



**MOORE COUNTY, NC  
REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB  
NEWSLETTER – MAY 2019 ISSUE**  
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(See Committees, Chairs and members on the next page in the column on the left.)

**President's Message by Bill Demastus:**

The Men's Club set up a tent this past week at the Spring Fest event in Southern Pines.

It was our first venture interfacing with the public in one of these community activities and I believe it went very well.



We passed out applications for the June golf tournament at CCNC and we distributed applications to join the Men's Club. We have no idea how successful either of these two endeavors will be but there was no doubt that people were interested enough to stop and talk and accept what we offered.

One other thing we did that did show immediate successful results was to sign up volunteers who agreed to help us reelect President Trump next year. The sign up was very successful...around 70 to 80 individuals between the two tents. Steve Woodward come up with the idea of providing 4 gift certificates valued at \$25.00 each at 4 different area restaurants. The sign up form, which required cell phone number and e-mail address to be eligible for the drawing allowed a harvesting of these most valuable items. Kudos, Steve for a super idea.

We intend to do this again at another like function in one of the other communities...probably in Robbins since that is a place where we get very little exposure, although we do have a few members from that area.

The next one we will do will be combined with the county party tent, i.e., the two tents side by side. We believe it will make staffing easier and will facilitate more interest for both entities.

Our tent had constant activity for the whole six hours, 10AM – 4PM. What we lacked was participation from the Men's Club. Of course, we did have the four or five of us that set up and worked the tent but I was hoping that we would have more current members visit and lend "support" to what we were trying to do.

Thanks to Todd Maness, Robert Guillot, Steve Woodward and Tom Beddow for their good work and for their efforts.

I also want to thank Bill Scholtes, Carol Wheeldon, Do Shaver, Sheriff Fields, Richard Maness, Maureen Krueger, Warren McSweeney and Louis Gregory for stopping by and supporting the club.

It was a beautiful day in the Sandhills and we were blessed with large crowds that checked out the vendors and that checked out the Republican volunteers.

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## COMMITTEES for 2019:

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As you look at the committee Chairs and members noted above, it is obvious that we still have a few holes to fill. When we get a new VP Membership, a couple of those openings will be filled. However, we still need to know if you are willing to serve on a committee and if so, your preference(s). Just contact President Bill or any other EC member and let them know. One area where you could help is on our Golf Tournament this year. We always have room for someone willing to help. June 17 is the date, so mark your calendar!

## Lunch

### Administrator:

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(cell & text)

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**Our message this month, again is: If you want to get monthly calling captain calls, let us know. Call or email the lunch administrator, Bob Coates and let him know that you want to continue to receive monthly calls.**



Do you know your calling captain? Do you get monthly calls? Do you make reservations on the club website? Let us know if you have any questions about monthly meeting notification.

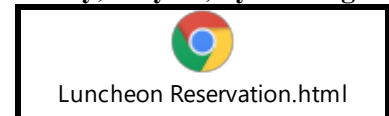


## Luncheon Meetings Information:

**Our next meeting of this year is on Thursday, May 16th. 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 starting again in September. The June meeting is our annual golf tournament on Monday, June 17. Look for more details in this newsletter. We are planning a summer break in July and August.**

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

Make your May luncheon reservations on or before 3pm Sunday, May 12, by clicking on:



or by calling Bob Coates at (910) 420-8181. Reservations are required for the luncheon and should be cancelled if you cannot attend. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you may be asked to pay.

(President's message continued from the front page)

You "stay aways" definitely missed out. I was pleased by the enthusiasm the visitors had for President Trump and for our party...even those who choose not to stop by gave us "thumbs up" and "atta-boys" for doing what we were doing. As has always been, the President has a lot more "silent" support than one can imagine.

Again this year we had lots of individuals take their cell phone pictures with the cut out of President Trump, but I must say there were more men this year than women who did so.

All in all, it was a successful outing.

We also had a "picnic" type meeting in Carthage that was very well attended by seven Northern county precinct chairs and lots of friends and family.

This event was put together by Marc Phillips and Laura Sumrall...our thanks and appreciation for the great job they did in getting the food prepared and gathering a good group of fellow Republicans.

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Everything we can do to generate support and enthusiasm for the upcoming elections is vital!

Thanks in advance for your support.

**Annual Dues For 2019 Are Past Due:**

# Pay Dues

If you have not paid your dues, you have become "inactive." This means you will not get any further communications, event notices or other Men's club information. Your continued participation is appreciated. You may have received or will receive a call or other notice about continuing membership this year. We look forward all current members staying engaged and seeing you in future meetings.

Remember, Pay your dues, do not become inactive! Dues payment will get you immediately reactivated.

## 2019 Golf Tournament News!!



**Save the date & sign up to play:**

**Monday, June 17 at CCNC: The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual John Reburn Memorial Golf**

**Tournament and Luncheon: Shotgun at 8:30am, Lunch starting at 1:15pm, Guest Remarks by NC US Congressman Richard Hudson. See the enclosed insert for an application and further information (attachment with the email version) with this newsletter.**

## April Luncheon Meeting Report:

The April Luncheon was held on the usual third Thursday, April 19. Attendees arrived, beginning shortly after 11:00am, for socializing with others and

registration. President Demastus called the meeting to order just before noon. His opening remarks included announcements, introductions and a taste of "red meat."



Steve Woodward, club Secretary, took the podium and talked about our upcoming fundraising golf tournament in June. Details about that tournament and the golf registration forms were available at the

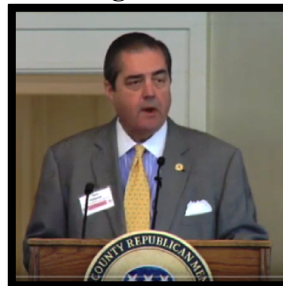
meeting. They can also be found as a one page front and back insert in this newsletter (as an attachment to the email version).

Demastus then asked Chaplain Dubbs to the podium to offer a prayer and bless the lunch meal.



The attendees then stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the meal being served.

After lunch, Tom Adams, VP Programs, introduce the CIA speaker, Suzy Lutz.



Her topic was "Continuing the Mission" which provides service dogs and service dog support for veterans living with the challenge of Post

Traumatic Stress (PTS). Lutz, the group's President, discussed their provision of outreach services, support throughout the pairing process, and post-pairing





support to the veteran and service dog.

Our Primary speaker was Gregg Sherrill, chairman of Tenneco Inc., a global manufacturer of Powertrain



and Chassis components and systems for the automotive and commercial vehicle markets. He was chairman and CEO of Tenneco from 2007 to 2017.

Sherrill is a founding member of the Fix US initiative with the Campaign to Fix the Debt. He talked about how all of us must work together to find ways to resolve our nation's continuing plunge into more and more debt. Members and others who were unable to attend can view Sherrill's presentation on our club website, [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club), on the home page hold your cursor on the "Events" tab and on the drop down menu left click on "Luncheon Video" tab. After an informative Q & A session following Sherrill's presentation, the meeting was adjourned at about 1:20pm.

#### Newsletter Information:

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 on the registration table. If you want a paper copy, let us know and we will put you on the mailing list.



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

We are in for a treat this month with long time Raleigh News and Observer political reporter and Sunday columnist Rob Christensen sharing his memories of 40 years of North Carolina political tales, spanning the Governorships of Kerr Scott, through the first two years of



Roy Cooper. Our state has had its share of political characters and you'll enjoy Rob's take on many of them, including Republicans Jim Holshouser, Jim Martin and Pat McCrory.

Just two days prior to our meeting, Rob's new book, "The Rise and Fall of the Branch Head Boy's: NC's Scott Family and the Era of Progressive Politics." will hit the book stores. For the benefit of those of you not originally from the Old North State, the Branch Head Boys were the supporters of the late Governor and US Senator W. Kerr Scott, patriarch of the Scott family. Kerr Scott ripped the reins of government from the Democrat party establishment in 1948 and whose family led the progressive movement until the movement, but not the Scott dynasty, was ended by Jim Holshouser's defeat of Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles in 1972. Holshouser was the state's first Republican governor since Reconstruction and resident of Southern Pines after his governorship.



If you like politics, it's history and legacy this will be one of the most fun programs of the year.

Our Community in Action speaker will be a little different this month in that it will feature our own District Attorney, Maureen Krueger. She will tell us about an Expungement Clinic that her office is sponsoring, endorsed by the Moore Republican Party, Republican Men's club and such diverse not for profits as the NAACP and others.

The District Attorney is implementing a program to eliminate certain felonies from the records of offenders from long ago through a protocol approved by our conservative General Assembly. It's an effort to help citizens who have long since repented of non-violent crimes to become more productive citizens of our community.

This is the last of our luncheon programs until we meet again in September. The Speaker for the Golf Tournament on June 17<sup>th</sup> is 8<sup>th</sup> District Rep. Richard Hudson.

Here are the tentative plans for the fall:

- Sept: Rep. Mark Meadows (tentative) or Sen. Thom Tillis via video link and/or Political Candidates



- Oct: Wayne S Boyles, Former Asst to US Sen. Jesse Helms and/or Political Candidates
- Nov: TBA
- Dec: Pinecrest High Holiday Madrigal group Christmas program

Have a great Summer everyone!

#### Lunch Administration News

A general email, which you may have already seen, is making the rounds that explains in detail what we are doing on a going forward basis about lunch meeting notices and reservations. Basically, we are modifying and improving our procedures to be sure all members get notices and an opportunity to make lunch reservations. The bottom line is, if you are not getting notices on a timely basis, let us know. If you want to get a monthly telephone call and are not, we need to know that. Call or email Bob Coates, as noted below and let him know if you have comments or suggestions.

If you are NOT getting a monthly call and want to be added to the calling list, contact Bob Coates, Lunch Administrator, and let him know. He can be reached 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 he again gives us an update on our efforts.)

In March and April we marshaled Facebook to put on a full-court press to promote the June 17 Men's Club golf event at The Country Club of North Carolina. The results are encouraging. Two separate boosted Facebook ads reached a total of 7,020 people and generated 168 link clicks. Combined, our April Facebook posts, including links to the RESOLVE blog, connected with 12,027 people who engaged 963 times and clicked links 299 times. The Facebook page is now titled Moore County Republicans, covering both party and Men's Club activities.

Our Instagram account is trending upward with 164 followers as of April 30. Our most recent photo posts

promoted the Moore GOP's presence at Springfest, April 27 in Southern Pines.

#### Meet Our Luncheon Video Wizard:

Our members and other attendees may have noticed that we started taking videos of our speakers over the last several luncheon meetings. Thanks to new member this year, Brett Bevelacqua, we will again be able to post our monthly luncheon speakers on our website. This will allow those members who were unable to attend the luncheon to view the speaker. Just go on our club website, [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) and put your cursor over the "Events" tab at the top of the home page. On the dropdown menu, click on the "Luncheon Video" tab to see and hear the video.



Bevelacqua joined us in February and brings skills developed in his career in New York before relocating to the Sandhills. See the following information about Bevelacqua:

*Brett Bevelacqua was born and raised 20 miles north of NYC in the town of Pearl River, NY. He attended Rockland Community College and started a career in broadcast in 1994 with stops that included CNBC, MSNBC, ESPN, Bloomberg TV, MLB Network, NHL Productions and NBC's Sunday Night Football.*

*Bevelacqua began his career as a video tape editor but quickly moved into in-house advertising, sales and promotion of network properties. He worked his way to director with the documentary [Yard Work](#) about one of America's favorite toys, the Wiffleball. The documentary led to Bevelacqua forming a Wiffleball League that was recently featured in the [New Yorker](#) magazine.*

*In 2016 he left broadcast to work as a real estate agent in the NYC area for Keller Williams Realty Group in Scarsdale, NY. In 2018 he relocated to Pinehurst to be closer to family and now works with Keller Williams Pinehurst in Southern Pines, NC.*

When attending our luncheon meetings, find Brett, introduce yourself and thank him for his work to record and edit the video of our monthly luncheon speaker.

#### 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!

The last MRW LUNCHEON was on Monday, May 6 at the PCC Members Club Outlook Ballroom. Watch for email notification of future meetings or visit the MRW website at <http://www.mrwnc.org/>.

Reservations are required – on the website, click the RSVP button OR email [mooregopwomen@gmail.com](mailto:mooregopwomen@gmail.com).

Call Lisa Sheridan, the MRW Luncheon Chair, if you have questions or want to reserve by phone at (910) 400-5520. MRW regrets they cannot accommodate walk-ins.

(MCRMC Editor's Note: Following please find two recent messages by MRW President, Pauline Bruno. These messages and other MRW information of interest can be found on their website as noted above.)

#### Two MRW President's Messages by Pauline Bruno

If you can't win through the electoral process, push your agenda through the court system"

That's the way the Left has always operated - and it's not a new strategy.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a legislative initiative called the Judicial Procedures Reform Bill. The plan behind the bill was to obtain rulings favorable to his New Deal, many of which the Supreme Court had deemed unconstitutional. He wanted to change the make-up of the Court through the appointment of additional justices. The bill stated that the President could appoint another justice to the Court (up to six) for every member of the Court over the age of 70. FDR even devoted one of his Fireside Chats to this purpose.

This is "Stacking the Court," something the Democrats are looking to do now.

The problem is NOT in the Court. This is an attempt to rig the system in the Democrats' favor by any means necessary. These ideas are not aimed at changing the country for the better, but tipping the scales to their liking. The principles and procedures dealing with the Court have been in place since 1869.

This "Stacking the Court" policy was extremely short-lived in FDR's time. People believed the Court was "sanctified" and there should be no interference. Let's hope our fellow Americans believe the same thing today.

God bless our President and our country.

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Several weeks ago, I was invited to Fort Bragg, home of the Airborne and Special Forces. What a wonderful experience to see our men and women living and working together to protect our safety and freedom.

This is another reason to be so proud of our President. He secured the largest increase in spending since the days of Ronald Reagan. He also enacted the Veterans Choice Program, allowing veterans to receive medical treatment in private hospitals. Our men and women in uniform come first with him!

As we were told several times on our tour: "When the President calls 911, Fort Bragg answers."

Fort Bragg economically impacts its 11 surrounding counties each day with 19 million dollars. What an enormous boost for our area.

The Installation also has response times to get to any crisis in the entire world *in four hours*. Imagine! This includes men, machinery, transportation and supplies.

I am so proud Fort Bragg is my neighbor. I give thanks for our soldiers and to President Donald J. Trump for loving and caring for them.

And I'm also proud of MRW, which does so many things to support our troops at Fort Bragg and elsewhere around the world. They are worth every effort we can make!

**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.resolvecnc.org](http://www.resolvecnc.org) If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)

### A sensible Washington

*Editor's note: In this era of Trump Derangement Syndrome in which no anti-American policy idea is too radical, and during which there is a relentless movement to erase symbols of our history, the fundamental principles behind America's founding remain entrenched. But we are left to wonder for how much longer.*

By Norman Zanetti

A treasure trove of exemplary governance is found in President George Washington's farewell address to Americans. In his letter to the American people in *The American Daily Advertiser* in 1796, he wrote that he hoped citizens would support a strong federal government, though Americans at the time were local in their thinking and allegiances.

He cautioned that extreme partisanship among political parties would be "divisive and disruptive", urging voters casting future ballots to do so for candidates favoring the common good instead of supporting strict party affiliation.

Washington forewarned extreme partisanship would result in "a spirit of revenge" to maintain one's grip on power. His greatest concern, and rightly so, was intervention of external invasion, advocating a policy favoring neutrality and friendly commerce with other nations.

For years, this farewell address was read in congress on July 4th. For some reason the practice ended years ago. I recently recommended to our U.S. Congressman Richard Hudson (NC-8) that he champion a revival of this tradition in the House of Representatives, especially as newly elected representatives begin their tenure. We need a groundswell of bipartisan cooperation to assuage

the polarization that has afflicted both chambers and hindered addressing our country's vital needs.

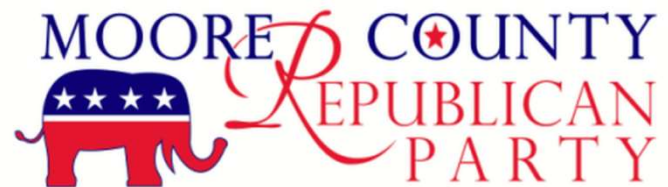
Washington's words, a foundry for exemplary governing, should be on the minds of all of those who represent us, as well as among media members who cover them. His message should resonate when legislation is proposed and voted on.

### Elected Officials Contact Information:



To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the Moore County Board of Elections Website: [www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/elected\\_officials.pdf](http://www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/elected_officials.pdf)

### Moore County GOP News:



### SOMETHING NEW IS BEING ADDED!



In our newsletter each month, we will be acknowledging the Patriots who contribute to the

estimated \$800.00 monthly financial obligation of the Moore County GOP Headquarters.

### Contributors for May:

- Moore County Republican Party
- Moore County Republican Men's Club
- Moore Republican Women
- Kathleen Beddow
- Harry and Marsha Lenz
- Pete and Ginger Lash

Please consider a gift to the Moore County GOP Building Fund to help us in our efforts to keep the Headquarters open through the 2020 election. Contributions can be monthly or a onetime gift. Any amount would be appreciated.

To use your credit card, please push the "DONATE" button on the website:



[www.mcncgop.com](http://www.mcncgop.com), lower right, on the home page. Complete the required information and insert the amount of your donation in the "Specific Contribution" column and state it's for the "Building Fund". This will take you to the

PayPal secure website where your personal information remains confidential.

If you would prefer to send a check, please make the check payable to the Moore County GOP Building Fund and send to Carol Wheeldon, 50 Lake Forest Drive, SW, Pinehurst NC 28374.

Just a reminder, the GOP Headquarters may be used by the community for other purposes when not being used for official GOP business. Already it has been used for various meetings, book clubs and even a church service. Please contact Dee Park 910-783-8334 or [deeandbro@nc.rr.com](mailto:deeandbro@nc.rr.com) if interested. Thanks for your consideration.

A couple of reminders from the MC GOP

Chair, Tom Beddow:

- May 18 - MCGOP Executive Committee Meeting at the Headquarters; 3:00-5:00 pm
- June 6 - Congressman Hudson Event featuring Sean Spicer (invitation only - please contact Tom Beddow if you are interested in attending)
- June 17 - MCRMC Golf Outing at CCNC 7:30 - 1:30 followed by lunch, details in this newsletter.

Hope I see everyone at the Men's Club luncheon on Thursday, May 16 and don't forget to bring a perspective member.

Tom Schroeder – MCRMC EC Member:



**Tom's News**  
*Moore County Conservative News*

Key points are **highlighted**.

Hispanics Benefit From  
Trump Economy  
[patriotpost.us](http://patriotpost.us)

While the Left media regularly asserts that President Donald Trump's "America First" rhetoric is



damaging to Hispanics, the reality on the ground is just the opposite. Recent surveys show that for the third consecutive year, Hispanic income growth and workplace participation have increased steadily. In other words, like the rest of the country, economic trends for Hispanic Americans are better under Trump.

The Hispanic Wealth Project projects that within

the next five years, Hispanic median income will triple. Here are a few more positive trends from the report:

- For the fourth consecutive year, Hispanics increased their rate of home ownership, reaching a rate of 47.1%. In 2018, Latinos added 362,000 homeowners, which is the highest number added for Latinos since 2005.
- In 2017, Hispanics saw their third consecutive year of income growth and the highest of any demographic.
- Between 2016 and 2017, Hispanics increased their real median income by 3.7%. Latino families making an annual income over \$200,000 increased from 2.1% in 2011 to 3.8% in 2017.
- Poverty rates reached a historic low for Latinos. In tandem with median-income growth, Hispanics have lowered their poverty rate for three consecutive years. With a poverty rate of 18.3% in 2017, Hispanics reached their lowest level since poverty estimates for Hispanics were first published by the U.S. Census Bureau in 1972.
- Latinos have a significantly higher labor-participation rate than that of the general population, at 66.1% compared to 62.9%. The Hispanic unemployment rate fell by more than

seven percentage points between 2009 and 2018, from 12.1% to 4.7%.

If these trends continue as projected, Democrats may have a tough time convincing Hispanic Americans to vote against *el presidente malo* in 2020.

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Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer



Well, it seems that spring is finally here, and about time! Speaking of spring, note in this newsletter there is an insert, one page, front and back, about our June 17 golf tournament including a registration form. We are asking ALL of our

members to participate in some way, including making a donation even if you are unable to play or attend. All of the details can be found on the form (for those who get the newsletter by email only, the form is attached and can be printed for registration). If you have any questions, please call or email Steve Woodward as noted on the form.

Also allow me to point out a couple of other items of interest in this newsletter. While I am sure you all read every article, some probably more than once, there are a few that have information that need special attention. One is our new member, Brett Bevelacqua, who has agreed to take a video of our speakers. The detailed article is found earlier in this newsletter. An important "take away" from that article is that those who miss the meetings can watch the speakers by going on our website, [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club). Try it, you will like it!

Another comment about an item in this newsletter and several past newsletters is the information about calling captains, lunch notification and lunch reservations. We will have all of the procedures wrapped up this year that will make sure all of our members get a lunch notice and an opportunity (maybe more than one) to make a lunch reservation. The most important "take away" from these series of articles (and emails) is that we want to make sure that each and every member knows about our lunch meetings and has ample time to make a reservation so they can attend.

On a final note, I will not be able to attend the May luncheon due to being involved with the US Senior Women's Open Golf Tournament. It is the second annual playing of this new USGA event. The first was last year in Chicago with the winner, maybe being England's best ever female golfer, Laura Davies. Some of you may remember her playing here is past USGA Women's Opens and in 1995 at the LPGA Pinewild Women's Championship. She will be here (Pine Needles) to defend her 2018 title. I would encourage you to consider attending one or more days for this special event, May 16 through May 19. Go to the following website for more information: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships/2019/u-s-senior-women-s-open-2019-pine-needles-golf.html#!latest>



#### 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://godfatherpolitics.com/california-now-wants-to-force-every-restaurant-customer-to-pay-1-global-warming-tax/>

<https://flagandcross.com/watch-trey-gowdy-warns-of-2020-dem-who-should-scare-the-ever-living-hell-out-of-you/>

#### MCRMC & MCGOP in the Community:

Representatives of Moore County GOP and the Men's Club were on display at different booths

during the Southern Pines Springfest on Saturday, April 27. Those who attended the Springfest were able to get information, brochures, talk with candidates and learn all things GOP on local, county, state and national issues. We hope you and your family/friends were able to attend and enjoy your fellow GOP supporter as well as all the other booths and activities . Thanks to all who helped.



Both GOP organizations may again be on display at the Aberdeen Spring Spree festival on May 18 from



10AM to 4PM in, you guessed it, downtown Aberdeen. We also hope to be at the Robin festival later this month. Come for the fun and see your fellow GOP friends! Also, enjoy the music, food, local brews & wine, activity zones and street performers.

### From and About Our Members

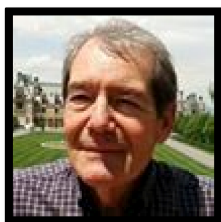
#### John Boesch on Veterans Issues:

Please see the following stories about information relevant to all veterans:

#### Two Military Veterans Head Moore County's the Fastest Growing Company:

On April 24, Congressman Richard Hudson participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the *Veterans Guardian* new 8,800 sq. ft. headquarters in Pinehurst. The company founded in, August 2017, by Lt. Colonel (Retired) Scott Greenblatt and Lt. Colonel (Retired) William Taylor, has grown from two employees a year ago to more than 40 full-time positions today. Nearly every staffer is a veteran, spouse of a veteran or an active-duty military spouse.

*Veterans Guardian*, is a pre-filing consulting firm dedicated to helping veterans navigate the Department of Veterans Affairs disability claims process. Assistance is provided to veterans to help



them develop an individual claim strategy as well as the medical-legal evidence to support their claim to receive all benefits to which they are entitled. In their first year of operation, *Veterans Guardian* has assisted more than a thousand veterans with a near 94% success; and with veterans receiving a decision within 2 to 4 months.

*Veterans Guardian* is active in the community contributing to a wide-range of veteran and local charities. They also support and participate in local events and support local school activities as well as youth sports teams.

#### Joint Hearing on Student Protections:

The House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment and the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a joint field hearing at Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif., to address student veteran protections and their success on college campuses. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Takano and Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity Chairman Levin both spoke about the importance of protecting the earned benefits veterans use to attain their education goals. The return on investment of student veterans can be incredibly valuable.

#### VA Provides Adoption, IVF:

Veterans who lost their ability to reproduce due to a service-connected disability may be eligible for their adoption-related expenses to be reimbursed through VA or to receive coverage for in vitro fertilization (IVF). VA also provides infertility evaluation, management, and treatment services to veterans enrolled in VA health care — regardless of service connection. Veterans interested in infertility services should contact their VA provider or their local VA Women Veteran Program manager.

#### Felice Schillaci to The Pilot

Recently the European Press reported that the government of Finland, one of our Democratic Socialist Party's most favored Nations, together with Sweden and Denmark, has resigned. Their financial constraints cannot deal with the healthcare costs imposed by Finland's fast-ageing population. Cutting those costs is a major political obstacle in the Nordic countries that historically have provided an extensive, and expensive healthcare system.



Have you seen this reported by the Media?.



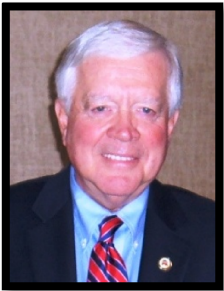
As most of the declared Democrat candidates for President are promising National Health Care, we ignore that the Countries that are using Government run system are failing. It seems to me that the media has more interest to hide facts and potential problems, rather than pointing out the pitfalls of our generosity.

As a reference, the age population comparison with the U.S.A. is similar: the 25-65+ years old group there is 72%, versus 68% in the USA The Finland National debt as a percentage of GDP is 62%. versus the USA much worse 106%.

We cannot afford more debt to pass on to our children. Please remember this when you evaluate the promises made by the candidates of both parties in the future Presidential election.

We need reforms now, to curb escalating expenses of mandatory spending related to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security projected to bankrupt in a few years.

John Rowerdink, article for The Pilot  
Past Chairman of the Moore County GOP



After two years of exhaustive investigation at a cost of more than \$30 million, the long-awaited Mueller report has finally been released. It hasn't changed any minds. Folks who thought President Trump conspired with the Russian government in the 2016 election still think so and those who thought he was innocent still think that. The report answers many questions but raises others. To clarify things, I'm writing this column as a series of questions and answers. Here goes:

**Q: Did the Russians interfere with our 2016 election?**  
**A: Yes.** We knew that before the investigation and Mueller confirmed it.

**Q: When did the Russian interference take place and who was our president at the time?** A: It took place in 2016 during Barack Obama's presidency.  
**Q: What did President Obama do about it?** A: Not much. Weak.

**Q: What was the stated objective of the Mueller investigation?** A: "To investigate Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election and any links and/or coordination between the Russian

government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Trump; and any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation". It included investigation of any related crimes such as perjury, obstruction of justice, etc.

**Q: Did President Trump, his staff and his campaign officials cooperate with the investigation?** A: Yes. They provided everything they were asked for. They didn't like it but they did it.

**Q: Did the investigation find that President Trump's campaign colluded with the Russians?** A: Section I of the report, which deals with this question, is 199 pages long but the answer is short and clear: "The investigation did not identify evidence that any U.S. persons conspired or coordinated with the Russians". That's after two years, \$30 million, 500 witnesses, 2800 subpoenas, etc. Whether you like it or not, that's the answer.

**Q: If the Trump campaign didn't collude with the Russians, did any other Americans do so?** A: Hillary Clinton's campaign clearly colluded with the Russians during the 2016 election. It's beyond dispute that Hillary's campaign, working through their paid consultant, Fusion GPS, arranged and paid for the "Trump dossier", a fake compendium of salacious material about Donald Trump. The Clinton campaign and Fusion GPS hired Christopher Steele, a former British spy, to gather information from his Russian contacts in the Kremlin. He then prepared a report (the Trump dossier) and gave it to the Clinton campaign, various media outlets and the FBI. This is clear collusion with the Russians. Incredibly, the FBI, which had every reason to question the veracity of the dossier, used it to justify spying on the Trump campaign. Such action by a government agency against a political campaign with which they disagree, is a mortal threat to our democracy. This is the kind of thing that happens in Russia, Cuba and Venezuela, but not America. Attorney General Barr says he's going to look into this. Good.

**Q: So Mueller didn't find any evidence of Trump/Russian collusion. Did he find any evidence of other crimes, such as obstruction of justice?** A: The report says they didn't have reason to indict anyone for this but they also do not exonerate them. Baloney. It's not their job to exonerate anyone. In America, until you're proven guilty, you're innocent. You don't need Mueller or anyone else to exonerate you. Furthermore, the Justice Department concluded Trump didn't do it. Period.

**Q: Have any other investigations looked into these**

same matters? A: Separate ad nauseam investigations by the House and Senate Intelligence Committees came to the same conclusion. No collusion, no obstruction.

Q: Now that the Mueller report has been issued, have the findings been accepted by the president's enemies? A: For two years, Democrats told us to wait for the Mueller report. They had supreme confidence in Bob Mueller. Now that they don't like his answer, he's a turkey. Same with Attorney General Barr. If you don't like the message, shoot the messenger.

Q: Will the Democrats try to impeach President Trump? A: I certainly hope so. First, The Constitution's requirement for "treason, bribery or other high crimes or misdemeanors" simply does not exist. Second, they'd need the vote of all Democrats and twenty Republicans in the Senate to convict him. Good luck with that. Most importantly, if Democrats want to spend the next two years trying to impeach the president after having spent the last two years chasing the collusion narrative, while the nation's important business is not getting done, I think the voters will render their opinion of that in the 2020 election. So my advice to Democrats is "knock yourselves out".

Final Q: Is there any other country in the world where an elected leader is subjected to this type of investigation and required to accept the ultimate result? I don't think so.

God Bless America.

#### Senior Fraud Alert Information:



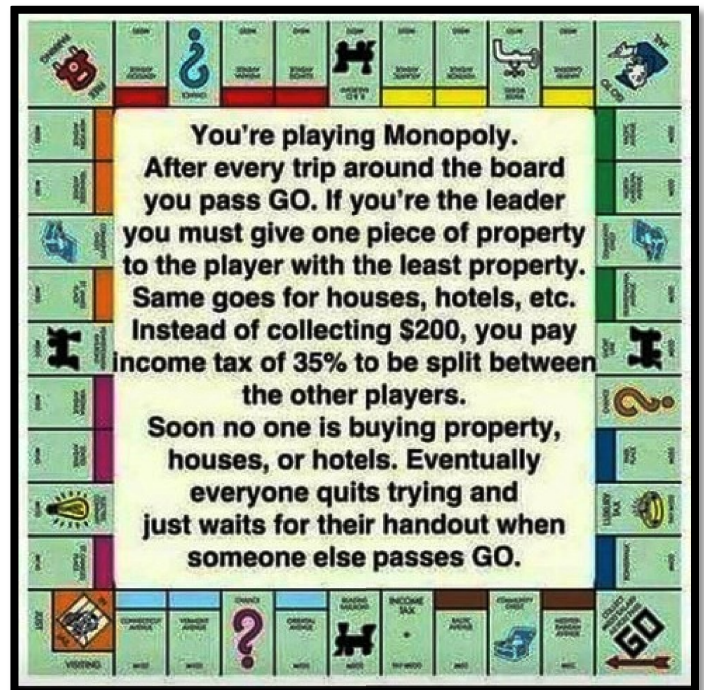
Following is a video that describes one of the many telephone scams being perpetrated on seniors around the country and in NC. Click to watch if you are reading the emailed newsletter. Paper readers may type the link in their computer browser search

box:

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If you receive a telephone call from anyone or any organization demanding you send money (gift cards) NOW, just HANG UP and report it to law enforcement.

#### Socialism in a Nutshell:



**Chuck Schumer has been in office since 1981 and Nancy Pelosi since 1987. They both blame Trump for every problem, but Trump has only been in office for two years...**



Your reservation for the May 16<sup>th</sup> luncheon must be made by Sunday, May 12, so go to the website by

clicking on:



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