

**WANTED
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

For the following committees :
MEMBERSHIP
FUND RAISING
CAMPAIGN
AWARD POINTS COORDINATOR

Please consider serving as either a Committee Member or Chairperson for these committees. What better way to get to know your fellow Republican Women than to work and have fun together? Contact our President, Barb, or Vice President, Suzanne.

CCRWC Programs 2008

January 2nd 2008 - **FBI/Special Agent Timothy Gannon.**

Municipal Government Updates

January 15h - **CCRWC Board Meeting**

February 6th 2008 - **To be announced.**

THE FISHER HOUSE at FORT BRAGG



A Fisher House™ is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers and is similar to the Ronald McDonald Houses near major civilian hospitals throughout the country. There are 38 Fisher Houses with several new houses under construction — the only Fisher House in North Carolina is located at Fort Bragg. We support the families of our Troops by donating household items to the Fisher House.

Christmas Gift Basket Raffle

Our Gift Basket Raffle was a great success! The winner of the Basket was Amy Bryan, who was just ecstatic to win the goodies.

Ticket sales generated \$250.00, for our treasury.

Thanks to all for your bountiful donations. The baskets were beautifully designed by Amy Bryan.

Installation of 2008 CCRWC OFFICERS



During our December 5th meeting our 2008 Officers were installed by NCFRW Capital Region Vice-President, Zan Bunn. We look forward to a productive and fun year, under the leadership of (right to left) Barb Olcott, President, Suzanne Rucker, Vice President, Heidi Steding, Secretary, Sue Dennis, Asst. Treasurer, and Mary Anne Peeples. Treasurer.

FISHER HOUSE DONATIONS

It's not too late to make a 2007 Tax Deductible donation to the Fisher House. Send donation to:

The FISHER HOUSE
12 Bassett St.
Fort Bragg, NC 28307-5000

Note on your check CCRWC Donation.

For our January meeting, we will be accepting donations of "paper goods" for the Fisher House. Items such as Kleenex, bathroom tissue, paper towels, paper napkins, hot or cold paper cups, and plastic utensils will be collected and delivered. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Angela Meredith
Patricia Gray
Lynda Nelson
Luz Ross
Mary Swick
Amy Bryan

Welcome, we look forward to getting to know you and working with you toward our Republican goals.

Pictures from our December Meeting



January Program

Timothy G. Gannon, FBI/Special Agent will be our guest. His topic will be the FBI Fayetteville Resident Agency and their roles in criminal and counter terrorism investigations.

SPECIAL AGENT TIMOTHY G. GANNON

Special Agent (SA) Timothy (Tim) Gannon entered service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in May 1989 after serving eight years in the United States Army. While in the Army, SA Gannon served as an Infantry Officer with the 25th Infantry Division and a Special Forces Officer with the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. His awards include the Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab.

Upon completion of training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, SA Gannon was assigned to the Savannah Field Office and then to the Atlanta Field Office until 1998. In the summer of 1998, SA Gannon was transferred to the Fayetteville Resident Agency of the Charlotte Field Office. SA Gannon currently serves as the Senior Resident Agent for the Fayetteville Resident Agency.

SA Gannon has worked a wide variety of federal criminal violations falling under the FBI's jurisdiction. He has vast experience in the Violent Crimes and White Collar Crimes programs. SA Gannon also serves as an Undercover Agent, Firearms Instructor, Tactical Instructor, and Training Agent. He is also a former SWAT operator and participated in the rescue of hostages at the Talladega Federal Prison in 1991. He served as one of two primary undercover agents in Operation Longfuse, a joint investigation into the theft of military weaponry and explosives in North Carolina in 1997-1998.

SA Gannon's current responsibilities include coverage of and liaison with Cumberland County, NC, including Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base. SA Gannon works closely with Army CID, Air Force OSI, and the local and state law enforcement entities in an around a seven county area around Fayetteville, NC. SA Gannon is married and has two teenage girls.

SA Gannon plans to speak on the FBI's Fayetteville Resident Agency and their roles in criminal and counter terrorism investigations.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please track your volunteer hours. Forms and volunteer hour guidelines are available from our Secretary.

Tracking of volunteer hours are documented and forwarded to the State Federation, and the National Federation, for annual awards for the individual and our Club. We will be discussing more about Federation awards at upcoming meetings. Since our primary focus is to get Republican Candidates elected, those volunteer hours are important to us all. So volunteer for your candidates, track your hours and turn it your forms monthly.

2008 Dues are due

For members who have not yet paid their 2008 annual dues, please do so at our January meeting.

If you joined us after September 1st, 2007, you do not have to pay for 2008. Due to a \$3.00 increase in National Federation dues, there will be an increase for 2008. The annual amount will now be \$28.00 annually.

THE TARDY TABLE

To keep disruptions to our meetings at a minimum, we will reserve the table closest to the door. This table can then be seated for those members and guests who will be arriving later than our meeting start time of 11:30am. To facilitate our time constraints, please arrive by 11:15am. Claim your seat, and proceed to the buffet for lunch.

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S BI-ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

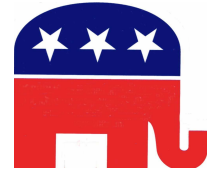
During our December 18th Board meeting, we took time to analyze the National Award Program for the Federation. Every other year at our National Convention, clubs are awarded various levels of awards, in several areas of club activities. We know that we have a group of talented, dedicated women, who are goal oriented. Our goal is the Diamond Award. Take a few minutes to review the awards criteria located on our web site.



**CUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
MEMBER OF NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN
WOMEN**

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THE PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE, 2008

**BY
BARBARA OLCOTT**

As the CCRWC sees its first New Year, it's a time for reflection on the eight months just past and the anticipation of the twelve months to come.

We started as a group of twelve charter members, recognizing the need for a new Republican Women's Club moving in a new, although proscribed direction. Being a member of a Federated State Organization, we follow a set structure and a body of standards that govern our behavior and our progress. Fortunately, we had within our initial membership the leadership potential and the enthusiasm necessary to make a successful effort in establishing the Cumberland County Republican Women's Club.

It has only been the dedication and perseverance of this group of women that has brought us this far and prepared us for the task ahead.

At our Board meeting on December 18, we spent most of the time working on the proscribed activities, which a member club of the NCFRW must follow. Every two years, clubs that are members of the Federation must submit an Achievement Form. This form includes all the various activities that a Republican organization would be expected to accomplish. This includes programs, membership recruitment, community services, campaign activities, and a myriad of other items. We are fortunate to have formed just in time to take advantage of the next two-year cycle, 2009 - 2009.

As the year progresses, you will be continually informed about our progress and encouraged to be a fully involved member of our Club. Our Board will be expanded as increasing numbers of you come on board to fill the positions available. Remember that being a standing committee chairman is only the top of the organizational pyramid. All Chairmen are to recruit members for their committees so that all members of the Club have a chance to be part of the many activities.

We need and are recruiting Chairmen for Fund Raising, Campaign Activities, Membership and Americanism. We need a Parliamentarian. The President cannot serve as her own Parliamentarian, as the Parliamentarian's job is to advise and inform the President.

Members are encouraged to serve on at least one committee. This will be a big campaign year for the Presidency. In 2009, the municipal elections kick in again. We always need money, so we need a lady to run our raffles, sell merchandise, and come up with other ideas for raising funds. Membership can be as demanding as the Chairman makes it. There is the job of providing new member materials, seeing that application forms are filled out, and working closely with the President and the Treasurer on keeping an up-to-date roster. The Americanism Chair will lead the membership in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America, and work on patriotic celebrations.

It's going to be a great year. Our membership has already nearly doubled; we have a great newsletter and a wonderful website to help us on our way. Now it's up to you to rev it up and propel us on our way.

**Cumberland County Republican Women's Club Officers
and Board Members**

**President-Barbara Olcott
Vice President-Suzanne Rucker
Secretary-Mary Anne Peoples
Treasurer-Heidi Steding
Asst. Treasurer-Sue Dennis
Legislative Committee-Kirby Tyson
Public Relations-Paulette Munson
Membership-Suzanne Rucker
Program-Suzanne Rucker
Chaplain-Paulette Munson
Historian-Lutte Erwin
Parliamentarian-Mary Anne Peoples**

**January 2nd Meeting Info
HIGHLAND COUNTRY CLUB**

**Raeford Rd., Fayetteville
Buffet Lunch
Cost \$10.20**

Please have exact change or your check made out to "Highland Country Club"

Plan to be there by 11:15am, as the meeting will start promptly at 11:30.

Seating is limited and reservations are required, call Barb Olcott at (910) 485-1412, email olcottfaync@aol.com,

or Suzanne Rucker at (910) 484-7957, email drtims4@aol.com. You can also request a standing or permanent reservation. Deadline for reservations will be Sunday, December 30, 2007, 8pm.