



MOORE COUNTY, NC REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB

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Our December meeting is on the 18th at CCNC, registration starts at 11:30am. Bring your spouse and/or a guest. The Pinecrest High choir will sing Christmas songs and join us for lunch.



President's Message by Jim Lexo

We are wrapping another year already. For me, it is the end of my two-year term and I want to say it has been a privilege, honor and a pleasure to serve as your President. I am pleased with the quality of the speakers we have had; the attendance at our lunches; our new website and our

Facebook page. Also, we are in a good position financially for the elections next year. The disappointments are few like not growing our membership more than we have, but we are making progress replacing members who left town or aged out with new members including some from younger generations.

This month we will elect new officers and enjoy our traditional Christmas program. Some of our officers have signed up for another year of service and some will move on. We want to thank Bob Coates and Tom Adams for their service on the Executive Committee. We miss Bruce Carlson already, but Rev. Mike Dubbs has agreed to be our Chaplain for the foreseeable future. We have had a great team that works well together.

For my final column, I am submitting my Christmas Wish List. Here it is:

1. That the Department of Justice seriously investigates all of Hillary's dirty deeds and prove there is only one system of justice.
2. Finally close our borders and pass comprehensive immigration reform.
3. Repeal and replace Obamacare with a healthcare insurance program that works as well as our car insurance.
4. For the liberals to stop the race bating. Everyone needs to be judged on an individual basis.
5. Reform the tax code to eliminate all the "special interest" provisions added over the decades.
6. Personal favorite; Implement a Universal Service requirement. Two years of mandatory service to the country either in the military or civilian service.
7. For the media to start reporting the facts rather than promoting their own agendas.
8. Improve the inner cities with better job opportunities and better schools.
9. Stop trying to rewrite history and learn from it instead.
10. Lastly, put "Merry Christmas" back in Christmas. President Trump has been promoting this.

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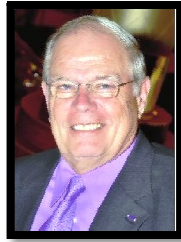
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Please be
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you are called by
your calling
captain. If he
leaves a message,
return his call.**

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There are more like getting a "Super Majority" in the US House and Senate, but I don't want to seem greedy. See you at the luncheon. Bring your spouse or a friend.

See the following article about changes in the distribute method for the newsletter beginning in January of next year. Members must determine how they want to get their copy of the newsletter. If you have any questions about this change, please call or email the newsletter editor, Paul Shaffer.

Newsletter Distribution Changes for 2018

The Executive Committee agreed to a change in the way we distribute the monthly club newsletter. The

Luncheon Meetings:

Our luncheon meetings for 2017 are on the 3rd Monday. The next meeting is at CCNC, December 18, with registration at 11:30am, followed by a Christmas concert. Watch for details by email and in the article in this newsletter.

The Christmas choir singers from Pinecrest will join us for lunch after the program. The meeting will be called to order around noon. After a few announcements and introductions, will hear Christmas songs by the Pinecrest choir. We will be electing and installing 2018 officers after lunch.

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

Make your December luncheon reservations on or before Thursday, December 14 at:

www.mcrmc.club/home.html

Click on the upper right "Luncheon Reservation" tab.

Future Meetings:

Our first meeting in 2018 will be on the 4th Monday of January, the 22nd at CCNC. This change is to accommodate the annual CCNC winter maintenance & cleaning. Our program will be John Hood, who is always a welcome and informative speaker. Plan to start the year by bringing a prospective member as a guest.

objective is to significantly reduce the number of newsletters sent to members by US mail. There are currently only about 10 members that do not have email. We are going to send paper newsletters by US mail to only those members who do not have email. Paper copies will be available at the meeting registration table so attending members can pick up a copy. Copies of the last several month's newsletters are available to read on our club website.

If you have email, but still want to get a paper copy in the mail, you must let Paul Shaffer know by telephone or email. Please do so by the first week of January in 2018. Finally, occasionally if you want a paper copy and did not get one at the meeting, just call or email Paul Shaffer and ask for a one time paper copy to be mailed. Please let Paul know if you have any comments or questions. His telephone number and email can be found in the left column of front page.

With this change, we expect to save the club between \$300 and \$400 a month, which will increase available funds for Republican Candidate funding. Thanks for your understanding and continue to enjoy your monthly newsletter.

December 18 Meeting and Program Information by VP Programs, Pat Haggerty



“Because we are the Moore County Republican Men’s Club, naturally, the speakers at our meetings are elected officials and other political types. However, each December the Pinecrest High School Choir presents a special Christmas choral performance.

The Pinecrest Choir is very well rehearsed and conducted by Erin Slenk. The program is a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit while listening to old favorite and new Christmas music. Generally, we have lunch and then listen to our speakers. However, for the December program, we have the Christmas Choral program first and then have lunch. The Pinecrest Choir members join us for



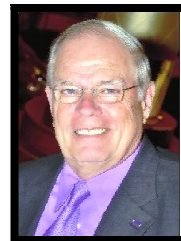
lunch and they are seated at tables around the room so our members get to know the high school singers.

This is a very popular program and seating is limited. Many members bring family members and other guests for this special Christmas program. Members can sign up for the December 18th program at <http://www.mcrmc.club/home.html> and click on the red “Luncheon Reservations” button in the upper right corner of the page.

The January meeting has a new date. It will be January 22nd and our speaker will be an annual favorite speaker, John Hood.”



Bob Zschoche, Secretary, Acting Treasurer and Calling Colonel



I will be brief with my comments this month. I am happy to report the number of luncheon reservations being made on the website, by email and by text continue to increase. I recommend you try once if you have not to see if you like one of these reservation

methods.

We have a little over \$15,000.00 in the bank and all bills have been paid. This balance will begin to grow as members pay their \$25.00 dues for 2018. You can be an early payer by bringing a personal check (made out to MCRMC with dues in the memo line) to the December 18 meeting or mail it to PO Box 1812, Southern Pines NC 28388.

Our records are up-to-date and stored in a safe (place). I am looking forward to working with next year’s Secretary on proper record keeping.

See you at the December meeting!

VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell

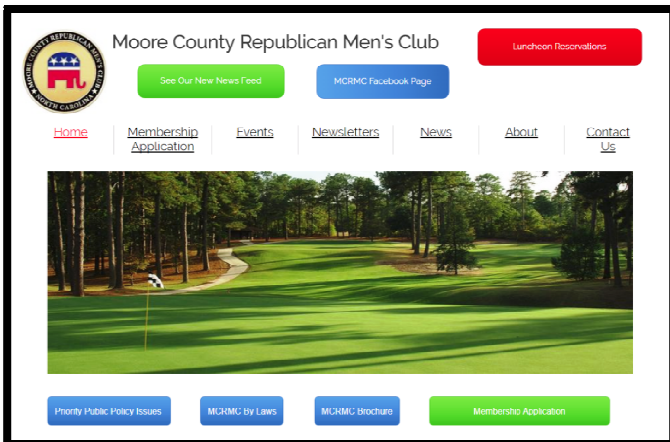
Going into the last month of the year our attention turns to celebrating Christmas and spending time with family and friends. It is also a good time to reflect upon the past year and to evaluate the status of our club. We have made some very positive steps in the right direction with increasing our membership. As we approach 2018, I want to challenge all members to recruit at least one



new member next year and to keep inviting guests to our luncheons. In addition, it is not too early to start getting those 2018 dues in as well.

I would like us to remember those dear friends we have lost this past year and keep their families in our prayers during the Christmas season. May you all be blessed during the special time of year and remember to put Christ back in Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas!

MCRM – Website/Facebook News:



Does the above picture look familiar? If so, thanks for being a member who visits our club website, <http://www.mcrmc.club>. If not, click on the link at left (active on email version of this newsletter – paper copy readers can type the link in address space of your web browser).

In addition to our website, members who are on Facebook should go to the club Facebook page, look it over and become a follower. You will find updates, posts, meeting information and more. Once you become a follower, updates will “pop-up” when you sign-in to your Facebook page.

Visit both our website and Facebook posts on a regular basis to stay completely up-to-date on all things Republican in Moore County, in North Carolina and nationally. Send a website and Facebook link to your like-minded conservative friends and relatives.

Finally, if you have any questions or comments about our website contact Webmaster, Tom Schroeder by telephone or email as noted in the left column of the front page. Facebook questions should go Steve Woodward at (910) 215-0793.

Moore Republican Women Meeting News & Message by President - Kay Wildt

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

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH -
Monday, December 4th, at 10:30
a.m. with registration at 10:00
a.m.



We collected Christmas toys for children through two programs:

1. MMIA's Operation Rescue Christmas collects toys, monetary donations, and gift cards for military families who can use a hand at Christmas. For military children, bring your toys upstairs to the luncheon.
2. For the Toys for Tots program, leave your toys under the Christmas tree in the lobby.

We are delighted to announce that Pat C. Smith, North Carolina Federation of Republican Women’s President, installed our new Board at our December 4th Brunch beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Pinehurst Country Club.

Pat previously served NCFRW as Assistant Secretary and Secretary, before being unanimously elected President.

She was installed by the National Federation of Republican Women’s newly elected President, Jody Rushton, on November 18th, at the NCFRW’s meeting in Cary.

The Brunch Menu for December was the sinfully delicious, extravagant brunch buffet that is the hallmark of the Pinehurst Country Club.

Our Christmas Brunch was held at the Pinehurst Country Club, 1 Carolina Vista Drive, at 10:30 a.m. with registration at 10:00 a.m. Cost is **\$18.50 inclusive**, checks payable to Pinehurst LLC. Reserve by Thursday, November 30th. Cancel by Saturday, December 2nd. If you do not cancel by this date, you must pay for the cost of the brunch.

Reservations were required; reserve directly on this interactive website. You will receive an immediate confirmation. If you prefer, email: to mooregopwomen@gmail.com. For telephone reservations, contact, Linda Robson, acting Luncheon Chair, at **910-235-0860**. Linda will confirm your reservations. Valet parking is available.

Moore Republican Men's Club members are always welcome as guests. Reservations are required as noted above. See www.mrwnc.org for more about MRW.

President's Message - A Fond Farewell by Kay Wildt

May Peace and Love reign in your hearts and homes as we approach the end of 2017, and may you and your loved ones have a blessed and Merry Christmas.



While "Thank you" never quite seems enough, mine comes from the heart. Thank you to all the members of MRW who have so generously supported the projects our board implemented during the last four years.

You made a real difference in the quality of life in our county. From literacy projects, helping babies and mothers, feeding the hungry, donating toys and Teddy bears, helping the animal shelter, remembering law enforcement each year, aiding our military through myriad projects, MRW members always gave of themselves. You are dear to me, and I cherish your friendship.

It has been an honor to serve with the talented, wonderful women who selflessly volunteered on our board over the last four years: Mariann Benway, Meg Lindenberger, Carole Alfieri, Dorinda McNamara, Lisa Sheridan, Linda Robson, Joan Ward, Deb Spelman, Ruth Iverson, Judie Luse, Bekah Bibb, Nancy Fiorillo, Diana Barton, Diane Ingold Lydia Boesch, Mary Ann Manning Cathy Jackson, Ellie Ray, Peggy Smetana, Pam Venet, Dawn Wehrum, Sandi Carl, Connie Lovell, Kim Tackett, Libby Carter, Miriam Chu, Andrea Moore, Donna Bartrip, Laura Morgan, Lane Bergstrom, Pud Kent, and Barbara Para. Thank you for your service, your loyalty, your leadership and your guidance.

A special thank you to a few outstanding board members – and you know who you are, who individually and collectively impacted my life in ways I cannot express; I will always be grateful.

Four years ago Mariann Benway and I found kindred spirits and teammates in one another as Army Moms; in fact, we call ourselves "Two Ranger Moms." We worked for the betterment of MRW, and that joint effort multiplied our outcomes exponentially. Mariann, thank you for all that, and more, for your friendship.



**THE MOORE COUNTY
REPUBLICAN PARTY
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES...**

*The 5th Annual Ronald Reagan
Dinner Tuesday, February 6th,
2018. Keynote Speaker: Peggy
Grande Author of The President
Will See You Now*



*Executive Assistant to President Ronald Reagan
1989 - 1999 Century City, California*

Fox News contributor Cleta Mitchell will also provide an up -to-the-minute update on "The Swamp" and all its creatures, particularly those that have been or are violating federal election and campaign finance law. Ms. Mitchell is a partner and political law attorney in the Washington, D.C. office of Foley & Lardner LLP, and a member of the firm's Political Law Practice. Don't miss this inspiring evening to remember our beloved Ronald Reagan and to support President Trump in his efforts to "Make America Great Again".



The dinner will be held at the Pinehurst Country Club. Plan to come, and bring your conservative friends! Please do attend the Reagan Dinner and get to know Peggy Grande and hear stories you've never heard before!

Let's get together on February 6th and celebrate the 107th birthday anniversary of President Ronald Reagan.

Previous Reagan Dinner speakers have included Steve Moore of the Heritage Foundation and

formerly with the Club for Growth and the Wall Street Journal. Mr. Moore served as one of the architects of the Trump tax reform plan. North Carolina's Lieutenant Governor, Dan Forest was also a past keynoter.

Mark the date on your calendar now and stay tuned for additional information, including how you can register to attend. This would be a good year for those of you who volunteered in the 2016 elections on any level to come and celebrate our victories, and for all of us to gather and marvel at what has been accomplished in 2017, as well as considering what lies ahead in the Trump/Pence Administration.

Hoping to see you at the Reagan Dinner 2017 in Moore County!

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Moore County GOP Has Added A BLOG!

Find it at:
www.resolvenc.blog/.

Give us feedback on it and stay tuned!



The Moore County Republican Party has created a new communications tool which 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.

www.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: www.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

(Editor's note: Community In Action is an initiative created by Tom Beddow so our members can learn ways, projects and opportunities for giving to the community in addition to political activity. Speakers at luncheons frequently educate us on opportunities to get involved and make our communities better.)

At our November luncheon, our Community In Action speaker was Rebecca Listrom, the Executive Director of Meals on Wheels. If you were unable to attend, we suggest you visit the following website to learn more about this program:

https://search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?hspart=iba&hsm=mp=yhs-1&type=vjnt_6053_CHW_US&p=www.mealsonwheelsofthesandhills.com%2F

We will not have a Community In Action speaker at our December meeting but expect to have one at our luncheon in January of next year. If you have any suggestions for Community In Action speakers, contact the VP of Programs, Pat Haggerty on his cell 301-466-7403 or email him at: pat@patrickhaggerty.com

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



IMPORTANT: If you have not already done so, please go back and read the article starting at the bottom of page 2 about the change of newsletter distribution beginning in January of 2018.

My rant this month is about the tax reform act that just passed in the US Senate. As I write this, the House and Senate Bills are going to a reconciliation committee and will require yet another vote. By the time you read this, it will likely have already been passed. In general terms, I support the changes as they have been reported by those who support tax law changes. The biggest plus being the claim that “middle class” tax payers will see their federal taxes reduced, putting more money in their pockets!

However, there are a couple of things (well probably more than a couple, but I will stick to a couple) that really bother me about this proposed tax change. One is that all on the left (and even a few on the right) are saying that the tax bills as passed will INCREASE taxes on the middle class! They use examples, have tax payers on the air giving examples and also say over and over that only the rich will see relief. I suggest and most people agree, it has to be one way or the other, but it CANNOT be both a tax decrease for middle class earners and at the same time an increase for those same middle class earners.

I am perplexed that there is not an easy to understand, computer generated website that would show comparisons at low to high middle class earnings for the current and new tax schedules; One that would allow a person or family to plug in their income and current deductions and compare what they would pay under current tax law vs. the proposed changes.

I am somewhat suspicious of the outcome because of the proponents have changed the talking points rhetoric from “lower taxes” to “lower tax rates” for middle tax earners. If the final tax bill changes create increases in federal taxes for more than a few outliers, I will be extremely disappointed. Further, if that happens, we Republicans can kiss goodbye to control of the US House and Senate. Trump will be a one term President and we will see a far left Democrat like Warren or Sanders in the Oval office come 2021!

On another point, I get so mad that I could chew iron and spit nails when I hear the messaging from GOP talking heads about corporate income tax reductions. The Dems use it to make the claim that the reduction is to make the rich (read large corps) richer at the expense of the “little guy or middle class.” While not true, it really resonates with their base and anyone else that thinks Corporations are rich greedy fat cats at the expense of the poor or middle class working stiff. However, the GOP speakers try to convince us that the Corps will use the reduction in taxes, additional profit, to grow their business and increase employment causing our economy to grow.

While that may happen to some degree, most people do not want a lesson in economics and do not understand or believe the message anyway. What we should be saying, in my view, is:

- Corporations do not pay taxes, people pay taxes
- Every tax on a corporation, including income tax, is calculated into the cost of doing business and therefore drives UP the price of the corporation’s product
- All taxes paid by corporations are recovered by that price to the end consumer
- Reductions in cost of a corporation doing business is eventually reflected in lower prices
- All consumers will benefit by lower prices

People need to understand that any way our Federal Government can find to reduce the cost of Corporations doing business will result in reduced prices to the consumers.

With that rant about Econ 101, I will close with a wish to see you at the December 18 meeting and don’t forget to bring a prospective member. If I don’t see you or speak to you at the meeting, allow me to wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

November Meeting Report:

Our meeting on November 20 was well attended by almost 100 members and about 20 guests. President Lexo called the meeting to order at noon. After introductions of guests. Lexo then quipped about introduction of “dignitaries” saying that in today’s world elected officials are not always dignitaries, so he would introduce attendees who are elected officials.

Lexo then called up Tom Beddow, who gave the Nominating Committee report. The following proposed officers for next year were offered:

President - Bob Zschoche
Membership Chair - Jerrell Seawell
Programs Chair - Pat Haggerty
Treasurer - Scott Sheffield
Secretary - Steve Woodward
At Large - Ken Lewis, Frank Rodriguez, Jim Legg, Bill Demastus
Past President - Jim Lexo
Moore County GOP Chair - Tom Beddow

He then asked if there were any further nominations from the floor and announced that, hearing none, nominations are closed. The election and installation will take place at our December meeting.

Lexo then introduced Rev. Mike Dubbs who offered an opening prayer and lunch blessing. See the separate article following about Rev. Dubbs.

Following the prayer, a traditional November meal of turkey and dressing was served and enjoyed by all. As attendees were finishing lunch, VP of Programs, Pat Haggerty took the podium to introduce our Community In Action speaker, Rebecca Listrom, the Executive Director of Meals On Wheels of the Sandhills. She told the attendees about the hard work of volunteers that served meals to hundreds of homebound folks in southern Moore County, Monday thru Friday. They also have a weekend food service much like the “Back Pack Pals” program for Moore county children. To learn more about Meals on Wheels and how you can help, visit them at: www.mealsonwheelsofthesandhills.com/General_Info_Brochure.pdf

Next, Haggerty introduced our main program, Speaker of the NC House, Tim Moore. David Sinclair, Managing Editor of The Pilot attended and wrote the following article about Moore which is reprinted herein with permission:

House Speaker Extols GOP Record in Raleigh

BY DAVID SINCLAIR | Managing Editor



Tim Moore

Nov 24, 2017 Updated Nov 24, 2017

As Republican legislative leaders gear up to retain control of the N.C. General Assembly in next year’s election, they likely will tout efforts to cut taxes, reduce regulations and curb spending over the last five years.

House Speaker Tim Moore gave a de facto preview of what the GOP’s strategy could be during an address to the Moore County Republican Men’s Club at its monthly luncheon last week at CCNC. He noted that the state has its lowest unemployment rate in 17 years — 4.1 percent — and that its business climate now ranks among the best in the nation.

“The biggest thing is we’ve changed the tax structure and the regulatory environment so that businesses want to locate here, and businesses that are already here want to grow and prosper,” he said. “In 2011, when Republicans took over majority, the unemployment rate was over 10 percent. We cut the personal income tax, business tax and fees. We’ve made all these changes to the tax code. We have the lowest taxes we’ve had in North Carolina in decades ... Is the state running out of money? No. We’re actually having a surplus. What we have proven is that by cutting taxes and cutting regulations — President Reagan showed us this in the ’80s — to actually increase economic prosperity, you actually increase the amount of revenue that you see produced.”

Moore’s office sent out a news release Friday saying the state added 91,964 new jobs during the last 12-month period from last October, according to figures from N.C. Department of Commerce.

He touted the most recent budget enacted by the Republican-controlled House and Senate this year as being fiscally responsible, and chastised Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper for vetoing it, which the General Assembly overrode.

Cooper and Democratic legislative leaders decried the budget, which they contend did not do enough to adequately fund state government — particularly public schools — and that teacher pay raises were nowhere near as generous as Republican lawmakers extolled.

Moore defended budgets passed by the GOP-controlled General Assembly and the decision to increase the state’s rainy day fund, which he said proved the right course in the wake of Hurricane Matthew in October 2016.

“We didn’t necessarily want to spend it all,” he said of the surpluses. “That is what took so long (this year). Do we want to put it in the rainy day fund or cut taxes? What we did in the end was a compromise — put some in the rainy day fund and cut taxes.

“We were criticized by Gov. Cooper for putting money in the rainy day fund. But after a major

hurricane hit and we needed the money, he suddenly quit talking about that. Had we budgeted like Democrats, we'd probably have to come into a special session and figure out what taxes we are going to have to raise to pay for hurricane relief. Even after paying for it, we still have \$1.8 billion in the rainy day fund. You don't want to spend every dime you have. We also got rid of some of the debt we have."

Moore said that when Republicans took control of the General Assembly in 2011, the state had a "structural deficit" to the federal government totaling \$4 billion, mainly for unemployment insurance and some stimulus money.

"Not only have we paid that off, we also have a surplus in those funds," he said.

He said that enabled the state to reduce the unemployment insurance taxes.

"Businesses are paying less in taxes," Moore said. "It has allowed a more vibrant and robust economy, lower unemployment and as a result, greater job prosperity."

Among the accolades Moore touted was that the state has the fourth highest wage growth in the nation since 2016, that several publications rank the state first in the nation for starting a business, for business prosperity and technology job growth. He added that the state has improved from 44th in 2011 to 11th tax climate.

He said the state is continuing to grow and that it will pick up one and or possibly two more seats in Congress after the next census in 2020 as result of population growth.

"So we must be doing something right," he said.

Moore said the state has also drastically changed the way highway construction funding is awarded to take politics out of the process.

"Road funding used to be based on who is in political power," he said. "While it would have been an easy temptation for those of us in leadership now to retain that, we didn't do that. That is not right. We need to make sure we have a road funding model in this state that actually follows what the needs are, where you have analytics — things like traffic counts, population growth, density and number of accidents — that get plugged into a formula used to decide which roads should be built. We've done that. As a result, you are seeing road construction all around the state."

Moore said one of the biggest complaints he hears now is about the amount of road construction and motorists having to negotiate around the orange barrels. He quipped that some people have said the state might need to replace the longleaf pine tree as its symbol with the orange construction barrels "because they are everywhere."

"Well, those are some tough growing pains," he said. "That is because our state is one of the fastest-growing states in the country. We are catching up on all those unmet transportation needs for years and years."

Prior to his visit to Moore County last week, Moore said he met with his predecessor as House speaker, Sen. Thom Tills, who expressed hope the Congress would be able to enact its own tax reform before the end of the year. Moore said the federal government would be smart to follow North Carolina's example.

He concluded, "The tax reforms we did at the state and local level since 2011 have fundamentally changed our economy."

Contact David Sinclair at (910) 693-2462 or dsinclair@thepilot.com.

After a Q & A session, the meeting was adjourned.

From and About Members:

Rev. Mike Dubbs Joins Club Appointed Chaplain

As of our meeting in November, Rev. Mike Dubbs has acted as our new Chaplain, replacing Rev. Bruce Carlson who moved to a retirement community in Florida. Thanks to EC member, Bob Coates, for bringing Rev. Dobbs to our club. Please be sure to welcome Rev. Dubbs and introduce yourself at the December meeting. Following is a biography of Rev. Dubbs that was taken from the website of Community Congregational Church where he serves as Pastor:

Rev. Dubbs grew up in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. He attended Bloomsburg University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Office Administration in 1986. He attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. and graduated with a Master of



Divinity in 2007. He worked as a township manager in Bloomsburg before serving as a youth pastor and later as a pastor at Millville United Methodist Church. He moved in July 2011 from Mount Union to Southern Pines to live in a house he inherited from the late Lt. Col. William Dubbs and the late Therese Dubbs. Rev. Dubbs was an active firefighter with the Mount Union Fire Department and a member of the Huntingdon County Habitat for Humanity. His special interest and hobbies include, outdoor activities, hiking, bike-riding, kayaking, golf, disc golf, photography and do-it-yourself projects such as carpentry.

Rev. Dubbs has two daughters, both of whom live in Pennsylvania. Michelle, 24 graduated from Wilkes University and teaches Mathematics at the Muncy Area High School, and Megan, 21 is a junior at Messiah College, majoring in Consumer Education. His parents, Joanne and Dick Pileski also live in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and are planning a visit to Southern Pines and The Community Congregational Church.

An alter-ego, Dubbsy the Clown serves as a volunteer at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital as one of the Hospital Clowns. The clowns visit patients, families and staff at the hospital on Wednesday afternoons. Rev. Dubbs is also a member of the Southern Pines Rotary.

Rev. Mike has been on several mission trips around the country and around the world, and experiences from those trips often serve as examples used in his sermons. "I have been blessed to be able to travel as a part of mission teams, and really see God's work in action. It has been wonderful!" The office at the church contains many photos and other memorabilia from some of these trips, and Rev. Mike invites anyone to stop by. Almost everything in the office has a story behind it, including some things already in the collection from right here at The Community Congregational Church.

Harold Mendelson – Facebook Post on 11-16-17

This morning in one of the news feeds I get there was a post made by Choo Mi-ae who is the chairwoman of South Korea's ruling party in response to President Trump's comments about all possible options are on the table regarding North Korea's nuclear program. She



stated that President Trump should never use any military response without getting South Korean approval first.

As a first strike option, I would agree, as any North Korean response would include an intense artillery barrage on the South Korean capital. Should North Korea be foolish enough to start a first strike nuclear attack against the U.S. or any of its allies, all bets are off the table. The U.S. doesn't need any country's permission to defend itself.

It also appears that China's leader Xi is pushing for an in place freeze of North Korea's nuclear program in exchange for the stopping of any further joint U.S. and South Korean training exercises. While this is a start, the world cannot accept North Korea having any nuclear weapons or the technology to build nuclear weapons in its possession.

Not only does it give power to a very dangerous leader, it also gives North Korea the ability to export that capability to any government or political organization that can pay the price. This is not acceptable. Both Russia and China are still doing business with North Korea which is keeping the Kim regime in power.

Thomas Schroeder
Selected Article from the Tom's News

Tom's News

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Below are the end of November 2017 Moore County Board of Election registration stats.

The number of registered Republican voters in Moore County is growing more than any other party in Moore County, however the number of registered "Unaffiliated," in this case, is growing over twice as fast as the Republicans.

The "Unaffiliated" are clearly the second largest group of registered voters and if the trend continues will overtake the number of Republicans in the not too distant future.

AS OF:	Total Voters:	Democrat:	Republican:	Unaffiliated:	Libertarian:
Dec 1, 2017	65,958	16,446	26,898	22,283	331
Nov 1, 2017	65,737	16,438	26,836	22,137	326
Changes	+221	+8	+62	+146	+5

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Here is the weblink from the Moore County Board of Elections where this information came from: <https://goo.gl/TMcS4y>

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- If you need assistance contacting your US Congressman or US Senator here is a website that can assist: <https://goo.gl/s6uALX>
- If you simply need the contact information for Federal, State, and Local Officials for Moore County, NC here is a weblink that can help: <https://goo.gl/FgnNtW>

EC Member and "Picker" Bob Coates
To The Pilot

Thanks to Candidates

Nov 17, 2017

Thanks to the candidates for doing such a great job in taking down their campaign signs so promptly. We all need to expend some effort to keep the area litter-free, and they did their part.

Bob Coates, Keep Moore County Beautiful, Pinehurst

Email from Jim Lexo, et al:
Why did Hillary lose?:

Subject: Why??????

I still haven't figured out why she lost. Was it the Russians? Or was it WikiLeaks? Or was it

Podesta? Or Comey? Or was it a sexual predator husband? Or was it a staff's husband Weiner immoral pictures? Was it subpoena violation? Or was it the corrupt foundation? Or was it the congressional lies? Or was it the Benghazi bungle? Or was it pay for play? Or was it travel gate scandal? Or was it whitewater scandal? Or the Cattle Gate scandal? Or the Trooper Gate scandal?

I still believe that much of the 2018 elections will be determined by the outcome of the 2018 primary elections. In Moore County many of the "Unaffiliated" have supported the Republican candidate in the general elections. Based on anecdotal information it appears to me that many of the "Unaffiliated" voters do not understand that they can vote in the Primary elections.

It is clear that the number of registered "Unaffiliated" voters is large enough to swing just about any election they lean towards in both the primary and general elections. Things are changing in Moore County (and NC). Does that mean we need to consider changing how we do what it is we do to ensure the election of the Republican candidates?

I don't have any answers, however, I do have one critical question:

Is there something that we as a party need to do differently, or more likely in addition to what we are currently doing, to ensure that as many as possible of "Unaffiliated" voter for the Republican candidate?

Just some thoughts.

Or was it the \$15 million for Chelsea's apt. bought with foundation money? Or Comey's investigation? Or her husband's interference with Loretta Lynch and the investigation? Or was it stealing debate questions? Was it forensically deleting 30,000 emails? Was it the Seth Rich murder? Was it calling half the USA deplorable? Was it the underhanded treatment of Bernie Sanders? Was it the Vince Foster murder? The Jennifer Flowers assault? The Jennifer Flowers settlement? The Paula Jones law suit? The \$800,000 Paula Jones settlement? The lie about taking on sniper fire? The impeachment? The 6 billion \$ she "lost" when in charge of the state department? The \$10 million she took for the pardon of Marc Rich?

Gee, I just can't quite put my finger on it, can you? But it seems to be right in front of me!

From John Boesch:

Hudson Shares Thanksgiving Meal with Fort Bragg Troops in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Representative Richard Hudson (NC-08), Fort Bragg's Congressman, released the following statement after visiting with troops in Afghanistan over Thanksgiving to serve and share a Thanksgiving Day meal:



"I was honored to spend my Thanksgiving serving turkey and all the fixings to some of America's incredible troops in several locations around Afghanistan. I especially enjoyed my time visiting with Fort Bragg's 82nd Airborne Division and constituents who are protecting our freedom overseas."

Hudson continued, "Words simply don't do it justice. These men and women are away from their families and they represent the best of us. We are so thankful for their service and sacrifice and that of their families back home."

To see pictures of Rep. Hudson's Thanksgiving Day in Afghanistan visiting with troops, [click here](#).

Rep. Hudson enlisted the help of students from R. Brown McAllister Elementary School in Cabarrus

County and The O'Neal School in Moore County to create [handmade Thanksgiving cards](#) to share our deepest gratitude and well wishes for those serving overseas.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, Rep. Hudson was one of eight members of a bipartisan delegation from Congress to visit the Middle East the week of Thanksgiving to visit U.S. Forces and meet with national defense leaders in order to better understand the current posture and readiness and discuss security issues in the EUCOM and CENTCOM areas of responsibility. Rep. Hudson also visited with troops and saw military installations in Poland, Qatar and Uzbekistan.

New 2018 EC Member – Jim Legg



I am honored the nominating committee considered me for At Large Member on the Executive Committee. I have been a proud Republican all of my adult life. I moved from upstate NY (don't hold that against me) to Wilmington, NC in 1997. I was an active member of the New Hanover County Republican Party attending county, district and state conventions. In 2014 I moved to Aberdeen and reside in the Forest Hills division with my partner in life Jamie Smith and our dog Ricky. I am an active member of the Moore County Republican Party. In 2015 John Rowerdink, then County Chairman of the party, showed his confidence in my abilities by nominating me as West Aberdeen Precinct Chairman. I continue to serve in that role and enjoy meeting and talking to voters promoting the Republican Party. I am a member of Moore Tea Citizens.

I retired in 2016 and joined MCRMC. The fact that MCRMC is the largest and most respected Republican Men's Club in NC did not happen by chance. Hard work and dedication of past and current executive committee members made that happen. I look forward to working with fellow executive members doing my part to promote the club and the party. In the words of Chairman Tom Beddow, the Republican party stands for security, opportunity, liberty and victory that endures. We need to communicate that to voters. The 2018 mid-term elections will soon be upon us.

Felice Schillaci Letter to The Pilot:

Mr. Ostlund's last paragraph of his comment of Nov 12, really belongs in the records of the "not well" (continued on December Newsletter Insert Front)

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informed.” If he checks the many comments available



online on the background of President Obama before his first election, he will find that the President had no experience, or record of accomplishments in government or private sectors. None. At the end of his second election his record showed poor

results, contrary to his vague promise of “hope and change”. Refer to the high unemployment, the ballooning deficit, the Obamacare disaster, the deterioration of the middle-class, and the more that 1000 seats lost in the various elections, as repudiation of his policies.

Please Mr. Ostlund, temper your comments which seem to be guided by hate and other negative emotions, and start accepting that as a candidate, Mr. Trump had serious accomplishments as a job creator and negotiator. As President, he continues with results that are already making ours a better Country. Consider our economic growth, job creation, consumer confidence, the highest in many, many years, and how hard he is trying to keep his promises. Please don't fall into the media trap which is instilling fear of war with North Korea in many. Showing America strength produced the fall of the Berlin wall. It has already produced the decimation of ISIS, and will calm down the feisty North Korean Head.

Strength is certainly better than declaring a line in the sand, and never meaning it.

Lorraine Tweed to The Pilot

Best Editorial Ever - Nov 18, 2017

Congratulations to The Pilot on its Nov. 12 editorial, “A Positive Message Wins More Votes.” In the 20 years that I have lived here, it is the best editorial I have read.

Now, hopefully, the new Pinehurst Village Council will take it to heart and work together positively to keep Pinehurst the village that most of us have come to love.

And to your letter writer who wanted me “drained with the swamp” — too bad. I am still here promoting civility and congeniality and congratulating the winners.

Just One More Thing:

(Editor's note: Email from friends and several MCRMC members:)

This is the most salient compilation of hypocrisy I have ever read. Thoughts for the day:

- **Just one more thing on ObamaCare Repeal.** Since only 8 million people have ObamaCare, how will 24 million people die if it is repealed? Will 16 million people be randomly shot?
- **Just one more thing on Donald Trump.** If Donald Trump deleted all of his emails, wiped his server with Bleachbit and destroyed all of his phones with a hammer, would the Mainstream Media suddenly lose all interest in the story and declare him innocent?
- **Just one more thing on equal pay.** If women do the same job for less money, why do companies hire men to do the same job for more money?
- **Just one more thing on Sanctuary Cities.** If you rob a bank in a Sanctuary City, is it illegal or is it just an Undocumented Withdrawal?
- **Just one more thing on ISIS.** Each ISIS attack now is a reaction to Trump policies, but all ISIS attacks during Obama's term were due to Climate Change and a plea for jobs.
- **Just one more thing on the London 'Lone Wolf' terror attack.** After the London 'Lone Wolf' terrorist attack government officials have arrested at least eight other 'Lone Wolves' who had conspired with the original 'Lone Wolf' in planning the 'Lone Wolf' attack. Even though all involved are Muslims, you can be assured, the 'Lone Wolf' attack has nothing at all to do with Islam, just like the other 1000 plus 'Lone Wolf' attacks by Muslims, are completely unassociated with Islam.
- **Just one more thing on Entitlements.** We should stop calling them all 'Entitlements'. Welfare, Food Stamps, WIC, ad nauseum are not entitlements. They are taxpayer-funded handouts, and shouldn't be called entitlements at all. Social Security and Veterans Benefits are Entitlements because the people receiving them are entitled to them. They were earned and paid for by the recipients.
- **Just one more thing on the Muslim Refugees.** If Muslims want to run away from a Muslim country, does that mean they're Islamophobic?
- **Just one more thing on The Women's March.** If

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Liberals don't believe in biological gender then why did they march for women's rights?

- Just one more thing on the Russians hacking the election. How did the Russians get Debbie Wasserman Schultz and the DNC to steal the Primary from Bernie Sanders? How did Russia get Donna Brazile to leak debate questions to Hillary Clinton in advance of the debates?
- Just one more thing on Democrats and the Electoral College. Why is it that Democrats think Super delegates are fine, but they have a problem with the Electoral College?
- Just one more thing on the FBI and elections. If you don't want the FBI involved in elections, don't nominate someone who's being investigated by the FBI.
- Just one more thing on Hillary's speeches. If Hillary's speeches cost \$250,000 an hour, how come no one shows up to her free ones?
- Just one more thing on Russia manipulating our election. The DNC is mad at Russia because they 'think' they are trying to manipulate our election by exposing that the DNC is manipulating our election?
- Just one more thing on Trump's 'Locker Room Banter'. Why is it that Liberals and the Media are upset about the words Trump used 11 years ago, but they are alright with Adult men using the Ladies Room with your Wives and Daughters?

Norm Zanetti to The Pilot

Dishonesty Prevails On Federal Spending

Like everyone else, I'm anxious to see if tax reform happens soon. Two reform packages were announced by the Senate and House recently. Rancorous debate over who gets what is inevitable.

With a national debt of \$20 trillion and with tax reform projected to add another \$1.5 to \$1.7 trillion over 10 years, I am not at all surprised that no one in Washington is pushing to curb federal spending.

There is a dishonesty over the consequences of carrying that debt load forward. No one is calculating the future human and civic cost of this expanding debt. The pool of those depending on federal funding is constantly on the increase.

Our reservoir of goodwill has to be contained soon. Maybe we are already in a death spiral that is being concealed. Federal dollars can't be expected to solve everyone's problems, from health care to subsidies, from disasters to foreign aid, from infrastructure to providing services for illegals, to bailing out bankruptcies.

Candidate Trump campaigned on reclaiming government from an unresponsive bureaucracy. Governing is much harder than campaigning.

This suffocation bureaucracy is coupled with a campaign of delegitimization by the media to sidetrack any progress and create constant civil discourse. When you connect the dots, this is a calculated attempt by progressive ideologies to have the public lose faith in the sentiments expressed in their votes to translate campaign promises into legislation.

The ugliness of this knows no limit.

America is too important to continue to tolerate the personal interests of lifelong incumbents who want to stay in power.

Progress can be made by finding a balance between truths and ideas. We need an operatic outrage for instituting term limits. America doesn't owe our elected representatives

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