

Meet our Webmaster. Dr. Jim Corbett, son of Paulette Munson. Jim designed and now maintains our Web site, cumberlandcountyrepublicanwomensclub.org. In addition to his web site talents, Jim is a practicing Chiroprator in Port St. Lucie, Florida. His work on our Web site has been pro bono to support our Rupublican cause.

Christmas Gift Basket Raffle

Buy your \$5.00 tickets when you come in the door for our December meeting. Check out this list of goodies in our basket:

Honey Baked Ham Certificate, Godiva Chocolate Sampler, Godiva Chocolate with Raspberries Bar, Hard Candies, Biltmore Estate Christmas Wine, Hickory Farms Walnut Fudge, Quizno's Gift Card, Gingerbread House, Gingerbread Man Christmas Cards, Christmas Gift Tags, Dinner & Beverage Napkins, Music Box, Candy Making Kit, Angel Figurines, Christmas Ornaments, Bather & Guest Towels, Lapel Pin, Vera Bradley Pink Elephant ID & Coin Purse, Plush Elephant, Leather Step Basket, Note Cards, Napkins with Napkin Rings, Knitted Stocking Cap, Handmade Clown Doll.

You can't win without a ticket!

Merry Christmas!!

CCRWC Programs 2007

December 5 ~ Zan Bunn, NCFRW Capital Region V.P.

- ~ Installation of Officers
- ~ Cookie Exchange
- ~ Christmas Basket Raffle

~ Municipal Government

Updates

January 2, 2008 ~ To Be Announced.

Trumpet Award

Starting in January '08, we will be gathering data from our members to award a semi-annual award, **The Trumpet Award**. This award will be given to an outstanding member. Criteria will be announced next month.

Installation of 2008 CCRWC OFFICERS

Our new Capital Region Vice President Zan Bunn will be our guest for Installation of our new officers for 2008.

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

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. For December, we will be "passing the basket" for cash donations, or tax deductible checks, payable to the Fisher House. We will then use the donated cash to purchase needed linens for the Fisher House. Any checks will be given directly to the Fisher House. Please support this program with your generous donation.

DECEMBER COOKIE EXCHANGE

What a fun way to get those delicious Christmas Cookies! You must bring cookies to participate in the cookie exchange. Please bring three (3) dozen of your favorite cookies to our December meeting. Due to peanut allergies, please do not bake cookies with peanuts or peanut butter. Bring copies of the recipe to share. We prefer the cookies be homemade, but if cookie baking is not "your thing", feel free to purchase some fancy Christmas cookies to share. Boxes will be provided to take your cookies home. One dozen of each type of cookie will be donated to the Fisher House, so that the relatives our injured soldiers can enjoy them during their visit.

Pictures from our November Meeting



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 it your forms monthly.

2008 Dues are due

We will start collecting the 2008 club dues at our December meeting. If you joined us after September 1st, 2007, you do not have to pay for 2008. Due to a \$3.00 increase in National Federation dues, there will be an increase for 2008. The annual amount will now be \$28.00 annually.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Our NEW Capital Region Vice President, Zan Bunn will be our guest for our installation of new officers.

Zan lives in Cary and is also the president of the Wake County Republican Women's Club. She served as the NCFRW Associate Secretary before being installed as the Region's Vice President.

THE TARDY TABLE

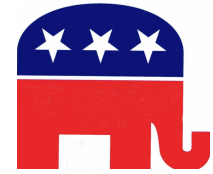
To keep disruptions to our meetings at a minimum, we will reserve the table closest to the door. This table can then be seated for those members and guests who will be arriving later than our meeting start time of 11:30am. To facilitate our time constraints, please arrive by 11:15am. Claim your seat,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



CUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
COMMITMENT:**

It's easy to talk about commitment in a marriage. How does one show commitment to something as intangible as a creed or as geographical as a country, or as challenging as a system of political ideas?

If you watched the Oprah Winfrey Show the other week with the army of Osmonds, you saw first hand what commitment to faith and family means.

We show our commitment to our country by our patriotism, our involvement in the political process, appreciation of its history, and the desire to preserve its heritage and its existence.

What is there to be gained by showing commitment to a unique set of political ideas? Each of us may register as unaffiliated or as an independent, showing no favor to one restrictive body politic or another. Up until the Presidential election of 1800, our country's founders thought they had constructed a government without partisanship. The long tedious process of electing Thomas Jefferson became a struggle of opposing governmental and political philosophies, and thus the two party system was born, with faithful adherents committed to one side or the other. What we gain by taking sides, that is, committing ourselves, is a coherent methodology of governing.

We are now, once again, engaged in a political struggle for the governance of this country. The 2008 elections won't just elect a new President and a new Congress. It will determine the path down which we will be led. Will it be to isolationism, a purposeful defeat on the world stage, and loss of a position of respect and power, or will we be led to continue to occupy our position as the world leader and a nation of compassion with the will and the power to lead the world out of poverty, hunger and hate?

We have to ask ourselves if we want to have the underlying power and impetus of our government to be controlled by MoveOn.org, the Hollywood Elite and the Academic Intelligentsia.

This brings us back to my original question. Where does your commitment and loyalty lie in the political arena? As members of CCRWC, we've made it publicly known where we stand. Our job is to convince the uncommitted to stand with us in the fight for control of the government.

Our current Congress has shamed the nation with its petty concentration on insignificant items while ignoring the greater issues that we face. The Democrats are so immersed in their defeatism, they refuse to see the victory that lies at the tips of their noses. We are suffocating in its denial of reality. It is a pitiful sight to see their hatred for one man so color their judgment, that they neglect us all.

Only a united front by the Republican Party, and candidates committed to faith, honesty and a strong system of ethics stand a chance in the 2008 elections.

Barbara Olcott

**Cumberland County Republican Women's Club Officers
and Board Members**

President, Barbara Olcott
Vice President, Suzanne Rucker
Secretary, Ann Scoggins
Treasurer, Sue Dennis
Asst. Treasurer, Heidi Steding
Legislative Committee, Kirby Tyson
Public Relations, Paulette Munson
Membership, Suzanne Rucker
Program, Suzanne Rucker
Chaplain, Paulette Munson
Historian, Lutte Erwin
Parliamentarian, Mary Anne Peebles

**December 5th Meeting Info
HIGHLAND COUNTRY CLUB**

Raeford Rd., Fayetteville
Buffet Lunch
Cost \$10.20

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 Barb Olcott at (910) 485-1412, email olcottfaync@aol.com, or Suzanne Rucker at (910) 484-7957, email drtimes4@aol.com. You can also request a standing or permanent reservation. Deadline for reservations will be Sunday, December 2, 2007, 8pm.