



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's CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON HONORS MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Once again, Carlton's provided a superb location and delicious dining for the CCRW's Christmas Luncheon. Over 50 members, associate members and guests joined us to celebrate the Christmas season, induct our new officers, honor members' achievements and have a grand time. There were plenty of laughter, tears of joy, hugs, gifts and sharing to go around.

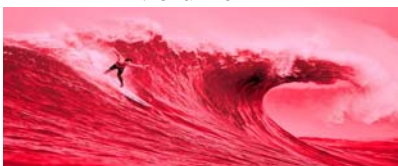


Sue Verdon received the most prestigious award of all: The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Congratulations, Sue. You are a winner in our hearts.



Jan Grube reads the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award as President Mary Marks, recipient Sue Verdon, and Treasurer, Linda Hughs, listen with pride.

Sarah Fulcher and Judy Wilgus honored seven members with special achievement awards. These members included Shirley Bourquin, Carol Chevalier, Adele Collins, Ellen Demarast, Beverly Hunt, Joyce Manley, and Ann Martin. Look for a note on each of these wonderful ladies at the end of the newsletter.



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Jan Grube and Ceil Wasserman, NCFRW Coastal Region Vice President, inducted our new CCRW officers for 2011. The new officers are: Linda Schriever, President; Ellen Steeves-LeBlanc, 1st VP; Ellen Demarast, 2nd VP; Judy Armento, Secretary; Ann Martin, Asst. Secretary; and Annette Whitley, Treasurer.



Left to right: Annette Whitley; Ellen Steeves-LeBlanc; Sue Verdon standing in for Linda Schriever; Ellen Demarast; Judy Armento; and Ann Martin.



Mary Boughton presented outgoing President Mary Marks with a Thank You present from the CCRW, snatching it back several times to the enjoyment of all.

And there was more! President Mary Marks presented Judy Wilgus with a NC State Flag and certificate. Senator Preston presented Mary Marks with a NC State Flag for her herculean efforts. And both Sue Verdon and Bev Stone were given a NC State Flag for their Order of the Long Leaf Pine Awards. Wheesh! Senator Preston and Rep. Pat McElraft were wearing out their tennis shoes running up to the top of the Capitol building to fly these flags!



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Senator Preston awards President Mary Marks with a NC State Flag.

Of course, we cannot forget all of our associate members: the MEN who won just about every door prize mentionable. What is it with these guys? And Ray Marks won the big prize of all, the 50/50 drawing! Rigged? Congrats to everyone who took home a prize and thanks to all of the Ladies who contributed to the door prizes. We are all winners!



Note how the Men crowd around the back table plotting their next wins!!!



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*CCRW CONNECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: CCRW MEMBER SUE VERDON WINS
PRESTIGIOUS ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE AWARD*

By: President Mary Marks



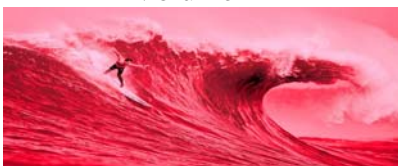
Mina "Sue" Verdon, known to all as Sue, is a native North Carolinian. She and her late husband Vince moved to Carteret County in 1979 but their love of the county began many years earlier when they and their twins spent weeks vacationing here year round.

Sue has worked endless hours each day to the service of many organizations, boards, committees and offices she has held over the years. Through the years, Sue has served the town of Cape Carteret in many ways. She was the town's first woman Police Commissioner from 1979 to 1981. Before that, she was active as a member of the Cape Carteret Community Watch as President, Vice President and Secretary. Sue also served as President of the North Carolina Community Watch for one term.

Sue was a very active volunteer at White Oak Elementary School in Cape Carteret and Broad Creek Middle School. She worked with the softball and baseball leagues at the Western Park Community Center in Cedar Point working at special events and in the concession stands. As a member of the Star Hill Golf Association she became the "9 Hole" ladies group tournament chairman. She later took the same job at the Brandywine Bay Country Club in Morehead City.

As a member of the Swansboro United Methodist Church, Sue became a member of the Board of Trustees on the Finance Board as well as the Administration Board. She planned and directed golf tournaments for several years to help budget funds. Sue has a passion for roses and in the past has been very active in the Cape Carteret Garden Club holding the office of President and later Maintenance Chairman.

In 1985 Sue received a Governor's appointment to the Community Resource Council of Carteret County in Newport, otherwise known as the Newport Prison Board. Also in 1985, Sue received another Governor's appointment to the North Carolina Aquarium Board in Pine Knoll Shores.



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Sue has loyally worked on the County Board of Social Services, fulfilling her desire to help women and children have a better life. During that time she was a six year member of the Work First, Child Fatality and other sub-committees. For eighteen years Sue has been a member of Foster Care Review and she continues to serve on that Board. She received a six year Governors and six year Commissioners appointment.

Sue is a two time member of the Carteret County Council for Women. She joined in 1990 and has served on the board. She was nominated and won the Carteret County Council for Women's Volunteerism award in 2009. Sue is also a member of the Crystal Coast Republican Women.

Sue accepted an appointment as the Republican member of the Carteret County Board of Elections in 2000 and was the first member to become certified by the State Board of Elections. She has been reappointed in Carteret County several times and is presently serving again in that position.

With all Sue's time spent helping others in Carteret County she still can be seen on the golf course twice a week.

I am honored to nominate Mina Sue Verdon for The Long Leaf Pine Award of the great state of North Carolina.

THE OLD NORTH STATE

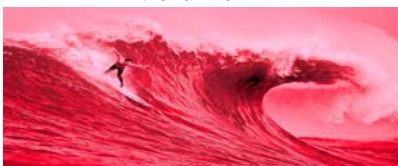
By Leonora Martin & Mary Burke Kerr
The Official Toast to North Carolina

Here's to the land of the long leaf pine,
The summer land where the sun doth shine,
Where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great,
Here's to "Down Home", the Old North State!

Here's to the land of the cotton bloom white,
Where the scuppernong perfumes the breeze at night,
Where the soft southern moss and jessamine mate,
'Neath the murmuring pines of the Old North State!

Here's to the land where the galax grows,
Where the rhododendron's rosette glows,
Where soars Mount Mitchell's summit great,
In the "Land of the Sky", in the Old North State!

Here's to the land where maidens are fair,
Where friends are true and cold hearts rare,
The near land, the dear land, whatever fate,
The blest land, the best land, the Old North State!



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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT MARY MARKS:



Bev Stone received the Long Leaf Pine Award in June of 2010. At that time, your president almost “blew it”...I said almost!! I had applied for the award for Bev but had somehow overlooked an email from the Governor’s office which had a few questions. When I finally saw it and replied, we were running a teeny bit late in getting the paperwork done. The presentation was planned for Friday at the Membership Luncheon and I didn’t get the award until Thursday afternoon by FedEx. Everything worked out with the exception of me getting Bev a State flag & certificate which I would like to rectify now. Bev, on behalf of the Crystal Coast Republican Women and the many people you have helped with substance abuse, I would like to present this State flag & certificate also dated November 2nd. Congratulations Bev!!

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: JUDY WILGUS HONORED

By Mary Marks, President, CCRW



The first thing I did when I became President in 2009 was to nominate Judy for the NCFRW Life Membership. Of course, there was no way she wouldn’t receive this as her credentials were four pages long. The response I received from the committee chairman was one word...WOW! I knew we had it in the bag! Judy is the most dedicated woman to Republican ideals I have ever known. A true Republican, a true Conservative. Not only is Judy a tireless worker for the Crystal Coast Republican Women but dedicates months of her life every two years to the running of Republican Headquarters for the CCGOP. She just doesn’t go in and answer the telephone but gets headquarters set up, organizes poll workers, gets precinct chairmen for all precincts, puts together the grand opening, various functions such as the “meet n greet” for Senator Burr and the All American Hot Dog & Apple Pie Celebration is always a winner. While she’s doing this she is also doing the behind the scenes hard work, work no one ever knows about.

November 2nd was a special day for Judy as it was for all of us. The Republican’s are in charge again in NC for the first time in 112 years. Judy is a person who has worked for years to see this happen. So, for her outstanding work & dedication to the Republican Party, I would like to present her the State flag of NC & a certificate dated November 2nd so she can always remember that day of Victory. Congratulations Judy!!



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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: PRESIDENT'S END-OF-YEAR REPORT

By Mary Marks, President, CCRW

January: – 2010 officers: President Mary Marks, 1st VP Pam Hanson, 2nd VP Linda Schriever, Secretary Mary Boughton, Asst. Secretary Judy Wilgus & Treasurer Linda Hughs. CCRW slogan *“Inspire, Impact, Empower”* kept and *“Ride the Red Wave”* added in anticipation of a Republican State House takeover. Voter registration chaired by Jan Grube. Women’s Caucus Fundraiser in Wilmington attended by Mary Boughton, Pam Hanson, Mary Marks & Judy Wilgus.

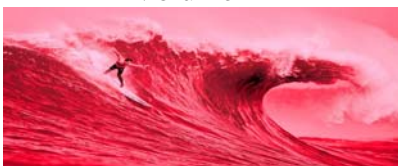
February: – State Party Chairman, Tom Fetzer was our guest speaker at the Reagan Rally Dinner. Jan Grube received the Certificate of Merit Award and a NC State Flag.

March: – Carteret County candidates who had a primary were invited to speak at our March meeting. Those participating were State Representative Pat McElraft & candidate William Rike, County Commissioner District 1 Richard Hunt, & candidates Robin Comer & Randolph Tyner, Sheriff Asa Buck & candidate Gregory Erhler & Board of Education District 1 Adele Collins & candidates Michael Hodges & James Brett. Our surprise visitor that day was State Party Chairman Tom Fetzer.

CCRW won 1st place in the NCFRW registration contest. CCRW received a \$100 check & a “VOTE” pin. Pam Hanson stepped down from her position as Carteret County Republican Party Chairman to run for Carteret County Clerk of Court in the upcoming 2010 election. CCRW supported Project Graduation for Croatan High School.

April: – Member Joyce Manley gave a report on the Carteret County Tea Party event in Morehead City. Member Carol Chevalier attended the Southern Republican Leadership Conference in New Orleans. She was impressed that 40% of the people attending were under the age of 35. A campaign contribution of \$500 was given to incumbent Adele Collins; a CCRW member running for reelection to the Board of Education. Adele did indeed win reelection; congratulations Adele. Many fundraisers were held for our local Republican candidates.

May: – CCRW participated in the Coastal Women’s Fair, setting up two tables; one for jewelry and one for candidate literature. A collection of elephants were donated to the CCRW by Linda Johnston of Brandywine Bay. Judges Anna Marie Calabria & Barbara Jackson both met their target to receive “public financial” funding thanks in part to the contributions from our members. “What the American Flag Means to Me”, the theme of the 2011 Essay Contest sent to area schools by chairman, Judy Armento. Jan Grube was appointed by President Marks to head the Club Legislative Committee.



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Campaign contributions were given to the following: Senator Jean Preston \$1,000, Representative McElraft \$750, Pam Hanson \$750, Sheriff Asa Buck \$250, District 2 Commissioner candidate Bill Smith, \$500, District 1 Commissioner candidate Robin Comer \$200, District 3 Commissioner Greg Lewis, \$200 and District 6 Commissioner Johnathan Robinson, \$200. Sheriff Buck graciously did not accept his check as he had money left over in his campaign fund. The \$250 was kept in the CCRW treasury.

\$100 Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle ticket purchased. (no, we did not win). Sarah Fulcher was the Club nominee for the “Tribute to Women” award and she regaled us with pictures of her accepting many accolades including the presentation of a “bling” pin at the NCFRW Spring Board Meeting. Club adopts NCFRW repeal of HR3590; Repeal of Health Care Bill as our own. Senator Jean R. Preston scholarship reception held on May 23rd.

June: – Membership luncheon held at Carlton’s . Special guest speaker, Dena Barnes, President NCFRW. Beverly Stone presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award by President Marks for her outstanding work in curbing substance abuse. Scholarship checks were presented to seven very deserving young college Republicans who are relatives of our Club members. Congratulations to all the recipients! And, thank you to all Club members who contributed to this very worthwhile project.

July: – Resolution In Support of Arizona Immigration Law written by Club member Landon Figg & presented by Jan Grube; adopted by CCRW. Copies sent to Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, AFRW President, Leona Johnston & many others. The Resolution was widely accepted.

August: – GOP Headquarters opened under the leadership of CCRW member & 2nd Vice Chairman of the CCGOP Judy Wilgus. Congressman Walter Jones, State Party Chairman Tom Fetzer & Judges Anna Marie Calabria & Barbara Jackson were present at the grand opening as well as many local candidates. Senator Richard Burr & wife Brooke attended a “meet n greet” with 125 coming out to shake hands & ask questions. Thanks to the ladies of the CCRW for helping with the food for these events. The CCRW continued to support the “Stuff the Bus” campaign for the needy children of Carteret County.

September: – Our Wine & Cheese function was a huge success thanks to Chairman Ann Bundy & her crew of helpers. A special thanks to club member Debbie Rucker for allowing us to use Rucker John’s Restaurant & for providing that wonderful jazz band. CCRW bought a GOP Reverse Raffle Ticket (no, we didn’t win that one either).



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October: – Club members manned telephones, put out yard signs, passed out palm cards, contributed food, etc. You name it they did it to support our Republican candidates. The final campaign contributes were distributed: Senator Jean Preston \$1,000, State Rep. Pat McElraft, candidates Pam Hanson & Bill Smith, \$200 each.

November: – ELECTION RESULTS – Reelected Senator Jean Preston & Representative Pat McElraft.....Newly Elected Clerk of Carteret County Superior Court Pam Hanson.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR THREE CRYSTAL COAST REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERS! “Ride the Red Wave” must have been the perfect add on to the CCRW slogan!!

The CCRW won 2nd prize at the Nov. NCFRW Board Meeting for the voter registration contest and will receive a \$50 check. Thanks to Jan Grube for all her hard work with this project. Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

December: December brings Christmas cheer plus new officers for the year. Let me introduce them...President Linda Schriever, 1st VP Ellen Steeves LeBlanc, 2nd VP Ellen Demarast, Secretary Judy Armento, Assistant Secretary Ann Martin & Treasurer Annette Whitley. Let’s give them all of our support. Congratulation ladies!

Thank each of you so much for your support & friendship these past two years. I want to especially thank the outgoing officers as well as the committee members. They were always there for me and the Club.



HEART FRIENDS



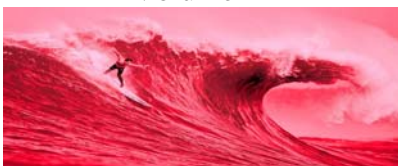
How generous you are that you have given me these few and special women who are the true friends of my heart.

How you must love me that you have let us find each other upon this crowded earth. We are drawn to each other as if by some mystical force. We recognize each other at once. We are sisters of the spirit, who understand each other instinctively.

There is no blood between us, no common family history. Yet there are no barriers of background or even age. Older, younger, richer, poorer, no matter. We speak the same language, we have come together in a special moment of time and the sense of union we feel will last throughout eternity.

How generous you are that you have given me so many other women I can call friends. Dear good, enriching women who add flavor, value, delight. I would be poorer without them.

Devotions for Clubs and Life
Oneida Joyce Martin



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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: ANOTHER BANNER YEAR!!!! 2010 !!!!

By: Judy Wilgus

It has been another banner year for the Carteret County Republican Party!!!

This year the CCGOP's Headquarters was located at 5370-K Brandywine Crossing Shopping Center on Hwy 70 West. We had the Headquarters in the same shopping center 4 years ago. As usual the carpeting was dirty, dirty, dirty, so we had it professionally cleaned. The walls were a golden orange, really bad news, so Greg Lewis, our County GOP Chairman, painted the walls white and wow we were in business. The new CCGOP sign above the door looked "up town".

After the initial repair work was done, volunteers moved furniture in from our storage site, set up and covered Headquarters operations from 9:30AM- 5:00PM Monday-Friday and on Saturday from 9:00AM-1:00PM.

Our Headquarters opened on August 2, 2010 and the CCRWC had our Board Meeting there at 10:00AM conducted by our President Mary Marks, who was really second in command at Headquarters and was my right hand man (I guess to be politically correct woman, but who wants to be politically correct?) at Headquarters.

Our official Grand Opening took place on August 21, 2010 from 12noon-3:00PM. All of our local candidates were present and we had some out of town guests too, Tom Fetzer, Chairman of the NCGOP and his family, Congressman Walter Jones, 3rd District, Barbara Jackson, candidate for NC Supreme Court and Anna Marie Calabria, incumbent candidate for the NC Court of Appeals.

On August 14, 2010 Senator Richard Burr attended a "Meet and Greet" at Republican Headquarters in the afternoon. There was a large crowd on hand to meet him and his lovely wife Brooke.

Our headquarters was the meeting place for the CCRWC, the CCGOP and the YR's and the site of many political discussions. We had volunteers working as greeters, answering the phone, passing out voter information, registering voters, putting together yard signs and distributing them through the county, and manning our Get Out To Vote phones, which Doris Wade, so ably chaired. She kept 6 phones going most of the time and kept the volunteers coming back to phone some more.



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As food and beverage was needed for the "Meet and Greet" for Senator Burr, the Open House and the All-American Hot Dog and Apple Pie Celebration we had in October, the women of the CCRWC volunteered their time and delicious food for the occasions.

On 9 October 2010 the CCGOP had our annual All-American Hot-Dog and Apple Pie Celebration, with Bob Pruett, otherwise know as Hot Dog Bob, cooking the hot dogs outside under a tent. CCRWC and the Carteret County Men's Club brought most of the food, with the CCRWC concentrating on the Apple Pies. We invited all Carteret County Republican and Unaffiliated voters and their families and neighbors to join us and we had quite a crowd. Thank you all for bringing your apple pies!! We had several left over to snack on at Headquarters and at the election night party.

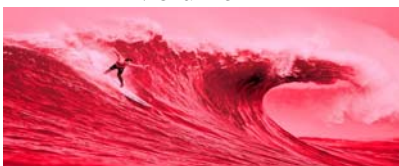
This year the Precinct Chairmen were asked to submit 3 names for Precincts Observers from their Precincts for the General Election. Two years ago we had 12 volunteers sign up and this year we had 40. We had 3 observer training sessions (each volunteer had to attend only one of the sessions) conducted at Headquarters by Bob Pruett, the CCGOP's 1st Vice Chairman, 3rd District Chairman and Chairman of the County Chairman's Association and Sue Verdon, the Republican Board of Election representative. I am hoping more people will participate in 2012, so we have at least 3 from each Precinct and maybe 6, 2 on each shift, 6:30AM-10:30AM; 10-30AM-2:30PM; and 2:30PM-7:30PM.

This year we had Runners, who collected Precinct lists from the poll observers at the Polls and brought them in to Headquarters so the callers manning the phones could contact those registered voters who hadn't voted to get out and vote.

One stop or early voting began on October 14, 2010 at Western Park Community Center, Crystal Coast Church of the Nazarene and the BOE in Beaufort. Jan Grube, headed the volunteer force at Western Park and Mary Boughton, headed the group at the Church of the Nazarene. Volunteers from all over Carteret County as well as the CCRWC heard the call and signed up to hand out palm cards for our candidates and the Conservative Judges, Campaign literature, and answer voters question. I want to thank Jan and Mary and all the volunteers who helped outside the polls.

I would like to thank all the Precinct Chairman, who organized volunteers who stood outside the polls, and the poll observers, who could only look and listen while observing the election process unfurl on Election Day. You all did a great job!!!

I would like to give a BIG Thank you to Sue Verdon, the Republican member of the Board of Elections, who kept things straight in the Western end of Carteret County on Election day. Sue was always around with a good work and a smile.



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The CCGOP'S final event of the election year at Headquarters was the election night party. We had a great crowd to watch numbers come in from the BOE locally and FOX NEWS nationally. We had a lot to celebrate as our county was red from the reelection of Senator Richard Burr, Rep. Walter Jones, all Republican / Conservative Judges, and the reelection of Senator Jean Preston and Representative Pat McElraft, who will sit in the NC General Assembly in the majority and that hasn't happened since 1898. We also reelected Greg Lewis and Jonathan Robinson as County Commissioners and elected Robin Comer and Bill Smith as County Commissioners. Asa Buck was reelected as the County Sheriff and Pam Hanson, who was elected the first ever Republican Clerk of Court in Carteret County. Senator Preston, Rep. Mc Elraft and Clerk of Court Pam Hanson are all members of the CCRW. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!!!

Provided by Ellen Brent Boone



Lord, remind us of the season,
Thou dost send this blessed season.
Keep us from the heedless folly
Spent on tinsel, ribbon and holly.
Lift our eyes above the glare
Of life's dazzling thoroughfare.
We would watch with shepherds lowly;
We would keep Thy birthday holy.
Let love in our hearts be king,
Let us, too, hear angels sing.

Father, we thank you for your gift of forgiveness, of peace, of joy and of love which we enjoy. We thank you especially for the best gift of all, that of Jesus. Help us to understand better those things that He taught. Help us to live more as He lived, and to love you as He loved you. Help us to commit our total lives, minds, bodies and resources to you. Amen.



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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CARING FOR AMERICA PROJECTS

By: Jan Grube

The members of the Crystal Coast Republican Women are getting ready to finish the last month of "Food for Families". So far this year we have donated over \$1200 in food products and collected some clothing items for three charities and soup kitchens. Hope Mission, Martha Mission and The Hem of His Garment all appreciate what we send. The need this year has really grown and there is a desperate need for our help. 31 of our members contributed so far this year. I want to thank each one of you for taking time and money to feed the needy families and children in our county. Your gifts were given in love. May your hearts swell with love and your hands lift off the burden that so many have now.

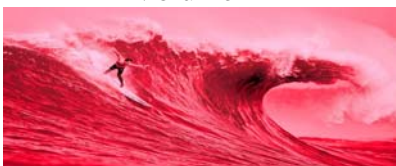
December update: Merry Christmas and thanks for making it happier for our friends and neighbors in need. We must have had at least \$500 worth of food for Hope Mission this month. You outdid yourselves with your good deeds! Thank you also for bringing the clothes, snuggies, lap robes, socks, sweatshirts, etc., for Sue Verdon to take the DSS to distribute to the elderly in nursing and rest homes in our county. Beverly Hunt made some very cute quilts for "Ginger's House" which Bev and Bob Stone delivered along with all of our food for Hope Mission.

A special Thank You to Ellen Brent Boone, Evelyn Fetzer, Pam Hanson, and Bev and Bob Stone for delivering all the foods, paper and personal products this year. I want to thank Linda Schriever, Yvonne Meyer, and every one of the 36 members who helped all year on this project. May God Bless You All. Merry Christmas and Happy 2011.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: VOTER REGISTRATION

By: Jan Grube

Some time during 2011, we should hold voter registration at the high schools again, and then perhaps a couple at the churches and other club events, civic and business locations. Remember, our club won \$150 from the NCFRW because we won 1st place and 2nd place in the contest. That money will help a candidate should the NCFRW decide to do it again. If you are interested in helping, let me know at our January meeting. It's interesting, educational, and fun. See you in January.



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CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CARTERET COUNTY WESTERN PARK

By: Jan Grube

As the co-ordinator and precinct chairman of Western Carteret Early Voting and November 2 Election Day voting, I wish to thank all of the ladies from Crystal Coast that helped us educate voters and elect our Republican candidates in the 2010 Election. These ladies included the following:

Judy Armento	Shirley Bourquin	Evelyn Fetzer
Linda Hughs	Beverly Hunt	Ann Martin
Amanda Vrablic	Judy Wilgus	Bev Stone
Kathy Williamson	Jan Grube	

We included 16 other men and women helping to do this job. The Poll was manned every hour for Early Voting and on Election day, we had a team of three working as observers inside as well for every hour. For all the hard work that our 2012 team for the Primary and the General Election did, we should win and I bet that the Democrats learned a lot from us this year.

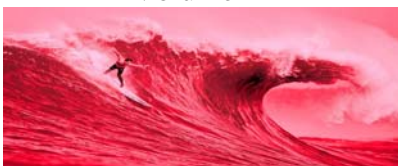
Please attend your precinct meetings in Feb. 2011, and sign up for the March County GOP convention as a Delegate or Alternate. It will be in Morehead City at the Leon Mann Enrichment Center. We are fortunate that our District convention follows in April in the Sheraton Hotel, Atlantic Beach in April. We elect officers this year at all conventions.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Great New Year. You deserve it.

CCRW CONNECTIONS IN THE NEWS: CCRW "Registration Drive – 2010 Report"

The Crystal Coast Republican Women's key registration committee members were trained by the Carteret County Board of Elections in 2009 when this project was started. We were strictly non-partisan when we worked in public and church venues. We also asked men who are either associate members of our club or who are members of the Crystal Coast Republican Men's Club to join us in the registration drive.

The committee worked both as teams and as individuals who carried the Carteret County Registration Forms with them. Three men and thirteen women made up the committee.



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The locations for the drives were businesses and club/county GOP special events. We also had a registration table at three local churches and we registered at one church two times. We also directed church goers from other counties to register in their own counties.

Most of us found that early voting information and poll locations were the main topics of discussion. This was a most rewarding project but we found it difficult to convince people from many churches and locations to let us set up a registration table. In many cases we sent home registration forms so voters could include their family members and friends.

We hope to continue this project in the future. We also recommend that each member of our club carry a form in their purse or car at all times.

Committee Members: Mary & Bruce Boughton, Ann Bundy, Carol Clark, Carol Chevalier, Dave Fowler, Sarah Fulcher, Jan Grube, Pam Hanson, Richard Hunt, Mary Marks, Ann Martin, Debbie Rucker, Linda Schriever, Pam White and Judy Wilgus.

JAN GRUBE, Committee Chairman

MARY MARKS, CCRW President

CCRW MEMBERSHIP UPDATES.....

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

Full time members

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By: Judy Wilgus

GETTING TO KNOW YOU this quarter features two of our members, Aimee Riegert and Ellen Demarast

Getting to Know Aimee Riegert:

How long have you been a Republican?

All my life.

Who was the first Republican Candidate you voted for?

Ronald Regan.

Which Republican value or philosophy is most important to you?

Personal responsibility and small government.

What is your occupational background?

Math, Foreign Language Studies, Information technology, teaching.

Tell us about your family and other interests.

My husband, Paul, and I have been married for twenty years and have five children ranging in age from eighteen (a freshman at Virginia Tech) to one and a half (our ten year caboose). Paul is a Marine stationed at Cherry Point. I enjoy singing and playing guitar whenever possible (mostly at church), running and fitness activities and keeping up with the children's many adventures.

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

My husband is currently in the process of reading aloud a biography of Ronald Regan to the family, so he is on my mind. He seems to have played to a very small audience even though the whole world was watching in rapt attention. He did not appear to need affirmation of anyone, he simply did what was right at the time he needed to do it.

I also am a great fan of the folks at the Young Americas Foundation. They do awesome work with our young conservatives. There's my plug!

Why did you join the CCRW?

As our children come of age in a country faced with many cultural, financial and security challenges I will not sit idly by and allow them to inherit a mess. I have joined CCRWC in order to participate in the recent elections, to learn more about the political process and current issues and to enjoy the company of like-minded women who know a lot more than I do. My hat is off to you all who have dedicated so many hours to what comes down to simply doing the right thing. God bless you all.





Getting to Know Ellen Demarast:

How long have you been a Republican?

Officially for the last 20 years but my views have always been conservative.

Who was the first Republican Candidate you voted for?

The first one I remember voting for was Ronald Regan.

Which Republican value or philosophy is most important to you?

What is most important are the conservative values that the party stands for.

What is your occupational background?

My background is varied and includes Customer Service Supervisor for a pharmaceutical company, office manager for a Swedish company involved in the pulp and paper industry, Executive Assistant to the President of a chemical company and sales in the international trade show industry working with defense, aerospace and law enforcement companies.

Tell us about your family and other interests.

My husband and I have three children. One daughter and two sons. My daughter lives outside of Nashville with her husband and two children, One son is living in NJ with his wife and two daughters and our youngest son lives in Colorado with his wife and two sons and they are expecting a baby December 15th.

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

I most admire Ronald Regan for what he accomplished as President.

Why did you join the CCRW?

I have become very politically aware in the last ten years and I am not happy with the direction that our country is currently going in. I hope that whatever I can contribute will be of help in changing that.



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CCRW MEMBERS HONORED WITH SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following biographies were presented by President Mary Marks at the CCRW Christmas Luncheon for their superb efforts and achievements in 2010. Congratulations, Ladies!

SHIRLEY BOURQUIN

This feisty little blond sure stays active. She joined our Club because a tennis buddy of hers by the initials of M.M. ,Mary Marks (oops) got her interested. That was in October 2006. She’s still at it and supporting our events, candidates, attends our meeting, works part time and still bats that tennis ball around when she can.

Shirley joined the local Tea Party Patriots and has traveled to Washington, DC on many occasions. She and her friend Joyce Manley never miss a trip to voice their patriotism. Shirley is a very active member of American’s for Prosperity and keeps the Club well informed on the marches, protests and lobbying in Washington, DC. Shirley is a Reagan gal in the sense that she loves his conservative values and beliefs in the Bill of Rights, Constitution, Declaration of Independence & GOD. Wow, Shirley even likes Ronnie’s old movies....now, that’s a true fan!

Can’t you just see Shirley now waving her banner or sign and getting a jillion pictures. She even talked to Laura Ingram on her radio shows and got her to autograph her tee-shirt. Now that’s a true conservative. And, the pictures from the Washington, DC rallies, simply great.

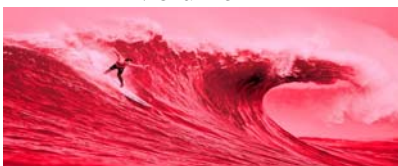
Shirley Bourquin, long-time buddy of Mary Marks, is the feisty little blond who worked early voting at Western Park then worked as a Poll Observer on November 2nd. She also marked telephone lists, made calls at Headquarters and squeezed in a lot of other jobs such as helping with campaigns and attending local Tea Party meetings. She is an avid support of our Caring for America project and helped with voter registrations.

Shirley, keep up the good work!!

CAROL CHEVALIER

Carol Chevalier lives on Chip Shot Drive in Morehead City but better than that she’s a “chip off the old block”. The first campaign she ever worked was in 1994 for a “Pam” who was a winning candidate for Clerk of Court in Clay County, Missouri. This year she was a strong supporter of our member and winning candidate for Clerk of Court, Pam Hanson. Our Pam also beat a long, long term office holder. Carol and her husband sponsored a “Chili Meet and Greet” for Pam before the General Election. Carol made so much chili they may be eating chili for quite some time.

Carol ran the Clay County GOP Headquarters in 1996. This year she worked at the Carteret County Headquarters making phone calls, providing food for events as well as supporting our Club by attending meetings, taking a position on the Essay Contest committee, supporting our raffles, wine and cheese party and other Club functions.



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Several Crystal Coast Republican Women attended a workshop on registering voters and Carol was among them. She helped at the county high schools which she enjoyed.

In 1994, Carol joined and was President of the Clay County, Missouri Republican Women's Club. As president she attended the NFRW Convention in New Orleans as a Delegate. In 2000, Carol attended the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. In 2010 as a member of the Crystal Coast Republican Women Carol attended the Southern Republican Leadership Conference in New Orleans. But, her most famous affair to attend was the George W. Bush inaugural in 2001. We are hoping she will be attending another Republican inaugural in 2012; so Carol keep on working!

ADELE COLLINS

This member is one of only a select few of our Club members who have served in the U.S. Military. For four years our current elected member of the Carteret County Board of Education served in the U.S. Navy. For six years she worked for the U.S. Navy in budget analysis.

Adele holds a BA from San Diego State and an MA from Cal State, DH and an MA from Webster State. It is only natural that she is with the Department of Defense, Camp LeJeune Dependent Schools as a Science teacher. She has taught in the Carteret County School system and listened and learned well. After attending a campaign school, she decided to run her own campaign and in 2005 she defeated an incumbent candidate for a Board of Education seat.

Adele is currently serving her second term where she is on the following committees: Finance, Food and Nutrition, Academically Gifted and Graduating all Students.

Adele Collins, married to Don for 28 years, has raised two daughters and is grandmother of 3. Since her work interferes with our meetings, she tries hard to attend our special events, speak to us when we ask, and sends updated reports. Adele is very supportive of our Club's special fundraising projects and supported the functions at Headquarters in 2010.

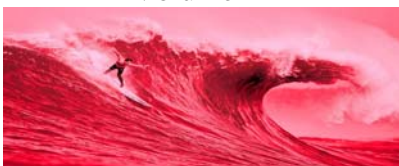
ELLEN DEMARAST

This lady has come to our area for 35 years to spend vacations with her family. Guess what, when she and her husband Pete retired they decided that North Carolina should be their home. So from New Jersey they moved here. Hurray! We got her involved and we hope she is hooked.

Ellen's background is varied from Customer Service Supervisor, Office Manager, Executive Assistant to the President of a Chemical Company and finally to her career as a Show Manager that involved selling international trade shows on US companies' defense materials as well as aerospace and law enforcement materials. She traveled often throughout Asia, the Middle East and Europe. She also had time to raise a daughter and two sons.

Little by little she and Pete got involved here in Carteret County and Ellen decided that she should join the Crystal Coast Republican Women. It was all up-hill from there. Ellen ended up a member, a volunteer at GOP Headquarters making telephone calls, helping with candidate campaigns and attending campaign and headquarters events. She has participated in Club events such as the Caring for America project and working as a member of the Club's Telephone Committee. When she can't help with a project she even volunteers her husband. Now, that's a good sport who has an understanding husband.

Ellen looks forward to getting more involved and better acquainted with our members as she has put in her name for the Club's 2nd Vice President for 2011.



BEVERLY HUNT

As an accounting major, this Club member decided quickly that she needed to change, and Materials Management became her job working for Elizabeth Arden. After a four year courtship she and Richard married. Brandy, a chocolate lab is also in her care.

Beverly Hunt has lived from Florida to Rhode Island. Now a six year citizen of Carteret County and Cape Carteret, she stays busy quilting, caring for her father-in-law as well as her mother who lives in Swansboro. She campaigned for her husband, Richard, in the primary election for County Commissioner and supported him as he served as an appointed County Commissioner position as well as Town Commissioner of Cape Carteret.

Beverly held the office of President of the local quilting guild for two years and is currently in an Adult Life Bible Study Group at Cape Carteret Baptist Church. In this past election Beverly helped with an open house for candidate Pam Hanson and supported several other candidates. In her spare time she was putting together and putting up yard signs for local candidates.

She is now the Jewelry Club Committee Chairman. Beverly also has her own cottage business making purses, wallets and coin holders and is currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In the general election Beverly was a poll worker outside for early voting at Western Park and like the postman, she worked rain or shine, even taking the early morning shift.

JOYCE MANLEY

Joyce is another worker who splits her time with our Club, her church, the Tea Party Patriots and American's for Prosperity. She volunteers many hours with these organizations but still finds time to go to the beach with her best friend and husband Warren.

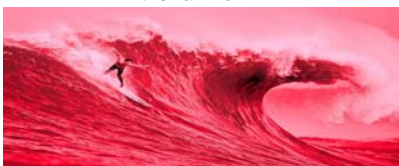
Joyce has made five trips to Washington, DC over the last two years to have her voice heard. She says that she feels a sense of pride in our history and in the freedom we have every time she goes. Working to protect those rights and freedoms is sandwiched in between her son, daughter-in law and their two children in Illinois and Warren's five children and their twelve grandchildren in Pennsylvania.

Joyce contributed to the election of our local candidates by working at the GOP headquarters marking telephone lists, putting signs together and making telephone calls during the 2010 election. She was always there with contributions of food for the many functions held at Headquarters. Joyce also finds the time to contribute to our many Club fundraisers and special events.

ANN MARTIN

If the name is familiar, most political junkies will know that this lady's son is NC Supreme Court Justice Mark Martin. You guessed it, it's Annizel. As you probably already know, Ann was one of our past presidents and much more!

For over 20 years Ann moved with her Army Colonel husband and four children and had to vote absentee. Not anymore. Finally upon her husband's retirement she registered and joined the Cullowhee GOP in Jackson County. Ann helped at Headquarters there both inside and outside the polls. She was a precinct chairman and later was persuaded to run for the County Board of Education. In the midst of the election Ann's husband passed away. Even though Ann was distraught she decided to stay in the campaign. She won by 125 votes. Her political career was started but she continued to teach and raise her family as a single mom. Next election she lost, so she sure knows the in's and out's of campaigning. Ann was very active in the Jim Martin for Governor campaign as well as Nancy Coward for Clerk of Court while living in Jackson County.



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Ann next moved to Wayne County to continue teaching and working for the GOP. In 2001 she moved to Emerald Isle then Cape Carteret. She was finally home! Ann joined the Crystal Coast Republican Women in 2003 when she retired from teaching. No quitter is she. Ann has served as Secretary, First VP, and President from 2006-2008. In 2006-2007 she was involved in the Literacy Committee presenting the "Mouse Books" to all Carteret County schools. She tutored math and reading in 2006 to 2008 at White Oak Elementary School.

Ann attended the NFRW National Convention in Orlando, Florida and as Club president she sat on the NCFRW Executive Board. She is a member of the 3rd District Executive Committee and an At Large Member of the County Party Executive Committee.

Ann contributed to the 2010 elections and our Club with participation in voter registrations and working outside the polls for early voting. Ann is always there to contribute food to Club events and Caring for America.

Ann is like an Eveready Battery – she is now running for the CCRW Club Assistant Secretary for 2011.



Tom Bennett, former NC State Party Chairman, and Bill Smith, candidate for Carteret County Board of Commissioners, join the CCRW for the October meeting at CCGOP Headquarters.

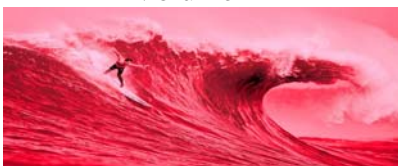
Congrats to Bill for his win!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 3: CCRW Executive Board Mtg., Chamber of Commerce, 10:00am

Jan. 21: CCRW General Mtg., Western Park, 10:00am

Feb. 26: Reagan Rally Dinner & Fundraiser, Leon Mann Center, 6:00pm – 8:00pm



Ride the Red Wave !!!