



President's message by Pauline Bruno



RNC Convention articulated what we're fighting for

What a great celebration of Donald Trump, the GOP and America! I thought the GOP convention was beautiful, energetic and well-articulated. The everyday people who spoke filled my heart with joy, sorrow and meaning. They spoke the TRUTH about what's happening in our country and how President Trump has been a positive force for good.

On the opposite end, the past few years have brought changes to the Democrat party. It has been like a mist seeping through the cracks. Slowly, gradually, inch by inch. Now, the Dems have revealed who they truly are and what they truly believe. They are out in the open with their destructive policies, and it was all on full display at their convention.

Because of the political turmoil that divides our country, all of us know how sad it is when people you know become people you *knew*. But to paraphrase Corinthians 4: 8-9, we have been afflicted by all this but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair. We WILL pull through. Our wonderful President, Donald J. Trump will lead us.

Here's what we Republicans stand for: We are upright people who live in accordance with family and faith. We believe in and practice the virtues of patriotism and civility. We believe in our Constitution and vow to uphold it. We promote a culture that values our freedoms, our greatness and our successes. Donald Trump knows this and wants to keep America, America!

Victor Hugo tells us to have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones – and when we have accomplished our daily tasks, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.

Pauline

My trip to the White House last week by Bekah Bibb



On August 27th, I was honored to attend President Trump's RNC acceptance speech at the White House. I spent the day walking through BLM occupied streets taking note of boarded-up businesses, not even recognizing the beautiful city I once lived in.

During the RNC, the air was thick with patriotism as guests mingled among friends. As the sky grew darker, we could hear megaphones and loudspeakers outside the White House grounds desperately trying to grab our attention. A new friend looked at me as he pointed to the direction of the noise and said, "It's going to

be interesting getting out of here." He was right.

After President Trump's speech and fireworks, I left rather quickly and was ushered with many others out the west side of the White House grounds. This was opposite from our entry point on the east side. We moved through Secret Service agents equipped with full armor and quickly thanked them for their service and protection. As we approached the final threshold, we could already hear the screaming of profanities coming our way. Crossing into DC, we passed through a swarm of surrounding rioters demanding that we kill ourselves and put our face masks on, which is ironic. The middle finger accompanied, "F*** you! F*** Donald Trump! Put the F***** mask on!" and other profanities I can't repeat. The DC Police closed two blocks surrounding the White House, leaving attendees stranded and forced to walk multiple blocks to the west to meet an Uber. Attendees stuck together with an unspoken unity amidst the surrounding chaos. As we walked together, rioters would follow us with their chants. At the end of the street closures, attendees shared Ubers and stayed together. I was fortunate to share an Uber with a lovely couple from Louisiana.

During this trip, I traveled solo and I refused to be afraid. I refuse to not attend a historic event just because of some loudmouth kids. However, what I experienced in DC made me overwhelmingly sad. The hatred that cornered Senator Rand Paul, Vernon Jones, Brandon Straka, and many others runs deep and it's evil. These rioters are so consumed with hate. How awful it must be to be addicted to anger. When I returned to my hotel, I knew I needed to tell others to pray. We must pray for these rioters, for racial peace in our nation, and to heal this brokenness that divides us. Luke 6:27-28 (NIV) says, "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." We must pray for senseless violence to stop, for peace and order to be restored, and wisdom for our leaders. It's also clear we also need to elect strong leadership, on every level, who condemn this behavior.

The overwhelming theme of the RNC was pro-American as every race, background, and age were represented. We cannot allow this lawlessness to overshadow who we truly are as Americans. We are a nation of laws, the land of opportunity for all, and the most prosperous nation on the planet. Let's work hard to keep it this way!

(Bekah Bibb is a member of MRW and a staff member for Congressman Richard Hudson)

Announcing new MRW "fun-raiser":



SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, September 20
5-7 p.m.

MRW is sponsoring a special event featuring [Jessie Jane Duff](#), an amazing speaker who will get you "revved" up for the election.

Food, fun and festivities as we celebrate the Trump momentum while raising money for MRW political activities!

Watch for the full invitation and details coming this week.

Your vote in 2020: Absentee ballots



Here's the recommendation from the Moore County GOP:

An absentee ballot is insurance pre-Nov. 3

If you are concerned for any reason about voting in person, or about a senior voter entering a public polling place, absentee voting by mail is secure, easy and endorsed by the Trump campaign, the North Carolina Republican Party and Moore County

GOP. You can download the form requesting an online ballot online at [this site](#).

What if I am a strict vote-in-person voter? Good question. NC GOP Vice Chair Miriam Chu explains that requesting an absentee ballot is insurance ahead of Election Day. If more chaos is imposed on our state by Gov. Roy Cooper's tyrannical inclinations, you will have a valid ballot in hand. What if Cooper declares a new "emergency" that shuts down early voting or in-person Election Day voting?

Second, if you fear an absentee ballot placed in the mail might suffer the same fate as harvested ballots (that will vanish), Chu points out that any voter can deliver an absentee ballot to the Moore County Board of Elections headquarters, in person.

Requests for absentee ballots can begin immediately. Upon receipt of the ballot, the voter must sign it in the presence of a witness, who also signs the ballot.

Request an absentee ballot up to 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 27. Click [here](#) to download a request form.

Who should I vote for?

As soon as a Republican sample ballot becomes available, we will send it to our members. In the meantime, [here are the candidates on "our" side](#). Please be sure when you vote to fill in BOTH SIDES of the ballot (not just the front).

Early voting sites if you want to vote in person

The Moore County Board of Elections has approved four sites for in-person early voting, October 15 - 31, 2020.

The sites are the Aberdeen Recreation Station, the Carthage Agricultural Center, the new Pinehurst Community Center and the Vass Town Hall.

Click the link for details: [Dates and hours of operation](#). Enter Moore in the county search field.

MRW Luncheon at CCNC on Sept. 16

The MRW Luncheon on September 16 is completely sold out, so we cannot accept any more RSVPs. We will once again make it possible to attend "virtually" and will send instructions closer to the event.

Highlights from August luncheon



Mark Robinson, candidate for Lt. Governor, was one of the key speakers. Here he poses with Kim Tackett and Diane Ingold.



Dan Bishop, candidate for Congress from the 9th district, also spoke at the brunch.



Pauline Bruno, MRW President



MRW maxed out the two CCNC dining rooms - enthusiasm for the upcoming election knows no bounds!



At the brunch, Moore Republican Women dressed in suffrage sashes to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Republicans voting to give women the right to vote.



Thank you to all who brought school supplies for needy children. These will be donated to West End Elementary School.



PATRIOTS' STRIKE FLASH MOB!

Members of Moore Republican Women joined Moore County Citizens on Saturday, August 15, 2020, at Lowe's Hardware in Southern Pines to celebrate America. Kay Wildt led the crowd in singing "God Bless America." Mariann Benway and her husband, Ken, joined in the planning of the event.

Read more [here](#).



Cleta Mitchell at the White House

President Trump recently signed a Proclamation on the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. Cleta Mitchell, a local Republican who's very active in the Moore County GOP (in white dress with the "signing pen") marked the occasion with President Trump.

You can read the President's remarks [here](#).

Membership report by Mariann Benway



We continue to grow! A hearty welcome to these new MRW members:

Emily Carson
Christine Corcoran
Gwen Gardner
Lynn Goldhammer
Donna Hardeman
Laurie Martin
Carol McDuffie
Annette Miller
Tracye Reiland
Patricia Rowe
Teresa Speidel
Ann Surdez

If you know of someone who's interested in learning more about MRW, encourage them to visit [our website](#). We have a page that tells them [what we do](#) and what [benefits](#) they receive by joining. And don't be shy about forwarding this newsletter to interested parties!

Two MRW members win NFRW video challenge

During the Women's Suffrage Centennial Celebration, the National Federation of Republican Women asked members to create videos on the subject. There were only 3 winners nationwide - and two were members of MRW!

- **Mariann Benway** won in the category "[Celebrating the Anniversary - Why I am a Republican.](#)"
- And **Kim Tackett** won with her video, "[Winning the Future - Why I Support President Trump.](#)"

Congratulations, Mariann and Kim, on your eloquence and clarity in this national challenge!

Louis Gregory, MRW Associate member, re-elected



Congratulations to MRW Associate member and Moore County Commissioner **Louis Gregory**, who was re-elected as the District 10 Director for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) during a District 10 caucus held remotely on Friday, August 7, 2020. As District 10 Director, Commissioner Gregory will represent Moore, Anson, Montgomery, and Richmond Counties on the NCACC Board of Directors. Congratulate him next time you see him at one of our events!

Ways and Means - raising money for MRW

All the money we raise through our Ways and Means fundraisers is used by MRW to support Republican candidates and increase Republican involvement in Moore County.



At the August brunch, we raised:

- \$100 through GOP jewelry/etc. sales (thank you, Sandy Fowler)
- \$105 through Split the Pot. \$52.50 was won by Lydia Boesch, who generously returned her winnings to the Club (thank you, Sandi Carl and Deb Spelman).



NUTS FUNDRAISER:

"Let's Go Nuts!" Purchase your nuts to help MRW during this important election year. These are great for hostess and holiday gifts, and the tins are terrific for client gifts.

Please look over the [catalog you can find here](#) and email your order to mariannbenway@me.com or call her at (910) 949-3856. Then send your payment for your nut order to MRW, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

The nuts will be delivered the beginning of November.

Help us win NFRW Diamond Achievement Award!

Earlier in the year, we asked you to log in to the NFRW website to tell them how many hours you spent on political activities. We urge you to continue to do that every month [here](#).

BUT - If Moore Republican Women want to continue to receive the NFRW Diamond Achievement Award (which have done for many years), we need to **log in ALL our volunteer**

hours - not just for political activities.

So we ask you to please click the button below and download the form, fill it out and either bring it to the December brunch or mail it to MRW, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Thanks for your help in ensuring MRW continues to be recognized as one of the premier Republican women's groups in the country!

[Volunteer hours form](#)

Upcoming events

MRW Luncheon, Wednesday, September 16 - CCNC (see above for more information).

GOP voter registration, Sept. 14-17 on the campus of Sandhills Community College. Volunteers needed!

Salt & Light Conference, September 19: Presented by NC Faith & Freedom Coalition. \$39 early bird admission (incl. lunch). Limited capacity. **Featured guest: Judge Jeanine Pirro**, 9 am - 6 pm [Click here for details](#).

Moore Republican Women for Trump; September 20, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Country Club of North Carolina.

Trump Country 2020 + 4

Moore GOP Fundraiser - Saturday, October 10

National Athletic Village, Southern Pines

[Register online now](#)

Speakers/Auction/Live music

Let's have some fun



Covid unfortunately prevents Joe Biden from doing extended in-person interviews as his wife Jill has explained in several extended in-person interviews



WOULD THIS SURPRISE YOU?



Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

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