

*In loving memory of our first secretary, Ann Scoggins.*



*We will miss you, Ann*

#### 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.

Donations of paper goods; paper plates, cups for both hot and cold beverages, table napkins, paper towels, bathroom tissue and facial tissues can be brought to our meeting and will be taken to the Fisher House. Your generosity is appreciated by the families of our soldiers.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NC PRIOR ELECTIONS RESULTS & STATISTICS

2004 General Primary – 7/20/04  
Registered Voters: 163,418  
Votes Cast: 21,334  
Only 13.05% of registered voters voted.

2004 General Election: 11/02/2004  
Registered Voters: 177,548  
Votes Cast: 97,792  
55% of registered voters voted.

2004 Election Results:  
**Republican votes – 51.60%**  
**Democratic votes \_ 48.08%**  
George Bush is elected for a second term.

#### RECENT ELECTION RESULTS STATISTICS

11/06/2007 OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS  
Registered Voters: 177,718  
Votes Cast: 18,385  
Only 10.35% of registered voters voted.

#### 12/03/2007 VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Voters Registered: 179,509  
**Republicans Registered: 49,892**  
**Democrats Registered: 89,193**  
Undesignated Registered: 40,424  
Male Registrations: 79,400  
Female Registrations: 99,357

Based on these statistics, Ladies, we've got a BIG JOB ahead of us before this November's election. As Republican Women, we will need to dedicate ourselves to spending more time to get the Republican and Undesignated voters of this county to have the information needed to make good judgments on 11/04/08, and elect the Republican Slate of Candidates.

#### CALENDER

- February 1 & 2, 2008, State Federation Board Mtg  
Guest - Elizabeth Dole
- February 5, 2008 Super Tuesday Primary in 18 States
- February 6, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting, *Program: Timothy Gannon, FBI Special Agent*
- February 12, 2008 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- February 18, 2008 President's Day
- February 19, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting
- February 22, 2008 George Washington's Birthday
  
- March 5, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
- March 9, 2008 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 18, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting
- March 20, 2008 First Day of Spring
  
- April 2, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
- April 15, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting
  
- May 6, 2008 North Carolina Primary Election
- May 7, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
  
- June 4, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
- June 17, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

As previously promised, each month we will be featuring a bio of our membership. This month, we present our President, Barbara Olcott.



Biography: Barbara Olcott  
1931 - 2008

I was born in Readfield, Maine and raised in Lakeville, Connecticut, the middle of nine children. I met Tom, my husband when we were both graduate students in Chemistry at the Horace Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan. We have four children ranging in ages from 53 down to 46, Kathryn, Richard, Patricia and Sandra, and six grandchildren, ages 12 to 25.

After a long adult life as a professional volunteer, I went back to school, received my Master's Degree in 1977, and taught for 10 years, helping to put the children through college. In 1985, I taught my last class at Methodist University, returned to the world of volunteerism and struggled at the starving artist gig. Luckily, I didn't have to starve.

Along the way, I accrued many new skills and experiences. I was Salutatorian for my high school class of 1949, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, CT. I was active in Forensics Club, Drama Club, and Latin Club and was a cheerleader. I was selected for Girls' State, Girls' Nation, the National Honor Society, received the Rensalleer Mathematics Award, and the Fulton Scholarship. At Central Connecticut State University, formerly Teachers College of Connecticut at New Britain, I was active in Math Club, Bridge Club, Intramural Soccer, Archery, Softball and Badminton and directed the Senior Variety Show. They didn't have interscholastic sports for girls back then. I received the Freshman Chemistry Award, was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and graduated cum laude.

My primary foci in volunteerism were the Girls Scouts and the American Red Cross. I was a Girl Scout all my growing up years, receiving the designation of First Class Scout, the highest award at that time. I became a Girl Scout Leader, Leader Trainer, Camp Director, Chairman of Camping for the Four Rivers Girl Scout Council, and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Four Rivers Girl Scout Council. I was the advisor for the Mariner Scouts in my capacity as Water Safety Instructor for the ARC.

In 1950, I attended the ARC National Aquatic School at Camp Chester, in Moodus, CT, where I received my Water Safety Instructor's certification. I was the Director of the Learn-To-Swim program for the Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter of the ARC, and Water Safety Chairman for the Highlands Chapter of the ARC until 1989 here in Fayetteville. In 1985, I received the American Red Cross Volunteer of the Year Award from the Highlands Chapter of the ARC.

Other volunteer organizations and offices held are PTA Secretary and Treasurer, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, The Woman's Club of Fayetteville, (Treasurer, Docent and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President), Fayetteville Republican Women's Club, (By-laws Chairman, assistant Treasurer and Parliamentarian), Cumberland Oratorio Singers, 1990 – 2005, Mozart Requiem Chorus, 1991, Cumberland County Extension Homemakers, demonstrating craftsman for the Cumberland County Fair, Fayetteville Community Chorus 1986 – 1989, Museum of the Cape Fear, Docent and demonstrating craftsman at the Fall Festivals, papermaking workshop at the summer camp, Liberty Point Chapter NCS DAR, (Vice-Regent and Regent, State JAC Chairman), Sir Richard Grenville Chapter, National Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, Church Choir since 1945.

During my artist's period, beginning in 1985, I set up shop at various craft fairs around Cumberland County. In February 1989, the City of Fayetteville and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County put out a call for artists and craftsmen interested in organizing an arts organization in the old Eastern Turf Building on the corner of Russell and Maxwell Streets. As the co-chairman of the founding committee, I and about twenty other artists and craftsmen first became the Farmers Market Artists and then Cape Fear Studios. As a 501(c)-3 nonprofit arts education corporation, we demonstrated our arts, set up a gallery, divided some of the space into studios whose rent paid the bills, taught our arts and crafts and sold our wares in the showroom. All of us were screened and certified to produce in those areas in which we were competent. My areas of expertise were needlecrafts, paper crafts, calligraphy, and fiber arts. As the only one with the training and experience to do so, I set up the bookkeeping for all four businesses and kept the books for the four years that I was there. Of course, the time it took precluded much activity as an artist.

Currently, I help judge the Senior Arts portion of the Mid-Carolina Senior Games. As a participant in the Senior Games, I've won a blue ribbon for writing, and a large number of gold medals in swimming events. I also was a bronze and silver medallist in swimming at the NC State Senior Games in Raleigh in 2000.

After my stint as an artist, I resumed my volunteer activities with the Woman's Club and the DAR. I chaired a Revolutionary Era Fashion Show, a major fundraiser, coordinating the skills and talents of two Virginia DAR chapters and the Woman's Club of Fayetteville. I also chaired an antique show and silent auction at the Woman's Club.

When the Fayetteville Observer first put out a call for a Community Advisory Board, I applied and was accepted. Our task was to write op-ed pieces on a regular basis on community issues. The City was in the throes of the advent of the "Big Bang" annexation, and our group wrote on many issues surrounding that topic. I was the last in the rotation of the first Board to leave.

While serving as Regent of the Liberty Point Chapter, NCS DAR, 1997 – 2003, the direction of the Clinton Administration so affected me, that, when Dibby Copenhaver suggested I visit the Fayetteville Republican Women's Club, I eagerly accepted an invitation to lunch with the Club in September 1998. And the rest, as they say, is history.

I still satisfy my creative urges with knitting, crocheting, English Smocking, watercolor and stenciling. I use my calligraphy to produce certificates for the DAR and occasionally addressing envelopes. At this point, a failed shoulder prevents me from doing much of anything, but I am hoping a shoulder replacement will solve most of my problems.

## February 2008 Program Speaker

Timothy G. Gannon, FBI/Special Agent will be our guest. His topic will be the FBI Fayetteville Resident Agency and their role 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, Virginia, 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 with 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. In addition, SA Gannon 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 1997-1998.

SA Gannon's current responsibilities include coverage of and liaison with Cumberland County, N.C., 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, N.C.

SA Gannon is married and has two teenage girls. SA Gannon plans to speak on the FBI's Fayetteville Resident Agency and their role 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 your forms monthly to Sue Dennis.

## CCRWC Evening Meetings

2008 is an important national election year as you well know. It has come to our attention that a quarterly evening meeting would be welcomed by our membership and potential members, to share important Republican information concerning these upcoming elections. Our initial plan is to have dinner meetings on selected Tuesday evenings at the Highland Country Club. Programs will be different from our luncheon meetings to better facilitate more candidates and issues of this year's election.

## PICTURES

Our January meeting date was changed from January 2<sup>nd</sup>, to January 9<sup>th</sup>, causing calendar conflicts for some of our members. Unfortunately, members who normally would be taking pictures were not present. But, since we know how much we all like pictures, here's a cute one of my cat, Baxter B. Hobbs, on laundry day.



## THE TARDY TABLE

To keep disruptions at our meetings to 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 11:30 a.m. To facilitate our meetings starting on time, please arrive by 11:15 a.m. Claim your seat and proceed to the buffet for lunch.



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



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**February 2008 President's Message**

Barbara Olcott's asked me to convey to everyone her gratitude for your prayers, cheerful notes and cards, other acts of kindness, and to tell everyone that she's looking forward to being with us again soon. As I write, Barbara's in Cape Fear's rehabilitation center recuperating from multiple bypass surgery. Please keep those prayers and cards coming. The power of positive thinking has a powerful curative effect.

We have a change to announce: Highland Country Club is now charging groups a room fee. Starting this month lunch will cost \$13 per person.

Our year started with an excellent presentation by two of our associate members, Fayetteville City Councilman Bobby Hurst and Mayor Pro Tem Wesley Meredith, who briefed us on the Fayetteville Forward initiative. We thank them for taking time from their busy schedules to be with us and look forward to updates at all of our meetings.

The CCRWC has an exciting year ahead of us to include our first anniversary in May, working with a long list of local, state, and national candidates in the up coming elections, and some new activities that should be fun and informative. Many of you have already volunteered to take committee chairmanship. Thank you for sharing your most precious resource – your time – with us.

As we've learned in recent years, every vote counts. The people we register to vote, call, or send mailers to can be the difference between success and failure for our candidates. The gubernatorial, senatorial and presidential campaigns can easily overshadow two of the most significant campaigns of importance: the statewide judicial campaigns and the election of county commissioners. As each of you considers which candidates to work for and make financial contributions to, please keep in mind that two of our associate members – North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge John Tyson and County Commissioner Diane Wheatley – will need considerable help and support. Please keep them in mind and support their efforts on our behalf.

God bless all of you for everything you do everyday to make our world a better place to live in.  
Suzanne Rucker, Vice President

**Cumberland County Republican Women's 2008 Club Officers**

President - Barbara Olcott  
Vice President - Suzanne Rucker  
Secretary - Mary Anne Peeples  
Treasurer - Heidi Steding  
Asst. Treasurer - Sue Dennis

**Standing Committees**

Legislative Committee	Kirby Tyson
Program	Suzanne Rucker
Parliamentarian	Mary Anne Peeples
Campaign	Barbara Hines & Linda Semmes
Fundraising	Amy Bryan
Public Relations/Newsletter	Paulette Munson
Membership	Suzanne Rucker

**Special Committees**

Caring for America	Patsy Gray and Lynda Nelson and Charlotte Icenogle
Chaplain	Paulette Munson
Achievement Awards	Kirby Tyson
Volunteer Hours	Sue Dennis
Budget/Finance	Heidi Steding, Suzanne Rucker and Barbara Olcott
Historian	Lutte Erwin

**Membership**

A big welcome to these new members!

Linda and John Semmes	Shannon Moody
Debbie Nelson	Caroline Cox
Debbie Calpin	Sherry Corcione

**February 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Information**  
**HIGHLAND COUNTRY CLUB**

Buffet Lunch  
Cost \$13.00

Please have exact change or your check made out to "Highland Country Club"  
**Plan to be there by 11:15 a.m. as the meeting will start promptly at 11:30 a.m.**

Seating is limited and reservations are required, call Suzanne Rucker at (910) 484-7957, email [drims4@aol.com](mailto:drims4@aol.com). You can also request a standing or permanent reservation. Deadline for reservations will be Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, at 8 p.m.