



CRYSTAL COAST
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

"Inspire, Impact and Empower"..... Let us be energetic enough to "Inspire" the Republican masses to make an "Impact" on our local, state and federal governments to "Empower" our Republican leaders to return to our conservative grassroots. Please join the Crystal Coast Republican Women to work towards this goal.

**Linda Schriever
President**



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

RONALD REAGAN, THE GREAT COMMUNICATOR

Ronald Reagan was our nation's 40th U.S. President, and had he lived, he would have turned 100 this February. Members of the CCRW, their families and friends, and noted dignitaries joined together to honor this remarkable man and his place in history.

President Reagan was born February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois to a poor family. He went on to excel in sports in high school, graduate from Eureka College and begin a career as a radio sportscaster. In the late '30s, he landed his first Hollywood movie contract and made over 50 films (earning the nickname "The Gipper" after playing George Gipp in the "Knut Rockne – All American" movie). Ronald Reagan next became elected as president of the Screen Actors Guild in the late '40s.

In the early '50s, he married Nancy Davis and started a family bearing a daughter, Patricia, and a son, Ronald. By the '60s, President Reagan launched his political career campaigning and working with such GOP presidential candidates as Richard Nixon and Barry Goldwater. He was elected Governor of California in 1966 where he slashed state spending and was subsequently re-elected as Governor in 1970.

He first campaigned for GOP presidential nominations in 1968 and again in 1975-1976. It was in 1980 that Ronald Reagan was elected President of the United States of America and re-elected in a landslide in 1984. Several highlights of his Presidential career included bringing the U.S. to the brink of victory in the Cold War (the Soviet Union collapsed during the Presidential term of his successor, George W. Bush); making a nuclear weapons breakthrough with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev; nominating the first woman to the Supreme Court; and helping to bring the U.S. out of its deepest recession since the 1930s.

President Reagan, known as The GREAT Communicator, delivered a truly moving speech after the tragedy of the Challenger shuttle explosion. He also reduced the top marginal tax rates from 70 to 28 percent; ushered in lots of deregulation of business, airlines, and trucking; and re-energized the conservative movement and re-made the Republican Party.

In 1994, President Reagan revealed publically that he had Alzheimer's disease. He died June 5, 2004 at the age of 93, and is buried at the Reagan Presidential Library in California.

Submitted by Lynn Pate

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Below are some pictures of the 2011 CCRW Ronald Reagan Rally Dinner . As always, “Elly” and President Reagan are two of our most photogenic dignitaries!



News excerpt from an article by Ben Hogwood, *News-Times*:

“Mr. Pat McCrory spoke to a group of about 140 people Saturday for the annual Reagan Rally dinner, held by the Crystal Coast Republican Women’s Club. Attendees included Sen. Jean Preston, R-Carteret, Rep. Pat McElraft, R-Carteret, and Rep. Norm Sanderson, R-Craven.

Introduced as “North Carolina’s greatest chance for unity,” Mr. McCrory, who served as the mayor of Charlotte for a record 14 years, spoke about his accomplishments in that office, from reducing the crime rate and making Charlotte a safe city, to lowering taxes, all without a hint of impropriety.

He also discussed the possibility of running for governor again with the *News-Times*.”

CCRW CONNECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: MARY MARKS HONORED AT REAGAN RALLY DINNER

By: Judy Wilgus

At the Reagan Rally Dinner on February 26, 2011, CCRW's second annual Merit Award was awarded to Mary Marks, Past President of the CCRW, for her outstanding leadership in 2009 and 2010. In addition to the Certificate of Merit, Mary was awarded a "First Lady" coffee cup and sofa pillow.

The following citation was read to the assembled group regarding Mary Marks:

“Tonight we are celebrating President Ronald Reagan’s 100th birthday and we are also celebrating a special Carteret County Republican, who is a big fan of Ronald Reagan. That person is Mary Marks, an energetic, immediate past President of the Crystal Coast Republican Women (CCRW). This charming lady is a small town girl with big ideas and lofty goals. Those big ideas and dreams are always to the benefit of others.

Mary was born and raised in Warsaw, Virginia and was the only daughter in a family of four children. Mary met her husband, Ray Marks, in her hometown and they were married in Maryland. Mary worked as a secretary for the Evening Star newspaper and at the National Security Agency (NSA). The Marks moved to Carteret County in 1992 from Prince Georges County, Maryland. Mary’s passion is the sport of tennis. After playing tennis for 30 years, Mary became a certified official of the US Tennis Association. Both she and Ray are very active refereeing in the National Junior Tennis League and the Championships for the Special Olympics. Mary became a wonderful role model for the young players.

After retiring from the NSA, Mary became the manager of an indoor tennis facility which was running in the red, but not for long. In less than a year she had the club showing a profit. Mary had three brothers, so she learned early on to get along with people, how to bring out the best in them and have fun doing it.

With a fanciful sense of humor, Mary worked her way through breast cancer and, as in tennis, she beat the odds. She is a cancer survivor and she works to help others with their fight.

As a long time member of the Crystal Coast Republican Women’s Club, Mary used her winning ways and her positive attitude when serving as the club’s Secretary. She didn’t quit there, no, not our Mary. She became a two-term club President who saw to it that the club participated in and won numerous awards in voter registration, fundraising, and the challenges of lobbying. That wasn’t enough. Because of her love of hard working people, she nominated two club members for The Order of The Long Leaf Pine, bestowed by Governor Beverly Perdue. They both received their honors with humility as she presented them at our club’s Membership and Christmas luncheons. She also worked to commend many of her officers, committee chairmen, the club and NCFRW members for their outstanding efforts in club and campaign work.

Mary was a regular volunteer at The Hem of His Garment in Swansboro for five years and acted as the manager of the retail store for an additional year. She is a member of St. Peter’s by the Sea Episcopal Church, serving on the Altar Guild and is a member of the Episcopal Women’s Group. Mary initiated CCRW’s involvement in Stuff the Bus, a program which collects school supplies for needy Carteret County children, and has been instrumental in many other projects such as voter registration, working as a poll watcher during elections, working as an aide-de-camp for the Republican Headquarters, and acted as our club’s “Mrs. Personality” while modeling for our semi-annual fashion shows.

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In 2009 Mary started a club scholarship fund supported by club members. The fund is for relatives of the club members to assist them in attending college level schooling. Last year seven students were the first recipients.

Mary has served on the Board of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women and worked for immigration reform. She contacted Arizona Governor Jan Brewer; North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue; North Carolina Senator Richard Burr and Congressman Walter B. Jones; Arizona and North Carolina Federation of Republican Women's Club Presidents; North Carolina State Republican Party Chairman, and all of our State Legislators, seeking their support of the Arizona Immigration Legislation.

Mary Marks is a lady full of surprises, full of fun and brimming with love for a job well done."

Thank you Mary, for YOUR JOBS WELL DONE.

Tonight Crystal Coast Republican Women is proud to Honor Mary Marks, our Past President.

**The Crystal Coast Republican Women
Proudly presents this
Certificate of Merit**

To

Mary Marks

**For Outstanding Accomplishments and Continuing
Contributions to**

**The Crystal Coast Republican Women
February 26, 2011**

**Linda Schriever, President
Crystal Coast Republican Women**



Sam Sanford discusses the WE CARE! program at the CCRW January General meeting. WE CARE! sends care packages to units deployed in Afghanistan for the benefit of the troops. The packages are distributed by commanding officers and senior non-commissioned officers to troops where they are most needed, at isolated outposts, for instance. Volunteers to help pack the care packages, donated items and cash donations are welcome! Please make checks payable to VFW – WE CARE! Contact Sam or review the WE CARE! website for a list of acceptable items and how you can help.

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CCRW CONNECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: ST. PATRICK'S DAY REGISTRATION DRIVE

By: Mary Marks and Mary Boughton

What's Red, White, Blue & Green? The answer is the most successful Republican booth at the Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Day Festival!!!

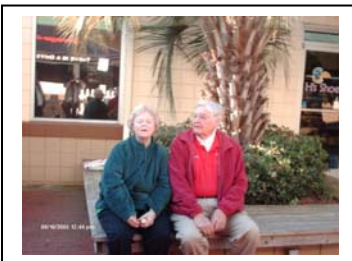


Saturday was a beautiful day for a festival. The Crystal Coast Republican Men (CCRM) & Crystal Coast Republican Women (CCRW) had a joint booth at the St. Patrick's Day Festival in Emerald Isle. Both the CCRW & CCRM had Republican literature as well as registration forms, club membership applications and lots of cookies to sell at the festival.

The men were there early and set up three tables: one for each club to use and one cookie table. Thanks to the men, the ladies only had to show up and point to where they wanted the CCRW banner hung. The men were happy to oblige our every whim.

Mary Boughton should be crowned "Cookie Seller Queen". She's the best Carnival Barker I've ever seen. The two clubs combined baked over 300 bags of cookies, and if we had baked 500 bags, Mary could have sold them. She's our "go to" girl for sure.

I want to thank all the volunteers who came and worked two hour shifts: Shirley Bourquin, Ellen Demarest, Pam Hanson, Ann Martin, Barbara Phillips, Debbie Rucker, Nicole Sullivan (friend of Barbara Phillips and soon to be a new Club member), and Judy Wilgus. A special thanks to Linda Schriever for providing coffee and donuts to keep the workers happy and on the job.



Mary Boughton and I had so much fun we decided to stay all day and really appreciated the breaks we got with the help of these ladies. The men were very gracious in staying until 5 pm to break down the site, and the two Mary's took the opportunity to go home early. See, I told you they obliged our every whim!

Also many thanks to all the cookie makers: Judy Armento, Ellen Brent Boone, Mary Boughton, Ann Bundy, Ellen Demarest, Pat Dressel, Jan Grube, Pam Hanson, Beverly Hunt, Joyce Manley, Mary Marks, Ann Martin, Barbara Phillips, Debbie Rucker, Linda

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Schriever, Judy Wilgus and Sue Verdon. I also want to thank the men and their wives for baking cookies and getting them to the festival. If I have missed anyone, please let me know so I can add you to my list.

The CCRW registered 1 Carteret County Republican and gave applications to 6 out-of-county Republicans for a total of 7 new Republican registrations. We also gave out 2 membership applications for the CCRW. We passed out many business cards with the name and phone number of President Schriever. Hopefully we will see some new faces at a future Club meeting.

I want to thank Linda Schriever for providing rolls of patriotic stickers for the children and thank Bill Hodge for the children’s T-shirts that had printed on the front “I Am A Future Republican Delegate”. The stickers and T-shirts were a big hit with the kids. I also want to thank Bob Cavanaugh for having the business cards printed as well as renting the tables and chairs for the festival.

All-in-all, it was a very positive experience. I want to thank President Richard Hunt and members of the CCRM for asking us to participate in this event. We shared the cost of the booth and miscellaneous items, but with the sale of all the cookies, we were able to cover our expenses and add a little money to the treasury as well.

See you all again next St. Patrick’s Day.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

By Lynn Pate

Judy Armento, Chairman, officially announced the top three winners of the CCRW-sponsored essay contest. Congratulations to the following students:

- 1st Place: Abigail Grace Riegert, Broad Creek Middle School
- 2nd Place: Morgan Leigh Phillips, Morehead Middle School
- 3rd Place: Joshua M. Tuckey, Gramercy Christian School

The CCRW will honor these three individuals at an awards ceremony to be held on Sunday, April 10 at All Saints Anglican Church, McCabe Rd., Morehead City at 2:00pm. Please plan to attend, enjoy listening to their essays, and thank these young adults for their excellent work.

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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW MEMBERS ATTEND STATE LEGISLATURE for OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONIES

By Lynn Pate

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 was a remarkable day for Republicans in North Carolina. Republicans took control of the State Senate and House of Representatives for the first time in decades! Enjoying the swearing in ceremonies for the Senate-elect members were Sue Verdon, Mary Marks, Jan Grube, Ann Bundy, Linda Hughs, Lynn Pate, Ann Martin, Mary Boughton, Ellen Brent Boone, and Judy Wilgus. Although we could not observe the House confirmations as their oaths of office were taken during the same period, we did get to view some of the House proceedings through the glass panel entrance to the gallery area.



A picture of the NC House prior to the start of its January 26 session where the administration of the Oath of Office to its members was performed by The Honorable Mark Martin, Associate Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court. (Mr. Martin is Ann Martin's son.)

Senator Jean Preston invited members of the CCRW for a light breakfast at 10:00am in her office prior to attending the legislative session. Rep. Pat McElraft was able to visit for a few minutes before her House session began. We all enjoyed the danish, ham biscuits, and other treats provided for us before being shown to the Senate Overflow Gallery room to view the proceedings.



The Senate convened at 12:00 Noon and Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton called the session to order. After a prayer by the Reverend C.F. McDowell III of the First Baptist Church of Laurinburg, NC, the Army Junior ROTC Cadets from John Motley Morehead High School in Eden, NC presented the Colors. We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and listened while the National Anthem was sung by Hogan Medlin of Eden, NC. After a proclamation from the Governor was read by the Clerk, the Honorable Sarah

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E. Parker, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

The new President *Pro Tempore* and Deputy President *Pro Tempore* were elected and sworn in. Starting immediately, the GOP majority approved the new rules of the Senate and passed several amendments. One amendment included no longer allowing “blank bills” to be introduced. The Senate joined the House (who had ended blank bills in 2007) in ending the practice of allowing lawmakers to file bills with no substantive legislation; thus providing more open government transparency.

The Senate session continued, but the CCRW members left to observe a few minutes of the House proceedings. We could see Rep. Pat McElraft through the glass panels. And then we all left for lunch and the long drive home.

Footnote: On Thursday, January 27th, the Judiciary Committee of the North Carolina House voted 23 to 16 to pass the North Carolina Health Care Protection Act. The bill seeks to shield North Carolinians from the ravages of the Federal Health Care "Reform" Law by protecting them from the individual mandate.

Crystal Coast Republican Women College Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the Crystal Coast Republican Women will be offering college scholarship money to relatives of CCRW members. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide extended educational opportunities to member relatives.

Should you have questions or need an application form, please contact a committee co-chair:

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Funding for the scholarship will be from donations by individual CCRW members for the 2010-2011 year. The amount of the award is dependent solely on donations for this purpose each year. Applications will be received from February through April 30 with scholarships awarded in June at the CCRW Membership Luncheon meeting.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW SATELLITE GROUP

By: Mary Boughton

When I attended the NCFRW Winter Board Meeting on February 12th in Greensboro, I had the opportunity to attend the “Membership Recruitment” workshop presented by Tonya Stiel, the NFRW Membership Chair. Tonya was full of excitement and encouragement. She presented several ideas to help expand our club memberships. One of her ideas was the establishment of a Satellite Group which would operate as a committee for the existing club (CCRW).

This sounds like a great idea to me, so I am currently exploring the feasibility of starting a Satellite Group under our CCRW Club. I have a list of 5 names of women interested in attending a club meeting in the evening in Morehead City. This might be a way for our working Republican women to become active in our projects.

I know there is a lot of work to be done before we will be “Official” (establishing the “Standing Rules” for how a CCRW Satellite Group will operate is first and foremost), but I want to let our members know that this is under consideration. So, if you know anyone who would like to attend our meetings but cannot meet during the day, please pass their contact information to me (maryboughton@yahoo.com) and I will contact them when we have our first meeting. So put those thinking caps on and let’s grow our club!

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW DONATES BOOKS

By: Lynn Pate



As part of the continued Caring for America efforts of the CCRW, members brought books to the March general meeting. Mary Boughton is currently storing these books in her garage and will be donating them to the DownEast and Morehead City libraries. Here is a picture of Mary in front of the hundreds of books provided by our members! Thanks Everyone for sharing.

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CCRW MEMBERSHIP UPDATES.....

Please welcome all of the following new and returning full-time and associate members:

Full time members

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 4	CCRW Board Meeting, Morehead City, 10:00am
April 10	Essay Contest Winners Honored All Saints Anglican Church, Morehead City, 2:00pm
April 15	CCRW General Meeting, Western Park, 10:00am Bring FOOD for Caring for America donations!!!!
April 16	3 rd District GOP Convention, Atlantic Beach Sheraton, 11:00am
June 3-5	N.C. State GOP Convention, Wilmington, NC
June 17	CCRW Membership Luncheon, Carlton's Restaurant

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: SHERIFF ASA BUCK SPEAKS TO CCRW AT MARCH MEETING

By: Lynn Pate

First Vice President, Ellen Holmes introduced our honored guest speaker, Sheriff Asa Buck of Carteret County. Sheriff Buck spoke about the 2010 statistics of his office and shared numerous stories with the CCRW members.



For example, he noted that the Drug Unit destroyed 165 pounds of marijuana and 1,300 marijuana plants in 2010. One plot which contained only 60 of the total plants made up 100 pounds of the total amount eradicated! This unit also seized more than 4 pounds of cocaine and 1,732 prescription medications. Drug eradication from the community was one of Sheriff Buck's main reasons for running for Sheriff and he is pleased with the work of his department.

The Communications Division handled over 46,000 calls for service in 2010 and the Patrol Division (consisting of 22 patrol deputies) serviced 20,800 calls. The Detective Unit handled 815 major cases this past year; and the Transportation Team had 871 trips to transport inmates from/to jail and mental institutions.

Sheriff Buck implored each of us to be their "eyes and ears". His team is actively reaching out to the community and participating in events such as the "Are You OK" program with senior citizens; teaching DARE in the schools; supporting community watch programs; attending community meetings; reading to school children; supporting the Veteran's Day Parade; anti-drug campaigns and much, much more.

And a special program instituted by Sheriff Buck is the program for citizens to return all of their unused prescription medications to the department. They are collected twice a year and sent to Wilmington for destruction. This program is so successful that it has found its way to the State and the Federal levels... and it all started HERE!

We in Carteret County cannot be more thankful for Sheriff Asa Buck and the hard-working individuals in the Sheriff's department. THANK YOU ALL.

INSPIRATIONAL WRITING for SPRING

These are troubling times in which we live! It seems on every front we are beset: politically, financially, physically, emotionally and, yes, spiritually. If we keep our eyes on the problems and the challenges facing us, it seems more than we can bear. Question is, are we moved by what we see, by our feelings and emotions, or do we have a solid foundation of Faith and Hope on which we can stand ~ not being moved by circumstances around us?

For inspiration, I often look to the Psalms and what is the best place to start but at the beginning. Have you ever thought about the sojourn of Psalm 1? {I grew up on the King James Version of the Holy Bible, memorizing scripture as we did Bible readings daily in school, so indulge me with the King's English!) ***Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly ~ watch who you walk down the street with ~ nor standeth in the way of sinners, ~ are you hanging around with those who have loose morals or indulge in practices known to be harmful, like substance abuse ~ nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful ~ sitting down and being at rest amongst those who are "scornful", getting comfortable with their company! ~ but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in that law doeth he meditate day and night.*** What is that law? The Royal law is to love your neighbor as yourself. ***"For he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters ~ a tree has roots that go deep and, if planted by a moving stream, those roots really go deep and get well grounded ~ that bringeth forth his fruit in his season."*** Is your life fruitful? ***His leaf also shall not wither*** ~ he tends to the planting and nourishes and waters it well ~ ***"and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so for they are like the chaff that the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, for the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."***

This man goes from walking, the means of getting around in Jesus's day, to then stopping, pondering, listening, "hanging around," to then sitting down and really getting into "it", the scene! The Godly man delights in the Law of the Lord, the Ten Commandments and the Royal Law. I ponder this and think of what we ladies in CCRW have been doing, month by month in collecting and bringing together food to feed the needy, the hungry, our neighbors ~ we are living HIS Royal law! Also, we brought forth "Fruit" with all the hard work we invested these past few years in the election just past! First time in 100 years that we have a clear majority in the NC House! Next is the Senate and the Governor's Office!! WE shall be those trees planted, not able to be moved, but digging in to do the job and get it done! God sees and knows our hearts and the intents of our hearts. If we continue to labor faithfully, we shall see the fruits of those efforts once again. So remember the trees and be planted, and bloom where you are planted!

Submitted by Judy Armento