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BIDEN AT IT AGAIN! - SEE STUDENT LOAN ALERT BELOW

From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President



NCFRW sends heartfelt thanks to our own **Representative Dan Bishop (NC-8th District)** for his leadership and courage when facing a barrage of criticism for insisting on changes in the 118th Congress that restore sane policies and protect our nation.

As Rep. Bishop said, "This is a huge step towards restoring transparency, constitutionalism, and representative government to the People's House."

While we are thankful for all our elected officials, both here in NC and in DC, what Dan Bishop did for America during those contentious days was truly exceptional. We need intellectual warriors now more than ever as our freedoms are being negated by the unelected bureaucratic state at every turn. Thank you, sir.

We're building NC leaders!

STUDENT LOAN ALERT Deadline February 10th

The Biden administration is at it again with plans that will further wreck our economy. You can push back by commenting **TODAY** in the Federal Register and telling the Department of Education that they are overstepping their mandate, again, and have no business being involved with fiscal matters of this magnitude.

Named "Improving Income-Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program," this proposal is mass debt cancellation.

For those who worked their way through college or sacrificed to send their children, this is an insult. For those who have not gone to college, but went straight to work, this proposal unfairly forces them to pay another person's debts.

- Costs over \$100 billion.
- Undermines Congress' legislative authority.
- Bribes voters.
- Partially cancels debt for 98% of college graduates.
- Creates a larger national debt that our grandchildren will pay.
- Raises tuition costs for future students.
- Cuts millions of student loans by more than 75%.
- Offers millions up to \$20,000 in student loans cancellation.

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 10th.

Act **now** and ask three friends to comment.

Click on the link below which goes to the Federal Register page where there is a full description of the proposed rule. At the top of that page is a blue button,

marked "Comment," and that opens the page to make comments. Your comments do not need to be lengthy, but it is important to register your opposition. Thank you.

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/ED-2023-OPE-0004-0001>

Door Decor Raffle



At our Winter meeting, we will raffle this beautiful door decor created by **Door Decor by Ashley Nicole Designs**, a female-owned, NC-based company located in Mount Olive. Thank you, Onslow Co. Commissioner Lisa Carpenter, for another creative idea.

Tickets will be priced as follows:

1 ticket for \$5

3 for \$10

10 for \$20

Bring cash or checks and take a chance on winning this lovely door decoration while supporting NCFRW!

Dottie Martin Teachers Scholarship



At the February 4th luncheon, we will hold our annual surprise raffle to benefit the **Dottie Martin Teachers Scholarship** fund. The items we raffle are donated by individual members and clubs, and tickets are drawn for winners to choose among the beautifully wrapped gifts.

Each year NCFRW receives many applications for the scholarships established to help deserving students who are preparing to become educators. With your generosity, we can help even more students.

Since 1991 NCFRW members have funded these scholarships. Please consider donating a raffle item. Bring it with you to the morning meeting, and Dena Barnes, Chair, and her committee members will arrange for wrapping your donation(s).

February is Precinct Time by Maureen K. Zumwalt



February may be for love, but it is also Precinct Time. Just when it seems that absolutely nothing is going on in the political world, some of the most important activity is occurring. Counties hold annual precinct meetings during the month of February. A lot of people have never been to a precinct meeting. There is a lot of confusion and misconceptions about precincts.

Precincts are the smallest subdivision of our political party. They are composed of Republicans in a neighborhood or a group of nearby neighborhoods. Each precinct has a chair, vice chair and secretary who are elected every other year and hold office for two years. This is an election year for precinct officials.

Precinct chairs have a voting seat on the County GOP Executive Committee. This is a powerful vote, as the Executive Committee makes important decisions such as nominating candidates for vacancies in office, setting the GOP platform, shaping GOP policy and practices, voting on censure or other resolutions, and much more.

Precinct chairs also represent the action arm of the party by keeping their precinct members informed of issues and events, recruiting volunteers, hosting events, and campaigning. While a single precinct may be small, it is very strong and powerful.

If you want to Love Thy Neighbor this Valentine's Month, come meet them at your local precinct meetings.

Maureen K. Zumwalt is President of Moore RW and Moore County D.A., retired.

Reflections by Margeaux Holland, Chaplain



Start the New Year in a pattern of prayer, seeking the Lord and asking Him to guide us in all our ways. Please use this as a great guideline to start a rich prayer time with God.

Attached you will find a 3-page outline of praying for our nation that can be used for your local government and our great state.

This outline comes from our very own NFRW - the National Federation of Republican Women. As you read it, there are places where it suggests to check their website for continued insight on particular topics. That website is www.nfrw.org.

What a great year this is going to be... one to strengthen ourselves and clubs to be ready for the Presidential campaigns coming soon.

[How to Pray for America](#)

Legislative Update by Martha Jenkins



On January 25, the NC General Assembly came back in session. The day began with the traditional breakfast fundraiser of the Committee to Elect Republican Women, and NCFRW was a \$1,000 sponsor. Temporary rules are passed and committees are organized, members are already filing bills. Many bills will be filed in the first few weeks, but it will likely be mid-February or later before bills are heard in any committee.

Follow the General Assembly's activities at www.ncleg.gov. You can click bill action by day under each chamber to read the bills and see daily actions.

NCFRW will have a Legislative Day this spring, the date will be announced soon.

Keep Nine Amendment by Martha Jenkins



The Keep Nine Amendment was refiled in the U.S. House of Representatives (HJR 8) and five of our NC Congressmen have cosponsored so far - Rep. Patrick McHenry, Rep. Dan Bishop, Rep. Virginia Foxx, Rep. Greg Murphy, and Rep. Richard Hudson.

If you don't see your Congressman's name on this list, call their office, whether Republican or Democrat, and ask them to cosponsor HJR 8. The Senate version hasn't been filed yet but is expected in mid-February. It's not too early to call Senators Budd and Tillis and ask them to cosponsor the bill that Senator Ted Cruz will be filing.

Martha Jenkins, NCFRW's Legislative Chair, serves on the Keep Nine committee.

Ronna McDaniel re-elected

RNC Chair re-elected



Congratulations to RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel on her re-election and to Drew McKissick (SC) on his election as Vice Chair of the RNC at the its recent meeting in California.

Ed Broyhill and Kyshia Brassington, our NC GOP National Committeeman and NC GOP National Committeewoman respectively, joined RNC's 168 voting members, activists and elected officials from all 50 states to choose our leadership.

Club President and Treasurer Reminders

Presidents and Treasurers - Note:

- NCFRW Treasurer Kathy Allen sent an email to all treasurers re: Board of Election requirement to complete the compulsory training.
- Club President should take this training also.
- Remember to file NCSBE form CRO-3500 every time Treasurers change.
- 2023 filing schedule has not been posted yet.

RISE awards will be distributed at the Spring meeting. Kathy Hildreth will contact clubs with updated information.

March 1 - Membership ends if not renewed.

March 3 - Resolutions for the 2023 NFRW Biennial Convention: a resolution must be approved by the local club, then be approved at either our Winter board meeting in February or our Spring Board meeting in May before it is forwarded to the NFRW Resolutions Committee.

March 30 - NFRW Convention deadline for new clubs. **New clubs** must be in good standing six months prior to the NFRW Biennial Convention to be eligible for representation.

June 1 - All **NFRW Award** submissions due: Club Achievement Awards, Caring for America and Armed Services.

Club News

Sandhills Republican Women in Action

Welcome to our first 2023 club

Welcome to our first club of 2023, Sandhills Republican Women in Action, located in the city of Fayetteville in Cumberland County. Club President Nina Morton has a proven record of accomplishment and will lead this energetic new club to success. The club is growing rapidly and will receive its NFRW Charter at the Winter meeting. Congratulations!



Republican Women of Granville County

President Jeanna Benoy was delighted to receive her club's NFRW Charter from Capital Region VP Jackie Weyhenmeyer. Under Jeanna's leadership, the club was formed and has grown quickly. Members have become a force for good within Granville County and are working closely with their GOP leadership.

President Benoy and several of her club members will join us for the Winter Board meeting and for the opportunity to meet other NCFRW leaders.

Greater Greensboro RW

The Greater Greensboro RWC was proud to build on its relationship with HOPE Academy of Greensboro with the student Holiday Market in December.

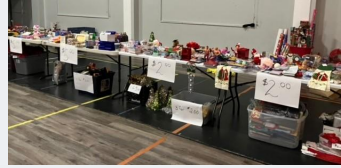
Throughout the year through good works and grades, students earn incentive “dollars” to spend at the market on gifts for their family and friends. The club’s donations filled seven tables of gifts for students to purchase and gift wrap on the spot. GGRWC donated pizzas, so hearts and bellies were full for the special day.

HOPE Academy began as an after-school tutoring program and today is a non-profit Christ-centered K- 8 school serving a disadvantaged community in Guilford county where 80% of the students fall near or below federal poverty guidelines.

HOPE serves over 100 students with a view to add high school grades in the future.



GGRWC donations



Christmas Market

Americanism - Presidents Day by Penny Jordan



Washington’s Birthday honors George Washington, our first President, as well as Abraham Lincoln (born February 12) and other presidents. While many call the holiday “Presidents Day,” the legal name of the federal holiday remains “Washington’s Birthday.”

Americanism encourages respect for the American Flag and fosters allegiance to the United States, its customs and institutions. Below are ideas to promote Americanism in your community through educational and inspirational programs and projects. Keep Americanism in this holiday.

- Teach the rules of Flag etiquette
- Fly an American flag
- Donate patriotic books to libraries and schools
- Sponsor patriotic essay contests for schools
- Present flags to schools and community groups
- POW MIA Recognition
- Acknowledge Gold Star mothers and families
- Share inspiring quotes or passages from George Washington’s and Abraham Lincoln’s books and speeches.
- Study the history of the Constitution and Bill of Rights

These various Americanism activities will teach our history, show our rights and responsibilities and encourage love for our country.

Happy Presidents Day! Thank you for all you do to show your true American spirit.
Penny Jordan, Past President of Wayne RW, is NCFRW’s Americanism Chair.

NFRW training

NFRW Candidate Recruitment Seminar

Crucial races in 2023 will decide control of town, city, and county governments; school boards; courts; and even a few state legislatures - and candidate quality is key to



Republican victories. Holly Robichaud of Tuesday Associates offers training on identifying top recruits and convincing them to run for office.

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
7 PM Eastern
(6 PM Central, 5 PM Mountain, 4 PM Pacific)
Via Zoom

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

Program is for club member and is free, but registration is required.

Save these dates

May 5-7, 2023 NCFRW Spring Board Meeting/Biennial Convention. Foothills Region.

Spring Legislative Day in Raleigh. TBA

June 8-11, 2023 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 Coastal Region TBA

Campaign Contributions Limit



Campaign Contribution Limit Increased to \$6,400

Effective January 1, 2023, the contribution limit for NC candidates and political committees increased from \$5,600 to \$6,400. No individual or political committee may contribute more than \$6,400 to a candidate committee or political committee in any election.

Each odd-numbered year, the State Board of Elections calculates the contribution limit based on changes to the consumer price index. The index increased **14.3477%** from July 2020 to July 2022.

Exceptions to the contribution limit:

- A candidate or candidate's spouse may contribute unlimited amounts to that candidate's committee.
- Any national, state, district or county executive committee of a political party recognized under N.C.G.S. § 163-96 is exempt from the limits.

If there is a primary and a general election, the political committee may receive \$6,400 from a contributor between the beginning of the election cycle and the day of the primary, and another \$6,400 from the same contributor beginning the day after the primary through the end of the election year.

Heritage on “Southern Border Crisis Coming to NC”

Sunday, February 5th at 2:30 pm

The Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr. Speaker Series will host “An Afternoon with the Heritage Foundation.”

Mike Howell, director of Heritage's Oversight Project and frequent guest on Steve Bannon's War Room, presents an in-depth lecture about the border crisis



with a focus on NGOs that facilitate illegal immigration and Mexican cartel-led human trafficking and drug smuggling.

2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, reception to follow
Bradshaw Performing Arts Center at Sandhills
Community College

Tickets are \$50.00; to purchase, go to
www.JHSpeakerSeries.com.

NCFRW's Scarf!



Purchase yours at the Winter meeting

NCFRW designed a beautiful silk scarf featuring our seal and edged with a graceful blue scroll interspersed with delicate dogwood blossoms, our state flower.

Each corner of the scarf has a significant North Carolina symbol: the state of North Carolina flag map; the Longleaf Pine (*Pinus Palustris*); Kitty Hawk, the Wright Brothers' Flyer; the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

A great addition to your wardrobe - or a great gift, you can purchase it on the home page of our website for only \$55: ncfrw.com.

Share your club news with us!

We'd like to hear about it and share it in this newsletter! Contact NCFRepublicanWomen@gmail.com and send in your information and photos.

Go here to
donate

Support our work!

NCFRW members volunteer thousands of hours to elect candidates. Thank you for your support.

NCFRW Regents

NCFRW's Regent Program provides additional funding to keep NCFRW dues low, fund special events, train and recruit candidates and educate voters. Payment may be made in a lump sum or in installments during the year. See website for information to join.

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