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**This is our first fall meeting after our summer break. See you
September 18 at CCNC, registration starts at 11:30am.**



President's Message by Jim Lexo

What is more important....the theater and symbolism or the results? I am going with results. So far, the results from the Trump Administration have been very good. The economy is booming with employment numbers way up and regulations way down. A new conservative on the Supreme

Court. Our enemies fear us and our allies love us, for the first time in a long time. What's not to like? Well, a new healthcare law and tax reform would be nice. Making that happen given the rules in the US Senate has been a challenge to say the least, but I am not giving up hope. I think Congress can still make it happen.

So with regards to results, I say ignore all the "noise" around the issues and focus on whether or not we are getting the results we want. Is the "Make America Great Again" getting implemented? I don't care for the saying "it is what it is" because most times it is a cop out for approving something bad. However, Trump is Trump and I think we can expect some level of turmoil for the entire time he is in the White House. Sometimes I cringe at a comment he makes, but a pattern emerges later where he is actually telling the truth that some people do not want to hear or acknowledge. This head-on candor is what the Trump base likes because the "nice" Republicans we elected in the past did not advance the ball down the field far enough. I am not condoning boorish or rude behavior, but I think President Trump is being careful not to cross that line.

At the state level we have a Governor who has no power thanks to a veto proof Legislature. All the Cooper can do is come up with things like taking down Confederate statues across the state or trying to undermine our election laws. This month we will hear from a "Raleigh insider", former Secretary of Commerce John Skvarla. John said he will discuss what happened in the Governor's race last year. He will also give us insight on the relationship of the Legislature with the new Governor. John always has a lot of good information to convey and he promised to tell it like it is.

Check out our website at www.mcrmc.club. Tom Schroeder has added some great features and it is a good place to get your news. We now have a Facebook page because we felt we could not ignore the social media. Anyone is free to post comments or articles. We put a notice on there that the Club does not endorse any comments made by anyone. That would take a vote by the club. We have had some of the lefties get on there and make comments, but I guess that is the whole idea of social media.

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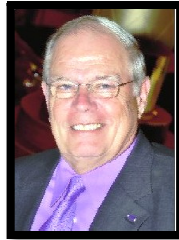
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***Committee Chairman**

As we start our post summer break meetings, it is time to look for 2018 officers and committee members. Active Executive Committee leaders and good committee members make the business of our club productive and interesting for the membership. If you are interested in being considered for an EC member and/or a committee member, let a current EC member know.



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Luncheon Meetings:

**Our luncheon meetings for 2017
are on the 3rd Monday. The
September meeting is at CCNC,
Sept. 18, with registration at
11:30am and lunch at noon.
Watch for full details in future
emails and in the later article in
this newsletter.**

**Our speaker will be John Skvarla who
most recently served at the North
Carolina Secretary of Commerce.
President Lexo will call the meeting to
order around noon, make a few
announcements and introductions
followed by lunch. Skvarla will speak
after lunch.**

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

**Make your September luncheon
reservations on or before Thursday,
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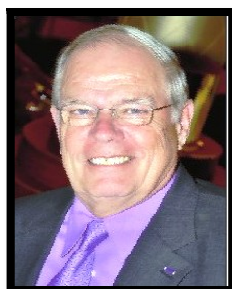
**and click on the upper right "Luncheon
Reservation" tab.**

Future Meetings:

As we move into fall, political topics of interest include what is going on in the GOP in North Carolina and nationally & will be the theme in the October / November meetings. We expect to have our annual Christmas celebration as the theme for the December meeting with hopes of having the Pinecrest High Choir again this year.

**Secretary, Calling Colonel & Acting
Treasurer – Bob Zschoche**

If number of titles determined pay, I would be the highest paid EC member! All joking aside, it is my pleasure to serve the membership in this multi-function capacity until we can get a Treasurer elected, probably before the end of the year.



I am happy to report some very good news. All of the final income and expenses have been recorded and we did better than was reported in the special post golf tournament email only newsletter. We now know that the net proceeds were just under \$9,500 rather than the \$8000 reported. Thanks to all who participated in any way. I can assure the members that the proceeds will go to support Republican candidates and causes.

Regarding my other responsibilities, your records, minutes and all other official documents are

accounted for and stored for safe keeping. As the Calling Colonel, I once again thank all of the Calling Captains for their monthly calling. I encourage each member to thank your calling captains when they call (some use email) and if you are not there to take the call, call back promptly with a yes or no about attending the meeting. We can always add new folks to our calling team, so if you would be interested in joining us, let me know.

September Meeting and Other Program News

(VP Programs, Pat Haggerty)

Do you want to hear the REAL story of what is happening in Raleigh and what happened in the statewide races last year. That is exactly what we will hear at the Moore County Republican Men's Club September 18th meeting. The speaker will be



John Skvarla who most recently served at the North Carolina Secretary of Commerce. Prior to that, John was the head of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.



We are going to hear so much real insider information, that John only agreed to talk if there are no journalists in the room.

The meeting will be at the Country Club of North Carolina on Sept. 18. Fellowship is from 11:30 to Noon and lunch is served at Noon. In addition to John Skvarla, we are pleased to announce that Clare Ruggles of the Northern Moore County Family Services will tell us about the goals and accomplishments of her organization.

The speaker in October will be just as interesting as John Skvarla. On October 15th, we will hear from State Treasurer Dale Falwell. Dale will tell us of the many reforms he has made to that office including saving North Carolina taxpayers MILLIONS of dollars previously spent on consultants to the state pension plan."



VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell

We have seen a lot of change since the beginning of 2017. From the national stage with the election of our new President, to recently the personal change within our club. Some of the change has been good and others not. The latter being the devastating loss of key members of our club that have been so dedicated and committed to the Republican cause for so many years.



From my personal perspective there is no way to ever fill the shoes of such vital members and all they have done to help our organization be the most successful in the State of North Carolina. However, I know what they would say, and they would tell us to continue these efforts and not let all of their hard work fall by the wayside.

I hope all members will join me as we keep their memory alive, and let this serve as a lesson to us all to work more as a Team. This will be the catalyst we need for us to join together like we never have before, to work together even though we may not always agree with each other, and continue to move our club forward to help make Moore County be the best it can be. We owe it to these gentlemen we have lost in the last several months to carry on this tradition. For them and in their honor, may we be motivated on making our club better than yesterday and greater for tomorrow.

MCRMC – Website/Facebook News:

Have you visited our club website lately? As noted in previous newsletters, Tom Schroeder has completely redesigned our website and the URL (link) to the site had changed to: www.mcrmc.club. There is more information, more links, more content and news stories of interest. We encourage each member to visit our website, daily if possible, to keep up to date on all things GOP. If you have things that you want added and/or comments about the site, contact Tom at tom@tschroeder.info. Share our website URL with all your like-minded conservative friends and relatives and ask them to use this resource regularly.

And, did you know that we now have a club Facebook page? Yes we do, so visit: www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=moore%20county%20republican%20men%27s%20club Look it over and become a friend!

Moore Republican Women News

by President - Kay Wildt

Our meeting was held on Monday, September 11. We had Suzanne Clendenin, Director Life Care Pregnancy Center, Luncheon & Baby Shower at Pinehurst Country Club. Also, Marianne Kernan of Linden Lodge updated us on the progress she is making filling unmet mental health needs in Moore County.



As you read this newsletter, the September MRW meeting has already happened. However, MCRMC members are always welcome at future meetings as guests. Watch your email for future MRW meeting announcements.

Moore Country North Carolina GOP News
by Tom Beddow, Chair



Here is a piece written by an old friend of the Moore County Republican Men's Club, Dave Edmunds. Dave and Jean used to be (our) next door neighbors in Pinewild and moved up to Charlottesville, Va. about 10-12 years ago to be closer to grand kids. He was a regular contributor to the Pilot while here

and it is good to see that he still stirring the pot with the liberal papers. This is a very good piece and maybe something we should publish in a number of our communication channels.

A quick story about Dave and his conservative bent. He and Jean were planning to attend an event at Monticello where President Bush was honoring new American citizens. I gave him a few tips on how to work the rope line and shake the President's hand but Dave went one better. There was a protester in an Uncle Sam suit seated in front of him who jumped up to interrupt the President. Ex-Marine Dave tackled him and threw him to the ground until security could take over, and it was all caught on Fox News cameras. He sent me that clip with much pride and fanfare. Great guy...great American.

The article is from the Richmond Times-Dispatch, in the form of a Letter to the Editor (Correspondent of the Day.

The first six months are impressive

Editor, Times-Dispatch:

The concerted efforts of the mainstream media and liberal Democrats o diminish or virtually ignore the accomplishments of the Trump presidency are without precedent in American politics. The average, nonpartisan observer of today's slanted news coverage could easily conclude we have an administration devoid of any substantive accomplishments. Such a false narrative promoted by the left could not be further from the truth.

In fact, the actual major accomplishments by this



We are asking the Men's Club members to participate in Box Tops for Education:

Please support The Academy of Moore County (TAMC), a public charter school, by cutting out and donating Box Tops for Education™ at MCRMC meetings.

Box Tops for Education™ 10 cent coupons are located on the exterior packaging of some of the following products: Betty Crocker™, Green Giant™, Old El Paso™, Finish™, General Mills™, Hefty®, Lysol®, Cascadian Farm™, Kleenex®, Land O Lakes®, Scott®, Motts™, Nature Valley™, Progresso™, Annie's®, Reynolds™, and Ziploc®.



Box Tops for Education™ started in 1996 when General Mills created a program to support education and benefit America's schools. Today, America's schools have earned over \$800 million, and Box Tops are on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store and online.

Moore Republican Women's club member, Kimberly Lindenberger, began the Box Tops for Education™ project locally two years ago and raised hundreds of dollars for area schools. MCRMC will join in this project to benefit The Academy of Moore County.

When you sign in at the monthly luncheon, please look for a poster and jar. You can put your Box Tops™ in there. Thank you on behalf of The Academy of Moore County and Tom Beddow, TAMC's chairman of the board.

administration in such a short period of time may be without equal in recent memory. Consider the following: the U.S. stock market is up 20 percent to an all-time high; unemployment has dropped to 4/3 percent (the lowest level in 17 years); the consumer confidence index has risen to 94.5 percent - up 7 points since Trump's election; the gross national product reached an all-time high in the first quarter; illegal border crossings are down more than 70 percent; a superb new Supreme Court justice (Neil Gorsuch) was confirmed; the Keystone and Dakota pipeline projects were approved; hundreds of Obama-era regulations on small businesses have been repealed via executive order; American leadership/military strength has been re-established internationally by presidential actions in Syria (cruise missiles) and Afghanistan (MOAB bomb against ISIS); and the withdrawal of the U.S. from a seriously flawed Paris climate accord agreement.

Finally, Republicans won all four special elections this year that Democrats had billed as referendums on President Trump.

I challenge any objective political pundit or presidential historian to recall a more impressive list of domestic and international accomplishments by a U.S. president in his first six months. These are achievements that will benefit all Americans now and in the future. The mainstream media spin doctors need to start reporting the facts instead of following their liberal, ideological agenda.

*David Edmunds
Midlothian*

Harold Mendelson on Facebook Aug 28:



Just returned from the NC GOP 8th District meeting held at Blake's Restaurant on 211 in Montgomery County. I want to thank those attending that voted me as a Delegate at Large for District 8 and our

District Chairman Kelsey Brown for appointing me to be the District 8 representative to the GOP State Platform Committee. A special thanks to Michelle and Miriam for nominating me. I will do my best to represent not only District 8 but also all Republicans in NC.

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 MCRM Website: <http://www.mcrmc.club/links.html> and click on "List of Moore County Elected Officials".

**The MCRM Veterans/Military Affairs Committee
by John Boesch, Chair**

(Editor's Note: Following are a couple of veterans updates:)

President Donald Trump signed a bill into law Friday, June 23, that will make it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to fire employees, part of a push to overhaul an agency that is struggling to serve millions of military vets.



"Our veterans have fulfilled their duty to our nation and now we must fulfill our duty to them," Trump said during a White House ceremony. "To every veteran who is here with us today, I just want to say two very simple words: Thank you."

Trump repeatedly promised during the election campaign to dismiss VA workers "who let our veterans down," and he cast Friday's bill signing as fulfillment of that promise.

"What happened was a national disgrace and yet some of the employees involved in these scandals remained on the payrolls," Trump said. "Outdated laws kept the government from holding those who failed our veterans accountable. Today we are finally changing those laws."

Hey veterans, you can soon shop tax free.

Starting later this year, all honorably discharged veterans, no matter their branch of service, will be eligible to shop tax-free online at the Army & Air

force Exchange Service with the same discounts they enjoyed on base while in the military.

This is the latest way in which A&AFES is trying to keep its customers as the armed forces shrink and airmen and soldiers buy more for delivery. It will add 13 million potential new customers and give extra ammunition to the group that runs the stores for the Army and air forces worldwide, in its fight against Amazon and other retailers for veterans' online shopping dollars.

Also part of the strategy is continual upgrading of product offerings with better known names like Michael Kors Fashions, Disney toys, and other top names.

They are aiming to beat Amazon at their own game. The Exchange is adding shipping centers within its stores to allow it to send products directly from those locations more cheaply and quickly. With 26 Exchange stores now shipping orders (and 55 targeted for the end of the year) the goal is to deliver something on or near base within two hours of when it is ordered.

From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer



We are back from our summer break, ready to rev up our political engines and get movin' toward the fall local elections. There is much catchin' up to do on these races and a number of issues such as voter ID, new NC Districts and more. We expect

our monthly luncheons/speakers to be a great source of information. We will continue to send email updates between monthly newsletters.

The last newsletter was a follow-up to another successful golf tournament. Sadly, the email only golf tournament report also featured a tribute to five members who passed away in June and July. There will be a limited number of paper copies of the June and July newsletters available at the September meeting on the reservation table. See you there!

From and About Members:

Vern Pike by Email:

ALL: Just when we thought the Commie's were history. You'll NEVER see this in the radicalized mass media!

CT CONSERVATIVE TRIBUNE

Lib Media Hiding this Dark Secret about Woman who Toppled the Confederate Monument

BY [MARTIN LIOLL](#) – 8-17-17

When 22-year-old college student Takiyah Thompson toppled a monument of a Confederate soldier in Durham, North Carolina, on Monday, she instantly became a hero of the liberal media — a counterbalance to the sick violence we saw in Charlottesville this past weekend. That sentiment only grew after, as [WTVD-TV](#) reports, Thompson was arrested at a news conference in which she demanded amnesty for the protesters.

Take, for instance, this headline from the liberal [Huffington Post](#): “Takiyah Thompson, Hailed As ‘Hero,’ Showered With Support For Toppling Confederate Statue.” The media breathlessly reported everything that Thompson said at the news conference, an event put on by the Workers World Party, a group that Thompson belongs to.

Much less — in fact, next to nothing — was said about the Workers World Party, the Marxist-Leninist group that has taken credit for organizing [the monument-toppling](#). There was a reason for that: For Thompson's story to fit the narrative, the Workers World Party's history needed to be obscured.

As [The Daily Caller](#) points out, the WWP has some very dirty secrets. It's a [pro-North Korean](#), anti-American organization that often espouses violence and crime to get its way. The Daily Caller describes the party, founded in 1959, as a “hard-line offshoot of the more moderate Socialist Workers Party.” “Organizers and protesters in Durham sent a clear message: Love does not trump hate; only mobilized people's power can tear down white supremacy,” the group said in a [piece](#) published right after the Durham incident.

The group also stuck up for North Korea's right to nuclear weapons, saying that Pyongyang is merely “trying to keep from being crushed by the immense force deployed by U.S. ‘capitalist democracy.’” “It is the right of oppressed people to choose the form of their struggle,” a WWP [article](#) from this past Monday reads.

“Those who come from the oppressor nation must not dictate how it should be done ... And the same is true on the international arena. If the people of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea have decided that the only way they’ll be safe from another U.S. attack is to have a nuclear deterrent, the best thing we in the U.S. can do is try to make sure that such an attack by the U.S. never happens.”

No matter how you feel about Confederate monuments, this is not the kind of person you want to “shower with support” over a decision to commit politically-motivated vandalism. This is an extremist far outside of the mainstream of American opinion. Whether or not you agree with what she did — and we do not — that side of the story needs to be told.

**John Rowerdink in The Pilot
Two Columns in July & August:**



**Republicans Seek Limits on Power
of Government**

John Rowerdink, of Pinehurst, served until recently as chairman of the Moore County Republican Party.

The aim of this column is to describe what the Republican Party stands for. It will be the easiest column I’ve ever written.

I’d like to begin by telling a personal story that took place several years ago. It’s a true story that I’ve told many times, and it still warms my heart. My granddaughter Hannah is a college student now, but she was only 7 or 8 years old when this story took place.

When Hannah was a little girl, she loved the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh. She visited it many times and never got tired of it. One day, she and I visited the museum. And when we left, I pointed out the North Carolina Legislative Building, which is right across Jones Street from the museum. After listening to me, she said, “Papa, what’s the difference between a Republican and a Democrat?”

After briefly gathering my thoughts and telling myself not to make a mess of this teachable moment, I told her that there are many differences, but you can boil them down to four big things. In language I thought a 7- or 8-year-old would understand, I said that Republicans believe in these four big things and Democrats believe in the opposite of them:

- Limited government
- Free market capitalism
- Strong national defense
- Individual freedom and responsibility

I could see her thinking about this. And then she said, “I think I’m a Republican.” I was still smiling when I got back to Pinehurst.

In the years since, I’ve become increasingly satisfied that what I told her was accurate. If you think of the Republican Party as a sturdy structure, these four things are the pillars that support it. Let’s explore each of them.

Limited government:

The Constitution defines a limited role for our national government. But over the years, the government has expanded into things the founders never envisioned.

Do you think the founders would agree that the government should tell us how much water to use to flush our toilets? Or what kind of light bulbs we should buy? I realize neither of these things existed in 1787, but you get the point.

So the first big difference is that Republicans believe in limited government, and Democrats believe in a much more expansive government. And because the government tries to do too many things, it doesn’t do any of them very well. This is where we are now. You could almost condense the differences between the parties down to this one thing.

Free-market capitalism:

Republicans are the party of free enterprise. But the tax and regulatory policies favored by Democrats create a hostile business environment, which makes it more difficult for companies to operate successfully. Shortly after the Berlin Wall came down, I visited Berlin when you could still see the devastation that was East Berlin. The wall existed for only 28 years, but the difference it created between East and West Germany was amazing. The same is true for North and South Korea, Cuba, etc. There is no example anywhere in the world where a government that restricts free market capitalism is successful.

Strong national defense:

Democrats pay lip service to strong national defense, but they don’t really mean it. The cost associated with the bigger government favored by Democrats

inevitably restricts funding needed for national defense.

Recent testimony to Congress by our generals revealed that only three of 58 Army brigade combat teams are ready to fight immediately. Fewer than half the Navy's aircraft can fly, because they're grounded for lack of spare parts. The Air Force is the oldest and smallest it has ever been, and fewer than half of its combat forces are ready to fight. This is a result of cutbacks under President Obama and the budget sequestration bill passed by Congress. Meanwhile, our adversaries are getting stronger. President Reagan had to rebuild the military during his two terms, and now President Trump must do it again.

Individual freedom and responsibility:
The Constitution guarantees our freedoms, but the bigger government favored by Democrats restricts those freedoms. A good example is Obamacare, which forces people to buy insurance, forces employers to offer insurance coverage, and forces everyone to buy a policy that covers what the government says it should. This is neither freedom nor responsibility.

Congress passed Obamacare without a single Republican vote, and now we're paying the price in higher premiums, higher deductibles, fewer insurance companies to choose between and increased national debt. Republicans understand that freedom and personal responsibility are inseparable. So, just as I told Hannah, the difference between the political parties isn't complicated. Republicans believe in limited government, free-market capitalism, strong national defense, and individual freedom and responsibility. And Democrats believe in the opposite.

It's just about that simple.

Needed: Bipartisan Changes, Fewer Government Controls

The failures of Obamacare that have long been predicted by Republicans are now playing out. Yet, in an epic failure caused by divided Republicans and total obstructionism by Democrats, the United States Senate failed to take corrective action. So what do we do now?

The short answer is that the Senate should do what

Sen. John McCain pleaded with his colleagues to do: work on a bipartisan basis to find solutions.

Legislation of the scale and importance of health care should never be passed on a strictly partisan vote. That's the mistake Democrats made when they passed Obamacare in 2010, and Republicans tried to do it again this time. The country is not well-served by rabid hyper-partisanship.

But I am not optimistic they can do it. If past is prologue, what they will do is spend more money to shore up the sinking Obamacare shipwreck. That's what they always do when they can't agree; they agree to spend more money. That's how we ended up with a \$20 trillion national debt.

Nevertheless, my hope is that Congress can somehow find a way to make bipartisan changes that involve less, not more, government control of health care. Hope springs eternal.

In recent weeks, I saw three examples that explain why health care cannot be managed by the government.

The first was a July 7 article in The Wall Street Journal, describing problems with the Indian Health Service (IHS), a branch of the federal government that operates a network of hospitals and clinics on Indian reservations in the Midwest.

In one case, a 57-year-old man in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was sent home with a bronchitis diagnosis, only to die five hours later of heart failure. In Sisseton, South Dakota, a high school prom queen was coughing up blood. An IHS doctor gave her cough syrup. Within days, she died of a blood clot in her lung. Despite repeated warnings to the government going back many years, the problems with the IHS have continued and gotten worse. Barely a week later, on July 16, I read an article in The Boston Globe that described problems with the Veterans Administration hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire. One operating room has been out of service for nearly a year because of an infestation of flies. Another one is out of service because of rust and blood on surgical instruments. Patients unable to get care because the appointments system has broken down. There's much more. Yet the VA rated this hospital as four-star. Other problems with the VA health care system are widespread.

So if the government can't manage the parts of health care it already controls, why give them even more control? That's what Democrats want. Their

goal is a single-payer system similar to what they have in England. Well, my wife and I lived in England for several years, and I can tell British health care stories that will curl your hair. One of them nearly cost my wife her life.

And speaking of the British system, what about the widely reported recent situation with baby Charlie Gard? In that case, the British National Health Service stopped Charlie's parents from sending him to America for treatment of a serious condition. He was born with what seemed to be normal health, but when his condition later deteriorated, the British hospital refused to treat him, arguing that his condition was untreatable. The parents raised \$1.7 million in private funds to send him to America for treatment, to no avail. The government appointed a guardian to make health care decisions for Charlie because in their infinite wisdom, the decision-making rights of the government and an 11-month old baby outweigh those of his parents. Charlie's parents finally won "approval" to bring him home to die.

I'm no fan of Sarah Palin, but remember her warnings about "death panels" in Obamacare? In young Charlie's case, the British government was a death panel.

So my hope is for less government in health care, not more. In all likelihood, I will not get my wish. But as a next step, I hope President Trump stops making illegal cost-sharing reduction payments to the insurance companies, as he has threatened to do.

This \$7 billion bailout to the insurance companies was not included in the original Obamacare legislation, was never approved by Congress, and has been ruled unconstitutional by a federal court. President Obama ignored all that and continued making the payments. So far, President Trump has too.

If he stops the payments, it may force Congress to finally deal with the Obamacare disaster. It's time for President Trump to play hardball. The health care of millions of Americans is at stake.

President Jim Lexo to The Pilot in August



That Swamp Really Does Need Draining

Aug 1, 2017

I lived in the swamp for

decades and didn't know it. Out of college, I moved to Washington, D.C., and ended up working in Congress for 12 years in the '70s and '80s and stayed there until five years ago.

I watched congressmen and senators serve a half-century or more in Congress. Those who lost their election or retired just moved downtown to K Street in D.C. to join lobby firms.

As former members, they have access to the floor of the House and Senate, and of course they have a network they developed over time. Members do other members favors because they know it might be them asking someday, or they want them to attend a fundraiser.

Let me say that there are many congressman and senators and lobbyists who have good ethics, work hard and have the public's interest at heart. However, there is enough back-scratching and quid pro quo to get things terribly out of whack in the hinterlands.

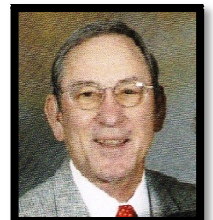
Take the U.S. tax code. It is now up to 9,000 pages because a lot of corporations, nonprofits, unions and other organized entities hired lobbyists to get special provisions inserted into the code. The same is true for all the appropriation bills, and on and on.

After a hundred years of this, life in the swamp became very good for all the swamp creatures, but not so much for Joe Lunchbox. We went from a government providing for our necessities to an uncontrollable behemoth.

When I moved to Moore County to retire, I looked back at the swamp and said, "This is wrong." We need to drain the swamp. When I first heard a group of people outside of Trump Towers chanting "Drain the Swamp," I thought, Wow, these people are on to something.

Letter to The Pilot in June by Rod Ward

Paris Accords Are A Socialist Invention - Jun 10, 2017



So we contribute \$75 billion to the consortium of nations who agreed (Congress never got to vote on our participation) to do certain unspecified things in their countries to combat what they all consider a growing worldwide problem.

What do they do with the \$75 billion? Or is that the amount of money we said we would allocate to our efforts to combat global warming?!

We have a national debt of \$19 trillion and growing, which must be paid, just as the debt we incur must be paid by us.

So let's instruct our industrial companies, our energy producing companies and others who cause the ozone to be overcome and unable to sustain the filth, to police themselves.

We treat them just as a community would a scofflaw who refuses to take care of their building(s) and grounds; give them a certain period of time to do so or we fine them and give the job to some company who will evolve to do those types of cleanups.

The Paris Accords are a socialist invention to cause the more prosperous countries — USA, Germany, China, India, etc. — to shoulder most of the burden, but the largesse is distributed among all 200 countries and they use it for themselves in whatever way they decide: Swiss or offshore Cayman Island shelter (bitcoin), comes to mind.

Obama the king is gone, and so long live Trump, who now has to clean up the numerous messes the Clinton and Obama administrations delivered to our taxpayers.

Phil Notestine "Liked" this Facebook Post:



Lieutenant General William "Jerry" Boykin, USA, Ret.

Has #PresidentTrump gone too far with his rhetoric regarding #NorthKorea? Has he recklessly brought the US to the brink of #war? Can war be avoided now? These are all good questions that are in the minds of Americans and also the rest of the world. So let me give you my thoughts:

1. No Mr #Trump has not been reckless with his rhetoric. He has actually show #leadership and #courage. Those who claim that our president is eager for war are simply not being realistic. Of course he does not want war but he also does not intend to let this NK punk threaten America on his watch. I am so glad that he is standing up to #KimJongUn. I hate the Idea of going to war on the #Korean peninsula but I fear the idea of this nation continuing to cower before a two-bit dictator.

Check the facts and you will find that both Bill #Clinton and GW #Bush made similar statements.

2. Are we going to war with NK? My firm belief is that we will not because Kim has everything to lose and nothing to gain. The US and coalition militaries will make a parking lot out of #Pyongyang. Yes he is unbalanced but not totally irrational. He may be getting bad advice from some of his advisors but his professional military has a realistic view of what is at stake and I do not believe that they want a #nuclear exchange to occur.

3. We found out in 2006 that NK really had a nuclear program when our intelligence agencies assessed that NK had indeed tested a nuke. Now remember that Bill Clinton, GW Bush, and even BHO all said that NK would not be allowed to get a nuke. Well here is a news flash; HE GOT ONE! Actually he now has as many as 20 nukes. So what do we do now?

My answer is that Kim must be stopped or my grand children will live under the threat of a rogue state with an unstable leader sitting on a pile of nukes. I don't think that anyone wants that but we must understand that there is no risk free way to ensure that Kim is stopped. Let this be over with NOW.

The question is what incentives could cause Kim to give up his nuke program? I am not sure but that is where the #Chinese come in. They should figure out what that is and begin to work on making it happen. If there is nothing that will convince him to give up his nukes then the Chinese need to make an all out effort to kill him and end the drama.

Final note: Now would be a great time for all of AMERICA TO PRAY FOR PEACE. PRAY FOR WISDOM AND COURAGE FOR OUR PRESIDENT. #PRAY FOR GOD'S WILL TO BE DONE.

Norm Zanetti & Felice Schillaci on Facebook in July:

July 12 at 1:50pm



Was it not collusion to accept big money into the Clinton Foundation once Hillary toured your country. I doubt the contributions were for another more expensive pants suit. And speaking of enemies of the US, was it improper to accept their money into the Foundation coffers? Was it appropriate for the Clinton's to charge \$17 grand per month for the

guard house the government built on their NY property to protect their entrance from intruders?

The press and TV anchors and media outlets never challenged the legality of any of this. Ray and Muller should reopen the investigations of this while looking into the Russian hacking. And, speaking of this, do you think with all the failed diplomacy of Obama and Clinton in the middle east that Putin wanted an unknown like Trump in the White House. More of the Obama, Clinton/Kerry diplomacy made Russia look better. Putin ate them for lunch time and time again. Where is the Edward R Morrow Walter Cronkite types ??????????

Felice Schillaci

What about Obama interfering with Netanyahu' election...proven and reported but the media in Israel, not here. But why the GOP is not more aggressive and attack the Fake Media accusing them of hypocrisy.



(A later Facebook post on "migration" by Felice Schillaci)

A United Nations document, prepared in the year 2000, reveals the U.N. was already promoting the notion of "replacement migration" in Europe with the support of open-borders non-governmental organizations and "progressive" politicians.

The document – "Replacement Migration: Is It a Solution to Declining and Aging Populations?" – details the plunging birthrates across Europe and identifies a solution: mass immigration. The 17-year-old document contended mass immigration was necessary to replace the aging populations of developed countries. Without the migration of populations from the developing world, it reasons, economies will suffer because of labor shortages and falling tax revenues. "Therefore, among the demographic variables, only international migration could be instrumental in addressing population decline and population aging in the short to medium term," the report concludes.

The report specifically targets the U.S., Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Japan, South Korea and Russia as prime candidates for replacement migration. It is not an obscure study, written and then ignored, but a founding piece of the pro-migration agenda pushed by the United Nations, the

U.S. Chamber of Commerce and open-borders advocates.

"Following the publication of the draft of this study, the Population Division of the United Nations organized an Expert Group Meeting on 'Policy Responses to Population Aging and Population Decline' from 16 to 18 October 2000, at United Nations Headquarters in New York," the report notes. "Replacement migration was one of few other policy responses that were considered."

Harold Mendelson on Facebook



July 2

In this Sunday's The Pilot editorial section a person's letter to the editor titled From Needy to Greedy writes the GOP plans for healthcare and tax reform boil down to a massive transfer of wealth from the needy to the greedy.

This is just another part of the progressive liberal plan of spreading misinformation about tax reform. In fact the complaint by the letter writer that wealth is being from the poor to the wealthy.

Examine the facts shows an entirely different action is currently taking place in the US. The liberals want wealth to be transferred from what they call "THE WEALTHY" to the poor (socialism at its best).

Let's start with the current Federal Income Tax structure. Only about 50% of those that file income tax returns actually pay no FIT. Are these 50% the wealthy? No, they are the poor. Now, I'm not advocating that we tax the poor. What I am advocating is to help the poor rise out of poverty by getting well paying jobs. These jobs require advanced training and education. Those non taxpaying individuals that can work for the most part only get low paying jobs, if they get any jobs at all.

Free training conducted by corporate people that are willing and able to teach and have the teaching certifications could be providing this training at no cost or low costs through the community paid for by businesses. The payoff to these businesses are tax credits and the creation of a trained work force from which they can hire new employees.

Another misconception is the transferring of wealth to the poor throughout out the economy is the only

way to raise the living standards of the poor. This is exactly what the liberals want those without a better understanding of how the process of creating wealth works.

This shows either a total lack of understanding how wealth is created, or is a misrepresentation of the liberal agenda.

Liberals want the wealthy to pay their fair share of taxes. The liberals never get around to defining what either wealthy or fair share means.

To start off corporations headquartered in the US pay the highest corporate tax rate in the world. This does a couple bad things for the US Economy. First, it takes funds away from corporations. These funds could be put to better uses like develop new and better ways to do business. Second, it puts US corporations at a disadvantage against non US competitors because these foreign competitors pay less taxes.

As for healthcare costs and issues there are no way in which the US Government can sustain ACA. The costs of maintaining ACA is astronomical and growing every year.

As a piece of information, the top 15% of wage earners produce up to 85% of the income tax revenues raised by the IRS.

So again I ask. What is a person's fair share of paying taxes? In addition, the top 15% of the wage earners pay more in taxes. So we're asking that 15% and US corporations to pay 85% of the bill for the entire population!

From Rod Ward by email:

Liberal

(noun)

A person whose rigid ideology dictates what other people are allowed to think.



THE PATRIOT POST

This & That

The following came by email from several folks:



And finally:

Today in politics, a Hair Trade Agreement brings peace.



Remember, the next luncheon meeting will be September 18 at CCNC. Make reservations now!

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