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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 CELEBRATES ANNUAL 27th MEMBERSHIP DRIVE LUNCHEON

Once again, the Crystal Coast Republican Women had a wonderful time at the 27th anniversary membership luncheon held June 17 at Carlton's. Linda Schriever, CCRW President, welcomed all of our members, dignitaries and guests. Ellen Brent Boone, our CCRW Chaplain, presented the invocation and Sue Verdon led our Pledge to the United States flag.



Our guest speaker was Greg Lewis, Carteret County GOP Chairman, speaking about the Republican Convention held recently in the new convention center in Wilmington, NC. His speech mirrored the *GO OUT and WIN !!!* theme of the convention where there were in attendance an estimated 1161 delegates covering approximately 90 counties with 24 delegates from Carteret County. Greg felt that all the speakers were exceptional – very excited and energetic -- talking about the new budget plans and current legislation such as the voter id requirement, early voting, and judicial races. Greg noted that Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby spoke and that it is imperative that he holds his seat in the next election (*Scoobie Doobie – vote for Newby!*). Also, Pat McCrory talked the importance of winning the Governor's race: to win will require Money, Manpower and Motivation. And Chairman Robin Hayes led the convention with his themes of (1) maintaining the seats we have, (2) taking the governorship race, and (3) ensuring No Obama next time.



Ceil Wasserman, NCFRW Coastal Region Vice President, congratulated the CCRW for its second place certificate of appreciation for its History books. Ceil noted that we took second place for 2009 and 2010. Categories for judging included attractiveness; artistic appeal, comprehensive documentation of club meetings and activities; degree of organization; and contact information on officers and committee chairs.

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After lunch, Linda Schriever, Mary Marks and Ellie presented Evelyn Fetzer with a Certificate of Achievement honoring her for her years of support and hard work as our Historian. Read more about Evelyn on the next page!



The meeting continued with Mary Marks and Judy Wilgus, scholarship co-chairmen, presenting the scholarship award checks and an American flag to each of our recipients. In the picture to the left, you see Judy Wilgus holding the American Flag while Mary Marks provides a short bio about Jillian Camille Farrington, one of our nine fine young adults deserving of the CCRW-sponsored scholarships. Congratulations to these recipients! Read more about each of the honorees later in the newsletter.



Ellen Demarest, Linda Schriever, Greg Lewis, Ellen Holmes and Ann Martin gather at the head table to observe the ceremonies and chat while waiting for the delicious luncheon to be served.

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CCRW CONNECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: EVELYN FETZER HONORED WITH CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AS CCRW HISTORIAN

By: Mary Marks



CONGRATULATIONS Evelyn Fetzer!
Thank you so much Evelyn for being the “keeper of the history” of the Crystal Coast Republican Women.

If you have had an opportunity to see one of Evelyn’s scrapbooks, you know just how magnificent they are. Evelyn works very hard putting in pictures, invitations, newspaper articles and anything she can find pertaining to our Club, and adorns each page with patriotic stickers, ribbons, slogans, etc; every page a work of art.

Evelyn was honored at the 27th Anniversary Membership luncheon, for being the 2nd place winner in the “Scrapbook” contest recently held by the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women. Member clubs all over the state submitted their scrapbooks and the CCRW books for the years 2009 & 2010 came in 2nd place -- only losing 1st place by one point. That, Ladies, is a great achievement.

Evelyn was presented a “Certificate of Appreciation” and a lovely “Art Deco” pin by President Linda Schriever for this outstanding accomplishment.

I want to thank Evelyn so very much for not only being the “keeper of history” for my two terms as President but for also being a wonderful friend.

Thank you, Evelyn, for your hard work and dedication.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 11	CCRW Board Meeting, Morehead City, 10:00am
July 15	CCRW General Meeting, Western Park, 10:00am
July 15	Gus Wilgus teaches WRITING class, Western Park, arrive 11:30am, class begins after lunch following General Meeting

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CCRW CONNECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: CCRW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

By: Mary Marks and Judy Wilgus

This is the 2nd year for the Crystal Coast Republican Women's Scholarship Fund. Co-chair Judy Wilgus and I are so pleased to be a part of this wonderful project and honored to do the presentation today for these fine young people.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made a contribution to the scholarship fund. Without your contributions we would not have a fund at all as it is funded solely by the generosity of our Club and Associate Club members. Thank all of you so very much for, as always, coming through for us.

Since June 14th was Flag Day, Judy and I thought it would be nice to give each recipient an American Flag that they could put on their desk, to not only remember this day, but also remember Flag Day. A big thank you to Wayne Bundy for making the flag bases for us. He isn't here today but I did want to recognize him as being another of our Associate Club members who made this day special.

We are also very excited and most pleased to award each scholarship recipient with a check for \$225.00.



But first, let me tell you a little something about them:

1. Alison Lanneau Farrington....Alison Farrington is the granddaughter of long time Club member Bev Stone. Alison is a local girl who graduated from Croatan High School with honors and has already attended both Carteret Community College & Cape Fear Community College as well as the Rising Star Pre-College Program at Savannah College of Art & Design. Alison was the first year recipient of the "Moral Cougar" award her senior year at Croatan High School. She is

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- currently attending Appalachian State University on the path to graduate a year early. Her areas of study include Apparel & Textiles & Fine Arts. Her community service is extensive, such as, youth representative for the Carteret County Substance Abuse Taskforce, donating food & toiletries to the Boone NC Homeless Shelter, volunteering at Hope House in Asheville, NC and in the past she had done missionary work in Costa Rica. Congratulations Alison.
2. Jillian Camille Farrington....Jillian is also the granddaughter of Bev Stone. Jillian is a student at NC State University where she has completed her freshman year. She is also a local girl who graduated from Croatan High School. Jillian's area of study at NC State is Textiles. Jillian gives back to her community by helping with events at the Swansboro Rotary Club as well as volunteering in her church nursery. She also has learned from her grandmother the importance of staying involved in politics & she plans to do just that. Congratulations Jillian.
 3. William Unsworth Farrington.....Well, Bev Stone has just hit the trifecta because our next recipient is Bev's grandson Worth. Worth is a rising senior at NC State University. He was raised in Emerald Isle & he too graduated from Croatan High School where he played 4 years of soccer & was captain of his high school soccer team. Worth's area of study is Civil Engineering. He too has volunteered many hours with the Swansboro Rotary Club events & has learned the importance of community service. He plans to continue in his father's footsteps with "Service Above Self". Worth has also been listening to his grandmother & has a great interest in politics & the Republican Party. Congratulations Worth.
 4. William Nash Parker.....William is another young man from the local area of Cape Carteret & a 2010 graduate of Croatan High School. He moved on from there & has just finished his first year at the Citadel in Charleston, SC. William's major is Civil Engineering. He is the grandson of long time Club member, Sue Verdon. William has many interests, one being a fundraiser for ALS. Being an avid hunter & fisherman William is very involved in wetland & wildlife conservation and is a member of Ducks Unlimited both locally & the Citadel chapter in Charleston, SC. Congratulations William.
 5. Kenneth Peter LeBlanc.....Kenneth is the son of CCRW 1st VP Ellen Holmes. Already Kenneth has traveled quite extensively. He was born in Newburyport, Mass. & has lived in Hawaii, California, Maine, Wisconsin & NC. Kenneth graduated from Milwaukee IB Montessori High School but will be attending Carteret Community College in the fall to study Computer Systems. Kenneth plans to transfer to either UNC Greensboro or UNC Wilmington in the spring. Kenneth was a boy scout, altar boy, & has volunteered at the Soup Kitchen in Jacksonville. Kenneth plans to pursue a career in computer simulation & 3D graphics. Congratulations Kenneth.
 6. Justin Ryan Klein.....Justin is the son of Club member Kim Malbon. He just finished his freshman year at UNC Wilmington. He is currently pursuing a degree in Environmental Sciences. Justin learned that the protected wildlife community owned by UNCW needs volunteers to help manage the forest. He plans to pursue this as a volunteer next spring & fall. Justin is very active in many sports and also loves music. He has played the guitar since he was a child

- & has recently started performing in front of small audiences. Congratulations Justin.
7. Ryan Marshall Comer.....Ryan is the son of CCRW Treasurer, Donna Comer. Ryan attended Gramercy Christian School in Newport. In his senior year, Ryan was the Vice President of the student government. Ryan will be attending UNC Wilmington as a freshman in the engineering program. He has been very active in the community; just recently helping with clean up for a tornado victim in Craven County. Congratulations Ryan.
 8. Harold Russell Comer,II....This physics & calculus major is also the son of Donna Comer. Harold is a rising junior at UNC Wilmington. He too is very active in community services. While attending Gramercy Christian School Harold went on missions & community service trips, worked at soup kitchens, homeless shelters as well as Habitat for Humanity. He also helped victims of a tornado in Craven County. Harold loves music & plays both the piano & guitar. Congratulations Harold.
 9. Governor Glenn Comer,II.....Okay, it’s another trifecta. Governor is the nephew of Donna Comer. Governor grew up locally & just graduated from Croatan High School. Governor received the “Outstanding Cougar Award” in 2011, which is distributed to students that are seen as role models for others by the teachers of Croatan High School. He has participated in the “NC Big Sweep” multiple times. Governor will be attending UNCW as a freshman in the fall & plans to receive a doctorate in pharmaceuticals. Congratulations Governor.

I’d like to close with a quote from our 20th President, James A. Garfield.....

“Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be maintained”.

A Special Note from the President of CCRW

I would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to Ellen Demarest for doing such a wonderful job on the 27th Anniversary Luncheon and also to Judy Wilgus and Mary Marks, Co-Chairmen of the Scholarship Committee, for making the 2nd Annual Scholarship Presentation so successful. KUDOS to all of you.

**Sincerely,
Linda Schriever**

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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS HONORED

By Lynn Pate

Judy Armento, Chairman, and Linda Schriever, President of CCRW, presented awards to the winners of the CCRW essay contest:

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



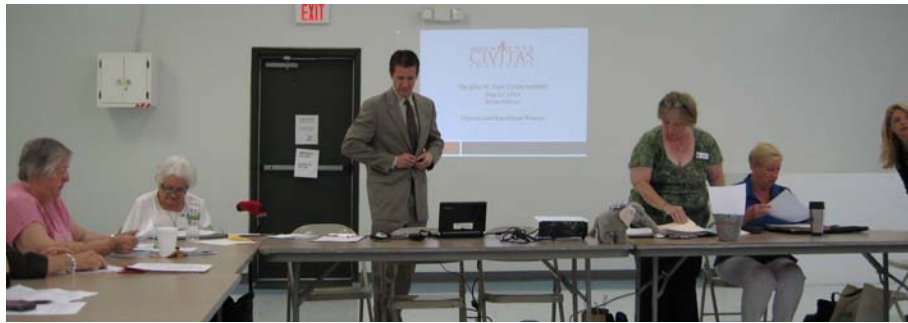
The CCRW honored these students at an awards ceremony April 10 at All Saints Anglican Church. Each winner presented his or her essay to the audience to lots of cheering and high praise for each. After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed the desserts provided by the CCRW members (yum!). Congratulations Abigail, Morgan and Joshua!



Linda Schriever presents the awards to Abigail Riegert, Morgan Phillips and Joshua Tuckey.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: BRIAN BALFOUR SPEAKS AT MAY GENERAL MEETING

By Lynn Pate



Brian Balfour, a state budget and tax policy expert, with the John W. Pope Civitas Institute presented information to the CCRW members on the NC tax structure.

Highlighted points included the following:

- 1) The NC Tax structure has as its largest source of money the Individual income tax which is the 11th highest in the nation, and highest in the Southeastern United States;
- 2) NC has the 26th highest corporate rate in the nation and second highest in the Southeast;
- 3) The 2009 budget increased the sales tax by 1 cent which is set to expire 7/2011 with Governor Perdue's budget keeping $\frac{3}{4}$ cent increase (the final budget passed allowed this sales tax to expire after an override of Governor Perdue's veto);
- 4) On the local level, NC taxes are the 8th highest in the nation and second highest in the southeast;
- 5) After adjusting for inflation, the state budget tripled from 1979 – 2009 although the population grew by only 61%; and
- 6) The state's largest expenditure is paying its own employees (salaries, benefits, pensions, etc.) where, from 2001-2009, the number of employees grew over 35,000 positions and salaries were raised by 34% compared to a 27% increase in the private sector.

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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: BECKI GRAY SPEAKS AT APRIL GENERAL MEETING

By: Lynn Pate



Becki Gray from the John Locke Foundation provided the CCRW members with an update on the Republican's 10-point agenda from September 24, 2010. Already into its 46th legislative day, the new House and Senate had filed 1,400 bills! They continue to work on (1) balancing the state budget without raising taxes; (2) making tax rates competitive; (3) passing the Healthcare Exemption Act (HB2 passed both houses to be vetoed by Governor Perdue); (4) keeping the right-to-work laws intact; (5) reducing regulatory burdens on small businesses; (6) funding education in the classroom; (7) lifting the cap on charter schools; (8) requiring valid voter IDs; (9) securing imminent domain; and (10) restoring honesty and integrity to state government.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW DONATES BOOKS

By: Mary Boughton

The March Caring for America Book Drive Project was a "Roaring" success! We collected over 650 books which we donated to various libraries and a nursing home!

The drive began with members of the Crystal Coast Republican Women (CCRW) bringing books to the March meeting to be used as donations to our local libraries. We collected over 650 books! Thanks to everyone who brought books (especially Lynn Pate who donated a car full and to Pam Hanson whose husband Larry donated 3 boxes of books from his store, the Beach Book Mart in Atlantic Beach)!

After a meeting at my home on March 22nd, we (Mary Marks, Ellen Demarest, Jan Grube, and Mary Boughton) had an impromptu "Tagging and Bagging" session. First we sorted the books by author; next we placed labels in each book. The labels stated that the books were "*Donated by the Crystal Coast Republican Women of Carteret County*". Lastly, we filled paper bags and boxes with books. Mary Marks also came by on March 30th to help me finish up "Tagging and Bagging".

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After the books were ready, Mary Marks and I delivered about 150 books (fiction and non-fiction) to the Newport Library on March 30th. We were greeted with open arms and our donations were greatly appreciated. On the way home, we decided to swing by the Caroline House Rehabilitation Center to drop off 2 bags of books. These books were greatly appreciated also. Meanwhile, Bruce Boughton took 5 bags of books to the Carteret General Hospital gift shop where the volunteers told us to “drop by” with books anytime!

On April 1st, Sarah Fulcher, Linda Schriever, Mary Marks, and I delivered books to the “Down East” library. Our books were received with gratitude and glee. We found out from the volunteers that the Down East Library is completely manned and funded by volunteers. They asked us to help their cause to become a Carteret County library by lobbying our Carteret County Commissioners. Talk about a good cause!

The breakdown of CCRW books collected and donated went like this:

Newport Library	150
Caroline House Rehab	60
Carteret General Hospital	150
Down East Library	240

Our book donations were well received everywhere we went. So, maybe we will do this again, next year!

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: RONALD REAGAN DINNER UPDATE

By: Ann Bundy

Members of CCRW, I know this is old news but I believe good information is worth repeating. I would like to **Thank everyone** who helped Mary Marks and me in putting together a great 100th celebration of President Ronald Reagan’s Birthday, held on Feb 26th at the Leon Mann Center. Tickets sold numbered 145 for a total taken in of \$1,210.84.

Sue Verdon and Beverly Hunt did a great job. Mary Marks helped with the registration table at the Rally Dinner. Mary Boughton was in charge of the 50/50 which was won by Jan Grube. Judy Wilgus ordered the beautiful cakes which were enjoyed by all. Beverly Hunt was in charge of Jewelry set up and sales. The income from that was \$173.

Our dinner was catered by White Swann -- Randy Hinson did a great job and the food was again enjoyed by all. Mr Pat McCrory was our guest speaker, maybe our next Governor! We have lots of work to do to support our candidates and it’s never too early to start.

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Our main Star of the evening was Mary Marks -- she was awarded the 2nd annual Merit Award. How Mary does all this is amazing, I'm tired just listening to what she does!

I spoke with Sam Sanford of the WE CARE program. He said he raised about \$400 the night of the dinner, thanks to all the CCRW members and their guests. When we get behind a project we really do great.

And last, but not least, the pictures and articles in reference to the Reagan Rally Dinner in the last newsletter were wonderful. Thanks again for all the help!

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: SPRING BOARD MEETING REPORT

By: Ann Martin

The Spring Board Meeting was quite uplifting. The tenor of the weekend was upbeat and looking ahead to the next two years and the hard work we have ahead of us: to take the Senate in Washington, keep the gains in the NC Legislature, and gain the Governor and Lt. Governorship in NC. Needed is a profound effect on the outcome of the national elections from President to Speaker of the Senate, having a Senate as well as a House majority, and to be in a position to bring America back to more conservative functioning in line with the original intentions of the founders of our government: LESS GOVERNMENT and more power to the people, individual rights and entrepreneurships where the jobs are created and maintained, small businesses!

Congressman Patrick Mc Henry's message was very much along the above lines as relates to the national political scene: controlling spending, balancing the budget, defunding entitlements and Obama's Health Care Program, developing sound energy programs, and "fixing" Congress. He was encouraging all to become as heavily involved in the process as possible, getting voters registered and doing all to get everyone we know as involved and to the polls come election day.

Sharon Day, RNC Co-Chair spoke of events of the past few weeks from her perspective of leadership in the RNC along with her views of the debates in NC. These debates give possible candidates the experience to air their views and become hardened/seasoned to the campaign trail and help establish for the public a way to lead our party forward to victory in 2012 on all levels.

Princella Smith, Founder of the American Pride PAC, established to support candidates who have the focus of the conservative views of the early foundations of America, people NOT focusing on building a political career, but rather re-establishing that solid foundation of what is best for America, her people, and all that will cause America to prosper once more as a nation. She unabashedly explained her Christian roots with a father who is a minister and spoke of the necessity to have the Power of

God’s Holy Spirit as a guiding force for the good of this nation and her people. She expressed how important prayer is to bring us back to a place of focus upon God and His provision for this nation and His guidance in her success. She spoke with great humor and candor, telling how very many Ronald Reagan Fund Raising Dinners she has spoken at as she has criss-crossed this nation encouraging groups large and small to be involved on all levels. She closed by saying, “YOU think you’ve got it hard, imagine being 27, a female, black AND a Republican!” She drew quite a laugh!

Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, Wisconsin Proud Conservative Woman spoke with great verve and humor of her gradual rise from being in journalism when now Governor Scott Walker was beginning his career. He is as fiscally conservative in his private life as he is in his public life. They came up through the ranks together and seemed star-fated to come to work together in the governing of Wisconsin. Rebecca is the mother of two girls, she left her career when she became pregnant with her first daughter and remained at home until her younger daughter started Kindergarten. It was at this time that she resumed her public growth alongside now Governor Scott Walker. Her husband is a Legislator in the Wisconsin House. All three are like-minded in fiscal conservatism. She highlighted the latest information on the budget issues in Wisconsin. She was asked about the Governor’s resolve in the situation with the unions and the recent lengthy occupation of the State House. She shared of her early love of that building because of her interest in architecture and interior design: that the beauty of the many types of marble used in the construction of the building held great fascination for her. Though there was much damage done during the “encampment”, it will not be as costly as had initially been surmised to repair the damages done to the people’s property BY the people. (Reminiscent of the French Revolution?!~~ my observation!)

She also shared how she learned she had breast cancer as she was setting out on her campaign for the Lt. Governorship. She told the Governor she would be having surgery and would be convalescing for about 5 to 6 weeks and then would be back in action. They, having enjoyed a long, personal history, had a clear understanding of one another’s commitment to the public good. His response to her pronouncement was simply, “Okay!” She says he is a very level-headed person who is not to be dissuaded when he is convinced of his cause: he had that same confidence in her and that is how they, together govern the state! She is a no nonsense, down to earth person who is immediately likeable! [As an aside, we ladies went to have our picture taken with her and she asked Judy what part of NC we are from. Judy told her about the Crystal Coast being the Ipanema of America with our ocean facing south and the water being warmer: she is considering taking an upcoming vacation to Emerald Isle to celebrate her husband’s 40th birthday as a surprise! Can we find a lovely condo where they may stay ~~ perhaps she would consider speaking before our group!]

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CCRW MEMBERSHIP UPDATES.....

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

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Donna Comer, Treasurer 252-342-6646

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Caring for America: Mary Boughton 252-622-4707
Legislative: Jan Grube 252-393-8409
Volunteer Hours: Judy Wilgus 252-354-3081

*CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: PAT DRESSEL SPEAKS AT THE MAY
GENERAL MEETING REGARDING THE AMERICAN FLAG*

By: Pat Dressel

When I was searching for information to do my flag report, my husband showed me an article in the American Legion newspaper. It was called *Meaning of Flag Draped Coffin* and it struck a cord with me. So there are two parts to my talk today: the first is information from the article and secondly, why I chose this topic.

First, we've all heard about the 21 gun salute, but why 21 guns? 21 is the sum of the numbers in the year 1776. The honor guards carefully fold the American Flag 13 times, the 13 colonies, but each fold symbolizes something.

- 1st fold is the symbol of life
- 2nd fold is the symbol of eternal life
- 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of those who gave their lives in the defense of peace throughout the world
- 4th fold represents our trust in God for His guidance
- 5th fold is a tribute to the country for as Stephen Decatur said, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong"
- 6th fold is for where our hearts lie for it is with our hearts that we pledge our allegiance to the flag
- 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces
- 8th fold is a tribute to those who enter the valley of the shadow of death
- 9th fold is a tribute to mothers whose love and devotion have molded the characters of the children who have defended our nation
- 10th fold is a tribute to fathers for they too have given their sons and daughters
- 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon
- 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity
- 13th fold, when the flag is completely folded with the stars uppermost, reminds us of our Nations motto, "In God We Trust"

The flag completely folded reminds us of the cocked hats worn by the soldiers of General Washington and the sailors and Marines of Captain John Paul Jones .

And now I want to tell you why I chose this article. Sometimes there's no coffin for a flag to be draped over. I was a young girl during World War 2 and there were two such flags in my life.

My cousin Leslie Verney was just eighteen when he was killed in North Africa. In those days the coffins weren't always returned soon like they are today and so his remains were kept there. Later someone from the War Department (as it was called then) visited his family and asked where they would like him to be buried. His father said, "Let him rest in peace", and so he was buried in the American Military Cemetery in Tunisia along with 2,841 other fallen heroes. Later 3,800 names were added to a wall that had been built. A chaplain visited his family and presented them with the folded flag. Sometime in the early '50s after his father's death, his

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mother and sister went to Tunisia to the cemetery and found his grave. His family is all gone now and I don't know what happened to that flag, but I hope that somewhere someone treasures it and all that it represents.

But I do know where the second flag is. It rests on a mantle in Tampa, Florida next to a photograph of a smiling young man wearing his leather flying helmet with his goggles pushed up. Gene Zepht was barely out of his teens and a tail gunner on a torpedo plane. He was our neighbor, and his sister Bettye was my best friend. I remember very clearly the day a boy on a bicycle delivered the telegram telling his family that he had been killed in action. His plane was shot down off Tinian Island and his body was never recovered. In 1990 my husband and I flew to Honolulu and we went to the Punchbowl, the big Military Cemetery located above the city. We searched the wall that lies below the colonnade and found his name. When we got home I called his sister and told her what we'd seen. She was stunned; in the fifty odd years that had past she'd never known that his name was listed there. She soon made the trip to Hawaii and found his name.

We have become all too familiar these past years seeing on television pictures of flag draped coffins being returned, military funerals being held, and hearing the haunting sound of Taps. But to me I'll always remember that sometime there are flags without coffins.

**An Excerpt From “Where God Was Born”
By Bruce Feiler**

“That Kind David turned out so flawed suggests that God wants us to accept the limitations of political leadership and return at least our spiritual allegiance to Him. No matter how powerful we become, we still need God. No matter how much we accomplish, our moral conduct still determines our fate.”

Submitted by Ellen Brent Boone

REGISTER NOW for WRITING WORKSHOP for CCRW and FRIENDS

Gus Wilgus will be presenting a crash course for all Carteret County Republicans on **“Writing, Researching, and Getting Letters-to-the-Editor Published”** after the CCRW General meeting on July 15th at Western Park. Lunch is included and will be served from 11:30am – 12:30pm. The workshop is scheduled to run from 12:30pm – 1:00pm.

To register, call either Gus Wilgus at 354-3081 or Jan Grube at 393-8409. Please bring your laptop, ipad, or paper and pen to take notes. Handouts and several surprises will be available.

MAKE FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE!!! Register today!!!

Coastal Pastel Society of North Carolina holds member art show in Morehead City

The Coastal Pastel Society of North Carolina is holding a Member Art Show June 3-30 at Carolina Artists Studio Gallery in downtown Morehead City.

The public is invited to the reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 3, at the gallery, 800 Evans St., to view paintings and enjoy refreshments.

Pastel paintings by members will be on display and for sale.

The Coastal Pastel Society of North

Carolina was founded in May 2006 to promote the interest in soft pastel painting medium.

It provides education about pastel painting to members and opportunities, such as this show where members may display their art.

Norma Haddon, president of the Coastal Pastel Society, is recognized for her pet portraits.

The judge of the show, Martha Smith Brooks, has received numerous honors and

awards nationally for her paintings including the Medal of Honor in Watermedia at the 105th annual Open Exhibition of the Catharine Lorillard Wolf Art Club in New York and awards from American Artist Magazine and Artist's Magazine.

A resident of Carteret County, she was the 1994 N.C. Seafood festival artist. Her poster for the Seafood Festival was designated the best poster for sale by the N.C. Association of Festival Directors.

CCRW Women's Club essay winners announced

The winners of the 2011 Crystal Coast Republican Women's Club Essay Contest were honored with a reception in April at All Saints Anglican Church.

Sponsored by the N.C. Federation of Republican Women, county school and home schooled sixth-eighth graders were invited to write an essay between 500-550

words on the topic, "What the U.S. Flag Means to Me."

Prizes awarded were a \$200 savings bond for first place, \$100 savings bond for second place and \$50 savings bond for third place. The first place winner's entry will be sent to the State Federation, where the winner will be awarded a \$1,000 savings bond and the opportunity to participate in a

national competition.

CCRW's Club President Linda Schriever presented savings bonds to first-place winner, Abigail Grace Riegert from Broad Creek Middle School; second-place winner, Morgan Leigh Phillips from Morehead Middle School and third-place, Joshua M. Tuckey from Gramercy Christian School. Each winner read

their essay and a booklet will be printed containing all the essays entered.

Essay contest chairperson Judy Armento told the audience the contest was non-political/non-partisan and the judges knew no personal information. Serving as judges were Wayne Schriever, Gus Wilgus and Norma Williamson.