

North Carolina Women – Leading Since 1774!

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# From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President



### On to victory in 2024!

With recent election successes here In North Carolina, it is clear that Republican fiscal and social policies make life better for everyone. North Carolina is ranked #1 for business, and our leadership across the state in education and other areas is making positive changes.

In DC, many Republican legislators are pushing back against this leftist administration's disastrous spending and "woke" schemes. To make long-term changes that effectively rescue our culture, our economy, and the legacy

we leave our grandchildren, we need more conservative Republicans elected to Congress, and we absolutely must regain the White House in 2024 and well beyond.

None of those aforementioned positives will continue if the NCGOP splinters. Republicans don't always agree with one another, that is human; however, we must focus on the greater good, allowing the Republican party to win for both North Carolina and America.

No matter the outcome of the NCGOP Convention, we must continue to work as a team. On to victory in 2024!

# Reflection by Margeaux Holland, Chaplain



"Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds." Proverbs 27:23

Rise early and know the welfare of your family, then your federated clubs, your county, your state. Be diligent in prayer and be fruitful in service that the result will be strength in all sectors of life, and we all will rejoice in what He has done.

### Leadership Institute in Edenton, June 17



Local Leader Workshop Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (8:30am-4:30pm) Historic 1767 Chowan County Courthouse 117 E. King Street, Edenton

Open to the public

# Speaker - Heather Sellers!

The Leadership Institute is bringing another outstanding speaker to NCFRW. **Heather Sellers**, political media



consultant, will lead our first regional workshop in Chowan County.

With over 30 years of experience in marketing, advertising, and public relations, Heather is an expert in media consulting, budgeting, media buying and planning, in branding a new company name, and lobbying - also as a company spokesman.

As CEO of her own political consulting firm, Heather represents over 50 campaigns across the country, from

US Senate to local City and County races. She worked for Sinclair Broadcasting Group for eight years and is consistently recognized for her leadership within Conservative Networks, most notably for her innovative campaign positioning.

Heather is a former elected official with unique and valuable experience in election and campaigns processes. Heather's motto is "Let's Win"! No race is too small!

### Registrations are filling quickly; go to the Leadership Institute link below:

## **Register for Edenton**

# Gordon Chang on China



China sees itself as the ruler of the world. What sort of "ruler" attacks other nations through disease (Covid), subversion (infiltration and TikTok) and deadly drugs (Fentanyl)? Certainly China is not a benign ruler, and definitely not the type that most Americans want.

Even with limited reporting from the left-wing media, it is clear that some politicians have sold us out and are acting as

puppets and agents of Beijing and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Thank you to NC lawmakers for passing legislation to prevent China from owning NC land. Would that other states and the US Congress follow your lead.

**Gordon Chang** listed a number of actions that each of us can take to protect the USA against China's threat. These are his recommendations:

- Pass legislation to show Country Of Origin Labeling "COOL" Information
- Sever trade
- Ban China's investment in the USA
- Eject Chinese state banking agents
- Eject Chinese spies
- End technical cooperation
- Stop ownership of our technology
- Stop purchase of US farmland
- Sell mutual fund stocks that invest in China
- Shop USA (for list of Made in USA companies, click <u>here</u>)

## Supporting the military by Betsy Miller



### **June Military Holidays**

Thank you to those who submitted their Armed Services Award forms. Your clubs have done a fantastic job supporting our local military and their families. Clubs have until Dec 31 to finish projects. Thanks again for all that you do for our great state!

Here are important June dates:

- D-Day Invasion Anniversary June 6
- Flag Day & Pause for the Pledge Day June 14

- US Army Birthday June 14
- PTSD Awareness Day June 27

### NCFRW honors 103-year-old Army veteran and POW



**Robert Levin,** Army veteran and POW in a Nazi prison camp, was feted on his 103rd birthday by a crowd of well wishers. The witty Mr. Levin and **Carleen**, his wife of 75 years, celebrated with friends and many veterans groups. More than 20 members of Moore RW attended the event. NCFRW President Kay Wildt presented him with a lap blanket made by **Norma Kelly,** of Rockingham RW, one of many blankets that Norma makes for veterans.



Holding Norma Kelly's (Rockingham RW) lovely, soft "Vet" blanket are (L to R) NCFRW Committee Chairs, **Maureen K. Zumwalt** - Membership Chair and Moore RW President; **Mariann Benway** - Program Chair; **Pauline Bruno** - Chair, 70th Anniversary; Kay Wildt.

## **Club reminders**



### NFRW Website Access

The National Federation of Republican Women's (NFRW) website has a wealth of valuable information, including training videos, advice for clubs, leadership tips and much more. As a member of a local club, you are automatically a member of both NCFRW and NFRW.

There are two NFRW web access levels:

- 1. The public level with limited content
- 2. The Member level with comprehensive content that you may access.

To access the Member level, activate your account, very simple to do online. Go to <u>www.nfrw.org</u> and follow the easy instructions.

## Spring Board Meeting and Convention



#### **Honorary Life Members**

Thank you, **Mary Ann Huggins**, Honorary Life Membership Chair for leading our biennial NCFRW Honorary Life Membership program. The celebratory dinner on May 5th recognized distinguished leaders for extraordinary contributions to their clubs, the NCFRW and the NCGOP.

Honorees for 2023 are:

- Craven County RWC Dr. Bernadette McNulty
- Crystal Coast RW Dianne Tetreault
- Macon County RWC Linda Herman
- Macon County RWC Margaret Willoughby
- Sweet Union RW Barbara Harrison

### **Congratulations to RISE Award recipients**

2022 RISE Award Recipients	
Alamance Co.	Polly Riddell
Alexander Co. RWC	Angela Jarrett
Brunswick Co.	Debbie Dennis
Buncombe Co. RWC	Marilyn Brown
Catawba Co. League of RW	Brenda Rembert
Crystal Coast RW	Stephanie Broughton
Davidson Co. RW	Kelly Gallimore
Fayetteville RWC	Mikele Quinlan
Gaston Co. RW	Melinda Suddes
Henderson Co. RWC	Tara Burdette
High Country RW	Paula Eachus
Moore RW	Maureen Zumwalt
RW of Cary & SW Wake	Toni Mascherin
RW of Lake Norman	Lauren Cummings
RW of Pitt Co.	Mary Cooper Falls
Rowan Co. RW	Erica Vedeikis
Triangle RW	Renee Hill
WR of Cleveland Co.	Sherry Yocum

Congratulations to these clubs that achieved 2022 RISE goals.(click list to enlarge) Thank you, **Kathy Hildreth**, RISE Award Chair, for managing our NCFRW RISE Award program. On Saturday, 5/6, clubs were honored at a dinner for their work in 2022 to achieve club performance goals based on these four criteria:

Recruitment - meeting membership goals. Involvement - attending board meetings. Service - volunteering in the community. Education - community political education.

RISE Award Honorable Mentions go to these Clubs and their Presidents: Candace Sullivan (Craven Co. RW), Anita Moody (Forsyth Co. RW), Cara Dohner (Greater Greensboro RWC), Cheryl Houseman (Johnston Co. RW), Carolyn Justice (Lower Cape Fear RW), Barbara Harrison (Sweet Union RW).



### Fundraising

Thank you, **Lisa Carpenter**, NCFRW Fundraiser, for another successful raffle at our Spring meeting. Everyone wanted to win that beautiful, festive door decoration. Congratulations, lucky **Patsy Penuel**.

### Whimsical Evening Bag

**Gay Dillard** donated a sparkly, whimsical, gold crystal-covered evening bag for us to raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold at the NC GOP Convention in Greensboro, so bring your checkbook. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Fall meeting.



#### Tana Goertz' tips for success:

- Be Unforgettable
- Be Persistent
- Be Straightforward
- Be Positive
- Be a Problem Solver, above all,
- Be Kind



(L-R, Amy Lowell, Anna Blue, Kay Wildt, Abigail Blue, Jessica Locklear) RW of the Lumber River attended the Leadership Institute training. The club is proud to



support its own member, **Jessica Locklear**, candidate for the NC Court of Appeals, who spoke to us about her campaign. **Erica Vedeikis**, Foothills VP; PR and Communications Chair, emceed the RISE award presentations and managed our technology needs.



Betsy Miller, Armed Services Chair, and her mother, Mariann Benway, Membership Chair, two generations in service to the NCFRW.



(L-R, Kay Wildt, Debbie Dennis, Kathy Lawler) Debbie Dennis, President of Brunswick RW, receives her club's RISE Award.



**Betsy Miller** distributed poppies to honor our military and to keep alive the tradition of Armed Forces remembrance.

# **Club news**



#### Lower Cape Fear Republican Women

President, **Carolyn Justice**, reported a hugely successful Annual Fashion Show and Membership Drive. The 100 attendees dressed for Derby Day with ladies in festive hats and gentlemen sporting bowties. Nine new members pushed them over their 2023

goal of 100 members. Congratulations on a lovely event and a goal surpassed.



# Help Us Celebrate Our 70th Year as a Federated

Henderson County Republican Women's Club

Republican Women's Club

Tuesday, June 27th at Noon Point Lookout Vineyards 408 Appleola, Hendersonville

Special Guest Speaker: Hogan Gidley!

RSVP required by Wednesday, June 21st at Noon. Reply to (<u>HCRWC@yahoo.com</u>)

(Click to enlarge)

## **Comment on NC Photo ID Rules**



### State Board (NCSBOE) Opens Public Comment Period on Proposed Rules on Voter Photo ID

Comment on two proposed temporary rules to implement photo ID requirement for in-person and absentee-by-mail voters, beginning with the 2023 municipal elections.

You can be certain that the Left will complain about photo ID rules, so let's

reiterate what we want , "Make it easy to vote, hard to cheat."

Comment Online: Public comment portal Deadline: June 23rd OR

Comment by Email: rulemaking.sboe@ncsbe.gov

Information and links to the two proposed rules are below:

- <u>Rule 08 NCAC 17.0101 (Verification of Photo Identification During In-Person</u> <u>Voting</u>): Describes how election officials determine if the ID photograph reasonably resembles the voter and if the name is the same as or substantially equivalent to the voter's name in their registration record. It defines the process if an election official determines that the photograph or name on the ID do not satisfy the rule and options available to the voter.
- <u>Rule 08 NCAC 17.0109 (Photo Identification for Absentee-By-Mail Ballots)</u>: Gives requirements for absentee-by-mail voters to provide a copy of an acceptable photo ID with their ballot return envelope, or to complete a photo ID exception form. Describes county boards of elections review process for copies of IDs or exception forms returned with absentee ballots.

# Save these dates

June 8-11: NCGOP State Convention, Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

September 28 - October 1, 2023 - NFRW 42nd Biennial Convention, Omni Hotel and Oklahoma City Convention Center, Oklahoma City, OK.

November 3 - 4, 2023 NCFRW Fall Board Meeting, TBD

January 26 - 28, 2024 NCFRW Winter Board Meeting, Lumina, Wrightsville Beach



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