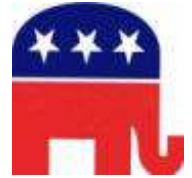


# Cumberland County Republican Women's Club



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## 2008 CCRWC Officers and Board Members

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

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Achievement Awards	Kirby Tyson
Volunteer Hours	Sue Dennis
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	Suzanne Rucker
	Barbara Olcott
Historian	Lutte Erwin

### CCRWC Monthly Meetings

The CCRWC meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Highland Country Club on Raeford Road at 11:15 a.m. Lunch is \$13 per person, \$3.00 for non-eating, and reservations are required. Call 484-7957 or e-mail [drtimes4@aol.com](mailto:drtimes4@aol.com) to reserve a seat.

## President's Notes

August 2008's almost come and gone, soon it will be the Labor Day weekend, the Republican Party Convention starts soon and the much awaited November election will be here before we know it. Our candidates at all levels – local, state and federal – need our help to win. I urge everyone to choose someone to support and to set aside a few hours each week to work for your favorite candidates. Please remember to keep track of your volunteer hours and turn them in to Sue Dennis for credit towards a club achievement award.

Two local candidates will be our guest speakers in September: N.C. State House District 44 candidate Lou Huddleston and District 2 County Commissioner Diane Wheatley. Also, please invite friends and neighbors to this meeting to hear them speak and help them get-out-the-vote November 4th. They're two of the hardest working, best public servants and GOP candidates Cumberland County has ever had.

Volunteers at our August 4<sup>th</sup> Friday table distributed numerous bumper stickers, signs and other print material for our candidates. Congressional candidate Dan Mansell and his wife Crystal visited with us as did Lou Huddleston and Diane Wheatley – both associate members of the CCRWC. And it was the first time our club banner graced a club event. Thank you Sue, Jerry and Heidi for the banner and stand!

The August Potluck was a delicious and fun way to get to know each other more. And we collected a chair-full of stuffed animals for Womack Army Hospital's pediatric ward. For those who couldn't attend, please consider bringing a stuffed animal to our September 3 lunch meeting. We'll also be collecting used paperback books for the guesthouses at Fort Bragg through year's end.

Many thanks to all of you for hard work and generosity!

Suzanne Rucker, Vice President

## KEY 2008 ELECTION DATES

- Sept. 15      1st day to request absentee ballot by mail
- Oct. 10      Deadline to register to vote on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>      General Election
- REMEMBER: One stop voting starts Oct. 16

## CCRWC Meeting Schedule

- Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>      Labor Day
- Sept. 3rd      Luncheon Meeting
- Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>      Executive Board Meeting
- Oct. 1st      Luncheon Meeting
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>      Executive Board Meeting
- Nov. 5th      Luncheon Meeting

## Election of 2009 CCRWC Officers

- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>      Veterans Day
- Dec. 6th\*      Christmas Brunch

## Installation of CCRWC 2009 Officers

- Jan. 14th\*      Monthly Luncheon

\*Note Dec. and Jan. date's changes



## Christmas Basket Reminder

We are continuing to collect items for our annual Christmas Basket Raffle. This raffle is one of our main fundraisers for the year, so let's make it bigger and better by getting an early start. You can start bringing items to meetings now. Bring Christmas ornaments, candies, books, Republican items etc.

## 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. Whatever amount is collected,



CCRWC will match for this month's contribution up to \$200 – with the membership's approval.

## Pediatric Ward at Womack Army Hospital



Last month our membership donated numerous stuffed animals for the Chaplains to deliver to the pediatric ward at Womack. We will continue to collect these toys at our Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Join in the giving! The stuffed animals must be newly purchased. All sizes and

varieties are welcome — most especially elephants!

## CCRWC LITERACY PROJECT

### WOMACK HOSPITAL GUEST HOUSES DONATIONS

The guesthouses, which serve as homes-away-from-home for military personnel on temporary duty or families transitioning from one installation to another, are in need of books. Please bring your carefully read Paper Backs, and we will deliver them for distribution.

## CCRWC Nominating Committee Needed

September 3<sup>rd</sup> we elect members to be on the nominating committee to propose a CCRWC slate of officers for 2009. Please think about who you want to nominate for the committee and agree to serve if you're nominate.



**North Carolina GOP Victory 2008 Office**

Located at 201 S. McPherson Church Road upstairs in McPherson Square in Suite 204, the Victory office's primary mission is to support the campaigns of Senator John McCain, Senator Elizabeth Dole, Congressman Robin Hayes and gubernatorial candidate Mayor Pat McCrory.

The office is open now, and several CCRWC members have already volunteered. Starting September 1, it will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 864-6584 to volunteer today!

Plan now to join fellow Republicans as we watch the GOP Convention together the evening of September 4 at the GOP Victory 2008 office. Call the Victory office for more information.

**Quotable Quote**

*"I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress."*

*President Ronald Reagan*



*Here's a big hug for Lutte Erwin who served as our first historian. Thank you for your contributions to the club!*

**WE NEED YOU**



**We are recruiting a Chairman for our Literacy Committee. As Republican women, we are committed to the literacy of our citizens. We are currently collecting paperbacks for the families of our military, who visit Fort Bragg. Other Literacy initiatives will be forthcoming. Are you the one to assist us in our Campaign for Literacy? Contact Suzanne Rucker for more information.**



**Retired Colonel and POW Quincy Collins Breakfast Guest Speaker September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Retired Air Force Colonel and Vietnam War POW Quincy Collins will be the guest speaker at a breakfast to be held at the Highland Country Club at 9 a.m. on September 27. Cost of the tickets is \$25 per person, and reservations may be made by calling 484-7957.



Colonel Collins' distinguished 22 year career included over seven years as a POW in North Vietnam prisons in and around Hanoi. He shared a prison cell with John McCain and is a co-chair of the North Carolina Veterans for McCain group.

Colonel Collins now lives in Charlotte and is an industrial real estate broker. He will be speaking on the topic of leadership in a constantly changing world.

## **September GUEST SPEAKERS**



**Lou Huddleston**  
**N.C. State House District 44**

### ***Representation With Results!***

My name is Lou Huddleston, and I am a native of Fayetteville, born the son of an Army Paratrooper right here at Fort Bragg.

Growing up in a military family was not a life of privilege, but through it all I learned the values of discipline, responsibility, commitment, and sacrifice from my family, church, and E.E. Smith High School.

It is those values that helped me graduate from college, get married and start a family, become a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, and faithfully serve our country in uniform for 31 years achieving the rank of Colonel.

My wife of 37 years, the former Frieda Truitt, also a Fayetteville native, and I decided to return home and invest back into our hometown. We attend Evans Metropolitan AME Church where we were married and our two wonderful children were christened.

In our community, I have been proud to serve in leadership roles with the Cumberland County Business Council board of directors, and on the boards of the South East Economic Development Commission, Urban Ministry, and Habitat for Humanity.

Fayetteville is a wonderful hometown full of history and heroes, yet our community and our state face many challenges.

I am the leader with deep roots here, an understanding of the military, and a track record of leadership in our business community who will unify us and produce the results we need.

It is our tax money they spend in Raleigh and we should expect more than the typical political talk. You deserve bold, dedicated leadership that takes the initiative and gets results.

I ask for your vote with a very simple, yet solemn pledge. I have never forgotten where I came from, and, as your next State Representative I will never waver in my commitment to deliver a better future for your children and mine.

Lou Huddleston

### **The Huddleston Plan for Representation *With Results!***

- Business & Economic Initiatives That Create New Jobs
- Improve Infrastructure To Support Economic Growth
- Affordable & Accessible Health Care
- Expand Educational Opportunities by Providing Skilled Technical Training
- Tax Relief by Re-Prioritizing State Spending
- Accountability for Effective Execution of State Programs
- Restore, Practice, & Expect Integrity in Government

**[VoteHuddleston.com](http://VoteHuddleston.com)**

**Reelect**  
**Diane Wheatley**  
**District 2 County Commissioner**

Diane was born Diane Marie Davis at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on April 12, 1951. Her father was a Command Sergeant Major and an original member of the Army's Special Forces. As an elementary student,



she attended military schools where she developed a special love of country and desire to serve. The family was stationed twice in Germany, first

at Augsburg and then Bad Toelz. During this time, Diane had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe, especially Italy and developed an appreciation for other cultures.

In 1966, Diane's father was transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Diane attended 71st High School and graduated in 1969. She then entered nursing school at Fayetteville Technical Community College, graduating with an Associate Degree in Nursing in 1971. That same year she passed the state boards and became a Registered Nurse. She worked as a nurse in various acute care areas at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center and Orange Memorial Hospital. She was also on the staff of the Fayetteville Children's Clinic.

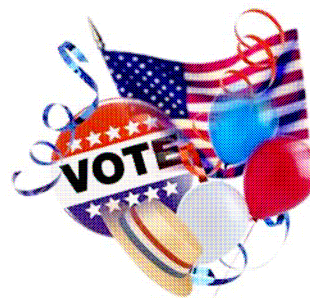
In 1973, Diane married Al Wheatley of Fayetteville. They have three children - Arleen, Brian and David. The two own Bragg Lines, Inc., which operates school

bus systems for military bases in the southeast.

Diane's political career began in 1994 with a successful run for Board of Education where she gathered the most votes of any "at large" candidate. During her first term, Diane was elected by her fellow board members to be Chairwoman. During this year a crucial \$98 million bond issue for school construction was passed under Diane's leadership. In 1998 she was re-elected to a second term, and again led the ticket. She was elected to again serve as Chairwoman for 2001. In January of 2001 she was awarded the Certificate of Advanced Achievement by the North Carolina School Board Association's Academy for School Boardsmanship. In 2002 she was re-elected for a third term and again led the ticket in votes gained.

Diane has not lost her love for nursing. She is active as a medical missionary, having taken trips with medical teams to Haiti, Nicaragua and the Ukraine in the last three years. She also still finds time too for involvement on numerous boards and advisory committees in a desire to make her community a better place to live. This mother of three, grandmother, business owner, community volunteer and public servant has a heart for people.

**Republican National Convention  
Alternate Delegate**



she returns!

Diane has served the GOP in many ways at the local, district and state levels. She will be attending the 2008 Republican Convention in Minneapolis.

We look forward to hearing from her when

## NCFRW AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

It's time for the NCFRW 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Americanism Essay Contest. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 in public, charter, private and home schools and who are residents of North Carolina are eligible to enter the contest.

The topic this period is, "Goals of our Forefathers." Students write their essays in the time period from November 3, 2008, to February 13, 2009. Judging periods follow for Local Club, Region and State.

The State award is a \$1000savings bond. Local clubs may give awards not to exceed \$500. Anyone interested in participating, please contact me at 485-1412.

Barb Olcott

## 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY SNAPSHOTS

We apologize, but due to some computer technical difficulties, we are unable to post the great pictures from our last 4<sup>th</sup> Friday event. Look for them at our next meeting, or in next month's Newsletter.



## Welcome New Members

Dr. Jim Corbett, our Webmaster

Dawn Corbett, RN  
&

Lou Huddleston, Candidate for the  
NC House

## STUFFED ANIMALS FOR THE PEDIATRIC WARD AT WOMACK ARMY HOSPITAL



There's a lot of information in this Newsletter, I hope you've enjoyed reading it. Thanks to Suzanne Rucker and Barbara Olcott for their input. See you at the Victory Office!!

Paulette