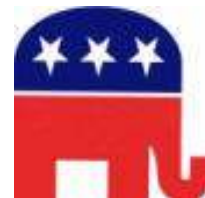


Cumberland County Republican Women's Club



Members of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women



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2009 CCRWC Officers and Board Members

President	Suzanne Rucker
Vice President	Barbara Hines
Secretary	Paulette Munson
Treasurer	Heidi Steding
Asst. Treasurer	Sue Dennis
Immediate Past Pres.	Barbara Olcott

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Legislative Program	Suzanne Rucker
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Campaign	Barbara Olcott
	Samantha Newton
	Lilith Hurst
Fundraising	Amy Bryan
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Newsletter/Web site	Paulette Munson
Membership/Outreach	Patti Crowson

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Caring for America	Patsy Gray
	Lynda Nelson
	Charlotte Icenogle
Chaplain	Michele Movius
Achievement Awards	Kirby Tyson
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Community Outreach	Sue Dennis
Budget/Finance	Heidi Steding
	Suzanne Rucker
	Barbara Olcott
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Historian/Scrapbook Literacy	Kay Bowles

CCRWC Meetings

We meet the 2nd Tuesday monthly at 6:15 p.m. at the Highland Country Club for dinner. The business meeting begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$16 per person for a sumptuous buffet; \$3 for seating only. **Reservations for the December 8th meeting are due by December 7th.** Call 484-7957 for reservations.

President's Notes ...

I hope your holiday was filled with family, friends and the traditions of Thanksgiving. While giving thanks on Thursday, it occurred to me that we were celebrating a federal holiday giving thanks to God for our family, friends and country. The holiday has thus far managed to escape the fangs of the ACLU and others who wish this country to become a secular nation. Thank God!

And, while giving thanks this week, I thought about the past year and how much our club has accomplished because of the good will and dedication of its members and associate members. Two Board members are rotating off. Heidi Steding (our Treasurer) and Sue Dennis (our Assistant Treasurer) are CCRWC charter members who've served us well and been a blessing for me to work with for many years. Fortunately for all, both have already volunteered to continue being active members.

December is a busy month for everyone; please take some time though to remember our brave men and women in uniform and their families. And thank you for your generosity last month to the Fisher House.

Please remember to bring your tickets with you to the meeting if you already have them and the money for them if you've sold the tickets. These baskets are a very special way to raise some money for our activities while also getting something in return.

God bless you all and keep you safe.

Suzanne

2009 ~ 2010 Calendar

December 8, 2009	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
December 15, 2009	CCRWC Board Mtg.
December 25, 2009	Christmas Day
January 1, 2010	New Year's Day
January 12, 2010	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King Day
January 19, 2010	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
February 6, 2010	Ronald Reagan Republican Roundup
February 9, 2010	CCRWC Board Mtg.
February 14, 2010	Valentine's Day
February 15, 2010	President's Day
March 6, 2010	County GOP Convention
March 9, 2010	CCRWC Monthly Mtg.
March 16, 2010	CCRWC Board Mtg.

VISIT OUR CCRWC WEB SITE

Visit our Web site to review our year in pictures and learn more about the CCRWC:

<http://www.cumberlandcountyrepublicanwomensclub.org/>

Reminder: Womack Pediatric Project



Thanks you for your donations of stuffed animals for our Womack AH Pediatric Ward project. We'll periodically collect them for this ongoing need. **For health reasons, the toys must be new.** Bring them to our December 8th meeting if you want to contribute now.



Healthcare Alert!

Your calls and letters are making a difference! Keep calling Senator Kay Hagan now. If a bill does come out of the Senate, there's still hope of defeating it after the reconciliation process, but that will be harder.

Make your voices heard! Call Senator Hagan today and tell her to vote "NO!"

Senator Hagan: 919-856-4630

Rep. Kissell: 910-920-2070

Rep. McIntyre: 910-323-0260

Rep. Etheridge: 910-814-0335

2010 CCRWC OFFICER INSTALLATION

**President, Suzanne Rucker
Vice President, Tuesday Bogan
Treasurer, Sylvia Smith
Assistant Treasurer,
Secretary, Paulette Munson**

Our installation will take place at our December 8th, 2009, meeting. Martha Jenkins, the NCFRW President when our club was chartered will install our officers December 8th. She will be 3rd VP of National Federation of Republican Women starting in January.

The Fisher House



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 to the Fisher House.

Individual donations from our membership, collected at our November meeting totaled \$300.00. The club donated an additional \$200.00 for a total of \$500.00, for the Fisher House.

The families of our soldiers appreciate your generosity.

UP COMING LOCAL GOP EVENTS



Fayetteville Republican Women's Club

The next meeting of the FRWC will be December 10th. For more information or to make reservations, contact President Starnell Franklin (910) 822-8503.

Cumberland County GOP Men's Club

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be December 15th, at the Hilltop House Restaurant, at 6:30 p.m. for dinner; meeting starts at 7 p.m. Call John Crawley at 484-6097.

Cumberland County Federated Young Republicans

The next meeting of the Hoke-Cumberland Young Republicans will be in 2010. For more information, contact Cassie Cone at www.myspace.com/cumberlandyr or cassiecone@hotmail.com

CUMBERLAND COUNTY GOP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING GOP Christmas Party



Guest speaker: **Dr. Mike Adams**, conservative **Townhall.com** columnist and UNCW professor of criminology. Read his latest column "The state of the revolution" and make your reservations today: http://townhall.com/columnists/MikeAdams/2009/11/30/the_state_of_the_revolution

December 15 Highland Country Club

6:30 p.m. \$20 per person/\$5 seating only

This meeting of the CCGOP Executive Committee is open to all Republicans

RSVP: 425-4353 or 484-7957 by December 13

RONALD REAGAN REPUBLICAN ROUNDUP



February 6, 2010
Paradise Acres in Hope Mills

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include a 50/50 ticket, meal, live entertainment and special invited guests. Plan to attend, wearing your best Western style attire! Make your reservations today by calling 425-4353.

CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

It's that time of year! We have a Honey Baked Ham certificate, Williamsburg soaps, a 2009 White House Christmas ornament, a homemade gingerbread house, Sylvia's Homemade soup ~ yum, Silver photo frame, mirrored photo frame, Tastefully



Simple food items, Homer Laughlin China Co. Fiesta Ware Christmas plate with homemade ginger snap cookies, Fiesta Ware Christmas mug with Chai tea, address book, blank recipe book, GOP cookie cutter, 2010 weekly planner, jewelry, a "mouse book," gourmet food items and other Christmas ornaments and decorations. Tickets are \$3 per person or 3 for \$5. Please sell your tickets if you already have some!



This will be our next **BIG spring fund raiser**. At a location to be determined, we will be sponsoring the biggest yard sale yet in Fayetteville, well pretty close to the biggest anyway! Sylvia Smith has secured a storage facility to store items you no longer use. We'll sell anything of value, furniture, kitchen goods, toys, home decoration items, tools, clothing (washed/cleaned and neatly folded or hung),

home accessories, lawn and garden items, working electronics. So, as you clean out your closets, cabinets and garages, don't throw it away, these items could contribute to dollars we can give our Republican Candidates to get elected. Call or email Sylvia for details, (910) 635-2784 (c), or sylviam.smith@yahoo.com.

PRECINCT WORKERS

In any organization, in any construction project, even in our every day lives, we need a good foundation; whether it be defined goals, steel and concrete or strong faith values. In our political process, successful elections start at the precinct level, the foundation. So, the questions to you are, "Do you know who your precinct chairman is?" "Do you know what precinct you're in?" "How active is your precinct chairman?" Those questions should be important to each of our members. To be successful in next year's elections, we must get our "foundation" set. If you are unaware of what precinct you're in, check your voter's registration. The information is on your voter's card or online at the State Board of Elections. (See our Web site.) The County GOP is anxious to get the ball rolling and start working for success next fall. Call Suzanne Rucker for more information. **Stand up for conservative values. Be part of the foundation for success.**

Welcome new member

Starlet Justice

Welcome new Associate Member

Randy Richie

We now have 58 regular members and 24 associate members.

December Happy Birthday Wishes



Janis Brennan
Barbara Hines
Lynda Nelson
Samantha Newton
Kirby Tyson

In My Opinion

Let Hope Reign!

As we look forward to Christmas this month, many are feeling stress and pressure under the weight of the Obama administration. Yet, there is hope. Despite the fact that the U.S. Senate voted 60-39 to move the 2047-page Reid health care bill forward for debate, support among the American public is at its lowest. According to the latest Rasmussen telephone survey, only 38% are now in favor of it and 56% oppose it - good news!

Soon after, we heard the shocking recommendations from two different groups calling for less-frequent cancer tests for women, a government-appointed task force recommended that women now begin mammograms at age 50 rather than age 40, that self-exams are not helpful and that screening occur every two years rather than yearly. A few days later The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommended that most women have a Pap test every two years, rather than annually. For many of us the immediate reaction was "What are they thinking!?" We all know of numerous women diagnosed with breast cancer in their 40s and some younger. We also know that many found the cancer through self-examination. Again, there is hope — at least for now. The American public once again rose to the occasion, voicing outrage over these ridiculous recommendations and the medical community quickly came forward with support for recommendations already in place.

This is, however, a foreboding and beginning of the type of rationing expected in President Obama's proposed health care overhaul. As we stay abreast of ongoing attacks on our freedoms we must keep up the good fight. We may tire of the calls, letters and visits to our representatives, but to be victorious our efforts must continue. Much is being accomplished and we are being heard - our work and prayers make a difference.

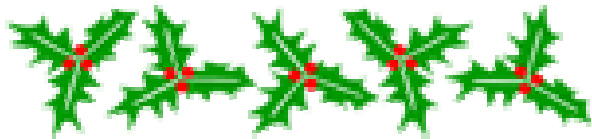
With Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas before us, we are reminded of our Christian heritage in these two holidays. This is precious to our country and is worth the fight to preserve. While studying the true history of Thanksgiving, it was good to read how George Washington first declared "A National Thanksgiving" day be celebrated on November 26, 1790. In this declaration he noted that the

people of the United States were **grateful to God** for His favor and for "affording them the opportunity to establish a **form of government for their safety and happiness:**" and "for the **civil and religious liberty** with which we are blessed." Thanksgiving Day became official in 1863 with a proclamation by President Lincoln. He, likewise, acknowledged our Heavenly Father and our many blessings from Him. How things have changed - how the government has changed!

As the season unfolds, we are painfully aware of the growing struggle to keep "Christ" in Christmas, let alone the word "Christmas" itself. To be "politically correct", there are those that insist that the generic "Happy Holiday" be the only greeting now used. As our heritage continues to be under attack, we can each find our own way to keep Christ in Christmas. We can joyfully choose **not** to be politically correct and continue greeting others with the traditional "Merry Christmas". Finally, let us be especially thankful for this truly holy day - and the hope it brings — that no one can take from us.

May each and every one of you have a blessed and very Merry Christmas!

Michele Movius
CCRWC Chaplain



Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas

Pictures from our October AND November 2009 Meetings



Our October Meeting



Our November Meeting



Sarah Palin book signing...

