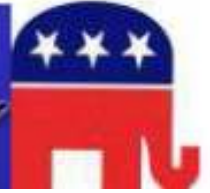




Cumberland County Republican Women's Club



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A Note from the President

Is it Spring yet? By the recent weather you would surely think so. It is the time for the various state primaries to take place around the country. With just a view completed, the media would have us think that the presidential nominee is all but chosen. It is our hope that the Republicans of North Carolina will have a voice in choosing our candidate, unlike years past. Of course, we will have the opportunity to choose our local and state candidates. And in those races, it's we Republican women who can make a difference. In cam-

paigns past, our members have contributed hundreds of hours working for our candidates; making phone calls, addressing mail, and visiting the voters. Have you signed on with your favorite candidate yet? Check them out on our Website; we will be updating the site as more candidates make their candidacies known. Our club was successful in raising \$1230 for the USO Children's Corner at the Fayetteville Regional Airport. We are now committed to work with

our Fort Bragg/ Fayetteville USO this year; supplying fresh baked treats, stuffed animals for the children and United States and North Carolina Flags for their locations. It is our plan that we, with the help of other Republican groups across our region, to supply 3000 hand held flags to welcome our troops as they come home from deployment.

Paulette Munson

February's Special Event: Living with a Campaign

This month, the Club will be meeting on February 14th—Valentine's Day! In honor of this, we will be hosting a panel of couples who have recently experienced the ups and downs of a political campaign together.

Find out the inside truth about running a campaign as a couple, how the candidates and their spouses handled the stress and strain of a battle to win election, and the ways they kept their marriages and families strong throughout.

Out panel will include:

Fayetteville District 5, City Councilman Bobby Hurst and his wife



Candidate for NC House, District 45, John Szoka and his wife Laurie



Lilith and Dylan
• Fayetteville District 8, City Councilman, Wade Fowler and his wife Kim



Hope Mills Mayor Jackie Warner and her husband Alex Warner

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Schedule of Events

February

2/1 **National Freedom Day**
 2/14 **Valentine's Day**, CCRWC Members Meeting, Highland Country Club, 6:30PM
 2/20 **President's Day** Executive Board Meeting
 2/22 **Ash Wednesday**

March

3/2 **Read Across America Day**
 3/11 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
 3/13 CCRWC Members Meeting, Highland Country Club
 3/17 **St. Patrick's Day**
 3/19 Executive Board Meeting

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 National Freedom	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 CCRWC Members	15	16	17	18
19	20 Executive Board	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

"Like" the Cumberland County Republican Women's Club page on Facebook to see all of our upcoming events, photos, and the most up-to-date information!



Will you be attending the next Members Meeting?

Membership Meetings are always held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Highland Country Club.

RSVP by February 13th before noon for the February 14th meeting by calling Sue Dennis (910) 425-4353 or (910) 584-4735, for reservations.

As always, you have the options of

- a full Buffet for \$22.00,
- dessert and beverage for \$5.50,
- seat only for \$3.00.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our reservation policy If you make a reservation, and do not attend the meeting, you are obligated to pay for your reservation. Cancellations must be made by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting, to prevent you're being charged.

Important Websites to Visit:

Visit our Website to review our year in pictures and learn more about the CCRWC:

<http://www.cumberlandcountyrepublicanwomensclub.org/>

The National Federation of Republican Women:

<http://www.nfrw.org/>

To enter the member page:

The User name is Federation,

The Password is nfrw1938.



The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women:

<http://www.ncfederationofrepublicanwomen.org/>

No user name is required.



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Service Opportunity: Do You Enjoy Baking?

Nothing says “Thank You” quite like fresh-baked goodies—and who deserves our thanks more than our troops!

The USO of North Carolina would like your help! The USO’s Travel Center is located inside of the Fayetteville Regional Airport, and serves soldiers and their families travelling through the airport.

You can show your support of the troops, their families and the mission of the USO by providing homemade cookies, cakes, brownies, pies, or other treats for the USO Airport Travel Center.

Items need not be individually wrapped (or sliced in the case of a cake or pie), but should be in a sealed container—for freshness and storage.

You may bring your items to the monthly meeting and they will be delivered to the USO the next day, or you may contact Suzanne Rucker, who will then deliver your goodies to the USO.

To contact Suzanne and arrange to drop off items, call her at 484-7957 or email drtims4@aol.com.



The Cumberland County Republican Women’s Club is proud to present a check for \$1,230.00 to the USO.

Christmas Basket Raffle Benefited USO Children’s

The Christmas Basket Raffle which took place at the December CCRWC meeting was a HUGE success! Together, the club raised \$1,230 for the

Children’s Corner at the Fayetteville Regional Airport.

The donation will help to furnish the space with games, toys, and other items for the

children of soldiers travelling through the airport.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the baskets, bought, or sold tickets. This was a fun and rewarding activity and we are so glad to be able to make this donation to the USO and to the children who will benefit from the play area.



Presenting the check to the USO:

From left to right: Renee Lane, USO director; Paulette Munson CCRWC President; Suzanne Rucker, CCRWC Treasurer; Beverly Jackson, USO assistant director.

Pizza & Politics

When: April 14th
4pm until 6pm

Where: Honeycutt
Recreation Center

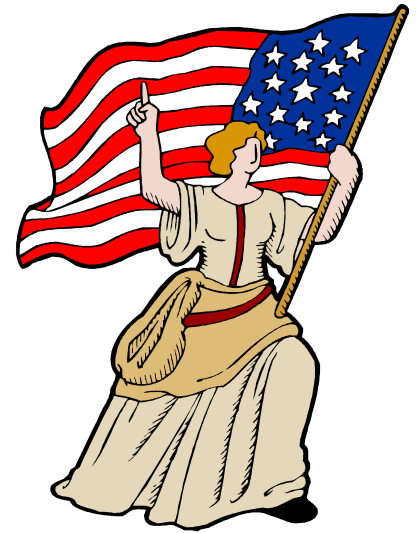
What: CCRWC fundraiser,
Pizza & Politics

Who: YOU!

To celebrate Patriots' Day, and in anticipation of the North Carolina Primary on May 8, the Cumberland County Republican Women's Club will be hosting Pizza and Politics April 14, 2012.

Come out and hear our candidates speak, enjoy a great time with your family and friends, and participate in this celebration of the American Patriot!

Please check out the CCRWC Facebook page for more information on special guests and speakers, tickets and sponsorship opportunities, and all other news about the event. We will be updating the event regularly to reflect more speakers (as they are confirmed) and other exciting portions to Pizza & Politics as we get closer to April!



CCRWC Secretary and Trumpet Award winner keeps busy these days. Liz just completed her Concealed Weapon Permit class... word has it that Liz is a pretty good shot too. You rock Liz!!



CCRWC Members at work for Fayetteville Beautiful

From left to right: Paulette Munson, Suzanne Rucker and Sue Dennis are in downtown Fayetteville on a cool sunny morning trimming the pansies in the Hurly Pots.

**CCRWC Methodist University Scholarship is named in honor of our First President,
Barbara Olcott**



Barbara Olcott receives Certificate of Scholarship Name from President Paulette Munson

Below is the Autobiography of Barbara Olcott. We are so very proud to have Barbara as an integral part of our organization. As you read her story, we know you'll agree.

Autobiography: Barbara Allyn Olcott

January 24, 2012

I was born in Maine, October 30, 1931, and raised in Lakeville, Connecticut, the fifth of nine children. I met Tom, my husband, when we were both graduate students in Chemistry at the Horace Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan. We have four children ranging in ages from 57 down to 50, Kathryn, Richard, Patricia and Sandra, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson, Landon, born on my 80th birthday.

We lived in Aiken, SC, from 1955 to 1964, where Tom worked as a Nuclear Chemist at the Savannah River Heavy Water facility, run by the DuPont Company.

In August, 1964, Tom was transferred to the DuPont Washington Works in Washington, WV, a plant producing Teflon and Dacron and other plastics. Our children acquired most of their schooling in Parkersburg, WV.

After an adult life as a mother and professional volunteer, I went back to school, received my Master's Degree from the West Virginia University Graduate School in 1977, and taught Mathematics and Physics in West Virginia and North Carolina for 10 years, helping to put our children through college. I was chosen to serve on the West Virginia State Math Task from 1978 – 1979, representing the Private Schools in general and St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary in Vienna, WV, in particular. While teaching at St. Joseph' Preparatory Seminary I served on an evalua-

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tions team for the Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. In June of 1979, Tome was transferred to the nearby DuPont plant. In 1985, I taught my last class at Methodist University, returned to the world of volunteerism and struggled at the starving artist gig. Luckily, I didn't have to starve.

Along the way, I developed many new skills, particularly in the arts, crafts and heritage crafts and skills.

I was Salutatorian for my high school class of 1949, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, CT. I was active in Forensics Club, Drama Club, and Latin Club and was a cheerleader. I was selected for Girls' State, Girls' Nation Connecticut Representative, the National Honor Society, received the Rensselaer Mathematics Award, and the Fulton Scholarship. At Central Connecticut State University, formerly Teachers College of Connecticut at New Britain, I received my B.S. degree in Education and Chemistry, with minors in Physics and Mathematics. I was active in Math Club, Bridge Club, Intramural Soccer, Archery, Softball and Badminton and directed the Senior Variety Show. I received the Freshman Chemistry Award, was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and graduated cum laude.

My primary foci in volunteerism were the Girls Scouts and the American

Red Cross. I was a Girl Scout all my growing up years, receiving the designation of First Class Scout, the highest award at that time. I became a Girl Scout Leader, Leader Trainer, Camp Director, Chairman of Camping for the Four Rivers Girl Scout Council, and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Four Rivers Girl Scout Council. I was the advisor for the Mariner Scouts in my capacity as Water Safety Instructor for the ARC.

In 1950, I attended the ARC National Aquatic School at Camp Chester, in Moosup, CT, where I received my Water Safety Instructor's certification. I was the Director of the Learn-To-Swim program for the Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter of the ARC from 1965 to 1972, and Water Safety Chairman for the Highlands Chapter of the ARC from 1982 to 1989 here in Fayetteville. In 1985, I received the American Red Cross Volunteer of the Year Award from the Highlands Chapter of the ARC. Other volunteer organizations and offices held were PTA Secretary and Treasurer, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, The Woman's Club of Fayetteville, (Treasurer, Docent and 1st Vice-President), Fayetteville Republican Women's Club, (By-laws Chairman, assistant

Treasurer and Parliamentarian), Cumberland Oratorio Singers, 1990 – 2005, Mozart Requiem Chorus, 1991, Cumberland County Extension Homemakers, demonstrating craftsman for the Cumberland County Fair, Judge for the Cumberland County Science Fair of the Cumberland County Schools during the 1980's, Fayetteville Community Chorus 1986 – 1989, Museum of the Cape Fear Docent and demonstrating craftsman at the Fall Festivals, papermaking workshop at the summer camp, Liberty Point Chapter NCSDAR, (Vice-Regent and Regent, State JAC Chairman, American History Chairman, Junior ROTC Chairman, Junior American Contest Chairman, Flag of the United States Chairman), Sir Richard Grenville Chapter, National Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, Church Choir since 1945. During my artist's period, beginning in 1985, I set up shop at various craft fairs around Cumberland County. In February 1989, the City of Fayetteville and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County put out a call for artists and craftsmen interested in organizing an arts organization in the old Eastern Turf Building on the corner of Russell and Maxwell Streets. As the co-chairman of the founding committee, I and about twenty other artists and craftsmen

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first became the Farmers Market Artists and then Cape Fear Studios. As a 501(c)-3 nonprofit arts education corporation, we demonstrated our arts, set up a gallery, divided some of the space into studios whose rent paid the bills, taught our arts and crafts and sold our wares in the showroom. All of us were screened and certified to produce in those areas in which we were competent. My areas of expertise were needlecrafts, paper crafts, calligraphy, and fiber arts.

As the only one with the training, experience and availability to do so, I set up the bookkeeping for all four businesses and kept the books for the four years that I was there. Of course, the time it took precluded much activity as an artist. I was a Judge for the Senior Arts portion of the Mid-Carolina Senior Games. As a participant in the Senior Games, I've won a blue ribbon for writing, and a large number of gold medals in local swimming events. I also was a bronze and silver medalist in swimming at the NC State Senior Games in Raleigh in 2000.

After my stint as an artist, I resumed my volunteer activities with the Woman's Club and the DAR. While Program Chairman for the Woman's Club of Fayetteville, I chaired a Revolutionary Era Fashion Show, a

major fundraiser, coordinating the skills and talents of two Virginia DAR chapters and the Woman's Club of Fayetteville. I also chaired an antique show and silent auction at the Woman's Club.

When the Fayetteville Observer first put out a call for a Community Advisory Board, I applied and was accepted. Our task was to write op-ed pieces on a regular basis on community issues. The City was in the throes of the advent of the "Big Bang" annexation, and our group wrote on many issues surrounding that topic. I was the last in the rotation of the first Board to leave.

While serving as Regent of the Liberty Point Chapter, NCS DAR, 1997 – 2003, the direction of the Clinton Administration so affected me, that, when Dibby Copenhaver suggested I visit the Fayetteville Republican Women's Club, I eagerly accepted an invitation to lunch with the Club in September 1998. While a member of the FRWC, I served as Parliamentarian and Assistant Treasurer. In 2006, I was awarded the Pinky Jackson 2006 Annual Merit Award.

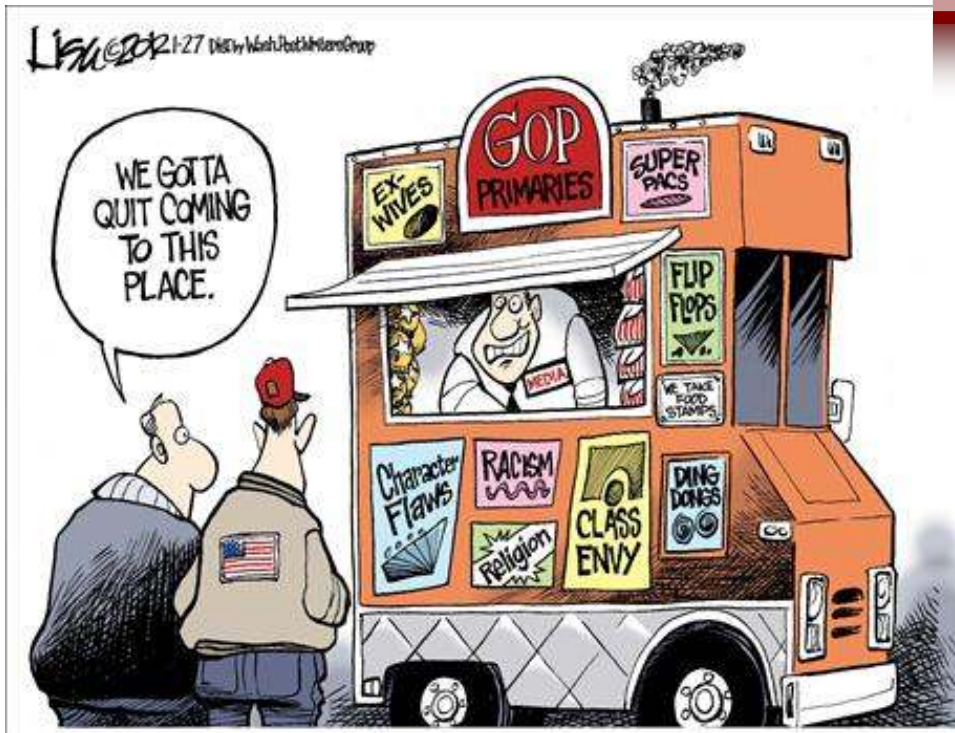
In May of 2007, a group of ten Republican women met to form the Cumberland Country Republican Women's Club. By scheduling a different meeting time, we were able to reach a more diverse group of women. I

served as the temporary President until elections were held in November, 2007, when I was elected President of the CCRWC.

Due to health problems, it was necessary for me to temporarily step down. Since then I have served as Parliamentarian and Historian. As Historian, I received the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women's State second place award for the CCRWC scrapbook award. I still satisfy my creative urges with knitting, crocheting, English Smocking, watercolor and stenciling. I use my calligraphy to produce certificates for the DAR and occasionally addressing envelopes.

In January, 2008, I received a right shoulder replacement, followed by heart problems, which have greatly decreased my ability to participate in Club activities. Currently, I serve as Parliamentarian, and am frequently photographer for the CCRWC and its many activities.





Republican Women
Are the Life of the
Party.

*By Lisa Benson - January 27, 2012
Retrieved from TownHall.com*

What is National Freedom Day, and Why Is It February 1st?

Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, fought to have a day when freedom for all Americans is celebrated. When Wright got his freedom, he went on to become a successful businessman and community leader in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Major Wright chose February 1 as National Freedom Day because it was the day Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment.

On February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution—an important change to our written law, which outlawed

slavery in the United States.

Wright gathered national and local leaders together to write a bill declaring February 1 "National Freedom Day" and President Harry Truman signed the bill into law in 1948.

Since then, February 1st has been celebrated as National Freedom Day. Now, the purpose of this holiday is to promote good feelings, harmony, and equal opportunity among all citizens and to remember that the United States is a nation dedicated to the ideal of freedom.

