

March 2022, 2nd edition

# Update on redistricting

#### Court rejects GOP redistricting plans in NC, Pennsylvania

The Supreme Court has turned away efforts from Republicans in North Carolina and Pennsylvania to block state court-ordered congressional districting plans more favorable to Democrats. In separate orders late Monday, the justices are allowing maps selected by each state's Supreme Court to be in effect for the 2022 elections. In North Carolina, the map most likely will give Democrats an additional House seat in 2023. <u>Read more</u>.

#### Membership by Mariann Benway

### Update your information before March 15!

Please let Mariann Benway know if your address, telephone number and/or email has changed within the last year. Contact her at <u>mariannbenway@me.com</u> or call 910-949-3856.

You must renew your membership by then, too, if you wish to be included in the directory.

## **RIP Louis Gregory**



Louis Gregory, a wonderful friend to MRW and the GOP, passed away on March 5 at the age of 77. He served for six years on the Moore County Board of Commissioners in District 2, which includes Pinehurst, Seven Lakes, Taylortown and the majority of the Eastwood precinct. Prior to that, he had a long and distinguished career in law enforcement, including serving as Chief of the Whispering Pines Police Department.

Louis was a faithful public servant who did a lot of good in our community. He will be sorely missed. For more on his remarkable life, go <u>here</u>.

# Highlights of March luncheon

Once again, MRW highlighted candidates for office as they try to win the primary, coming up in May. These were the speakers (many of whom have websites you can access to learn more about them):



Ken Harper – US Senate



<u>Neal Jackson</u> – NC House 78



Jamie Boles - NC House 52



David McLean – County Commissioner, District I



John Sauls - NC House 51



Phil Vandercook – County Commissioner, District I



Kurt Cook – County Commissioner, District III



Jim Von Canon – County Commissioner, District I



<u>Nick Picerno</u> – County Commissioner, District II



Chris Morgan - Clerk of Courts

Want to hear more from the candidates?

In addition to the candidate speakers, we heard from:

- David Warren NC GOP Election Integrity
- Abigail Blue RNC outreach for Native Americans
- Patsy Peele MRW Legislative Committee - about proposed constitutional amendment to keep the number of US Supreme Court Justices at 9.

Listen to the Zumwalt Zone, WEEB radio 990 AM, 97.3 FM, and 104.1 FM. All times are

at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated. Tune in or <u>LISTEN ONLINE</u> or listen through any radio streaming app. Here are the interviews that are scheduled:

- March 13 (SUNDAY 1PM JOHN & MAUREEN SHOW) US Representative Richard Hudson
- March 16 Neal Jackson, NC House District 78
- March 17 Mark Walker, US Senate
- March 23- Charlie Smoak, Moore County Board of Commissioners, Seat III
- March 24 Judge Beth Freshwater-Smith, NC Court of Appeals
- March 28 Ken Harper, US Senate
- March 30 Todd Maness, Moore County Clerk of Court
- March 31 Judge Donna Stroud, NC Court of Appeals
- April 7 Bill Britton, Register of Deeds
- April 14 Wes Little, Register of Deeds
- April 20 John Ritter, Moore COunty Board of Commissioners, Seat III

## MRW Adopt-A-Highway March 14



Who says Republicans don't care about the environment? We certainly do! And on Monday, March 14 at Noon, we're going to clean it up!

As part of our Adopt-A-Highway commitment, we will be picking up trash along Airport Road. If you can join us,

meet at the Harris Teeter in Whispering Pines at noon.

# Ways & Means fundraisers



Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Ways & Means fundraisers. Here's what we earned:

**Basket Raffle: \$440**. The terrific St. Patrick's Day basket created by Diane Authement with sales help from her husband Charles was won by Nancy Fiorillo.

**Split the Pot: \$152.** The raffle was won by Nick Picerno.

Thanks to Charli Thyne for selling tickets.

**Luncheon jewelry sales - \$22.** Thank you to Deb Thompson and Sandy Fowler for staffing the jewelry table.

**Right Wing Bling: \$1334.36.** Wow! Mariann Benway and Elizabeth Miller sold jewelry at the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women meeting in Atlantic Beach, NC. Thanks to all NCFRW members who supported MRW by buying our jewelry.

# Upcoming events of note

March 10 - MRW Book Club. GOP HQ in Olmsted Village Shopping Center, 4:00 p.m. - everyone welcome!

March 10 - NC GOP/RNC Family First Forum, Greensboro 6:00 p.m., Koury Center<u>SIGN</u> <u>UP HERE</u>

March 12 - St Patrick's Day Parade, Pinehurst. March with us! Lineup #10, in front of Pinehurst Village Hall on Magnolia Street starting at 10 a.m.; parade starts by 10:45.

**March 14 - RNC Women's Engagement Event** in Pembroke at new RNC Outreach Center. FREE. Republican Leadership Initiative Trainings are designed to train and mobilize grassroots supporters like you to ensure we win back Congress in 2022. Find out more and sign up <u>here</u>.

March 16 - NC GOP Endorsement Vote School Board Candidates. Come and hear how decisions are made. 6:00 p.m., GOP HQ, Olmsted Village Shopping Center.

**March 17: Moore County Republican Men's Club Luncheon.** Lighthouse at Little River, 12:00 noon. The luncheon features a Moore County candidates forum, including for School Board and County Commissioners. Unchecked, these bodies can erode our culture and poison our children's minds. Click <u>here</u> to register.

March 19 - Election Integrity/Poll Observer Training(RSVP here)

March 26 - Save the Date - inaugural weekend MRW meeting at Little River at 1:30 p.m.

Moore Republican Women is a proud member of the <u>NC Federation of</u> <u>Republican Women</u>, the <u>National Federation of Republican Women</u>, and the <u>Frederick</u> <u>Douglass Foundation of NC</u>

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