



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



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CCRW CONNECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: CCRW INSTALLS 2012 OFFICERS AT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

By: Lynn Pate

Congratulations to our new 2012 CCRW officers! We welcome back many of the members from the 2011 board and Welcome the new ladies who are volunteering their time. 2012 will be another extremely important year with lots of work. May it be as productive and as successful as in 2011!

Representing the Crystal Coast Republican Women for 2012 are:

President:	Linda Schriever
1st Vice President:	Mary Boughton
2nd Vice President:	Ellen Demarest
Secretary:	Jennifer Hudson
Assistant Secretary:	Ann Martin
Treasurer:	Donna Comer



Above: Ceil Wasserman and Jan Grube (far right) induct the new officers for 2012.
Officers: (Left to Right) Ann Martin, Jennifer Hudson, Ellen Demarest, Mary Boughton and Linda Schriever (Not pictured is Donna Comer)
Below: Outgoing Officers of 2011 receive a gift of thanks from President Linda Schriever: Judy Armento, Ellen Demarest, Ellen Holmes, & Ann Martin.



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CCRW CONNECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: CCRW AWARDS CERTIFICATES AT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Ida Gaskill, Jennifer Hudson and Ellen Demarest were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for all of their extraordinary efforts volunteering their time for the CCRW during 2011. Jan Grube, Mary Marks and Judy Wilgus presented the awards as they described these ladies' superior efforts.



Linda Schriever and Mary Marks present Lynn Pate with a Certificate of Appreciation and a lovely gift full of tennis goodies for her years of work publishing the CCRW Newsletter.



Were we to wear **RED**? I missed the memo!
Sue Verdon displays the CCRW donations for Social Services as part of the Caring for America program.



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*CCRW CONNECTIONS: CCRW BELL RINGING FOR CARTERET COUNTY
SALVATION ARMY*

By: Judy Wilgus

The week before Thanksgiving, volunteer members of the CCRW started "ringing the bell" for the CC Salvation Army. Members of our club have been ringing both in Cape Carteret at Lowe's Foods and in Morehead City, under the leadership of Mary Boughton, the CCRW's Caring for American Chairman, at the Harris Teeter store. The members in the Cape Carteret vicinity have been ringing every Tuesday and Thursday since the 22nd of November and will ring until the 22nd of December. Our hours are 10:00Am until 8:00 PM and we take 2 hour shifts each. It has been very encouraging to hear a member say after ringing that the experience was great and she would like to ring again next year. Not only do we ring, but we have handed out candy canes to children and even asked them if they would like to ring the bell too. I've had a lot of smiles when I ask that question.

I have had the great pleasure of working with Jane Capps, the CC Salvation Army Bell Ringer Coordinator this year. I worked solo last year under Jane's guidance and enjoyed "bell ringing" so much I wanted the members of CCRW to have the same experience.

I would like to thank the following members of CCRW and some non members, who just wanted to be part of the experience and were kind enough to fill in the gaps when we needed someone: Thank You to members Linda Hughs, Debbie Rucker, Kathy Williamson, Hazel Getty, Jennifer Hudson, Jan Grube, Sandy Helms, Ann Martin, Evelyn Fetzer, Carol Clark, Lorraine Mize, Gloria Zimmerman, Judy and Gene Armento, Ellen Holmes, Joyce Manley, Beverly Hunt, and Wayne Schriever. Thank You to those non-members volunteers: Debbie Wicker, Mary O'Neal, Ritchie Renna, Cape Carteret Town Councilman, Carolyn Cockrell, ladies and Shea Byrd from Sound Bank, Chelsea and Theresa Baker and Diane and Ken Lang.

I would like to thank the members of CCRW for ringing at Harris Teeter in Morehead City. They are Ellen Brent Boone, Mary Boughton, Linda Schriever, Barbara Phillips, Mary Marks, Ann Bundy, Jane Rouse, Kim Malbon, Pat Dressel, and Ida Gaskill. Thanks to the non-members that rang, Bruce Boughton and Pete Dressel.

The Carteret County's Salvation Army's fundraising goal for Ringing the Bell was \$95,000. I am sure with all of our efforts we had a big hand in helping the Salvation Army reach their goal.

Thank you all again for a job well done and I hope you will think about ringing again next year.

Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year !

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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: FUNDRAISING -- TWO GUN RAFFLE -- A HUGE SUCCESS !!!

By: Mary Marks and Judy Wilgus

December 2nd was the big day to draw for the winners of the two-gun raffle sponsored by the Crystal Coast Republican Women. There are so many people to thank for making this "the most successful" fundraising project of our Club. First, I want to thank all of our hard working Club members who got behind this project and bought or sold their tickets. You ladies always come through for the CCRW, the Republican Party and our Republican candidates.

Second, I want to thank Karen & Jerry Hardesty, owners of Hardesty's Gun Shop in Morehead City for their generosity and guidance in helping us purchase these guns for raffle. If you have a hunter in your family and need a Christmas gift for them, Hardesty's Gun Shop is the place to go.

The winning tickets were drawn by the new 1st VP, Coastal Region, NCFRW, Helen Panullo. The first place winner was Pat Murray of Huntersville, NC. I called her and she was thrilled; and not surprisingly she picked the 9MM Smith & Wesson. It may have been because I told her it came with accessories. We "girls" love accessories! Our second place winner was Chuck Tyson of New Bern. He of course won the Henry Golden Boy 22 Long Gun which he plans to give to his son as a Christmas present.

Ladies of the Club, once again thank you for making our job so easy. Some of you got out there and sold tons of tickets but it didn't matter whether you sold 1 or 91, everyone's participation made this a win-win situation. This is why the CCRW is so successful. Our profit from this fundraiser netted the CCRW \$4,226. What a way to start the New Year! Let's continue to get behind our projects for 2012. Once again our many thanks.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



'Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree': Even in its humblest attire, aglow beside a tiny chapel in Germany's Karwendel mountains, a Christmas tree is a wondrous sight.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: FASHION SHOW FOLLOW-UP

By: Ann Bundy and Mary Marks, Co-Chairs

"Transcend The Season" was the slogan for the 2011 CCRW Fashion Show. What a perfect way to transcend from summer to fall by holding a fashion show at the Dunes Club in Atlantic Beach with fashions presented by Ann Lynn's of New Bern.



Once again Ellen Brent Boone sponsored the CCRW at the Dunes Club; thank you Ellen Brent. We all enjoyed a social hour and then a delicious trio-salad lunch before the main event.



Ann Lynn's provided not only their own models but beautiful fall fashions with something for everyone. There was an array of casual clothes and many formal items for the upcoming Christmas season. Beautiful clothes that were beautifully presented! Ann Lynn's also provided an assortment of jewelry, cover-ups and shawls plus handbags. There were a lot of "goodies" to be purchased and we sure did that.

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The 50/50 raffle was won by Mary Catherine Thomas, a guest of Club member Linda Hughs. We finished a fun day by drawing names for door prizes.



The fashion show is one of the CCRW's main fundraisers and it is always lots of fun supported by our members as well as friends and family. Thank you once again for making this fundraiser a huge success.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: NCFRW FALL BOARD MEETING

By: Mary Boughton

On Friday, November 11, the CCRW Fall Traveling Team (Linda Schriever, Jan Grube, and Mary Boughton) arrived at the Embassy Suites in Concord, NC at 3:30pm after a beautiful drive on a beautiful day (we won't mention being stopped by a state trooper). We checked into our rooms and were first in the Registration line. After registering, we set up a Gun Raffle station just past the registration table, so we could catch everyone who registered – we sold 10 tickets!

Later, at dinner, NC House of Representatives **Speaker Pro Tem Dale Folwell** spoke about balancing the budget, tort reform, and worker's compensation reform. He said that we got into the current budgetary mess because **Conservatives didn't conserve, Liberals didn't liberate, and Representatives didn't represent.** He said we can't afford a sense of entitlement in 2012. He also spoke on H427, Run and You're Done, which is the forfeiture of motor vehicles used by defendants who attempted to elude arrest. H427 passed and was signed by the Governor on June 23, 2011. He also discussed H215, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act which protects mothers and their unborn children. H215 passed and was signed by the Governor on April 29, 2011. He told us that the unemployment check is the largest employee in Mecklenburg County. In conclusion, he told us that the Voter ID bill is not dead and will be brought up again.

Joyce Mucci, the Southern FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform) Field Representative spoke for a few minutes. Joyce is the FAIR field coordinator for southern states which include North Carolina. She told us that since there will be no Dream Act, President Obama is letting it in through the back door through Executive Orders. John Morton, head of ICE, put out a memo (known as the Morton Memo and can be found at www.ice.gov/doclib/secure.../pdf/prosecutorial-discretion-memo.pdf). In short, the DHS, ICE, and DOJ will review the deportation caseload and then identify low-priority and noncriminal cases that could be considered for discretion and subsequently dismissed. Therefore, the Obama Administration does **not** intend to enforce our current deportation laws. Joyce went on to tell us that the Obama Administration is going after states that **are** enforcing the laws. You can learn more at: http://www.fairus.org/site/PageServer?pagename=team_team6220

Being the proper southern ladies that we are, after dinner, we went to our rooms instead of going to the Hospitality Room. So, we do not have a report on that!

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Saturday began with the President’s Roundtable which was attended by our CCRW President, Linda Schriever. The Board of Director’s Meeting began at 9:15am with remarks by **Robin Hayes**, the NCGOP Chair. Robin certainly has his priorities right because he said that Republican Women show strength, cohesion, and discipline. However, we will lose in 2012 if we are inactive, indifferent, or silent. He went on to say that 2012 is our election to win. He wants us to let the NCGOP know how often and in what detail we want to hear from them. If you have any thoughts on this please contact Rob Lockwood, Communications Director, at NCGOP headquarters. The 2012 slogan is **EVERYONE IN!**

Our own **Jan Grube** was asked by Nancy Bishop, the NCFRW State Registration Committee Chairman, to say a few words about running a successful Voter Registration drive. Jan spoke eloquently about establishing a good working relationship with the Board of Elections (to learn the rules) and the Board of Education (to get permission to register voters at the High Schools). Jan also said everyone should keep voter registration forms with us at all times.

President Dena Barnes presented awards to the club presidents. Linda Schriever, CCRW Club President, was presented the **Diamond Award and she and Jan received the \$100 prize for first place in Voter Registration!**

The new NCFRW officers for 2011-2013 were installed by **NFRW President Sue Lynch**.

Of course, before lunch, we took the opportunity to work the room selling 25 gun raffle tickets!

During lunch, Iliario Pantano, candidate for US Congress from the 7th district spoke to us. He talked about the depression he suffered resulting from attending too many funerals for his WARLORDS Marine Regiment. His religious beliefs saved him from the depression and turned his life around. He didn’t speak much about his military service or his position on the issues facing us today. He spoke mostly about his religious beliefs. He also had a book signing for his recently released DVD and picture book. He has a second book coming out soon.

Lunch was followed by the workshops. Jan and I attended the Advocacy & Grassroots Activism by NCFRW Grassroots Chair **Joyce Kraweic**. Joyce told us that **“Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something”**. **“Plan your work and work your plan” and see how effective grass roots activism can be.** She asked us to vote yes on the Marriage Amendment on May 8, 2012. She is working on the “Caring for LeJuene Hospital Care” which is reimbursement for ailments due to bad water. She also told us that DOD wants to merge and consolidate the exchanges and commissaries, making them compete against local grocery stores and WalMarts and they need to be self sufficient

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after 2015. Look for her emails when she wants us to call our congressmen (and some of the opposition) to help sway their votes.



A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for any amount, up to and including their life.

Jan and I also attended the “Why Israel Matters to the US by **Arlene Samuels**”, American Israel PAC (AIPAC). Arlene told us that for more than half a century, AIPAC has worked to help make America and Israel more secure by ensuring a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. AIPAC works with Congress and the Executive Branch year-round on numerous critical issues - from securing vital foreign aid for Israel to passing legislation aimed at stopping Iran's illicit nuclear program.

The CCRW Fall Traveling Team decided to spend Saturday night in Concord in order to make a leisurely trip home on Sunday (which was a great decision because we sold 3 more gun raffle tickets – Sue Lynch and Dena Barnes bought some tickets while having dinner at the in-house restaurant). Sunday was another beautiful day for traveling home (at one point Jan was writing poetry and Linda was singing while Mary did all of the driving!). Mary was polite and took her hat off to the State Highway Patrolman and we did not get a ticket. All in all, we had a good time and enjoyed seeing NCFRW members from around the state. We highly recommend attending the NCFRW Board Meetings!

"As an American I am not so shocked that Obama was given the Nobel Peace Prize without any accomplishments to his name, because America gave him the White House based on the same credentials."

~Newt Gingrich~

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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT

By: Judy Wilgus

The Crystal Coast Republican Women volunteered 5,284.9 hours this year 2011. That is only one-half of the hours volunteered in 2010. Please reread the NFRW Policy for Counting Volunteer Hours and be sure you are counting every hour. I know last year was an election year, but I also know there were many occasions when hours could have been counted this year.

Next year is the BIG ONE and there will be MANY OPPORTUNITIES for EVERYONE to volunteer, whether it be at Headquarters, which will open in July, registering voters, preferably Republicans, working out side at the polls passing out Republican info or for Conservative Judges or inside as a poll Observer, calling to get out the vote, working with your Precinct Chairman to get out the vote in your Precinct, knocking on doors with Republican material, helping the Republican Candidates with their campaigns, our Reagan Rally Dinner in February, or Time spent at Conventions or Meetings, just to name a few places where hours will stack up.

Please mark your calendars for the following meetings or Conventions -- Precinct Meetings will be on Feb.11 in the Morning so you will have plenty of time to get to the Reagan Rally that night; County Convention March 10 at the Leon Mann Center; District Convention April 21 Beaufort Community College; State Convention June 1-3 in Greensboro; and the National Convention Aug 27-30 in Tampa, FL.

It would be wonderful and well worth your while to keep up on the happenings of the Republican party if you attend the Precinct, County and the District Conventions. The State Convention in Greensboro may seem a bit far, but I know you would be able to get a ride with a club member who happens to be going if you ask in advance. You will have the best time meeting candidates, attending socials in the evening and even listening to the business that goes on in the Convention Hall.

There are so many ways to rack up volunteer hours for CCRW next year, so why not make a New Years resolution that on 1 January 2012 you will start. Just mark your calendar daily with your hours and by the end of the month you just have to add them up and send them to me. If you don't have a "NFRW Policy for Counting Volunteer Hours" just email me, call me at 354-3081 or see me at a meeting.

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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: END OF YEAR REPORT

By: Linda Schriever

January: 2011 Officers: President – Linda Schriever; 1st Vice President, Ellen Homes; 2nd Vice President – Ellen Demarest; Secretary – Judy Armento; Assistant Secretary – Ann Martin; Treasurer – Linda Hughs & Donna Comer. The CCRW slogan “**Inspire, Impact, Empower**” was decided to become our slogan again. Our guest speaker at the January meeting was Sam Sanford, founder of the WE CARE program and he discussed how his program works with sending CARE packages overseas to the military.

February: We had our Reagan Rally Dinner with guest speaker Pat McCrory from the Charlotte area and he spoke of what was up and coming and that we need to be geared up for the 2012 election. Mary Marks was presented with a Certificate of Merit Award from the CCRW.

March: We baked and sold cookies with the Crystal Coast Republican Men’s Club at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. At our monthly meeting we had guest speaker Carteret County Sheriff Asa Buck.

April: Becki Gray from the John Locke Foundation, she is a lobbyist and spokesperson for the John Locke Foundation and she discussed with us what is forthcoming in politics in the local area.

May: Our guest speaker was Brian Balfour from Civitas. Our essay Chairman Judy Armento was invited to chair the NCFRW essay position (we are so proud of the work she did with us for the 2011 essay contest). We continued to collect funds for the CCRW Scholarship Fund.

June: We had our annual Membership Luncheon at Carlton’s in Salter Path with an attendance of 54. County GOP Chairman Greg Lewis was our guest speaker. Also, our NCFRW Coastal Regional VP Ceil Wasserman said a few words to those in attendance. Scholarship checks and an American Flag were presented to each recipient.

July: At our monthly meeting, our guest speaker was our Clerk of Court, Pam Hanson (former 1st VP CCRW). She told us of all that she has done in helping the county since she has come into office. It was decided that we hold a gun raffle which will be for 2 guns and will be drawn at the Christmas Luncheon, tickets will be \$10.00 each. After the meeting and lunch, Gus Wilgus spoke to those still in attendance on how to write letters to the editor of the local newspapers.

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August: Our guest speaker at the meeting was Leslie Tickle, RN from Carteret General Hospital; she oversees the Spine and Joint Unit. She spoke on arthritis and osteoarthritis along with what we can do to prevent it.

September: Our guest speaker was Dan Forest (running for LT. Governor of NC), he gave a very nice presentation and after the meeting we had a fellowship lunch.

October: Rather than our regular meeting this month, we had a Fashion Show at the Dunes Club in Atlantic Beach which was attended by 84. Fashions were from Ann-Lynn Fashions of New Bern.

November: We had a car that rode in the Veterans Day Parade with Judy & Gus Wilgus in their car along with Sue Verdon as driver (a good time was had). At the monthly meeting we had Tony Gurley (running for Lt. Governor of NC) come and speak to us. We also had Jennifer Hudson speak to us about local publicity for the CCRW and CCGOP which she is currently working on. Linda Hughs and Judy Wilgus rode in the Emerald Isle Christmas parade with Gus Wilgus (associate member) as the driver. Last but not least for this month, I attended the NCFRW Fall meeting in Concord, NC with Mary Boughton and Jan Grube where the CCRW received the Diamond Achievement Award from NFRW and the Voter Registration Award of \$100.00 from MCFRW, and Thanks to Jan Grube for a job well done.

December: At the Christmas Luncheon/Installation of Officers I would like to Thank All of The Officers of 2011 for a Job Well Done, 1st VP – Ellen Homes, 2nd VP – Ellen Demarest, Secretary – Judy Armento, Assistant Secretary -- Ann Martin, Treasurer – Donna Comer. Our slate of officers for 2012 will be: President – Linda Schriever, 1st Vice President – Mary Boughton, 2nd Vice President – Ellen Demarest, Secretary – Jennifer Hudson, Assistant Secretary – Ann Martin, Treasurer – Donna Comer. Also I would like to Thank All Committee Chairmen for a successful 2011.

Without the help of the entire CCRW we would not have been able to accomplish all that we did in 2011. THANK YOU ALL !



Rest easy, sleep well my brothers.
Know the line has held, your job is done.

Rest easy, sleep well.
Others have taken up where you fell, the
line has held.

Peace, peace, and farewell...

Christmas at Arlington Cemetery,
Washington, D.C.

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CCRW CONNECTION MEMBER UPDATES:

Welcome our new and returning members:

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Update: Beverly Hunt's email address: BeverlyHunt104@yahoo.com



The Capitol Christmas tree in Washington, D.C. is decorated with 3,000 ornaments that are the handiwork of U.S. schoolchildren. Encircling evergreens in the 'Pathway of Peace' represent the 50 U.S. states.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 9** CCRW Executive Board Mtg., Chamber of Commerce, 10:00am
- January 20** CCRW General Meeting, Western Park, 10:00am
- February 11** Reagan Rally Fundraiser and Dinner, Guest Speaker Illario Pantano (Leon Mann Senior Center)

"Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in the LORD, loving kindness shall surround him." - Psalm 32:10



A Christmas Luncheon Prayer

By: Ellen Brent Boone

Delivered at the CCRW Christmas Luncheon on December 2, 2011

Heavenly Father,

In this holy season we celebrate the event of you giving your son to the world as a little baby. Through his life and death, the world has been changed. Even when we do not understand how and why things happen the way they do, we know that you plan what is best for your world.

Help us to be thankful people, forgiving and caring people, and to share what we have with others – our intellect, our resources, and especially our faith.

Allow us to have the spirit of Christmas which is peace, the gladness of Christmas which is hope, and the heart of Christmas which is love.

Touch the hearts of those not with us today and fill them with gladness in this season of wonder. Bless us now in our time of fellowship as we enjoy this festive occasion. We pray in the name of your holy son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CCRW CHUCKLE CORNER

A tourist from the Midwest walked into a Chinese curio shop in San Francisco. While looking around at the exotic merchandise, he noticed a very lifelike, life-sized, bronze statue of a rat. It had no price tag, but was so incredibly striking that the tourist decided he must have it. He took it to the old shop owner and asked, "How much for the bronze rat?"

"Ahhh, you have chosen wisely! It is \$12 for the rat, and \$100 for the story," said the wise old man.

The tourist quickly pulled out twelve dollars. "I'll just take the rat, you can keep the story", he said.

As he walked down the street carrying his bronze rat, the tourist noticed that a few real rats had crawled out of the alleys and sewers and had begun following him down the street. This was a bit disconcerting so he began walking faster.

A couple blocks later, he looked behind him and saw to his horror the herd of rats behind him had grown to hundreds, and they began squealing. Sweating now, the tourist began to trot toward the Bay. After a couple more blocks, he looked around only to discover that the rats now numbered in the THOUSANDS, and were squealing and coming toward him faster and faster.

Terrified, he ran to the edge of the Bay and threw the bronze rat as far as he could into the Bay.

Amazingly, the thousands of rats all jumped into the Bay after the bronze rat, and were all drowned.

The man walked back to the curio shop in Chinatown. "Ahhh," said the owner, "You have come back for story, yes?"

"Are you kidding?" said the man, "I came back to see if you have a bronze Democrat!"