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"Bad politicians are ...(elected) by good people who don't vote. "

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Pinehurst Members Club - **Monday, September 12, 2011**

Valet Parking Available

Registration: 11:30 - Luncheon 12:00

Grilled & Chilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Dessert: Flourless North Carolina Peach Crumble

Cost: \$16.50 Inclusive

Checks payable at the luncheon to: Pinehurst LLC

To make a reservation, please e-mail Kay Wildt at mkgw824@gmail.com

or call 235-4654 **no later than Wednesday, September 7, 2011.**

Cancellations: No later than 12:00 Noon, Saturday, September 10, 2011

Please note that the luncheon cost has increased by 50 cents. The Pinehurst Members Club has been extremely gracious in serving the MRW. While we are more than happy to accommodate legitimate special dietary needs, ordering other than what is listed on the luncheon menu causes more work for the club. More work takes staff time, and that translates into higher costs.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Associate Justice Paul M. Newby

Paul Martin Newby was born in Asheboro, NC, and was raised in Jamestown. He received his B.A. degree from Duke University in Public Policy Studies and a law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law.

Justice Newby served as a judicial intern in the United States Supreme Court and interned in the 18th Judicial District Public Defenders Office (Greensburg/High Point). He began his law practice in Asheville, and in 1985 was appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney in Raleigh where he served for over 19 years.

Since beginning his service on the NC Supreme Court in 2004, Justice Newby has participated as a member of the NC Courts Commission and is an Adjunct Professor at Campbell University School of Law and actively participates in the NC Bar Association. Being a strong proponent of civic education, he makes frequent presentations to school groups and civic organizations.

Justice Newby will be running for re-election to the NC Supreme Court in 2012. He will speak about the Judicial elections next year and the importance of having a strong court system in our state.

from Lorraine Tweed, President.....

This was given to me by former State Representative Theresa Esposito.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

"I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**, and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name.... He said: "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the **Pledge of Allegiance** all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word":

"I - me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge - dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance - my love and devotion.

To the Flag - our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect, because your loyalty has given her dignity that shouts **FREEDOM IS EVERYBODY'S JOB**.

Of the United - that means that we have all come together.

States - individual communities that have united into (our) great states...individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

Of America

And To The Republic - a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people, and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For Which It Stands.

One Nation - meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible - incapable of being divided.

With Liberty - which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice - the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For All - which means it's as much your country as mine."

"Since I was a small boy, two states, Hawaii and Alaska, have been added to our country and two words - "under God" have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance. "Shouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That's a prayer" and that would be eliminated from schools, too?"

(The foregoing is an excerpt from a Red Skelton telecast when he recited his interpretation of the Pledge of Allegiance.)

NEW MEMBERS:

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REMINDER: Use the MRW brochure to invite guests to the September Luncheon and receive three "50-50" raffle tickets per guest.

WAYS AND MEANS by Mariann Benway.....Our big 2012 fundraiser will get underway at our meeting September 12th. All members will be given a catalogue and order forms to sell Terry Lynn's delicious nuts and candies. Please do your best to sell \$250. worth (or more) of these terrific treats, which will be delivered early in November in time for holiday baking and gift giving. 2012 is an important year in the history of our country, and we need all the funds we can raise to support conservative candidates.

AMERICANISM by Nancy Fiorillo.....SHOVEL-READY OR FUNDED-ALREADY

Now that we've settled the debt crisis (?), let's revisit a key policy of the Obama stimulus program that never could have worked. Only inside a Federal Government cocoon, could policymakers have dreamed up funding "shovel-ready" projects.

Anyone with true experience in local or state government knows that no project reaches the shovel ready phase without being funded already! In North Carolina, and I imagine in other states, all expenditures by local governments are subject to a pre-audit. In other words, finance officials must identify a source of funds for each project - especially a project large enough to include construction. This is an excellent practice since we (unlike the Feds) MUST balance our budgets each year.

So, in all likelihood, Federal stimulus money was used for funded-already projects while local and state officials wisely held on to existing funding waiting for the next attempt to save the economy.

Gallup: Obama Approval Hits All-Time Low of 39% (August 9, 2011 Newsmax)

President Barack Obama's approval numbers have hit an all-time low, falling below 40 percent for the first time in [Gallup's daily tracking poll](#). New numbers that Gallup posted today put the president's approval at 39 percent, compared with 54 percent disapproval. Obama's approval rating has been nestled in the 40 percent range for much of this year, although it peaked at 53 percent in the weeks after U.S. forces killed Osama bin Laden, the Los Angeles Times noted.



"The polling setback comes as the Republican race to unseat him has kicked into overdrive," noted the Times, which noted that his three-day Midwest bus tour starting Monday aims to blunt Republican attacks,

AS GOMER PYLE WOULD SAY....."SURPRISE, SURPRISE" FANNIE MAE SEEKS \$5.1 BILLION MORE FROM TAXPAYERS

(from MoneyNews.com 05 August 2011)

Mortgage finance giant Fannie Mae said it would ask for an additional \$5.1 billion from taxpayers as a weaker housing market causes continued losses on loans made prior to 2009.

The largest U.S. residential mortgage funds provider on Friday also reported a second-quarter net loss attributable to common shareholders of \$5.2 billion, or 90 cents per share.

It forecast continued weakness ahead, with high unemployment and foreclosures expected to put more downward pressure on home prices.

Fannie Mae paid back \$2.3 billion in dividends to taxpayers in the second quarter, reducing its net capital draw to \$2.8 billion. Since the firm was seized by the U.S. Treasury in 2008, it has needed about \$104 billion in government capital injections, although it has paid back about \$14.7 billion in dividends.

Fannie Mae said its second-quarter loss "reflects the continued weakness in the housing and mortgage markets, which remain under pressure from high levels of unemployment, underemployment and the prolonged decline in home prices since their peak in the third quarter of 2006." It said expenses related to mortgage modifications to keep struggling borrowers in their homes also contributed to its loss.

LEGISLATIVE by Linda Jarrett.....**Well folks, the Debt Ceiling "Deal" has been made.**

Was the ceiling raised? Yes, for the longest time ever (until 2013 versus the historical intervals of 6-12 months). **How much was it raised?** A LOT! \$2.4 TRILLION...the only other amount to ever come close was last year's increase of \$1.9 Trillion!* **Did it include "No Taxes"?** Yes, but almost immediately Mr. Obama was stating that the new "Super Committee" ****would be taking the "balanced approach"--i.e., making sure that "the rich" would pay their "fair share" which are the folks earning more than \$ 160,000 per year who already pay almost 60% of all taxes paid.** **Did it include "Cuts" greater than the increase?** Yes -- but, some are claiming the first stage of agreed upon cuts of approximately \$1 Trillion consists primarily of "illusionary" reductions. Yes -- but, the second stage is the responsibility of the "Super Committee".** And, if \$1.2 - \$1.5 Trillion of further cuts are not identified, and approved by Congress, the result will be an automatic \$1.2 Trillion cut in Defense & Medicare, damaging two essential programs, rather than cutting any of the multiple duplicative or failed programs, agencies and bureaus.

Conclusion: **even if** the goal of a total of \$2.5 Trillion in 'cuts' is achieved, it will be over a 10 year period! This is a rate of about \$250 BILLION per year, with a current minimum annual budget deficit of \$1.5 TRILLION. How does reducing our spending by only 1/6 of what is truly needed keep us from 'becoming' Greece???

Once again, it seems "the can has been kicked down the road", just a bit farther this time. When will Congress realize its responsibilities?? When will members place their reelection second, with the financial stability of the country as their first priority?? When will Congress finally dramatically reduce the money-absorbing, freedom-limiting bureaucracy, ceasing the ever-present intrusion into all aspects of our lives, while exacting ever more sacrifices from its citizens --and prevent the otherwise inevitable bankrupting of our economy?? Only When, in 2012, we take back the Senate and the White House, too!! Only then, will there be NO barrier to putting our economic house back in order!***

* The two prior "record breakers" were both slightly over \$900 Billion. In 1987, our Total National Debt was about equal to tge 2011 increase!** 3 GOP & 3 Dems from both the House and Senate, for a total of 12 members, circumventing the usual legislative process -- which in itself is highly questionable in the context of how our Representative Republic was designed to function! It means that we-the-people **have no voice** in the process. It means that we are blocked from communicating to our Congressional members what **we** want cut!! Further, Speaker Boehner did not name any known Conservative or TEA Party members (even excluding Representative Ryan, the chief architect of the proposed 2012 Budget). Majority Leader Mc Connell did name more Conservative members, though Senators De Mint, Lee and Paul were all notably absent. *** though, in the mean time, we can mount impressive efforts via a coalition of members of MRW, NCFRW, MTC, MCMC, etc. to urge the House Leadership to "stand firm" on the 2012 Proposed Budget! The House has the power to control the content of the Budget. If successful, this would legislate the cuts needed to take the first real steps toward fiscal sanity.



My work here is done.