



Brunswick County Republican Women

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Remarks from the President

Happy New Year

Welcome to 2012, perhaps the most important political year of our lives. Are you ready??? This year BCRW has decided that our number one priority and focus is on the elections, starting with the presidential race and on down. We absolutely need a Republican president, a Republican governor for North Carolina, a Republican Congressman from the 7th District, Republican NC Senate and House, Republican County Commissioners, School Board, Judges and any other races in which our fellow Republicans are running. In order to do this, we all need to be working hard. Don't let the "busyness" of our everyday lives get in the way of accomplishing our goals for our future. "Don't let the urgent crowd out the important". Jump on the BCRW Bandwagon with both feet. Now is the time to pledge our energy, our money, and our talents. We have a very active year and very ambitious goals and we can win if everyone helps out. We know who the few who are always giving are. If that's you, thanks for all your hard work. If you haven't in the past been as active, join us now and get started. Thanks for your interest. And thanks to all of you who made my first year in office so successful. Looking forward to doing even better in 2012. Kathy

Past Events

Dr. C.L. Gray speaks about Healthcare Dr. Gray, author of The Battle for America's Soul and founder of Physicians for Reform, not only gave a very interesting and thought provoking presentation at our November meeting which provoked much discussion and many questions, he was heard the next morning on the Chad Adams talk show and then spoke at a luncheon for physicians hosted by Doshier Hospital. Everyone was impressed by his knowledge and his predictions about what will happen to our healthcare under the new bill and why we all need to work to get it repealed.

Members elected in Municipal Elections We were fortunate to see member Betty Wallace re-elected as mayor of Oak Island, Member Carol Painter elected as councilwoman for Oak Island, and associate member Joe Agovino re-elected as Doshier Hospital Trustee. Thanks to all who got out and worked hard for our candidates in the municipal elections.

Dictionary Donations This year, 3rd graders at Coastal Academy in Shallotte were the recipients of our student dictionaries as part of our participation in The Dictionary Project. Dictionaries were presented to 9 children who had plenty of questions about what we do as Republican Women. How would you answer those tough questions? Check out the pictures on our website.

Latino Festival Once again, under the leadership of Ginny Quaglia and her outreach team, we had a successful booth at the Latino Festival in Wilmington, sharing it with other local Republican organizations. Our Spanish speaking members were able to get out and mingle with the crowds and give away literature and Spanish/English dictionaries and register voters. More pictures on the website

BCRW receives Diamond Award at NCFRW Fall Board Meeting The fall meeting, held in Concord, NC in November, was once again both informative and fun. We were presented the Diamond Award, the highest level award from the National Federation of Republican Women for our hard work in 2010 & 2011. Speakers included Robin Hayes, Chairman, NCGOP and our own Ilario Pantano, 7th District Congressional Candidate, Veteran and Author. Pictures on the website

IPad 2 Raffle Joan Kinney of Boiling Spring Lakes, and one of our newest members, was the lucky winner of our raffle for the iPad 2. This was our second raffle this year and the money raised enabled us to end the year with a good amount in our account to use for this year's campaign expenses. Thanks to all of you who sold tickets and helped out again. Pictures on the website

Christmas Party and Installation of Officers Helen and John Pannullo were gracious hosts of our December meeting/Christmas Party. They opened their beautifully decorated home to make our meeting festive and fun. Helen, as our Regional Vice President, performed the ceremony to install the 2012 officers. Kathy Lawler will continue as president for 2012 & 2013, MaryAnn McCarthy is Vice president for 2012 and can be re-elected for another term to serve in 2013 & 2014. Sonja Conger will serve as secretary for 2012 & 2013. Pat Sykes will serve as treasurer for 2012. Pictures on the website.

George Bell speaks about BCGOP Chairman George Bell of BCGOP spoke at our December meeting to give us an update on what is happening with the BCGOP and some of their plans for 2012 and the elections. Many of us sit on the executive committee and on the working committees of the GOP organizations and have been influential in some of the changes going on. Chairman Bell thanked BCRW for all their support and participation.

County Commissioners Pass a Resolution in support of Voter ID At our request, the Brunswick County Commissioners placed on their agenda a resolution to support Voter ID in Brunswick County. This resolution asked our legislators to support the override of the governor's veto of the voter ID bill or to support action to have a requirement locally to have voter ID requirements if this is constitutional. The Resolution passed by a 4 to 1 vote. Subsequent to this meeting, the State Port Pilot, when reporting on this issue, ran a public opinion poll on whether local citizens were in favor of Voter ID and had a 77% positive response. This response is very similar poll results from around the state.

Launch of Website - Curious yet about all the notes about pictures on the website and Facebook? If you haven't done so yet, you must go to our website www.brunswickcountyrepublicanwomen.com. That's where you will really get the latest on what is going on with BCRW. Colleen Combs and Sonja Conger need to be congratulated on putting together this really great tool. We are already getting rave reviews about the site and they are working to keep it very current and pertinent. Look there for all the latest pictures and info. If you have pictures of events and our members you can send them electronically and they may make it onto the site. Check it out and give us feedback. And thank Colleen and Sonja, it was a lot of work to set it up, but it is continuing work to keep it updated.

Facebook and Twitter Not only is Sonja amazing us with the Website, her work on Facebook and Twitter is keeping her really busy. Please don't miss this new era of social media, it is easy and fun. If you feel intimidated by some of this technology, you are not alone. We are looking to put together another training program so we can all learn. Let us know if you are interested. In the meantime, visit our Facebook page and "like it" www.facebook.com/pages/brunswick-county-republican-women and tweet with us at www.twitter.com

Rise Award Once again this year we have reached our RISE goals for NCFRW and submitted our application. RISE stands for: **Recruitment** which reflects our membership goal of 79 members in 2011, **Involvement** which is at least one member attending all the NCFRW Board meetings, **Service** by submitting our club volunteer hours, and **Education** by submitting NCFRW Achievement Awards (we received the Diamond Award). We hope to receive this award at the Winter Board meeting in February in Greenville, NC.

Legislative Issues

Voter ID Bill Passed by Legislature and vetoed by the Governor This bill will come up again for vote in the legislature in an attempt to override the Governor's veto. No date for a re-vote has been set; we are still working hard to get it passed. See our note about the BC County Commissioners action on this issue.

Gas Tax As you know by now our gasoline prices went up on Jan. 1 with the new gas tax in North Carolina. Hopefully, this will come back for review next session.

On The National Level This quarter has seen much excitement and activity with the Republican candidates debates. Hope you are all following these candidates and forming your own opinion as to who should be our next president. Jobs and the economy are still the hot topics. Healthcare, Immigration, Foreign Affairs are not far behind on the issues people are most interested to hear about.

Committee Work in Full Swing

Please be considering on which committee you would like to work in 2012. We have so much to do this year and will need everyone on at least one committee. As you send in your renewals for 2012, we will be asking you to sign up for committees. Please do so. Committees are a great way to feel part of the organization and get you involved and learn more about what we do. Committee work is not overwhelming when everyone does a little. If you have ideas for other committees, let us know.

Standing Committees 2012 Chairman

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| 1) By-Laws | Helen Pannullo |
| 2) Campaign | Sonja Conger and Helen Pannullo |
| 3) Fundraising | Colleen Combs and Mary Stilwell |
| 4) Legislative and Research | Vacant |
| 5) Membership | Susie Rollyson |
| New Member Orientation | Joan Mangelsdorf |
| 6) Program | Mary Ann McCarthy |
| 7) Public Relations | Cathi Raeford |
| a) History Project 2011 | Betsy Fatzinger |
| 2012 | Vacant |
| b) Technology | Colleen Combs and Sonja Conger |
| c) Hospitality | Connie Hendrix and Jean Brinnel |
| d) Speakers Bureau | Vacant |
| e) Newsletter | Vacant |
| f) Press Releases | Ginny Quaglia |

Special Committees

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| 1) Finance | Pat Sykes |
| 2) Americanism | Billie Shelton |
| a) Armed Forces/Homeland Security and Blue Star Mothers Caring for America | Billie Shelton |
| 2) Local, State, and National Activities | Kathy Lawler |
| a) NFRW Local Club & RISE Award | Helen Pannullo |
| b) Scholarship Committee | Connie Hendrix |
| d) Literacy | Vacant |
| e) Book Club | Vacant |
| f) Leadership | Kathy Lawler |

Please note that some of the committee spots are still vacant. Please let any of your officers know if you are interested in working on any of the committees and serving as a chairperson. The three most important vacancies are Legislative Committee, Newsletter, and Literacy Committee. Again, if everyone pitches in, the work is not overwhelming. Even if you have never worked on anything like this, it is a great way to learn, and you will get help.

Current and Ongoing

Membership Renewal This year, more than ever, we need to reach out to women like you and me, who are interested in doing something about our country. We have set a goal of 100 members this year. If you have not already renewed, now is the time. Remember, you will be dropped from our directory soon if you don't renew. When you renew, talk to a friend and get them to come and see what we do. Also, we need to reach out to men and women who live outside BC to become Associate Members. Soon you will be seeing some information on why it is important to become a member or associate in order to benefit from some of our services.

BCGOP Committee Work Several of our members are now actively involved in several of the BCGOP Committees. We have representation on the Executive Committee, Technology, Strategic Planning, Finance, Outreach, Precinct Chairs, and Campaign Coordination. If you would like to be part of any of these, let us know and we will submit your name for consideration.

Revisions of Standing Rules We have completed revisions of the Club's Standing Rules and these were approved at the January meeting. You can see a copy of these on the website.

2012 Budget Passes January Meeting business also included the passing of our annual 2012 Budget. You have received a copy of this from Sonja. As you can see, the budget reflects our focus on the elections this year and we have ambitious goals to support with our fundraising activities.

Revisions of Other Forms Several other forms such as our membership applications, brochure, sales slips, and especially our Annual Goals have been completed for 2012.

Voter Registration Our opponents are out in full force signing up people to vote this year. Please jump on any opportunity to register new voters such as young people or people moving into the area and also getting people to change their registration to Republican. Don't be afraid to ask because people are ready for real change. If you need voter registration forms, let us know. We have plenty of forms at HQ. We have voter registration forms at every event we participate in as a club, and individually, many of us have some in our cars just in case.

Candidates to File in February Candidate filing for all offices for 2012 begins on February 13. You can follow on a day-to-day basis on the Brunswick County Board of Elections Website on brunSCO.net. We will also have this information on our website as it comes in.

Members Attend Presidential Candidates Debate Check out our Facebook for pictures and comments from our members who attended the presidential candidates debate in Myrtle Beach.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| Social Media Training | January 28, 2012 11AM-3PM Jungle Rapids, Oleander Dr., Wilm. |
| Civitas Training | February 4 8AM-4PM BCGOP HQ, Bolivia |
| Do Wop Dance | February 11 7PM Southport Community Bldg., Southport |
| Precinct Meetings | Check with your precinct chair for dates |
| County Convention | March 17 9:30-12 Noon BCGOP HQ |
| Congressional Debate | March 27 6-10PM 101 Stone Chimney Rd., Supply |

Check out our website for registration information for all of these events.

Lots of things going on Lots of things to do

How can we make it better survey We will have a survey on our website asking for your input on how we can make our club even better. Please take the time to complete this or just email your officers with your ideas. Thanks

Turn North Carolina into a Red State. Wear Red to prove it!!!

We look forward to seeing each of you and the knowledge, skills and energy you can provide to help accomplish great things for 2012. We are powerful Brunswick County Republican Women. If you are not already a member, come join our team to make a difference. New members can get information on membership or Associate membership (open to Republican men and Republican women outside Brunswick County) by contacting any of the officers, Susie Rollyson, Membership Chair, or by checking us out at our website. You can now download membership forms at our website.

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