



Message from the President by Maureen Zumwalt



March madness: When government grabs power

When I moved to North Carolina, I was advised that I needed to pick an ACC basketball team to follow and understand that March Madness was a month-long holiday. For decades, I associated March with college basketball, my precious daughter's birthday and the long-awaited beginning of Spring. But 2020 changed the way I look at March.

On March 10, 2020, Democrat Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 116, "Declaration of a State of Emergency To Coordinate Response and Protective Actions To Prevent the Spread of Covid-19."

This seemingly benign Executive Order announced the creation of a public health task force, addressed payments for medical testing, and waived many DOT requirements for the transportation of medical supplies. In fact, the bulk of Executive Order 116 relates to these DOT waivers. And, because we were all alarmed by the tremendous threat of Covid, we allowed this to happen without much pushback.

[Read the rest....](#)

NC Supreme Court to rehear important cases



If you ever wonder whether elections matter, this is a perfect proof that THEY DO!

In mid-February, state legislative leaders filed new briefs with the NC Supreme Court to support North Carolina's voter ID law and the legislature's statewide election maps.

The NC Supreme Court (which now has a conservative majority thanks to GOP efforts to get them elected) will rehear cases dealing with the ID law and redistricting on March 14-15.

Read more about it here at the [Carolina Journal](#).

What's happening with our new School Board?



In another case of "elections matter," the newly-conservative School Board has been busy since it was inducted in December.

In addition to reinstating the valedictorian honors in Moore County Public Schools, the board is looking closely at financials and how tax money is spent, and is actively involved in

transportation issues, including paying school bus drivers more for the great work they do, among other things..

In addition, **Pauline Bruno** reports, "We have been visiting the schools, eating lunch with the students, sitting in on classrooms and riding our buses. We are trying so hard to be NOT just Board Members but to be thoroughly involved with each part of the school – from maintenance to cafeteria to Student Advisory Meetings. It is a lot of work, but it has been wonderful and we are just beginning."

In other news:

As we were going to press, we learned that School Board Chairman **Robert Levy** was just released last night from the Reid Heart Center after a month-long stay. Prayers for his continued return to health are much appreciated.

Finally, a giant "congratulations" to School Board (and MRW) member **Shannon Davis**, who recently delivered a beautiful baby girl! She says, "We are both doing well and currently working on solving all of the problems of the world."

MRW Member News

March 1 luncheon reminders



The deadline for RSVPs has passed.

[Country Club of Whispering Pines](#)
2 Clubhouse Boulevard
Whispering Pines, NC 28237

12:00 Noon
11:15 a.m. Registration opens
Cost: \$25.00 payable to "Country Club of Whispering Pines"

Also, we are collecting for Friend to Friend. View their ["wish list" here](#) (scroll down the page).

Welcome to these new members in 2023

Judy Atkins
Jim Carver
Sherri Dennis
Linda Garner

Judiann Kempf
Susan LaCosta
Anna Pitt
Pat Sykora

February 1 luncheon Ways & Means results

Congratulations to all the winners - and thank you to everyone who entered the drawings and bought items to support MRW!

- The basket raffle earned \$450 for MRW, and Maureen Krueger won the beautiful Valentine basket.
- Ways and Means earned \$377 with sales of jewelry and nuts.
- Steve Bibey won \$83 in the Split the Pot raffle.

Rep. Ben Moss officially announces plans for 2024

From the [Carolina Journal](#):



"Rep. Ben Moss, R-Moore, announced on Tuesday (February 21) that he intends to run for North Carolina Commissioner of Labor in 2024. The announcement comes after current Labor Commissioner Josh Dobson announced at the December Council of State meeting that he will not seek re-election..."

...Moss won re-election to the N.C. House in November after being double-bunked with, and defeating, long-time Republican Representative Jamie Boles in the May 17 primary."

Upcoming events: Get involved!

Moore GOP

- **March 4 - GOP Convention**, March 4 at Pinehurst Village Hall. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Convention begins at Noon. Many of our elected officials will be there, as well as some 2024 candidates. Everyone is welcome!
- **Every Thursday - Weekly Think Tank (meeting of the Moore GOP board)**. GOP HQ 11:00 a.m. Anyone who's interested in finding out what's happening politically in Moore County is welcome to attend.

NCFRW events

- **May 5-7, 2023 NCFRW Spring Board Meeting/Biennial Convention**. DoubleTree by Hilton South Charlotte Tyvola, 5624 Westpark Drive, Charlotte 28217. Eventbrite and Hotel Reservation Code will be posted soon.
- **Spring Legislative Day** in Raleigh. TBA
- **September 28 - October 1, 2023 - NCFRW 42nd Biennial Convention**, Omni Hotel and Oklahoma City Convention Center, Oklahoma City, OK.
- **November 3 - 4, 2023 NCFRW Fall Board Meeting** Coastal Region TBA

NC GOP events

- **June 8-11 - State Convention**. Koury Convention Center Greensboro registration - <https://convention.nc.gop/>

Moore Republican Women activities

- Laura Morgan will be teaching **Spanish classes** at GOP HQ. There will be sign-up sheets at the March 1 luncheon, and "más información" coming soon!
- **April 5: MRW Luncheon**, 12 Noon.

Men's Club Luncheon March 8



On Wednesday, March 8, the Moore County Republican Men's Club will welcome [Jason Simmons](#), Executive Director of the NC GOP, as the guest speaker.

Deadline to register is March 5 at 6 p.m.

Country Club of Whispering Pines
2 Clubhouse Blvd, Whispering Pines NC 28327

Luncheon Price: \$25

Menu: Classic Stroganoff (Beef tips, gravy, egg noodles, and peas)
Garden Salad & Dessert du jour

Registration at 11:30 am, Call to Order at noon, lunch served and program to follow.

[Register Now](#)

Celebrating 100 years: U.S. Veteran Vivian Cunningham



We are pleased to honor a wonderful veteran of WWII who will be celebrating her 100th birthday this month:

Vivian Ekkela Cunningham, a resident of Moore County and strong conservative, was born in Crosby, MN on March 18, 1923.

She enlisted in the Navy in 1942 at age 19 (in the WAVES Program) and was based at a naval facility at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she worked as an administrative assistant. She was ranked Petty Officer, First Class. Vivian was honorably discharged at the end of WWII.

Thank you, Vivian, for your service, and all of us at MRW wish you a happy 100th birthday!

If you'd like to send her a birthday card, send it to her attention at PO Box 4795, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Ridicule and sarcasm can be potent weapons



Rand Paul
@RandPaul

I mean, it's worth a shot

Ohio's governor after Biden denied his request for disaster assistance



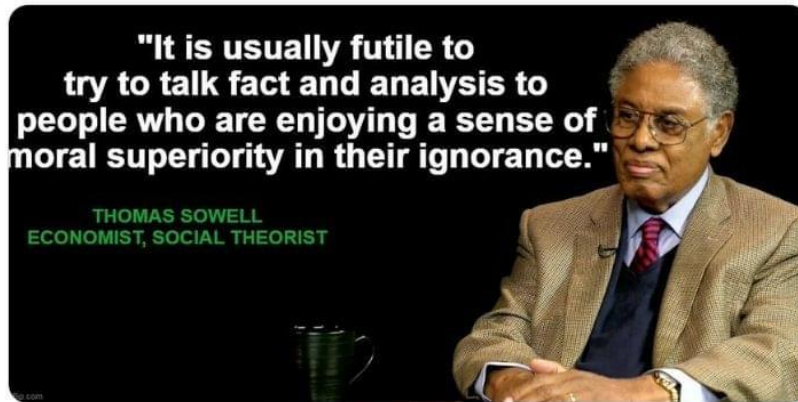
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NEW GREEN DEAL COMPLIANT CARS HIT THE SHOWROOM!



And finally, words from the brilliant Thomas Sowell, so true...



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