



Moore Republican Women Luncheon Speakers 2023

MRW takes pride in having a wide diversity of speakers talking about everything from national and political issues to local elections and community news. Following is a list of the speakers we have hosted at our monthly meetings in 2023:

January

- **Ronnie Fields**, More County Sheriff, discussed the recent attacks on electrical substations.
- **Hal Weatherman**, former Chief of Staff for Dan Forrest, announced he would be running for Lt. Governor of NC in 2024.

February

- **Mickey Foster**, CFO, First Health of the Carolinas
- **“Lunch and Learn” Special Program: Politics 101: Understanding the Role of Precincts in Politics** presented by MRW Board Members

March

- **Dr. Julie Baugher**, FirstHealth Concierge Clinic, discussed the benefits of concierge healthcare in today's medical environment, which requires doctors to have too many patients in their practices.
- Representatives from **Adult & Teen Challenge of Sandhills**, a faith-centered recovery program for men struggling with life-controlling addiction.

April

- **Gordon Chang**, internationally acclaimed expert on China, provided his insights into what is happening in China and its goals and actions.

May

- **A.P. Dillon**, reporter for *The North State Journal*, discussed the Protect Our Students Act (HB 142) currently before the state legislature.
- **Towanna Dixon**, Chair of the Moore County Board of Elections, provided an overview of BOE, the new voting machines, the audit process, and the desperate need for poll workers.
- **John Kane, Jr.**, candidate for the North Carolina GOP chairmanship against Michael Whatley, talked about changes he would make.
- **Addul Ali**, candidate for North Carolina vice chair position, discussed his run for this office.

June

- **Michael Whatley**, Chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party, who is running for re- election
- **Greg Gebhardt**, new Executive Director of Military Missions in Action

September

- **Dan Bishop**, candidate for NC Attorney General in 2024.
- **Tom Murry**, candidate for NC Attorney General in 2024.
- **Allen Mashburn**, candidate for Lt. Governor in 2024.
- **Kevin Drum**, candidate for Pinehurst mayor.
- **Pat Pizzella**, candidate for Pinehurst mayor.
- **Claire Berggren**, candidate for Pinehurst Village Council.
- **Lydia Boesch**, candidate for Pinehurst Village Council.
- **Taylor Clement**, candidate for Southern Pines mayor.

October

- **Mark Walker**, candidate for NC Governor.
- **Hal Weatherman**, candidate for NC Lieutenant Governor.
- **Travis Wilson**, candidate for NC Labor Commissioner.
- **Jeff Morgan**, candidate for Pinehurst Mayor.
- **Cara Mathis**, candidate for Pinehurst Village Council.
- **Bill Pate**, candidate for Southern Pines Council.
- **Teresa Beavers**, candidate for Aberdeen Board of Commissioners.
- **Angela Vacek**, candidate for Mayor of Vass.

November

- **Dr. Tim Locklair**, Superintendent of Moore County Schools, talked about the progress the schools are making in academic results.
- **Sheriff Sam Page**, candidate for Lt. Governor of NC
- **Luke Farley**, candidate for Labor Commissioner of NC
- **Jon Hardister**, candidate for Labor Commissioner of NC