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North Carolina Federation of Republican Women**

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President's Message

Presidential notes ... a bit of this and that.

GOP Presidential Nominee John McCain

To learn more about the McCain presidential campaign, go to: www.johnmccain.com. We have volunteer forms and information about the North Carolina Women for McCain group to share, so give me a call and let's talk McCain. I visited the McCain headquarters in Arlington while attending the National Federation of Republican Women winter board meeting and will have more to share about the visit and meeting at our April 2 luncheon.

Senator Barack Obama

Senator Barack Obama's Fayetteville visit was a good example of declaring victory and moving on — a political device often used to avoid further scrutiny or reality. The Senator's eloquent Philadelphia speech regarding race was meant to be the firewall blocking further scrutiny regarding his political problems with his pastor. Here, he dealt with the Iraq issue as a way to distance himself from his woes, to draw attention to the fifth anniversary of the start of the war on global terrorism and to catch up — literally and figuratively — with GOP presidential candidate John McCain who is, as this is being written, in the Middle East visiting with our military, heads-of-state and dealing with presidential level issues.

Senator Hillary Clinton

Is there anyone who truly believes that Michigan and Florida delegates will not be seated at the DNC Convention this summer? They will, and Senator Clinton possesses the will power to find the way to do it. The Democrat — not "Democratic" — presidential primary is far from decided even though the delegate count appears to be in Senator Obama's favor.

CCRWC evening meetings

We've met twice monthly for two months to introduce our 2008 candidates to local voters. They appreciate our efforts and have praised our commitment. I want to thank Heidi, Sue, Paulette, Mary Anne and all of you for your dedication to the CCRWC and to the GOP. It takes teamwork, and we are a team!

Suzanne Rucker,
Vice President

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WEB SITE

We have a multitude of information on our Web Site. Set it on your favorites!
www.cumberlandcountyrepublicanwomensclub.org
Check it out!!

**April 2nd Meeting Info
HIGHLAND COUNTRY CLUB**

Raeford Rd., Fayetteville
Buffet Lunch
Cost \$13.00

Please have exact change or your check made out to "Highland Country Club"
Plan to be there by 11:15am, as the meeting will start promptly at 11:30.
Seating is limited and reservations are required, call Suzanne Rucker at (910) 484-7957, email drtims4@aol.com. You can also request a standing or permanent reservation. Deadline for reservations will be Sunday, March 30, 2008, at 8 p.m.

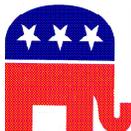
March 19, 2008

Senator McCain today issued the following statement on the fifth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq:

"Today in Iraq, America and our allies stand on the precipice of winning a major victory against radical Islamic extremism. The security gains over the past year have been dramatic and undeniable. Al Qaeda and Shia extremists -- with support from external powers such as Iran -- are on the run but not defeated. Tough fighting remains ahead, especially in places like Mosul. Important political gains have also been made, but far more must be done in coming months to cement the gains made in huge cost in American blood and treasure.

"Americans should be proud that they led the way in removing a vicious, predatory dictator and opening the possibility of a free and stable Iraq. Americans should be proud that once we implemented the surge and new counterinsurgency strategy, a dire situation has been dramatically improved. And, Americans know that the consequences of failure would leave our nation less secure for generations to come."

John McCain's campaign today further re-released a web feature on www.johnmccain.com that chronicles the Senator's leadership on Iraq and in the larger fight against Islamic extremists. The page, entitled "Fighting Islamic Extremists: Progress in Iraq," features a four year timeline of John McCain's unrelenting call for a new strategy for victory in Iraq -- the strategy currently winning on the ground.



Friends of the Military Golf Tournament

The Cumberland County Republican Party is sponsoring the Friends of the Military Golf Tournament on April 4, 2008 at Kings Grant Country Club. This promises to be a fun and worthwhile event. Portions of the money from the tournament will go to the Friends of Special Operations Forces. FSOF is a charity that helps aid the families of fallen Special Operations Soldiers. A number of Republican candidates have been invited along with soldiers and their families. Player registration is \$65. Sponsorships are available. Organizers are also asking for sponsors for soldiers' golf fees. Anyone can sponsor a soldier for as little as \$65 or a 4-soldier team for \$260.00. A car or truck is being offered for a Par 3 hole in one along with other prizes at designated holes and team prizes. To register to play golf or for further information call 423-0587 or 910-273-4133 or by e-mail at: hopenmills3@yahoo.com .

Did you know?

On March 20th, Republicans celebrated the 154th anniversary of the Grand Old Party.

In 1854, Democrats controlled Congress and were moving toward passage of their Kansas-Nebraska Act, allowing slavery to expand into the western territories. The Democrat President said he would sign the bill into law.

Amid the intense reaction, a grassroots movement arose to oppose the pro-slavery policies of the Democratic Party. In just a few months, these town meetings and demonstrations coalesced into the Republican Party.

Several sites share the credit as its birthplace, but the GOP was named in Ripon, Wisconsin. At a March 20, 1854 meeting convened by anti-slavery activist Alvan Bovay and fifty-five men and three women called for all opponents of slavery to unite in a new organization, to be called "the Republican Party." This name had a past as well as a future. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and many other Founding Fathers had called themselves "Republicans."

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Sue Dennis, Assistant Treasurer

I married Jerry in 2002. I have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

I retired in 2001 from my last job as hostess at Darryls Restaurant on McPhearson Church Rd. Loved it!!! Before that I was a portrait consultant with Olan Mills in San Diego, California. I loved working where I could be around people in a happy atmosphere.

I graduated high school in Menlo Park, California, between San Francisco and San Jose. It is great area, and I still have family there.

Jerry and I belong to another Republican politically active club, here in town.

I am a moderator for the Presbyterian Women at the Westminster Church.

I moved to Fayetteville in 1993, to be near my daughter, whose husband was at Bragg. My husband, Joe, died in 1997. My daughter moved to Alaska (Ft. Richardson). Then along came Jerry and we live happily ever after...(smile).

You don't have room here to hear about all the places I have lived, but I'll try. I've lived in several different places in California. When I retired, I traveled for a year in a motor home seeing the USA. I lived a year in Australia, 4 years in Hawaii, and a short time in Reno, Nevada, and Pensacola Beach, Florida.

Some of my hobbies are gardening, any activities at church, and delivering Meals on Wheels every Friday.

I want to do what ever I can to help Republican candidates win! And joining the CCRWC is a way of doing that. In the past I have knocked on doors, handed out pamphlets down town on 4th Fridays. I've spent many, many hours on the telephone, calling people to get out and VOTE!!

Robert Pittenger

2008 Republican Candidate for Lieutenant Governor

April 2, 2008 CCRWC Guest Speaker

11:30 a.m. Highland Country Club



Senator Robert Pittenger (R-Mecklenburg) was first elected to the North Carolina Senate in 2002 and is presently serving his third term. His primary focus has been efficiency reforms and common sense solutions to issues facing North Carolina.

Senator Pittenger championed medical malpractice reform to help curb costs for doctors and hospitals as well as for all businesses that provide health insurance benefits. Additionally, he proposed innovative fraud detection technology that could save taxpayers over \$100 million in the Medicaid program, and sponsored legislation to eliminate wasteful government spending. He has traveled throughout the state offering a restructure of state government that could save taxpayers over \$1 billion annually.

Senator Pittenger has also sponsored legislation to address North Carolina's illegal immigration crisis. This legislation would require a valid passport from non-U.S. citizens to obtain a driver's license and ban state contracts and incentives to companies who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

Education has been a top priority for Senator Pittenger. He has co-sponsored legislation to allow local school boards to consider merit pay when awarding raises. In addition, Senator Pittenger has supported legislation to increase the number of charter schools in North Carolina.

Senator Pittenger is President of the Foundation for NC Future, which has been a forum for reform initiatives involving economists and business leaders throughout the state. The Foundation has advocated restructure reforms through a letter writing campaign and radio and TV advertisements. As a result of these efforts, legislative leaders have now endorsed proposals for performance audits and zero-based budgeting. The Foundation distributed a Preparedness Manual for terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and pandemic outbreaks to over 800,000 homes in Mecklenburg, Gaston, Union, Cabarrus, Forsyth, Brunswick, and York, SC. For two years, the Foundation has sponsored a weekly television program and a statewide radio ad campaign.

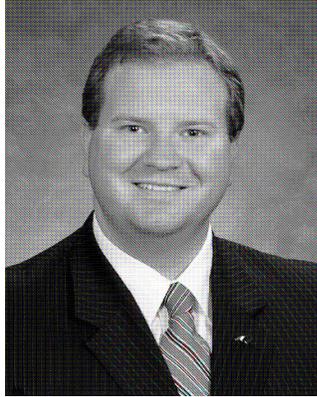
Senator Pittenger was awarded the 2005 Taxpayers Advocate Award by Americans for Prosperity in 2005 and serves as Chair of the North Carolina Taxpayer Protection Caucus with Americans for Tax Reform. He also serves on the boards of the Jesse Helms Educational Foundation, CPCC Foundation, Presbyterian Hospital Foundation, and the Davidson College Board of Visitors.

Senator Pittenger is President of Robert Pittenger Company, a real estate investment firm, attends Central Church of God, and has been married twenty-nine years to his wife Suzanne, and they have four grown children.

Senator Pittenger graduated from the University of Texas in 1970 and majored in Political Science and Psychology. He is also a graduate of the Kennedy School of Government Executive Program in 2004.

Joe Johnson – Together We Will

2008 Republican Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction
Guest Speaker, April 2, 2008



Joe Johnson was born in Dublin, Georgia, and raised in Buncombe County in western North Carolina. He attended public schools, graduating from East Henderson High School in East Flat Rock and holds an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and is completing a Certificate in Public Performance Management from the Center for Public Performance at Rutgers University. Throughout his career Joe has placed service to others and the betterment of his community, region, state and nation as the highest of goals. Joe comes from a family of teachers, farmers, and leaders in the religious and business communities who taught by example the importance of public service and placing the needs of others above his individual needs. This is the kind of attitude Joe plans to bring to our state government.

In his current position as Director of Public Affairs at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office in Hendersonville, Joe has personally witnessed the courage and tenacity it takes to stand up for others and come to work each day knowing how difficult it is to maintain that high bar of freedom and justice we enjoy in the United States. In this capacity, he manages all aspects of public information, management of the nearly 11 million dollar budget, alternative funding sources and policy issues. He also serves as the chief political advisor for the Sheriff of Henderson County. Prior to his service with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, Joe served as the Deputy Director of Operations at Western Carolina Produce, Inc., which is a successful local agriculture business based in Hendersonville. Previous employment includes Montreat College, the National Student Pledge against Gun Violence and Eno River Media Production. As State Director of the National Student Pledge against Gun Violence, Joe learned the importance of working with others and building relationships across party lines to create a strong and positive message for all in North Carolina.

Joe is a member of the National Information Officers Association, the American Society for Public Affairs and the National Center for Public Performance Management. Over the years he has served on the Administrative Board at Central United Methodist Church and the Board of Directors for North Carolinians against Gun Violence Education Fund. In an effort to make his community and region better, Joe sits on several Boards, including: Henderson County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Council on Aging for Henderson County, Dispute Settlement Center of Henderson County, Crime Stoppers of Henderson County and Eno River Media Production Corporation of America. In addition, he is a member of the Leadership Team for the United Agenda for Children of Henderson County. Joe also volunteers, from a distance, with research efforts at the Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research, which is located at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom.

Joe resides in Tryon and is a member of Central United Methodist Church in Asheville.

CALENDER

April 2, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
Guest Speakers: Sen. Robert Pittenger,
Candidate, lieutenant Governor and **Joe
Johnson,** Candidate, Superintendent of
Public Instruction

April 15, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting
April 22, 2008 CCRWC Evening Meeting
Guest Speaker, Candidate, Governor and
Mrs. Ginny Smith, wife of gubernatorial
candidate N.C. General Assembly Senator
Fred Smith

May 6, 2008 North Carolina Primary
Election

May 7, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
Guest Speaker, Linda Daves, NCGOP
Chairman

May 13, 2008 CCRWC Board Meeting
June 4, 2008 CCRWC Luncheon Meeting
Guest Speaker, Rep Dale Folwell, N.C.
General Assembly, Violence against
Unborn Victims Act, and legislative update.

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



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 April meeting will be paper goods, such as paper plates, cups, paper towels, bathroom tissue, and facial tissue.

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.

Quote

" My friends, we live in the greatest nation in the history of the world. I hope you'll join with me as we try to change it"

Barack Obama

FAYETTEVILLE'S FOURTH FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Plan to join us on March 28th, in downtown Fayetteville.
We will have our own table set up for getting our petitions signed, Voter's Registration, and handouts for our Candidates.

A perfect opportunity to get our message out to the multitudes!!

Meet us at the corner of Hay & Gillespie, across from the
Market House
5 p.m. till

