



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



CCRW CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT CARLTON'S

By: Mary Marks, President

For those of you who could not attend the Christmas party we sure missed you. Here are some highlights.

Carlton's restaurant at the Ocean Club was fabulous, decorated with a giant Christmas tree in the lobby with candy cane ornaments for the Toys for Tots drive the next day. The staff was great and the food was simply delicious. We all enjoyed it so much. A BIG cheer for Carlton's.



Jan Grube, with the assistance of Ann Martin & Judy Wilgus, presented Certificates of Appreciation to several deserving as well as hard working, outstanding ladies from the CCRW. These certificates have been presented for the last three years and this year's recipients are: Linda Schriever, Linda Hughs, Pam Hanson, Yvonne Meyers, Evelyn Fetzer, Mary Boughton, and Judy Armento and Sarah Fulcher (not shown). Thank you so much ladies for your outstanding contributions to the Crystal Coast Republican Women in 2009.

I want to thank our Parliamentarian, Jan Grube, for installing the officers of the CCRW for 2010. Since this is my second year as President & I can't run for that position again, it was a special honor to have Jan install our officers. Thank you so much Jan.



CCRW Officers: (Left to right)
Linda Hughs: Treasurer
Judy Wilgus: Assistant Secretary
Mary Boughton: Secretary
Linda Schriever: 2nd Vice President
Pam Hanson: 1st Vice President
Mary Marks: President

Jan Grube: Presenter

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I want to end with my challenge for the year 2010. Let's get as many Republicans elected as we possibly can.....let's take our country back! How can YOU help: volunteer to work a voter registration, hand out flyers for candidates, make phone calls, work the polls, but the most important thing you can do is "get out and vote". Don't stay home and don't let your friends and neighbors stay home. Make your voices heard by voting.

My second challenge is to get our Fisher House project up and running this year. We may have to start small and graduate to bigger goals. But, giving a child a soft teddy bear to cuddle is a "big" thing when his dad is recovering from combat wounds. One child, one soft teddy bear; that's sounds pretty big to me.

Speaking of teddy bears, stuffed animals were collected at the Christmas party and taken to Sheriff Asa Buck for distribution to needy children over the Christmas holiday. Thank you ladies and Asa.

Our Caring for America project is certainly alive and well after seeing the donations brought to the Christmas party. We had enough to fill three huge boxes to take to Martha's Mission, Hope Mission and The Hem of His Garment. Yes, you ladies came through again. Thank you!

After door prizes and the 50/50 raffle the Christmas party was adjourned for another year.

WOW, didn't we have a great time!



Gracious Giver, so much has been bestowed upon me. I lack for little yet yearn for so much. Continue to teach me to appreciate what has come to me as blessing and gift. Keep on urging and challenging me to share what I have. Help me to give generously and freely of my bounty. I offer You my thanks for all that is granted to me. AMEN

(Copied from a friend of Ellen Brent Boone)

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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS

By: Sarah Fulcher

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!!

We are pleased to announce that the Crystal Coast Republican Women will be offering scholarship monies to relatives of CCRW members. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide extended educational opportunities to member relatives up to great-grand status.

A copy of the application is available. Should you have questions please contact a committee member for further details. Scholarship committee members are: Judy Armento, Jan Grube, Mary Marks, Bev Stone, Judy Wilgus, Ann Martin, and Sarah Fulcher, Chair.

Funding for the Scholarship will be from donations for the 2009-2010 year. The amount of the award is dependent on donations for this purpose each year.

Tentative Time Line:	2009-2010
December, 2009:	Announcing the scholarship through club newsletter, e-mail and meeting presentations
January, 2010:	Beginning distributions of applications
January – March 31, 2010:	Accepting applications
April, 2010:	Reviewing applications
May, 2010 CCRW meeting:	Awarding of scholarships

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW MEMBERS ATTEND DC BUS TRIP

Our very own members, Shirley Bourquin, Sandy Helms and Joyce Manley, signed up to go on the bus trip to Washington, DC on December 15. Radio Host Laura Ingraham will be joined Americans for Prosperity, Senator Jim DeMint, Senator Tom Coburn, and freedom fighters from around the country to rally against the effort by the Democratic majority to hijack the country's healthcare system. Way to go, Ladies! We look forward to hearing from you when we next see you.

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CCRW CELEBRATES FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON IN STYLE!

An estimated 106 members and friends turned out to help the CCRW raise over \$1,300 at our 2009 Fashion Show. Thanks to all of you who gave so much of your time and sold lots of tickets. We could not have done it without you.

Special thanks are due to Ann Bundy who was the Chair for the committee - for her hard work pulling this together; along with committee members, Lucci McCullough -for the lovely table decorations and last minute models; Lynn Pate for the invitations, tickets and mailings; and Mary Marks for advertising and promotions.

As always, we thoroughly enjoyed having Jan Grube as our Director of Ceremonies enticing us with her humor as she introduced all of the models: Ellen Brent Boone, Carol Clark, Sarah Fulcher, Karol Hopkins, Mary Marks, Linda Hughs, Vada Palma, and Lucci McCullough. Kara and Kendra Barrett of Lynette's Two provided the fashions and joined in with the models for a final picture.



Lots of door prizes were donated by CCRW members and given to the lucky recipients of the drawings. Our own President, Mary Marks, won the 50/50 raffle --- hmmm, nothing suspicious here! And everyone brought food donations for our Caring for America program. Again, thanks to all for sharing during this time of year in a difficult economy.



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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CARING FOR AMERICA

By: Jan Grube

To all our members and especially those who helped with one of our Caring for America projects:

This year, 2009, we decided to dedicate ourselves to helping those families who are facing hard times. Our goal was to bring food and cleaning products to each meeting and special event. We did just that. We donated well over \$1200 this year. I will have the total figure by the end of January after our meeting. The Crystal Coast Republican Men's Club and several friends and guests also helped us.

We gave to the following Charities: Martha's Mission, Hope Mission (both in Morehead City) and the Hem of His Garment (in Swansboro). All these organizations cover a wide area so we feel sure that all our giving was not limited to a few needy. For the last two months we doubled our contributions (or even more than that) and sent bags of items to each of the three. Each month we rotated our contributions.

It has been so rewarding to have the ability to share with those who need help. May God bless you all for your efforts. Merry Christmas and have a wonderful new year. See you in 2010. Cheers, Jan.



CCRW ships two boxes to our families serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.



CCRW food donations in November

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES

By: Jan Grube

For the past two months several members and friends have helped to register voters. The following people helped register teens at all three public high schools in Carteret County: Ann Bundy, Carol Clark, Pam Hanson, Mary Marks, Ann Martin, Judy Wilgus, and our friends, Dave Fowler and Richard Hunt.

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Pam Hanson and Mary Boughton worked the midnight shift registering at the Game Store. Ann Martin, Dave Fowler and Jan Grube registered at the Cape Carteret Baptist Church between services. Judy and Gene Armento signed up to be substitutes. We can use more. Call me at (252) 393-8409.

This project will continue through Jan. 31 of 2010. If anyone would like to sign on to help next year before and after that time please let me know. Let me know if you have permission to use a store, facility, or meeting place to hold a registration. We will work something out.

We thank Lindy Lewis, Director of the Carteret County Board of Elections for her help and for providing the information and hand outs. Lindy will also be willing to hold a short information session so that the above volunteers and new people can ask questions and be briefed on the process and forms we will be using. More information will be coming in Jan. 2010.

Thank you all.

*CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW WINS DIAMOND
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*

At the November General meeting, Mary Boughton presented President Mary Marks with a certificate and piece of diamond jewelry from the NCFRW in recognition for winning the Diamond Achievement Award in 2009. Congratulations, ladies for all of your hard work in winning this prestigious NCFRW award.



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CCRW MEMBERSHIP UPDATES.....

Fourth quarter, 2009 has been a grand time for adding new members. Please welcome all of the following new full-time and associate members:

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT -- MARY MARKS

Thank you so much for allowing me to be your president in 2009. It has been a learning experience and I thank you all so much for helping me make this year a successful one.

We have accomplished many things we can all be proud of. Let me tell you about just a few of them. Thanks to your overwhelming contributions and generosity as a Club we have extended a hand to the needy in our community by monthly contributing non-perishable items to Hope Mission, Martha's Mission and the Hem of His Garment. If you are unable to go to our monthly meetings, please contact Jan Grube and she will let you know how you too can help.

Our Club has once again led the way in education and literacy. Jessica Hult tutors in middle school, Ann Martin led the charge in the essay contest; The Goals of Our Forefathers and our own Sarah Fulcher was instrumental in establishing a library in Davis, NC. I am proud to announce that the CCRW now has its own Scholarship Fund with contributions coming from the membership. We plan to send out our first checks next year.

Senator Jean Preston was honored for her distinguished service at a reception sponsored by the League of Women's Voters, Sue Verdon won the "volunteerism" award sponsored by the Council of Women and Sarah Fulcher was honored as well by the Council of Women by winning the "education" category.

Our member, 1st VP Pam Hanson was chosen as the Carteret County Republican Party Chairman; what an honor. Also, Assistant Secretary Mary Boughton was elected to the position of Secretary of the Carteret County Executive Board. Congratulations to you both and a big thank you for your contributions.

Many of our ladies attended conventions, TEA parties, Hands off My Health Care Rallies as well as sent emails, wrote letters and telephoned their congressmen and senators asking that they "stop the madness" in Washington, DC. We all know what is happening to our great country and I truly think we can make a difference just by staying focused and letting Washington know that we can vote them out in 2010 and 2012.

I will work as hard as I can in 2010 to make our Club successful but, I can only do that with your help. Plan to come to a meeting if you have not been doing so, plan to attend one of our fundraisers and if you cannot attend, purchase a ticket so you can contribute toward the success of the event. All the money the CCRW makes from these fundraisers goes to the campaigns of Republican candidates in our county. With your help we can keep Carteret County Red; not a "bad return for the buck".

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas with all of God's blessings. May your family stay safe and snug in His arms.



“As we enter the month of December it seems that we have to catch up with the culture of our society if we want to make it until Christmas! I’ve seen ads for Christmas sales since September. These advertisements all claim that in their particular store we can find a gift for the person who has everything. In some ways, they have a point – we do have a lot, perhaps too much. At the same time, Christmas represents far more than whatever gifts we can give each other. Christmas is the time when we most readily acknowledge that God has given us what we cannot provide for ourselves – the promise of redemption, forgiveness, and eternal life through Jesus. The word “Christ” means “anointed one.” Were it not for the gift of Christ we would be without salvation and would lead lives of desperation. But because God chose to go first, He gave us a purpose. That purpose is to live our lives in ministry to others because we have been so blessed by God’s love through Christ.

In truth, Christmas is about relationships. Years from now the stuff that we will put under the tree in the coming weeks will be discarded and forgotten. Only the relationships will last and that is all because God chose to send His only son so that whoever believes in Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.”

Contributed by Ellen Brent Boone from one of her pastors.