



MOORE COUNTY, NC REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB

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Our October meeting is on the 16th at CCNC, registration starts at 11:30am. Bring a prospective member.



President's Message by Jim Lexo

The first half of the year we focused on the federal issues with speakers like Senator Thom Tillis and Congressman Richard Hudson. They helped us understand the machinations between Congress and the new Trump Administration. We are closing out the year with high level speakers from our State government.

This month we have Dale Folwell who is our NC Treasurer. Dale spoke to us briefly during his campaign for office and everyone really enjoyed him. Mr. Folwell manages the state's \$74 Billion pension fund among other state benefit programs. He has already saved us taxpayers many millions in unnecessary fees and fraud. In November, we have Speaker of the House, Tim Moore coming to speak to us thanks to Rep. Jamie Boles. Speaker Moore seems to be doing a better job keeping the troops in line than our Congressional leaders. We look forward to hearing from him.

In November, our Nominating Committee will put forward to slate of proposed officers for 2018. If you or someone you know has an interest in putting themselves forward for a position, please let us know. The election will be at our December luncheon. In other club news, we are very proud of our newly configured website and for that we thank Tom Schroeder. The club also has a Facebook page which has become popular even with some of us old folks. Steve Woodward worked on that. Check them out. The website has a great way to research any current events or issues you have an interest in.

Meanwhile the struggle for the soul of America continues. Miriam Chu posted an interesting video on Antifa, the communist/anarchist group showing up to violently protest the Trump agenda. The video can be watched by goggling You Tube, "America Under Siege: Antifa". President Trump is not backing down on pushing his Make America Great Again agenda which means he is not willing to succumb to the Progressive narrative surrounding their identity politics. I am betting on the Patriots...not the New England Patriots...the American Patriots.



See you on the 16th. Please bring a friend.

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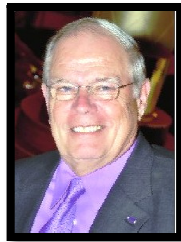
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Number
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**We periodically
have calling
captains who
rotate off the list
and add new
ones. This month
we would like to
thank Bob
Norman and Bro
Park for their
service over the
past years!
Joining the team
is Tom Beddow
and John
Rowerdink.**

(Become a
member of
our calling
team. Call
today and
volunteer)



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Luncheon Meetings:

**Our luncheon meetings for 2017
are on the 3rd Monday. The next
meeting is at CCNC, October 16,
with registration at 11:30am and
lunch at noon. Watch for full
details in emails and in the
article later in this newsletter.**

Our speaker this month will be NC
Treasurer, Dale Folwell. President
Lexo will call the meeting to order
around noon, make a few
announcements and introductions
followed by lunch. Folwell will speak
after lunch.

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

Make your October luncheon
reservations on or before Thursday,
October 12 at:

www.mermc.club/home.html

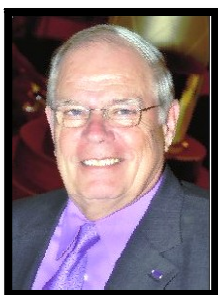
Click on the upper right "Luncheon
Reservation" tab.

Future Meetings:

This fall we will concentrate on GOP
issues in North Carolina, the good the bad
and the ???

We also look forward to our annual
Christmas celebration at the December
meeting hoping to again hear the
Pinecrest High Choir. Watch for details
in future newsletters and emails.

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



In these days of instant
communications by text, tweets,
email and cell phones we carry
with us, you might ask, "why do
we still make calling captain
calls?" I submit that for many
folks, there is no substitution for
personal, one-on-one telephone
calls. I respect that we have some
members that prefer to use

electronic media for monthly luncheon reservations.
Those who have told me that have been so noted in
the membership database and they will not get a
calling captain call.

However, those of you who want a monthly telephone
call reminder and make reservations as a result of
those calls, we want to make sure that you are
hearing from your calling captain. If not, if you do
not get calls, please let me know. Likewise, when you
do get calls, it is critical that you respond, even if you
do not plan to attend. We want to make sure that this

calling system works.

It is also important that we all thank our calling captains for all the work they do making monthly calls (some use email). So join me in saying a big **“Thank You”** to all of those who have served over the years. In that spirit, a special thanks to two long time serving calling captains, Bob Norman and Bro Park, who have decided to take a leave. Joining the calling team to fill this void will be Tom Beddow and John Rowerdink. Welcome them to the team.

Our finances and records are in good shape and I will make a “detailed??” treasurer’s report at the next meeting. We continue to build up the bank balance with an eye toward the very important 2018 elections. With campaign contributions to conservative Republican candidates, we influence who represents us and the direction our local, state and federal policies going forward. Be a part of the solution by attending meetings, getting educated and contributing your time and money.

See you on October 16.

October Meeting and Other Program News by Pat Haggerty – VP Programs

Our October 16 meeting will be at the usual location, CCNC. The registration and social time will begin at 11:30am with the meeting being called to order by President Jim Lexo at noon. Reservations are required, so respond to your calling captain with a yes or no. Reservations can also be made on the club website, by text, by email or by calling Bob Zschoche at (910) 949-4250. The all inclusive lunch price is \$20.00 and can be paid in cash or check made out to CCNC.

The speaker in October will be State Treasurer Dale Folwell. Dale will tell us of the many reforms he has made to that office including saving North Carolina taxpayers MILLIONS of dollars previously spent on consultants to the state pension plan.

Folwell is a former Speaker Pro Tempore of the North Carolina House of Representatives. A Republican from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, he served four terms in the North Carolina General Assembly. In 2013, Folwell was named head of the state's Division of Employment Security in the administration of



Governor Pat McCrory. He resigned from that position, effective December 1, 2015. That day, he filed to run for State Treasurer in the 2016 election.

Folwell is a North Carolina native born in Raleigh. He attended West Forsyth High School and received his BS in accounting from UNC Greensboro in 1984. He passed the Certified Public Accounting Exam and went on to receive his Masters in Accounting from UNC Greensboro in 1986. He is a former Vice President and Registered Investment Advisor for Deutsche Bank/Alex Brown. After graduating from the NC Institute of Political Leadership in 1989, he served on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education from 1993 to 2000.



For November, we have scheduled NC Speaker of the House, Tim Moore, to visit Moore County and speak to us at our Nov. luncheon. In December, we will celebrate the Christmas season with music by the Pinecrest High Choir and hopefully they will again join us for lunch.

Let me know if you have any suggestions for future speakers and plan to attend our October meeting, bring a guest and prospective member.

VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell

Going into the last quarter of 2017 I would like to redirect our focus in the area of membership retention. There is no doubt we are facing many challenges in various areas in this current day we are living. It is evident more so than ever it seems in the political arena. As events on the national stage continue to evolve even member retention in our club becomes a concern and something we should be aware of. With the rising of the sun every day there is a “new issue or issues” we are facing as a nation and with so many outlets of information to blast the ears and minds of the masses, it is no wonder our citizens are overcome with such disparity and discouragement. I would like to encourage everyone for us to continue to work together and stand strong. With division becoming a “household name” in America with people having so many different views, beliefs, and opinions, to me there has never been a more important time for us to stand as Republicans and for what we believe in.



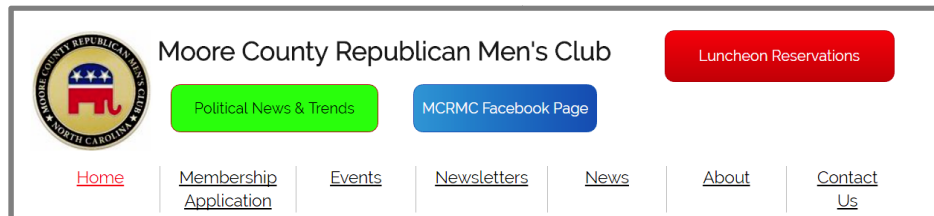
No doubt it is easy to become discouraged but that is what the enemy wants and if we continue to head in that direction as a Nation, State, community, or club

there will be no winners. Just a lot of people claiming victory from different groups of people and no one will be able to tell who the clear winner is. I am proud that as a club we represent our County and State well. However, we must not let our guard down and strive to set the best example we can. We must remain vigilant even from our club's perspective to maintain membership and encourage others to join.

Keep this in mind: Psalms 118 Verse 8: It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

Man will let you down every time! God will never let you down! We must remember what is really important in life. May God Bless this Nation and all of you!

MCRMCMC – Website/Facebook News:



Have you seen this? If so, you know it is the header of the home page of our club website. If not, we encourage you to begin today visiting our website on a regular basis:

www.mcrmc.club

In just the header, you will find a plethora of information just to the right of our club logo, including a green button with the latest feature; access to selected current political news. There is a blue button that takes you to our club Facebook page and a red button which allows you to make luncheon reservations. Take time to go to the website, click on each of these three buttons and learn everything about what is available to you with just the click of your mouse.

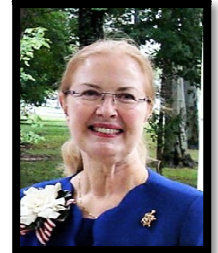
Below these buttons are tabs that take you to even more detailed information about our club. Click on each of these tabs and you will have access to details on the subject listed on the tab. Want to learn about our bylaws, click on that tab. Missed a past issue of the club newsletter, there's a tab for that. Want to bring in a new member, click on the "New Member" tab and there is a printable membership application. If you have any questions about our website, if you have comments about the content and/or you would like to see additional content added, just give Tom Schroeder a call and let him know.

We will continue to update and improve our website

but we need your help. Without regular visitors viewing the updates and updated information is for naught. So go to the site several times a week to see what's new. Use our website as a member recruiting tool by sending the website address to all of you like-minded friends/relatives, asking them to learn about our club.

Moore Republican Women News by President - Kay Wildt

(Editor's note: As you read this, the MRW October meeting is past. Watch for future emails about future MRW meetings. Our members are always welcome as guests, but note that advance reservations are required.)



MRW news by Kay Wildt: Neil Neil Godfrey To Address Dog Tag Program

Neil Godfrey, Moore County Sheriff, spoke at the MRW's October 2nd Luncheon about Moore County's

animal service programs, including the Dog Tags Program. Stan Bradshaw had been scheduled to speak, but had to reschedule and will speak at our November 6th meeting.

Reservations for future meetings must be made by the Thursday before the Monday meeting. Go to the MRW website www.mrwnc.org, or call Lisa Sheridan, Luncheon Chair at 910-400-5520.

President's Message by Kay Wildt

At the National Federation of Republican Women's Convention in Philadelphia, our club received the Diamond award for the third time. The Diamond award recognizes that a club is operating at the highest level following NFRW's plan for excellence in programs, community relations, campaign activities, membership development, and club functioning. Thanks to our members' generosity in sharing time, talent, and treasure, MRW continues to make a difference in our community.

We Continue to Support Our President

Anarchy in America did not begin with the election of President Trump, but it took on new meaning after November 9th. Leftists, whether they align with Bolsheviks or Reds, are following in the footsteps of Stalin, and Mao and inciting violence.

Anarchy unleashed will reach a point, as it did in Russia and China, until it cannot be contained. When our laws are not enforced evenhandedly by those in authority, and mayhem is permitted, that is extremely disturbing.

What is even more disturbing is that so many young are easily led into thinking that the “Antifa” crowd or the Democrat’s resistance organization, called “Indivisible,” will lead to anything positive. Protesting may seem fashionable to some, but it turns ugly when professionals are paid to turn protests into violent confrontation.

When segments of our population are too blinded by partisan hatred to confront our history, our institutions have failed us.

Will tearing down or moving statues or ripping out pages from books change history? No, of course not. So when will local officials stop pandering to the professional agitators, the disaffected, and the mentally disturbed and put an end to allowing violence in our cities?

Keep supporting President Trump with your telephone calls, emails, and cards.

By Email: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

To Call: 202-456-1111 – Monday – Friday (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

BY US MAIL: The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Moore Country North Carolina GOP News by Tom Beddow, Chair



ANNOUNCEMENT!

Moore County GOP Has Added A BLOG! Find it at <https://resolvenc.blog/>. Give us feedback on it and stay tuned!

The Moore County Republican Party has created a new communications tool that will provide interesting and relevant information about today’s political issues. It’s called RESOLVE, which stands for Republicans for Security, Oppportunity, Liberty and Victory that Endures.

RESOLVE is a new blog where Republicans and Conservatives can find compelling content, post their own information, comment on existing posts, etc. After you subscribe to RESOLVE, you will be notified by email when a new item is posted on the

blog. RESOLVE also has links to various social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Click on this link to see for yourself. <https://resolvenc.blog/>

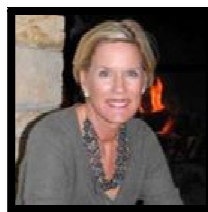
As an example of the items you can see on RESOLVE, there is a new item just posted which lists the major accomplishments of the Trump Administration so far. Just click on this link: <https://resolvenc.blog/2017/09/01/trumps-thriving-presidency/> At the bottom of each item, you can post any comments you would like to make about that item. Go to “Leave a Reply” at the bottom of the item, enter your comments and hit “Enter”.

It’s easy to be automatically advised when a new item is posted on RESOLVE. Just scroll down to the “Stay Connected” item on the left side of the home page, enter your email address and click on “Follow”.

To submit a post to RESOLVE, please do so as an attachment by email to gop.mcrp@gmail.com. I hope you will sign up for RESOLVE to stay in touch with the important political issues of this important time in our history.

Community In Action by Connie Lovell

(Editor’s note: Community In Action is an initiative started by Tom Beddow to offer our members ways, projects and opportunities for giving to the community in other than political ways. Speakers at luncheons frequently educate us on opportunities to get involved and make our communities better.)



In September, Community In Action partnered with Congressman Richard Hudson and Sandhills Community College. We will be installing a kiosk in Boyd Library for all of the printed materials offered by the various agencies in our Sandhills community. The library staff is committed to maintaining this and directing visitors to the area to find support for their needs.

In addition, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, SCC has offered the Theresa Wood Reading room for use of these agencies, at no cost. Agencies will be able to schedule meetings and presentations. Congressman Hudson’s staff member, Chris Maples will be available, schedule permitting, to discuss and offer assistance for issues involving the federal government. This may include Veterans Affairs, immigration and all other federal agencies. We are

extremely proud of this initiative and are striving to expand Community In Action to serve the students and neighbors in the Sandhills.

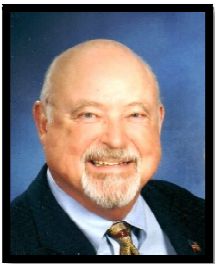
Elected Officials Contact Information:

The most recent elected official contact list is attached to the email copy of this newsletter. If you want a paper copy, email or call the Newsletter Editor and ask for a copy to be mailed to you. You can also visit the Moore County Board of Elections website: www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections then click on the "Elected Officials" icon, then click on "View a List of Elected Officials" text.



Or, best of all, go to our MCRMC Website: <http://www.mcrmc.club/links.html> and click on "List of Moore County Elected Officials".

From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer



It is Tuesday morning, October 3, as I start this column. I am at least one day behind on my self-imposed deadline to finish the October newsletter and fire it through cyberspace via email to the printer. I usually wait to write my column last, after getting all of the other "views and news" from members and outside sources in newsletter format so I know what space is left for my ramblings and rants.

This newsletter is an exception. It started yesterday, Monday, October 2, as I sat down to my computer about 7:00am, coffee in hand, to work on the newsletter with a goal of being finished by mid-afternoon. I had already drafted the first six or seven pages and was about to work on the last six pages. Before I started, I turned on the television to listen to Fox news as I was working. It had been on last day of the President's Cup Golf Tournament from the day before, so that is where it was when I turned it on, WRAL the NBC station in Raleigh.

When working at my computer, the TV in my office (?...well it is really one wall of our guest bedroom?) is on the wall behind me, so I can only hear it as I am working. I was surprised to hear the voice on long time anchor, Tom Brokaw, now retired who occasionally comes on with a special story or report. He was preaching about the need to open a

conversation about better gun control and assault weapons. It was obvious to me that he was pushing for discussion of legislation to control and/or ban automatic and other so-called assault weapons.

I thought this an odd subject at a time where there was usually light morning programming on NBC. It soon, however, became apparent that there had been a major shooting incident sometime the night before, so I immediately changed to FOX News to find out what had gone on (don't have much confidence in NBC news).

Fox news coverage revealed that there had been a major mass shooting in Las Vegas targeting hundreds of outdoor festival goers who were listening to the last country music performer of Sunday night, the third day of a three day annual Country music festival. The report at that time said that there were an estimated 40 deaths and over 200 injuries. As I write this, that estimate has risen to 59 deaths and over 500 injuries and still the potential for the death count to go higher.

I will not spend time writing about the carnage as it has been and continues to be described in detail on television news 24 /7. I will, however, point out what I believe to be some of the most stupid, misinformed and outright ridiculous things being said by television journalists, news reporters and politicians.

1. The first, and maybe the worst, was the media and liberal politicians jumping immediately to the issue of gun control. As noted earlier, NBC had Tom Brokaw on early Monday morning already touting the need for tighter gun control and a ban for automatic weapons. He was joined by many liberal Dems and even their looser Presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton. She and the others went so far as to include the proposed legislation for control and/or banning firearm silencers??? All the gun control legislation currently on the books and being proposed by the libs would not have stopped this, the worst mass shooting in America.
2. Speculation by the media and politicians that the shooter had easy, unnecessary and illegal access to automatic weapons; i.e., machine guns. That mantra has continued well beyond the early reports by police that the weapons used were legal, semiautomatic rifles that had been modified to be made automatic. One liberal talking head on FOX news made a big deal about how the shooter would not know how to make that modification as he had not served in the military?? Well, you would think that if you were smart enough to be a FOX news commentator,

you would have enough sense to have at least heard of the internet. There you can find videos and narratives on how to do most anything, including step-by-step instructions. See the following example:

<https://youtu.be/ZbmpGY5pGZw>

3. Report after report, including on FOX news, that was pure speculation. As this is being written, we know that there was a single gunman, as many as 13 weapons, hundreds if not thousands of rounds fired and that the gunman killed himself when the police began to break into his hotel room. We have much more to learn such as motive, others (if any) involved and what triggered the gunman's actions. The media, however, brought in many talking heads from many sources that spent hours speculating on what was on this shooter's mind and why he brought about this carnage. In my view a complete waste of time and causing confusion between facts and speculation.
4. One more, the pronouncement by the media talking heads, guest commentators and politicians that the gunman just went crazy, flipped out, went berserk, suddenly lost his mind, etc. These pronouncements are **WRONG** and are completely irrational suggestions. The gunman had checked in the hotel room the Thursday before the following Monday shooting. He had somehow brought in as many as 13 weapons and maybe thousands of rounds of ammunition. He had modified his weapons to make them automatic and had chosen a hotel room with windows facing in two directions to get maximum shooting access to the crowds below. He brought a hammer to break out the two windows so he could shoot in two directions. This was, without doubt, a well planned calculated event designed to kill the maximum number of innocent festival goers!

We have learned a lot about this tragedy but there is much much more we need to know. Speculation has come forward that the shooter had converted to the Muslim faith and had be radicalized by ISIS. Others have said he was not. Time will reveal the full story, and until we know all the facts, we should take everything being said by the media, talking heads, so-call experts and politicians with a huge grain of salt. Best we just keep the innocents who were killed and wounded along with their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.

Hope to see you on Monday, October 16 at the meeting.

From and About Members:

Jim Lexo to The Pilot Sept 5

Column on Leadership Deserves a Rebuttal



Brian Deaton's Aug. 30 column on leadership requires a rebuttal because it starts with a false assumption: "We have a president whose motivations are not in the interest of the country." And: "The president's guiding principles are not consistent with a large majority of Americans."

This is absurd.

President Trump was elected by a very comfortable margin of electoral votes precisely because he presented an agenda that the voters want implemented. The last two election cycles proved that Americans do not want to become another failed socialistic state, as we have seen elsewhere in the world.

Concerning Mr. Deaton's comments on President Trump's demeanor and leadership style, I understand that some people become uncomfortable at times with the president's tactics. However, I am convinced that there is little Trump does that is not part of his strategy to get his agenda signed into law.

His style is not that of a politician, because he is not one. He uses his corporate leadership experience. He sold the country on a plan to make America great again, and he plans to deliver on that promise. Again — not like a typical politician.

Deaton said President Trump's actions "are not consistent with America's interests." Quite the contrary. The president is putting America first for once and not bowing to the globalists who want to see America on par with Third World countries where tyrants rule and citizens starve.

How is having our enemies fear us and our allies love us bad for America? How is it bad for American to reduce regulations and taxes on our businesses so people can have decent jobs and wages once again?

As long as the left focuses on racism, socialism and other isms and the Republicans focus on building our economy and our national defense, the Democrats will continue to lose elections.

Tom (aka "Bob" in The Pilot) Schroeder
The Pilot September 9

So, Where Is All This Money Coming From?

Moore County has recently announced some significant capital improvement projects, including the following:

- A massive school building and modernization project, which I believe they are talking about expanding even further. So who knows really how much this will actually end up costing?
- A new \$27 million courthouse. And there is already discussion of expanding that even before it is approved.
- A new \$3.5 million recreation center.

From the taxpayer's point of view, what I see is a significant reduction of reserves and an unknown increase in the tax rate for Moore County taxpayers. Here are some questions that need to be answered:

- Just how much of a tax rate increase is all this spending going to cost?
- When is Moore County going to give us an idea of just what the new tax rates might look like, given the total of all this spending?
- Why is only a portion of the school funding being voted on by the taxpayer? To get around taxpayer approval and /or expediency?

These and other likely questions will need to be answered before the bond referendum in the spring of 2018, or that vote could be in jeopardy.

Walter Bull to The Pilot September 12

Litany of Complaints Calls for Answers



The striking dividing line in political commentary during the post-Obama era is enhanced by 24-hour news reporting. Passions have intensified to the point that serious policy needs are often buried under heaps of right/left

ding that results in emotional and not rational thinking.

Brian Deaton's recent column in The Pilot detailed a litany of complaints about President Trump's background, personality, associations — and, more important, his leadership aspirations.

Mr. Deaton's words reflect those of the unhappy progressives who cannot bring themselves to deal with the failures of the Barack Obama social reordering and his consumption economy. Understandable.

Traditionalists are horrified and liberals are empowered. The liberal fantasy of a global order that confiscates wealth from the rich to improve the life of the poor has never worked and incorporates political force that dulls growth and the engine of production.

Voters at home must sort through climate change distractions, hooded thugs with clubs in our streets, an unprecedented natural disaster on the Gulf Coast, an investigation into events leading up to last year's presidential election, immigration issues around since Reagan, and a real anti-authority attitude in many quarters. It would be nice if problems were ranked by order of importance.

Today's major issue facing America is a North Korea that ignores the rest of the civilized world, builds atomic weapons and threatens missile attacks against other nations.

Imagine unarmed Japan within range of nuclear-armed North Korean missiles.

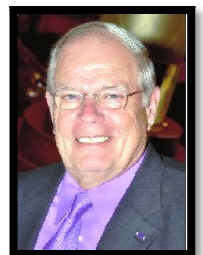
The leadership of former President Obama, whose team included Secretaries of State Clinton and Kerry, Security Adviser Susan Rice, U.N. Representative Samantha Power, seemed to prefer one-sided negotiations that avoided direct conflict.

President Trump's team has a combination of successful governmental, business and military leaders with skills and the will to meet the threats with long-term solutions that are in the best interest of our people.

Bob Zschoche to The Pilot September 12

Presidential Frustration

James Laney's letter of Sept. 6 says the Republicans and Trump are trying to destroy Obama's legacy. I submit a more accurate assessment: They are trying to reverse some of Obama's unilateral, unconstitutional actions.



How many of the "achievements" listed by Laney are based in law? Or are they an expression of presidential frustration that Congress would not pass laws the president wanted?

Presidents of both parties have experienced this frustration. It is the result of our system of checks and balances. The Obama/Trump drum-beating is not new news; it has occurred many times in the past.

Norm Zanetti to The Pilot September 21

Nation Has Reached A Fulcrum Moment



The founders of our country set high standards. I believe it was their hope that as the country evolved, new leadership would embellish those standards to address future growth and civil liberties.

History offers a repository, a treasure trove of consequences to borrow from to preserve liberty and social order. Segregation did happen, and a civil war ensued. The Holocaust happened, so too genocides of people and mass migrations. Logic suggests you learn from historical events such as these. Yet, as often happens, scurrilous claims on ideologies by those in power along with the support of interest groups can and did quickly morph into deadly ideological conflict. People saw their liberties gradually narrowed, then taken away completely.

Privileged or not, social attitudes, religious preferences, party affiliations — more than ever, these measures and standards are being used by today's media to focus on conflict, innuendo, fact fabrications, and in some cases, fake news.

Real news in some cases is censored in favor of partisan leanings and headlines. What you hear is what they want you to hear — obsessions with race, gender, class and collusion.

Today's protest fatigue is getting stronger and more embellished, with overheated talk on both sides of every issue. 24/7 news coverage fans these flames.

We have reached a fulcrum moment with leadership in Washington, as they are unable to even agree what time of the day it is. We deserve better.

More than ever, we must maintain a vigilance to learn the real truth of what is being reported.

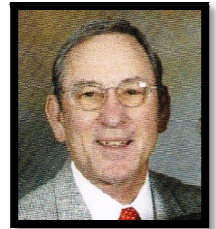
The political and moral focus forward must be on making America the best it can be. Our history shows we can be tolerant and receptive to change. Turning this corner against the angst of today is still possible under this administration.

Rodney Ward to The Pilot September 21

Dealing With Protests

Doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result!

St. Louis is the most recent example. We know when we prosecute a criminal they will get swift and sure punishment for their crime. When we prosecute a police officer for doing his duty and the result is an innocent judgment, there will be rioting in the streets.



When will Black Lives Matter stop trying to defend the defenseless, those who have broken the law and who when confronted resist law enforcement?

The scofflaw in St. Louis committed some infraction of the law. When confronted, he attempted to flee, committing still another violation of the law, which now involves law-abiding citizens. When stopped, he committed still a greater offense, resulting in his death. This describes most of the recent incidents, going back at least a decade-plus.

While we attempt to change the behavior of those who refuse to obey the law, perhaps in the short term we should consider the following:

Meet the expected violence with overwhelming force. The police and National Guard monitor the demonstration, and when it becomes violent — as they always do — surround the demonstrators completely, restrain and put all of them in detention for a period of time.

This would protect private property and innocent citizens. This might help keep it off the 6 o'clock news, stop the politicization, and restore order to an otherwise civil society.

John Rowerdink in The Pilot Column in September:



If Both Extremes Are Angry, Trump Must Be Doing Right

The author, who lives in Pinehurst, served until recently as chairman of the Moore County Republican Party.

President Trump recently negotiated two “deals” with Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer. Republican leaders in Congress were shocked and dismayed. Among the Democrats, Nancy Pelosi was shouted down by her constituents in California, who were angry that she made a deal with the president they despise.

I say that if both hard-left Democrats and establishment Republicans are angry, Trump must be on to something good.

The first deal was to approve funds for hurricane relief in Houston and Florida, while raising the nation's debt limit for three months. Like most Republicans, I would have preferred a longer-term deal on the debt limit and concrete steps to resolve our serious debt problem. But do I think Congress should have engaged in a brawl over the debt limit while Texans and Floridians went without hurricane relief? Absolutely not!

It would be one thing if Congress actually took serious steps to reduce our national debt, but they don't do that anyway. All they do is tinker around the edges when what they really need to do is address our serious entitlement problem (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid).

So it's better to make a quick deal on the debt limit and approve the needed funds for Texas and Florida — and then, longer term, take real action to address our entitlement problem.

The second deal was when President Trump agreed in principle to do something about the "Dreamers" in return for serious steps to tighten security on our southern border.

Republicans in Congress don't like what they call amnesty for the Dreamers, and Democrats don't like that we might actually do something to secure the border. I say the president made a good deal. Anything we can do to secure our border is critically important, and if it means granting legal status to young people who were brought here by their parents, have lived nowhere other than America, and are responsible citizens, we should do it. But do it legally, not the way President Obama did.

This illustrates why people voted for President Trump.

They wanted to stop the partisan bickering and take serious action to solve our problems. During last year's election campaign, I talked to many voters (Republicans, Democrats and Unaffiliated) who all felt the same way. They wanted a president who would stop the partisan bickering, get rid of political correctness, and go to work on solving our country's problems.

They were willing to overlook Donald Trump's faults in order to solve these problems, and they were

convinced that neither Hillary Clinton nor any of the other 16 Republicans in the primary would do it.

Since the president made these two deals with Pelosi and Schumer, these Trump supporters feel vindicated. The president's recent uptick in the polls reflects this.

Most people want the political parties to work together to solve the country's problems. We'll always have fringe minorities on the right and the left, but the 60 percent in the middle want Congress and the president to work together. That's what President Trump is trying to do.

There's a strong message in this for the Republicans in Congress:

We have majorities in the Senate and the House and a Republican president. The people want you to get their work done. Any member of Congress who can't find a way to work together within their own party should find another line of work.

Our guys in Congress didn't exactly distinguish themselves during the recent debate over repeal and replacement of Obamacare. That's especially true for Rand Paul of Kentucky, Susan Collins of Maine, John McCain of Arizona, and the Freedom Caucus, a group of 30 Republican House members led by Mark Meadows of North Carolina.

Obamacare is a serious problem, and they need to stop letting the perfect be the enemy of the good. Ronald Reagan always thought a 70 or 80 percent win was still a win.

There's a message in this for the Democrats in Congress too: Donald Trump is our president. He won the election in the manner prescribed by the Constitution. It's way past time for you to accept the election and go to work on solving our country's problems.

Your all-out resistance to everything Trump wants to do is ridiculous. We have a lot of problems, and you were elected to solve them. Our country has enemies (Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, etc.), but President Trump and the Republican Party are not your enemies.

And the final message is for the voters: If your members of Congress don't get the message, vote them out in the next election. You have the power — use it! If you choose not to use it and insist on sending the same people back to Congress year after year, we deserve what we get.

Monday, October 2, 2017

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'Sympathetic' to Vegas Victims: Country Music Fans
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Headline:

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Comments:

CBS took corrective actions, however this shows what happen when you fail to remember that anything on Facebook sooner or later is public.

Draw your own conclusions.

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Article: Here is the weblink to the below article:

**CBS Exec Not 'Sympathetic' to Vegas Victims:
Country Music Fans Republican 'Gun Toters'**

breitbart.com · by John Nolte · October 2, 2017

Update: CBS said in a statement Monday afternoon that the employee had been fired.

"This individual, who was with us for approximately one year, violated the standards of our company and is no longer an employee of CBS. Her views as expressed on social media are deeply unacceptable to all of us at CBS. Our hearts go out to the victims in Las Vegas and their families."

Original story below:

Although her Facebook page appears to have been removed and her Twitter account is protected, the Daily Caller was the first to report that a "top legal executive at CBS, Hayley Geftman-Gold," used Facebook to inform her social media followers that she is "not even sympathetic" with the 50-plus murdered and 400-plus hospitalized after a mass shooting in Las Vegas Sunday night.

Screen shots captured by the Daily Caller (see at the end of the article) show that the "VP, Senior Counsel, Strategic Transactions at CBS" wrote in the wake of the massacre, "If they wouldn't do anything when children were murdered I have no hope that Repugs

will ever do the right thing."

Geftman-Gold then reportedly added, "I'm actually not even sympathetic bc [sic] country music fans often are Republican gun toters."

The Daily Caller adds that her "original thread was deleted, but not by Geftman-Gold."

CBS told Fox News that the network is "looking into the matter."

The Daily Caller also reminds us that this is not the first time someone at CBS has expressed this kind of contempt for a Republican shooting victim. After Republican Rep. Steve Scalise was shot in June by a Bernie Sanders supporter, then-CBS News anchor Scott Pelley wondered if the shooting was "foreseeable, predictable and to some degree, self-inflicted."

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Hayley Geftman-Gold

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Nolte – Dirty Little Emmy Secret: Trump Supporters Much More Racially Diverse Than Lily-White Television

by JOHN NOLTE 19 Sep 2017 566



According to the latest census figures, white people make up 61.3 percent of the American population. Rounding

out those numbers, Hispanics (17.8 percent), blacks (13.3 percent), and Asians (5.7 percent), fill in most of the rest of our glorious melting pot. And yet...

The oh-so progressive left-wing television industry, the very same television industry that spent almost every minute of Sunday's Show smugly blasting away at Trump and his supporters as unrepentant racists, looks nothing like America. Not even close.

In fact, the broad coalition of Trump's "racist" supporters is much more racially diverse than the television industry.

According to a just-released study, minority actors make up only 11.4 percent of the lead actors in television roles. Things are not much better for supporting non-white roles, where white actors "account for about three-quarters of the scripted roles on cable and broadcast."

In other words, while minorities make up nearly 40 percent of the American population, oh-so progressive Hollywood reduces the minority presence on television to a mere 11 percent in lead roles and a mere 25 percent in all roles.

Let us now compare Hollywood's horrible record of racial diversity on television to the racial diversity of those Hollywood relentlessly blasts as racists, meaning: those awful Trump Supporters.

Only 58 percent of Trump supporters are white. Of that remaining non-white 42 percent, eight percent are black, while 29 percent are Hispanic.

Compare that to the 89% of lead television roles and 75% of all television roles that are white.

Things are not much better for Hollywood minorities behind-the-scenes:

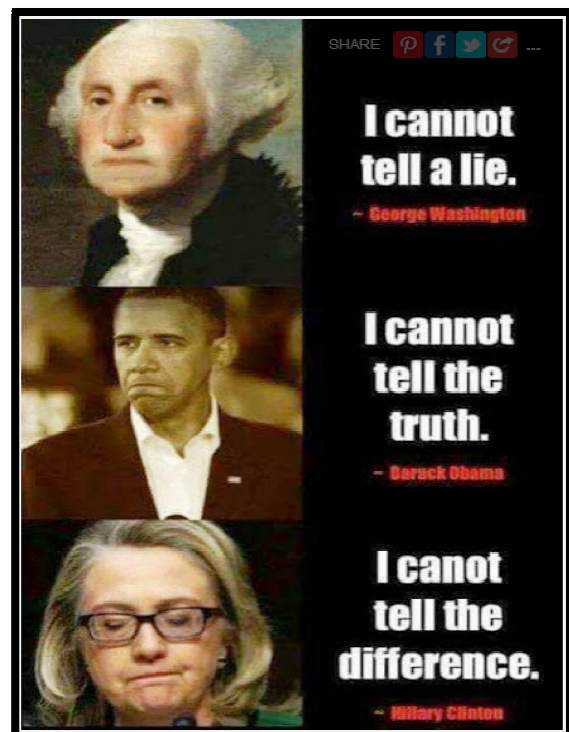
Minorities saw dips in film writing credits (2.7 percentage points) and film directing credits (2.8 percentage points) compared with last year's report. In the meantime, the number of people of color in leading roles remained stagnant — despite the release of pictures such as "Straight Outta Compton" and "Furious 7" in the study year.

Oh, and while a full 42% of Trump supporters are women, in oh-so progressive Hollywood:

Women were underrepresented behind the scenes as well, making up 4.2% of directors, 13.2% of writers, 20.7% of producers, and just 1.7% of composers. There were only 34 unique female directors that released films between 2007 and 2016 (excluding 2011).

If you honestly want to see a group of people that looks like America, spend some time with Trump supporters, and stay out of Stephen Colbert's lily-white country club.

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