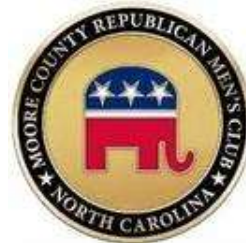




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President's Message: John McLaughlin



I don't know if I've ever seen a more profound reason for supporting the Republican TRUMP/VANCE team than the discovery that Homeland Security Secretary, Mayorkas, diverted hundreds of million dollars that were approved by Congress for use under the Shelter and Service Program for Domestic/American disaster situations. Instead, we find that these funds were used to fund the credit cards, phones, air flights, ground travel, hotel rooms, and other expenses for the illegal aliens who continue to flood our borders.

This is compounded by the recent 200 billion dollars extended to Ukraine, and the 157 million dollars Kamala Harris/SOS Blinken proudly announced for disaster relief to Lebanon.

Our fellow citizens in the state of North Carolina, along with the citizens of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia are without 235 loved ones, with thousands homeless while the Biden/Harris/Waltz team states publicly that they want private citizens to fund the massive relief in the Southeastern US.

Trump/Vance is the **ONLY SOLUTION** to solve the massive issues we are facing. Please make a personal effort to assist the GOP in Moore County in our **GET OUT THE VOTE EFFORT..... TOGETHER WE CAN WIN** on November 5 .

John

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Meeting Day & Dates for the remainder of 2024



See the following three remaining Thursday 2024 luncheon meeting dates at Whispering Pines and mark your calendar:

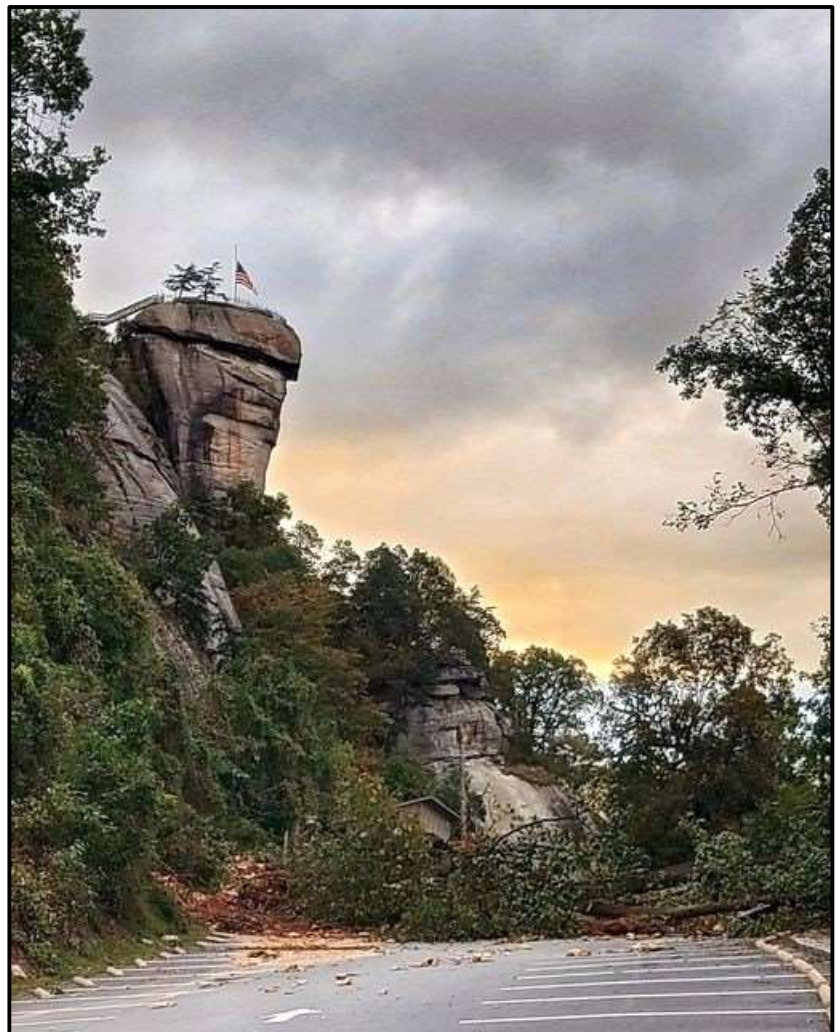
October 17, November 21 and December 19

Our October speaker is Congressman Dan Bishop R (NC-8th). See the article by VP Programs, Wayne Boyles, for more details. Make your reservations at www.mcrmc.club

Hurricane Helene Devastates Western North Carolina:

The ongoing relief efforts by organizations and individuals will continue for the foreseeable future. No one expected or planned for the level of wind, rain, and flood damage that has been recorded in our state. All people are asked to do whatever they can with donations of goods and money. We all pray for the families and friends of those who did not survive. We further pray for the full recovery of those who did survive in terms of health, welfare, and a return to normal life.

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journeyed to
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Election 2024 – Just Around the Corner:

This issue of the MCRMC monthly newsletter is the second after our summer break. But, more importantly, it is the **LAST issue before the fall elections!** October is also our last luncheon meeting before election. The day of our luncheon, October 17 is the day that early “in-person” voting starts. The game is on, time is short, and we Republicans must do our part to assure victory at the local, county, state and Federal level. In this issue, starting with the following schedule and further information in other sections, you will find all you need to know to make sure you do your part and **GO VOTE!**

In addition to your vote, it is important, NO, critical that you make every effort to get your family members, friends and neighbors to also VOTE. So do your part and then help others to do their part so that the conservative Republican candidates win at every level.

See the following schedule of voting activities:

It's here: Early voting starts October 17!



EARLY VOTING

2024 General Elections
November 5th, 2024
Photo ID Required

Early Voting

Thursday, October 17th - Saturday, November 2nd
Sunday, October 20th
Saturday, October 19th, 26th, & November 2nd

Moore County Ag Center
707 Pinehurst Ave
Carthage

Aberdeen Recreation Center
301 Lake Park Crossing
Aberdeen

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am – 7:30pm
Sunday, October 20th: 11:00am – 5:00pm
Saturdays: 8:00am – 3:00pm

REMINDER

The LAST day to vote early is Saturday, November 2nd.
The sites will open at 8am and close promptly at 3pm.
On Election Day you MUST go to your assigned polling place.
Call the Board of Elections
947-3868 if you need assistance.

The Moore County Republican Party has prepared a Sample ballot with all races. Included with this newsletter is a sample ballot as an insert, one page front and back. Look at this well before you go to vote and take a copy with you. **NOTE: There are races on both sides of the ballot, and it is important that you study and vote both sides!**

If you need additional copies for your relatives, friends, and neighbors, visit the Moore County Republican HQ office in Olmsted Village. Call for hours and to be sure someone is there when you plan to visit: (910) 420-0615.

If you need help in locating your voting location on election day, November 5, go to the following link: <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup/> and follow the search instructions.

Whatever else happens, VOTE!

September Meeting Report:

The September 19, 2024, meeting was the first meeting of the club after our usual summer break. It seems like an eternity since we were together in May. Many members and guests did participate in and enjoy the annual fundraising golf event in June, as reported in the September newsletter.

The September 19 meeting was held at the usual location, Whisper Pines Country Club. As the EC members arrived for their 10am meeting, they were the first MCRMC members to see the upgrades and redecorations that have been done to the meeting area. They also saw the refreshed luncheon/dining room as they met in the restaurant for the EC meeting.

After the EC meeting, the member attendees and their guest began to arrive just after 11am to be registered and pay for the luncheon. This September meeting unofficially kicked off the election season for many members, the months of September, October, and just under one week of November. Attendees were also greeted by the redecorated and upgraded meeting area. Attendees arrived and after registration they met and greeted each other, found a table to have lunch and looked forward to the program. This meeting was the largest attendance

seen by the MCRMC in the last several meetings. The over 70 attendees seemed happy to see the fall meeting season and the upcoming election months.

At noon, President McLaughlin called the meeting to order and invited the attendees stand for the pledge.



Chaplin Rev. James Thyne then came forward and offered a few inspiring words and offered a prayer that included thanks for the meal.

Attendees then lined up for the luncheon buffet of chicken alfredo



over linguini, garden salad, rolls and brownies with caramel and nuts for dessert. There was an abundance of food and attendees enjoyed the meal as they visited others at their tables during lunch.



(Enjoying lunch is Sheriff Ronnie Fields, the meeting speaker, and other attendees)



(Enjoying lunch is Rev. James Thyne and his wife Charli, President of the MRW. She was one of the after-lunch speakers.)

(Following are pictures of others who spoke about getting out the vote in the coming election)



As lunch was winding down, President McLaughlin asked several attendees to come forward and talk about the upcoming election with emphasis on efforts to get out the vote. Those who spoke gave details about events that MCRMC members could participate in to assure that all registered Moore County Republicans voted. Each speaker emphasized the importance of voting. Activities to assure Republicans turn out to vote included letters, calls, and other types of Republican voter contacts. Early voting was particularly emphasized.



At the conclusion of the voting information session and the appeals for help, President McLaughlin again came forward and introduced the speaker. Jason Simmons, the newly selected Chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party came forward and was greeted by President McLaughlin.



Simmons took the lectern and gave his remarks about the upcoming election. He stressed, as his main point, the importance of all Republicans getting out to vote. Without a strong Republican turnout throughout



North Carolina, the Dems could sneak in a state win that could turn the election in the country. Simmons also reminded the attendees that a strong turnout was critical to the results of the “down ballot” races which are especially important within the state. Following his remarks, Simmons opened the meeting to questions from attendees. There were a number of questions which were answered by Simmons. Again,

the theme of the Q&A centered on the need for Republicans to go to the polls and VOTE!.



At about 1:15pm, the meeting was concluded and adjourned by President McLaughlin.

Mike Freidel - Lunch Administration & Secretary



Here we are, nearing the end of the election season and getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. To get everyone in the right frame of mind, we will be serving Oven-Roasted Turkey, buttered corn, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, with candied yams, along with a garden salad and rolls. For dessert we will have pumpkin pie.

With this lunch we all should have all the energy we need to push our candidates across the finish line.

As usual should anyone have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to let me know.

My cell number is 910-722-6436 and my email address is mefreidelsr@gmail.com.

Go Republicans!!

Mike

Program News – October By Wayne R. Boyles – VP Programs



Congressman Dan Bishop R, (NC-8th) and candidate for North Carolina Attorney General will be our October 17th luncheon speaker.

Congressman Bishop has been

elected three times to the U.S. House, beginning with a special election in 2019. He was previously elected to the North Carolina House and Senate and the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners. In the 118th Congress, Dan serves on the Committees on the Judiciary and Homeland Security, the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, and chairs the Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability of the Committee on Homeland Security. He is also a member of the executive board of the House Freedom Caucus and was one of 20 members who contested the election of the speaker in January to negotiate for reforms in House procedure, personnel, and policy for the new Republican majority.

Before leaving the practice of law to enter Congress, Dan was a business litigator for nearly three decades. He earned his law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, where he graduated with high honors, top 10, and served on the North Carolina Law Review. Dan has been married to his wife, Jo, for 25 years, and they have one son, Jack, who is in his first year at UNC Law

We hope to see you there.

Wayne

2024 Executive Officer Comments:

(Editor’s note: Starting with the first newsletter issue of 2023 and each issue going forward, we are asking our Executive Committee members to submit an article for publication. The articles can be about the club, current events, opinions, comments on political issues, and, or anything else that they may feel would be of interest to the membership.)

Robert Bortins – VP Membership

We are in our final countdown to election day and the Harris campaign is mulling a “southern strategy” that heavily focuses on North Carolina. Polling shows Trump with a slight lead, but we know a ton of republican votes come from Western North Carolina, and we know our fellow citizen in that area are hurting. I’ve really appreciated how our community has responded with supplies, support and prayer.



October 17th is the first day of voting and November 5th is the last. Jason Simmons, Executive Director of

the NCGOP, reminded us at our last gathering, that we need to vote at the beginning of the voting period and not wait. We need to bring friends with us to vote. Turnout is key to victory.

Don't wait, don't vote late! Yes, we would love to see a 1 day in person voting, with limited absentee ballots, but that isn't our system right now. If we want it to be, we must win under the current rules.

When everyone in your household is finished voting, your name will begin getting removed from mailing lists and calling lists. That means GOP resources can be used to target low propensity voters. If you wait to vote you'll drain precious resources (time and money) from our favorite candidates and make it HARDER for them to win. Plan to vote as close to October 17th as possible. Get your vote banked, and then start reaching out to others. We must drive out the vote!

Sincerely,
Robert Bortins (864) 506-5277 rbortins@gmail.com

Tom Adams – Past President



Well, it's finally here. Election voting 2024 will start about the time you receive this Newsletter. There is NO longer an election Day. We now have an Election PERIOD, and it starts NOW. The old election day has been replaced by the FINAL DAY

OF VOTING on Tuesday November 5th. Please do this final thing on behalf of all of us candidates, and yes, our country; SEND YOUR PERSONAL CONTACT LIST AN EMAIL AND ASK THEM TO VOTE NOW. DO NOT WAIT FOR THE FINAL DAY OF VOTING. VOTE NOW!

We lost the presidency in 2020 because most of us waited until the old election day to vote. You can't vote enough people to win on one day if the other side has already been voting for fourteen days already. Even us history majors can understand that!

VOTE NOW NOT LATER!

On behalf of all of us candidates thank you for your support, no matter whether it was campaign work, time, money or just talking up Republicans. We hope you had some fun while you did it. There is nothing more American than taking part in the elections process.

Tom

Newsletter Information:



This, and future issues of the newsletter are being posted on the Club Website, www.MCRMClub.com. Those having an email address will get notice that the newsletter is available and a copy by email. Those who do not have an email address will get a paper copy by US mail. If you have an email address but also want a paper copy, just send an email to me, and request one: paulshaffer1943@gmail.com

Elected Officials Contact Information:

To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the Moore Count Board of Elections Website:



<https://www.moorecountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/903/Current-List-of-Elected-Officials-PDF?bidId=>

Moore County GOP News Tom Beddow – Chair Moore County GOP:



As you have already seen in this newsletter, and will see in other articles beyond this one, this is the last newsletter before the November 5 election. Therefore, as you would expect, much of the newsletter is dedicated to election-oriented information.

The Moore County GOP is busy doing what we can to help get voters informed and engaged so they will get out and VOTE. Our website is full of helpful information about the election, so we encourage you to look on the website for yourself, www.moregop.com.

Included on the website is a link to the Moore County GOP Sample Ballot, a copy can also be found in this newsletter as an insert. If you plan to vote early in-person, there is detailed information on the home

page. To kick-off early voting, there will be a celebration on October 17 as noted following:

Moore County Early Voting Celebration

Oct 17, 2024, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Moore GOP HQ, 211 Central Park Ave ste e,
Pinehurst, NC 28374, USA**

This event is Free Come out on the evening of the first day of early voting enjoy pizza at HQ and celebrate the first day of voting! We ask you to RSVP but not required!



If you plan to vote on election day, you must vote in your assigned precinct voting location. There is a link on the website you can use to determine the appropriate voting site and where it is located.

There is other information, announcements, and event notices of interest on the website, so visit now and often between now and election day. You may also want to consider a visit to our GOP office located in Olmstead Village to see what we have in terms of election information, signs and pick up additional copies of the sample ballot for your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Before you visit, we recommend you call to be sure of the hours that an office volunteer will be there. Call (910) 420-0615.

To see all things Moore County GOP and learn more, go to our website: <https://www.mooregop.com/>

Moore County Republican Women News:



**Charli Thyne
President**



Don't let dirty tricks influence your vote

Mark Robinson is a good man. I have never heard him speak without him giving glory to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. conversely, Josh Stein, like CNN, tells extreme lies. His "go to" is the Democrat playbook of implausible deceit and falsehoods. This is not the first time he has

told outrageous lies about his opponent – just ask Jim O'Neill during the 2020 election for NC Attorney General. Stein was hauled before a grand jury, facing criminal charges for his false attacks. So, what did Stein do? He had a federal court intervene before charges could be brought, which is utterly unprecedented in the criminal justice system. The Left tries to destroy anyone they see as a political threat by spreading salacious lies.

When pressured to withdraw from the race, Mark Robinson refused. He has categorically denied all of these disgraceful fabrications. These are not Robinson's words; these are nothing more than slurs and slanders for the sole purpose of distracting voters from the important matters we are facing today. He is fighting for the cause of freedom by focusing on the real issues that matter to North Carolinians such as the disastrous state of our open borders, rising inflation, the economy and national debt, and our flailing education system.

In the words of Sebastian Gorka: "If they can't beat you in a fair fight, they go dirty and they go dark."

Vote Republican, all the way down the ballot. Vote early, to ensure they can't lose your ballot or do something else to negate your vote. Don't let the dirty tricks fool you.

Read the next article for a really good explanation of how Josh Stein and CNN get away with making those slanderous accusations.

God bless America!

Charli

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Here's a great analysis by Patrick Miller, who has taken a close look at the CNN "report" on Mark Robinson and how a lie can be turned into a scandal:

I have now read the CNN article slandering Mark Robinson thoroughly three times. It contains no legitimate or actual sources for the slanderous details inside their report. All they provide is

links to other organizations that themselves are not actual evidence, but just more claims or unverifiable claims from websites, screenshots, etc.

This is called circular sourcing. Circular sourcing uses different media articles at different websites, none of which actually provide any concrete evidence to support the slanderous claims. This is done in an attempt to create a sense of legitimacy in the mind of the reader that is entirely fake. This, of course, is not legitimate journalism or honest reporting.

[Read the whole analysis...](#)

Did you know Moore County's Got Talent?

NEW: If you prefer, you can register online and then pay for your tickets BY CHECK at the door (cash not accepted).



**Come to MRW's
Sock Hop!
October 12, 2024
7-9 p.m.
Freedom Hall
310 Keyser street
Aberdeen, NC 28315**

If you've never been to one of our Sock Hops before, you've been missing out!

- Dance to the music we all know and love
- Light snacks and drinks
- Raffle prizes
- **Members, candidates, elected officials and others get on stage with fantastic (and often hilarious) "acts" that they lip-sync to well-known music. See for yourself - Moore County's Got Talent!**
- Vote for the acts you like the best
- Top vote getters win kudos and bragging rights for the next year!

[See pictures from last year's Sock Hop](#)

It's fun for everyone, even the men who don't normally like to dance!

Bring friends and family members... appropriate for all ages ... you'll be glad you did!

[Get your tickets now!](#)

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MCRMC members are always welcome as guests at the MRW meetings, so register to attend when you see the announcement.

For the most recent updated MRW information go to their website: www.mrwnc.org

Tom Schroeder

Tom's News

Conservative News for Moore County NC And Beyond

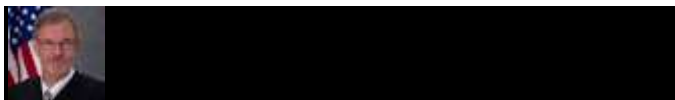


(A note from Paul Shaffer – Newsletter Editor: Tom has changed the method of distribution of his News. He is posting news on X (formerly Twitter) and sending notice updates by text with reference to the post on X. Therefore, he will need your cell number for

future news notifications. You can send him your cell number by text to 518-577-2221 or email it to him at: tom@tschroeder.info)

X messages posted by Tom may be found on X by going to www.x.com and searching for @TomsNewsNC. You can then “follow” Tom on X

Following is one of his recent messages posted on X:



Tom's News

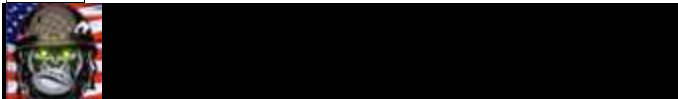
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UPDATED: US Social Security Admin Website shows MASSIVE amounts of people registering to vote WITHOUT ID in Key/ Swing States

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Some interesting data. For example, here is NC data: North Carolina 454,653 (+18,055 this week) Is someone looking into this and taking action? If not, this could easily tilt the election.

Quote



@WallStreetApes

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You Can Actually See The 2024 Presidential Election Being Rigged UPDATED: US Social Security Admin Website shows MASSIVE amounts of people registering to vote WITHOUT ID in Key/ Swing States

(Editor's Final note on this article: to see this and further posts, follow Tom Schroeder on X and make sure that he has your cell number so you can get his texts about new posts)

**Tom's News
Pinehurst NC
Thomas Schroeder**

Reslove Blog:

(Editor's Note: Several newsletters back, we started including an article from the blog: RESOLVE. To see all the most recent articles, go to the following: www.resolvenc.blog (If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)

This month and future months there may be a Moore Liberty Podcast in lieu of a RESOLVE blog post:



WATCH 30-MINUTE PODCAST NOW

The Liberty Podcast

Presented by Proven Arms & Outfitters

October 4, 2024



Nearly one week after a powerful weather system associated with Hurricane Helene swept across western North Carolina's mountain country, the Biden regime finally realized the magnitude of the devastation and loss of life. NC Governor Roy Cooper was "authorized" at last to deploy 1,000 rescue personnel based at Fort Bragg in east central NC to supplement the National

Guard and tepid activities coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

If not for the generosity and courage of private citizens from within the state and elsewhere, thousands of mountain citizens still would be without emergency supplies or would have not been evacuated. Even amid their heroism, more than 200 fatalities have been confirmed across the southeastern U.S. (the storms also damaged communities in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee) and upward of 1,000 people are missing in North Carolina alone.

Two remarkable individuals with helicopters and licenses to fly them have worked persistently to save victims -- former NASCAR driver Greg Biffle and Florida Rep. Cory Mills, a retired military officer (photo nearby). Mills said he has delivered 18,000 pounds of supplies with his team.

Meanwhile, Vice President Harris made a brief appearance in Augusta, Georgia, where she matter-of-factly announced that FEMA is providing relief checks in the amount of \$750 without describing how the funds would be delivered and where the recipients would be able to find businesses in which to spend the money on food and clothing. (The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates as of March 2024 that family of four on a bare bones budget would have to spend more than \$1,000 per month on food basics to survive under non-emergency conditions).

Are you worried about the federal debt bomb. Economist E.J. Antoni sure is. On the first day of a new fiscal year (October 1), the debt exploded, he reports, by \$204 billion to raise the federal debt to \$35.66 TRILLION (and counting).

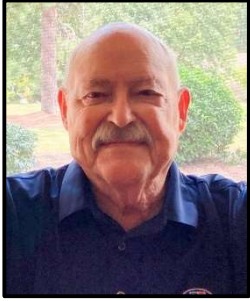
Continue to pray for storm victims in the southeast. If you want to help, it's not complicated. Purchase non-perishable food, baby care items, toiletries, water and electrolyte beverages. Drive to Moore County Regional

Airport. There, volunteers will collect your donations and load them onto waiting aircraft flown by volunteer pilots. This effort is ongoing as the emergency is far from over.

(Editor's Note: You can access the Podcast by going to the following link:)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLND2fXwtgU>

Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer



Need I say it One More Time: **GO VOTE!** By the time you read this, it will be near our October meeting day, which is also the start of early voting! So, after the meeting, but before 7:30pm, go to an early voting location and VOTE!

The details about early voting are on page 3 of this newsletter and a sample ballot you can review before going and take to the voting location is in this newsletter as an insert. (If you are reading this online, you will need to make a copy of the sample ballot insert)

In addition to your own vote, you should contact your conservative friends, neighbors and relatives and encourage them to vote. Make a copy of the sample ballot and give it to all of them. If you know of a conservative who is not registered to vote, do all you can to get them registered and to the polls.

This election in North Carolina may just be the one that puts the conservative Republicans over the top at the federal level and keeps our state RED.

REMEMBER:

"Be a Voter and Make a Difference"



"Voters do Make a Difference"

From Our Members:

John Rowerdink – Facebook
A couple of posts:

Posted on 9-16-24: In just two months, we've witnessed two assassination attempts on the life of a former president of the United States and a



major party candidate for re-election. I think all Americans need to think long and hard about the level of hatred that is being directed against Donald Trump by his political opponents and most of the media. I can't think of any parallel in our political history

where this level of hatred has been directed towards a political figure. This level of hatred will inevitably cause an extremist to take matters into his own hands, as we have now seen. Political disagreement and political activism are part of our system. Hatred is not.

Posted on Oct 7: I returned Saturday afternoon from my "Final Four" golf trip to play golf in the last four states of my 48-state golf goal. The final four states were NE, CO, NM and OK. It took me more than 50 years to play in the first 24 states and 14 months to play in the last 24, after establishing this as a goal.

First Stop – St. Louis. Sept 19-22. This was not about golf. Neil and Hannah flew from Raleigh to St. Louis and I met them there. We spent a day at the St. Louis Zoo (Hannah is a real zoo lover), went to a Cardinals baseball game, visited our old neighborhood and church (we lived there in 1972-75), went up in the Gateway Arch and enjoyed two museums. Then Hannah flew back to Raleigh and Neil and I took off driving to the first golf state – NE.



Second Stop – Lincoln, NE Sept 23-24. Neil and I played golf at Iron Horse GC near Lincoln. We also visited an old cemetery in Holland, NE, where the brother and two sisters of my Great Grandfather Cornelius Rowerdink are buried. Great Grandfather Cornelius moved to ND from there in 1888, under the Homestead Act.

Third Stop – Denver, CO – Sept 26-27. Neil and I played golf with John Turner, a long-time friend of his who lives in the Denver area. We played golf at Fossil Trace GC and Heather Ridge GC in the Denver area. Then Neil flew back to Raleigh and I continued on to the last two states – NM and OK.

Fourth Stop – Albuquerque, NM – Sept 28-29 – Played golf at Paako Ridge GC near Albuquerque,

the #1 rated course in NM. The course is in the NM mountains and the scenery was spectacular. I think it's the most visually appealing course I've played in more than 50 years of golf.

Fifth Stop – Oklahoma City, OK – Oct 1-2 - After a day of sightseeing in Oklahoma City, I played golf at the Jimmie Austin GC, which is the home course of the University of Oklahoma. This completed my 48-state goal and the club staff gave me a nice certificate of accomplishment and took the photo you see here. The previous day's sightseeing included the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum, which commemorates the bombing of the federal building in 1995, in which 168 people died. It was extremely moving. I also visited the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, which greatly exceeded my expectations.

As I've pursued this goal, I've learned to mix in some non-golf activities to make the trips more interesting. I've also listened to audio books while I drive. A notable one for this trip was about the Lewis & Clark expedition, which was fitting because the Gateway Arch in St. Louis is all about their expedition and the westward expansion. It was 21 hours long and very interesting.

Then I took off for Kansas City for a visit with Mobil friends Bill & Karen Pragman and another round of golf with Bill. Then it was off to Pinehurst. When I arrived home on Saturday, the trip odometer said I had traveled nearly 5,000 miles.

Previous trips in pursuit of this goal

First two -August, 2023 – IA, WI

Midwest trip - October, 2023 – KY, OH, IN, MI

Southeast trip - November, 2023 – AL, MS, LA

Western Trip - May, 2024 – UT, WY, ID, WA, OR

Northeast trip - July, 2024 – NY, VT, NH, ME, RI, DE

Now I need to think about my next goal. First on the list is to visit Hawaii, which is the only one of the 50 states I haven't visited. I think that will be a 2025 trip.

From Outside The Club:

North Carolina receives ownership of new Eric Church song to benefit Helene recovery

By Matthew Sockol,
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BANNER ELK, N.C. (WNCN) – The first new solo music release from Eric Church in three years will benefit his

home state of North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

Church [announced on Friday](#) he was signing over his publishing royalties for his song "Darkest Hour" to provide immediate relief following the hurricane and to support North Carolina's future.

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"From western North Carolina, east Tennessee, Upstate South Carolina, parts of Georgia, and even Florida which took a direct hit, there are so many places that were impacted," Church said in a statement. "In the area I'm from, the mountains of Western North Carolina were devastated. There are places that are just biblically gone. These are our family members, they're our friends, they're our neighbors, and they're in dire need of help.

"This song, 'Darkest Hour,' was the best way I could think to try to help," he continued in his statement. "We've been helping with boots on the ground efforts, but this is something that will live beyond just the immediate recovery. This is not a quick thing to fix, so hopefully 'Darkest Hour' will be able to contribute to that for a long time to come. This song goes to my home, North Carolina, now and forever."

Church said the song is dedicated to unsung heroes who help others when they're needed the most.

"This is for the folks who show up in the hardest times, offering a hand when it's most needed, and standing tall when others can't," he said in his statement. Even in your darkest hour, they come running.

"The message of the song specifically in this time is about Hurricane Helene and the people that need help, but in a broader view, it's about any challenging times that we have in our life, which we'll all have," Church continued in his statement. "It's always important to know that in your darkest hour, there are people that will come running, there are people that will help. I think it's also important to be one of the people that go running when other people need help."



North Carolina Removes 747,000 Ineligible Voters From Its Rolls Ahead of 2024 Election



In a significant move ahead of the 2024 elections, the state of North Carolina has purged over **747,000 ineligible voters** from its voter rolls.

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, the removals took place over a 20-month period, ensuring that the state's voter lists are up-to-date and accurate. The board explained that the vast majority of the removals—89.2%—were due to voters being listed as inactive, duplicates, or deceased. This measure is part of an ongoing effort to uphold the integrity of the voting process in the battleground state.

Election officials stressed that such routine maintenance is necessary to prevent inaccuracies and reduce the risk of voter fraud. The timing of the removals is critical as North Carolina gears up for the 2024 presidential and gubernatorial races, both of which are expected to be highly contested. North Carolina has long been seen as a key battleground, with both Republicans and Democrats vying for control in a state that has recently seen razor-thin margins in statewide elections.

Republicans, who have been vocal about election integrity concerns, view this action as a necessary step in preventing potential fraud. On the other hand, some Democrats have raised concerns about the possible disenfranchisement of eligible voters. They argue that aggressive purges may remove legitimate voters who, for example, haven't participated in recent elections but still intend to vote in future ones. However, state officials assure that voters removed from the rolls can re-register if they remain eligible.

The push to clean up voter rolls is part of broader efforts across the country to address election security. Other states, such as Georgia and Florida, have also enacted measures to ensure their voter lists are current, with similar purges aimed at weeding out ineligible names.

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- SCHOOL**ID
- GUN STORE**ID
- FISHING**ID
- HUNTING**ID
- DAYCARE**ID
- HOSPITAL**ID
- DRINKING**ID
- VOTING****NO ID**

I promise to do everything I could have done but didnt do because if I did it I wouldnt have to promise to do it, even though I could do it now, but don't because I dont know what to do otherwise I would have done it.

Reminder: Our October Luncheon Meeting is on Thursday, the 17th. Reservations are required and can be made on the club website: www.mcrmc.club Make your reservation by no later than Friday, Oct 11 at 6:00pm.

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