



Membership elects MRW Officers for 2024-25

Congratulations to the new Executive Officers of Moore Republican Women, who were elected by acclamation at the November 1 meeting:

President: **Charli Thyne**
1st Vice President (Programs): **Deb Daly**
2nd Vice President (Membership): **JoJo Egitto**
Treasurer: **Peggy Smetana**
Secretary: **Elaine Bologna**

They will be installed at the December 6 meeting and begin their terms on January 1, 2024. We wish them all the best and know they will lead us to victory in next year's critical election!



MRW Executive Officers 2024-25:
(L to R): Peggy Smetana, Elaine Bologna, JoJo Egitto, Deb Daly, Charli Thyne

Message from the President by Maureen Zumwalt



All politics is local until it's not.

As the closing days of municipal elections are upon us, many of our friends and neighbors are deeply embroiled in the outcome of local races. There is a good reason for this. Local politicians have significant influence on our daily lives, personal rights and property rights. They regulate what size house you can build, where you can park your car, the size and number of your trees and even if you can have chickens or bees. They assign your child to a school, they pick up your child in a big yellow bus, decide what they will learn, and provide for their

safety.

The issues are more than local. They are personal...

[Read the whole thing.](#)

Helping those in need in Israel

At Think Tank last week, my friend Felicia (we went to law school together and she practices international estate planning law in Jerusalem) joined us from Israel via a Zoom call. Many people have asked, "What can we do?" I just love the way our people are always looking for ways to help! Felicia explained that Hamas is actually posing as charitable organizations or as victims, so we have to be careful who we help. She provided the following list of reputable charities:

First responders / ambulances: <https://www.mdais.org/en>

Two hospitals down south, where all of the terror victims and wounded soldiers have been taken and will be taken:

<https://www.soroka.org/> in Beer Sheba

<https://www.israelgives.org/amuta/580066272> Barzilai Medical Center Ashkelon

An Arab Jewish organization helping the Bedouins in the South who have also been hard hit: https://ajeec-nisped.org.il/?page_id=20579&lang=en

Thanks for all you do!

Maureen

Last push on municipal elections



Next Tuesday is Election day. Early voting ends on Saturday, November 4 at 3 p.m. If you haven't already voted, here's the information you need. If you know of someone who's not sure what to do, please share this message with them:

Go to [this page](#) on the Moore County Board of Elections site to see which candidates will be on your ballot when you go to vote.

MRW and the Moore County GOP cannot endorse individual Republican candidates - but we CAN help you identify them! Click below for a list of all the candidates in each town who are Republican:

[Republicans on the ballot](#)

[Click here](#) for all the information you need about early one-stop voting, including sites, times and more.

Important MRW news

[Renew today](#)

It's time to
renew your
membership!



Membership runs from January through December, with a dues deadline of December 31. We will begin collecting dues at the October luncheon and will send you reminders throughout the fall.

From October 1 through December 31, renewal dues are \$40. Beginning January 1, 2024 dues increase to \$50, so take action now!

Here's how you can renew your membership:

Pay online via credit card with a small processing fee.

Renew online

Personal check made out to "MRW" and paid at the December luncheon or mailed to: MRW Membership, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Cash paid at the December luncheon.

Don't forget - beginning January 1, 2024, our renewal dues will increase to \$50. So please help our volunteers take care of this important business before the end of the year. We would appreciate it!

Questions:

Lisa Dishman

2nd Vice President, Membership

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MRW nuts purchases

If you purchased nuts and were not able to pick up your order at the November 1 luncheon, please note:

Mariann Benway will deliver the remaining nuts to the GOP HQ in the Olmsted Village Shopping Center on Thursday, November 2. You can pick your purchase up there.

Thank you!

Wreaths Across America - Adding sites



Once again, MRW is sponsoring Wreaths Across America.

FIRST: This year we get to lay wreaths at Seven Lakes Cemetery. These graves are tended to by the Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 996. Their wreath goal is 60 wreaths.

Please sponsor a wreath at this cemetery's Wreaths Across America website:
www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NCSELG

SECOND: Once the Seven Lakes Cemetery has reached its 60-wreath goal, we will again sponsor wreaths for the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery.

MRW's Wreath Across America sponsorship website is [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Mariann Benway](#) or call her at (910) 489-7825.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIPS!

Scenes from November 1 luncheon

At Moore Republican women luncheons, we care not just about candidates and politics - but also about our children and their futures.



The biggest "treat" of the day was this group of young musicians from Pinehurst High School, led by teacher Madeleine Birk, who performed two pieces and told us about the great music program in Moore County Schools. Judging by their talent and excellent speaking skills, these kids are hopeful signs for the future!



Dr. Tim Locklair, Superintendent of Moore County Schools, provided an update on positive things that are happening in the school system and recent academic results.



Sheriff Sam Page, candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

<https://sampage4nc.com/>



Luke Farley, candidate for NC Labor Commissioner.

<https://www.luke4labor.com/>



Jon Hardister, candidate for NC Labor Commissioner.

www.jonhardister.com

Honoring the military this November

11/4 2PM - Seven Lakes Wall of Honor

11/5 2PM Field of Honor, West End Fire Department, Rt. 211/73 in West End

11/8 9AM - Union Pines High School- Five JROTC cadets are being honored for protecting the American flag during a protest.

11/11 Southern Pines Veterans Parade (parade at 10AM, lineup at 8:00AM)
Lineup between 8:00 and 8:30 on Ashe Street - Look for the GOP float (there's no missing it!). Any MRW member, associate or friend/family who wants to participate is welcome. The parade itself starts at 10:00 AM

11/11 Noon, Moore County Veterans Memorial

After the SP parade, there is a ceremony at Moore County Veterans' Memorial at noon. The address is 1020 Carriage Oaks Drive, Carthage, NC 28327. MRW participates in this moving event every year.

Two ways to honor veterans:

1) **Operation Green Light** (see [flyer](#))

2) There is a need for volunteers to **drive disabled veterans to an appointment**. Here is an [online form](#) and a local phone number: 910-949-4155 Phill Guzzo is the transportation coordinator.

On the calendar...

Republican Men's Club luncheon

Wednesday, November 8

Country Club of Whispering Pines | 2 Clubhouse Blvd. |

Whispering Pines | 910.949.3000

Registration: 11:30 a.m. (\$25)

Speaker: James P. Cain



- U.S. Ambassador, July 2005 - January 2009, U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark.
- Former President / Chief Operating Officer, NHL Carolina Hurricanes
- Partner, international law firm, Kilpatrick Stockton
- Founder, chairman civic and business enterprises
- Native, High Point, NC

Deadline to RSVP is Friday, November 3.

[Register now](#)

Candidate fundraisers

November 3: Mark Robinson Oyster Roast at Freedom Hall, Aberdeen NC, featuring music by The Embers. Hosted by Ron Jackson. Get more information [here](#).

Upcoming events

November 4-5, 2023 NCFRW Fall Board Meeting, Doubletree by Hilton, Winston Salem - University, 5790 University Pkwy., Winston-Salem.

December 12: Candy Cane Ball – Plan to celebrate the holidays with your Republican friends!

December 16: Wreaths Across America. We will be placing wreaths on the graves of veterans at the Sandhills Veterans Cemetery in Fayetteville. Stay tuned for more info.

January 26 - 28, 2024 NCFRW Winter Board Meeting, Lumina, Wrightsville Beach

Every week: The Thursday Think Tank

Join fellow Moore County conservatives gathered for a weekly review of issues and events. Moore County Republican Headquarters 11 a.m.



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