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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIME

2009 Evening CCRWC Meetings

We will start our Evening Dinner Meetings in January 2009. We will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January and November), at 6:30 p.m., at the Highland Country Club. The dinner will be a generous buffet, including dessert at a cost of \$20.00.

President's note ...

Thanksgiving's passed, and everyone's attention now turns to Christmas and New Year celebrations. It's that time of year when we tend to reflect upon the year's accomplishments and look forward to new opportunities. Before leaving 2008. I want to give thanks for the blessings each of you has been this year to me and the CCRWC board. Thank you each for your contributions, hard work and the friendship we enjoy.

I want to especially thank President Barbara Olcott and our board members for their patience, flexibility and guidance as we sorted our way through our first full year. We've had an actionpacked year that older clubs aspire to achieve a year filled with considerable activity and several challenges successfully met. Barbara's persistence and tenacity have been an inspiration to all of us. When I grow up, I want to be the spunky lady she is today.

Thank you also for having the confidence in me to elect me president of the 2009 CCRWC. The other ladies elected to office are a talented group. When called to be part of the team, please say "yes" and agree to volunteer for one of the board positions.

Our Christmas Basket giveaways are truly something special. There are still a few more days to contribute something if you'd like to donate an item. Please consider giving something homemade. For example, the BIG basket has great stuff in it, but - truth be told - I want the basket with Sylvia Smith's homemade vegetable soup. (Those who worked at the Victory office will remember Sylvia's soups and how indescribably delicious they were on cold days!) And the person who sells the most tickets will win a gingerbread house decorating party.

See you Saturday, December 6! And please remember to bring your spouses too!

Suzanne Rucker Vice President

New members

2008 CCRWC Meeting Schedule

Dec. 6th* Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Brunch

Installation of CCRWC 2009 Officers

Dec. 9th 12 Noon

CCRWC Board Meeting

2009 Calendar

Regular Monthly Meetings:

January 13, 2009 February 10, 2009 March 10, 2009 April 14, 2009 May 12, 2009 June 9, 2009 July 14, 2009 August 11, 2009 September 9, 2009 October 13, 2009 November 10, 2009 December 8, 2009

<u>DECEMBER 6TH</u> CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Our December meeting will be a Christmas Brunch to be held at the Highland Country Club. The buffet brunch will begin at 10:30 a.m., cost is \$13.00. We will be installing our 2009 officers and raffling off our CHRISTMAS BASKETS! You won't want to miss this event. To make reservations, call Suzanne Rucker at (910) 484-7957 or email drtims4@aol.com.

A warm welcome to our new members:



Janice Brennan Sandy East Andrea Gibbs Katherine McLeod Sylvia Smith Elda Thacker



Christmas Basket Raffle

There is still time to make a donation to our Christmas Basket Raffle. The deadline

will be Wednesday, December 3rd, to get your basket items to Suzanne Rucker. If vou have not received your raffle tickets. please call Barbara Olcott. The tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. This year's big basket will be filled with all manner of wonderful Christmas and Republican items. Our members have spared no expense in their generous donations; a certificate for a Honey Baked Ham, Chocolate, Wine Spirits, and many other valuable items to keep or give as gifts. Two other smaller baskets will be raffled. The person selling the most tickets will be treated to a gingerbread house decorating party for four people. Who will be the lucky ones to take home all the goodies?



Trumpet Award

Twice yearly we recognize a member who has distinguished herself in service to the CCRWC. Amy

Bryan was our first recipient. At our December 6th Brunch, we will award this year's second Trumpet Award.



FISHER HOUSE

Instead of bringing items to this month's meeting for the Fisher House, we're asking members to bring cash donations or your <u>tax-deductible</u> check. Checks should be made out to the Fisher House. All Fisher House donations are tax deductible.



CCRWC 2009 Officers will be installed at our Christmas Brunch, by immediate past NCFRW President Martha Jenkins December 6, 2008 Our 2009 Officers are:

President Suzanne Rucker
Vice President Barbara Hines
Treasurer Heidi Steding
Asst.Treasurer Sue Dennis
Secretary Paulette Munson

North Carolina Essay Contest

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women is sponsoring an essay contest for 6^{th,} 7th and 8th grade students. This year's topic is "The Goals of our Forefather." The winner will be awarded a \$100.00 Savings Bond. Now that's something to sit down and write for! For more details, contact Barbara Olcott, (910) 485-1412 or email at olcottfaync@aol.com.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

We have included in our newsletter this month a copy of the N.C. Federation volunteer hours tracking form. Many of our members spent numerous hours working at the Victory office, 4th Friday events, and campaigning for specific candidates. These hours are important for our Diamond Award as a Chartered Federation Club. Complete the form and bring it to our December 6th meeting. We must have them submitted this month to qualify for the state RISE award. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Dennis.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are due! Membership dues for the calendar year, 2009, are now due, in the amount of \$28.00. Please mail your check to Heidi Steding, at 5825 Arbutus Trail, Fayetteville, NC, 28311.

Note: If you've joined our club since September, 2008, your dues are paid for 2009.

White House Christmas Ornaments



Wow! Wait until you see these beauties – true works of art. Those of you who ordered them may pick them up at the December 6th Brunch.

Cost is \$23 per ornament.

<u>Pictures from our November 5, 2008 Meeting</u>















North Carolina Federation of Republican Women Individual Volunteer Hours - 2008

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