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Reminder: Our February luncheon meeting is at CCNC on the 3rd Monday, February 20. Registration begins at 11:30am.

President's Message by Jim Lexo

If you could not make our last luncheon you missed a great speech by CL Bryant. CL is a black, conservative talk show host and senior fellow with Freedom Works.

He and like-minded black Americans are spreading the word to black communities that the liberal/ progressives have perpetuated the slavery mentality by keeping black Americans hooked on federal welfare programs. His message is that jobs, better schools and respect for the law will set black Americans free. He was great. Check out www.runawayslavemovie.com.

Watching Donald Trump being sworn in as President of the United States was a treat. It was also a little surreal because a year ago I would not have thought it possible. I will take credit for predicting his victory in my speech to the Club a month in advance of the election however. I sleep a lot better knowing he is President and I am also thrilled with his actions so far. Trump talks about leadership because it is something he knows and lives. It is so refreshing to see a political official have the guts to do what he said he would do. The media did not like his inaugural speech because (according to them) it did not have the soaring rhetoric to inspire us. I thought it was another smart move. His message was simple...I am going to do what I said I was going to do.

Trump did more in his first week than Obama did in the past eight years. His executive orders were constitutional (unlike Obama's) because basically he said we are now going to enforce the laws we have. The Left is wringing their hands over immigration and refugees. Right now, Trump is simply saying we are going to enforce the laws we have. The Left is also trying to claim that "America First" is some kind of racist strategy. CL Bryant made the point that the Left is using race as a wedge issue and it will not work. My take on America First is that we need to get our country back in good health before we can be of benefit to others around the world. How can you be a "care giver" if you are sick as well?

This month, Patrick Haggerty, who has a lot of experience in Washington DC, will explore if, when and how the White House and the Republican Congress will come together to pass laws that will set the direction of the country for decades to come. As we know, Executive Orders can come and go depending who is in the White House. Public law is harder to undo. Also, we cannot wait to see who Trump nominates to the Supreme Court. Lots of exciting stuff. We will also have a speaker from Dominion Resources who is heading up the effort to build the gasoline from West Virginia through Virginia and North Carolina. This will be our key to reliable, clean and cost effective energy in our state.

Remember....bring a friend to lunch.

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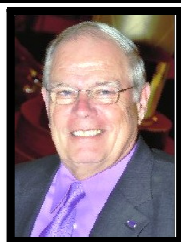
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calls that want
calls!**

Watch this column for new
committee members and
opportunities to become a
member of a committee. If
you see an area that is of
interest, contact the
Committee Chair and discuss
your interest. The day-to-day
functioning of our club is done
by our committees.

Luncheon Meetings:

**Our luncheon meetings for 2017
will be on the 3rd Monday, for
Feb it is on the 20th. We will meet
at CCNC starting at 11:30am.**

Registration starts at 11:30am. We will be
called to order about noon and lunch will
be served after a few opening
announcements. We have our own
member, Pat Haggerty as our program
speaker. See the program article later in
this newsletter for more information.

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

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

Make you January luncheon reservation
on or before Thursday, January 12 at:

[http://www.mcrm.org/luncheon-
reservation.html](http://www.mcrm.org/luncheon-reservation.html)

Future Meetings

We look forward to the new year in 2017.
For the next few months we will schedule
dynamic speakers, in March we
tentatively scheduled John Hood. We are
increasing our publicity efforts and want
to attract guests and turn them into
members.

Note that if you make a reservation on the
website or by email, your name may be
removed from our calling captain list. Let
Bob Zschoche know if you want to be
called.

Current & Past members remembered



The following current and
past members passed away
in 2016. Please remember
them and their families:

Current: James R. (Jim) Nichols 2-22,
Charlie McGugan 3-26, Donald
Bartrip 7-15, Lois Mitchell 9-12,
Robert (Bob) Bronec 12-4, Leroy



(Lee) Settle 12-25

Former: Robert M. Leo 9-4, Albert George (Al) Funk
12-23, Don Van Roosen 12-29

Don Van Roosen – Past Member Highlights

(Editor's note: Longtime club member Don Van Roosen
has a action packed background going back to WWII
and before. The following article from The Pilot
Newspaper covers some of that background. He will be
remembered by many members as an active volunteer in

Pinehurst in many capacities and a loyal Republican)



Donald C. Van Roosen Jan 6, 2017



2nd Lt. Don VanRoosen & Mickey
Rooney
in Durboslar, Germany

Donald C. Van Roosen, a longtime resident of Winchester, Mass., and Pinehurst, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016, in Sandy, Ore., at 93 years of age.

He was born in Boston on Aug. 11, 1923. He entered the U.S. Army in April 1943 and joined the 29th Infantry Division in England as a

private in January 1944. He landed in Normandy on D-Day at Omaha Beach, and was a prisoner of war for 10 days during the final assault on the city of Brest in Brittany. He received a battlefield commission in October 1944.

Van Roosen's combat decorations included the Silver Star; Bronze Star with 2 clusters, Purple Heart with 3 clusters, a Presidential Unit Citation, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

After World War II, he continued his service in the U.S. Army Reserve for a total of 23 years of military service, including 12 years in Special Forces. He retired in 1970 as a lieutenant colonel.

He graduated from Harvard College in 1949 and later worked in manufacturing sales and as an international marketing consultant. His volunteer work included over 50 years with the Boy Scouts of America, receiving their highest awards, the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope, in 1985.

Don was married to Nancy Johnston Crough in 1950, and later to Marcia Hunnefield Vantine, in 1987, both deceased. He had three children: Christine,

Laurie Clarke, and Hugh; and four grandchildren: Annie and Dale Clarke, Allison and Hugh. He is sorely missed.

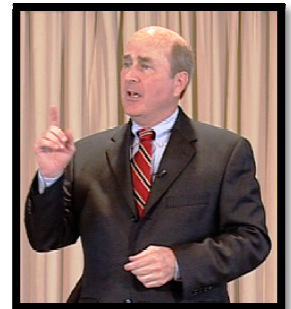
The funeral (was) held in Manchester, Mass., at a future date.

February Meeting Program News

WASHINGTON DC VETERAN TO ANALYSE HOW TRUMP AND CONGRESS WILL GOVERN AND, PERHAPS, BUMP HEADS

How did Donald Trump get elected? How will he govern? How will the fiercely independent Trump work with the institutionally minded Congress? Has Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Mitch McConnell's message to Trump that Congress and the President are co-equal partners in Washington, DC been fully understood?

All of these questions, and more, will be answered Monday, February 20 at the monthly meeting of the Moore County Republican Men's Club by 40 year Washington, DC political veteran Patrick Haggerty. Haggerty's career highlights include serving as the Press Secretary to two Members of Congress; a journalist covering Congress, the White House and federal agencies; a frequent guest on the *Larry King Show*; political news consultant to ABC TV's *Good Morning America*; an advancement for a U.S. Senate campaign and consultant to three Presidential campaigns. After his comments, Haggerty will answer questions from the audience. Visit www.patrickhaggerty.com to learn about Pat's content and current political humor.



Haggerty moved to Pinehurst two years ago and commutes back to DC once a month for political and media events. "I'm happy to be out of the frenetic pace and pressure of DC, not to mention the horrific traffic" Haggerty said. "I love Pinehurst's slow pace of life and 12 month golf" he added.

In addition to Haggerty's after lunch program, we have a special visitor to give remarks about yet another opportunity for "Community in Action" for our membership. Community in Action started in the club about two years ago and is a series of luncheon presentation and radio spots that describe our community needs and activities outside of politics. This program highlights opportunities that are

available for our members to get involved and give back to the community.



Joining us at our February meeting will be Bruce McKay of Dominion energy, a gas and power producing and transport company. McKay will be updating the membership on the status of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP), a proposed \$5 billion pipeline that would deliver natural gas from West Virginia to Eastern North Carolina. North Carolina relies largely on a single major interstate pipeline, TRANSCO, for most of its natural gas. ACP will deliver an abundant new supply of affordable natural gas to a region that is currently constrained. The project is now in the permitting process. With pipeline protests increasingly in the news nationwide it is important that community leaders are aware of the importance of getting such projects approved and constructed for the betterment of our communities' economic futures.

The luncheon meeting is on February 20 at CCNC with registration starting at 11:30am. Lunch is \$20.00, all inclusive, payable by cash or check made out to CCNC. Guests are welcome and reservations are required. They can be made on the club website <http://www.mcrm.org/luncheon-reservation.html>, 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 February 16.

VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell

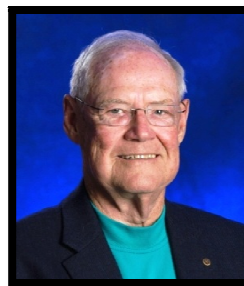
What an awesome meeting we had in January! You could feel the energy in the air at our January luncheon and C. L. Bryant really inspired everyone there with his powerful message! It is a great time to be a Republican as the excitement continued with the inauguration of President Trump on January 20th. I say do not let the momentum stop here! Moving forward we are going to see many more positive changes across our nation and here in Moore County. However, we must continue to be motivated and show the initiative to accomplish great things for our club, for Moore County, and our State. There is a time to talk, more time to listen, but we must act now!



We have been working very diligently in developing new ways to increase our membership. Innovative procedures have been adopted to welcome new members, and put into action more effective means of personal communication to reach out to people interested in our club. More emphasis is being placed on reaching potential members in areas such as social media. In general, there are more people interested in politics now than at any time I can remember. In the past it was difficult to have a conversation of such, but now politics is a hot topic and Republicans are very motivated by many of the changes taking place. We need to follow that example by putting words into action.

Let's continue our efforts as we move through the year, however, we need everyone's help. There has been an increased interest from current members wanting to do more to assist in increasing our club. I would like to see even more involvement from current members in focusing on bringing guests to our luncheons and encouraging them to become a member of our club. I am issuing a challenge to all members to recruit one new member during 2017. All of us working together can make this the most successful year we have ever had. I look forward to seeing everyone on February 20 and may God bless you all!

Ted Thomas – Outgoing Treasurer?



As it turns out, I may serve the shortest term ever as Treasurer of the club. Due to family obligations, I find it necessary to resign. I had looked forward to serving the club, but as we all know, family must come first. I will be moving out of state after getting personal and business matters wrapped up here.

But never fear, the club will not miss a beat in regards to financial needs and requirements. Fortunately, Bob Tweed raised his hand and agreed to fill the void if asked to do so by the Executive Committee. Following the steps outlined in the club bylaws, the Nominating Committee submitted Tweed to fill the vacant position and he was presented to the membership for vote at the January meeting by Nominating Committee Chair, Tom Beddow. He was elected unanimously by voice vote. I thank you for the opportunity to be your Treasurer and I know you will be in good hands as Bob fills the vacancy caused by my resignation.

Bob Tweed, Incoming Treasurer

I thank the members for electing me as Treasurer at the January meeting. I will give my usual "detailed" monthly treasurer's report at the February meeting. Until then, allow me to remind all that it is past time to pay 2017 dues.



"As of January 31, 2017, we have 297 members in our database. Of those, 120 have not paid for 2017."

Annual Dues of \$25.00 are past due and should be paid now. Please plan to pay or mail in your dues at the earliest opportunity. Membership dues are the lifeblood of our club as it is through them that we remain a viable influence for the Republican Party in Moore County and beyond. You may also help expand our influence by encouraging your friends, neighbors and associates to join with us and enjoy our mission & the club fellowship.

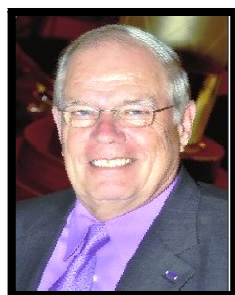
You can pay your dues of \$25.00 in a couple of ways:

- Bring cash or a personal check to the February 20 meeting. I will be at the registraion table to take your payment.
- Write a personal check made out to MCRMC, include 2017dues in the memo line and mail it to: MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388.

Paying your dues now continues your membership through 2017, keeps meeting notices coming and keeps you on our monthly newsletter, email and mailing list. Your prompt payment for 2017 will be appreciated. Those who are not paid by the end of February will become *inactive* past member. Being inactive will result in the aforementioned communications to cease and you will no longer be a member of our club. So, please take action today and pay your dues as noted in the previous highlighted dues notice. If you have a question about your dues payment, please call or email me. My contact information is: Bob Tweed, rretweed@aol.com or (910) 295-3199

Secretary & Calling Colonel – Bob Zschoche

We started the year with our luncheon on the third Monday of January, a change in meeting date and day adopted in December of 2016. Our first meeting fell on Martin Luther King Day and we were honored to have CL Bryant, an African



American Minister, a fellow Republican, a Conservative talk show host and Fellow at Freedom Works. Our thanks to Miriam Chu for helping us get this outstanding speaker. You can read more about the January meeting in other articles.

One of my objectives is to see that the Calling Captain system continues to run smoothly and be sure we are reaching every one of our members with meeting information and an opportunity to make a reservation. To accomplish this, we have enhanced the membership database to contain some new information about our members. These enhancements include:

- A column that contains the name of a current member that sponsored or knows the member named. This will help us know who we can contact if we cannot contact the member or if the member stops attending meetings. In the future we will be finding ways to populate this column for current members. We are collecting this information when new members join.
- A column that notes how our members are contacted each month about meetings and/or how reservations are made; i.e., web, email, text, phone, etc. In addition, if so requested, we note: do not call.

Our ultimate objective is to be sure that each member is contacted monthly, if they so want. So, if you are not being contacted monthly and want to be, let me know. If you are a current calling captain and one or more of the members you contact are not responding, let me know that also. As always, if you have any questions or comments about the calling captain system, call or email me as noted in the left column of the front page. See you Feb 20.

January Luncheon Meeting Report

Our first meeting in 2017 was on our new monthly meeting date and day, January 16, the third Monday of the month. That date turned out to be Martin Luther King Day and our program speaker honored that day and brought us a strong conservative message.

The meeting was called to order after members, guests and our program speaker arrived early to allow some social time. Shown following are several pictures of speaker, CL Bryant, meeting and greeting members and guests.



(CL Bryant with member Martez Norris)

Bryant went out of his way to meet with as many guests as possible before lunch began.



(CL Bryant center, visits with President Jim Lexo left and VP Programs Pat Haggerty right)

We had an excellent turnout for our first meeting of the year. There were over 150 attendees, many of guests were there to hear speaker Bryant.



(CL Bryant left greets two of the many guests attending the meeting)

President Lexo called the meeting to order and asked Chaplain Bruce

Carlson to offer an opening prayer and blessing. As has become the standard, a delicious lunch

was served as President Lexo made a few housekeeping announcements. He then introduced Moore County GOP Chair, John Rowerdink, who talked about the upcoming Reagan Dinner at Pinehurst Country Club on February 6.



(above, Linda Jarrett & Lydia Boesch sell tickets to the Reagan Dinner)

Haggerty to introduce special guest speaker, Pastor CL Bryant. Bryant took the podium and mesmerized



the audience for the next twenty minutes as he made the case for how the liberal agenda of the last 8 years had harmed the country, harmed our standing in the world and most importantly had harmed minorities.

His thesis is that the culture of dependency fostered by the liberal big government agenda has effectively enslaved the socioeconomic lower class, many being the minorities they claim to be helping. He has developed a documentary, *Runaway Slave*, that illustrates what he described. Bryant had DVD copies of his documentary which were available for sale after the meeting. A video of Mr. Bryant's remarks may be seen on U Tube by going to:

<https://youtu.be/Md-GwVh8F6M>

Bryant's presentation was interrupted often with enthusiastic applause and ended with a standing ovation. After a short Q & A session, Haggerty took the stage to thank Bryant and give him our Honor Coin as a token of our appreciation. President Lexo thanked Bryant for his remarks.

He also thanked member Miriam Chu for getting Bryant



(Haggerty, Bryant, Chu & Lexo)

to Moore County to speak to the evening Moore Tea Citizens evening meeting held the same day as our meeting. President Lexo then adjourned the meeting.

The MCRMC Veterans/Military Affairs Committee

We are up and running, meeting and beginning to see ways we can support our veteran members and veterans in general. You may have already seen the email announcement that we are following the new HB2

(introduced this year and having nothing to do with last year's HB2, the bathroom bill). Our interest here is to advise veterans of what HB2 is all about and to see what ways, if any, we can influence Raleigh to take positive action on it.



The first meeting of the Veterans/Mil. Affairs Committee, on January 26 was very productive. The goal of the Committee is to ensure MCRMC members are better informed and aligned about issues regarding veterans in Moore County. We hope to encourage member's participation in developing solutions to problems and to encourage member's support of information distribution.

The Committee was briefed by Jim Petersen, Moore County Veteran Service Officer and Chuck Spelman, representing Moore County veterans' organizations and the VA.

The dialogue produced a challenging list of issues to be tackled. Some are reasonably straight-forward, primarily focused on better distribution to Moore County veterans of information on resources. Some lend themselves more to encouraging action at the local, state and federal level.

For instance, the report on the increase in case load - 2,726 claims filed in 2016 for Moore County Veterans - suggests the need for attention to support for that office.

The Committee was briefed on resources that have limited awareness among County veterans. One valuable document includes an extensive inventory of approximately 60 Moore County organizations and agencies offering help to veterans over a broad spectrum of needs. Also, we discussed opportunities to develop better awareness and distribution of the excellent resource directory, NC4Vets, produced by North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

It is available free to any vet of any era. It contains up-to-date information about important subjects such as employment, health care, VA benefits, personal services, education, housing for homeless and women's services.

Discussion included the possibility of organizing a Veterans Court (such as are operated successfully in other counties), sponsorship of a "Benefits Action Center, such as a very successful one held last year in Moore County; which helped numerous veterans by correcting deficiencies in their individual VA benefits.

Moore Republican Women News

MCRMC members are always welcome to attend the MRW monthly meetings, so watch for meeting announcements by email, including reservation information.



The Feb. 6th meeting was held in the St. Andrews Room of Pinehurst CC. The Speaker was Special Forces Major General (Retired) Sidney Shachnow, speaking on

"AMERICA WITHOUT ISRAEL."

Born in Lithuania, Major General (Retired) Sidney Shachnow is a Holocaust survivor imprisoned for three years during World War II in a German concentration camp.



Gen. Shachnow immigrated to the United States in 1950 and enlisted in the US Army as a private in the Infantry. As a Sergeant 1st Class, he entered Officer's Candidate School, was commissioned an Infantry Lieutenant in 1960, and volunteered for Special Forces in 1962, serving 32 years as a Green Beret.

He was the Commanding General of the following: John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Airborne, Ft. Bragg; U.S. Army Special Forces Command, Airborne, Ft. Bragg; U.S. Army-Berlin. He was Director, Washington Office of the U.S. Special Operations Command, Airborne; Deputy Commanding General, 1st Special Operations Command, Airborne, Ft. Bragg; and Chief of Staff, 1st Special Operations Command, Airborne, Ft. Bragg.

A resident of Southern Pines, Gen. Shachnow wrote

the best-selling book, "Hope and Honor," winner of the prestigious 2005 Wm. E. Colby Military Writers' Award. He is Chair of the non-profit Moore County Sentinels of Freedom, whose mission is to assist combat-wounded Special Forces soldiers and their families.

For future meetings, remember the club requests advance reservations to attend the lunch. The luncheons are held at the Pinehurst Country Club, 1 Carolina Vista Dr., at 12:00 p.m., registration at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$18.50, payable to Pinehurst LLC. Reserve by noon on the Thursday, before the Monday meeting. Cancel by noon Saturday before the meeting. If you do not cancel by this date, you must pay for the lunch.

Reserve directly on our new interactive website, and you will receive an immediate confirmation. If you prefer, you may email: to mooregopwomen@gmail.com. For telephone reservations, contact Mariann Benway at 949-3856 or Kay Wildt at 978-7766, and they will confirm your reservations. Valet parking is available.

Elected Officials Contact Information:

The elected official contact list is attached to the email copy of this newsletter. Paper copies of the current list will be available at the February 20 luncheon meeting on the registration table.

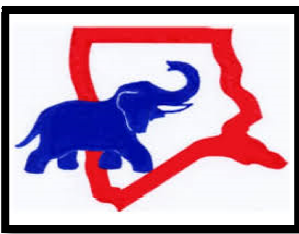
You can also visit the Moore County Board of Elections website:

www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections

Once on the website, scroll down to the "Quick Links" and click on the "Elected Officials" icon. A pdf will open showing the contact information.



February is Precinct Meeting Month



All Moore County local precinct meeting will be held this month according to Moore County GOP Chair, John Rowerdink. Following is the meeting schedule including locations and time. Plan to

attend and get up-to-date information on all things local GOP politics. Remember, all politics start at the local level.

Calendar of Moore County Precinct Meetings - 2017

Pinehurst:

- Pinehurst A1
- Pinehurst A2
- Pinehurst B1
- Pinehurst B2
- Pinehurst C
- Taylortown

February 16 – 5:30 PM
Pinehurst Village Hall
Coordinator – Bill Demastus

Southern Pines/Aberdeen:

- North Southern Pines
- South Southern Pines
- Pinedene
- Pinebluff
- East Aberdeen
- West Aberdeen

February 15, 6:00 PM
Southern Pines Civic Club
Coordinator – Eileen Malan

North Moore County:

- Carthage
- Cameron
- Bensalem
- Deep River/High Falls
- Westmoore
- Robbins

February 18 – 12:00 Noon
Maness Music Barn
Coordinator – Marc Phillips

Mid Moore County:

- Vass
- Little River
- East Knollwood
- West Knollwood
- Eureka
- Eastwood
- Seven Lakes
- West End

February 19, 3:00 PM
Whispering Pines Village Hall
Coordinator – Miriam Chu

Webmaster - Walter Bull



We are making great strides in the effort to redesign and update our website. Watch for an announcement about our new website URL, new graphics, easier navigation and much more.

One of the most important reasons for having an up-to-date website is that younger Republicans and younger potential Republicans are more likely to get their information from the web, no longer depending on traditional print and broadcast media. Most of our senior Republicans have adapted to the new sources of information including the web, Facebook, and many other online social media sites. In addition to upgrading our website, we are planning to have a presence on Facebook and other social media sites over time.

The lifeblood of our club is new members, many of those being Millennials, those who are known as Generation Y, having become adults in the early 2000s. If we expect to reach out to them, being seen on the newest and latest technology is a must.

We ask our current members to visit our website frequently, currently at www.mcrm.org. If you see anything that you feel could improve our website, please call or email me, my contact information is in the left column of the front page.

I hope to see you at the February 20 meeting and solicit your thoughts about our website and other social media.

From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer

Your luck continues! As I said last month, I wait to write my article after getting the remainder of the newsletter completed. Again this month, there was not space to ramble on with my political rants.



Hope to see you at our meeting at CCNC in February on Monday, the 20th, the third Monday, our new day and date for 2017.

From and About Our Members

John Rowerdink – Moore County GOP Chair
The Pilot – Guest Columnist

Trump: A Breath of Fresh Air

Jan 17, 2017 Like most Americans, I've been following recent events related to the upcoming change in administrations in Washington. It strikes me that in many ways, it is a study in contrasts. First, President Obama's farewell speech in Chicago.

You've got to hand it to him; the guy can really give a speech, as long as he has his teleprompter. However, there has always been a stark contrast between his words and his actions.

For example, this is the guy that first attracted national attention when he gave his 2004 speech saying, "There is no red America or blue America, only the United States of America" — and then became the most partisan president in memory.

As our first black president, we thought he would usher in a wave of better race relations. But he actually exacerbated racial tensions with his reaction to Ferguson, Baltimore and Black Lives Matter.

Can anyone argue that race relations are better than they were before Obama? He is the guy who taught constitutional law in Chicago, but then repeatedly violated the Constitution with some of his executive actions.

And the guy who, as a freshman senator, criticized President Bush for the increase in the national debt during his presidency and then doubled the national debt when he was president not many years later — adding as much to the national debt as his 43 predecessors combined.

He is also the guy who catered to our enemies to the detriment of our friends. Remember the infamous "red line" in Syria? I could go on, but you get the message. Words matter but actions matter more.

Then there is the Democrats' hysteria regarding Donald Trump's surprise (to them) election win. Remember their reaction when Trump said he might not support the result of the election? Contrast that to their reaction now. It's a total meltdown. They keep talking about how Hillary won the popular vote, but minus California, she lost the popular vote. Maybe she should be the president of California. She'd be a good fit.

Consider this: There are 3,144 counties in the United States. If you subtract her win in just five of them (the NYC boroughs minus Staten Island plus Los Angeles County), she lost the popular vote by more

than 500,000 votes. The popular vote in the other 3,139 counties went for Trump.

And their hysteria over how the “Russians hacked the election.” Well, the Russians didn’t hack the election; they hacked the Democrats. Have you noticed that they haven’t denied the dirty laundry exposed by the hacks aired by WikiLeaks?

Their entire focus on the Russians is for the purpose of delegitimizing Trump’s win and deflecting attention from their own failures. And by the way, why wasn’t their cybersecurity better? John Podesta’s email password was “password”? C’mon. And why did Hillary expose our national security by doing her email on an unsecure server in her basement? Where’s the outrage about that?

Then there’s the hysteria over Trump’s tweets, his reaction in a recent press conference, etc. etc. But contrast those actions to the extraordinary quality of the people he has appointed to his Cabinet and other key positions. It’s a breath of fresh air that he is bringing in extraordinary talent from the private sector and people who have been highly successful in their fields. To hear the Democrats, you’d think it’s a sin to be successful.

Trump has demonstrated a critical skill that every good executive must have: the ability to select good people. And there is evidence that he listens to them and will consider changing his position based on their counsel. That’s what a good executive does. I remind you that Trump’s supporters voted for major change and a break with some of the norms of the past, and that’s exactly what we’re going to get. They expect him to “break a little china” (pun unintended).

Ever since Donald Trump entered politics, he has been consistently underestimated. Just ask 16 Republican primary opponents and Hillary Clinton. I predict that America will not only survive his presidency, but will thrive. And if he can accomplish even half of what he’s trying to do, he will make America great again.

Felice Schillaci to The Pilot

Now, That’s Interference - Jan 17, 2017

So the Russians interfered with the recent presidential elections. You decide if what the left does is hypocritical and partisan, or not.

Quoting from The Jerusalem Post, March 2, 2015:

“The Obama presidential election team has set up camp in Tel Aviv with the mission to defeat Netanyahu in our upcoming election. The ‘Anyone but Bibi’ mission is headed by Jeremy Bird, Obama’s national field director in his successful presidential campaigns.”

“Under Bird, a group called ‘Victory 15’ has been set up. It has recruited the young activists from Israel’s 2013 protest movement and will man a massive social network and personal contact campaign to defeat Bibi. V15 is financed by an NGO called ‘One Voice,’ whose motto is to be ‘the voice of mainstream Israelis and Palestinians.’ ...”

“Does Israel really need this outsider that advocates ‘popular resistance’ to impose the Arab Peace Initiative on to Israel? There is grave danger in the intent of this American interference into our political system.”

There is more. Look it up on Google.

Ed Dennison – Chair of Moore County BOE

(Editor’s note: In December of 2016, the Moore County BOE swore in new members and new officers. The January MCRMC newsletter did not have an article about that event, so the following is from the MC BOE website about that ceremony.)



Ed Dennison
School Board
Chair
Board Members
Sworn In

December 5,
2016

Dr. Betty Wells
Brown was
sworn in at the
beginning of last
night’s meeting
as the newest

member of the Board of Education after winning election this past November. Also receiving the Oath of Office last night were Bruce Cunningham, Helena Wallin-Miller, Stacy Caldwell and Elizabeth Carter, having all won re-election.

Presiding over the Oath of Office was Moore County Clerk of Court, Susan Hicks.

Ed Dennison and Helena Wallin-Miller were elected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, by

acclamation. This action by the board is customary in an organizational meeting such as last night.

Congratulations to all the Board of Education members, and special acknowledgement to Ed Dennison for his recent appointment to the Board of Directors for the North Carolina School Board Association.

For more information about the Moore County Board of Education, please visit www.ncmcs.org/BOE.

Email from Don Zeilstra:

Subject: Today's Smiles

Great Orators of the Democrat Party, Then & Now

"One man with courage makes a majority."
~ Andrew Jackson

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The buck stops here." ~ Harry S. Truman

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." ~ John F. Kennedy

AND NOW:

Great Orators of the Democrat Party – *PRESENT*:

"It depends what your definition of 'is' is?"
~ President William Jefferson Clinton

"Those rumors are false. I believe in the sanctity of marriage." ~ John Edwards

"What difference does it make?" (re:Benghazi)
~ Hillary Clinton

"I invented the Internet." ~ Al Gore

"America is, is no longer, uh, what it, uh, could be, uh, what it was once was, uh, and I say to myself, uh, I don't want that future, uh, for my children."
~ Barack Obama

"I have campaigned in all 57 states." ~ Barack Obama (Quoted 2008)

"You don't need God anymore; you have us Democrats." ~ Nancy Pelosi (Quoted 2006) (A really, really stupid remark.)

"Paying taxes is voluntary." ~ Sen. Harry Reid

"Bill is the greatest husband and father I know. No one is more faithful, true, and honest than he is."
~ Hillary Rodham Clinton (Quoted 1998)

"You have a business. You didn't build that. Someone else did!" ~ Barack Obama (Quoted 2012)

And now the most ridiculous gem of wisdom, from the "Mother Superior Moron":

"We just have to pass the Healthcare Bill to see what's in it." ~ Nancy Pelosi (Quoted March, 2010)

From Phil Notestine, posted on Facebook

NewPoliticsToday www.NewPoliticsToday.com



Executive Order Leads to Capture of ISIS Leader, Rasheed Muhammad - January 31, 2017

Terror suspect, Rasheed Muhammad, was arrested on Tuesday, January 30, at approximately 1:32AM EST at John F. Kennedy International Airport. This marks the first successful story following President Trump's executive order to protect the nation from foreign terrorist entry into the United States. Muhammad, 32, was questioned due to the heightened security measures that resulted from the presidential executive order. The suspect attempted to enter the country with a tourist visa and claimed to be visiting family in order to attend this year's Super Bowl LI.

Former Attorney General, Sally Yates, who was



ousted by President Trump after failing to support the executive order, released a public apology via popular social media, Snapchat.

"I would like to express a sincere and utter apology to President Donald J. Trump. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is no way I could have predicted the outcome of the situation. If afforded the

opportunity to continue my position as Attorney General, I would be more than ecstatic to comply."

Officials are waiting to release an official press statement. FBI Director, James Comey, commented "We are unsure if accomplices are still at large. Until matters are addressed, we will keep additional details from the public eye. The security of our nation is the number one priority."



The terror suspect is currently detained by local authorities and requested a public defender. The White House Press Secretary declined comment until after the release of an official press statement.

This & That:

Email from a friend from my Bell System days:

(Editor's note: From my last boss at SWBT in Topeka, KS. He is retired and currently is an Associate Professor of Business at a small college in southern MO. He has a law degree, but does not practice law. He writes opinion pieces which he sends to his email list of many friends and associates. He regularly is a guest on a local radio show. I edited this opinion to soften some words that are R rated.)

Marvin Schulteis on the Trump protestors in DC



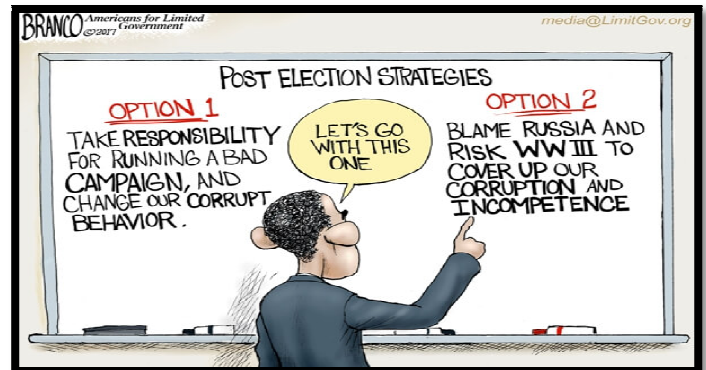
If I am unhappy with the way things are going, (I will) do the following; To get my way, I should:

March through the streets; Scream; Cry; Yell f**k; Wear a hat that is called a pu**y; Swear at the President; Say the President is not my President. Stop traffic; Beat on cars; Push people; Carry hammers and crowbars; Smash cars and trucks; Set fire to tires and trash; Set fire to Cars; Say to the press we will never give up. Walk away from the streets and clutter the area with crude signs. Leave the mess for government workers to clean up. Hope that the United States Government will give me what I want.

It's not their fault; It is the way they were trained by their parents; Children have been testing the parents for years, parents failed; They have be misguided by the failed education system; Now the children are adult age acting like spoiled children; Today's

children watched these adults?? The marchers have set the example for the children's future.

And on it goes....



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Remember, our meeting is on Monday, February 20 at CCNC. **Registration starts at 11:30 am.** Attend and bring a guest!