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REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB  
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**President's Message by Bill Demastus:**

I am writing this letter at the end of February after just having attended the 26 Precinct Meetings of Moore County.

For the first time ever, all meetings were conducted over two weekends, 2/16 -17 and 2/23 – 24 at our Headquarters facility.

Bill Scholtes, the party's Secretary put the meetings together in such a fashion that we basically conducted 13 meeting on each of the two weekends.

The meetings were well attended by both potential delegates and elected officials. One hundred and twenty two delegates and six alternates were elected to attend the county convention, which will be held at Village Hall in Pinehurst on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. These delegates will automatically be qualified to attend the state convention in Concord NC June 6-9.

We had 4 precincts unable to seat a quorum, resulting in their inability to conduct party business...these precincts will try again at the county meeting in March.

It was rewarding to watch our political process play out at the grass roots level. John Rowerdink always told us that all politics are local. Nothing depicts this better than a local precinct meeting.

Attendees at each precinct elected their Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary and of course the delegates for the convention/s.

Our County Chair, Tom Beddow, gave all attendees a brief synopsis of the 2018 election results, who won, and more importantly who lost and why. All of our losses came about by our party's inability to put forth a clean slate. We lost on every ballot that had more than one Republican candidate running for the same position...this split vote caused a LOSS...giving the position to a Democrat.

**THAT CAN NOT** be the case in 2020. We must have primaries and we must run **ONE** candidate in each race.

Tom also informed each precinct that the main objective for the "get out the vote" initiative in 2020 will be their ability to touch each Republican and Republican leaning unaffiliated voter in their precinct. That can be accomplished either by phone, e-mail and text, door-to-door or by snail mail. We will probably do some of all of these.

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**\*Committee Chairman**

Our committees do the heavy work between meetings to keep the club running smoothly and see that the work expected by the members continues. You can be a part of this important job by making your willingness to work on a committee known.

Contact an EC member and let him know that your are willing to work and your area(s) of interest. And be sure to thank those already on a committee for their time and effort getting our club business done.

**Lunch**

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

**We are in the process of getting our calling captains assigned members verified. We will also be changing some members who are being contacted by calling captains and making changes in how we make contacts. Please read the Lunch Administration article later in this newsletter for more information and details. Let us know if you have any comments or ideas about lunch contacts.**



**Do you get monthly lunch notification calls? If so, thank your calling captain. If not and you want to get a call, let us know.**



**Luncheon Meetings Information:**

**Our next meeting of this year is on Thursday, March 21st. Registration begins at 11:30 am, with the meeting being called to order at noon. Watch for more meeting details by email and in this newsletter. Our luncheon meetings are on the third Thursday of each month for the rest of this year. We plan a summer break in July and August, watch for details.**

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

Make your March luncheon reservations on or before 3pm Sunday, March 17, at [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) or by calling Bob Coates at (910) 420-8181. Reservations are required for those attending the luncheon and should be cancelled if you find you are unable to attend. If you have a reservation and cannot attend, you may be asked to pay if you do not cancel.

**Future Meetings and Events:**

We will have our March meeting on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>, with Mike Causey as our speaker. Future speakers include Greg Sherrill - Executive Chair, Tenneco for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and others. Watch for details.

(President's message continued from the front page)

We are in the process of developing a new computer system, which Tom Schroeder demonstrated to all attendees, that when completed, will facilitate their abilities to do just that.

This system will give each precinct chair a view of voters in their precinct as to whether or not they are strong republican, weak republican, strong democrat or weak democrat. It will even indicate which democrats actually vote republican occasionally.

More importantly than that however, it will tell us how unaffiliated individuals voted.

With the population of Democrats vs. Republicans in the state, we must have the majority of the unaffiliated vote to win state- wide contests. Fortunately for us, the majority of the unaffiliated do vote Republican.

During the remainder of this year we will train chairs and/or their computer people on how to most

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(President's message continued from previous page) effectively use this new system; we will train new precinct chairs on most effective ways to set up their precincts and we will fill the four vacancies we currently experience in chair positions.

We need chairs in Ben-Salem, East Aberdeen, Pinebluff and Vass.

The chair must reside in the precinct he/she chairs...we are actively seeking applicants for these jobs. If you know a person in any of these four locations who are Republican with strong feelings for the party that may be interested...please let me know.

Although there were several club members at the Precinct Meetings there weren't many. I would encourage you to get back involved at the grass roots strata of our party. These meeting were informative, friendly and well received. You missed a great opportunity by not going to your respective meeting.

Changing subject matter, I regret to inform you that Jerrell Seawell, our Vice President of Membership has given up his position due to personal reasons. Jerrell intends to stay involved with the club. Please wish him well when you see him.

Our next club-sponsored event, aside from our monthly meetings, will be the Southern Pines Springfest. MCRMC will have a tent at this event. Springfest at Southern Pines will be on Saturday 4-27 from 10AM-4PM. Members will be working the tent distributing new member applications, applications for golf participation at our June golf tournament and conservative voter information literature. If you are interested in volunteering for some time at the tent please see Paul Schaffer.

Spring is all but here...I can taste it in the air. Have a great Spring! I look forward seeing you at our next meeting

#### Member Survey taken in January:



As noted in the February newsletter, we handed out and then collected a member survey at the January meeting. Those completed surveys were collected and And the results

discussed at the February EC meeting. Many of our members expressed a desire to have functions outside of the monthly luncheons, including consideration of times in addition to luncheon meetings. Your EC will be taking all of your suggestions into consideration and will be implementing the most popular ideas. Watch for more information in future newsletters and emails.

#### Annual Dues For 2019 Are Due:



As noted in the February newsletter, the annual dues of \$25.00 for 2019 is now due. As you read this article, if you had not paid your 2019 dues as of 3-1-19, you may have received an invoice in your email or in the USPS mail. If you have paid your dues by the time you read this article, we thank you!

If you have not yet paid 2019 dues of \$25, you can bring your check to the March 21 meeting, Make it out to MCRMC and put "2019 dues" in the memo line. Treasurer Scott Sheffield will be at the registration table, so give your check to him.

If you are unable to attend, mail your PERSONAL check to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388. As noted above, if you have not paid the dues, you should have an invoice and we would encourage you to pay it now.

Remember, if your dues are not received prior to April 1, 2019, you will be dropped from membership and become "inactive." Inactive past members do not receive monthly meeting notices, other notices of interest to Republicans and will not receive the monthly newsletter. Pay your dues before April 1 so as not to become inactive!

#### February Luncheon Meeting Report:

The February 21 luncheon meeting came to life as attendees began arriving at CCNC as early as 11:00am to meet and greet other early arrivers. Lunch registration began at 11:30am and attendees



started to locate tables to take seats with their friends and guests. At 12 noon, President Demastus called the meeting to order and opened with a generous measure of red meat that touched on political matters of current interest.

After the attendees responded to the opening remarks, guests were introduced and a few announcements were made. Chaplain Dobbs came forward to offer a prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited by all as they stood to honor our flag.

After the chicken crape lunch was served, complete with dessert, Vice President Programs Tom Adams took the podium and introduced our speaker, John Hood, Chair of the Locke Foundation. Always a welcome and informative speaker, Hood shed light on the current state of political



affairs with comments on both the state and federal issues. We were fortunate to have one of our newest members available to video the speaker and Hood can be watched on our club website:

[www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club). After going to the website, place your cursor on the “Events” tab at the top of the home page, then click on the “Luncheon Video” tab on the drop-down menu.



After a round of applause at the conclusion of Hood’s remarks, he entertained questions from the audience. President Demastus then made a few closing remarks and the meeting adjourned shortly after 1:00pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21 and will feature NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey who will shed light on how the state of all matters insurance in our state.

### Newsletter Information:

As was started in 2017, 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 meetings at the registration table. If you want a paper copy, let us know and we will put you on the mailing list.



### March Meeting Program News by Tom Adams – VP Programs:



Have you ever wondered how insurance rates for your house, car, personal items are set by the state? North Carolina’s elected Commissioner of Insurance is one of the most powerful in the country given his rate approval authority and ability to financially discipline companies that are not in compliance with regulations. Mike Causey, the first Republican to ever hold the Insurance Commissioner’s Office will be our featured speaker at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. This is your chance to ask Mike questions, not just about rate setting, but flood insurance, insurance fraud and myriad other questions you may have about the insurance commissioner’s office.

Our Community in Action (CIA) group this month is the Military Family Council which is headed by Rollie Sampson who also coordinates help for military families with the Moore County Schools. The Military Family Council (MFC) is comprised of volunteer military family members from each school acting as a point of contact for incoming and currently enrolled military-connected families. The purpose of the MFC is to be a resource for military families to ask questions and find support, advocate on behalf of military families in collaboration with Moore County Schools to identify the needs of military students. The goal is to facilitate an open dialogue between military families and Moore County Schools resulting in programs and services that allow military connected students to thrive emotionally and academically.

*Next Month: The Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget featuring Gregg Sherrill, Chairman of Tenneco Inc.*

### Treasurer – Scott Sheffield

As you read this newsletter, we are fast approaching the cutoff for payment of 2019 dues. As noted in the previous article, we have sent the 2019 dues invoice and announced the payment date there and in previous emails and newsletter articles. Do not find yourself on the “inactive” member list and get cut off from further club communications. Stay engaged and pay your \$25.00 dues for this year.

Make your checks out to MCRMC. If you can, bring your check on March 21 to the luncheon, and give it

to me at the luncheon registration table. Or, put it in the mail today to MCRMC, PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388.

If you have any questions about dues, please give me a call or send an email. You can find my contact information on the front page, left column.

We like to carry a bank balance of \$10,000.00 or more. We also want to build our balance as we move toward the next election. We use our funds to support conservative Republican candidates at the local, county, state and federal level. Your dues payments help us by providing revenue to cover annual operating expenses, leaving our fundraisers (primarily our annual golf tournament) to be used for our political support. Stay involved, attend luncheons, attend events and make sure your dues are paid.

#### VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell

It was with regret and sadness that President Demastus accepted the resignation of Vice President Membership, Jerrell Seawell. Jerrell has encountered additional family and personal duties that limited his ability to continue as our Membership VP. The good news is that he will continue as a MCRMC member and stay involved as possible in meetings, events and his support of the club.

We will be filling the VP Membership position in the near future, so watch for further news by email and future newsletters. Until then, please continue to invite like-minded friends and relative to attend our luncheons and become active in the political process by joining our club.

#### Lunch Administration News

In the last two issues of the newsletter, there has been information about the state of the club's monthly luncheon administration, including how members are notified of lunch meetings and how required lunch attendance reservations are made. Included in this process is our long standing "Calling Captain" system where monthly contacts are made with members about luncheons.

In this issue, the information about lunch notification, making reservations and calling captain contacts will be re-capped along with a look at how these will be handled in the future. First, what are we doing now:

- Notifications about luncheon meetings are made several times before each meeting by email.

- Members who have elected to be called (some are contacted by email or text) are notified of luncheon meetings by a calling captain and can make reservations at that time.
- Many members choose to go on the club website [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) to view lunch notices and make reservations using the red "**Luncheon Reservations**" button on the homepage. They can also make reservations for their guests on the website.
- Non-members can make luncheon reservations on the club website as noted above.
- Those members and guests who have a reservation are tallied and the number of people having lunch is called to CCNC early Monday morning before the Thursday meeting.
- Those attending lunch check-in at the registration table starting at 11:30am on the day of the luncheon.
- The club then pays CCNC in bulk for all of the lunches served, payment being made the day of the luncheon meeting.

As you can see by reviewing the procedure, making a lunch reservation is critical and knowing the number of those who are attending lunch is critical. Also, if someone makes a reservation and then does not show for lunch, the club is still required to pay for the number of lunches called in.

We are in the process of updating and simplifying the notification and reservation procedures. As we have noted previously, fewer and fewer members are asking for and/or requiring a call about luncheons. In addition, with the reduction in those who are acting as calling captains, fewer calls are being made. So, following is what we are looking at as we move into the future:

- A positive effort is being made to identify those members who want to get a monthly telephone call about meetings and make reservations with their calling captain. We have started this process but it will likely take a few more months to complete.
- All members with email will get one or more monthly email notices about luncheon meetings and will be asked to make luncheon reservations on the club website. An alternative will be available for those who get an email luncheon notice to call in or text their reservation. The preferred method, however, will always be to use the website as it will automatically issue an email reservation confirmation.
- There will always be a lunch notification in the monthly newsletter so those who do not get email can be aware and make their lunch reservations,

again, using the website if at all possible. There will also be instructions on how to call or text a lunch reservation.

- If, for any reason, the newsletter is not going out in time to make a reservation, those without email will get a USPS paper notification in the mail.
- Any current or new member who wishes will continue to get a monthly call from their assigned calling captain.

As can be seen by reading these procedures, it is critical that those who are planning to attend luncheons make a timely reservation. Just as important is that those who make reservations should attend the lunch or notify the club if they are not going to be able to attend, doing so ASAP. We are asking each member to understand and follow these important procedures. Let us know how you want to be notified, make a reservation and show up for the luncheon.

If you have any questions or comments, contact Bob Coates - MCRMC Luncheon Administration at [RCoates777@gmail.com](mailto:RCoates777@gmail.com) or 910.420.8181

### Steve Woodward - Secretary



(Editor's Note: As noted in previous newsletters, Secretary Steve Woodward and Webmaster Thomas Schroeder work on our Club and County GOP social media presence. This month, Steve gives us an update on our efforts to boost our club and the GOP on Facebook.)

We have surpassed a bit of a tipping point with our Facebook initiatives on behalf of both the Men's Club and Moore Republican communications. During 60 days through March 1, we published 12 posts and paid \$341 in total to expand their reach and specify our target audiences. These posts, which included extended promotion of the Sixth Annual Reagan Dinner, reached 14,218 users of Facebook, attracting 2,122 engagements (such as reactions, sharing to Facebook friends and comments) and prompting 488 link clicks (to the Men's Club and Moore GOP web sites, and to the RESOLVE blog). Page views were up by 42% in February (compared to January), and page followers were up 13%. Our page also is trending year over. Between Jan. 1 and Mar. 2018, we reached 13,784 users. We are +434 for the same period in 2019. Engagements were up even more significantly. In 2018 (Jan. 1-Mar. 1) we attracted

774 engagements, compared to 2,122 for the same period in 2019.

### 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 at [www.mrwnc.org](http://www.mrwnc.org)!



Our last MRW BRUNCH was on Monday, March 4 - PCC Members Club Outlook Ballroom at 12:00 Noon  
Stay tuned for more information about the April Luncheon, speaker and menu.

(Men's Club members are always welcome as guests. Reservations are required and can be made at their website: [www.mrwnc.org](http://www.mrwnc.org) )

### Resolve Blog:

(Editor's Note: Several newsletters back, we started including at least one article from the blog: RESOLVE NC; to see all of the articles, go to the following: [www.resolvenc.blog](http://www.resolvenc.blog) If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)



### The left's scheme theme

by [Resolve](#)

By Steve Woodward

A well-financed activist group intends to counter the North Carolina treasurer's plan to reduce health care costs accrued by state employees, active and retired, by pushing an alternative plan that encourages citizens to adopt healthier lifestyles. (Insert laugh track here).

It's one of the oldest tricks in the Left's playbook: Demand more spending to ensure better outcomes, which, eventually, will pay for themselves (except they never do). Any competing effort to reduce health care costs is dismissed as yet another heartless, "push Granny over the cliff" scheme.

In fact, radio spots paid for by Partners for Innovation in Health Care make three references to State Treasurer Dale Folwell's "risky scheme" to trim spending by up to \$400 million annually. The spots rely on semantic nuances that make their claims sound perfectly logical, if not reasonable, such as "ration care", "jeopardize quality", and "cripple operations". These evoke memories of the [deceitful claim](#) by then-House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) in 2017 that "hundreds of thousands of people will die" if ObamaCare was ever repealed. Who could possibly support rationing, jeopardizing, crippling or genocide?

Folwell is on record repeatedly saying that spending on state employees' healthcare continues to rise, that providers such as UNC Health Care rebuke his efforts to examine actual costs, and that the snowballing effect is unsustainable. Folwell has emphasized his concern about North Carolina's promise to provide more than \$30 billion in health care coverage for retired state employees, of which less than 5% has been set aside, reported Business North Carolina in [a Jan. 25 overview of growing opposition](#) to Folwell.

Partners for Innovation is enlisting donors to help it spread its message that healthcare costs are not negotiable. It plans to raise \$2.5 million toward that goal in coming years. Democrats in the General Assembly are floating plans to limit the treasurer's ability to control health care costs.

The Socialist Left despises big corporations, but embraces government largesse and big healthcare with arms wide open. Rather than answering Folwell's question -- "I know what you are charging (the state) but how much am I supposed to pay you?" -- Democrats and their activist supporters in the health care industry want to direct even more funds toward insane initiatives to coerce individual state employees to take better care of themselves.

Radio spots contend the treasurer disregards the dire need for a state health plan that will "provide (preventative) services". Without these services, activists will not be able to encourage (force) state employees and retirees to manage their own chronic diseases, stop smoking, lose weight and adopt "active lifestyle solutions".

Polarization in politics increasingly leaves responsible citizens with choices so blatantly absurd that only Democrats view them as black and white. The state's first Republican treasurer in 142 years is determined to demand accountability by health care giants for the services they provide. What a monster, this Folwell!

His opposition sees more spending on coercion as the only option. Guard fast food drive-throughs with Dietician Police. Shutter ABC liquor stores. Deliver

treadmills to every home. Ban smoking in the workplace. (Oops, already tried that. Didn't stop smokers from smoking elsewhere). Make all restaurant parking remote but without shuttles. Finally, an "active lifestyle solution" if ever there was one.

The only consolation for donors to Partners for Innovation in Health Care pushing for more, not smarter, spending, is this: Their ideas are positively benign compared to their progressive brethren on Capitol Hill, who have unveiled the Green New Deal. This proposal does not merely seek to alter lifestyles, but life as we know it. No air travel tops the list. Elimination of fossil fuels, of course. And it goes on, all to be achieved in 10 years at [a projected cost of \\$6.6 trillion](#) annually.

Writing in February 11 editions of *The Wall Street Journal*, Barton Swaim observes that the Green New Deal "is an expression of dreams, but that doesn't make it pointless or merely comical." Economic freedom for individuals is not the aim of progressives. Whether here in North Carolina or in The Swamp, unchecked economic control and collectivism are their guiding principles. Swaim quotes the [haunting, timeless words](#) of political philosopher Michael Oakeshott, who warned that "the conjunction of dreaming and ruling generates tyranny."

Then, there is this to ponder when next the anti-Folwell spots air. Oakeshott instructed that the political dream "is a vision of a condition of human circumstance from which the occasion of conflict has been removed, a vision of human activity coordinated and set going in a single direction and of every resource being used to the full."

Until every resource is depleted.

[Resolve](#) | February 11, 2019 at 4:51 pm | Tags: [Communism](#), [Dale Folwell](#), [healthcare reform](#), [Nancy Pelosi](#), [NC General Assembly](#), [Socialism](#) | Categories: [Drain The Swamp](#), [NC health care system](#), [NC Republican Party](#) | URL: <https://wp.me/p90MXc-jJ>

[See all comments](#)

#### Elected Officials Contact Information:



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

[www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-](http://www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/elected_officials.pdf)

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Tom Schroeder – MCRMC EC Member:

## Tom's News

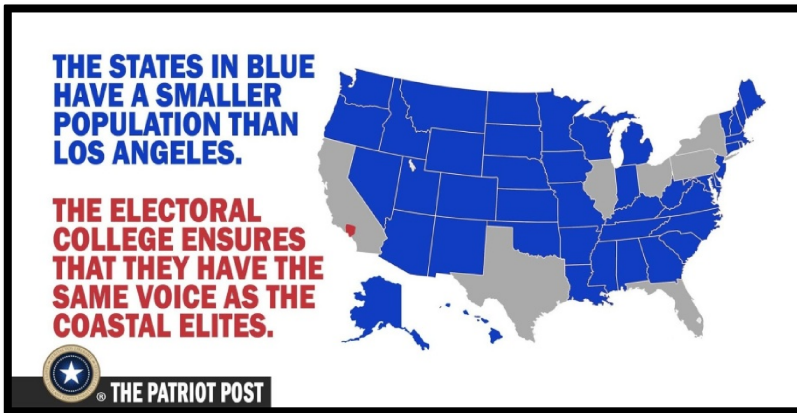
Moore County Conservative News

Headline:

States Passing Laws to Bypass the Electoral College and Maybe Successful

Comments:

Take a look at this Meme and



then consider what is written below. Quotes From Below Article:

-- "The plan has been given new impetus after Colorado Gov. [Jared Polis](#) (D) [said this week](#) that he will sign a bill to have his state become the 12th state, along with the District of Columbia, to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact."

--"The states making up the compact, which already includes New York, Illinois and all the New England states except for New Hampshire, would commit to awarding their electoral votes to whomever wins the popular vote nationally, regardless of the results in the Electoral College."

-- "So far, these states, with Colorado, add up to 181 electoral votes, well short of the 270 needed to ascend to the White House."

-- "Meanwhile, legislators in 16 states have introduced bills this session seeking to join the compact, according to National Popular Vote."

I am not so sure, but this action may well be able to sidestep the Electoral College.

Do we really want to wait until a Presidential Election to resolve this issue?

See the below article for more details.

Tom S

## Most Important Voter Issues

According to a recent (1/24/2019) [Fox News Poll](#), the most important voter issues are:

- price of health care (85 percent)
- the political dynamic in Washington (79 percent)
- the economy (71 percent)
- the amount they pay in taxes (67 percent)

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Article:

Here is the web link to the original article: [The Hill](#)

Blue states band together looking to bypass Electoral College

[The Hill](#) · by Michael Burke · March 3, 2019

A plan to circumvent the Electoral College is gaining momentum among blue states after Democrats suffered two crushing defeats in presidential elections over the past two decades.

The plan has been given new impetus after Colorado Gov. [Jared Polis](#) (D) [said this week](#) that he will sign a bill to have his state become the 12th state, along with the District of Columbia, to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

The states making up the compact, which already includes New York, Illinois and all the New England states except for New Hampshire, would commit to awarding their electoral votes to whomever wins the popular vote nationally, regardless of the results in the Electoral College.

So far, these states, with Colorado, add up to 181 electoral votes, well short of the 270 needed to ascend to the White House.

Advocates are doubtful that enough states can join the compact for it to take effect by 2020, but hold hope of garnering enough support by 2024 as a handful of states like New Mexico also consider the measure, though proponents acknowledge the path to get to 270 will be far from easy.

Colorado state Rep. Emily Sirota (D), one of the sponsors of that state's legislation, said she sees the



compact “as a way to ensure that every vote is counted equally” and force candidates to campaign nationwide instead of targeting a few battleground states that can deliver success in the electoral math.

“If we had presidential candidates campaigning across the country, instead of a handful of swing states, you'd see a lot more participation from across the country and I think that is good and healthy for our electoral process,” Sirota told The Hill.

The renewed push comes after 2016 Democratic presidential nominee [Hillary Clinton](#) lost the election that year despite winning the popular vote, the second time it has happened in the past 20 years.

The defeat was especially crushing to Democrats after a similar loss suffered by former Vice President [Al Gore](#) in 2000.

All states that are now part of the compact voted for Gore in 2000 and Clinton in 2016.

Colorado voted for Clinton in the last election but picked then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush in 2000.

Critics of the Electoral College system have long argued it incentivizes candidates to target swing states with a bounty of electoral votes, while discouraging turnout by voters in states that are reliably red or blue.

Opponents of the current electoral system also say that electing a president through a popular vote could improve how presidents govern in office.

John Koza, the chairman of the National Popular Vote, a group that advocates for the compact, said the Electoral College “distorts” public policy by incentivizing presidents to cater to key swing states while in office, particularly in their first term.

“It's not only unfair that the second-place candidate can win, it's also not good for the office of president or the country,” he said.

“When you're sitting in the White House ... you say, ‘What states do I have to win and what do I have to do to win them?’ That's just not a good way for public policy to be set,” Koza added.

Advocates of the compact are holding out hope that more states will follow Colorado in joining the compact, which was first introduced in academic research papers as a way to effectively get rid of the

Electoral College system without going through the daunting process of a constitutional amendment.

The most promising is New Mexico, which has already passed a popular vote bill through one chamber and has a Democratic governor.

Should it pass, the state would add five electoral votes to the compact, bringing the total to 186.

Meanwhile, legislators in 16 states have introduced bills this session seeking to join the compact, according to National Popular Vote.

Of those, Democratically controlled Delaware, Maine, Nevada and Oregon look the most promising, with a total tally of 20 additional votes that could bring the total to 206 — though even there, the prospects are far from guaranteed.

Oregon state Rep. Diego Hernandez (D), a sponsor of the state's popular vote bill, said there may not be enough momentum in the current legislative session to pass it.

“We have so many big issues we're tackling this session, when it comes to housing and the environment and education and revenue reform, that although the conversation's happening, I'm not sure that it's the top priority in terms of the collective agenda,” Hernandez said.

But the prospect of passage in some of the other 16 states where a popular vote bill has been introduced look far less certain given many have split powers or are deep red, like South Carolina or Mississippi.

Republicans are mostly opposed to any measure to derail the Electoral College system, seeing it as unconstitutional.

Opponents of using the popular vote to elect presidents have long argued it would result in candidates catering to large cities and large states to rack up votes, which tend to have a bigger share of Democratic voters, ignoring smaller or rural areas.

Rose Pugliese, a county commissioner in Colorado, said in a [tweet](#) she had petitioned Colorado's secretary of state not to award the state's votes to the winner of the popular vote, saying such a move “allows California and New York to decide Colorado's votes for President.”

Nonetheless advocates of the compact remain hopeful.

Koza, the National Popular Vote chairman, said garnering the necessary support by 2020 was “theoretically” possible, but believed it was more likely by 2024.

“You never know how a bandwagon can get rolling,” he said. “So at the moment, I couldn't name states that would get us there in time for 2020, although there's theoretically ways to do it. It seems perfectly plausible that we should get there by 2024.”

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Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer



As I begin this month's article, I will make a confession, or two: First, when I am listening to the radio (usually in the car) I am a conservative “talk radio junkie.” My preference locally is WEEB with the radio personalities being the usual suspects; i.e., Rush, Sean, Laura et al, including some

who are no longer around like Neal, Glen, Michael and others. Wait, you ask, who are these people? Well, others like myself who are true talk radio junkies will know immediately who I am talking about. Others can do internet homework to find out, or probably better, just save yourself the effort as you probably are not now listening and likely will not be listening in the future. I do, however, have another comment to offer and maybe I will inspire others to listen to some conservative talk radio.

A relative new radio host in the mornings has caught my attention. He has been in the news reporting business for many years including on CNN TV?!! Wait, I thought you said conservative talk radio? Well, when this long time Washington DC resident had run the course of TV (fake) news reporting, he claims he had enough and flipped over to radio, conservative talk radio at that! His name you ask? Well, like the others noted above, I will call him by his first name only, Chris. I challenge you to do your homework and find his morning radio show, heard here in the Sandhills. Once you do, listen for a week and then make your own decision about his style and comments. If you have an opinion, one way or the other, email and let me know what you think.



Next, I would like to also confess to an addiction to conservative TV news, you guessed it FOX News! If I have the TV on during the day, you can bet that I am likely watching/listening to FOX. I keep it on in my office as I do computer stuff and while I write this newsletter. If you are a regular reader, there is no surprise here. However, starting about 5pm to 6pm, there is a change in our household to network TV. My wife and I watch local news and national news on either NBC or ABC, very seldom on CBS. After that and our nightly dose of Jeopardy, then Wheel of Fortune, we watch a variety of other shows, some network and some British shows, mostly stuff we have recorded.

In addition, I DVR a group of shows I like, or thought I would like when they were new. Most are in the category of dramas, many with a cop theme like Law & Order, CSI, NCIS, FBI, etc. Normally mindless, there is a crime, bad guy, clues, search and crime solved; i.e., end of story. When recorded, you can zip through a one hour show in about 40 minutes! However, in the last couple of seasons, I have noticed a theme in these (and other) dramas that is either new or I am just now waking up to what is going on.

Creeping into the show, usually as a plot twist, is what I will kindly call liberal propaganda! It usually goes something like this: There is a bad deed (crime or other), the cops get involved, there are all kinds of clues and the “bad guy” is painted out to be one of the usual suspects: Terrorists, gangs, career criminal, serial bomber, etc. All clues lead to one of the “usual suspects” who are classic bad guys. As the cops get closer and closer to the bad guy, one or more clues is off, the usual suspect begins to not fit the clues and then wah-lah the bad deed is found to be the work of a) The US government, or b) A conservative activist person or group, or c) A corrupt/rogue cop, or d) A devout Christian person or group, or e) A group or person who has a problem with LGBTQ issues or f) some person/group who are anti-female. You get the idea, making the bad guy come from one of the groups that the liberal left claims are the problem with everything in this country. Making the traditional conservative positions and issues the root of all that is bad. It rings with the nightly mainstream media news narrative that everything conservative is the basis for all that is wrong in our society today.

As a result of this trend, I have stopped watching (recording) a number of these shows and moved to more and more alternative streaming channel productions. I will name a couple I have stopped recording/watching to see if you agree: Chicago Fire,

Chicago Med and one of the NCIS spinoffs. There are others that are on the bubble for me, the most recent being a new show this year: FBI. In most cases on these shows the problem is that the plot twist makes our government the bad guy when a horrendous crime was committed. I wonder what the result will be in the minds of those who watch TV for entertainment and, in my view, get lead to believe that the real bad guys are their government policing agencies!! If you have any of these same experiences as you watch television shows, let me know. If you disagree, let me know that too! Otherwise, enjoy Discovery and The Crown!

Hope to see you at the March 21 meeting.

#### New Feature: Links to Articles of Interest

Beginning in the January issue of the newsletter, there has been a monthly column that offers readers the opportunity to find and read additional articles of interest. Most of the referenced articles will be chosen from conservative publications found online. They are chosen by your Editor and from recommendations made by members or others who share club views . If you see an online article that you think might be of interest to those who read our newsletter, send an email to the Editor: [paul.shaffer@mindspring.com](mailto:paul.shaffer@mindspring.com) that includes the link.



Listed links that are blue and underlined (in the email version of the newsletter) can be accessed by placing your cursor on the link and clicking, or holding down the “ctrl” key and clicking on the link. If you are reading a paper copy of the newsletter, you can type the link into the search bar of your browser. We expect to have between two and a half dozen such links in each issue. Following find the links for this issue:

[https://www.redstate.com/slec/2019/03/06/whole-foods-employees-learn-truth-mandatory-minimum-wage-hikes-hard-way/?utm\\_source=rsmorningbriefing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=nl&bcid=00de9145e7ec69c03b3905f7b9a47d1c](https://www.redstate.com/slec/2019/03/06/whole-foods-employees-learn-truth-mandatory-minimum-wage-hikes-hard-way/?utm_source=rsmorningbriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nl&bcid=00de9145e7ec69c03b3905f7b9a47d1c)

<https://greatamericanpolitics.com/2019/03/what-democrats-are-refusing-to-let-fox-news-do-is-proof-theyre-terrified-of-the-network/>

#### From and About Our Members

Harold Mendelson on Facebook:

On February 14th, 2019, at sometime around 10 PM, one or more idiots poured gasoline over the statue of General William C. Lee and set it on fire. The statue is located in front of the Airborne Museum located in Dunn, N.C.

This act shows just how ridiculous this identity politics has become. Apparently the idiot or idiots were so dumb they were trying to get all statues of Gen. Robert E. Lee mistook the statue of Gen. William C. Lee for Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Gen. William C. Lee is considered the father of US Airborne units. He was a native of Dunn N.C. and the museum which is private was dedicated to the creation of the US Airborne units and their native son Gen. William C. Lee who died in 1948.

Add to this incident the Jussie Smollett and the Covington High School students have shown the liberal media pushing their identity politics have shown they are no longer journalists and have become propaganda experts. This has resulted in driving a wedge between different groups of people. This is not by accident. The liberal left has made it one of the tactics they use to make various groups into victims. Those of us who have watched this going on must attack these lies. We can no longer standby and ignore this. We need to call them out every time they come out with media items which are simply untrue. The US and the people who live in this country can no longer accept this misuse of the news media. Former great newspapers the New York Times and the Washington Post has become the voice of the left every political article in there papers should appear in the opinion(editorial) section.

#### Moore County GOP News:

**ATTENTION, ALL MOORE COUNTY REPUBLICANS. COME ONE, COME ALL!**

Saturday, March 16th is the Annual *St. Patrick's Day Parade* in Pinehurst. 2019 is all about Team Building and Public Branding...what better way than to show our strength in numbers at public events.

Please join Donald Trunk and participate in the parade. Wear your best green garb (if you're not Irish you can channel Ronald Reagan) and maybe a splash of



Republican Red! Donald Trunk will be dressed for the occasion riding atop a new red pickup. He will be followed by our classic car owners (4 as of this writing, but if you want to join, let me know). We hope to have some of you walk along side.

Please respond to this email if you are interested or have questions.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH...parade starts at 11, line up at 10 am, Pinehurst Village Hall.

Watch for more details to follow!

Laura Sumrall, Volunteer Coordinator  
Moore County GOP 760.451.50

### Lewis Gregory – Moore County Commissioner



Past Club President and Moore County Commissioner, Lewis Gregory is running for a second term on the Moore County Commission. Prior to being elected to the Commission, Gregory served in numerous law

enforcement positions including in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad police department (later CSX), on the Joint Command Staff of the FBI's Anti-Terrorism Task Force and as Chief of Police in Whispering Pines.

We offer our thanks for Gregory's many years of service and encourage our members to offer their support in the upcoming election.

From outside the Club:

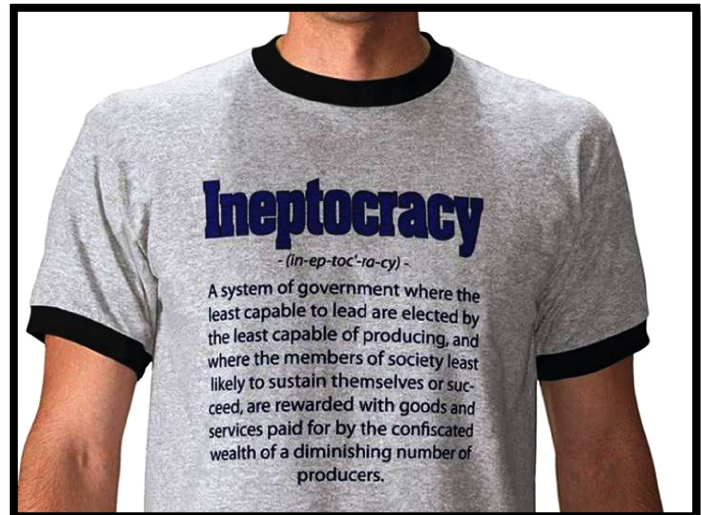
Food for Thought!!

I just heard that West Virginia is so embarrassed by Virginia that they're changing their name to East Kentucky.

### Attributed to Ben Carson:

This week former FBI Director Andrew McCabe insinuated that he could have convened the cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment Removing President Trump from office. Even going so far as to say they put together a count of officials who might side with them in this devious plot. One might normally dismiss such an idea without another thought. However after past comments and this current admission I don't feel I can stay silent. During my time serving in this administration I have seen a President who stands for the people against insurmountable odds. I have seen no obstruction or collusion and only a heart to do what is right for our country. Whether it be helping rehabilitate those once thought lost with the first step act, fixing our broken immigration system, defending the life of those who cannot yet speak for themselves, or signing into law tax cuts that help everyone from the small business owner to a large company. I want to unequivocally state that I have not and will not be part of any attempt to usurp the will of the people or undermine the President of the United States of America Donald J Trump.

*Dr. Ben Carson, MD*



Your reservation for the March 21 luncheon must be made by Sunday, March 17, so go to the website [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) and click on the red Luncheon Reservation button.

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