

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

We want to say ***THANK YOU*** to all of our Associate Members for their support of our work as Republican Women.

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Keith Bates
Dr. Jim Corbett

Tom Olcott
Dr. Tim Rucker
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THE FISHER HOUSE at FORT BRAGG



A Fisher House™ is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers and is similar to the Ronald McDonald Houses near major civilian hospitals throughout the country. There are 38 Fisher Houses with several new houses under construction — the only Fisher House in North Carolina is located at Fort Bragg.

We support the families of our Troops by donating household items to the Fisher House.

Donations for our March meeting will be beverages, coffee, tea, soft drinks, drink mixes, bottled water.

Bring your donated items to our meeting and we will deliver them to the Fisher House. Your generosity is appreciated by the families of our soldiers.

CCRWC TUESDAY EVENING DINNER MEETINGS

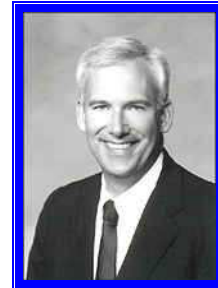
MARK YOUR CALENDERS

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

There will be no club business conducted at these meetings.

Enjoy dinner and our special GUEST SPEAKERS

SCHEDULE



February 26th ~~ GREG DORITY, Candidate for Lieutenant Governor



March 18th ~~ SENATOR BILL DAUGHTRIDGE, Candidate State Treasurer



April 22nd ~~ MAYOR PAT McCRORY, Candidate for Governor



At the winter board meeting of the NCFRW, we adopted these resolutions as being the major legislative initiatives for 2008.

RESOLUTION -- JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT

By the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women

WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of only a few remaining states that has not enacted some form of Jessica's Law; and
WHEREAS, child predators have increasingly been a blight on our society and have caused severe damage to our children and our culture; and
WHEREAS, our first responsibility is to protect our children from those who would commit harm against them and to severely punish those who perpetrate acts of abuse against them; and
WHEREAS, NCFRW has promoted legislation that is in the process of becoming law.
BE IT RESOLVED, NCFRW strongly urges all legislators to promptly pursue final passage and enactment of this much needed legislation House Bill 933 known as The Jessica Lunsford Act.

RESOLUTION -- UNBORN VICTIMS ACT

By the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women

WHEREAS, North Carolina does not have a law to provide for charging those who commit murder or manslaughter of a pregnant woman with additional charges for the death of her infant; and
WHEREAS, North Carolina does not have a law to provide for separate charges against those who commit a felony or misdemeanor in an act of violence that causes injury to a pregnant woman resulting in the loss of life to her unborn child; and
WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of only a few states not offering such laws for the protection of an unborn victim; and
WHEREAS, NCFRW has always been a strong advocate for women and children.
BE IT RESOLVED, that NCFRW hereby strongly urges all members of the North Carolina Legislature to take immediate and decisive action to remedy this glaring miscarriage of justice and to enact legislation such as House Bill 263 that punishes those who do harm to an unborn child.

RESOLUTION—PROTECTION OF MARRIAGE ACT

By the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women

WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of North Carolinians support marriage as a sacred union between one man and one woman; and
WHEREAS, many judges across the nation have overturned legislative decisions declaring marriage to be such a union; and
WHEREAS, North Carolina Federation of Republican Women recognizes the importance of preserving marriage to keep our families strong; and
WHEREAS, North Carolina will undoubtedly face challenges to our current strong marriage laws; and
WHEREAS, a number of bills have been filed in our Legislature but have not been brought to a vote.
BE IT RESOLVED, that NCFRW hereby strongly urges all members of the North Carolina Legislature to take immediate action in supporting and promoting House Bill 493 and Senate Bill 13 to amend the North Carolina Constitution to specifically define marriage as the union of one man and one woman and placing the amendment before the voters of the state.

DRIVERS LICENSES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

By the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women

WHEREAS, North Carolina has welcomed people of all races, religions, ethnicity and socio-economic classes who enter this state legally and derives its greatness from the contributions of many races and ethnic groups that compose its citizenry; and
WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has become a haven for those in this country illegally who seek to obtain drivers licenses; and
WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of only eleven states that does not require legal immigration status to obtain a license; and
WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has a responsibility to protect its citizens and legal residents from unlawful persons, including those here illegally who operate vehicles without insurance causing additional costs to our citizens.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCFRW strongly urges all legislators to support and promote any and all legislation to prohibit the issuance of drivers licenses to those who are in this state illegally.

NORTH CAROLINA DRIVERS LICENSE PETITION FORM



We, the undersigned, do hereby pledge our support for, and ask the members of the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt, legislation calling for the prohibition of driver's licenses to those who are in North Carolina illegally.

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Joyce Krawiec, 7030 Interlaken Drive, Kernersville, N.C. 27284

DOWNTOWN FAYETTEVILLE'S 4th FRIDAY CELEBRATION



We will be setting up a table at the 4th Friday celebrations to get our petitions signed and register voters for the upcoming election.

Come join in the fun!

See Suzanne Rucker or Paulette Munson for details.

NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGE AMENDMENT PETITION FORM



We, the undersigned, do hereby pledge our support for, and ask the members of the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt, legislation calling for an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman at one time.

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If you want to help, download the above petitions, copy them, distribute to your friends and family for signatures. When completed, bring them back to our meeting, and we will forward to our Legislators in Raleigh.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month we feature our Secretary, Mary Anne Peeples



Mary Anne Peeples

1. Married to Tim Peeples. I have 2 children – a son in Topeka, Kansas, who is a computer hardware engineer & a daughter in Austin, Texas, who is a high school librarian at a private academy. Other “kids” are 3 dogs, a cat, and a Morgan gelding.
2. Retired after 40 years as a junior and senior high school physical science teacher. At the time of my retirement I was the science department chairman. I have taught chemistry at nights at FTCC since 1983 and still continue to do this.
3. Previous employment is a long list. Of course I baby sat in high school. In college I worked in the library and was a lab assistant in the chemistry department. As an adult I have worked many summer or weekend jobs while I taught. I have been a secretary in the morgue in Kansas City, a waitress, a sales clerk, radiology transcriber for 15 years and orthopedic transcriber for four years. I also do volunteer work at my church.
4. Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in high school administration at Central Missouri State College (now Missouri Central University). National Science Foundation summer study at Texas A & M, Kansas State University, and a Shell Merit Fellowship in chemistry at Stanford University. For six years I was in the U.S. Army Reserve as a staff sergeant in the 410 Evacuation Hospital as a medical record specialist.
5. I belonged to the Fayetteville Republican Women’s Club before joining CCRWC and served on the membership committee. I am a life member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and have served as chapter Registrar, Vice Regent, and Regent, state Scholarship Committee Chairman and State Corresponding Secretary. I am a member of the Woman’s Club of Fayetteville and served as vice president for two years and am serving at the present time as president. I belonged to professional organizations when I taught. My biography was included in the 2007 edition of *Who’s Who in American Women* and will be in the 2008 edition of *Who’s Who in America*.
6. I moved to Fayetteville in 1979 when my husband was transferred to Fort Bragg. My father worked on the Manhattan Project during WWI, I and we were the 3rd family to move into government housing. After the war my father was transferred to Kansas City, Missouri, and I call that home. After college I lived in Kansas City 2 years, Leavenworth, Kansas, 9 years, and Topeka, Kansas, 7 years.
7. I don’t really have time for hobbies any more. I used to love to read, knit, do cross stitch, and garden. I look forward to doing these things again when I am not longer so busy with the Woman’s Club.
8. While I was still teaching I would see the announcement of the speakers for the FWRC and wish I could attend. I have been a conservative all my life and when I moved here I registered as a Republican when it wasn’t the “thing to do”. I retired August 1 and joined FRWC that month. I don’t know how much I can do to help. I do not like phone calling or knocking on doors but I do not mind standing at the polls. The last election I worked for the Board of Elections and have been asked to do it for the November 2008 election. With my DAR and Woman’s Club responsibilities I cannot do too much to help the CCRWC at this time. Sorry ‘bout that. I have good computer skills and will gladly volunteer to help with yearbooks or other computer tasks.

CALENDER

March 5, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
March 8, 2008 Cumberland County GOP Convention
March 9, 2008 Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 11, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting
March 18, 2008 CCRWC Evening Meeting
March 20, 2008 First Day of Spring

April 2, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
April 15, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting
April 22, 2008 CCRWC Evening Meeting

May 6, 2008 North Carolina Primary Election
May 7, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
May 13, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting

June 4, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
June 10, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting
June 13th & 14th GOP State Convention

CCRWC EVEING MEETINGS

2008 is an important national election year as you well know. It has come to our attention that evening meetings would be welcomed by our membership and potential members, to share important Republican information concerning these upcoming elections. We will be having dinner meetings on Tuesday evenings at the Highland Country Club. Programs will be different from our luncheon meetings to better facilitate more candidates and issues of this year's election. Please see the schedule in this Newsletter. Cost of the dinner will be \$16.00. Meetings will start at 6 p.m.

MARCH 5TH GUEST SPEAKER



**BOB CRUMLEY
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Bob Crumley has an extensive background as a leader in business, law, and his community. As a seasoned attorney with over 20 years of legal experience, he understands the importance of our judicial system and the impact the law has on people, businesses, and government. As a businessman, his companies provide jobs to people across our state. Bob is prepared and ready to serve as North Carolina's next Attorney General.

For Bob Crumley, family is priority number one. Bob met his wife, Teresa, at the North Carolina Republican State Convention in 1977. Since then, the Crumley family has had an active involvement in political and public service. Bob and Teresa have been married for nearly 30 years and have two daughters.

In 1989, after practicing law within private industry and government, Bob founded his own firm, Crumley & Associates. Starting with one office in Asheboro, Crumley & Associates is now the largest consumer-based law firm in North Carolina with 10 staffed offices throughout the state. People throughout North Carolina have come to recognize Bob's mission to help people at some of the most difficult moments of life by providing the very best legal service through caring, communicating, and managing.

Bob, however, is more than just a lawyer; he is a businessman who understands the concerns and needs of North Carolina's business community. As a licensed real estate broker involved in commercial and residential real estate development, and through an environmental restoration firm, Bob's companies balance the demands of a growing state while preserving our natural resources.

Giving back to the community is an important principle that Bob and Teresa have stressed to their daughters. Bob is an active member of three Boards of Directors throughout North Carolina; these include The North Carolina School of Government Foundation (formerly the Institute of Government), the Executive Board of Leadership North Carolina, and the North Carolina Aviation Museum.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please track your volunteer hours. Forms and volunteer hour guidelines are available from our Secretary. Tracking of volunteer hours are documented and forwarded to the State Federation, and the National Federation, for annual awards for the individual and our Club. We will be discussing more about Federation awards at upcoming meetings. Since our primary focus is to get Republican Candidates elected, those volunteer hours are important to us all. So volunteer for your candidates, track your hours and turn in your forms monthly.

PICTURES FROM OUR MARCH MEETING

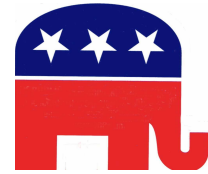


THE TARDY TABLE

To keep disruptions to our meetings at a minimum, we will reserve the table closest to the door. This table can then be seated for those members and guests who will be arriving later than our meeting start time of 11:30am. To facilitate our time constraints, please arrive by 11:15am. Claim your seat, and proceed to the buffet for lunch.



**CUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
 FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
 NORTH CAROLINA
 FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
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President's Message

Proud to be an American

Two decades ago as a military spouse in West Germany, I experienced the lingering damage caused when good people remain silent — thugs and criminals gain control, become dictators and ignite global wars that have to be fought to free the oppressed and to maintain national and homeland security.

This past week when Michelle Obama expressed her lack of pride in this country, I was reminded of our family experiences in West Germany. Her remarks evoked old memories of standing one day on both sides of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. The West Germans greeted us with cheerful smiles and safely walked their streets; the East Germans frowned and looked fearful amidst the armed military walking the streets. How did they know we were Americans? My husband was required to wear his uniform in East Berlin.

I've often thought that all U.S. citizens should once in their youth drive coast to coast to see our rich diversity — the core of our strength — and to take a trip back in time when Check Point Charlie divided East from West Germany — at all times with a history book in their hands to remind them how fortunate we are and how precious our birthright is. Today, I especially wish Michelle Obama could do these things. Perhaps then, she might have some appreciation for what it means to be a United States citizen and First Lady of this great country.

In my opinion, Mrs. Obama intentionally played a card her husband's campaign has supposedly carefully avoided — the same one that caused John Edwards to withdraw from the presidential campaign after four expensive years of campaigning coast-to-coast. Edwards failed to convince the electorate that we're two Americas. Both of the Obamas and Hilary Clinton will likewise fail to drive that wedge home to victory in November. As diverse as we are, we are still "... one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all" and we take pride in who we are.

Suzanne Rucker
 Vice President

Cumberland County Republican Women's Club Officers

President-Barbara Olcott
 Vice President-Suzanne Rucker
 Secretary-Mary Anne Peeples
 Treasurer-Heidi Steding
 Asst. Treasurer-Sue Dennis

Standing Committees

Legislative Committee	Kirby Tyson
Program	Suzanne Rucker
Parliamentarian	Mary Anne Peeples
Campaign	Barbara Hines & Linda Seammes
Fundraising	Amy Bryan
Public Relations/Newsletter	Paulette Munson
Membership	Suzanne Rucker

Special Committees

Caring for America	Patsy Gray, Lynda Nelson and Charlotte Icenogle
Chaplain	Paulette Munson
Achievement Awards	Kirby Tyson
Volunteer Hours	Sue Dennis
Budget/Finance	Heidi Steding, Suzanne Rucker and Barbara Olcott
Historian	Lutte Erwin

WEB SITE

We have a multitude of information on our Web site. Set it to your favorites!

www.cumberlandcountyrepublicanwomensclub.org

Check it out!!

**March 5th Meeting Information
 HIGHLAND COUNTRY CLUB**

Buffet Lunch
 Cost \$13.00

Please have exact change or your check made out to "Highland Country Club"

Plan to be there by 11:15 a.m., as the meeting will start promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Seating is limited and reservations are required, call Suzanne Rucker at (910) 484-7957, email drims4@aol.com. You can also request a standing or permanent reservation. Deadline for reservations will be Sunday, March 2, 2008, 8 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to Highland Country Club