contact me, [pat@patrickhaggerty.com](mailto:pat@patrickhaggerty.com) on 301-466-7403 with suggestions for speakers for future meetings.

Newsletter Distribution Changes



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.



We currently have about 23 members who get a paper copy in the US Mail. Some do not have email and others have email, but want a paper copy.

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

In addition to keeping the club records, preparing the EC minutes and other secretarial duties, Steve continues his efforts to promote the 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%207s%20club>

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



See Steve's comments about our Facebook page:

*"We are committed to maintaining a vibrant and informative Facebook page. The page's reach continues to expand every month. There is no way to understate what a vital tool Facebook is in terms of promoting our Republican themes and attracting new members as the area population continues to surge, and, with that, more unaffiliated voters than ever."*

*During the coming primary campaign season, please be aware of photo and video opportunities at rallies, fundraisers and during other candidate interactions. We are always looking for great visual content. Please forward your photos/videos to Steve Woodward ([woodward.stephen@gmail.com](mailto:woodward.stephen@gmail.com)). You can find our Facebook page at [facebook.com/moorecountyrepublicans](https://www.facebook.com/moorecountyrepublicans)."*



Additionally, You can join the many other members who wish to receive text alerts on their smart phones. This is very easy and takes only about 60 seconds. Open your phone's New Message text page. In the "To:" field, enter 31996. In the texting message field, type Moore Republicans. That completes your registration.

If you have any questions or comments about Facebook or the text alerts, give Steve a call or send him an email. His contact information is in the left column of the front page.

#### **VP Membership – Bill Demastus**

Our 2018 dues payments are continuing to come in by mail. However, there are still numerous members who have not paid. If you received the "final dues" notice sent out by email (paper copies were sent to those who had not paid and do not have email) and have not yet sent in your check, please do so today! Membership retention is as important as bringing in new members. We want you to continue to be engaged in the political process and continuing as member of the Men' Republican Club is an excellent way to do so. See more about dues payments in Treasurer Scott Sheffield's article.

To repeat what my preceding Membership VPs have said for years, "The best way to get new members is to have our current membership invite like-minded conservative thinkers to a luncheon meeting and ask them to join." This has been the case since our founding in 1996. If you think about what brought you to the club, most would answer by saying, "a friend who was already a member invited me to attend a luncheon and then encouraged me to join."

I challenge each member to do that; invite a guest to each meeting for the rest of this year with the goal of getting at least one of your guests to join this year. If every member brought in one new member, we could grow our club back up over our goal of 400+ members even with the normal reduction due to attrition. We have been over 400 members in the past and we can get there again.

Another thought; do you know any former members who have dropped out for some reason? If so, contact them and find out why they stopped coming. It may have been as simple as a short term illness or other situation in the family that has been resolved. Invite them back as your guest and ask them to become active again. Also, remember that your spouse can become a member. Wives can join as an Associate Member. Also, be reminded that your friends who

are registered as "unaffiliated" may join as an Associate Member if they support our conservative principals.

If you have any ideas about how to recruit new members or comments about membership, please give me a call or send an email. My contact information is in the left column of the front page.

#### **Treasurer – Scott Sheffield**

We continue to have a substantial balance of over \$15,000 in the bank. This balance has increased as members paid their 2018 \$25 dues. Unfortunately, we still have a number of members who have not paid their 2018 dues by the April 1 deadline. Therefore, if you are one of those who did not make the April 1 dues payment deadline, following is what will happen:

- You are dropped from the membership database and are no longer considered an active member for the remainder of 2018.
- You will no longer receive the monthly newsletter, the April issue being the last one you will receive.
- You will no longer receive club news by email that is sent out between newsletters such as event reminders, meeting reminders, breaking news, etc.
- You will no longer receive a monthly call from your calling captain about monthly luncheons.

So, what can you do to avoid becoming inactive and being dropped from the membership roster? First and foremost, send in your \$25.00 2018 dues payment. Bring a check (Personal Checks Only) to the April luncheon meeting. Make it out to MCRMC with "2018 dues" in the memo line. At the luncheon, you can also pay your dues with cash. If you are not coming to the April luncheon, mail your check to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

If you are not sure whether you have paid your 2018 dues or not, I will be at the registration table where you can ask me to look at the payment records. If you are not coming to the April luncheon meeting and want to discuss whether you have paid or not, give me a call or email me. My contact information can be found in the left column of the front page of this newsletter.

Hope to see you at the April meeting.

**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE,  
PAY YOUR DUES AT THE APRIL MEETING OR  
MAIL THEM IN TODAY!**

(Editor's Note: Schroeder publishes "Tom's News" containing current political issues stories with comments and links to the online versions. They are emailed to those who ask to be on Tom's News email list. As was started in the March issue of the club newsletter, one or more of these stories will be featured in our monthly newsletter. Following find Tom's News story about the Omnibus Bill.)

*Tom's News*

[Tom's News Blog - Click Here](#)

***"Be a Voter and Make a Difference"***  
***25 Days to Start of Primary Voting***

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**Headline:**

**Conservative Hysteria over Omnibus Is Wrong and Self-Defeating**

**Comments:**

Go ahead and do exactly what the swamp and its lapdogs, the mainstream press, want you to do. Get hysterical over the Omnibus Bill and trash President Trump.

Never mind that it was not him who wrote the bill in secret and then keep it secret until the just before it was voted on. Remember, like in the movies, "don't look behind the curtain."

If anyone deserves the blow back from this bill, it is Congress, but before you do learn about what the bill actually does and does not do.

My recommendation is that if you are going to rip into anyone, let it be the members of Congress. Give them some really clear feedback. It was their procedure and action that made this bill not President Trump.

Remember the rules of good feedback -> critical feedback to employees such as those in Congress should be done in private and not in public. Giving critical feedback in public is seldom useful or productive. In this instance critical feedback in public only gives credit to what the swamp is saying and surely will not help in the midterm elections.

Here are some quotes from the below article:  
<https://goo.gl/f6PM6E> (emphasis added by bold)

-- "The massive size of the bill makes a mockery of Republican promises since 2009

to restrain spending and return to balanced budget once they returned to power."

-- "The large number of giveaways to Democratic Party projects and special interests is a sign that the Swamp is still alive and festering in the Trump era."

-- "The fact that the [2,232-page bill](#) was jammed down legislators' throats with literally no time to read it shows how little has changed in Washington even after the Tea Party."

-- "One is the fact that the bill provides massive new spending for defense — "the largest year-to-year increase in base funding for the Department of Defense in 15 years," according to the bill's [authors](#).

That funding was badly needed — and will not easily be reversed."

-- "Most conservatives — from skeptical libertarians to hawkish neoconservatives — agree that national security is the first priority of government."

-- "Yes, there will need to be budget cuts in the future. But the new commitment to defense makes it more likely that cuts will have to come from other discretionary spending, and long-overdue entitlement reforms."

-- "Foremost among these is the [Taylor Force Act](#), which will cut off most U.S. foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority unless it stops paying stipends to terrorists and their families — which it will not do.

The importance of that law cannot be overstated. It will radically shift relations between Israelis and Palestinians in Israel's favor. It will also send a clear signal to the world that the U.S. will hold other governments responsible for supporting terrorism."

-- "Conservatives can also take heart from what was *not* included in the omnibus. The Trump administration held out against Democrat demands for full amnesty for 1.8 million "Dreamers" — i.e. illegal aliens brought into the country as minors."

-- “Republicans also prevented the bill from giving massive subsidies to insurance companies on the Obamacare exchanges after President Trump ended the Obama administration’s payments, which had been ruled unconstitutional by a federal court last year.”

-- “Conservatives should not be distracted by the [gloating](#) of Democrats like House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), or the [trolling](#) of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY). They know that declaring victory is a good way to separate Trump from his base.”

-- “Rather than despair — would the cause really be served by handing Congress back to Democrats? — conservatives should prepare for the next fight, which will be backed by a presidential veto.”

More details in the below article.

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Article: Here is the weblink to the below article:  
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Pollak: Conservative Hysteria over Omnibus Is Wrong and Self-Defeating | Breitbart

[Breitbart](#) · by Joel B. Pollak · March 25, 2018

Conservatives are understandably frustrated by the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill that President Donald Trump signed into law, under protest, on Friday.

The massive size of the bill makes a mockery of Republican promises since 2009 to restrain spending and return to balanced budget once they returned to power.

The large number of giveaways to Democratic Party projects and special interests is a sign that the Swamp is still alive and festering in the Trump era.

The fact that the [2,232-page bill](#) was jammed down legislators’ throats with literally no time to read it shows how little has changed in Washington even after the Tea Party.

And the lack of real funding for the border wall — Trump’s core campaign promise in 2016 — suggests that Trump is “[getting rolled](#)” by both parties.

But the omnibus is not a disaster. In fact, Republicans scored many important wins.

One is the fact that the bill provides massive new spending for defense — “the largest year-to-year increase in base funding for the Department of Defense in 15 years,” according to the bill’s [authors](#).

That funding was badly needed — and will not easily be reversed.

[Military.com](#) summarizes the highlights:

The Navy gets 14 new ships, including a carrier; the Air Force adds 56 F-35s; the Army gets 17 Apache and 11 Lakota helicopters; the Marine Corps receives 24 vertical landing F-35Bs; and the Coast Guard gets a long-needed icebreaker.

All the troops get funding for a 2.4 percent pay raise that took effect at the beginning of the year, with the possibility for more next year.

The Air Force also gets \$103 million for the wing replacement program on the A-10 Thunderbolt as a start in what Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson said earlier this week is a plan to keep the “Warthogs” flying at least to 2030.

Most conservatives — from skeptical libertarians to hawkish neoconservatives — agree that national security is the first priority of government. The new defense spending will help the U.S. military catch up to the pace of Chinese expansion, and keep other threats in check.

Yes, there will need to be budget cuts in the future. But the new commitment to defense makes it more likely that cuts will have to come from other discretionary spending, and long-overdue entitlement reforms.

In addition, the omnibus spending bill included many riders that conservatives should applaud. Some had little chance of passing any other way.

Foremost among these is the [Taylor Force Act](#), which will cut off most U.S. foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority unless it stops paying stipends to terrorists and their families — which it will not do.

The importance of that law cannot be overstated. It will radically shift relations between Israelis and Palestinians in Israel’s favor. It will also send a clear signal to the world that the U.S. will hold other

governments responsible for supporting terrorism.

Other riders included the Fix NICS Act, a [Trump administration- and National Rifle Association-backed](#) bill that will improve the nation's background check system for gun purchases. The bill ought to take some of the wind out of the sails of the anti-gun movement.

Another addition was a [fix](#) to the “grain glitch,” a provision in last year's tax cut that accidentally discouraged farms from selling their produce to private buyers and favored sales to cooperatives instead.

Conservatives can also take heart from what was *not* included in the omnibus. The Trump administration held out against Democrat demands for full amnesty for 1.8 million “Dreamers” — i.e. illegal aliens brought into the country as minors.

Republicans also prevented the bill from giving massive subsidies to insurance companies on the Obamacare exchanges after President Trump ended the Obama administration's payments, which had been ruled unconstitutional by a federal court last year.

So while there are many reasons to complain about the omnibus, there are also things to celebrate. The cause of fiscal reform is not dead: now, with defense adequately funded, is the best opportunity for Trump to make good on his promise to tackle the national debt.

Conservatives should not be distracted by the [gloating](#) of Democrats like House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), or the [trolling](#) of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY). They know that declaring victory is a good way to separate Trump from his base.

The fact is that Trump crushed them in the last budget negotiation, when they foolishly shut down the government to protect illegal aliens. And this time, Trump achieved long-sought Republican priorities, even if they came at an admittedly heavy price.

Rather than despair — would the cause really be served by handing Congress back to Democrats? — conservatives should prepare for the next fight, which will be backed by a presidential veto.

*Joel B. Pollak is Senior Editor-at-Large at Breitbart News. He was [named](#) to Forward's 50 “most*

*influential” Jews in 2017. He is the co-author of [How Trump Won: The Inside Story of a Revolution](#), which is available from Regnery. Follow him on Twitter at [@joelpollak](#).*

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#### Luncheon Reservations by Acting Calling Colonel, Bob Zschoche

Many of our members now make their luncheon reservations using one of the following:

- The website ([www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club)) by the Thursday prior to the Monday meeting.
- You can make a reservation by calling Bob Zschoche at 910.949.4250 or email him at [BobZschoche@msn.com](mailto:BobZschoche@msn.com).
- Send a text to Bob at (910) 638-8195

If you are calling, emailing or texting, 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 you cannot attend, 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

(Editor's note: Following are two articles of interest to veterans and our members who support our veterans. Thanks to John Boesch for sending these.)

#### Hudson Hosts House VA Committee at Fayetteville Field Hearing

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – On Friday, March 23, U.S. Representative Richard Hudson (NC, District-08), representing Cumberland (Ft. Bragg), Moore, Hoke, Montgomery, Carrabus, Rowan and Stanley Counties, hosted the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to conduct an open oversight field hearing entitled,



**“Partnering, Payment and Provider Access: VA Community Care in North Carolina.”**

Rep. Hudson was joined by Chairman Phil Roe, M.D. (TN-01), Rep. Neal Dunn, M.D. (FL-02), and Rep. Robert Pittenger (NC-09) for the hearing at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Roe and Dunn each praised Hudson and Pittenger for their efforts to help local veterans. And the two local congressmen said they were committed to improving access to VA care.

Several veterans service organizations from across North Carolina attended the hearing. Afterward, Hudson and Pittenger encouraged veterans and organizations to reach out to their offices with issues or suggestions to improve care for veterans. “Veterans all have a voice,” Hudson said. “This is a good opportunity for us to have our voices heard.”

During the hearing, Rep. Hudson and the Committee heard from caregivers, veterans, representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and community health providers and discussed strategies to improve the VA’s care in the community programs – including the Choice program – to facilitate access to timely, quality care for veterans in North Carolina, both inside the VA health care system and in the community. As part of that conversation, the Committee assessed actions that may be needed to strengthen VA’s community partnerships, create successful working relationships with community providers, and streamline prompt payment and access to information.

"This bureaucracy is not going to get fixed unless Congress makes it get fixed, and we're working really hard on doing that," said US Rep. Richard Hudson. Hudson and Chairman Phil Roe said they're taking the concerns back to Washington to urge lawmakers to get to work on these important issues.

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**VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION TO OPEN  
"CLUBHOUSE" IN PINEHURST**

The Veteran Golfers Association (VGA) has been headquartered in Pinehurst since planting its flag and hosting its first National Championship at Pinehurst Resort, in 2015.

The VGA looks forward to flying it's flag in the Village of Pinehurst for many years to come. In mid-May, they will celebrate the Grand Opening of the VGA "Clubhouse," in the Village of Pinehurst, at 100 Magnolia Rd, Suite 101.

VGA encourages you to watch for the announcement of the Opening. ALL golfers -- Veterans and non-veterans alike -- are invited to visit the Clubhouse and enjoy the unique offerings.

Nationally, VGA has grown to more than 3,500 members in 44 states, and will soon expand internationally to Canada, United Kingdom, and Australia. VGA membership includes Veterans, combat-wounded Veterans and their families.

To see how VGA is impacting Veterans and their families through the game of golf, access this short video: <https://youtu.be/-A5v0poUmU0>.

To find out more about the Veteran Golfers Association, go to [www.vgachampionship.org](http://www.vgachampionship.org).

**Moore Republican Women Meeting News**



**April 9<sup>TH</sup>  
LUNCHEON MEETING**

**Speakers were:** County Commissioner Otis Ritter, Education Bond Information from Helena Wallin-Miller, School Board Chair & Connie Lovell. Catherine Graham, County Commissioner Chair, and Wayne Vest, County Manager, was on hand to answer questions.

Absentee by mail voting begins on March 19th through May 1. One Stop (Early Voting) runs from 4/19 - 5/5. MRW was happy to welcome our candidates.

*April's Caring for America Project was - Literacy: Books for veterans at the NC Veterans Home - may be gently used. Large print welcome. Subscriptions to magazines welcome.*

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For future meetings, our members are always welcome as guests. Watch for email notice of the next meeting.

Reservations are required and may be made by on the MRW website, [www.mrwnc.org](http://www.mrwnc.org), click on the "Reserve" button in the right-hand column or by email: [mooregopwomen@gmail.com](mailto:mooregopwomen@gmail.com).

For questions or future telephone reservations, contact Lisa Sheridan, Luncheon Chair, at 910-400-5520. Lisa will confirm your reservations. Valet parking is available.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Pauline Bruno:**





One thing you can say about our President, Donald Trump: he takes the air out of the room!

Each day is a new tweet, a new initiative, a new controversy – and the media, possessed by a manic hatred of him, obliges by providing wall to wall coverage of the latest. Some people, (not I) wish he would stop tweeting, others believe the tweeting is what makes him so successful.

In any event, Donald Trump will not be on the ticket this November for the 2018 mid-term elections, and therein lies a bit of danger for the Republicans.

The most important goal of Moore Republican Women this year – **OUR VERY TOP PRIORITY** – is to **GET OUT THE REPUBLICAN VOTE!**

There are ominous signs on the horizon. While some of the special elections held in 2017 ended up with Republicans replacing Republicans, Alabama sent the Senate seat to a Democrat for the first time in decades.

Granted the Republican candidate was badly flawed – but it was turnout that made the difference. It was the same with the Governorship of Virginia, and the near-flip of the Virginia statehouse.

And since Trump's Inauguration, Democrats have flipped many legislative seats that were once GOP. Democrats are **ENERGIZED** – and we need to be too!

Without President Trump on the ballot, we have to make sure every Republican gets out to vote, North Carolina cannot afford to lose the state legislature – we cannot let Roy Cooper have his way!

The re-election of Barbara Jackson for the North Carolina Supreme Court is imperative.

As President of MRW, one thing I have heard loud and clear is how much all of North Carolina depends on Moore County to keep our state red!

Let's all resolve to do everything we can to get out the Republican vote. Vote in the primaries on May 8 and in the elections on November 6. It is **CRUCIAL**.

Thank you. God Bless America. God Bless our troops. God bless President Trump.

## Moore County GOP News by Chairman Tom Beddow



This is a busy year for the Moore County GOP and the GOP in general. We had our MC GOP Convention, following group precinct meetings. Our next big event is our GOP District 8 convention. You do not have to be a delegate to attend, but you need to get there on time to get registered.

MCRMC members with email received a Dist 8 Convention flyer, but it is worthwhile to review the convention meeting information:

### THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### NC - 8TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

Check-in begins at 2:00 p.m. and ends promptly at 3:00 p.m.

**WHEN:** April 21, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Village of Pinehurst Assembly Hall  
395 Magnolia Rd, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Questions Contact Kelsey Brown [1973kelsey@gmail.com](mailto:1973kelsey@gmail.com)

On another thought, President Trump made an almost 1½-hour speech at CPAC with some very poignant remarks about the importance of the mid-term elections. In summary, we must keep or increase the majority in the US House and Senate. If you missed his speech, go to the following to listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuUKDAn-vjM>

Finally, see the following from the Moore County GOP Blog:

### RESOLVE NEWS:

The Moore County GOP BLOG "RESOLVE" is found at: [www.resolvenc.blog](http://www.resolvenc.blog). See the following recent submission:



**New post on RESOLVE Tariffs 101**  
**By Harold Mendelson**

It seems a lot of so called knowledgeable people are upset with President Donald Trump's imported steel and aluminum tariffs. The general viewpoint is the

tariffs will start a trade war and the U.S. economy will collapse.

Is it true the tariffs will destroy our economy? Well it is true that businesses generally hate tariffs, because they drive up the cost of imported materials used to make their products. If that is so, why would President Trump want to upset the economy?

If you look at the tariffs he has imposed, you will see there's a vagueness to his tariffs. Mexico and Canada are exempt for the time being. Why? President Trump wants to renegotiate NAFTA. NAFTA was the brainchild of then-President Clinton. It was designed to build up free trade between the U.S. and its North American neighbors. In the past 20 years, what has it accomplished? It certainly expanded trade between the nations of North America. It also allowed American companies to move manufacturing jobs off shore, where lower labor costs reduced manufacturing costs and raised net profits. The areas around Detroit and the rest of the rust belt states were turned into ghost towns. Auto plants and steel mills shut down. Supporting industries such as logistic companies shut down as well. You can't make steel with the coke made from coal. NAFTA was a treaty that was much more beneficial to countries outside the U.S. So what can be done to fix the disadvantages of NAFTA so the American economy isn't hurt by the treaty? One way is to renegotiate NAFTA. Up to this point Mexico and Canada have been slow to agree to reopen the talks. After all, both nations realize any changes made to NAFTA will hurt their economies. So President Trump is using the tariff as a bargaining chip. The same holds true for the rest of our international trading partners, including China. Most of the treaties the U.S. has entered into since NAFTA have put the U.S. at a disadvantage. President Trump has said these treaties were bad for the U.S. and pledges to renegotiate those treaties.

As for China, it has done it's best to promote its economy at the expense of other nations' economies. It manipulated its currency; it has been dumping steel and aluminum on the world markets for years. Ratan Tata, an Indian billionaire who made his money in the steel and aluminum industries as well as the auto industry, a number years ago reopened steel plants in the UK. Late last year he announced he was shutting down his UK operations because of the artificially low prices of steel exported from China. President Trump instituted these tariffs to equalize the prices of steel and aluminum coming from China and others nations that have been dumping their exports on the world market. He has publicly announced the tariffs will be ended when these imbalances are eliminated, and when product dumping ends and NAFTA is renegotiated.

Why impose tariffs and risk upsetting the world recovery? Because it puts the U.S. in a position of strength and influence. At long last.

[Resolve](#) | March 12, 2018 at 1:07 am | Tags: [Freerade](#), [NAFTA](#), [Tariffs](#) | Categories: [Fair trade](#), [Tariffs](#), [Trump Presidency](#) | URL: <https://wp.me/p90MXc-fZ> [See all comments](#)

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### March Program News

The March luncheon meeting and program had an excellent attendance to hear the President of the North Carolina Senate, Phil Berger, speak. During Registration attendees were able to visit among themselves as well as with guests and State Senator Berger. During registration and meet and greet time, attendees were entertained by pianist Gary Brown Jr. See more about Brown in a separate article.

The meeting was called to order by President Zschoche at noon, guests were introduced and announcements were made. After the pledge and an opening prayer, lunch was served.



(Pat Haggerty introduces Phil Berger)

After lunch, State Senate President Berger took the podium and spoke about the state of politics in Raleigh. He talked about what it was like to get legislation passed and implemented when the State House and



(Previous page picture: Berger and his staff member visit with attendees before the meeting is called to order)

Senate have a Republican majority, but the Governor is a Dem. He brought attendees up to date on current initiatives in the State Senate. He emphasized the importance of keeping the State House and Senate majority in the fall general election.

Following Berger's remarks, there was a short Q & A session. The meeting was adjourned shortly before 1:30pm.

#### Piano player, Gary Brown Jr. Plays at the April Luncheon Meeting



Gary Brown Jr. is a well-known piano player who performs at the Carolina Hotel Dining Room. Additionally, he had done solo concerts and performed at the Moore County GOP Reagan Dinners for the last couple of years. He is the grandson of the late

Robert Murphy who played for years at the Carolina Hotel to the delight of thousands of Pinehurst residents and visitors. Gary plays other instruments including the drums in his family's performing group. Thanks to Tom Beddow for arranging to have Gary play at our April meeting.

After playing to the joy of attendees during the meet and greet time, Gary took the podium to tell his musical story. He explained how he wanted to follow in his late grandfather's footsteps. In addition to his Grandfather being an accomplished pianist, Murphy was a top notch piano turner and performed in the family musical group. Brown worked with his grandfather and learned to be a piano turner in addition to becoming a pianist.

Brown spoke of his passion to build a network with families who have an infirm or physically challenged relatives, who would be comforted by a private concert performed in their home or a health care facility (i.e., FirstHealth Hospice House). Gary has seen the power of this interaction during past home visits, including members Dee and Bro Park.

Gary piano performance and remarks were followed by a resounding round of applause by attendees.

#### Elected Officials Contact Information:



To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the **MCRMC Website:** <http://www.mcrmc.club/links.html> and click on **"List of Moore County Elected Officials"**.

#### From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer



As you read the previous articles in this issue of the newsletter, it is obvious that we are in an election cycle. This year, Presidential mid-term elections are being held. In past years, turnout for mid-term elections are light and the out-of-majority party gets a better turn-out than

the majority party. This year it is the GOP.

Therefore, the Republican Men's Club is working extra hard to get Republicans and like-minded independents to the polls.

There are two elections, the primary in May and the general election this fall in November. In this newsletter, we are providing information about the May primary. There is a one page, two sided insert that has a sample ballot on one side and detailed primary election information (when and how to vote) on the other.

Please take time to review the insert, research the candidates and learn the dates, time and places where you can vote. Above all, **DO NOT FAIL TO VOTE!** In addition, share this information with your like-minded friends and relatives and encourage them to vote.

#### From and About Members:

##### MCRMC Supports US Representative Richard Hudson with a Donation



President Bob Zschoche and several other MCRMC members attended a recent fundraiser at CCNC for our U.S Representative, Richard Hudson. At the event, President Zschoche presented Hudson a \$1000 check in support of his



campaign for re-election to the US House. This donation was approved at the Executive Committee meeting in March. Hudson will have a Dem opponent in the fall general election and we all must make every effort available to get Hudson re-elected.

**Moore County "Pickers" News  
By Bob Coates**

**Earth Day Volunteers Needed !**

Keep Moore County Beautiful is organizing its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Earth Day cleanup of N.C. Hwy 5 on April 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday). Teams of 2 or 3 will clean both sides of a ½ mile section of road.

**Date:** April 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday – rain or shine)

**Time:** 8:45 AM

**Place:** Food Lion parking lot on Hwy 5

Last year several members from MCRMC participated including Sheriff Neil Godfrey, David Roeder, Mike Green, Chief Deputy Frank Rodriguez, Mike Dubbs, Ron Focazio, Chad Beane and myself. Please consider helping out this year. It shouldn't take much more than an hour and I guarantee you'll feel good about what you've done. We will supply bags and safety vests. If you have your own 'grabbers' please bring them. There will be extras available.

In order to help us with the planning we are asking that people register for this event. If you'd like to participate please contact me at [RCoates777@gmail.com](mailto:RCoates777@gmail.com).

**President Bob Zschoche Letter to The Pilot**

(Editor's note: Following is a letter in response to a opinion letter that made negative and incorrect statements about the Men's Club and the February meeting appearance by Congressman Richard Hudson)

Jim Hart's column on Wednesday February 28, 2018 concerned the Moore County Republican Men's Club luncheon held on February 19 with Congressman Richard Hudson as the guest speaker. The column began with an inaccurate assertion; Hart stated that "As I am not part of the select group that could attend the (Hudson) luncheon...".

The fact is, Hart could have attended if he wanted to. The Republican Men's Club welcomes guests at the monthly luncheons. We advertise this policy with our website, emails and even a notice published by the PILOT. The notice says---If you wish to attend

call Bob Zschoche at 949.4250. I have no record of Jim Hart calling. Also, we do not have a political litmus test as to who can attend.

Everyone is welcome to their opinion as to Congressman Hudson's performance. The general election in November will reflect what the voters think. However, denigrating organizations such as the Republican Men's Club is not the way to increase and improve political discourse.

**Bob Zschoche**  
President, Moore County Republican Men's Club

PS - to the Editor. I would do a response on line but I do not have a Facebook account. As we have corresponded in the past, I do like your --no anonymous comments---policy.

**Email from EC Member - Jim Legg**

**Things I learned living in NC**

1. A possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road
2. There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 of them live in NC.
3. There are 10,000 types of spiders. All 10,000 live in NC.
4. If it grows, it'll stick you. If it crawls, it'll bite you.
5. 'Onced' and 'Twiced' are words.
6. 'Jaw-P' means did y'all go to the bathroom?
7. People actually eat and grow okra.
8. 'Fixinto' is actually one word.
9. There is no such thing as lunch, only dinner and supper.
10. Sweet tea is appropriate for all meals and you start drinking it in your sippy cups.
11. You switch from heat to AC in one day.
12. You know what a 'dawg' is.
13. You carry jumper cables in your car for your own car.
14. Going to Wal-Mart is known as going to Wally World.

**2018 Dues of \$25.00 are Overdue,  
bring your dues check (personal  
only) to the April meeting or mail it  
today to MCRMC, PO Box 1812,  
Southern Pines NC 28388**

**Remember, our meeting this month is on  
the 3rd Monday, April 16 at CCNC.  
Registration is at 11:30am with lunch at  
noon. Make your reservations at  
[www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club).**

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