



Moore Republican Women NEWS

January 2019



Greetings! We hope you have a wonderful New Year. Enjoy this issue of our newsletter as we head into another year of political battles and - God willing - big wins for our country!

President's message by Pauline Bruno

Looking ahead: Goals for 2019



The year is fresh, with renewed energy for fighting the good fight. Moore Republican Women plays an important role in North Carolina and our country, as we work hard to keep our state red and promote conservative principles.

So it's time to generate new ideas and set new goals, both for ourselves and as members of Moore Republican Women.

This year at MRW, we've established firm, measurable goals that we can actually track and achieve:

- #1. Increase our membership by 15%.** We currently have 170 members and 43 associate members. Increasing this number by 15% would give us a total of 32 new members.
- #2. Submit four communications to *The Pilot* per month** in the form of letters, announcements, accomplishments, and goings-on. Our community needs to know what a great organization we are.
- #3. Make a difference politically.** The ladies of MRW need to be seen at our community get-togethers, festivals, and meetings doing voter registration, club sign ups, and volunteering at Headquarters.
- #4. Support our President and Republican representatives** through positive letters, news, and total commitment to getting them elected/re-elected.

We will need your help to achieve these worthy goals. Let's spend life wisely and look forward to the New Year with active optimism.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy New Year,

Pauline



A note about next MRW Luncheon:

We **do not** have a luncheon scheduled for January,

as many members are out of town and/or recovering from the holidays. The next luncheon will take place on **Monday, February 4**. Watch for more details coming soon!

MRW Bookclub meets January 14



You may already be in a book club - but how often do you get to read books about our culture, politics and great leaders - and talk politics in a "safe" setting?

That's our MRW Book Club! We will be meeting January 14 at 4:00 at the GOP headquarters in the Olmsted Village shopping center (211 E Central Park Avenue, Pinehurst NC 28374). We'll discuss *Mad Politics* by Dr. Gina Loudon. If you're interested in attending, contact [Pauline Bruno](#) so she knows how many are coming.



Important dates coming up

January 9: Law Enforcement Day. MRW says "thank you" to our local police departments and K-9 forces by delivering cookies and doggie treats. If you're interested in participating, please contact [Pauline Bruno](#).

February 9: 6th Annual Ronald Reagan Dinner, a fundraiser for the Moore County GOP. Speaker is John Heubusch, Exec Director of the Ronald Reagan Foundation. Find out more [here](#) - and make your reservations!

Membership update by Mariann Benway



A hearty welcome to our newest members:

Brenda Harvey

Fern Sinnott

Gay Dillard (associate member)

The deadline for membership dues was December 31. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so now! **Send your check for \$30**, payable to MRW, to Moore Republican Women, P.O. Box 3654, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

If you are not sure whether you paid, please email mariannbenway@me.com or call 910-949-3856.

Campaign volunteer hours

Our members reported an amazing 22,763 hours worked during this election cycle.

Caring for America hours

Our members worked 5,851 hours Caring for America through their volunteer work.

Please remember to keep track of your hours each month for 2019. We will be collecting

them in June for the first half of the year.

Thanks so much for having such a great impact on our community!



Honoring military veterans

MRW and the Moore County Republican Men's Club donated 53 wreaths to the Wreaths Across America foundation, and members of MRW placed them at the graves of our U.S. military veterans at the Sandhills Veterans Cemetery. Pictured here: Kay Wildt, Mariann Benway, Peggy Smetana, and Lisa Sheridan.

The day was rainy and the grounds were muddy, but hundreds of people waited patiently as 4,477 wreaths were unloaded at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery to honor the men and women buried there. With over 5,000 veterans buried there, volunteers were able to cover about 90% of the graves with the commemorative wreaths.



Ways and Means report

Our fall raffle netted \$680, with Miriam Chu winning the elephant purse and Sandy Fowler winning the Christmas basket. The December Split the Pot netted \$59.50 for the Club; Bonnie Dougherty won \$59.50. We earned \$27 from jewelry sales. Thank you to all who participated in our fundraising activities!



A festive and happy brunch on December 3



Miriam Chu got into the spirit of the season



Ralph Redmond and Diane Ingold share a moment



Gary Brown, Jr. delighted all with his story and his music.



Everyone had a great time at the Brunch, sharing stories and singing carols and patriotic songs!

Political news and notes

- Don't forget to check out the [RESOLVE](#) blog, which focuses on politics in North Carolina and Moore County. All the writers are conservatives who are involved in local issues - great reading and education!
- The RNC and the reelect Trump campaign are combining forces right from the beginning - this will drive the Swamp crazy. See full article [here](#).
- Need to hear some good news for conservatives in 2019? Here's one [take](#).
- Here are [one writer's thoughts](#) on the major MAGA moments of 2018.



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