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Cumberland County Republican Women's Club

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy New Year CCRWC! We have a very exciting year ahead of us—we are adapting and altering (I am avoiding the word change for obvious reasons) our typical membership-meeting format. We will be having some very interesting and informative speakers that can offer us some life skills that may actually come in handy. Our planning meeting will be a great time to relax and enjoy one another a little more than normal...and then we will break off into smaller group discussions and work on things that need improvement; share ideas for membership drives (anyone for another

tea with Brooke Burr and maybe Susan Tillis?); help tie up loose-ends for upcoming events; brainstorm and make this club grand.

I do also want to take this moment to apologize to all of our members. First of all, I sincerely apologize for the lack of communications throughout the year. I am trying to be better about it and I have adopted my old attitude back—it has been missing for a little while, but I am nurturing it back into existence. Next, I want to apologize for acting like November 2013 never happened. I am truly sorry that there was a situation that caused some people to feel hurt, betrayed, and uncomfortable. I stood up for what I believed in—the club, the members, and the friendships that I have experienced. I just would like to begin our new year with positive gestures. If anyone would like to address anything—anything at all—please, feel free to call, email, or pull me aside before or after a membership meeting or join us for a board meeting and I will

join us for a board meeting and I will answer any questions or issues you may have—honestly. The board and I serve you and serve on behalf of you. We represent the CCRWC wherever we go and with everything we do. I want you to feel as proud as I do about this club and the true impact it has on our community. Thank you for the honor of continuing to serve you.

Staci Chiomento

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

2015 CCRWC dues are now due. \$28 for full membership, \$15 for associate membership. Please make checks payable to CCRWC.

We still have aprons for sale at \$20.00 each. They will be available at the next meeting so bring some extra cash!

We will have Republican jewelry as well. Bracelets, brooches and lanyards. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$20.00.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members: No new members this month : Marsha Lunt. Welcome Marsha!!

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BOARD MEMBERS

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CHIOMENTO
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LEGISLATIVE.....
LAURIE SZOKA
LITERACY.....
TBD
CAMPAIGN.....
TBD
CARING FOR
AMERICA/TROOPS..... SUZANNE
RUCKER
CHAPLAIN..... TBD
HISTORIAN.....
STACI CHIOMENTO

NEWSLETTER:

We welcome your input for our Newsletter; pertinent news articles, opinions, announcements, and photos of our membership.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Please email to pamunson@nc.rr.com no later than the 25th of the month.

Thank you.

Paulette Munson
Editor

Our club was formed in May 2007, recognizing the need for expanding choices for Republican women who need to meet during the evening. Business meeting time is kept to an hour. Our programs include persons of local and state political interest, state officers of the NCFRW and regular updates from our members who are elected Republicans in the county and state.

We meet on the second Tuesday evening monthly for a buffet dinner. Spouses are encouraged to attend and become associate members. Guests are always welcomed as well.

Our Club raises money for candidates and club activities in a variety of ways, including our annual Pizza & Politics event which attracts candidates and other Republican officials from throughout the state.

OBJECTIVES OF OUR ORGANIZATION

- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- To promote an informed public through political education and activity.
- To foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and ideals.
- To work for Republican candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections.
- To support the objectives of the Republican National, State, and Central District Executive Committees, and to work for the election of Republican Party candidates.
- To promote cooperation among the National and North Carolina Federation of Republican Women and CCRWC.

LINKS

CCRW: www.cumberlandcountyrepublicanwomensclub.org

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women:

www.ncfederationofrepublicanwomen.org
This site requires a password: 1953ncfrw

National Federation of Republican Women:

www.nfrw.org
This site requires a username and password
Username: federation
Password: 1938nfrw



Excerpt from Governor Pat McCrory's Weekly Newsletter dated 22 Dec14

NORTH CAROLINA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONTINUES TO FALL

North Carolina's unemployment rate decreased to 5.8% in November as the economy added nearly 10,000 jobs during the month.

"North Carolina's economy keeps getting stronger with each month that passes," said Governor McCrory. "We have seen 176,000 jobs added since I entered office and a three-point drop in the unemployment rate, but there is still a lot of work to be done. I look forward to the upcoming year and continuing to pursue policies that set North Carolina up for success."



The unemployment rate dropped to 5.8% for the first time since May of 2008. The number of people employed increased by 9,964 over the month and 31,498 over the year. Since Governor McCrory took office, the number of jobs added has increased by 176,000.

LAW creation DONE THE CORRECT WAY! (Debbie Workman's words)



17 Dec 2014 U.S. Senator Richard Burr and Bob Casey (D-PA) announced that the senate has passed their Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act. This bill will allow families who have a child with a disability to save for their long-term care through 529-style savings accounts enabling them to save for their child's future expenses, especially since many Americans with Downs Syndrome and autism are now outliving their parents. The ABLE Act passed the house last week with a final vote of 404-17.

The ABLE Act would amend Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Service Code to allow use of the tax free savings accounts for individuals with disabilities. The bill would supplement but not supplant, benefits provided through private insurance, the Medicaid program, the beneficiary's employment, and other sources. It is now on the President's desk waiting signature!



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JANUARY 2015 SPEAKER

We have invited him and his wife to join us for dinner

JOHN FALKENBURY, President and COO of the NC USO



President Falkenbury's Bio

Mr. John Falkenbury was appointed as President and COO for USO of NC in March 2009. He is responsible for planning, organizing and directing the operations of the state headquarters, five USO fixed centers and a mobile center in the areas in and surrounding Jacksonville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, and Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. These base and airport centers provide a full range of services including critical resiliency, transition assistance, financial literacy and children's educational programs; Travel Assistance at Charlotte Douglas International, Raleigh-Durham and Fayetteville Airports; deployment and homecoming operations; internet and video link access; military and civilian community outreach programs; Fallen and Wounded Warrior escort services; Holiday feasts; and extensive morale-boosting activities.

With over 25 years' experience in demanding corporate and military environments, he has successfully created business growth and operational successes through sound business management, organized strategic communications and marketing, and motivational leadership. Mr. Falkenbury served over twenty years in the U.S. Army, with assignments throughout the United States and in Germany, including Battalion Executive Officer, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Chief of Operations and later Director of Public Affairs, 56th Field Artillery Command, Germany; Director of Public Affairs, US Army War College and Carlisle Barracks at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Upon leaving active service, he returned home to North Carolina to become the president and CEO of Five Oaks Nursing Center in Concord, managing partner of the Falkenbury Family LLC and president of the Stephen D. Falkenbury Jr. Foundation in Charlotte. Mr. Falkenbury established and operated the first North Carolina division of Fleishman-Hillard International Communications holding the position of Senior Vice President and General Manager and serving as the Chair of the North Carolina Advisory Board. He was an adjunct faculty member in the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Department of Communication Studies. In Charlotte, Mr. Falkenbury served as WBT-AM radio station's on-air military analyst and was a credentialed military consultant and frequent guest for News14 Carolina. He was also heard on WPTF-AM in Raleigh. (con't)



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NEW MEETING LOCATION!



The CCRWC Board has researched local eateries and we have found a new location for our monthly meetings. The Buckhead Steakhouse is located on Camden Road, just west of Hope Mills Road, in Hope Mills, 5554 Camden Rd., Hope Mills.

Eric, the manager, has been quite helpful to accommodate our needs. The food is delicious and economical. We also had outstanding service. Dining will be a sit down served dinner, not a buffet.

We will have to ask that you make your reservations earlier now, no later than the Thursday before our meeting. January reservations must be made by January 8th. You will also need to make your choice of chicken or beef at that time. The cost should be around \$15.00+-, we should have that nailed down prior to the reservation deadline. The dinner will include salad, meat, vegetable, starch, roll, beverage and dessert. Those who choose not to eat and attend the meeting only, with beverage, will be charged \$5.00 as usual. Wine, beer, and mixed drinks will be available at the bar.

Your tip for the wait staff is not included in the cost of the dinner. Kindly leave your tip for your waiter in the tip jar as you check-in.



Our CCRWC members are active community volunteers. Here's Sue Dennis accepting the Fayetteville Observer's 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award. If you know a member who is also a volunteer with another organization or is the recipient of an award, please me know so that we can also acknowledge their achievements.

Suzanne Rucker
Membership Chairman



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UPCOMING EVENTS ~~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 8th, 2015	FRWC Meeting
January 13th	<u>Membership Meeting at Buckhead Steakhouse 6pm</u>
January 19th	<u>CCRWC Board Meeting 6pm</u>
February 2nd	Groundhog Day
February 6th	Ronald Reagan's Birthday
February 10th	<u>Membership Meeting</u>
February 12th	Lincoln's Birthday
February 12th	FRWC Meeting
February 14th	Valentine's Day
February 16th	President's Day
February 16th	<u>CCRWC Board Meeting</u>
February 18th	Ash Wednesday
February 22nd	Washington's Birthday
Whew! February is a busy month!	
March 7th	CC-GOP Convention
March 8th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 10th	<u>Membership Meeting</u>
March 12th	FRWC Meeting
March 16th	<u>CCRWC Board Meeting</u>
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day
March 20th	Spring Begins
March 29th	Palm Sunday

Happy Birthday to you!

NEVER COMPALAIN
 ABOUT GETTING OLD OR
 HAVING ANOTHER
 BIRTHDAY-
 IT BEATS THE
 ALTERNATIVE!
 —DAVID CLARK

*Staci Chiomento
 Dr. Jessica Elmore
 Lilith Hurst*



f we missed a birthday, please let us know. All

5th Annual Pizza and Politics - April 11, 2015