

Renew your membership now!

The final MRW meeting of the year was cancelled, and some members who have not yet renewed their memberships are wondering how to do it. It's easy!

Send a check for \$40 (made payable to "MRW") to:

MRW PO Box 3654 Pinehurst, NC 28374

The deadline to renew is December 31, 2022. Any renewals postmarked after December 31 will incur a \$10 late fee. Please take pity on our volunteers who are responsible for membership - send in your renewal check today!

A look back at successes in 2022

by Maureen Zumwalt, President of MRW

Moore Republican Women: Celebrating our 2022 achievements

In the aftermath of the 2022 election, when the Red Wave did not materialize as expected and we all felt great disappointment and even anger – North Carolina still had a lot to celebrate, and MRW played a big role in creating the many successes we should celebrate. It gives me great pleasure to review some of our achievements:



2022 Election:

Leaders. We at MRW, the men's Republican Club and the Moore County GOP played big roles in electing Ted Budd, Richard Hudson, Tom McInnis, and the three District Commissioners into office.

School Board. We swept the school board seats, moving the board from a liberal majority

to a conservative supermajority. We were not alone – across North Carolina, Republicans swept nearly half of all district school board races in the Nov. 8 election. This is great news for our children. The Moore County Board is already making changes for the better, and we look forward to seeing them fulfill their goals for improved academics, safer schools, better financial management and more.

Judges. MRW and our Republican colleagues worked hard to elect conservative judges, contributing money to the Judicial Victory Fund and making phone calls. In a tremendous victory, we swept the judicial races. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Donna Stroud received more than 2 million votes — the highest of any candidate on the Nov. 8 ballot, surpassing both U.S. Senate candidates. The two N.C. Supreme Court wins by Republicans Richard Dietz and Trey Allen mean the court will be transformed from a 4-3 Democrat majority to a 5-2 Republican majority. Court of Appeals Chief Justice Donna Stroud won

reelection as did current Court of Appeals Judge John Tyson. And newcomers Julee Flood and Michael Stading also won big.

These elections were the result of thousands of hours of hard work by members of this club, the men's club and the MC GOP. From vetting the candidates to organizing precinct meetings, training poll observers, and getting out the vote, I have NEVER seen this kind of dedication, and you all deserve a lot of the credit for North Carolina doing so well, even as other parts of the country disappointed us.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service

While we spent most of the year culling the candidates during the primaries and then getting out the vote for the Republicans on the ballot, that's not all we accomplished. For instance:

- We raised funds and collected goods for multiple charitable organizations, including Military Missions in Action, our troops overseas, Life Care Pregnancy Center, The Frederick Douglass Society of North Carolina, Samaritan's Purse for the people of Ukraine, and others.
- We honored veterans at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies at the Sandhills Veterans Cemetery, as well as numerous patriotic and holiday parades throughout Moore County. And we donated \$800 worth of Food Lion gift cards to veterans for Thanksgiving.
- We promoted rallies in support of Right to Life in both Raleigh and DC.
 We rejoiced when Roe vs. Wade was ultimately revoked.
- We commented on the Federal Register about everything from Charter Schools to new trucking regulations.
- Over the summer, our volunteers read to kids and encouraged them to read in the Moore Literacy Council's summer program.
- We supported all of the Law Enforcement agencies in Moore County, providing them with snacks and goodies to let them know how much we appreciate them.
- We fulfilled our commitment to Adopt-A-Road, cleaning up around Airport Road near Whispering Pines several times during the year.

As important and satisfying as these activities have been, one thing really stands out to me – the way we came together with one vision to help save America. You should all be proud that Moore Republican Women not only recognizes and educates people about the dangers progressive policies pose in our society - we DO something to mitigate those dangers. You are all AWESOME, and I am so honored to be part of such a successful and freedom-loving group!

Just announced: MRW will host a brunch in January after all!

So many folks were disappointed we had to cancel our holiday brunch due to the power outage that we contacted Little River to see if we could schedule one in January. And they were thrilled to accommodate us!

Save this date:

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 10:30 a.m. Lighthouse at Little River

Guest Speaker: "Man of the Hour" Sheriff Ronnie Fields.

Put it on your calendar and look for your invitation at the end of December!

Scenes from the Candy Cane Ball



Santa and his head elf made a festive appearance, here with Gary Sheperis and Pauline Bruno.



Mariann Benway and Diane Authement were named "Co-Candy Cane Queens" for their separate and important contributions to MRW.



Peggy Smetana with Judge Skipper Creed and his wife, Laura.





Laura and Jeff Morgan with Christmas elf Miriam Chu.



Young Republicans enjoyed the fete!



Member Donna Tanner made this beautiful holiday wreath, which was one of the coveted raffle prizes.





Years of hard work on the part of many people culminated in having **all** of our local candidates win on November 8. On December 5, they were sworn into office. Congratulations to them - and to Moore County!



District Commissioners: L to R: John Ritter, Jim Von Canon, Nick Picerno (Chair), Frank Quis (Vice-Chair) and Kurt Cook.



Sheriff Ronnie Fields



Todd Maness, Clerk of Court



Bill Britton, Register of Deeds



Our new School Board: L to R: Stacy Caldwell, Pauline Bruno, Shannon Davis, David Hensley (Vice-Chair), Bob Levy (Chair), Ken Benway and Philip Holmes.

Adopt-a-Road cleanup on today!



If you're able to help, MRW members will be picking up trash on Monday, December 12 starting at noon.

Meet at the Harris Teeter in Whispering Pines on Airport Road in the small parking lot nearest the gas station (see map). Bring a reacher/grabber tool and gloves. Vests and trash bags will be provided.

New York Tenors concert re-scheduled



It's not too late to buy tickets:

NEW DATE: December 18
The Fair Barn
Delicious Buffet and Show

Tickets: \$150 per person \$1,200 per table of eight Call Nicole Dunstan 910.922.3041

We want your suggestions!



We invite you to offer your suggestions for any way to make MRW an even better and more successful club. Some of our best speakers and activities have been the result of members or associates bringing them to our attention. Maybe you have ideas to increase membership or improve benefits. Whatever, we want to hear from you! Just respond back to this email with your ideas or contact Maureen Zumwalt.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah!



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