



# MOORE COUNTY, NC REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017



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**Reminder: Our March luncheon meeting is at CCNC on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, March 20. Registration begins at 11:30am. Reservations required.**

## President's Message by Jim Lexo

It has been less than two months since Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States and one thing is clear. President Trump plans to make good on the campaign promises he made. Isn't that refreshing?? Normally, elected officials forget the commitments they made during the campaign or they try to explain away why what they propose cannot be enacted.

There are forces that will try to prevent President Trump from being successful, but let's hope the Congressional Republicans are not among them. We hear of disagreements among the Republican leaders on how to deal with Obamacare for example. Also, since we have a majority of the votes in the Senate, why cannot we get Trump's cabinet picks approved? I understand the filibuster rules, but come on....we can overcome that with Harry Reid's nuclear option.

The unrest/ rioting, etc. in the streets and in the town hall meetings is almost to be expected. I do not think it is changing the minds of the voters who elected Trump to be President. I also think it will lose steam if the President, with help from Congress, makes good progress on his agenda. I have to believe that the American public will be happy when they feel safer, more prosperous and more proud of their country. Nothing like success to get the troops behind you.

This month we will move our focus from the Federal level to the State level since our speaker will be John Hood of the John Locke Foundation. John is truly one of the leading thought leaders in North Carolina. Through the John Locke Foundation and the Pope Foundations John Hood and his team have developed policy papers that have been used to write laws in our state legislature. He writes a daily column; has written five books and numerous position papers for lawmakers. John will give us the lay down on what is happening and what will happen in Raleigh.

In April, Senator Thom Tillis is scheduled to be our speaker.

Turning to Club news, now that the elections are over we have some time to do some infrastructure work of our own. A new website is on the way. A Facebook page is also on the way. Our Membership Committee has been hard at work to expand our membership rolls. Our Publicity committee has been doing a great job getting out the word as well.

**Our major annual fund raiser, the June Golf Outing, will be held at CCNC this**  
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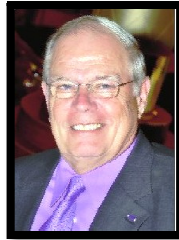
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Committees are the lifeblood of the day-to-day operations of our club. As you look at the Committees, it becomes apparent that without them, we would not have luncheon meetings, outstanding program speakers, financial success and fundraising such as the golf tournament. Become more engaged by calling an EC member about joining a committee.



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Do you get a monthly Calling Captain call? If not, you should call Bob Zschoche at 949-4250 if you want to get back on the list. We want all members to get calls that want calls!

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



**Luncheon Meetings:**

**Our luncheon meetings for 2017 will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, for March it is on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at CCNC with registration starting at 11:30am.**

We will be called to order about noon and lunch will be served after a few opening announcements. We have John Hood as our program speaker. See the program article later in this newsletter for more information.

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

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

Make your March luncheon reservation on or before Thursday, March 16 at:

<http://www.mcrm.org/luncheon-reservation.html>

**Future Meetings**

We look forward to many outstanding luncheon meetings in 2017. We are scheduling dynamic speakers such as Thom Tillis for our April meeting, which will be held at Pinehurst CC instead of CCNC. Detailed information to follow.

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

(President's message continued from front page)

year on June 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be playing the highly ranked Dogwood course. The Club has spent millions to revamp their courses and facilities. It will be an outstanding event and the proceeds go to help our local Republican candidates.

So we have a lot to look forward to. See you at the next luncheon and remember....bring a friend.

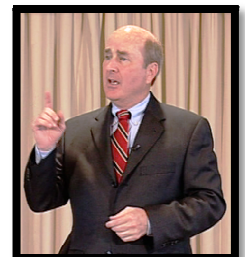
March Meeting Program News

(VP Programs, Pat Haggerty)

The speaker for the March meeting will be John Hood, President of the Pope



Foundation in Raleigh. John has spoken to the MCRMC before and his content is always very well received. John will talk about how the 2016 election transformed government in North



Carolina. The Senate and House both have heavy Republican majorities and newly elected governor is Democrats Roy Cooper. The voters also voted in a Democrat majority in the state Supreme Court. John will offer his views on how this divided government (or shared government) will affect public policy.

John will also talk about how the new Republican control of the Presidency, the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate will affect national public policy in the areas of taxes, health care and transportation. John will take questions after his comments.

This will be an insightful and fact filled program, mark your calendars to attend on Monday March 20th at the County Club of North Carolina (CCNC.)

The program starts with a meet/greet at 11:30, the lunch and program start at Noon and everyone is out the door no later than 1:30. The fee is only \$20 which includes a full lunch and the program. If you've not been to CCNC, just put 1600 Morganton Road in your GPS.



The April speaker will be U.S. Senator Thom Tillis.

The May speaker

will be Washington, DC veteran John Tuck. John will tell us about his 45 years in DC where he ran the House Floor, the Senate floor, was chief of staff to Sen. Howard Baker when Baker was the Chief of Staff to Ronald Reagan and was Chief of Staff at the American Embassy in Japan when Baker was the Ambassador



The June Speaker is still tentative, but it looks like it will be U.S. Congressman Richard Hudson who represents us in House in Washington DC.

Reservations are required. They can be made on the club website <http://www.mcrm.org/luncheon-reservation.html>, by email to [bobzchoche@msn.com](mailto:bobzchoche@msn.com), by text to (910) 638-8195 or call Bob Zschoche at (910) 949-4250. Reservations must be made on or before March 16.

#### VP Membership – Jerrell Seawell

We are off to a great start in the first two months of 2017 for our club. February brought us another wonderful luncheon with an outstanding attendance

by members and guests. We have had an excellent response from our membership in stepping up to the plate and working together as a team in our goal to grow our membership numbers. We have had a tremendous response with our members bringing guests to the luncheons and encouraging them to join our awesome club. Thanks to all of you who have been involved for reaching out and joining in the recruitment of new members.



We have had several guests in the last two months who attended luncheons without being sponsored by a member. They simply had read and/or heard about the luncheons and the featured speakers. This tells us that our publicity campaign is working to get the word out about who our club is and what we are about. This shows that there are many people who have not heard about our club, and how beneficial it can be as a member to verbally communicate this with prospective members.

It is that Team effort that has brought us the success we have seen so far this year and we must continue these efforts as we move forward. With all of us working together, by identifying our objectives, and setting goals, we can and will continue to increase our membership. I would like to encourage you to contact me by phone or email with any ideas or suggestions you have in regards to membership.

A reminder to pay your 2017 MCRM dues if you have not done so. It is very important to maintain your current membership as we continue working together to improve our club and stay strong as a Republican. I look forward to seeing everyone at the March luncheon and remember to bring a guest...or two! May God bless you all!

#### Bob Tweed - Incoming Treasurer

The good news is, we continue to have almost 300 members as of this newsletter. The bad news is, of those, we still have about 70 members who have NOT yet paid dues for 2017. They are now past due and if not paid by April 1, our bylaws require that we purge non-paid members from our membership rolls.



We will be taking two steps to help us mop up our dues payment procedure for 2017. We will send an email (postcard if you do not have email) to all who HAVE paid, so you will know you are paid and



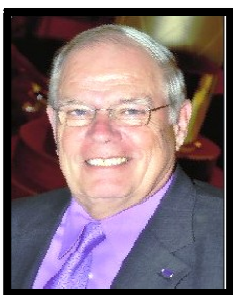
current on your dues. We will also send an email (postcard if you do not have email) to all who HAVE NOT paid. If you have not paid, see the following highlighted information following about how to pay your 2017 dues and avoid being purged from our membership base:

**Plan to pay or mail in your dues at the earliest opportunity. You can pay your dues of \$25.00 by doing one of the following:**

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

Paying your dues now continues your membership, assures you will get meeting notices and keeps you on our monthly newsletter, email and mailing list. Those who are not paid by the end of March will be dropped from our membership rolls. You will no longer be a member of our club and club mailings and notices will cease. So, please take action today and pay your dues as noted previously. If you have a question about your dues payment, please call or email me. My contact information is: Bob Tweed, [rretweed@aol.com](mailto:rretweed@aol.com) or (910) 295-3199

**Secretary & Calling Colonel – Bob Zschoche**



2017 is moving through the first quarter, it seems, in record time. We've had outstanding attendance at our first two monthly luncheon meetings and expect that to continue and hopefully grow each month.

Part of that is due to the work of our calling captains who are making calls (some use email) a little earlier than we had been doing last year. We also give them advance notice of who will be our program speaker so they can inform their member list. We continue to offer thanks to our calling captains for the work they do each month.

Their efforts, however, are just one side of a two sided call. Their efforts are accomplished only if the members on their calling list RESPOND. When you get a call or an email, we ask that you always respond. If you get a message on you answering system, immediately call back and advise the calling

captain if you plan to attend or not. If you get an email, respond promptly and include whether you will attend or not. In other words, be responsive one way or the other. In a perfect world, each calling captain would be able to report that they talked to or heard back from all on their member list and advise who will be attending.

Finally, I keep hearing that some members are not getting a monthly calling captain call (or email). There could be a number of reasons, such as removal from the calling list because a reservation was made electronically. Whatever the reason, if you are not being called and want calls going forward, we must hear from you so we can be sure you are on a calling list. So, once again I am asking, if you are not getting monthly calls and want to get back on a calling list, contact me an let me know. My full contact information is on the front page in the left column, so call or email me.

On another subject, as Secretary I responsible for keeping the club master member database current and accurate. That base includes your contact information, phone, email and mailing. If you have changed your email, phone or moved in the last one year, please email me your updated contact information. Include: 1) New mailing address 2) New email address 3) New telephone number for home, work and/or cell.

Hope to see you at the March meeting and bring a guest/prospective member.

**The MCRMC Veterans/Military Affairs Committee**

The MCRMC Veterans Committee has studied several possibilities for action and settled on three initiatives to start with. They are prioritized below:



**Priority 1. Moore County List of Agencies Helping Those in Need & NC4Vets:**

In our meetings with persons who work with Veterans in MC, we learned that there are two publications that can be extremely useful to MC Veterans. We also learned there is limited awareness of these publications among Veterans, and also limited distribution. The Committee is currently working to address both of these shortcomings.

The first tool, the "Moore County List of Agencies Helping Those in Need (The List)" includes 60 +/-



agencies to provide food, assistance with utility bills, shelter (for homeless and abused,) health care, job seeking, etc.

The plan is to find an entity to assume responsibility for regular updates to the "The List." We will seek a more condensed format, and a source for periodic printing of copies to be distributed by the Veterans Office, in Carthage, and MC Veteran Organizations.

The Committee will also seek support from local media to broaden awareness of "The List." among Veterans. The possibility of having the list included in local telephone books is being investigated.

NC4VETS is a 132 page publication, in magazine format, of The NC Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. It is filled with information useful to the total spectrum of Veterans. Their credo is "If there is a Service out there for Veterans, we want to connect them to it."

The extensive contents covers Employment, VA Benefits, Healthcare, Education, Homeless (to housing), Personal Services, Women's Services and Active Military.

NC4VETS will be promoted in a similar fashion to "The List," and distributed in the Veterans Office in Carthage, as well as other locations easily accessible to Moore County Veterans.

**Priority 2. Increased Demand For Veteran Services in Moore County:**

The Committee has learned the Moore County Veterans Office has, since 2008, experienced substantial increases in claims filed, while its budget has shrunk over the same period; and staff has remained virtually static.

The Committee will continue data gathering and present its findings and recommendations to the Executive Committee.

**Priority 3. Moore County Veterans Court:**

Several NC counties have organized successful Veterans Courts. The Committee shall continue to gather information on the purpose and results of the more highly-regarded NC Veterans Courts.

We will study their structure, and explore the possibilities of replicating a Veterans Court in Moore County, based on "best practices" of currently operating Veterans Courts in North Carolina.

President Jim Lexo called the meeting to order at noon and asked Chaplain Bruce Carlson to open with a prayer. Chaplain Carlson offered the following:

*"Gracious God, we are grateful to you for this day, for our spouses and families, for our talents and abilities, for our resources and opportunities, for our freedom. All too often we take these things for granted, and do not appreciate the depth and breadth of these blessings. Help us to sharpen and broaden our moment to moment awareness of how gifted we are with human relationships, material resources, and with the wisdom of education and accumulated experiences. God, our new President is in place and working earnestly to put his promises and assurances in place. There are forces, both within the government and in the culture at large, which are at work to frustrate and undo what he is doing. A portion of these forces are intent on destroying the fabric of America as we know it and turning our society godless and building a new structure which will sap our freedoms. Another portion of these forces is the opposition political party, not intent on being a "loyal opposition", but instead determined to keep anything positive coming from the new administration.*

*First, we ask that you will walk with President Trump and his leadership. Keeping them focused on what they have promised to do. Strengthen their integrity, harden their will, build them into a team which is committed and loyal to one another and committed to the task before them. Give them the strength of character to withstand the dishonesty, the vilification, and the physical abuse that is being hurled at them.*

*Be with the men and women who voted for our President and have high hopes for what he will do for our nation. Keep them from losing faith and keep them supporting and cheering for their President. May we see your presence working among those who oppose what is taking place, lowering their level of animosity, and defusing their physical threats.*

*We thank you for the food we are about to enjoy and for the people who have prepared it and will serve it. As we share our conversations around our tables, may we be enriched by our fellowship one with another and by the information shared with us by our speakers. Bless us all, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*



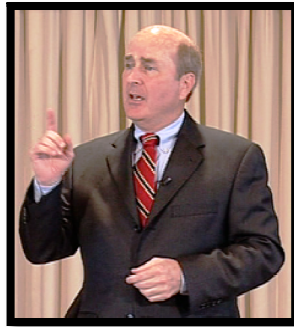
Joining us at our February meeting was Bruce McKay of Dominion energy, a gas and power producing and transport company. He was there for a matter that is in the spirit of our Community in Action series of speakers.

He made a few short remarks and answered attendee's questions. McKay updated the membership on the status of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP), a proposed \$5 billion pipeline that would deliver natural gas from West Virginia to Eastern North Carolina. He said, "North Carolina relies largely on a single major interstate pipeline, TRANSCO, for most of its natural gas. ACP will deliver an abundant new supply of affordable natural gas to a region that is currently constrained."

The project is now in the permitting process. With pipeline protests increasingly in the news nationwide it is important that community leaders are aware of the importance of getting such projects approved and constructed for the betterment of our communities' economic futures. He asked that we provide support by contacting Federal regulators to encourage them to issue permits on a timely basis. To file a supportive comment that will go to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as well as to your elected officials you can simply go to [www.energysure.com](http://www.energysure.com) and click on the "take action" button in the upper right hand corner. You can select from a variety of pre-written messages. It is very easy to do.

See the following website for more information:  
[www.oilandgas360.com/atlantic-coast-pipeline-files-to-build-5-billion-pipeline/](http://www.oilandgas360.com/atlantic-coast-pipeline-files-to-build-5-billion-pipeline/)

Our featured after lunch speaker was our own member and VP Programs, Patrick (Pat) Haggerty. Haggerty warmed up the attendees by opening his talk with several humorous political jokes. He then held up a bottle and showed how to make a Molotov cocktail, comparing Donald Trump to a Molotov Cocktail the American public threw at Washington, DC.



He recalled that Bush was elected in 2000 with a Republican Congress, but not much changed. Then Obama was elected in 2008 on an agenda of stopping two wars and fixing the economy, but Obama proceeded on his private agenda of renewable energy and ObamaCare. In his talk, he later said that Congress will not repeal ObamaCare until a replacement is ready. That replacement will most probably include children being able to stay on their parents insurance until age 26 and pre-existing conditions will be allowed. I also suggested that interstate sales of heart insurance will be allowed.

Along comes Hillary after 8 years of Obama as a deeply flawed candidate who does not "connect" well with the average voter.

Haggerty reviewed what Trump has accomplished in his first 30 day, including visiting 4 foreign heads of state, 25.1 million Twitter followers (Haggerty explained that Trump tweets for the same reason FDR has the fireside chats and Reagan had his addresses to the nation from the oval office. It eliminates reporters, editors, producers, etc. It connects the Prez directly to the people, no middle man), 24 executive orders, a supreme court nominee, cancelling TPP and wanting to re-negotiate NAFTA. Haggerty also added that Trump should not pick fights he cannot win such as calling a sitting judge, a "so called judge" as well as picking a fight with Civil Rights Icon, Congressman John Lewis.

To get things done in DC, "Trump, Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell have sat down all area agreed, DC is a like a three legged stool, the House the Senate and the Prez must work together or NOTHING will happen", explained Haggerty.

Next, Haggerty looked ahead to the 2018 elections where all 435 Members of the House are up for election and 33 Senators are up for re-election. Ten of those 33 are Democrats that are from states the Trump won.

Haggerty warned that Trump needs a filter or editor for his un-scripted public statements and tweets. "He is going to say something wrong or stupid and there will be consequences," he said.

He commented that the Mexican border wall was not possible, as much of the land in Texas is privately held, there are mountains in AZ that simply can't accommodate a wall. etc. However, border security will be increased with drones, cameras, etc.

Haggerty predicted that Supreme Court Nominee Neal Gorsuch will probably be confirmed with 60 or so votes. However, the Dems in the Senate will be VERY careful about the process because they know the next vacant seat will be a conservative replacing a Liberal. In four years Trump might have 3 seats to fill and shape the court for the next 25 years. Many voters cited this as one of the reasons they voted for Trump.

In closing, after taking questions, Haggerty said, "I said earlier that Donald Trump is Molotov Cocktail thrown at downtown Washington, DC. Think of it

another way, on November 8, 2016, America got its Bastille Day, and nobody got hurt.”

### Moore County GOP Reagan Dinner

(Editor’s note: The following article is reprinted from The Pilot Newspaper with permission. The photographs are from the Moore County GOP website and were contributed by Harold Mendelson and Dee Park unless otherwise noted. For additional photos and information about the Reagan Dinner, go to the MC GOP website and scroll down on the “Welcome” page: <http://www.mcncgop.com>)

### Adviser Hails Trump as Party’s New Reagan

David Sinclair/Managing Editor - Feb 7, 2017

(Photo By Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call) (CQ Roll Call via AP Images)

Stephen Moore of The Heritage Foundation is interviewed by CQ in his Washington office, August 31, 2016.



Stephen Moore told Congressional Republican leaders shortly after last November’s election that they no longer belong to the conservative party of Ronald Reagan — they now are now part of Donald Trump’s “populist working class party.”



(Attendees are entertained in the entrance lobby of the Pinehurst CC during registration)

An economic adviser to Trump during his presidential campaign, Moore was the keynote speaker for the Moore County Republican Party’s fourth annual Ronald Reagan Day Dinner

(Attendees move from the registration to a reception area for refreshments and



social time before dinner)

Monday — the late president’s birthday – at the Pinehurst Country Club. Moore’s appearance attracted a full house.

Despite his post-election assessment, Moore told his Moore County audience that Trump and Reagan have much in common.

“Donald Trump is a visionary,” he said. “That is what you need in a president. Ronald Reagan was a visionary.”

Moore, who said he has been involved in politics for more than 35 years, said he has not seen any other politicians “who understood the mood of the voters and could read it” like Reagan and Trump.

“Trump got it,” Moore said. “He saw something out there that no one else saw.”



(Attendees finish dinner as speaker Moore is introduced)

Moore is the Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Project for Economic Growth at the Heritage Foundation. He is founder of the Club for Growth and served as president of that group from 1999-2004. He is a former member of The Wall Street Journal editorial board.

He said during his address that he believes Trump “is going to deliver” on his campaign promises to turn the country around following eight years under President Obama in which the country is “more polarized than it has ever been” and race relations are at “an all-time low.”

“The tragedy of this presidency is that everything went in the wrong direction,” he said. “Donald Trump is a reaction to eight years of Barack Obama. Who created Donald Trump? Barrack Obama.”

Moore acknowledged that Obama began his presidency eight years ago with a much higher approval rating, 74 percent compared with 46 percent for Trump. He said even some of Obama’s detractors wanted to see him succeed after the election was over.

He said that for Trump to be able to govern affectively, he needs to have “half the country behind



him,” which would give him more credibility in dealing with the Republican-controlled Congress.

“I want to see Donald Trump pull this country together,” he said. “I am sick of this polarization. ... If he succeeds, Donald Trump will be one of the most popular presidents in history.”

Moore, who has spent much of his career advocating for tax and spending cuts and free trade, said Trump has to start with cutting taxes and that it should be immediate — not next year. He said that if were writing Trump’s first State of the Union address, he would “demand Congress send me a business tax cut bill in the first 100 days.”

He agreed that repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, should also be done. That is among the priorities for Republican congressional leaders, though Trump and some Republican leaders are saying it still could be a year before Obamacare is replaced.

“We can do both at the same time,” he said. We can walk and chew gum.”

He also added that confirming federal judge Neil Gorsuch’s nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court is also crucial to maintain its 5-4 conservative majority.

“We all need to work together to make Donald Trump a success,” Moore said. “When he is wrong, we need to call him out.”

As an example, he said Trump’s call for tariff’s on Mexican exports was probably not a good idea. But he said Trump “is right about China.”

“China does not play by the rules,” he said. “China is stealing from the United States.”

Moore said one thing Trump knows how to do well is negotiate, which will be an asset in dealing with these countries.

“Guess what China, there is a new sheriff in town,” he said.

Moore was invited to speak at the dinner by local tea party activist Dee Park, who asked him to share his experiences about campaigning with Trump. Moore joked that he had an ulterior motive: playing the famed Pinehurst No. 2 course.

“Who knew there were so many ‘deplorables’ in the great state of North Carolina,” he said in opening his remarks to the packed room, referring to nickname Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton gave to Trump supporters. “I had the time of my life

on the campaign, traveling all over the country. I met some amazing people.”

He recalled telling Trump once that “I do not know if I love you, but I love your voters.”

Moore said one of the words he heard most often from voters was “betrayal.”

“They felt betrayed by both Democrats and Republicans,” he said. “They believed nobody in Washington was listening to them.”

Moore said one of the “strongest statements” Trump made was during the GOP National Convention in Cleveland last summer when he said, “To those who don’t believe you have a voice in Washington, I will be your voice.”

Moore said that as he campaigned in Rust Belt states, he saw and heard about the devastating effects of federal regulations imposed under eight years of the Obama administration.

“The Democratic Party is no longer the party of the working class,” he said. “We’re now the party of the working class.”

To bolster his argument, Moore cited election results in Green Bay, Wisconsin, which Trump won by 19 points. He said Republican nominee Mitt Romney and Obama tied in 2012.

“They (voters) did not feel like there was any recovery at all,” Moore said.

Moore recalled serving as a surrogate for Trump at a campaign event in rural Ohio and that as he traveled to the small town, all he saw outside of the cities were Trump signs — which made him question poll results. He said he did finally see one sign for Hillary, but upon closer inspection it said “Hillary for Prison.”

Moore said he was in New York with the Trump campaign on election night as returns started coming in and everyone was awaiting the television network predictions. But he paused, and then asked members of his audience at the dinner, “What if I was here a year ago and said Donald Trump would be president?”

Few would have. Moore said, citing polling showing 3.5 percent supported Trump’s candidacy at the time.

Moore recalled seeing Hillary Clinton’s lead pollster on television about 6:30 on election night stating that

they believed that had a “95 percent chance of winning,” based on exit poll data.

Later that night after all the polls had closed, networks began declaring Trump the winner in “state after state, after state.” He showed a video montage of CNN’s coverage. The room erupted in boisterous applause when North Carolina was shown going for Trump — one of the key battleground states in the campaign.

“Sometimes the experts get it wrong,” Moore said. “People laughed when some predicted Trump would win ... looking at all the polling showing Hillary leading everywhere.”

Moore said one of the biggest questions after the dust had settled from the brutal campaign was why the pollsters “have it so wrong.” He said he later saw a bumpersticker that pretty well answered the question: “Vote for Trump but don’t tell anybody.”

“It was politically incorrect to vote for Trump,” Moore said, noting that a lot of women “went into the booth and voted for Donald Trump.”

Moore pointed out that many other countries have been practicing “Reaganomics” by cutting corporate taxes because it leads to job creation. He said corporate taxes need to be cut to less than 20 percent, which would provide a huge boost to the economy.

“I am so bullish, it is unbelievable,” Moore said. “We’re at the start of the biggest bull market you have ever seen.”

He showed some graphics to illustrate another point that states with the lowest taxes are seeing their populations increase, using Texas and Florida as examples of growing “red” states and New York and California as examples of “blue” states.

“Blue states are being bled dry by red states,” he said. “There is kind of a war going on in America. It is a competition.”

He said Florida and Texas have added about one million residents in the last 10 years, while New York and California have lost 1.5 million. He said it is no coincidence that Florida and Texas have no income tax.

He said North Carolina is “not far behind,” seeing its population grow by 400,000 in the last 10 years.

Moore noted that nine states have no personal income taxes. He said North Carolina should make a pledge to become the 10th one, looking to state GOP

Executive Director Dallas Woodhouse, who attended the dinner.

“People are voting with their feet against liberalism,” he said.

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(Keynote Speaker Moore is presented an award by Col. David Roeder, USAF (Ret.)

### Moore Republican Women News

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



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

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

### Elected Officials Contact Information:

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

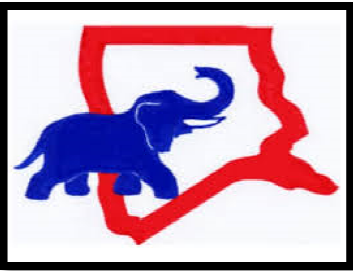
You can also visit the Moore County Board of Elections website:

[www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections](http://www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections)

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



### March 4 Moore County GOP Convention



(Outgoing MC GOP Chair, John Rowerdink)



The Moore County GOP Convention took place on Saturday, March 4 at the Village of Pinehurst Hall. The convention was attended by 99 delegates and a number of observers.

We had four great speakers, Congressman Richard Hudson, RNC Committeewoman Dr. Ada Fisher, NC Supreme Court Judge and candidate for re-election, Barbara Jackson and NCGOP Vice Chair Michelle Nix.

A new plan of organization was ratified, delegates for the 8th district and state conventions were

elected and new officers and at large members of the Moore County GOP Officers' committee were elected to two year terms. Chair will be Tom Beddow, Vice Chair Bill Demastus, Secretary Bill Scholtes, Treasurer Carol Wheeldon and at large members Kay Wildt, Jim Lexo, Laura Creed, Neil Oakley, and Hal



Mendelson.

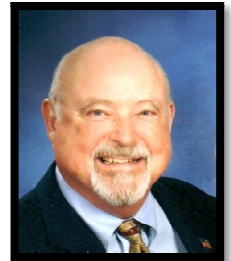
Newly elected Chairman Beddow announced the formation of an Advisory Committee to the Officers Committee, initially consisting of John Rowerdink, Lydia Boesch, Michelle Lexo, Miriam Chu, Dee Park, Marc Phillips and Tony Price. This assures a smooth transition in leadership and sustained engagement of our party leaders who have been so successful.

At the Executive Committee on Feb. 27, the appointment of Linda Jarrett to a newly created position of Officers' Committee Special Advisor on Volunteerism was approved.

The 8th District Convention will take place on April 22 at Stanley Commons in Albemarle, NC at 9:00 am and the State Convention will take place at the Wilmington Convention Center in Wilmington, NC June 2-4.

### From Your Editor, Paul Shaffer

Input and feedback from newsletter readers are critical to the quality of content. Your comments about the articles, suggestions about subjects that you want included and your individual articles are solicited and appreciated.



You can call or email me with your thoughts. I review many sources to be sure I pick up your letters and posts to include in the newsletter. It would be very helpful to send me notice if you write a letter or post something you think should be included in the newsletter.

Finally, if you know a fellow member who moves from the area or passes away, please let me know so I can update our records. See you on March 20!

### From and About Our Members

#### From member Roger Fromm:

(Editor's note: The following two letters are as Roger sent them to The Pilot, showing how they chose to edit his first letter)

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017 11:30 PM, roger fromm <rurfromm@yahoo.com> wrote:

When I first moved to the Pinehurst area almost 14 years ago I soon realized through my Pilot subscription that Dusty Rhoades was somewhat of a Moore County institution. Perhaps it was only one in



every thirty articles that I found something to agree with. But that was OK. He was as entitled to his opinion as I was to mine.

However, something that bothered me about many of his columns was his use of the propaganda technique known as name-calling. It was always insulting and frequently very nasty. So I feel justified in saying goodbye Crusty Toades, it was so good to know you.

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On Sunday, February 5, 2017 11:42 AM, roger fromm <rurofromm@yahoo.com> wrote:

All of a sudden the Pilot gets squeamish!

I refer to my letter to The Public Speaking of Feb. 5th entitled Too Much Name-Calling. After about two decades of Dusty Rhoades' name-calling you "cleaned up" the last two sentences of my letter to make the word justified nonsensical (perhaps that was your purpose).

I was justified in saying goodbye to Crusty Toades, not Dusty. That is mild compared to what we had become accustomed to in his columns over the years.

#### Member Felice Schillaci by email:



#### A New Element for the Periodic Table

**Pelosium:** A major research institution has just announced the discovery of the densest element yet known to science.

The new element has been named Pelosium.

Pelosium has one neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons, and 224 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 311. These particles are held together by dark particles called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. The symbol of Pelosium is PU.

Pelosium's mass actually increases over time, as morons randomly interact with various elements in the atmosphere and become assistant deputy neutrons within the Pelosium molecule, leading to the formation of isodopes. This characteristic of moron-promotion leads some scientists to believe that Pelosium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration.

This hypothetical quantity is referred to as Critical Morass. When catalyzed with money, Pelosium

activates CNNadnausium, an element that radiates orders of magnitude more energy, albeit as incoherent noise, since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons as Pelosium.

#### Member Harold Mendelson

#### March 2 on Facebook

This evening I was catching up on some upgrades on software for my laptop. While doing that I got an email from a friend with a link to Rush Limbaugh. I don't usually listen to him, but I had nothing better to listen while I upgraded my laptop. Rush was discussing the aftermath of President Trump's address to the joint congressional session. He hit on something I have been saying since President Trump won the nomination in Cleveland.



The liberals missed the whole purpose of Trump. It goes back to what I said about liberals feeling they are always the smartest people in the room. When they make statements about something and you question them on it, their response is how dare you question me. I'm so smart everything I say is the truth by default.

This attitude led them to believe only the liberal media had the correct line on Trump so there was no need to investigate further. The liberal media labeled Trump as a buffoon, an egotist, a bigot and a racist. They never bothered to check out Trump rallies or research his background. After all that's what the media called him.

Well the speech he gave was a knock the ball out of the park game winning homerun. Rush indicated this was the first time many of the Democrats were listening to Trump for the first time. They were caught off guard and confused. He sounded so presidential. How can this be? After all is isn't smart enough or polished enough to say what he said.

Well the real Trump supporters that attended his rallies weren't surprised because it's exactly what he was saying at his rallies minus the Hillary bashing. Even the liberal media was giving him credit for his speech.

I bring this up to Pont out that we Republicans can't fall into the same trap. They will be coming at us in the 2018 and 2020 elections. We have to know

firsthand what their candidates are about. We need to attend their rallies. Not to disrupt them as the liberals tried, but rather to listen to what the candidates have to say. Take notes, photographs, videos of what the candidates say and pass it back to the FIP leadership. The Democrats have a distorted view of the world but they are not stupid. Look at Governor Cooper's most recent plan. He wants 5% raises for teachers and smaller raises for other government workers and retirees. No raise in any state taxes. That's straight out of the GOP playbook. So I am asking all Republicans to get involved. Learn what the Democratic state officials are saying and doing. Learn what their game plan is. Look at team sports at the professional level do. They study their opponents by watching films. We need to do the same thing and not just rely on our current views.

#### Member Norm Zanetti on Facebook:

Maxine Waters the Dem. from the 43rd district of Ca. is a perfect example of what the Dems. have left. Nothing but a few aging politicians that have spent all their political capital to stay in office. The Dems. and the media are jealous of Pres. Trumps gift of confidence in himself, and his spine to call people out for what they are. They can't fathom such an imperfect individual accomplishing great things for America . Their zest to discredit him will be their undoing as their vitriolic attacks have become boring and stale. What else can they do as they can't pass any legislation with the current power imbalance . It will get worse for them as we continue to tune them out.

#### Member Norm Zanetti in The Pilot:

The Pilot - Feb 8, 2017

Each day, 10,000 Americans are turning 65 years old. This is dramatic and consequential for progressives of the Democratic Party. These are Americans who didn't look to government to solve their problems. The vast majority of this age group rejected in recent elections the suffocating bureaucracy in Washington hell-bent on justifying their existence.

An instrument of enlightenment, a bare-knuckled new president threatens an unraveling of the moral premise of progressives that believes Washington is the best answer to solve the social and economic problems of Americans.

The progressives are facing a real possibility of a scorched-earth approach to an ultraliberal, far-left

agenda under Obama. The national media were also called out for their malicious suppression of truth on anything Clinton. They are now focused on the temper tantrums of groups of dubious demonstrators whose approach is anything but peaceful and constructive.

The media capitalized their paranoia with Trump into a growth business reaping high ratings while treating Clinton's many misgivings as dispensable baggage.

Principles matter the most when standing up for them when change is unpopular to many as well as being inconvenient at a time when a new administration begins to implement a fully packed agenda. Nothing squishy here, formidable and laudable goals of major consequence, and being protested at every turn by those who have been steamrolled over on Election Day. Real promise is at hand, and it is coming rapid-fire as promised during the campaign and debates.

I expect a strong reinvestment in America vs. looking elsewhere. "America first" sounds good to me.

#### Member Phil Notestine on Facebook:

Final Numbers: Obama Is Most Destructive Leader of Any Political Party Since World War II

Jim Hoft Mar 2nd, 2017

Guest Post by Joe Hoft

Barack Obama did more damage to his party than any other political leader since World War II.

And Obama did this despite enjoying eight years of



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## March Newsletter Insert:

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### House, Governorships, State Legislative Seats and State Chambers than any President since FDR.

	IKE	JFK/LBJ	Nixon/Ford	Reagan	Clinton	Bush 43	Obama
Senate Seats	-12	-7	-5	-8	-7	-9	-12
House Seats	-48	-21	-49	-19	-45	-42	-62
Governors	-14	-15	-19	-2	-11	-7	-12
State Leg. Seats	-843	-473	-800	6	-524	-324	-959
State Leg. Chambers	-21	-12	-31	-7	-18	-13	-27
Total	-938	-528	-904	-30	-605	-395	-1072
Non-Obama Numbers	Washington Post						
Senate 58 to 46	Ballotpedia						
House 256 to 194	NY Post						
Governors	NY Post						
State Leg. Seats	NY Post						
State Leg. Chambers	The Hill						

(Chart by Joe Hoft)

From January 2009 through the aftermath of Election Day — thanks to Obama and his ideas:

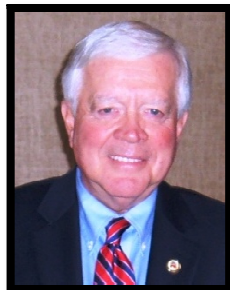
- Democrats surrendered the White House to non politician President Donald J. Trump.
- Democrats ran the Senate and House in 2009. Now they control neither.
- US Senate seats slipped from 58 to 46, (not counting the Independents that vote Democrat and special Massachusetts election)
- US House seats fell from 256 to 194.
- Democrat State Legislative seats decreased by 959.
- Democrat Governorships slid from 28 to 16.
- State legislatures (both chambers) plunged from 27 to 14, down 48 percent
- Trifectas (states with Democrat governors and both legislative chambers) cratered from 17 to 6, down 65 percent.

As a result Obama will go down in history as the most destructive President ever for his party.

By John Rowerdink Guest Columnist to The Pilot  
Feb 14, 2017

One of the few things that people of all political persuasions can agree on is that our political atmosphere has become highly polarized — especially since the recent presidential election.

This is unfortunate. Our country is not well-served by a bitterly divided electorate or by deep divisions among our elected representatives in Washington.



First, a little background on my personal transition to being a supporter of Donald Trump:

When there were 17 Republican candidates in the primary, Trump was near the bottom of my list. We had an excellent field of candidates, and my personal favorite was Marco Rubio. Two things happened that caused me to change my mind.

The first was that I began to hear from local people whom I have known and respected for a long time who were supporting Donald Trump. I was surprised at first. But after hearing from several of them, I began to see that there was more to his candidacy than I first realized.

The second came later in the election season, as I spent time in our Moore County Republican headquarters in Southern Pines. Day after day, I encountered people who felt strongly that Trump was the right person to get our country turned around, and they wanted to volunteer to help get him elected.

The grass-roots support for Donald Trump was stronger and more passionate than I have ever seen for any candidate in any election. Local people who had never been active in politics wanted to get involved. I encountered them every day, and they went to work as volunteers for our party.

Then Trump won the primary, and my choices boiled down to him or Hillary Clinton. Easy decision. I know there are many people who looked at the same two candidates and came to a different conclusion. That's OK. But I would remind them that Trump won Moore County by nearly two votes to one (63 percent to 34). His support was strong and widespread in our county.

On Inauguration Day, I listened to his speech and was struck by how straightforward it was. He's not given to soaring rhetoric, but he clearly intends to do what he said he would do during his campaign.

Afterward, I heard news commentators talk about how "dark and divisive" the speech was, and I wondered if they had heard a different speech. So I read a copy and concluded it was even more uplifting than I originally thought. I encourage you to read it.

Since his inauguration, he has hit the ground running. Both supporters and detractors can see that he means to deliver exactly what he said. For example —

Appointments: His personnel choices have been excellent. He's bringing in successful people from the private sector to bring change to Washington and get our country on the right track. President Obama



drew his Cabinet and staff primarily from Washington insiders and academia. That's not the real world.

**Working with Congress:** He will change the hostile business climate created by the Obama administration. If you don't agree, talk to a business person. This is sorely needed to create jobs and get our economy moving.

**Regulatory reform:** Excessive regulations have our businesses tied up in knots. This includes Dodd-Frank, which has hamstrung the financial industry.

**His first Supreme Court nomination:** Reasonable people will agree that Judge Gorsuch is a highly qualified nominee.

**Crackdown on sanctuary cities:** Why should cities be allowed to openly flout our country's immigration laws?

**Cost reductions:** Actions from Lockheed Martin for the new F35 fighter jets, and by other companies, will create jobs in the U.S.

We have also seen efforts to get the wall built, to repeal and replace Obamacare, and to temporarily stop immigration from countries that foster terrorists.

All this in three weeks. I know some will disagree with these things, but you certainly can't say he isn't doing what he said he would do. Remember, as President Obama once said early in his presidency, "Elections have consequences." Trump won, and he is our president. So for goodness' sake, give the guy a chance. He's only been in office a few weeks.

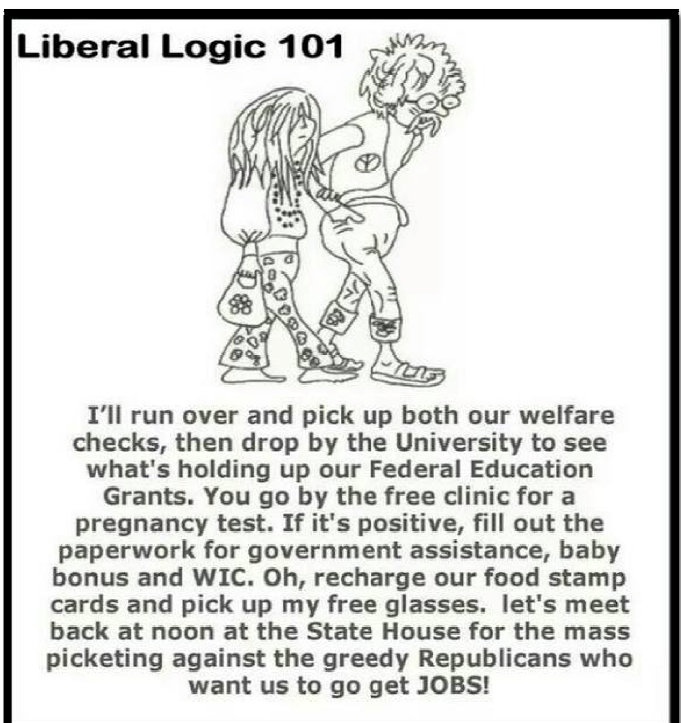
Will he make some mistakes? Of course he will. All presidents do. Do I wish he would stop tweeting and be more careful about what he says? Yes. But when I weigh these shortcomings against the positive things he is already doing, I think he is off to a great start. I think he really will make America great again.

### This & That

(Editor's note: The following tidbit was sent to me by email from an in-law in Florida. Enjoy!)

*I try not to comment about what's in the news, but we've seen a lot of hate spewed in recent days about a man who is a constant winner and overachiever. That's what his supporters like about him.. Yes, he's been caught in some lies and maybe twisted the truth a little but he's still out there proving his haters wrong time after time! A lot of people are just jealous of someone who is successful and has money. Throw in a hot*

*foreign model at his side and they hate even more. You may not have wanted him in his role, but he's there now and there's nothing you can do about it. I know it's just going to get worse over the next several weeks, but like it or not, Tom Brady won the Super Bowl.*



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