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A slate of proposed 2019 EC voting members will be presented at the November meeting for election at the December meeting.

(also, see committee members listings on the next page)



President's Message by Bill Demastus:

It is November 7 the day after an historic midterm election and while I still have the bittersweet taste of that election in my soul I wanted to write about it.

First and foremost I want to thank all of the precinct chairs and the multitude of volunteers who worked the 26 precincts in our county. No one can truly appreciate what these people did for the 16 days of this election without being there...dark to dark every day there was some die hard Republican with a golden rod sample ballot in their hand trying to help the electorate vote intelligently and informed...you had to be there to really appreciate it.

Next I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the volunteers who worked our office at the Headquarters every day from 9-5...answering phones, distributing ballots, performing an never ending list of chores for so many different people...again you had to be there to really appreciate it.

Then, came 7:30PM November 6 and we got the opportunity to view the results of our labor...thus the bittersweet taste. How sweet it is to see Moore county rise again and help solidify the election of Richard Hudson, Tom McInnis, Jamie Boles, Andrew Heath, and Michael Stone and to elect outright Ronnie Fields, Libby Carter, Ed Dennison, Scott Sheffield, and Lewin Mack Blue.

How bitter though to know that although Moore County did its part on all the judicial races, spoilers both Republican and Libertarian, handed the Jackson Supreme Court seat, the Griffin and Kitchen Appeals Court seats, and the Bibey District Court seat to Democrats...SHAME ON THEM!! Our endorsed candidate, Sammy McNeill lost a close election, again in my opinion, because of a lack of support...not from Moore GOP but from some within the Moore GOP...I suspect the Moore GOP will be very diligent in future endorsements of all candidates.

Michelle Lexo failed in her attempt to spoil the McInnis Senate race but last-minute robo-calls and photos of her with his Democrat opponent went beyond the pale...this ultimately still was a Republican vs. Democrat race. We did manage to hold on to strong majorities in both the Senate and House but lost our super majorities and thus veto override power over Governor Cooper...devastating...at least to some of us.

The voters gave the county a great win with the ¼ Sale & Use tax and our schools will definitely be benefited by it. We also won 4 of the 6 Constitutional Amendments and finally have a voter ID requirement long sought after and one that can do nothing but benefit all voters. The two amendments we lost were,
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COMMITTEES for 2018:

Membership, Communication & Publicity:

- Bill Demastus*
- Paul Shaffer
- Tom Schroeder
- Steve Woodward

Finance:

- Scott Sheffield*

Fundraising &

Candidate Finance:

- Executive Committee

Golf Tournament 2019:

- TBD*
- All EC members

Lunch Administration:

- Bob Coates*

Nominations:

- Tom Beddow*

Program:

- Pat Haggerty*
- All EC members

Bylaws:

- Bill Scholtes*

Veterans:

- John Boesch*

*Committee Chairman

The most recent Committee Chair appointed is Tom Beddow, Chair of Nominations. He and his committee will offer nominations for a V.P. Membership at the October meeting and the attendees will vote at that same meeting. The Nominating Committee, as outlined in the Bylaws, will present a slate of nominees for offices for 2019 at the November meeting. The voting for 2019 offices will be at the December meeting. If you are interested in being considered, contact Tom Beddow.

Lunch Administrator:
Bob Coates (910) 420-8181
 (calls)
 (910) 528-8397 (text)

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Tom Beddow	295-2745
Dave Devore	215-9246
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Bill Graning	235-0535
Roger Hicks	947-5527
Don Hiscott	295-9544
Jack McVey	295-6748
John Rowerdink	235-0644
Andy Rueb	295-4908

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

Our lunch notice and reservation calling system has served us well for many years. We thank those who now or in the past served on the calling team. Many members now get their lunch notice and make reservations using some form of social media: website, email and/or text. Therefore, we are updating the lunch notice and reservations system over the next few months.

Note: See the new title above and read about other changes in our lunch administration process in the Newsletter Editor's article.

Let us know your notification and reservation preference.



Luncheon Meetings Information:

Our luncheon meetings this year are being held on the 3rd Monday of each month. The October lunch meeting and program is at CCNC on the 15th. Registration begins at 11:30 am, with the meeting being called to order at noon. Watch for more details by email and in this newsletter.

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

Make your October luncheon reservations on or before Thursday, October 11 at www.mermc.club or by calling Paul Shaffer at (910) 295-3084. Reservations are required for those attending the luncheon and should be cancelled if made and then you find you are unable to attend. We guarantee the number of reservations to CCNC with the understanding we will pay for that number, even if some of those who made reservations do not attend.

Future Meetings and Events:

We will have our November meeting on Monday, November 19th unless otherwise changed because of speaker schedules. We will have an analysis of the November election by a speaker to be announced. Our December meeting will be a celebration of the Christmas Season with songs by the Pinecrest High Choir.

(President's message continued from the front page)
 in my opinion, doubtful at best to be passed...partly because the voters did not understand what they were intended to do or agree with them after they did.

Recently I was told that Democrats lose and cry about it and Republicans lose and go to work...that's what I intend to do. We found some things with our approach to get out the vote this time around to be lacking and we will work hard to be ready for 2020 with those deficiencies corrected.

When I view the national scene that bittersweet taste remains...thanks to President Trump and his remarkable campaign to re-elect and to help unseat Democrat Senators we have a stronger Senate then when we started however the house suffered losses of some excellent congressmen who I feel backed away from President Trump when they should have embraced his policies...others just lost to democrats who are so socialist in their beliefs that it is almost unbelievable that they could unseat or defeat the republican congressmen they were running against.

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 Still, they did and we no longer control the US House...sad with all facets of our US economy running on all cylinders and all reasonable citizens overjoyed with their status compared to a short two years ago...Caesar would say "nam quis potest intelligere quod anima per SUFFRAGATOR"..."for who can understand the mind of the voter".

The Blue Wave did not happen but I think our Red Tsunami lost some of its power when it met the Blue Wave...it didn't stop it...it did slow it down considerably.

All in all not an election that we should not be happy with but an election that hopefully we will learn from and be more prepared for in 2020.

I pray that those of you reading this message will stay true to the task these next two years...I am confident that you will and I am confident that Moore County will be here...be better prepared... be jacked up and be celebrating a 2nd term for our President, November 7th, 2020.

I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving in 2018!

Election Results – By the Numbers:

The following are as of this newsletter from the NC state Board of Elections website. There are no comments, editorial or otherwise regarding these results. They are not yet certified by the BoE. These results are race by race in the order listed on the Moore County Sample Ballot previously provided in our newsletter and as handed out at the polls. An asterisk * indicates the candidate recommended by the Moore County GOP Sample Ballot. **Winners are noted by highlight**

FEDERAL OFFICES

US House of Representatives District 8

Richard Hudson* REP 140,352
Frank McNeill DEM 112,736

STATE OFFICES

NC State Senate District 25

Tom McInnis* REP 41,353
Helen Probst Mills DEM 30,934

NC House of Representatives District 52

Lowell Simon DEM 13,218
Jamie Boles* REP 22,302

NC House of Representatives District 78

Allen Ray McNeill* REP 20,793
Jim Meredith DEM 5,578

COUNTY OFFICES

Moore County Board of Commissioners District I
Catherine Graham* REP 29,211

Moore County Board of Commissioners District III
Otis Ritter* REP 27,339

Moore County Board of Commissioners District V
Jerry Daeke* REP 28,169

Clerk of Superior Court

Susan A. Hicks* REP 28,952

Moore County Board of Register of Deeds

Judy D. Martin* REP 28,559

Sheriff

Ronald Alan (Ronnie) Fields* REP 26,114
Stephen (Steve Leader) Adams UNA 9,292

JUDICIAL OFFICES

NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 1

Anita Earls DEM 1,789,027
Barbara Jackson* REP 1,235,366
Christopher (Chris) Anglin REP 593,358

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 1

John S. Arrowood DEM 1,831,267
Andrew T. Heath* REP 1,782,163

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 2

Jefferson G. Griffin* REP 1,283,050
Tobias (Toby) Hampson DEM 1,743,353
Sandra Alice Ray REP 555,578

NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 3

Chuck Kitchen* REP 1,695,370
Michael Monaco, Sr. LIB 165,406
Allegra Katherine Collins DEM 1,750,549

NC Superior Court Judge District 19D Seat 1

Michael (Mike) Stone* REP 30,350
Gregory B. Thompson DEM 21,634

NC District Court Judge District 19D Seat 1

Warren McSweeney* REP 35,027

NC District Court Judge District 19D Seat 2

Brian Godfrey REP 8,751
Regina M. Joe DEM 22,452
Steve Bibey* REP 20,588

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

Board of Education – Member At-Large

(You may vote for TWO)

Libby Carter*	25,423
Damon Clark	11,517
Ed Dennison*	21,467
Write-In (Miscellaneous)	307

Board of Education – District III

Sammy McNeill*	16,536
Pam Thompson	17,828
Write-In (Miscellaneous)	111

Soil and Water Conservation – District Supervisor

(You may vote for TWO)

Kim Geddes	13,725
Jeanette Sabo	11,973
Scott Sheffield*	19,052
Lewin Mack Blue*	14,999
Write-In (Miscellaneous)	149

REFERENDA

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

For*	2,062,031
Against	1,544,542

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime; to establish certain absolute basic rights for victims, and to ensure the enforcement of these rights.

For*	2,242,319
Against	1,366,852

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%).

For*	2,073,453
Against	1,539,360

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to require voter to provide photo identification before voting in person.

For*	2,028,997
Against	1,623,862

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to change the process for filing judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process in which the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the State nominate individuals to fill vacancies by way

of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not subject to gubernatorial veto; and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees.

For*	1,169,891
Against	2,360,150

Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to establish an eight-member Bipartisan Board of Ethics Enforcement in the Constitution to administer ethics and elections law.

For*	1,356,183
Against	2,176,175

Moore County Local Sales and Use Tax

Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.

For*	23,171
Against	16,158

Election Results 2018 – Observation & Opinions:

(Editor's note; The following observations are those of your editor, based on inputs from the usual sources: Television ads, election commentators, friends and neighbors, many online news blogs, and, of course, my wife)

My comments will follow the order of the candidates as reported earlier in this newsletter. As a reminder, that order is based on the Moore County Sample Ballot handed out at our luncheon meetings and as included in past newsletters. That ballot was produced by the Moore County GOP and included their recommended candidates for your vote.

I will start with the election turnout. It was not just good, rather I would say much better than expected! At the local, state and national level, both sides removed all the stops and every possible effort (and then some) was made to assure that voters were registered and showed up to vote. Without getting bogged down with numbers, it has been stated by many that at worst the turnout will be the same and at best greater than all recent mid-term elections, as predicted. It was not as large as past Presidential elections, but a very good turnout, perhaps greater than expected. This large turnout is in the face of there not being a major statewide election in this midterm.

Why did this large turnout occur? As already stated, both parties did a good job of getting out the vote. But, beyond that, I believe the voters were motivated to come out for a number of reasons (also read issues):

- Hoping for a “Blue Wave”
- Fear of a “Blue Wave”
- Hoping to upset the current power structure
- Fear of upsetting the current power structure
- Because voters “love” President Trump
- Because voters “hate” President Trump
- Hoping to continue the “Trump” agenda
- Hoping to stop the “Trump agenda”
- Wanting to continue or stop the illegal immigration policies
- Wanting to continue or reverse the income tax policies
- Wanting to support the local/state candidates of your choice
- Wanting to support or reject the local/state referendums

Of course, this is not a total complete list of reasons, mostly those that have been discussed by the media and political pundits. I am sure as you read this, you can think of many more reasons for the outstanding turnout.

A couple of other observations about the NC turnout: There was, at the local and state level as expected, a fantastic turnout for early voting. We had seen projections that as many as 60% of the vote would be through early voting. As it turns out the total vote was much greater than expected thereby making the early votes and election day votes somewhat even out. Our past results indicate that early voters tend to be more Democrat than Republican. That leaves our GOP supporters being required to vote on election day, which they seemed to do, at least on a local Moore County level.

Now let’s look as some of the individual races, both local and statewide as it relates to races where Moore County Residents could vote. Again, I am commenting on those races that were on the ballots we all say whether we voted early or on election day.

First, let’s look at the statewide races. There were NO races with candidates for a statewide office. This is often called a “blue moon” mid-term election and normally results in a very low turnout. However, there were six proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. Looking at the results for the amendments as posted earlier in this newsletter, we see that the first four on the ballot passed with a strong margin. These amendments were not generally opposed (based on ads and TV

commentators) and addressed non-controversial issue, except voter ID. As a result of these passing, we will be able to hunt and fish, get information if we are a crime victim, be assured that we will never pay more than 7% state income tax and best of all, finally have a voter ID requirement!

The final two amendments failed as strongly as the others passed. I believe that were two obvious reasons for the defeat:

- There was an effective and comprehensive ad campaign against these two amendments that convinced the electorate that they were not in the best interest of North Carolina. And, I believe, it took away power of the Governor, a blatant partisan effort to impose a negative impact on a sitting Democrat Governor.
- The opposition, which appeared to be bi-partisan effort, had a comprehensive ad campaign which explained why we should NOT vote for these amendments while those who were for them did NOT have a good or any explanation for why we should vote for the amendment.

Now, to the election results for races for state and local offices. First, let’s look at the offices that include beyond Moore County. The race for US Congress in District 8 includes Moore County as well as additional territory to the southeast and to the west. Incumbent Congressman Richard Hudson was re-elected in a fairly close race with Helen Mills. One reason may be that he ran a positive campaign telling about his accomplishments and what he stood for, not jumping on the negative bandwagon.

In the NC State Senate and the two NC House races that included Moore County, the Republican candidates Boles and McNeill won easily. Again, their campaigns were by in large run on a positive basis. The Moore County offices including Sheriff were a clean sweep for Republican candidates. We as a Republican Men’s Club can take partial credit as we took a supportive position for these races with all winning candidates being club members.

The Judicial races were another matter, and not a good result! In the statewide NC Judicial races, one for NC Supreme Court and the three NC Court of Appeals seats where there were two or more candidates, the GOP was 0 for 3! Yes, we lost all 3 of them. Some credit goes to the Democrats for spending the money and effort to campaign for these races. We saw TV ads for Anita Earls for NC Supreme Court all day, every day on TV. At the same time there was a total lack of TV ads for the sitting Republican US Supreme Court Judge, Barbara

Jackson. Likewise, for the Court of Appeals Judicial races, the TV ads and other promotions were either lost in the advertising maze or non-existent. I have to ask, "Where was our GOP promotional support for these judicial races?" As a final comment on this matter, I must note that the Dems pulled a fast one or the GOP folks fell asleep at the wheel. How, you ask? Well, there was a second Republican candidate in 3 of those 4 races, meaning the Republican vote was split. If you add the votes together for the two Republican candidates, the Republicans win all three of those races!! Somehow, we must learn a lesson about these races and not let this happen again. Further, I predict we could pay a high price and see many of the conservative gains and future conservative initiatives thwarted by judicial actions and activism. Time will tell!

Other nonpartisan County offices, in most cases, were won by the Republican backed candidates. One exception was a Moore County Board of Education seat. This demonstrates that our efforts to back candidates and get out the vote are effective in most cases.

Newsletter Information:

As was started early this year, this and future issues of the newsletter are being distributed by email to all members who have an email address. Those members who do not have an email address or have asked for a paper copy will get it in the US mail. In addition, there will be copies available at the meeting at the registration table. If you want a paper copy, let us know and we will put you on the mailing list.



November Meeting Program News by Pat Haggerty – VP Programs:

N.C. TREASURER DALE FOLWELL IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON 11/19

Dale Folwell used to be a blue-collar worker and decided to point his life in a new direction. He earned a B.A. and M.A. in accounting and then passed his CPA exam. He served in NC Legislature and then was elected NC State Treasurer in 2016.



As the keeper of the public purse, Folwell is responsible for \$100 billion state pension fund that

provides retirements benefits to 900,000 teachers, law enforcement officers and other public employees. This retirement fund is rated as one of the five best managed pension funds in the country.

NC enjoys the coveted AAA bond rating and is only one of 13 states to have this highest rating. Folwell also oversees the state health plan which oversees medical and drug benefits to more than 720 current and retired public employees.

In addition to Folwell, we will have a short presentation by Glenda Clendenin, Director of the Moore County Board of Elections who will present some interesting information about the November Election numbers in Moore County. She will also be available for Q&As from attendees.

Our meeting will be at CCNC with registration beginning at 11:30am with the meeting called to order at noon. After opening remarks and introductions, lunch will be served followed by our speakers. Reservations are required.

Steve Woodward – Secretary:

As you likely know, the club secretary is the keeper of the club's records. One of those that is of key importance is the official club membership database. Included in this database is information about every member such as name, contact information, date of membership, membership status and much more. Three of those data fields are in need of updates. They are:



- Email address (and other contact information)
- Preferred method of notice and making monthly lunch reservations
- Name of recruiting club member or close club member who is a friend or relative

We are asking each member to read the following explanation about why we collect this information and ask you to send an update so we can get our records current.

Email address (and other contact information): This information is obviously needed to allow us to stay in touch with our members. We have found over the years that people move, change their telephone number and in particular, change email address. So, we are asking that you please let us know the following:

1. If you have moved or otherwise changed your mailing address in the last year, let us know.

2. If you have changed your telephone number, your cell number or added a cell number in the last year, let us know. We would like to have the number in our records that you prefer to receive calls or texts about club business.
3. If you have changed or added an email address in the last year, let us know.

Preferred method for notice and lunch reservations:

We have stated in previous newsletters that we now get luncheon reservation information from various sources. So, we have a column in our membership database that states the preference of our members based on how they normally make their monthly luncheon reservation. Those methods of luncheon reservation and confirmation include:

- Telephone call from a calling captain
- Email from a calling captain or other member
- Text reservations
- Website reservations

We have populated less than half of the preferences in our database. Please let us know how you would like to be notified of meetings and how you would prefer to make your monthly luncheon reservations based on the methods noted above.

Recruiting club member or close club member friend or relative:

This is a fellow club member that brought you to the club or one you have as a personal friend that is also a member of the club. We use this information if we lose track of a member; they are the person we contact if we cannot otherwise reach a member. Please let us know who's name you would like to have as your club recruiter or friend.

You can respond with your information for these three sets of information by contacting me at the following: Steve Woodward, woodward.stephen@gmail.com, or (603) 670-0389 call or text. Thanks, and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Treasurer – Scott Sheffield

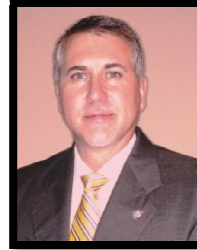
As I look at the post election calendar, it hits me that 2019 is just around the corner. It seems like just yesterday, we were getting the final 2018 dues payments, and now it is time to think about dues for next year! We will be sending dues notices out, probably after the first of the year, to those who have not paid in advance.

To help us save time, effort and money, you can get your dues paid in advance. Just send a check for 2019 dues for \$25.00, made out to MCRMC. Be sure and put "2019 dues" in the memo line. Dues checks can

be brought to the November or December meeting or can be mailed to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388.

If you bring your dues check, please give them to me and I will see you at the meeting.

VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell



Now that the election is behind us, it is time to begin moving forward once again. In a direction that hopefully, we can all work together to move in the same direction regardless if all of us do not agree with exactly the same thing or issue. I was waiting to

write this article until after the election but the more I thought about it the question that came to mind is "why should I wait for the election results particularly when addressing an area such as membership? Should the results dictate what I would say to our membership?"

The message is clear: When action is taken because of something that has happened then our motives become reactive in nature. Therefore, my message is simple. Regardless of the results, we have to continue to work hard to continue to increase our membership for our club. As a current member, I pledge to become proactive in recruiting new members. We need our members to reach out to someone and invite a guest to our meetings. I believe everyone should be able to see very clearly that we need to continue our efforts and continue to work hard to begin preparing now for the next election.

More importantly, continue to keep our Nation, State, and communities, along with their respective leaders in your prayers.

I look forward to serving our membership once again and working with each of you. May God bless you each of you.

Bob Coates – Lunch Administrator



I wanted to give you a little insight as to some of what goes on in organizing our monthly luncheons. Our club receives reservation requests from members and we then tell CCNC how

many people will be attending. We have to guarantee that number a few days in advance. This means that

if we have fewer people than what we guarantee the Club still pays for those meals. Unfortunately every month we have a number of no-shows - people who have reserved a spot but do not attend. The Club has to pay for their meals. In October that number was 11. This lost money could be put to good use in supporting Republican candidates rather than paying for uneaten meals.

If you make a reservation please come. If you find out that you can't make it please cancel as much in advance as possible. If you need to cancel you can call, email or text Bob Coates at 910.528.8397 (rcoates777@gmail.com)

If you don't come or can't cancel more than 3 days in advance of the luncheon you are welcome to pay for your lunch by sending a check payable to MCRMC for \$20 to:

Robert Coates
21 Edinburgh Ln
Pinehurst, NC 28374
Attn: MCRMC

We look forward to seeing you at the next luncheon!

Moore County Republican Women News:



At Moore Republican Women, we're dedicated to leading North Carolina in both influence and membership and to being a positive factor in the national and state GOP, while improving our community through caring projects. Read all about us!

MRW BRUNCH: Monday, December 3 - PCC Members Club Outlook Ballroom 10:30 a.m. (NOTE THE TIME!)

(Note: Men's Club members are always welcome as guests. Reservations are required and can be made at the link following)

[Click here to reserve your lunch seat now!](#)

Cost: \$20.00 payable to Pinehurst LLC
10:00 a.m. registration

Stay tuned for more information soon!

President's Message: (Written before the election results were available)

The Democrats do not deserve to win this election. Our Founding Fathers established this country on

integrity, belief in God and an independent and responsible citizenship.

The Democrats will tell you they love humanity – but they don't actually care that much about individual human beings, especially those who disagree with their ideology. Their behavior over the past two years in "resisting" everything Trump is destructive to our way of life – lying, harassing, circumventing due process, and most recently, acting like mobs.

Am I being too hard? Perhaps, but I don't think so. Mrs. Clinton has come right out and said being uncivil and violent is the only way to deal with Republicans. Former Attorney General Eric Holder says it's okay to kick us. What about destroying someone's life, as they tried to do to Justice Kavanaugh?

Democrats have shown how unworthy they are to win this election. Will "normal" Americans recognize this?



I am putting my faith in the good people of America and in God Almighty.

Please don't let anything stop you from voting on November 6.

**Pauline Bruno
President MRW**

RESOLVE NEWS:



The Moore County GOP BLOG "RESOLVE" is found at: www.reolvenc.blob. Check this website on a regular basis to see the most recent posts.

Elected Officials Contact Information:



To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the Moore Count Board of Elections Website:

From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer:



Well, the good news is that the fall election is over, well almost over. As I write this, there are still unsettled races in Florida and Arizona! Duh, so what is new! More on this later. Even with these races still open, at least we will not be subjected to more local (state of NC)

political ads calling most candidates low life, criminal, cheatin' and lying sub-human dogs! Well, maybe not that bad, but close.

Having gotten that off my chest, allow me to address an issue that requires attention as we move toward 2019. That issue is the notification of members about our monthly meetings and the simultaneous request for luncheon reservations.

As we have stated in the last few issues of this newsletter, our membership has, over time, begun to migrate to social media as a means to get information about monthly meetings and to make reservations. Here are the ways members are now using to get luncheon notifications and make reservations:



- Club website, www.mcrmc.club
- Email notifications with reservation response
- Text notifications with reservation response
- Paper copy US mail notification by either the newsletter, a separate mailing or both
- Telephone notifications with reservation response (The primary method in the past)

In addition to this migration to social media notifications and response, the Calling Colonel/Captain administration changed to a new administrator, Bob Coates.

With these changes we believe it is time to move forward with updates to the notification/reservation system to recognize our members preferences. Accordingly, we are proposing the following steps to implement this update:

- Update our records to reflect individual member's notification and reservation preference

- Rename the head of lunch administration to "Lunch Administrator" and those who do notifications to "Lunch Captains."
- Update the list of member's preference for receiving lunch notifications and to make lunch reservations to include the method used; i.e. email, text and/or phone
- Get notification preference as new members join the club
- Remind members monthly about luncheon information and reservation requirements using their preferred contact method

Our calling captain system has served our club well over the years and we want to be sure and continue to use telephone contact for those who want it. However, we also need to recognize other preferred methods of communication to recognize changing habits of younger members and future members. We will be implementing these changes over Several months, starting this month.

We are asking each member to contact our Club Secretary, Steve Woodward, to confirm their preferred method of lunch notification using one of the following; Steve Woodward:

1. Email – woodward.stephen@gmail.com
2. Phone or Text – (630) 670-0389

We thank you in advance for your response to this request for contact preference. If you have any questions, please give Steve a call or send him an email. We will be contacting members who do not respond in the next few months.

On another subject, in a previous article found starting on page 4, I expressed some observations and opinions about the recent election. Mostly, those were related to the North Carolina results, not much about the general flavor of the national elections. In general, I would describe the national flavor as "bitter!"

Why, you ask? I would suggest the bitter flavor would be more about the reaction not results (how about that for alliteration). First the state of North Carolina. We lost the "super majority" in the NC general assembly. This result was, in part, brought about as a result of TOTAL negativity on the part of the Democrat campaign, a very bitter approach. Unfortunately, the NC GOP did not seem to have a "positive response" strategy, rather a "no response" strategy which worked well in the densely populated metropolitan areas, which already tended to lean to a Dem majority. We (GOP) did not seem to offer any good reason(s) to vote GOP to the DEMs who are

centrist thinking. Worse, we offered very little to nothing in the metro-areas to convince the Unaffiliated to vote for GOP candidates.

Finally, on the national vote, we missed an opportunity to use the “Oprah” effect. She made the case that if we were a descendent of someone whose voter rights were suppressed, then vote Dem. Her target, correctly so, was the suppression of the black vote, primarily in the south.

However, if you look at history, the most voter suppressed group ever was WOMEN, of any ethnicity’. Women did not get the vote until August of 1920! A republican pushed movement, women's suffrage, resulted in the women’s right to vote. It passed in 1920, the final vote in the Senate was 39 Republicans to 13 Dems, with 14 not voting. The Senate passed the amendment with a vote of 39 Republican votes of "Yea". So, therefore, if you had any descendents that were women, you should have voted Republican!

Two issues in NC seemed to be the entire Dem mantra as regards issues: “Health Care and Educational Funding.” Sadly, we had a good story to tell on both of these. The GOP got rid of the worst part of the failed “ObamaCare,” the mandate. Further, we offered ideas and plans to replace it with a plan that truly met the healthcare coverage needs the vast majority of folks. Yet, we let the Dems beat us to death with “single payer” healthcare ideas that have failed in every country where implemented, instead it becomes a two-tier plan, poor care for those that use it and the best care for those who can afford to get the care outside the single payer system.

On the issue of Education, we have made excellent strides in getting equal to other states in the area of Education financing and teacher salaries. There was little mention of this by our GOP candidates. And, what about the fact that we got where we are with over 100 years of Dem control of the state education funding and teacher pay legislation. Don’t get me wrong, there is a lot of work to do on education funding equality and It is up to us, the GOP controlled general assembly, to get this done. Our job, however, also includes letting the people know what is needed and what we are doing to get there. Silence on this issue will just not get it.

At the national level, is there really a need for me to point out why this was a “bitter” election. Just watch the news, any source, and you will see the rancor that continues about the election results; see Arizona and Florida. Not necessarily the results, but the process. I

suggest that if we, as a nation, cannot get the voting process right, our country is LOST. Time will tell, but I am not very optimistic at this point.

Hope to see all at the November meeting!

Tom’s News – MCRMC and EC Member:

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Moore County Conservative News
Join the 2020 Vote

Headline:

Lack of Primary Race Splits the Vote -- Apparently a New Concept?

- Comments:

I am pretty sure that allowing more than one candidate from the same party to run in the same race will split the vote is not a new concept. One has to wonder why the NC GA did not know about this concept before this election.

Quotations from the below article:

<https://goo.gl/Cr1pwA>

-- “Earls’ and Harris’ victories show what can happen when election laws allow more than two candidates to be in a general election and allow candidates to win with plurality instead of 50 percent plus one.” --
“One caveat about the 2018 races: The judicial elections were unusual in that the legislature canceled judicial primaries that would have narrowed the field. There were multiple Democrats and multiple Republicans in some races.”

-- “Consider that on Tuesday, a candidate for District Court judge in western North Carolina won a five-way race with 27.37 percent of the vote. Nearly 73 percent of the voters in Alexander and Iredell counties voted against her.”

More information in the below article.

Tom S Article:

Article: Here is the weblink to the below article:
<https://goo.gl/ns7D19>

Inside Politics: Races Won with Under Half the Vote

Most voters in the 9th Congressional District voted against Republican Mark Harris in this year's election.

And yet he won.

Similarly, more than half of the voters in the whole state this year voted against Democrat Anita Earls for the North Carolina Supreme Court.

And yet Earls will pick up a gavel in January. She defeated Republican incumbent Barbara Jackson.

Earls had 49.45 percent of the vote in her election. Harris had 49.43 percent in his. More than half the voters in their elections wanted someone other than them to win.

Earls' and Harris' victories show what can happen when election laws allow more than two candidates to be in a general election and allow candidates to win with plurality instead of 50 percent plus one.

Now that the state has five recognized political parties plus more than 2 million voters who don't belong to any party — more than 2 million potential candidates — winners who take a minority of the balloting stand to become more common.

Elsewhere on this year's ballot, two Court of Appeals candidates won with less than half the vote, as did eight local judge candidates.

In unofficial returns, two state Senate candidates and three state House candidates were in first place as of Friday even though most of the voters in their elections wanted someone else. (Some of these results could change as absentee and provisional ballots are added to the returns.)

There were similar plurality results in other local races Tuesday.

North Carolinians soon may ask: If a person knows he can win an election with less than half the votes, how much will he listen to the majority of people in the district? If a candidate must get at least 50 percent or more to win, he has to pay attention to a larger group of people with more diverse interests.

Consider that on Tuesday, a candidate for District Court judge in western North Carolina won a five-way race with 27.37 percent of the vote. Nearly 73 percent of the voters in Alexander and Iredell counties voted against her.

One caveat about the 2018 races: The judicial elections were unusual in that the legislature canceled judicial primaries that would have narrowed the field. There were multiple Democrats and multiple Republicans in some races.

But North Carolina's other elections conducted partisan primaries as usual this year and some had under-50-percent winners on Tuesday.

North Carolina's partisan primary process won't keep the Libertarian Party, the Green Party or the Constitution Party off the general election ballots. Third party candidates can prove to be spoilers.

In 2016, Democrat Roy Cooper became governor with 49.02 percent of the votes, and in 2014 Republican Thom Tillis was elected to the U.S. Senate with 48.82 percent. If the Libertarians hadn't fielded candidates in those elections, would Republican Pat McCrory still be governor? Would Democrat Kay Hagan still be a senator?

Appointments

Gov. Roy Cooper has made the following appointments:

- Nurse practitioner Jerri Patterson of West End to the North Carolina Medical Board.

Paul Viser of Clinton, a physician, to the Sampson Community College board of trustees.

Political events

- Cumberland County Republican Women's Club: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Hilltop House restaurant, 1240 Fort Bragg Road. Guest speaker: Catherine Whiteford, N.C. national committeewoman for the Federation of Young Republicans. Dinner buffet is \$20. RSVP no later than Monday morning with Carol Ulrich at clunc1053@gmail.com or 910-580-1840.

- Moore County Republican Men's Club: Nov. 19, the Country Club of North Carolina, 1600 Morganton Road, Pinehurst. Registration at 11:30 a.m., meeting at noon. Guest speaker: state Treasurer Dale Folwell. Lunch is \$20. Reservations required and can be made online at mcrmc.club.

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From and About Our Members:

Felice Schillaci to The Pilot – November 11



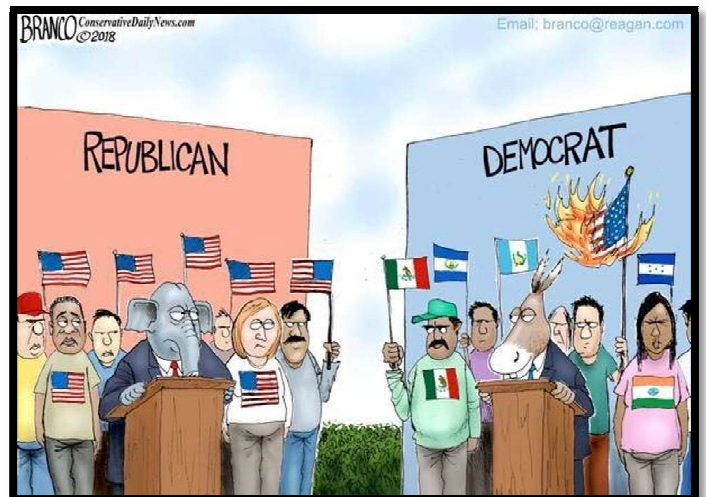
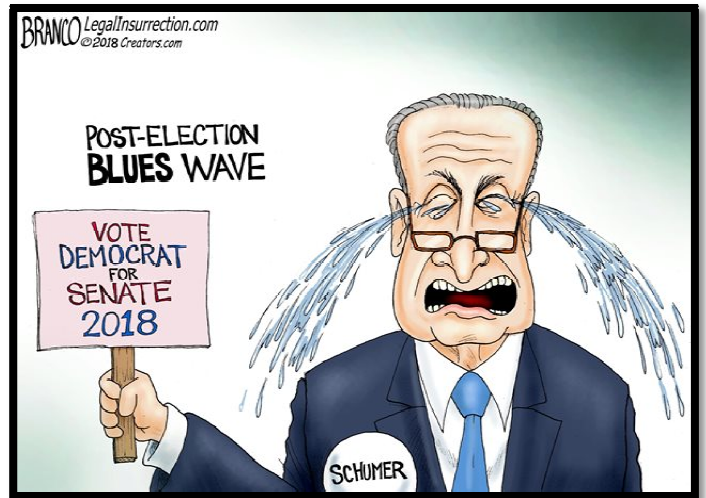
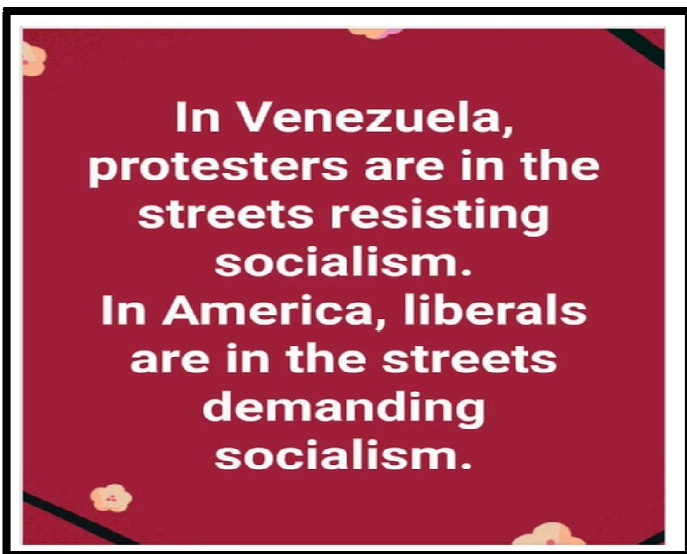
On the one hand the GOP with a campaign based on economic results, common sense, on family, on work, on the respect of law, on legal immigration, and on security.

On the other the Dems, with a campaign based on anti-Trumpism costing billions of dollars. Their achievement with the help of news networks, intellectuals, Hollywood actors and producers, Nobel winners, Oscar winners, singers, athletes. The Dems extreme left contributed with intimidation, insults, , fear and ridicule. All for half-victory. And now why are so many provisional ballots appearing so quickly from who knows where in Florida, Arizona, and Georgia .

I sincerely hope that the new Democratic majority in congress will concentrate on legislating without increasing the deficit, instead of trying to get even. Many of us are sick and tired of a obstructionism and childish behavior.

As for our POTUS I hope he continues with creating a Supreme Court which upholds the Constitution and does not interpret laws in a way that moves us closer to socialism.

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