



**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.

**Mary Marks
President**



REAGAN RALLY DINNER A SMASHING SUCCESS!!!!

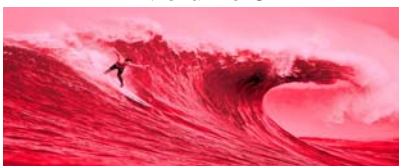
By: Mary Marks, President

What can I say ladies, congratulations to the Crystal Coast Republican Women for the largest attendance ever at the 2010 Reagan Rally Dinner. Please give yourselves a "pat on the back" for a job well done. Led once again by our Fundraiser Chairperson, Ann Bundy, the Leon Mann Center was transformed into a patriotic themed centerpiece. As usual, our behind-the-scenes volunteers were the backbone of making this a smoothly run event. I thank you all very much for your hard work.

Dinner was catered by the White Swan Restaurant and enjoyed by all. The cake, decorated to look like an American flag, was both beautiful and delicious.



This year President Ronald Reagan had a special guest standing with him, Governor Sarah Palin. Several of us couldn't resist having our pictures taken with Sarah and Ronnie.



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NCGOP Chairman Tom Fetzter was the Guest of Honor. He addressed the audience of 160 strong with a rousing speech about the importance of Eastern North Carolina voters in the upcoming Republican statewide elections. Tom stated that Republicans running for office in North Carolina should focus on “him and her”; President Barack Obama and Governor Beverly Perdue. He said we must focus on taking back our state. Chairman Fetzter said that the Democrats have held power in North Carolina since 1898, that’s 112 years. Candidate recruitment has been a huge priority for the Republican leadership in both the North Carolina House and Senate as well as for the NCGOP and we have a golden opportunity to take back both the NC House and Senate.



Tom Fetzter presented a rousing speech as President Mary Marks, Vice President Pam Hanson and Chaplain, Ellen Brent Boone look on.

Jan Grube was honored at the Reagan Rally dinner with a “Certificate of Merit” for her outstanding accomplishments and continuing contributions to the Crystal Coast Republican Women. She was also presented a North Carolina flag that was flown over the State Capitol. The flag was given by Senator Jean Preston and Representative Pat McElraft. A certificate of certification was also given by our two remarkable members. Thank you Senator Preston and Representative McElraft.

I ended the Reagan Rally dinner with my all-time favorite quote from Nancy Reagan...“A woman is like a tea bag – you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water”.

Ladies, let’s get this country out of hot water by helping elect our Republican candidates.



*CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW AWARDS JAN GRUBE WITH
A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT*

By: Mary Marks



Jan Grube (left) receives her Certificate of Merit from Judy Wilgus and President Mary Marks.

On April 18th 1984, Jan Grube and a small group of “like minded” women organized and chartered the Crystal Coast Republican Women.

Jan Grube has served in every capacity in the Crystal Coast Republican Women’s Club from the Club’s first secretary as well as President in 1986, 1987 and 1994. Jan started the Club’s first newsletter in 1987. She served in the North Carolina Republican party as secretary from 1987 to 1991. She was elected to the 3rd Congressional District as Chairman in 2000. A 3rd District award has been named in her honor. Jan was elected as an Area Representative for the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women in 2003. She was nominated by the Crystal Coast Republican Women and received the Honorary Life Membership Award in the North Carolina Federation in 2005 and was selected North Carolina Federation of Republican Women’s “Woman of the Year” in 2008. Jan was elected by the North Carolina Federation to serve as a delegate to the National Federation of Republican Women’s Convention in Orlando, Florida in 2009. Mrs. Grube also has served as a Regent for the North Carolina Federation for the last two years. She currently serves as the Crystal Coast Republican Women’s Parliamentarian.

These are but a few of her accomplishments; there are just too many to list. She has worked tirelessly for the past 26 years giving her time and talent to help elect Republican candidates not only in Carteret County, but at the State and National level.



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The past and present members of the Crystal Coast Republican Women extend our gratitude and humble thanks to Jan Grube for all of her hard work. It is a great honor to present this award to a woman who loves her country and proves it every day.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: ELECTIONS UPDATE

By Sue Verdon

Just a reminder that “One Stop” voting begins on Thursday, April 15, 2010, and ends on Saturday, May 1, 2010. There will be two sites in Carteret County – Beaufort Elections Office and Western Part Community Center. Hours will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday, May 1st. (Saturday, May 1st is the only Saturday that the polls will be open for One Stop voting.)

If you need to change an address, name or know of someone who is not registered, they can do it after the books close at a One Stop site, but they have to vote that day at the site.

Teenagers who will be 18 by November Election Day can vote in the primary. They will not be able to vote for School Board as that is the election for the School Board.

Please encourage everyone you know to vote and be sure to vote yourself!

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW MEMBERS ATTEND NCFRW WINTER BOARD MEETING

By: Mary Boughton

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women (NCFRW) Winter Board meeting was held in Pinehurst, NC on Feb 12-13. The Crystal Coast Republican Women’s club was represented by Jan Grube, Judy Wilgus, Mary Marks and Mary Boughton.

We had a tremendous start to the board meeting with a “Road Trip” on a beautiful sunny Friday afternoon filled with plenty of laughter, in spite of the snowy weather forecast. Mary Marks was the “Lookout”, Judy Wilgus was the “Navigator”, and Jan Grube was riding “Shotgun”, all to assist Mary Boughton who was driving. We arrived at Pinehurst while “Afternoon Tea” was being served. Although we wanted to explore the resort, we only had time to register for the rooms and the convention before dark. Later, we gathered for a “Wine and Cheese” in the Grube/Boughton accommodations before



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dinner. We were glad the convention was also at the Pinehurst Resort because the forecasted snow had arrived!

The convention began for Mary Marks and Mary Boughton on Saturday morning at 8:30am for the President’s Meeting. Dena Barnes talked primarily to new club presidents, telling them how important their job is and that “everything” they wanted to know could be found in the “Blue Book” which can be found on the NCFRW’s website (www.ncfrw.com). Jan Grube and Judy Wilgus joined us for the Board of Director’s meeting at 9:30am.

The highlight of the convention came when the **Crystal Coast Republican Women, Mary Marks presiding, received a \$100 award for registering the most Republicans!** What a surprise! Congratulations CCRW! (Here’s a big thank you to Jan Grube for organizing and “encouraging” us to man those registration tables!)

The featured speaker was NC Senator Richard Burr who spoke about his North Carolina roots; the importance of our representatives in Washington, DC utilizing transparency while they are writing the Health Care bill; and the out-of-control spending which is driving the nation’s record budget deficit. He asked for our support during his upcoming campaign for re-election.

The NFRW introduced their “WIN” pin which represents “Women In Numbers”. Selling these pins can be used as a fund raiser. We were encouraged to purchase the pins in large numbers in order to sell them at \$12 each while spending as little as \$5 for each pin.

The subject of the NCFRW Annual Americanism Essay Contest for 2011 will be **“What the US Flag Means to Me”**. Even though the NCFRW clubs have until February 26, 2011 to get their entries submitted, we are encouraged to begin notifying and working with the schools this spring.

Many other speakers were scheduled to speak but could not attend due to the weather.

We left shortly after lunch (missing the afternoon workshops) because we wanted to get home before the snow melted and formed black ice on the roads. We had another remarkable “Road Trip” on the way home, arriving safely back in Cape Carteret at 5:00pm. As you can tell, we had a wonderful time and we hope that other members of our CCRW club will plan on attending a future NCFRW meeting.



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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: AMERICANISM and CARING FOR AMERICA PROJECTS 2009

By: Ann Martin and Jan Grube

In December of 2008, the Crystal Coast Republican Women decided that they wanted to share their Christmas by donating food for families in our area. We delivered the items to Martha's Mission in Morehead City. This became our twofold 2009 project to Caring for America and Americanism. Items were collected at both regular and special events/meetings during the year.

Starting in January, we chose to give food, paper and personal items to three charitable organizations. Namely, Martha's Mission, Hope Mission and Soup Kitchen in Morehead City, Carteret County and to Hem of His Garment in neighboring Swansboro, Onslow County. We did this on a rotating basis.

The display of items at the meetings, packing and delivery were done by the following committee members: Ellen Brent Boone, Evelyn Fetzer, Pam Hanson, Mary Marks, Ann Martin, Linda Schriever and Jan Grube. Twenty-one (21) members (7 members of the Crystal Coast Republican Men's Club and 4 staff members of Mrs. Willis' Restaurant) contributed a total of \$1,469.80 in food, paper and personal items. For November and December, members doubled their efforts so each of the three charities received holiday food.

Club President Mary Marks, Call Committee Chairman Carol Clark and Caring for America Chairman Jan Grube called and emailed members to remind them to bring items and to thank them. Two granddaughters helped with shopping when club members asked for someone to shop for them.

Seven members donated approximately \$109 worth of stuffed animals to the Carteret County Sheriff's Department. These were to be handed out to children under stress during the holidays. For the "Holiday Mail for Heroes" project, 13 members volunteered to provide cards and postage for Christmas Greetings and our thanks to our service men and women. They sent at least 5 cards each for a total of 65 cards.

Participation in these projects was on an individual basis and no money was given to or withdrawn from the club treasury. We are proud of what our members provided in these projects. We showed love for their friends and county neighbors to let them know that they are not forgotten in their time of need.



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Those who show mercy to others are happy, because God will show mercy to them. Matthew 5:7.

Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help. Proverbs 3:27

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: BELLES OF THE BALL!

Is Sarah really there with our lovely members?



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REMINDER: Scholarship applications due end of March. Application reviews take place in April with announcement of recipients at the May meeting.

CCRW MEMBERSHIP UPDATES.....

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

Full time members

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Swansboro, NC 28584

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Havelock, NC 28532

Phone: 252-342-6645 (H)
252-444-1400 (W)

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Associate Members

Debi Sue Leonard
113 Faldo Lane
Newport NC 28560
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By: Judy Wilgus

GETTING TO KNOW YOU is a column I started in 2008, but after a years absence, I am back to start again. In this issue, the column will feature one of our "older" members, Sarah Fulcher. Sarah has been very active in CCRW and I thank her for all that she has contributed to our club.



Getting to Know Sarah Fulcher:

How long have you been a Republican?

I am a life-long Republican. My father was a Democrat and my Mom was a Republican. I watched the nominating conventions with both of my parents—gavel to gavel. Democrats were nicer then but I always considered myself a Republican. My parents voted at EVERY opportunity.....to cancel each others vote!

Who was the first Republican Candidate you voted for?

The first I actually voted for was Barry Goldwater in '64. I worked for Nixon in college but was too young to vote. I joined the Goldwater campaign when I got out of school.

Which Republican value or philosophy is most important to you?

This is hard for I try to adhere to our entire philosophy. I do not know where to start—LESS government, more family values, and NOT being politically correct. Really, it all boils down to honor, I think—doing what is honorable.

What is your occupational background?

I was a classroom teacher for several years and Children's Librarian of the WORLD for 28 years in North Carolina. The major portion of my career was spent in Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. I did work at Newport School in Carteret for seven years before I retired.

I have always volunteered too much for my own good. I am still at it. I volunteer at the Down East Library, Atlantic School, my church, and the CCRW!!

Tell us about your family and other interests.

My husband, Fred, and I have two grown, married children. We have two grandsons who are precious in this world. I have entirely too much fun!!

All of our children are Republicans—I am proud and thankful for my family!

What Republican past or present do you admire most and why?

Ronald Reagan is my hero! I was safe, content, and happy when he was in charge. I miss him too much.



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Why did you join the CCRW?

In Charlotte, I was very active in Republican politics. I had not been active since moving to Carteret County. After retiring, one of my first endeavors was finding an activist group of women with the same values and work ethic that I have. It was soon very obvious to me that group was—and still is—the CCRW. This is the most fabulous group of women!! I joined and I am happy, happy, happy!



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