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Reminder: Our May luncheon meeting is back at CCNC on the 3rd Monday, May 15. Registration begins at 11:30am. Reservations are required, by May 11.

President's Message by Jim Lexo

The First 100 days



By the time this is published, President Trump (I love saying that) will have completed his first 100 days in office. Main Stream Media (MSM) has tried to portray it as a complete failure citing Obamacare, tax reform....whatever they need to spin their narrative. So let's take a closer look. Here are some achievements:

Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch was confirmed by the Senate. That right there was worth all we did to get Trump elected in November.

His executive orders have moved the country in the right direction on the issues of regulations, energy independence, environment, trade, public safety, immigration and a host of other issues. He moved out smartly on these even though Chuck Schumer and the Dems delayed approving Trump's Executive Team.

Some actions are already showing a positive impact. His efforts on the travel ban and having Border Patrol enforce our laws has resulted in a 61% drop in illegal entries to the U.S. The same is true for the plans to grow the economy. Just laying out the plan has generated big gains in the stock market.

On the Foreign Relations front we have seen a quantum change toward gaining the respect of our allies and putting our enemies on notice. Bombing Syria for use of chemical warfare and dropping the Mother of all Bombs on an ISIS compound in Afghanistan sent a message to ISIS as well as Kim Jong-un. What Gen. Mattis said is these bad actors are not going to go away voluntarily. We can deal with it now or kick the can like Obama did.

Where Trump gets criticized in the first 100 days is for actions that are mostly out of his control like getting Congress to take action on key issues. I think this will get resolved too, but it is like trying to run an organization or company by committee. It is difficult to get consensus especially when the other major party vowed to resist on all fronts.

So I give Trump an A for the first 100 days. If Elizabeth (Pocahontas) Warren gives him an F, which she did, then I feel very confident in my A rating.

Now for the most important news: Next month is our annual golf outing/fund-raiser. This is the major event we use to raise money for our Republican candidates. There is a button on the home (continued on lower left side of next page)

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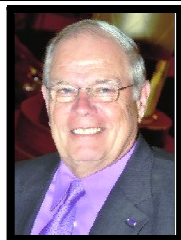
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Committees are where the club work gets done. While luncheon meetings have attracted 120 attendees or more each month this year, committees work behind the scene to accomplish club goals. If you would like to make a greater contribution to the club, consider contacting an EC member about joining a committee.



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Do you get a monthly Calling Captain call? If not, you should call Bob Zschoche at 949-4250 if you want to get back on the list. We want all members to get calls that want calls!

Want to join our calling team, let Bob know.

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Luncheon Meetings:

Our luncheon meetings for 2017 are on the 3rd Monday, for May it is on the 15th. We will be back at CCNC for this meeting, with registration starting at 11:30am.

We will be called to order about noon and lunch will be served after a few opening announcements. We have Mr. John Tuck and Representative Richard Hudson as our speakers. See the program article later in this news letter for more information.

Plan to bring a guest/prospective member and make a reservation(s) as noted below.

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

Make your May luncheon reservation on or before Thursday, May 11 at:
<http://www.mcrmc.club/home.html>
and click on the upper right "Luncheon Reservation" tab.

Future Meetings

We look forward to our golf tournament and luncheon in June at CCNC! See the attached flyer (email version of newsletter) which is an insert in the paper copy. We expect to fill up fast, so get your team signed up ASAP. US Representative, Richard Hudson, plans to join us again this year.

Not getting monthly telephone calls or emails about reservations for meetings?? If not, let Bob Zschoche know you would like to be added back to the calling list.

(President's message continued from front page)

page of our website for the application at www.mcrmc.club. We will be playing on one of the best courses in the State....CCNC's Dogwood Course, which was revamped this past year. Please sign up soon and I hope you will also consider sponsoring one of our First Responders we will be hosting.

Our speaker this month is Congressman Richard Hudson and we also have Mr. John Tuck who served in the highest levels of our government in the 80's

and 90's.

Don't forget....bring a guest.

May Meeting and Other Program News

(VP Programs, Pat Haggerty)





Our May meeting will feature Washington insider John Tuck who will tell us about his 45 years in DC where he ran the House Floor, the Senate floor, was chief of staff to Sen. Howard Baker when Baker was the Chief of Staff to Ronald Reagan and was Chief

of Staff at the American Embassy in Japan when Baker was the Ambassador.

We will also hear from NC Congressman Richard Hudson and expect to learn about the accomplishments (and maybe disappointments) of the first four months of the Trump administration. Hudson's remarks will be brief with a question and answer session to follow. We have attached a flyer about the May meeting in the email version of this newsletter, so you can forward it to your like minded conservative friends and invite them to attend.



The June meeting will be the annual Fundraising Golf Tournament, this year to be held at CCNC on the 19th. Congressman Hudson, has been invited to attend, greet golfers and make a few comments at lunch after the tournament.

There will be a two month summer recess in July and August and regular monthly meetings will begin again at CCNC on September 18.

Remember that the May meeting will be back at CCNC, starting with registration and a meet/greet at 11:30am. The lunch and program start at Noon and everyone is out the door no later than 1:30pm. The all inclusive cost is \$20 which includes a full lunch and the program.

There will be a two month summer recess in July and August and regular monthly meetings will begin again at CCNC on September 18.

Reservations for the May meeting at CCNC are required and can be made on the new club website <http://www.mcrmc.club> (click on the **Luncheon Reservations** button, upper right), by email to bobzschoche@msn.com, by text to (910) 638-8195 or call Bob Zschoche at (910) 949-4250. Reservations must be made on or before May 11.

VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell

It was another great meeting in April and now we begin to look forward to our next luncheon in May. Attendance has been very good at our luncheons since the beginning of the year. We have been very pleased at the number of guests that have attended.

There continues to be a lot of excitement with like-minded Republicans and it is obvious more people are wanting to get involved. Our members are doing an excellent job of inviting guests and encouraging membership. I want to personally thank each of you for your efforts in this valuable area of growing our club.

Some EC members and I greet as many guests as possible as they register for the luncheons. This is a great opportunity for members to network with each other, but more importantly ensuring our guests feel as welcome as possible. We provide direction about the registration process, provide information about our club, and encourage membership. If there are any current members who would like to join us and assist with this would be great. My goal is that we personally welcome each guest to the luncheon, and encourage them to join our organization. It can become quite busy during this time and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to join us in helping to accomplish this please contact me, or see me at the next luncheon.

We are always looking for feedback and suggestions from our membership on ways we can improve. If you have suggestions, comments or ideas that you feel may be helpful please contact me. I look forward to seeing each of you at the May luncheon. May God bless you all!

Bob Tweed - Treasurer

Our bank balance continues to be about \$11,000.00 We expect that balance to grow as we get new members. I will give my usual "long and detailed" Treasurer's report at the May meeting.



Our primary fundraiser is the June golf tournament. As stated in my newsletter report last month, we are playing this year at CCNC. We expect to fill up the tournament fast and will likely sell out. Therefore, I encourage you to get yourself and the other players in your group signed up as early as possible. When

you complete the registration form, mail it, along with the personal check(s) to me at MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388. If you do not or can not play, there are many other ways to participate as noted on the flyer/registration form. Participate and help us raise money to support conservative Republican candidates in upcoming elections!

If you have any questions, just give me a call or email me. My contact information is: Bob Tweed, rretweed@aol.com or (910) 295-3199

Secretary & Calling Colonel – Bob Zschoche

Greetings and allow me to hit the highlights of what is important as your Calling Colonel and Secretary:



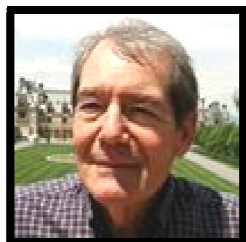
- Let me know if you want monthly contacts about the upcoming meetings. As noted on page 2 of this newsletter, you can email me, text me or call me.
- If for any reason you have stopped being contacted monthly about meetings, let me know that also.
- We need to add some calling captains, so if you would like to join our team, let me know.
- For accuracy of our records, let me know if you have changed any of your contact information in the last year or so.
- If during this year you move, change email addresses, change phone numbers, etc. let me know immediately.

Having made those points, let me join others in this newsletter by doing a commercial for our upcoming golf tournament on June 19th. We would like to see EVERY MEMBER participate in some way. The flyer/registration form in this newsletter spells out the many ways you can get involved. We will also have these forms at the May luncheon, so pick one up, fill it out and turn it in with your personal check.

See you May 15 at CCNC!

The MCRMC Veterans/Military Affairs Committee

The MCRMC Veterans Committee, in March, announced the three initiatives that it would focus on in 2017. Following is a recap of those priorities:



Priority 1. The Committee is using veteran-accessible media in the County to extend awareness (and use) among Veterans of a list of 60 assorted services accessible to any Veteran.

Priority 2. The Committee has learned, from an analysis of Moore County Veteran Services Growth, the office's case load has increased by 367%, since 2008: from 342 claims to 2,726.

Over the same period, the fiscal year budget for the office has declined by 12% (\$23,750.69.)

The Committee will approach the County Commissions, through the MCMRC, to encourage Commission review of the situation.

Priority 3. A meeting was organized and led by Judge Wilkins to discuss the founding of a Moore County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC). It was attended by representatives of the Courts, the DA's office, law enforcement and veterans.

We continue to work and make progress on these priorities. In addition, we have and will continue to send information by email to our members about activities and programs that may be of interest to veterans. If you have any thoughts or questions about our efforts, just give me a call or send me an email: (910) 255-3062 or QBBoesch@aol.com

April Luncheon Meeting Report



The April meeting was held at the Pinehurst CC in the Outlook Ballroom overlooking



Pinehurst No. 2 golf course. Registration and meet and greet took



place between 11:30am and Noon. Members and guests filled the room, registered and paid for lunch and then found a table after

socializing with other attendees.

President Jim Lexo called the meeting to order at noon and asked Chaplain Bruce Carlson to open with a prayer. Chaplain Carlson offered the following:



“God of forgiveness and new chances, we are gathered here a day after celebrating your wondrous act of raising Jesus Christ from death. In that act you have assured us that we are forgiven and that we will share in his glorious resurrection and spend eternity with you. We thank you for this gift given out of your boundless love for us.

We are grateful for the men and women who serve with integrity to keep the governments of our nation, state, and local communities in order and who serve our needs and interests. We are also grateful for the men and women who stand watch to protect our safety and freedom.

We thank you for Thom Tillis and his commitment to the founding principles of our nation. Continue to walk with him and his colleagues in the Senate that they may work diligently to craft and put into practice laws that will provide for the wellbeing of all citizens and not just promote their party’s ideology. God, be with Neil Gorsuch as he takes his seat on the Supreme Court. Keep his intelligence and knowledge of the law keen and keep his integrity from being undermined by the pressures and stress of his office.

God, we thank you for our club and the opportunities it affords us for friendship and fellowship. We thank you for this food and those who have prepared it and serve it. May it strengthen us to be your agent among our family and friends, in our communities, and in our nation. God bless us all, Amen.”

President Lexo made introductions and opening remarks and lunch was served. President Lexo then introduced our “Community in Action” speaker, Suzanne Clendenin, the Director the Life Care Pregnancy Center. Clendenin explained the services provided at no cost to pregnant single women. Their purpose is to offer guidance and assistance in learning about alternatives to abortion. She covered how the Center is funded, by generous gifts and donations. They receive no government funding. Learn more about this organization by visiting:

<http://www.lifecarepregnancy.com/>

Lexo then introduced our NC Junior US Senator, Thom Tillis. Tillis took the podium and brought the attendees up to date on all things Washington DC. David Sinclair from The Pilot Newspaper was in attendance to report on the Tillis presentation. Following is the article he wrote for “The Pilot Newspaper,” reprinted with permission:



The Pilot April 19

U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis said Monday during a swing through Moore County that he hopes the House will send over the “first phase” of its health care reform legislation when Congress returns from its recesses next week.

“It is absolutely essential,” he said during a noon address to the Moore County Republican Men’s Club at the Pinehurst Member’s Club. “It has to be done.”

After the monthly luncheon, Tillis visited Southern Pines Brewing Co., which is owned by three retired Army Special Forces soldiers, and R. Riveter in downtown Southern Pines, which is owned by two spouses of active duty soldiers. He headed to Fort Bragg after leaving Moore County.

Republicans have been clamoring for seven years to repeal and replace one of former President Obama’s signature domestic achievements — the Affordable Care Act, dubbed Obamacare. They now have that opportunity with GOP control of Congress and the White House, but Republicans in the House last month failed to muster enough support for a vote on the replacement bill.

Tillis, who was elected to U.S. Senate in 2014 after previously serving as N.C. House speaker, said health care reform will not be easy, as evidenced by the Republican leadership in the House pulling its bill — the American Health Care Act — several weeks ago because it lacked enough support to pass. Part of the blame was laid on the conservative Freedom Caucus, which felt it did not go far enough in wiping away the old health care law.

Tillis said everyone will have to give a little to get something passed.

“I believe what the Freedom Caucus is thinking will make what comes out of the House better as long as they are willing to do it in the spirit of collegiality,” he said in response to a question from the audience. “People will have to be willing to accept something far less than any of us would want and just move on. But I am optimistic they get something to us.”

As difficult as it has been navigating legislation through the various ideological divides in the House — even among members of the same political party — Tillis said the Senate has its “own little challenges,” which includes a “razor-thin” 52-48 GOP majority. He said the Republican caucus is diverse — from the more moderate Sen. Susan Collins, of Maine, to the more conservative Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas.

He said Republicans will have to unite to pass something, adding that it may not be popular at first.

“The fact of the matter is if this bill makes everybody happy, then we haven’t put the right bill before the president,” he said. “What we are going to do, unwinding Obamacare, is going to be unpopular at some point in time. The interim steps are going to be unpopular. There are going to be challenges. They have to be done.”

Tillis said he will have no qualms about voting in favor of health care reform when it reaches the Senate. He said that during this nearly two-and-a-half years in the Senate, he has yet to take what he called a “tough” vote.

“This will not be a tough vote either,” he said of health care reform. “Whatever the House sends, we’ve got to get to the right place. We need 51 votes to send it to the president. That is our job, and if I take criticism, that is my job too. Every single (Republican) member of Congress needs to do that so we can move forward with Trump’s agenda.”

Tillis said voters expect action on the part of Congress to “get things done and move the country in the right direction.” He said their jobs and that of President Trump may depend on it.

“We make it easier to win elections,” he said passing Republican initiatives. “We make it less likely we will be saying, Hello, President (Elizabeth) Warren’ in 2021. That is about as scary as the flying monkeys in ‘The Wizard of Oz.’ We make it easier to have Donald Trump as a two-term president and for us to have a majority in the House and Senate for quite some time.”

Tillis said some people might not have been happy with a guest editorial he wrote in The Charlotte Observer after last November’s election in which he asserted that “we didn’t get a conservative mandate.” He jokingly

said he was disappointed that more people in the room at the luncheon were not upset by his view.

“It is about third-grade math,” he said. “We lost seats in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House, lost the (N.C.) governor’s mansion, lost the state Supreme Court. If it was an overwhelming mandate, why did that happen?”

Tillis said what “the American people gave us an opportunity to do — because they generally support us — is to produce results.” He said that requires thinking differently.

“We can’t swing for the fences,” he said, using a baseball analogy for hitting a home run. “We’ve got to get on base.”

Tillis said Republicans — including those in the House Freedom Caucus — need to eventually get on board with things such as health care reform.

“I have no problem with the Freedom Caucus pushing us as hard as they do,” he said. “But at some point, you’ve got to vote and you’ve got to push for a result. And if you are standing in the way of something that is not quite perfect, that is something that will get us out of office pretty quickly, because people will remember over time, particularly in two-year intervals, what you did not do. We’ve got to be practical.”

He took strong exception to criticism from those on the far right who do not want any compromises. They often refer to a politician they do not feel holds to conservative principals as a RINO — Republican in name only.

“When I hear Rush Limbaugh say I’m a RINO, I say ‘I am,’” Tillis said. “I am a Republican in Need of Outcomes. I am sick and tired of people preaching perfect and never delivering. ... I actually believe principles matter. I don’t think principles are situational. A lot of principles up in Washington are situational.”

Tillis also cited his support for new Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, who endured a difficult confirmation. Republicans invoked what is called the “nuclear option” to prevent a Democratic filibuster by eliminating the 60-vote threshold required for confirmation. Tillis serves on the Judiciary Committee, which holds confirmation hearings.

He defended the Republican leadership’s decision to deny consideration of Obama’s nominee, Garland Merrick, a year ago — which set the stage for the fierce battle over Gorsuch — to replace the late Antonin Scalia.

“All of us agreed we did not want to move forward with

a nomination in the middle of an election,” he said of the Republicans on the committee “And I still hold firm to that. That principle that I stood, I will stand on regardless of the circumstances in the White House. Once we get to the election season, if a vacancy occurs, then it is time to let the people speak and then we act on that recommendation.”

Tillis said he has been asked what he would do in four years, if there is a vacancy and Trump nominates someone.

“I said I will take the same position I took today,” he said. “That is something people expect of us.”

Tillis said Democrats had already used the “nuclear option” in 2013 to require only a simple majority to confirm all other judicial and cabinet appointments.

Though he did not specifically mention it in his address, Tillis recently jointed a bipartisan group of 61 Senators calling on Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to preserve the legislative filibuster and 60-vote threshold for legislation.

“We are mindful of the unique role the Senate plays in the legislative process, and we are steadfastly committed to ensuring that this great American institution continues to serve as the world’s greatest deliberative body,” the Senators wrote in a joint letter.

The Pilot later asked a Tillis spokesperson why Tillis still voted in favor of eliminating the 60-vote threshold for the Gorsuch confirmation.

“Justice Gorsuch is a mainstream, independent-minded and incredibly qualified judge, which is why he earned bipartisan support and the American Bar Association’s highest rating,” Tillis said in an email statement. “The Democratic leadership’s decision to obstruct his confirmation was both unfortunate and unprecedented. The Senate took a vote to end the partisan obstructionism so we could advance his confirmation.

“Moving forward, I hope that Democratic Senate leaders will demonstrate a willingness to work in a bipartisan manner so Congress can tackle a number of important issues, including infrastructure improvements, criminal justice reform, and immigration reform.”

Finally, on the thorny question of town hall meetings, Tillis said he is planning to hold one — he said the date and location are still being worked out. A number of town hall meetings held by Republican lawmakers have been disrupted, some by an organized movement called “Resist Trump.”

He said this is not a new thing for Republicans, noting what happened with the Tea Party movement within its own ranks. But he said he will not tolerate yelling and name-calling.

“I have no problem with someone saying they’re opposed to the way I feel or the way I vote,” he said. “You want to have a good discussion, debate. Say whatever you want, but if it descends into the sort of chaos they really want — that seems to be the formula of some of these groups, particularly Resist Trump, the organized group — then it will be the last one I do. They can choose.”

Tillis said Republicans cannot allow that to prevent them from moving forward with Trump’s agenda. He compared that with what happened in North Carolina with the Moral Monday movement after Republicans won the governor’s mansion and both chambers of the General Assembly in 2013 “in trying to prevent us from doing what we said we were going to do.”

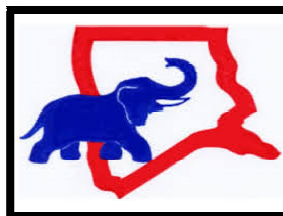
“We didn’t allow that to happen,” he said. “You just have to block it out. It is the price of doing business. If someone wants to come to you with a legislative policy difference, line up at the door. We’ll take all comers. If you get up there and shout, we’ve got better things to do. We’ve got better things to do for this country than be distracted by this sort of stuff.”

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After his presentation, Tillis came down from the podium and took questions from the attendees. The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the Q & A session.



North Carolina GOP News



The NC Republican Party state convention will be held June 2 – 4 at the Wilmington Convention Center. The NCGOP will be staying at the Wilmington Hilton

Riverside. Those who are planning to attend should visit the following website to get further information: www.convention.nc.gop/about-convention

On the website are details, a schedule, hotel

accommodation information, NCGOP Committee Ideas submission form and more. If you have further questions or input, you may email:

StateConvention@ncgop.org

Former Moore County GOP Chair John Rowerdink sent the following article by Stephen Moore, who was the featured speaker at the MC GOP Reagan dinner last February:

Growth Can Solve the Debt Dilemma

The Congressional Budget Office's latest report on the nation's fiscal future is full of doom and gloom. The national debt will double in the next 30 years to 150% of gross domestic product, which is Greece territory. Interest payments may become the largest budget line, eclipsing national defense. Federal spending is expected to soar over 20 years from 22% of GDP to 28%. Never outside of wartime has Washington's burden been so heavy on the economy. But the report's most troubling forecast, by far, is for decades of sluggish economic growth. The CBO projects that America will limp along at an average 1.9% annual growth over the next 30 years. This is a sharp downgrade from historical performance. Between 1974 and 2001, average growth was 3.3%. An extra percentage point makes a world of difference. If weak growth persists, there is almost no combination of plausible spending cuts and tax increases that will get Washington anywhere near a balanced budget.



But consider what happens to the CBO's numbers assuming 3% annual growth. By 2040 the economy would expand not to \$29.9 trillion, but to \$38.3 trillion, according to an analysis by Research Affiliates, a California investment firm. That's an additional output of \$8.4 trillion—roughly the entire annual production today of every state west of the Mississippi River. By 2047, the economy would grow to \$47.1 trillion, almost \$13 trillion more than the CBO's baseline estimate. That would spin off new tax revenue to Washington of about \$2.5 trillion each year. That money ought to be more than enough to pay all the bills and cover most of the unfunded costs of Social Security and Medicare. The old saying is right: The most powerful force in the universe is compound interest. Growth of 3% would stop the debt-to-GDP ratio from skyrocketing. Instead it would start to fall almost immediately, eventually to about 50%, because, the economy would be so much larger.

Congress and the White House ought to understand that what matters most for heading off a fiscal crisis is making sure that the economy grows faster than the government. No other debt-reduction policy—certainly not a tax increase—comes close to having the fiscal effect that sustained prosperity does. A good example is the late 1990s, the only time in recent years that Washington balanced its budget. Surpluses were the result of good policy: A 16-year economic surge allowed revenues to catch up to expenditures. A booming stock market, aided by a cut in the capital-gains tax, brought in unexpected revenue. Spending was restrained under President Clinton and a Republican Congress.

Many blue-chip economists agree with the CBO that a growth rate of about 2% is the best that America can achieve. They believe that growth in productivity and the country's workforce is too slow to recapture the glory days. But the right policies can counter these trends. Productivity should surge with improvements in robotics, artificial intelligence and automation. Self-driving cars could cut transportation costs dramatically in coming years. Washington could facilitate this renaissance by giving companies an incentive to invest. The Tax Foundation predicted last year that the House Republican tax reform alone would raise wages by 8%, GDP by 9% and capital investment by 28%. If this is even close to being right, pass the tax cut now and stop obsessing about whether it is paid for within the short-term budget window.

The demographic problem is a greater challenge, with the baby boomers retiring. But according to my calculations at least seven million Americans in their prime working years—18 to 65—would be on the job today if labor-force participation had not dropped since 2000. A strong economy, paired with welfare reforms, could draw millions back to work. And immigration is America's natural demographic safety valve. Letting in more legal immigrants—especially those with skills and special talents—may not happen under President Trump, but it can and should eventually. This isn't a call for budget complacency. Congress should cap spending and flatten the payout formulas for entitlement programs. But there's simply no way to fix the long-term fiscal problems with 1.9% growth, no matter how sharp the budget knife. What America needs is real and sustained growth.

Mr. Moore is an economic consultant at Freedom Works and a senior economic analyst at CNN.

Moore Republican Women News

The May 1st meeting of the MRW featured Robert



Taft. Taft is the former deputy assistant secretary for international operations at the U.S. Department of Commerce. During his tenure in Commerce, he ran the 130 overseas offices of the

department and opened offices in Haiti, China, Croatia, Bosnia, Vietnam, and South Africa after the apartheid era.

He also served as a U.S. negotiator in the Middle East, worked with the United Nations, was a consultant to the U.S. Defense Department and several African and Mid-East countries, and served on a number of corporate boards.

In the education arena, Mr. Taft taught international business at Georgetown University and the University of Central Florida. There he won an award for his international business program that sent up to 100 students from four Florida colleges to several countries each year to work on behalf of U.S. companies that paid \$4,000 apiece to be in the program.

Currently the executive director the Reston Assessment Group, Mr. Taft directs high-level business and military analysis on behalf of global clients. He was President and CEO of USATies, Inc. where he helped large companies in their business activities worldwide.

Mr. Taft teaches courses at Sandhills Community College: Islam and the Global Coalition; Islam – Past, Present and Future; Globalism – The Two Triads Attempt at Global Domination. He is the author of the book “One Nation Under Allah.” The April 3rd meeting speakers were: Michelle Nix, Vice Chair NC GOP, who reported on her visit to the White House on 3/29/17 with President Trump and Melania, who hosted a symposium on empowering women. In addition, Susan Bellew, Executive Director of Family Promise of Moore County spoke. Family Promise is a charity working to alleviate homelessness in our county.

This meeting and future meetings are normally held at Pinehurst Country Club on the first Monday of the month. Cost is \$18.50 payable to Pinehurst LLC, and valet parking is available. Reservations required; and they are unable to accommodate walk-ins. Future meeting information will be sent by email and our members are always welcome as guests. Reservations may be made by: 1) On the MRW website in the right-hand column. You will receive an immediate

confirmation. 2) Email: to mooregopwomen@gmail.com. 3) Phone reservations: Lisa Sheridan, Luncheon Chair, at 910-400-5520.

President’s Message - Kay Wildt:

"FORGOTTEN"

This article is in response to many queries we have received from our members.



Recently the Pilot, a local Moore County newspaper, provided a 120-page comprehensive insert, “A Guide to the Sandhills.”

The guide contains information about myriad organizations here in Moore County, but amazingly, not one Republican group is listed. Not the Moore County GOP, not the Republican Men’s Club, and not Moore Republican Women.

Seven pages in the guide are devoted to listing every imaginable club. Allegedly any organization that wished to be included had to have contacted the Pilot for inclusion.

There is a notice on page 2 of the guide that information can be added to next year’s guide, but it does seem strange that three Republican organizations were somehow overlooked for inclusion this year.

Did every library, every town, and every tiny club really contact the Pilot for inclusion? Really?

Hmm, it just seems strange to me that we Republicans were forgotten. Strange, because our luncheon notice is submitted each month to the Pilot.

Strange because in the past several years, MRW purchased Pilot advertising for some notable speakers. Strange because advertising for Moore County GOP rallies last September and October added to the Pilot’s bottom line.

It is disconcerting, however, that in each issue of the Pilot, we Republicans are the “Elephant in the Room” (sorry, I could not resist). The constant and very boring message in the Pilot’s Opinion section is: Republicans – evil, Democrats – virtuous.

What does the Pilot’s tedious message of “evil Republicans” do to enhance living in Moore County? Not a thing. However an unbiased message just might improve it if we were acknowledged for the

good works we do to build community.

Flogging Republicans seems to occupy so much ink in the Pilot that it just seems unlikely to me that we were forgotten when the guide was created. Surely as the editors added the Democrats' three clubs, Republicans must have crossed their minds.

And now my subscription to the Pilot is up for renewal. Why should I renew when I am held in low esteem and disregarded?

Elected Officials Contact Information:

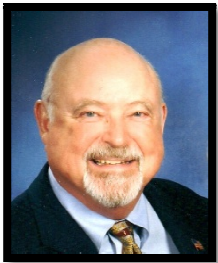
The most recent elected official contact list is attached to the email copy of this newsletter. Paper copies will be available at the April 17 luncheon meeting on the registration table.

You can also visit the Moore County Board of Elections website:

www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections



From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer



SAVE MONDAY, JUNE 19 on your calendar, this year's golf tournament date.

All of the details can be found on the insert of this newsletter (an attachment to the email version)

We will also have copies of the registration form/flyer at the May luncheon meeting.

We are having our annual golf tournament at CCNC, a first for the club. We expect to sell out quickly and have a full field of players. Therefore, we encourage our members to print out the application, complete the registration form and mail in your personal check(s) today.

We ask all of our members to participate in some way, even if you are not going to play golf. Notice that you can sponsor a first responder, buy a hole sign, make a donation and attend lunch following the golf. Find a way to participate and send your personal check or bring it to the May 15th luncheon meeting.

From and About Our Members

Ed Dennison – Chair of the Moore

County Board of Education

Is Progress Being Made by Moore County School's Students?



Last month, I wrote that our average increase in state funding was about one-half of one percent per year for the last seven years, and that the County Commissioners have helped the district cover the cost of the 54

additional teachers needed as our student enrollment increased and our state allotment for teachers decreased over the same time period.

This month, I want to let you know the good things happening in our schools despite the minimal funding increases from the state. There is always room for improvement, but we feel the district has made tremendous progress based on what the outcomes show:

- Over last seven years the graduation rate for MCS students has increased from 71.5% to 87.8%.
- Our End-of-Grade test ranking is 21st out of 115 school districts across the state.
- 83% of MCS students are enrolled in classes designed for post-graduate success.
- 91% of the Class of 2016 received at least one letter of acceptance to a college or university.
- The Class of 2016 were offered more than \$18.6 million in scholarships.
- The percentage of our graduates in remedial reading and math courses during their first year of college has been cut in half since 2010.

We are making progress in fulfilling our responsibility of ensuring *all* students have the opportunity to succeed academically and to graduate well-prepared for college or to pursue a career.

Pickers At Work, Again!

(Editor's note: The article below is from the Aberdeen Times, an internet based news outlet. See:

<http://www.aberdeentimes.com/>

Following the article are pictures and information about the MCRMC members who participated in this project)

Local Citizens & Law Enforcement Team Up For Earth Day Trash Clean-Up Saturday Between Aberdeen and Pinehurst

Published: Sunday, 23 April 2017 by Billy Marts

More than three dozen local residents and law enforcement officers turned out Saturday morning for a large roadside trash clean up and driver education event between Aberdeen and Pinehurst.

Bob Coates, Chairman of Keep Moore County Beautiful, said "I've been involved in a lot of litter cleanup events but this was by far the biggest and the best. The response was just tremendous and we certainly want to enthusiastically thank all those who participated. We need a plan for keeping these roads clean going forward and this was a tremendous start."

The group met just after 8:30 am and three hours later had picked up trash on over six miles of roadway.

Organizations/people that participated in Saturdays cleanup event included Keep Moore County Beautiful (the event organizer), Moore County Solid Waste, Pinehurst Resort, Moore County Republican Men's Club, Community Congregational Church of Southern Pines, Private Citizens, and the Moore County Sheriff's Department

The NC State Highway Patrol, Moore County Sheriff's Department, Aberdeen Police Department, and the Pinehurst Police Department conducted a driver's check-point where they distributed information flyers near the entrance to the Solid Waste Landfill on Highway 5 which emphasized the importance of using tarps to secure loads in trucks with open beds.

The group picking up trash divided 6.3 miles of roadway into approximate 1/2 mile sections. People were assigned in small groups to a 1/2 mile section to walk down one side and back up the other gathering trash as they went.

In total 61 bags of trash were collected (in addition to items too big to fit in bags) during the morning long event. By lunchtime the bags/debris were collected and taken to the landfill for disposal.

A total of 6.3 miles of road was covered by the group including:

- 4.0 miles on Highway 5 (From US Highway 1 up to Food Lion On NC Highway 5)*
- 1.5 miles of Linden Road*
- 0.8 miles on Turning Leaf (Land Fill access road)*

Make Every Day Earth Day - It Is Estimated That "50% Of Roadside Litter Is Blown Not Thrown". Please Cover Your Load When Transporting Trash Or Debris.

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Bob Coates, Chairman of Keep Moore County Beautiful and MCRMC Executive Committee member says "It was great to have so many club

members pitch in and help out on this effort. It was the same day as the local Republican convention or we would have had even more." Other MCRMC members that participated in the cleanup were; Dave Roeder, Mike Greene, Neil Godfrey, Ron Focazio and Carol Coates, seen at the right with Luke Wu.



There was a large crew who gathered in front of the Food Lion on NC Hwy 5



Bob Coates poses with some of the trash picked up that Saturday. If you would like to join his "pickers" team for the next cleanup, just call or email him to let him know. His contact information is in the left column of the front page of this newsletter.



the starting point. Moore County Solid Waste Executive Director Chad Beane and Sheriff Neil Godfrey worked on the cleanup.

Norm Zanetti, Facebook post of April 24:

My OP-ED article of yesterday, I stand by my vote for President Trump. I voted for someone not looking for a soft landing on any of his campaign promises, either from his own party, the opposition, or from a court that is practicing too much judicial overreach. I voted to DUST off the Constitution and its hollowing out by progressives hell bent on re-interpreting it's

essence. Reclaiming government from an unresponsive bureaucracy takes spine. He showed his by liquidating 17 opponents in the primaries. He withstood the Wrath of an angry media as well as from Washington elites, including members of his own party, and most certainly by the machine behind a seasoned political pants suit -Hillary Clinton. This is a fulcrum moment for politics. Obama was not fond of Constitutional formalities. The unintended consequences of that may play in Pres. Trump's favor also. However, he is more aligned as evidenced by his cabinet picks, to be more for Constitutional authority vs ideological authority, more for lawful authority vs social. The Constitution of the US recognizes no class distinctions, no clauses permitting re distribution of wealth, no inalienable rights for non-citizens, no due process for non citizens. Freedom of movement of immigrants is unraveling here and abroad because liberals won debates over free and unfettered immigration for too long. This very weight of this ideology clarifies the battle lines between Republicans and Democrats. Unless you have forfeited your citizenship, Donald Trump is your President. Watch those who oppose his administration on whether they have their own self interest at heart, or our countries.

to pull her inside to slaughter her, all under the eyes of her screaming parents.

A biker jumps off his Harley, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl and the biker brings the girl to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly. A reporter has watched the whole event.

The reporter addressing the Harley rider says, "Sir, this was the most gallant and bravest thing I've seen a man do in my whole life."

The Harley rider replies, "Why, it was nothing, really. The lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger, and acted as I felt right."

The reporter says, "Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, you know, and tomorrow's paper will have this story on the front page. So, what do you do for a living, and what political affiliation do you have?"

The biker replies "I'm a U.S. Marine, a Republican and I voted for Trump".

The journalist leaves.

The following morning the biker buys the paper to see if it indeed brings news of his actions, and reads, on the front page:

**** U.S. MARINE ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT & STEALS HIS LUNCH. ****

And THAT pretty much sums up the media's approach to the news these days.

This & That



Email from a friend: Bob Monin:

(Editor's note: This story has been around before, but has been updated to today's political environment)

THE LION'S CAGE

A little girl was leaning into a lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the collar of her jacket and tries

Remember to look over both sides of the newsletter insert (attachment to email version) and participate in our Golf tournament at CCNC on June 19. If you are not planning to play, plan to participate in some other way.

MCRMC,
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Remember, our meeting is on Monday, May 15 at CCNC. Registration starts at 11:30am. Attend and bring a guest!