

Cumberland County Republican Women's Club



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2009 Evening CCRWC Meetings

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Highland Country Club. The dinner is a generous buffet, including dessert, at a cost of \$20.00 per person; seats only \$3.00. Deadline for reservations will be Sunday, February 8th. If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, please contact Sue Dennis at 425-4353 to avoid being charged for your reservation.

PROTECTING YOUR FREEDOM!



Message from Iraq

"The proud warriors of Baker Company wanted to do something to pay tribute to our fallen comrades. So, since we are part of the only Marine Infantry Battalion left in Iraq, the one way that we could think of doing that is by taking a picture of Baker Company saying the way we feel.

"It would be awesome if you could find a way to share this with our fellow countrymen.

**"WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN
And are proud to serve our country.
Semper Fi," 1st Sgt. Dave Jobe.**

The attached photo was forwarded from one of the last U.S. Marine companies in Iraq. They would like to have it passed to as many people as possible, to let the folks back home know that they remember why they're there and that they remember those who've been lost.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Each month, when it comes time to write this note, I find myself torn between writing news about the club and federation and using the space to make a political statement or two. This month, I'm doing both.

Our thanks to Immediate Past President Barbara Olcott for the beautiful certificates of appreciation she did for our 2007-2008 committee chairs. And many, many thanks to Amy Bryan, Kathy Anderson and Sylvia Smith for the great job they did on the raffle and decorations. What started as a barely lit room turned into a delightful candlelight dinner with State Representative Dale Folwell. We had a scrumptious meal and delightful evening! Many thanks to all of you for doing the work you did to qualify our club for the NCFRW RISE Award!

Are you as excited as I am about the choice of Michael Steele to head the Republican National Committee? Steele personifies the concept of effective leadership and is an excellent choice.

Speaking of leadership, change is also coming to North Carolina's Republican Party. GOP Chairman, Linda Daves announced she won't seek reelection. In June, at the state GOP convention we will choose a new leader. (And, yes, we are inviting the chairmanship candidates to visit with us.) This one will be in Raleigh – a place we can all get to easily!

Which brings me to our local GOP leadership. It all starts with you, me and our fellow Cumberland County registered Republicans. Government goes to those who show up whether we're talking about those who govern cities, states and countries or those who govern organizations. The C.C. GOP Convention to elect our county leadership for the 2009-2010 election cycle takes place on March 7th. Precinct

meetings will be held the same day immediately before the convention. This is where it all starts – at the grassroots level with precinct development. Plan to attend the convention and participate. If you don't know your precinct, we can help you with that. Please ask and please plan to attend.

We have invited Fayetteville's mayor, one of the few people in Cumberland County we can hold accountable at the ballot box to be our guest speaker February 10th. He will discuss the impact of the current financial crisis on city services. Come prepared to ask questions.

See you February 10th. And bring a guest!

Suzanne Rucker, President

2009 Calendar

February 10, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
February 24, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
March 7, 2009	Reagan Day Dinner
March 10, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
March 17, 2008	CCRWC Board Mtg.
April 14, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
April 21, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
May 12, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
May 19, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
June 9, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
June 16, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
July 14, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
July 21, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
August 11, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
August 18, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
Sept. 8, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
Sept. 15, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
October 13, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
October 20, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
Nov. 10, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
Nov. 17, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
Dec. 8, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
Dec. 15, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.



A warm welcome to our new members:

Member:

Samantha Newton

Associate Member:

Starnell Franklin



FISHER HOUSE

Instead of bringing items to this month's meeting for the Fisher House, we're asking members to bring cash donations or your **tax-deductible** check made out to the Fisher House.



***The Democrats' Worst Nightmare
The New Head of the
Republican Party***

Republicans have chosen our first African-American chairman, Michael Steele, to head the Republican National Committee.

Chairman Steele is the former Lt. Governor of Maryland, former Republican Party Chairman of Maryland, former head of GOPAC, an organization that recruits and trains Republican political candidates and a former commentator on FOX News.

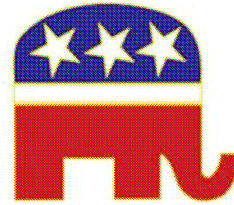
CCRWC Membership Directory

If you DO NOT want your contact information listed in the directory, please contact Patti Crowson at pcrowson23@hotmail.com

Girl Scout Operation Cookie Drop

The Girl Scouts are sponsoring Operation Cookie Drop, a national community project that will deliver cookies purchased by generous customers to military personnel abroad. Catherine Earle will have a sale sheet with her at the February 10th meeting.

County GOP Reagan Day Dinner March 7th



Highland Country Club

6 p.m. Social Hour

Cost: \$35 per person

Twitter conservative Michael Leahy will be the guest speaker and saxophonist Jerry D will entertain and also do the national anthem. Tickets will be available at our February 10th meeting.



North Carolina Federation Essay Contest

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women is sponsoring an essay contest for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. This year's topic is "The Goals of our Forefathers." **The winner will be awarded a \$100.00 Savings Bond.** Now that's something to sit down and write for! For more details, contact Barbara Olcott, (910) 485-1412 or e-mail her at olcottfaync@aol.com.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

These hours are important for our Diamond Award as a nationally federated club. Please see Kathy Anderson at our meetings and give her a total for the hours you've worked each month. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Dennis. In 2008, our club members and associate members clocked almost 17,000 hours. Kirby Tyson clocked almost 2,000 hours – the most for our members.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already paid your 2009 membership dues, please contact Heidi Steding. Membership dues are \$28 and associate membership dues are \$15. Members not paying their dues by February 28 will be dropped from the roster and will no longer receive our newsletter.

FAYETTEVILLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

February 12th Meeting

The next meeting of the FRWC will be Thursday, Feb. 12th at the Hilltop House at 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker will be Jeff Mixon from Civitas who will speak about voter fraud and the lack of voter I. D. legislation. Lunch is \$15.00. For more information or to make reservations, contact President Starnell Franklin 910-822-8503.

THINK AHEAD

The semi annual National Convention of the National Federation of Republican Women will be held September 9th – 14th in Orlando, Florida. Watch for more info in upcoming newsletters...



**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
JOIN THE
TEAM!**

Sue Dennis is our chairman for the newly formed Community Outreach Committee. As concerned citizens of Fayetteville and the surrounding areas, we will be participating in various events, including Fayetteville Beautiful activities which Sue and Jerry Dennis serve as volunteer coordinators. Contact Sue at 425-4353 for more information or to sign-up for the upcoming April 18th Fayetteville Beautiful Citywide Cleanup. The CCRWC will be assigned an area to clean that day.

A BIG THANK YOU to our 2008 Committee Chairs and January's guest speaker, Representative Dale Folwell!



CCRWC Raffle Prizes

Many thanks to those of you who've donated raffle prizes. Last month's meeting raffle added \$150 to our treasury.

If you want to donate items, please contact Amy Bryan at songandrose2005@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 10th GUEST SPEAKER
FAYETTEVILLE MAYOR
TONY CHAVONNE



Anthony G. “Tony” Chavonne earned his bachelor’s of science degree in business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1977.

He graduated from the first graduating class of Douglas Byrd High School in Fayetteville in 1973 and he attended Massey Hill High School in Fayetteville from 1969-1972.

After working for the Fayetteville Publishing Company as general manager for 25 years, he retired in 2004. During that course of time, he became very instrumental in local civic groups, serving as chairman of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation and the Cumberland County Business Council. Mayor Chavonne was a 1992 participant in a multi-service orientation program for civilian public opinion leaders called the “Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.”

His commitment to military-civilian relations in Fayetteville is well known. In 2007, Chavonne was appointed to the North Carolina Advisory Commission on Military Affairs. He has served as a member of the Ft. Bragg and Pope AFB Special Activities Committees since 1996, and Congressman Robin Hayes named him to the Congressional Military Activities Committee in 2000.

Mayor Chavonne was awarded the Fayetteville Business & Professional League’s Outstanding Contribution Award and Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Realtor’s Cup Award in 2002. The Mayor also received the Sam Walton Business Leader Award in 1999, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year Award in 1996 and the Department of the Army Commander’s Award for Public Service in 1995.

Chavonne was elected Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina in 2005 and re-elected to a second term in November 2007. He has been very successful at reaching out to the public, making it easier and more comfortable for citizens to interact with the city’s elected officials. This has seen him involved in open discussion with citizens at Town Hall Meetings, events that allow the public to speak to and seek answers from City officials and staff members. He constantly encourages citizens to stand up and be heard. He is the President of Chavonne Management Group, LLC. He and his wife Joanne have two sons, Grayson and Tyson, and are members of Highland Presbyterian Church.

