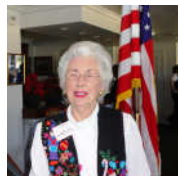


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President's Gavel

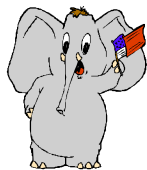
President Pud is traveling this month, and she sends her best wishes to all Moore Republican Women. She wants to remind you to take a look at the very new Moore Republican Women website, www.mrwnc.org.

Pud reminds us all that 2007 – 2008 will be a time for all of us to pull together and get behind the candidates for office on all levels. Now is the best time – watch the forums, read online, magazines, books and newspaper accounts. In short, learn about who's out there looking for opportunities to serve in the highest offices in the land.

As we return in the autumn, the September meeting will be a great time to come to the luncheon on the 10th, and bring a friend or two. Invite a prospective member or two – and in case they are not yet registered Republicans they will have time this summer to get that fixed!

Enjoy the summer's brilliance – let's hope some of it rubs off on our Republican candidates over the coming months!

Note on behalf of President Pud Kent



Trumpeting the News!

We have a new WEBSITE! Check us out at www.mrwnc.org. The site is intended to offer you news, facts you can use, photos of events, and much more. For details about Moore Republican Women please take a look at the website, and let us know what you think at contact@mrwnc.org! Your hard-working designing women, Dee and Barbara

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MRW Calendar

Monthly Luncheon and Meeting
Monday, September 10th
11:30 – Social 12:00 – Lunch/Meeting
Pinehurst Members Club
Come, and Bring a Friend!

Reservations: Donna Bartrip - 215-5922
Reservation/Cancellation Deadline
Wednesday, September 5th

**MRW NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTIONS!**

Remember, you can receive MRW Newsletter by e-mail as well as snail mail. And now we've even added the PDF formatted newsletters to the new website: www.mrwnc.org. We're still asking whether you want snail mail, e-mail or both. If we don't hear we'll assume you want to continue to receive snail mail. Note, the e-mailed version of the newsletter will be sent to you in color!

A special option - receive the mailed version and give that to a friend with an invitation to come to a luncheon with you! Let's grow our numbers!

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ANNOUNCEMENT!!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER -- but return in September ready to recruit friends and neighbors as well as colleagues for membership in MRW!!

In the fall, the GOP -- and more importantly -- our COUNTRY will be facing the 12 months before the 2008 elections -- and whether the essential nature of our republic will be damaged beyond repair.

Your party and your COUNTRY need you and other new workers to help educate the general public who receive their information in sound bites from the "drive by media". The "spin" and omissions Must be corrected; YOU can play a VITAL role.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!

Linda Jarrett, Membership Chair

Have a Heart

We need to show more sympathy for these people. They travel miles in the heat, they risk their lives crossing a border, they don't get paid enough wages, they do jobs that others won't do or are afraid to do, they live in crowded conditions among a people who speak a different language, they rarely see their families, and they face adversity all day every day.

I'm not talking about illegal Mexicans, I'm talking about our troops. Doesn't it seem strange that the Democrats are willing to lavish all kinds of social benefits on illegals, but don't support our troops and are now threatening to defund them?

AMERICANISM

The following column was written by Doug Patton and published on June 6, 2005. We think it bears re-printing. It still makes the rounds on the internet. We thought you might like to read it again. Doug Patton is a former speechwriter and public policy advisor for federal, state and local Republican candidates and elected officials. His weekly columns appear in newspapers across the country and on selected Internet web sites, including American Daily. Doug is married with two grown sons.

We think this column will become a classic, and we commend his other writings to you as well. They can be found on www.conservativetruth.org. Dee and Barbara

Well, guess what? I DON'T CARE!

Are we fighting a war on terror or aren't we? Was it or was it not started by Islamic people who brought it to our shores on September 11, 2001? Were people from all over the world, mostly Americans, not brutally murdered that day, in downtown Manhattan, across the Potomac from our nation's capitol and in a field in Pennsylvania? Did nearly three thousand men, women and children die a horrible, burning death that day, or didn't they?

And I'm supposed to care that a copy of the Koran was "desecrated" when an overworked American soldier kicked it or got it wet? Well, I don't. I don't care at all.

I'll start caring when Osama bin Laden turns himself in and repents for incinerating all those innocent people on 9/11.

I'll care about the Koran when the fanatics in the Middle East start caring about the Holy Bible, the mere possession of which is a crime in Saudi Arabia.

I'll care when Abu Musab al-Zarqawi tells the world he is sorry for hacking off Nick Berg's head while Berg screamed through his gurgling, slashed throat. (Editors' note: a-Zarquawi was killed by American troops in June, 2006).

I'll care when the cowardly so-called "insurgents" in Iraq come out and fight like men instead of disrespecting their own religion by hiding in mosques.

I'll care when the mindless zealots who blow themselves up in search of nirvana care about the innocent children within range of their suicide bombs.

I'll care when the American media stops pretending that their First Amendment liberties are somehow derived from international law instead of the United States Constitution's Bill of Rights.

I'll care when Clinton-appointed judges stop ordering my government to release photos of the abuses at Abu Ghraib, which are sure to set off the Islamic extremists just as Newsweek's lies did a few weeks ago.

In the meantime, when I hear a story about a brave marine roughing up an Iraqi terrorist to obtain information, know this: I don't care.

When I see a fuzzy photo of a pile of naked Iraqi prisoners who have been humiliated in what amounts to a college hazing incident, rest assured that I don't care.

When I see a wounded terrorist get shot in the head when he is told not to move because he might be booby-trapped, you can take it to the bank that I don't care.

When I hear that a prisoner, who was issued a Koran paid for by my tax dollars, is complaining that his holy book is being "mishandled," you can absolutely believe in your heart of hearts that I don't care.

And oh, by the way, I've noticed that sometimes it's spelled "Koran" and other times "Quran." Well, Jimmy Crack Corn and — you guessed it — I don't care!



The Dash Poem

by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
from the beginning to the end

He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke the following date with tears.
But he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own;
the cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left,
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
and more often wear a smile
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash
would you be proud of the things they say
about how you spent your dash?

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Announcing...

**The 34th Biennial Convention
of the
National Federation of Republican Women
September 26-30, 2007
Palm Springs Convention Center
Palm Springs, CA
For information:
www.nfrw.org/programs/convention**



THE BIRD FEEDER

A small comparison, but still not a bad idea and a good read.

I bought a bird feeder. I hung it on my back porch and filled it with seed. Within a week we had hundreds of birds taking advantage of the continuous flow of free and easily accessible food. But then the birds started building nests in the boards of the patio, above the table, and next to the barbecue.

Then came the poop. It was everywhere: on the patio tile, the chairs, the table...everywhere. Then some of the birds turned mean: They would dive bomb me and try to peck me even though I had fed them out of my own pocket. And others birds were boisterous and loud: They sat on the feeder and squawked and screamed at all hours of the day and night and demanded that I fill it when it got low on food. After a while, I couldn't even sit on my own back porch anymore. I took down the bird feeder and in three days the birds were gone. I cleaned up their mess and took down the many nests they had built all over the patio. Soon, the back yard was like it used to be...quite, serene and no one demanding their rights to a free meal.

Now let's see...our government gives out free food, subsidized housing, free medical care, free education and allows anyone born here to be an automatic citizen. Then the illegal's came by the tens of thousands. Suddenly our taxes went up to pay for free services; small apartments are housing 5 families: you have to wait 6 hours to be seen by an emergency room doctor: Your child's 2nd grade class is behind other schools because over half the class doesn't speak English: Corn Flakes now come in a bilingual box; I have to press "1" to hear my bank talk to me in English, and people waving flags other than "Old Glory" are squawking and screaming in the streets, demanding more rights and free liberties. Maybe it's time for the government to take down the bird feeder.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mary Wittpenn

Wash what is dirty. Water what is dry,
 Heal what is wounded.
 Soothe what is hurt.
 Dry tears that are shed.
 Warm what is cold.
 Guide what goes off the road.
 Love those who are least lovable because they need it most.
 From: A Heart Warmer Series

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Calling an illegal immigrant an undocumented worker is like calling a drug pusher a pharmacist.



**LET'S START GETTING
GEARED UP FOR 2008!**

ALL RIGHT, ROBIN WILLIAMS!

You gotta love Robin Williams.....Even if he's nuts! Leave it to Robin Williams to come up with the perfect plan. What we need now is for our UN Ambassador to stand up and repeat this message. Robin Williams' plan...(Hard to argue with this logic!)

"I see a lot of people yelling for peace but I have not heard of a plan for peace. So, here's one plan."

1) "The US will apologize to the world for our "interference" in their affairs, past & present. You know, Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Tojo, Noriega, Milosevic, Hussein, and the rest of those "good 'ole' boys", we will never "interfere" again.

2) We will withdraw our troops from all over the world, starting with Germany, South Korea, the Middle East, and the Philippines. They don't want us there. We would station troops at our borders. No one allowed sneaking through holes in the fence.

3) All illegal aliens have 90 days to get their affairs together and leave. We'll give them a free trip home. After 90 days the remainder will be gathered up and deported immediately, regardless of whom or where they are. They're illegal!!!! France will welcome them.

4) All future visitors will be thoroughly checked and limited to 90 days unless given a special permit!!!! No one from a terrorist nation will be allowed in. If you don't like it there, change it yourself and don't hide here. Asylum would never be available to anyone. We don't need any more cab drivers or 7-11 cashiers.

5) No foreign "students" over age 21. The older ones are the bombers. If they don't attend classes, they get a "D" and it's back home baby.

6) The US will make a strong effort to become self-sufficient energy wise. This will include developing nonpolluting sources of energy but will require a temporary drilling of oil in the Alaskan wilderness. The caribou will have to cope for a while.

7) Offer Saudi Arabia and other oil producing countries \$10 a barrel for their oil. If they don't like it, we go someplace else. They can go somewhere else to sell their production. (About a week of the wells filling up the storage sites would be enough.)

8) If there is a famine or other natural catastrophe in the world, we will not "interfere." They can pray to Allah or whomever, for seeds, rain, cement or whatever they need. Besides most of what we give them is stolen or given to the army. The people who need it most get very little, if anything.

9) Ship the UN Headquarters to an isolated island someplace. We don't need the spies and fair weather friends here; besides, the building would make a good homeless shelter or lockup for illegal aliens.

10) All Americans must go to charm and beauty school. That way, no one can call us "Ugly Americans" any longer. The Language we speak is ENGLISH..learn it...or LEAVE...Now, isn't that a winner of a plan?

"The Statue of Liberty is no longer saying "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses." She's got a baseball bat and she's yelling, 'you want a piece of me?' "



By Hoshyar Zebari
Foreign Minister of Iraq

DO NOT ABANDON US!

Last weekend a traffic jam several miles long snaked out of the Mansour district in western Baghdad. The delay stemmed not from a car bomb closing the road but from a queue to enter the city's central amusement park. The line became so long some families left their cars and walked to enjoy picnics, fairground rides and soccer, the Iraqi national obsession.

Across the city, restaurants are slowly filling and shops are reopening. The streets are busy. Iraqis are not cowering indoors. The appalling death tolls from suicide attacks are often high because of crowding at markets. These days you are as likely to hear complaints about traffic congestion as about the security situation. Across Baghdad there is a cacophony of sirens from ambulances, firefighters and police providing public services. You cannot even escape the curse of traffic wardens ticketing illegally parked cars.

These small but significant snippets of normality are overshadowed by acts of gross violence, which fuel the opinion of some that Iraq is in a downward spiral. The Iraqi people are indeed suffering tremendous hardships and making grave sacrifices - but daily life goes on for 7 million Baghdadis struggling to take back their capital and country.

So why should the world remain engaged in Iraq?

There is no denying the difficulties Iraq faces, and no amount of good news can obscure the demons of terrorism and sectarianism that have risen in my country. But there is too much at stake to risk failure, and everything to gain by helping us protect our hard-won democratic achievements and emerge as a stable, self-sustaining country.

We remain determined in spite of our losses. Spectacular attacks may dominate foreign headlines, but they cannot change the reality that Iraq has made steady political, economic and social progress over the past four years. We continue to strengthen our nascent democratic institutions,

pursue national reconciliation and expand Iraqi security forces. The Baghdad security plan was conceived to give us breathing space to expedite political and economic development by "securing and holding" neighborhoods across the capital. There is no quick fix, but there have been real results: Winning public confidence has led to a spike in intelligence, a disruption of terrorist networks and the capture of key leaders, as well as the discovery of weapons caches. In Anbar province, Sunni sheikhs and insurgents have turned against al-Qaeda and to the side of Iraqi security forces. This would have been unthinkable even six months ago.

Contrary to popular belief, most government ministries are located outside the Green Zone, and employees drive to work every day despite death threats and attacks on colleagues and families. We government ministers are always at risk of assassination. When a suicide bomber attacked parliament last month, the legislators sat in defiance in an extraordinary session the following day. I am particularly inspired by the commitment of the young diplomats in the Foreign Ministry, a diverse mix of Sunni, Shiite, Christian, Arab and Kurdish men and women who serve their country without subscribing to religious or sectarian divisions.

Those calling for withdrawal may think it is the least painful option, but its benefits would be short-lived. The fate of the region and the world is linked with ours. Leaving a broken Iraq in the Middle East would offer international terrorism a haven and ensure a legacy of chaos for future generations. Furthermore, the sacrifices of all the young men and women who stood up here would have been in vain.

Iraqis, for all our determination and courage, cannot succeed alone. We need a healthy and supportive regional environment. We will not allow our country to be a battleground for settling scores in regional and international conflicts that adversely affect stability inside our borders. Only with continued international commitment and deeper engagement from our neighbors can we establish a stable democratic, federal and united Iraq. The world should not abandon us.

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Twenty Years After "Tear Down This Wall" By George Allen

On June 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan declared, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" It was our generation's equivalent to "Remember the Alamo!" This month we celebrate the 20th anniversary of this wonderful declaration for the cause of freedom on behalf of repressed people in Central and Eastern Europe. We should renew our shared commitment with our allies in Europe because it is the transatlantic relationship that is America's anchor for global engagement.

Although Ronald Reagan's words must have seemed like only a dream, they resonated in the hearts of East Berliners who led restricted, hopeless lives. The dream of freedom did come true because of the steadfast, essential political and logistical support of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Chancellor Helmut Kohl. The moral compass was provided by the respected Pope John Paul II. And Lech Walesa, behind the Iron Curtain in Poland, had freedom lovers all over the world in solidarity with their cause.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, it has become clear how beneficial a free, prospering, and whole Europe is to the transatlantic community. Germany is no longer a borderland. Many of the Central European states have joined us in Iraq and Afghanistan. But a central challenge today is Americans' and Europeans' lack a unity of purpose and shared definition of the threats we face.

President Bush embarks this week on a trip to a free Europe. On this trip—he is visiting Germany, Poland, Italy, Czech Republic, Albania, and Bulgaria—he must make clear to European partners that American leaders see the transatlantic relationship as our anchor for global engagement. He must also identify steps America and Europe should take jointly to address our shared challenges and worldwide threats.

As we face, adapt, and decide our future action against present day threats, let us learn from Ronald Reagan's resolve to advance freedom. Based on shared values, let us build respectful, strategic alliances, expand beneficial interaction and private investment, creating more jobs, and always choose to stand strong together for freedom as we nurture the growing trees of liberty and plant new groves in Eastern Europe. The United States must have a dynamic, strategic agenda befitting a great power.

George Allen is the former governor and senator from Virginia and Chairman of the European Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He is currently the Reagan Ranch Presidential Scholar for [Young America's Foundation](#).

HOT BUTTON ISSUES SENATE

- Senate still trying to pass Omnibus legislation bill—it is up to Sen. Reid to decide if it goes on or dies. Bush is still firmly behind this bill and trying to get conservatives to support his position—Reid claims that he is ready to vote—Newt Gingrich suggests that maybe a different approach could work one in which we take small steps such as secure the borders, temporary work visas, deport criminals etc.—that still doesn't solve the illegal non criminal population-- more to come. If you oppose the legislation, call Senators Dole and Burr, and Representative Coble and tell them to back off the passage of the legislation.
- Hooray - maybe the Gonzales mess is finally over—Dems just love wasting time on trying to get a vote of no confidence—to what purpose—there isn't one except to keep aggravating George Bush as if the Republican Conservatives don't do it enough—the Senate voted down a vote to vote on no confidence
- Recent Congressional Votes--Cloture motion: Comprehensive Immigration—Senators Dole and Burr both voted NO so that debate could continue on the bill with Republican amendment's still to be heard.

HOT BUTTON ISSUES House

- Recent Votes included Ethics Committee Investigations—Coble voted YES and the Vote Passed—this resolution directs the Ethics committee to begin an investigation with 30 days of a lawmaker's indictment
- Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act-Rep. Coble voted YES and the aid bill passed—it would cut off fund to local Afghani governments with ties to criminals, drug dealers or terrorists.
- Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act—Rep. Coble voted yes and it passed—this would expand federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.

HOT BUTTON ISSUES NC HOUSE

- Hackney kills marriage amendment—please call his office and ask him to reconsider this decision the house has 64 supporters of the bill out of 120 more than enough to pass—his number is 919-929-0323.
- Joe Boylan's HB 185 has been read in the house and referred to the house rules, calendar and House operations—it has been in committee since 2/15/07—write to him if you support this legislation
- HB422 Boylan is primary on this is an act to require a noncitizen of the US to present valid ID papers in referred to the committee on homeland security, military veteran's affairs and if favorable to the committee on Judiciary.
- HB933 Jessica's Law is still in limbo it was referred to the judiciary—removed from judiciary and rereferred to Judiciary - if passed it will go to appropriations—please keep writing about this law as you heard at our luncheon last month, this bill must be strengthened and revised in order to protect properly our children and not the criminals.

HOT BUTTON ISSUES NC SENATE

- Senate Bill 14 (HB 1543) supported by Harris Blake—an act to impose constitutional limits on the on growth of the States budget—referred to ways and means by Senate in February.
- SB38 Eminent Domain—this bill would prevent the use of eminent domain for purposes of economic development—Fred Smith Republican is primary on this and Blake supports it.

Submitted by Lois Mitchell—Legislative Chair

Why the Immigration Bill Failed

By Carol Platt Liebau

A New York Times/CBS poll taken May 18-23 found that 69% of Americans believe that illegal immigrants should be prosecuted and deported; 82% of those surveyed said the federal government should be working harder to “keep illegal immigrants from crossing into this country.” And according to a Rasmussen poll, by a two-to-one margin (60% to 28%), Americans set a higher priority on gaining control of the nation’s borders than regularizing the status of illegal immigrants, while 75% opined that it’s very important for the United States to “improve border enforcement and end illegal immigration.”

At its heart, the bill was profoundly out of step with public opinion. In fact, it’s remarkable that any legislation with so many elements so at odds with prevailing opinion among Americans was ever given much of a chance at passing. Perhaps that’s why the bill’s proponents, who long believed that they had a winner on their hands, came in for a rude awakening by week’s end. But there were also plenty of other reasons for the legislation’s collapse.

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Have a Wonderful Summer!

We'll return with the MRW Newsletter in August! Meantime, continue to check us out at www.mrwnc.org, the new Moore Republican Women website!

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