



Moore Republican Women NEWS

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President's message by Pauline Bruno



We have been brought to our knees. We are banished to our homes. Grocery stores are half full. We can't even go to a movie, eat dinner out or join a group. We are on an uncharted path.

We can, however, see how fortunate we are. Tough times call for stamina and endurance. Americans who are not in the military have not been asked to sacrifice since World War II. We can look at the big picture and not swim against the tide. We have all our basic necessities. We are comfortable in our homes. We live in the greatest country in the world - and we have true leadership in our wonderful President.

Let us be thankful for all our blessings. Be kind to one another. Offer help when needed. Nourish yourself with time well-spent and leave the rest to GOD.

I can't wait to be with you all again....

Sending sincere best wishes,

Pauline

March 3 Republican primary winners

- President: Donald J. Trump
- Senate: Thom Tillis
- Governor: Dan Forest
- Lt. Governor: Mark Robinson
- NC Attorney General: Jim O'Neill
- NC State Representative - Jamie Boles
- NC Auditor: Tony Street
- NC Commissioner of Insurance: Mike Causey
- NC Commissioner of Labor: Josh Dobson
- NC Secretary of State: E.C. Sykes
- NC Superintendent of Public Instruction: Catherine Truitt
- NC District Court Judge: Steve Bibey
- Moore County District Attorney - Mike Hardin
- County Commissioner: Louis Gregory
- Board of Education:
 - District II: Bob Levy
 - District V: Philip Holmes, John Weaver

MRW April Luncheon canceled



As you know, our April 6 luncheon was canceled as a result of the COVID-19 virus. It's important to practice social distancing and keep everyone safe.

The cute bunny in the photo is one of the centerpieces that were made for our "Easter" theme for the now-canceled April luncheon. Let's hope and pray that the pandemic ends soon and we'll be able to get together in May and celebrate spring then!

Membership report by Mariann Benway

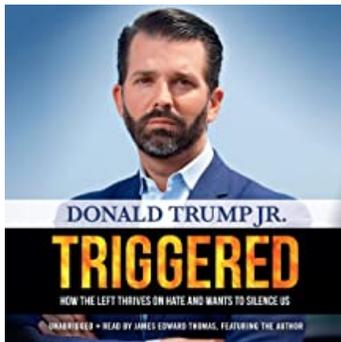
Deadline coming up!

If you have not renewed your membership yet, the deadline to be listed in the Membership Directory is **March 31**. Visit the [Membership page](#) on our website, or contact [Mariann Benway](#) right away!

Welcome to these great new members:

- Tina Allard
 - Rachel Carr
 - Dian Dean
 - Cheryal Korfmann
 - Barbara Latin
- Diana Laux
 - Mary Ann Schlotter
 - Beckwith Spierling
 - Dawn Wilson

MRW Book Club meeting April 13



As of this email's publication, we are hoping to be able to hold an MRW Book Club meeting on April 13. We will be reading *Triggered: How the Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us*, a 2019 non-fiction book by Donald Trump Jr.

The meeting is at 4:00 in the GOP Headquarters Building in the Olmsted Shopping Center. Pizza will be served, along with lots of fun talking about the book and other political goings-on!

Highlights from our March Luncheon

Everyone's buzzing with excitement about the MRW luncheons! In March, we welcomed more than 160 people in attendance, as well as numerous political candidates. We had a great time talking politics and listening to speakers on important topics that matter to conservatives.



David Henley discussed state of Moore County public schools



Mark Robinson, candidate for Lt. Governor (and ultimate winner, topping the field of 9 Republican candidates!)



Buddy Bengal, candidate for Lt. Governor



Remembering our troops

After our March luncheon, members of Moore Republican Women helped pack and ship all the delicious snacks you brought for troops serving overseas.

Thanks for your generosity in remembering those who serve!

Ways and Means report

At the March luncheon, we earned:

- \$175 Split the Pot, \$87 won by Joan Ward
- \$155 selling jewelry
- \$40 for Swarovski watch

In addition, we made \$1,778.90 selling jewelry at the Lara Trump event in Cary on February 25. Mariann Benway and Lisa Sheridan deftly handled the women who stormed our jewelry table at the event!



We are raffling this lovely Swarovski watch! Rose gold trim around the face with blue crystals on the band. \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20. Winner will be drawn at the next luncheon.

March 29 is Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day



President Donald J. Trump signed into law the *Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017* designating March 29 as a day to remember and honor those who served in Vietnam. While at this time we may not gather publicly, there are ways to express our love and thanks to those who served.

On our [MRW Facebook page](#), we can post memorials for those who died or messages of appreciation to all who served in Vietnam or in the military.

We can also show our love for veterans by sending thanks in a personal note, an email or telephone call.

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Col. Harvey C. (Barney) Barnum USMC (Ret.), is featured in a brief video speaking about Vietnam Veterans. The video is posted on all of the three links below, where you can add comments:

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NioCiiyvKkU>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DeptVetAffairs/status/1240345102918340608>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VeteransAffairs/posts/10157346232918178>

Out of the 2.7 million U.S. service members who served in Vietnam, more than 58,000 were killed and more than 304,000 were wounded. Estimates suggest that approximately 271,000 Vietnam veterans may have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). At a rate of twice the national average, more than 7,000 veterans yearly, or over 20 daily, commit suicide, accounting for 18% of all suicides, but veterans are only 9% of the population.

Negative press coverage contributed to the unpopularity of the Vietnam War, and veterans returning home were often met with disdain and not with the support or gratitude they deserved for their sacrifices. March 29th is our opportunity to remember, honor and express our respect and love for our Vietnam War Veterans.

As Col. Barnum says, "Be proud that you served ...being a vet is an honor."

Update on Wreaths Across America collection

MRW has collected \$705 over the last three months, enabling us to donate 47 wreaths to the Sandhills Veterans Cemetery.

Our web page is in the process of being updated; we will let you know when you can donate individually. Our goal is 500 wreaths this year. With so many members, if each

member donated 2 wreaths for \$30, with the 2 for 3 program, we'd reach that in no time!

Don't forget to collect your box tops!

We support **The Academy of Moore County** by cutting out and donating Box Tops for Education. The Box Top coupons are located on the exterior packaging of the products listed [here](#).

Then, next time we have a luncheon, bring them in and look for a poster and jar at the Caring for America table. You can put your Box Tops in there.

Report on other events



Harold Mendelson and Dan Forest, candidate for NC Governor

Breakfast with Dan Forest

On Saturday, February 29, Moore Republican Women hosted a special Breakfast with Lt. Governor Dan Forest, which was attended by more than 100 people. We had a great time hearing from Dan, who's running for NC Governor. He went on to win the Republican primary on March 3.

On to victory in November!

Richard Hudson and Devin Nunes in Pinehurst

On March 6, Congressmen Richard Hudson (NC-8) and Devin Nunes (CA-22), the brave man who exposed the Russia Hoax, were in Pinehurst for a reception and luncheon at the Country Club of North Carolina. They spoke and answered questions about the U.S. political scene and what's going on in Washington. The luncheon was hosted by the Moore County GOP and also attended by Cong. Dan Bishop (NC-9) as a last-minute special guest.



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