



President's message by Pauline Bruno



"Those who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Benjamin Franklin

Governor Cooper has announced the extension of his stay-at-home order until May 8. It is time, as citizens and patriots, to stand up and exercise our rights. Twenty-two million people are out of work. Businesses are being destroyed. Dreams are being shattered.

People are dying because important services, like hospitals, are closed and can't provide "elective surgery." We obeyed, we listened; now it's time to mobilize to open up our economy and put people back to work.

There is no coercion - everyone has a choice. No one will be judged by choosing to stay home and not participate. Anyone not wishing to be near others can stay home and continue their isolation. Those who choose to return to work to feed their families and pay their mortgages need to be allowed to do so.

Many of our Democrat leaders are knowingly and purposely trying to stop this to thwart President Trump and our wonderful economy.

The First Amendment was written to guarantee our basic freedoms. This shut-down is becoming totally unconstitutional. It is now considered "selfish" to desire a return to normal.

Just remember: ***"The strictest law sometimes becomes the severest injustice." (Ben again)***

I think about and pray for all my MRW sisters daily.

Pauline

P.S. - A dream has come true! Last Saturday, Miriam Chu, Vice Chair of the NCGOP and an outstanding, longtime member of MRW, was elected by the 9th District GOP to be a Delegate to the Republican National Convention - and I was elected to be an Alternate Delegate! What a thrill to be there when we nominate President Trump for re-election!

The case for opening up NC again

Not sure what to think about how quickly we should re-open our society and businesses in North Carolina? We recommend this article, written by a doctor at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and the former chief of neuroradiology at Stanford University Medical Center.

[The data is in - Stop the panic and end the total isolation](#)

Here's what's happening with proposed changes to NC voting procedures by Peggy Smetana

A few days ago, we asked you to make your voice heard on the proposed changes on voting procedures during the COVID crisis. Many of you did. Peggy Smetana, one of our MRW members, listened to and commented at the public hearing. Here are her observations of what transpired:

Feedback on NC State Board of Election's (SBE) public hearing webinar and efforts to increase fraud possibilities

The NC State Board of Elections held a public hearing via webinar on Monday, April 20, to allow people to give their input on a proposed change to increase the power of the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections (Karen Brinson Bell, appointed by Gov. Cooper). The proposed change would allow her to have emergency powers to change voting procedures in the event of a disease epidemic. She already has the power in case of a natural disaster, extremely inclement weather or armed conflict.

The only issue of the public hearing was the proposed change involving a disease epidemic.

The vast majority people who spoke at the webinar strongly opposed the increased authority and believed that early voting, absentee voting, and remedial measures at the polls could assure safe voting.

The public hearing did NOT take comments on the SBE proposals to the General Assembly including expanded options (fax, email, or phone, online portal) for absentee requests, eliminating the need for witness signatures on the absentee ballot requests, allowing owners or employees of nursing homes to help voters with requesting, voting, or returning the voters' absentee ballots.

The full proposal of the SBE to the General Assembly is [here](#).

The General Assembly appears to be resisting the SBE proposals. A [bill drafted by the Continuity of State Operations Working Group](#) directs State agencies to exercise regulatory flexibility during the coronavirus emergency, but excludes the State Board of Elections from the definition of State agencies.

We need to help the General Assembly to continue resisting the Board of Elections attempts to usurp powers.

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Membership report by Mariann Benway

Membership Directory to be printed soon...

We are now preparing our directory to be printed. Please note: If you have moved recently or changed anything regarding your contact information (address, phone, email), contact [Mariann Benway](#) ASAP. We want to make sure your info is correct!

While we don't print the email address in the directory, we do need it if you want to receive the MRW newsletter and other important communications.

Welcome to these new members:

- Emily Stack
- Sarah Slusser

Make a THANKFUL video for our Facebook page!



The past month has been very strange for all of us. We are home, trying to find ways we can help others who have been affected by the COVID virus. Here's something you can do to help cheer everyone up: Make a short video of what you're thankful for! We will post it to our [Facebook page](#) to share with others.

Here are the [quick and easy instructions](#) on how to create your 15-40 second video and get it posted.

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Feeding Our Own with Determination

You may be looking for ways to help local restaurants during the COVID crisis. The Moore County GOP has a worthy project for your consideration: "**F.O.O.D. - Feeding Our Own with Determination.**"

The Moore County GOP is donating \$5,000 to the Sandhills Food Bank, and the MCGOP asks that MRW

Members and friends match that donation by supporting our local restaurants to ensure they stay in business. Here's what you do:

- Simply purchase a gift card from a locally owned restaurant. When you purchase the gift card, tell the restaurant that this is a Republican project, and take a "selfie." Then "record" your purchase by clicking [here](#) and telling the MCGOP the details of your purchase, as well as including your "selfie."
- Use the gift card now or later.
- Or consider gifting the card to someone in need, or to our local Military Missions In Action office to help a veteran, or to a health care worker, EMT, or other first responder.

For more information, go [here](#).

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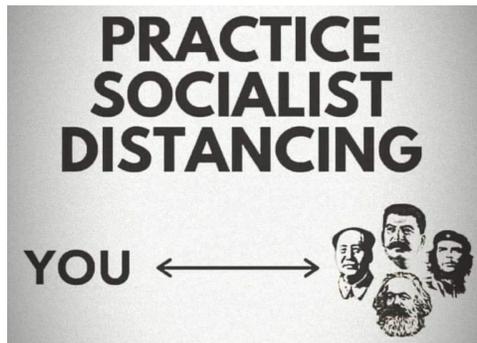
Obviously since we are not able to hold our luncheons, our fundraising efforts through sale of items have been curtailed. We hope we'll be able to get going on that once again in June.

For your consideration: Since you can't pay \$20 for our May luncheon, donate that amount (or whatever amount you like) to MRW for use in the community and for our political action activities. Just make out your check to "MRW" and mail it to: PO Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374. We always put your donations to good use!

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.



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