

Cumberland County Republican Women's Club

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Message from our President

Hello CCRWC!! We are definitely ROCKING in 2011!! I have heard so much positive feedback from people who came to the Pizza & Politics event—they loved the table decorations and baskets (thank you Sylvia), complimented the flyer and program (thank you Liz), raved about the pizza (awesome find Sylvia), wanted more opportunity to browse the silent auction tables (way to go Sylvia, Wendy, and

Suzanne for the awesome set up), enjoyed the location and facility (thank you Paulette for always making the reservations and prompt payment of everything), praised the professional quality of the tickets (fabulous job, as usual Jerry Dennis), and I must add, ladies please stop asking if the Navy Seal will be a part of the Christmas Basket Raffle!! Anyhow, good job fundraising committee! You

outdid yourselves with this endeavor and made me so proud to be a part of this club! I have learned so much this year from all of you (and continue to daily), so please know that I really have a hard time stopping when I start bragging about the teamwork at CCRWC! Let's continue to ROCK 'EM in 2011 so we can KNOCK 'EM in 2012!! Blessings and Love,

Staci Chiomento,
CCRWC President.

2011 CCRWC Officers and Board Members

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Staci Chiomento

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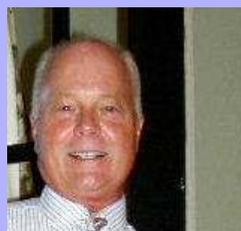
Guest Speakers for our October 11th Meeting

We are proud to announce that CCRWC Member and Associate Members who are campaigning in local races will be our guest speakers this month. In alphabetical order:



Wade Fowler, Candidate for the Fa-

ayetteville City Council. Bobby Hurst, Incumbent Candi-



date for Fayetteville City Council,

John Szoka, Candidate for the NC House, District 22, and

Jackie Warner, Candidate for Mayor of Hope Mills.



Standing Committees

Legislative

Lin Laub

Program & Bylaws

Tuesday Price

Parliamentarian

Barbara Olcott

Campaign

Kathie Dee

Sue Nading

Fundraising

Sara Harner

Public Relations

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Newsletter/Web site

Paulette Munson

Facebook Page

Lilith Hurst

Membership/Outreach

Kitty Davis



2011 Calendar

Oct 10	Columbus Day
Oct 11	CCRWC Members Meeting
Oct 15	CCRWC YARD SALE
Oct 17	CCRWC Board Meeting
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov 3	CCRWC Members Meeting
Nov 6	Daylight Savings Time End
Nov 8	Election Day
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 14	CCRWC Board Meeting
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Day
Dec 13	CCRWC Members Meeting
Dec 19	CCRWC Board Meeting
Dec 25	Christmas

CCRWC Meetings

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

RSVP by October 10th before noon for the October 11th meeting by calling Sue Dennis (910) 425-4353 or (910) 584-4735, for reservations. Buffet dinner is \$22.00, dessert & beverage \$5.25, seat only, not eating is \$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 your being charged.

Important web sites 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*, and the Password is nfrw1938.

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women:

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

No user name is required. The password is 1953ncfrw



Welcome to our New Members

Laurie Szoka

Kimberly Brown

Donna Dawkins

New Associate Members

John Szoka

Johnny Dawkins

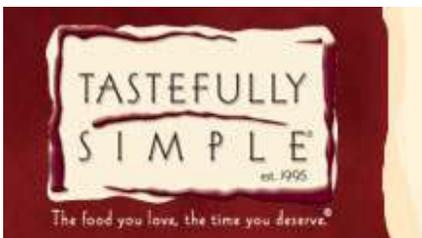
Gina Maxwell

We have 50 Members
and 28 Associate Members

Annual Christmas Basket Raffle



Once again we will have our Christmas Basket Raffle. Bring your donated items to the October meeting. Items such as candy, books, wine, stationery, Christmas decorations, GOP items, jewelry, gift certificates, Christmas or GOP linens, and other small items to fit in the baskets are just a suggestion. Last year this project raised over \$1000.00 to send phone cards to our military in Iraq and Afghanistan. Tickets (1 for \$5.00 and 3 for \$10.00) for all members and associate members will be mailed to you.



CCRWC member, Kathy Anerson has generously set up a party on line for us. Visit the website: www.tastefullysimple.com/web/kanderson to make your selections. Great holiday gift idea!

All hostess gifts will be donated to our Christmas Baskets, deadline is October 7, 2011.

YARD SALE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011



Our 2nd Annual Yard Sale will be held in the Cross Creek Mall area, Just off Campground Road. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure. All our members are busy cleaning out their closets, cabinets and storage areas to bring their "trash" to the yard sale so someone else might find a real "treasure"!! Bring your donations to Sara Harner's home on Friday, October 14th after 10am, stay to help price and setup. Sale starts at 8am till noon, we hope to see you there!

Pizza and Politics Results

Our Pizza & Politics Fundraising event was a smashing success! The final tally will be in the Treasurer's Report. Thank you to our generous sponsors:

- Level 1
- Staci Chiomento
- Wade Fowler
- John & Lin Laub
- Dr. Tim & Suzanne Rucker
- Larry & Sylvia Smith
- John & Laurie Szoka
- Judge John & Kirby Tyson
- Jackie Warner
- Level 2
- Councilman Bobby & Lilith Hurst
- Level 3
- Dawn Corbett
- Jerry & Sue Dennis
- Paulette Munson
- Tuesday Price

Ralph & Heidi Steding
Ed & Gloria Williams

A big applause goes to our Fundraising Committee

Sylvia Smith
Suzanne Rucker
Sara Harner
Liz Armstrong
Wendy Piccerilli

If you missed the event, there are numerous pictures on our facebook page.



<http://www2.journalnow.com/news/opinion/2011/sep/30/wsopin02-rep-virginia-foxx-guest-column-its-time-t-ar-1446083/>

Winston-Salem Journal

Rep. Virginia Foxx guest column: It's time to trim congressional perks

By: REP. VIRGINIA FOXX | Guest columnist

Published: September 30, 2011

The federal budget deficit will hit \$1.3 trillion in 2011, topping \$1 trillion for the third year in a row. This unprecedented flood of red ink concerns me as well as millions of Americans. That's why I've voted hundreds of times under both Republican and Democratic administrations to reduce federal spending and get the federal deficit under control. As important as it is to cut federal spending, Congress also needs to lead by example and closely examine its own budget. This year the House of Representatives did just that, cutting its own budget by \$55 million for 2011 and voting for an additional \$39.1 million cut for 2012. That amounts to nearly \$100 million in cuts to the House budget. But I'm not convinced this is enough. Congress can do more to reduce its own expenses, especially if we expect the rest of the federal government to do the same. The best place to continue the cutting is the congressional pension program.

Misinformation about congressional benefits such as pensions or health care is pervasive. The truth is that every member of Congress pays Social Security taxes and pays monthly health-insurance premiums if they choose to participate in the federal employee health insurance program. But Congress does have a very generous pension program that costs taxpayers millions each year. It's time to wind it down.

The congressional pension system is based on the federal government employee pension system. The congressional plan gives retired federal lawmakers who have served at least five years in Congress an annual payment equal to 1.7 percent of their salary multiplied by the number of years served — for up to 20 years. Current members of Congress are also required to pay 1.3 percent of their annual salary into the pension plan. This means a congressman who is at least 62 years old and who retired in 2012 after serving six years in Congress would receive a pension of approximately \$17,000 a year for the rest of his life. For a 10-term congressman it would be closer to \$59,000 per year.

Very few North Carolina private-sector workers have such generous retirement benefits. During these times of economic difficulty it makes no sense for Congress to enjoy a lucrative pension plan that almost none of our constituents have.

There's an easy fix to this problem: stop the congressional pension. To that end, I've co-sponsored legislation with my colleague Rep. Mike Coffman from Colorado to wind down the pension program. This legislation (H.R. 2913) would end the pension program and save taxpayers millions each year.

Will this balance the budget and end the federal deficit? Absolutely not. It is a start, however. And it sends a message to America that Congress is serious about cutting spending — including its own budget and benefits.

As someone who owned and operated a small business for more than 20 years, I understand the value of a dollar and how to keep costs under control. The congressional pension is emblematic of a federal government that lost touch with any sense of cost control and needs to be reined in. The sooner we rein it the better. And what better place to start than with congressional pension largess?

Note: The congressional pension system is, like much of the federal government, a byzantine labyrinth of rules and carve-outs. If you want to learn more about the congressional pension, the non-partisan Congressional Research Service produced a detailed study on the topic that covers all the specific ins and outs of congressional retirement benefits. You can read it by visiting <http://foxx.house.gov/uploads/>

Pension Report.[pdf](#).



NEWS ABOUT TOWN



Justice Paul Newby of the NC Supreme Court will be the only incumbent Supreme Court Justice on the ballot in 2012, and he needs your help. His campaign can now accept contributions. To support the campaign, make personal check payable to Newby for Court. Mail to:

Newby for Court
c/o Kyle Tucker, Treasurer
7905 Hilburn Drive
Raleigh, NC 27613

Please include the following information:

Name(s)

Address

Occupation: Employer:

Spouse's Occupation: Employer:

Email: Telephone number:

(Contribution must be from a NC registered voter, from \$10 to \$500 per person (\$1000/couple), beginning September 1, 2011)



**CCRWC Congratulates
Martha Jenkins.**

Martha, long time member and leader of the NCFRW, and friend of CCRWC, has been elected as Member-At-Large, Executive Committee, for the National Federation of Republican Women.

Cumberland County Republican Men's Club

Membership Meetings are always held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Logan's Steakhouse.

The October guest speakers will be a Local Candidates Forum.

Dinner is at 6pm and the meeting will begin at 7pm. Dinner is a la carte. RSVP by September 17th for the September 18th meeting. Call Ed Williams at (910) 864-5152 with any questions or to make your reservations

FRWC OCTOBER MEETING

Guest speakers for the October 13th meeting will be a local candidate forum. Lunch will be \$15.00, reserved seating \$2.00, at the Belmont Village.

Pizza & Politics Snap Shots

