

January 2023

## Message from the President by Maureen Zumwalt



#### New year, new resolution: No time to rest on our laurels

Now that we've had a chance to celebrate our Moore County and North Carolina mid-term victories, and ruminate over seemingly unfathomable losses in other states, it's time to get back to work.

What?! Isn't 2023 an off year with nothing but municipal elections?

Yes and No.

There are 34 municipal seats up for grabs in Moore County in 2023. Arguably, municipalities have more impact on our daily lives by regulating the use of our property and providing (or not) municipal services such as trash pick-up, recreational opportunities, and fire and police services. Short term rentals, outdoor lighting, and the fate of the traffic circle are but a few of the important issues that are in the hands of municipalities, not the State Legislature, Congress or the President.

We saw a nearly two-year lead time in campaigning in our recent successful sweep of statewide judicial races. So it comes as no surprise that candidates are already announcing their intentions for statewide 2024 races. And there are plenty more potential candidates who are publicly flirting with the idea of running. By next Christmas, the brief window of candidate filing will be closed.

In January 2024, voters can request absentee ballots for the Presidential primary, with One Stop Voting beginning in mid-February. Like smart shoppers hunting now for after-Christmas sales, smart candidates are planning ahead.

Let's be smart, too, and embrace the long game. The work that we put into candidates and causes now are building blocks for the big prize in 2024 – a return to conservative values in the White House.

Maureen

### January brunch: Not too late to RSVP!



Deadline to RSVP: Monday January 2!

MRW Brunch
Wednesday, January 11
10:30 a.m. (NOTE THE TIME!)
Lighthouse at Little River
Carthage, NC

**Sheriff Ronnie Fields** will be our main speaker, with a visit from **Hal Weatherman**, who is announcing his candidacy for Lt. Governor of North Carolina. We'll also enjoy a delightful brunch and entertainment by **The Sophisticated Ladies**!

#### **RSVP Now!**



Brunch collection: Law Enforcement Appreciation Remember to bring snacks and goodies to be delivered to all of Moore County's Law Enforcement agencies. We always show them our appreciation of the work they do on our behalf!

Volunteers are needed to stay after the brunch to help sort the goodies into baskets, and then deliver them to law enforcement agencies on behalf of MRW!

#### Did you miss the Dec. 31 deadline to renew?

Because we had to cancel our December meeting, we have extended the deadline to renew your membership to January 11. You can bring your check to the luncheon and renew your membership for the normal \$40 dues. Or if you want to mail in your renewal, send your check for \$40 to: Moore Republican Women, PO Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Any renewals that take place AFTER January 11 will incur a \$10 late fee - so don't wait!

Thank you for taking care of this as soon as you can. Questions? Contact MRW@LisaDishman.com.

#### **Wreaths Across America**

Many thanks to the MRW members, associates and friends who helped us lay wreaths at the Sandhills Veterans Cemetery on December 17. It was a moving and rewarding experience for all! MRW members purchased 560 wreaths to ensure that no veteran's grave was left bare. In fact, there are over 8,000 graves at this cemetery, and all received a wreath and heartfelt gratitude. Many thanks to Mariann Benway for spearheading this big project!







It's not to early to start thinking about Wreaths Across America in 2023. See below:



Donate here on the MRW Wreaths Across America page:

Donate Wreaths for 2023 and special match

## The environment is beautiful...



# Thanks to caring MRW members!

These volunteers cleaned up the trash around Airport Road in Whispering Pines on December 12 as part of our Adopt-A-Road commitment.

You go, girls!

(L to R): Lisa Sheridan, Lisa Dishman, Pauline Bruno, Maureen Zumwalt, Scarlet Edelman, Charli Thyne. Not shown: Mary Flynn, photographer

# Moore County Republican Men's lunch

Moore County Republican Men's Club Luncheon Thursday, January 17 Noon Country Club of North Carolina \$30

RSVP for Men's luncheon

Speaker: Natalie Hawkins, Executive Director, Moore Country Partners in Progress

# Mark your calendar!

#### **MRW Events**

- February 25: Sadie Hawkins Dance at Freedom Hall, featuring King Curtis
- July 22: **Sock Hop** at Freedom Hall, also with King Curtis.
- TBD: Notice of the 2023 Candy Cane Ball will be coming soon.

#### **Precinct meetings**

Each precinct will vote on their officers - Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The meetings will be at GOP HQ.

- Pinehurst A1, Pinehurst A2: Saturday, February 11, 10 am Noon
- Pinehurst B2, Pinehurst C, Seven Lakes, Taylortown: Saturday, February 11, 1 pm - 3 pm
- Eureka-Whispering Pines, Carthage: Sunday, February 12, 2 pm 4 pm
- Pinehurst B1, Bensalem, Cameron, DHR, Robins, Westmoore: Saturday, February 18, 10 am - Noon
- East Aberdeen, North Southern Pines, Pinebluff, Pinedene, South Southern Pines, West Aberdeen: Saturday, February 18, 1 pm - 3 pm
- Eastwood, East Knollwood, Little River, Vass, West End, West Knollwood: Sunday, February 19, 2 pm

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