



Letter from the President by Maureen Krueger



Purpose and plans for MRW in 2022

As I write the President's message for the first time, I'm filled with excitement for the future of Moore Republican Women. Our members live out their conservative principles with a spirit of strength, courage and camaraderie. It's an honor to be part of this group.

2022 brings many important elections. These elections are already under attack by targeted lawsuits which suspended candidate filings twice after filing started and pushed the primary election day back two months. Rulings like this illustrate the importance of electing constitutional conservatives to each and every elected office. This is an integral mission of MRW. We will introduce as many Republican primary candidates to our members as possible. Quite a few candidates have already committed to our upcoming luncheons. We want to vet them so we can determine who is the most conservative and electable. So be prepared with questions! And then let's work to get the best Republicans elected.

MRW has experienced a lot of growth. Our members have a treasure trove of experiences and talents. We want everyone to participate in a way that is meaningful to them. The comment I hear the most from members is "What can I do?" That captures the spirit of our Club. We're not just people who sit around and complain - we get things done! So at upcoming meetings, we will provide more information about committees, projects and other ways you can get involved.

Please be free with your suggestions. One good one is that we find ways to include Republican women who cannot attend our luncheons because they're working or because they live in rural communities. I agree with this completely, and MRW may soon be adding initiatives to reach our members or potential members who fall into this category.

Finally, as we conclude the Christmas season, I'd like to acknowledge its importance in America. Christmas is a celebration cherished by all faiths. While it cannot and should not be separated from the birth of Christ, its message is one of universal peace and fellowship. It is a lesson that there is salvation and human worth for all who give and all who receive, all being part of God's gift to humanity. In great part, Christmas celebrates our freedom to worship. In that sense, it's an integral part of the foundation that formed these United States of America. Indeed, ours is the only nation founded on the notion that all our rights come from God. It is why all Americans, regardless of religion, are so proud of both this holiday and our great nation, the latter being made possible only because of the former. It is one way God has given us to experience the joy of our nation and our Savior. And for that, all Americans are grateful.

Maureen

Moore County School Board ends mask mandate



On Monday, December 13, The Moore County Board of Education unanimously voted to allow students and staff to choose not to wear masks indoors - they are now optional. This reversal by the board's four liberal incumbents and Superintendent Robert Grimesey is effective immediately. The

science has shown that positive Wuhan Virus tests among schoolchildren in the county continue to dwindle. However, masks will still be required on school and activity buses.

However, we'll see how long this decision stands, given the rise in Covid cases in our area...stay tuned!

January 5 Brunch debuts new location



Moore Republican Women's Brunch
Wednesday, January 5
10:30 a.m.

NEW LOCATION:
The Lighthouse at Little River

500 Little River Farm Blvd, Carthage, NC (only 4 miles north of Pinehurst No. 6 on 15/501)

Reservations are now closed.

If you are attending, please remember to bring snacks and goodies for law enforcement personnel. We'll be delivering these treats and our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Sheriff's department and police departments throughout Moore County.

The awards keep pouring in!

Carol Wheeldon honored at NC GOP Hall of Fame



One of those dedicated people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure our political goals are achieved is Carol Wheeldon, long-time member of MRW and Moore County's election integrity champion.

Carol was recently installed in the North Carolina GOP's Hall of Fame for her unflagging devotion to GOP causes, elections and events. Congratulations, Carol - we're so proud to claim you as "one of us!"

Sandhills Young Republicans honored by NC Federation of Young Republicans



Two members of the Sandhills Young Republicans won Man and Woman of the Year at the North Carolina Federation of Young Republican's Christmas Awards Dinner: Bradly Dick and our own MRW Member, Emily Stack. Catherine Whiteford (left) presented them with their awards.



In addition, the Sandhills Young Republicans were named the Best Small Club of the Year.

Congratulations to all!

If you know any young(er) people interested in joining this active group, have them contact [Emily Stack](#). You can visit the club's Facebook page [here](#).

Membership news by Mariann Benway

Did you forget to renew your membership?

Don't worry - it's not too late! But if you renew after January 5



at the brunch, there will be a \$10 late fee! So act now!

Here's how to renew:

* **Last chance: Pay your \$40 dues at the January 5 brunch** (bring cash or your check book - and this check should be separate from a check to pay for your lunch). This is your last chance to pay just

\$40 for 2022.

* **NOW: Mail in your \$40 check** (made payable to MRW) to: Moore Republican Women, PO Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374. **If your check will come in after January 5, 2021, please make it out for \$50.**

Easy new way to report your volunteer hours for July - December 2021

Every year, MRW reports to the NCFRW the number of volunteer hours (both political and non-political) that our members devote to serving others. **Please tell us how many hours you have spent either working on political campaigns and activities, or in charitable organizations.**

We have a new page on our website that makes it easy! Estimated times are fine, and you can combine months (i.e., report July - December with one number).

[Log your volunteer hours](#)

Wreaths Across America

This year, MRW was responsible for 426 wreaths being donated to the Wreaths Across America program - a new record. On December 18, a group of us gathered for the ceremonies and laying of wreaths on graves at the Sandhills Veterans and Pinelawn Cemeteries.



Breakfast beforehand



Our wreath-layers



Kim Tackett and Sandi Carl at Pinelawn Cemetery



At Sandhills Veterans Cemetery

MRW cares about the environment

Moore Republican Women supports the Adopt-A-Highway program, and in December a group went out to clean up the trash thrown on Airport Road between Harris Teeter and the entrance to Whispering Pines. Pictured left to right: Lisa Sheridan, Sandi Carl, Peggy Smetana, Pauline Bruno. Maureen Krueger took the picture.



The next clean-up date is March 14. If you're interested in helping, contact [Pauline Bruno](#)

MRW helps welcome a hero home

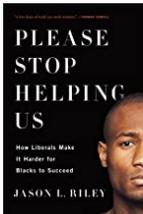


Last summer, MRW was there for the groundbreaking of a home that would be built for Sgt. Joseph Bartel, a young hero who was badly injured during a deployment to Iraq. On December 20, we were there for his homecoming in Aberdeen. Members of MRW and Sandhills Young Republicans helped finish up the interior of the house, and in less than 24 hours, we created and hosted a VIP coffee bar for the celebrities (including Lee Greenwood) that attended.

Many thanks to "workers" **Emily Stack, Bill Britton, Diane and Charles Authement, Veronique Akers, Deb and Gary Thompson, Pauline Bruno, Maureen Krueger** and all the others who came to help make this a true "welcome home" for

an American hero.

MRW Book Club is back!



Hosted by Nancy Fiorillo and Karen Cook, the MRW Book Club is forming again. Our next meeting is::

January 20, 2022

4:00 p.m.

GOP Headquarters (Olmsted Village Shopping Center)

The book will be "[Please Stop Helping Us](#)" by [Jason Riley](#). Everyone is invited to attend, even if you don't have a chance to read the book!

MRW sponsors fundraiser - join us!

-NORTH CAROLINA BLACK CONSERVATIVE VOICES-
- MOORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN -
PRESENTS

An evening of
MOTOWN @ Neon Rooster

TUESDAY JANUARY 25TH 2022 6PM - 9PM
114 KNIGHT ST. ABERDEEN NC
TICKETS \$35
MOTOWNINMOORE.EVENTBRITE.COM

LIVE PERFORMANCE BY
GABRIEL BELLO

[Click here for tickets!](#)

Men's Republican Club luncheon



Thursday, January 20

12:00 Noon

New venue: The Lighthouse at Little River in Carthage.

This is a U.S. Senate candidates' forum looking ahead to the 2022 primary for Richard Burr's Senate seat in Washington.



Scheduled participants include Ted Budd and Pat McCrory. Reserve your seat [here](#).

Training and volunteer opportunities

Training

Foundation for Advanced Conservative Leadership Training
January 8, 2022

Find out more [here](#).

(Note that the webpage lists the GOP HQ as the training site, but it's been changed to the LEO Building, 6921 15-501, Carthage NC 28327)

Volunteer opportunities

January 9 and 10 - Volunteers for National Law Enforcement Day

January 9: We are collecting snacks/goodies at the MRW January 5 meeting, and volunteers are needed to assemble goodie trays for the departments on the 9th at GOP HQ.

January 10: Volunteers are needed to deliver the goodie trays to departments. To volunteer for either day, contact dee.hall@firstcitizens.com.

Election integrity volunteers:

Poll observers wanted for the primary and/or general election. Contact Carol Wheldon at cwheeldo2@gmail.com

Other notable dates:

February 5, 6, 12, 13 - Precinct meetings

March 5 - Moore County GOP Convention

March 19 - Poll observer training/ Board of Elections tour

Are you receiving all communications?

MRW newsletters. We occasionally get reports that members are not receiving our communications. If you feel you're on that list of non-receivers (or you know of someone else who has mentioned this), please let us know! Email the [Editor](#) asap to get back on our list of contacts.

NCFRW and NFRW newsletters. One of the benefits of being a member of MRW is you're also automatically a member of NCFRW and NFRW. Are you receiving the newsletters from these two fine organizations? If you don't receive them and wish to, please [email the NCFRW](#) with your name and email address.

Subscribe to North State Journal, Moore County edition

A new, conservative publication is coming to Moore County this January! It will rival *The Pilot* and give us an important voice. Get award-winning statewide coverage with an added section specific to Moore County. Support this important new development by clicking on the button and subscribing.

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Holiday fun and photos

We had such a great time in December we couldn't fit all of it into this newsletter. Click below to see the delightful holiday pictures of our parades, the Candy Cane Ball, and the December brunch!

[See photos of our holiday events](#)

Happy New Year!

May 2022 start us on the road back to American greatness



Moore Republican Women is a proud member of the [NC Federation of Republican Women](#), the [National Federation of Republican Women](#), and the [Frederick Douglass Foundation of NC](#)

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