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### Former President Trump Survives Assassination Attempt:



The attempted assassination of our Republican candidate for President, Donald J. Trump, is the story of this decade. It underscores the abject failure of the Biden Administration for the last 3 ½ years. The utter incompetence of Secret Service management from the top down almost caused the death of a former President and current candidate for President, along with the potential death of several on sight Secret Service Agents guarding Trump! One attendee was killed saving the lives of his family, with several others hurt.

To add to the incompetence is the unfolding story of what appears to be a cover-up by the Biden Administration. Mystery surrounds the reason(s) for the early cremation of the shooter and the "scrubbing" of any biological evidence at the crime scene. In addition, there is an absence of information of why the shooter was allowed to be at the event despite documentation (including pictures) of his presence and actions days and hours before the shooting.

We must get the full story, the reason for the lack of proper protection for Trump, and then hold the Secret Service management at all levels accountable for any fault to do their job. We must further learn if there is even a shred of evidence that the lack of proper protection was somehow done knowingly at any level, and any attempt to cover up the truth by the Secret Service and/or the FBI. Finally, and most important, is learning what was not done properly and NEVER EVER allowing such a near fatal tragedy to happen again. (see article on front of newsletter insert)

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(Editor's Note: This issue is a combination of news & articles for the "Summer Issue" that did **NOT** get published, and this September issue. Keep this in mind as you read the news)

#### Meeting Day & Dates for the remainder of 2024



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

September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 19

Our September speaker is Jason Simmons, NC GOP Chairman. See the article by VP Programs, Wayne Boyles, for more details. Make your reservations at <a href="https://www.mcrmc.club">www.mcrmc.club</a>

#### President's Message: John McLaughlin



I would like to congratulate all our club members and supporters who worked diligently on our recent MCRMC 2024 Golf Tournament at CCNC. We raised approximately \$18,000 NET for use in support of all our GOP candidates' races in November 2024. We also must thank CCNC for providing a world class venue for our golfers to enjoy and subsidizing our Moore County Law Enforcement Officers and EMS personnel's

involvement as a thank you for their outstanding service to Moore County citizens during the past year. THANKS, CCNC!

The past two weeks have been amazing in Republican annals and in my active Republican involvement of 52 years starting with working as a Young Republican, wet behind the ears, in the JIM HOLSHAUSER ADMINISTRATION in 1972 - 1976. We were a young inexperienced bunch with a relatively thin bench of business leaders willing to fill the Cabinet Secretary posts. It was a blessing that youth (and our inexperience) was overcompensated with our enthusiasm to provide good government to NC and build the NC Republican Party.

It's now 50 years later and I'm still trying to work towards those goals, with the 2024 National, State, Moore County, and local races just as important as they were in 1972. I had a personal epiphany this past two weeks as Cheryl and I stayed glued to the TV starting with the Butler Township Trump Rally, the Assasination attempt, and the RNC Convention in Milwaukee.

We have three sons . The eldest and youngest sons have been MAGA proponents since their high school years, but my middle son Matt leaned liberal since attending Enloe High School, Raleigh NC's MAGNET Liberal Bastian. When he left for College of Charleston and joined the French Student Association with a double major of International Business and French, I surrendered to the fact that I should just accept a 2 out of 3 victory and let holidays be cordial.

But a conversion began when he married Elena, a Russian girl who immigrated to the US and gained her US citizenship 10 years ago. He opened his own small business, Well Furnished, 7 years ago and lived through the COVID ERA, and saw the continuing expansion of Governmental regulations and tax burdens.

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He called Cheryl and me last night to discuss the national situation and we talked about many issues confronting the US both domestically and internationally and he brought up his opinion of divine intervention; RE, the Trump Assasination attempt. Matt said that his take on Donald Trump is that no one has led a perfect life. Jesus called on imperfect men to be his disciples. Many had serious character flaws, but Jesus sought their involvement for their individual strengths, not their weaknesses. He saw Donald Trump in the same light.

I received a blessing last night! I am rejuvenated, strengthened, and resolved to work harder in the next 4 months to spread our conservative message. Together with UNITY in our efforts we can build a better place for future generations here in Moore County, North Carolina and our Great Nation.

#### John

#### **May Meeting Report:**

It has been said that the last meeting before the annual golf tournament and the two-month summer break seems like an eternity ago. This was further borne out by your editor's frustrations, as this report was being prepared, in trying to recall the names and subjects of the man and lady that spoke after our main speaker, Wayne Vest, Moore County Manager. Thanks to Robert Bortins' sharp memory, that issue was resolved, and your editor is forever grateful to Robert!

The May meeting was held at the usual location, Whispering Pines Country Club, on Thursday, May 16 and attendees began to arrive for lunch registration and payment shortly before 11:30am.



After paying for lunch, attendees greeted each other as they found tables to share with others.

At noon sharp,

President McLaughin called the meeting to order and asked attendees to get their lunch at the buffet. As attendees were getting lunch, McLaughlin and the scheduled main speaker got acquainted and discussed Vest's planned remarks.



After attendees had all served themselves, Chaplain Rev. James Thyne took the lectern and made a few opening remarks and then offered a prayer including a blessing of the meal.

As the attendees were completing their dessert, President McLaughlin invited EC member Lou



Bologna forward for an announcement. Bologna talked about the upcoming movie that would be seen at the "Film Series" event at the Moore County Sandhills 10 and invited all to attend. This series has movies and speakers that are of interest to all Moore

County residents that wish to enhance their political knowledge and interest.



Robert Bortins then took the lectern, talked about the upcoming June fundraising golf tournament, and asked all to participate in some way. He reminded attendees that in

addition to playing, they could sponsor a first responder, sponsor a hole sign, come to lunch, and/or just make a contribution.

Following that announcement, the main speaker, Moore County Manager Wayne Vest, was introduced and came forward to give his talk. He brought the attendees up to date on all things of importance in Moore County and supplemented his talk with





learned with keen interest. After a short Q & A following his talk, Vest was given a warm round of applause.

Next on the agenda, President McLaughlin, introduced two special guests from the National Taxpayers Union. Brandon Arnold, NTU VP and Leah Vukmir, NTU Spokesperson each took the mike and talked about the NTU, its purpose, goals,



and how it was of interest to

residents
of Moore
County as
well as all
residents
of the



entire USA. To learn more about the NTU, go to the following

website: <a href="https://www.ntu.org/about">https://www.ntu.org/about</a>. The attendees showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned with another reminder of the June fundraising golf tournament. After the golf tournament, there will be a summer break in July and August and the next meeting will be held in September. The meeting was adjourned at about 1:30pm.

# June Golf Tournament News: Another Successful Fundraiser!



It was another beautiful day in Pinehurst on June 19th for the annual golf tournament fundraiser. Golfers began to arrive at CCNC early to enjoy pastries, coffee, and juice before warming up to start play with the 9:00am shotgun tee time.

There were over 80 golfers in the tournament with the first responder guests that rounded out the field. The tournament was again held on the Dogwood



course, rated 3<sup>rd</sup> best in North Carolina with its history of national championships. The players

enjoyed free on course refreshments of beer and soft drinks, compliments of a generous member.

While playing, there were on course contests in

addition to the prizes for the overall score. On one of the par 3 holes, a hole in one would have been rewarded with a truck courtesy of Cooper Ford. "Would have" is



the proper word as a hole in one did not happen.

Another opportunity was available, for a \$20 fee, at a different par 3. The fee provided an opportunity to win if your drive landed on the green. The proceeds from this contest went to support the First Tee of the Sandhills, a youth development organization that enables kids and teens to build the strength of character through golf and other activities. Courtney Stiles, Executive Director, and an assistant were at

the par 3 to collect the money and direct the contest. The generosity of the players allowed First Tee to raise well over a thousand dollars



for their programs. To learn more about the First Tee go to: https://firstteesandhills.org/

As mentioned earlier, generous members sponsored first responders from City and County law



enforcement, fire stations and EMS to play in the tournament. The first responders also joined the other players for lunch following the tournament. See left and following

pictures of just a few of the first responder foursomes that played.

Here are a few pictures of the members and their guests that played their best to compete for the honor of being the

winning foursome:









As the players made their way around the course, they could not help but see the "hole signs"



sponsored by local individuals, businesses, public





office holders and others. These generous folks

helped contribute to the total proceeds in excess of \$18,000 that was raised in this event. We thank all

who sponsored a hole sign. While others played golf, at least one member relaxed as he watched the action.

At the conclusion of play, the golfers, including first responders, gathered in the main dining room



for
lunch, a catered meal
of Asian and American
delights. Members who
did not play golf also
joined the others
including your

newsletter editor.

As those in attendance were finishing their lunch, it was time for the winner to be announced. The head pro of CCNC came forward and announced the winners of the raffle prize as well as the winning foursome. With a



score of 47 after adjustment for handicaps, the



winners were Jim Legg, Susan Thomee, Jamie Fisher and Mike Young. In addition to the picture (left) showing them at lunch, the full foursome is shown in the previous on-course picture.

In addition to the foursome winners, the following closest to the pin awards were announced: Men – Steve McCreery and Women – Susan Thomee.

Others that spoke at lunch were Courtney Stiles who



at lunch were Courtney Stiles who thanked those that made a contribution to the contest at the par three previously mentioned. Golf Chairman, Bill Dematus also took the lectern to thank everyone who

contributed to the success of this year's tournament.

We all look forward to next year for another early summer golf event!



#### Treasurer's Report – Tim Helms

The golf tournament was a success. We netted over \$18,000.00 which helps put us in a good financial situation for the upcoming elections. The weather cooperated and I believe everyone had a great time.



We are in the process of purchasing new banners for the tents that we put up at the polls on election day and early voting. The banners are 18 inches  $\times$  6 feet and have grommets in the corners so that they can also be used for parades or other uses. If anyone would like to adopt a banner, they are \$40.00 each and we would like to purchase enough for each of the 26 precincts.

On the national front, thank God that Trump turned his head at just the right time!

I hope to see you at the September meeting.

# Mike Freidel - Lunch Administration & Secretary



September is another start to a very important election. We need to do everything possible to get good conservative
Republicans elected. The future of our country depends on it.

To make sure we have the energy to get our candidates elected, we are serving Chicken Alfredo over linguine, garden salad, and rolls. For dessert we will have decadent brownies with caramel and nuts. To wash all that down we have iced tea, sweet tea and coffee.

Bell Tree has worked on the ballroom over the summer, they painted the walls and made some minor changes that have enhanced the overall appearance. More renovations are to come.

If you have not already made your reservations, it is not too late, go to our club website, <a href="www.mcrmc.club">www.mcrmc.club</a>. Remember, you should <a href="make your reservations">make your reservations</a> by <a href="Friday">Friday</a>, September 13.

If you have any questions about this meeting, reservations or need assistance, please contact me as noted below my signature. See you there!

Mike

For more information, please contact Mike Freidel at mefreidelsr@gmail.com or at 910-722-6436.

#### Program News – September By Wayne Boyles – VP Programs



SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT MOORE REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2024, LUNCHEON

We welcome Jason Simmons, Chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party, to our podium for our September 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

He is an experienced campaign operative, having worked on multiple presidential campaigns – to include as the North Carolina state director for the Donald J. Trump for Presidential Campaign in 2016, and in 2020 as Regional Political Director for Trump Victory overseeing campaign operations across several states. Most recently he served as the Executive Director of the NCGOP.

Additionally, Jason has worked for government administrations at both the state and federal level where he served as a senior executive. He was formerly enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves as a Combat Medic and Mental Health Specialist.

Jason received a Master of Arts in International Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of South Carolina. He is married and has two daughters.

This promises to be one of the most informative luncheons we have had in the past 4 years. We are in one of the most volatile campaign seasons in our history with hurricane force winds whipsawing the American political landscape.

Jason will help us sort through all this and separate the wheat from the chaff.

We hope to see you there.

#### Wayne

#### **2024 Executive Officer Comments:**

(Editor's Note: Starting with this 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 2024 Golf Tournament Vice Chair

First, thanks to everyone who worked on and participated in this year's fundraising golf tournament. As you can see in the article and pictures earlier in this newsletter, we had a beautiful day, a fine turn-out and a lot of happy first responders. Most



important, we raised over \$18,000 to be used for support of Republican candidates in the critical fall election. Once again, MCRMC members showed that we can do a lot more than show up for monthly luncheon meetings.

On the subject of voting, it is crunch time for the 2024 election. Voting begins on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. There is only 1 day of late voting and that is on November 5<sup>th</sup>. This election is going to come down to turnout. Start talking to your friends and family about their plan to vote in person BEFORE November 5<sup>th</sup>. Moore county republicans vote early.

This will allow our candidates to use resources wisely. Once you vote, your name will start getting removed from the mailing list. That means they can use their money more effectively. We need volunteers, we need to make phone calls, we need to get our voters to the polls.

Kamala Harris will implement her own version of Kaumism. Price controls, inflation, shortages, redistribution of wealth schemes, significant tax hikes and more. Trump will bring back sound economic principles and keep us free. He has a plan to reduce bureaucracy and the government so that we can control our lives and not some out-of-touch Washington DC elite.

We need to win down ballet. It is time to coalesce around conservatives. Do we always agree? No. We are on the same team. Do we need to hold our elected officials accountable? Yes.

Inflation since Biden-Harris has come into office is at 19.2%, gas prices are up 46.6%, and electricity prices are up 29.6%. These are strong indicators that the Harris presidency will destroy the US. We can't handle another 4 years of her being in the Whitehouse.

Vote early, get your friends to vote, don't wait, don't vote late.

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

#### **Tom Adams – Past President**



September already! Do you realize since we hit Labor Day, we start to vote just 45 days later (October 17<sup>th</sup>)! It seems like yesterday to me that the final day of primary voting happened on March 5<sup>th</sup>?

As a candidate I can tell you it's been a long 5 months since that day. It means that since I have no democrat opponent in the general election that it will have been 10 months since the primary and the time it will have been since I received the Republican nomination and the time I will actually take office as Moore County Commissioner.

That is too long and a poor use of available resources. Perhaps an issue that deserves a look by a legislative study commission. A legislative fix should be on the agenda.

Thanks to all of you for getting all of us candidates this far in the game. It's time for all of us to start on early voting. I'm told that Moore Dems opened their campaign headquarters last week and had a hundred excited Dems show up. Let's get busy showing them how to turn excitement into tears.

Here we go!

#### MCRMC Summer Event at Bogeys Baseball:

For the 2024 season, MCRMC was a sponsor of the Sandhills Bogeys Baseball Team. As a sponsor, we were able to be highlighted at one of the summer games and were able to set up our tent for spectators to see. In addition, those who visited the tent were

given the opportunity to register to vote, hopefully Republican.

Your newsletter editor and wife attended along with numerous other MCRMC members and



spouses using complementary tickets. The game was



(MCRMC members chat before the game) enjoyable, even though the Bogeys fell short on hits and lost the game by just a couple of runs.



One of the highlights of the game was the opening pitch by a lady in a wheelchair. It took a lot of courage to get out there in front attendees and make

that pitch.

The fans cheered as they watched and enjoyed the



game. Although the 2024 season will be over by the time you read this, we encourage all of our members to be aware of the Bogeys home schedule for 2025 and plan to attend several games. They play at the baseball stadium in the rear of the Sandhills Community College campus and there is bleacher seating, or you can bring your own chair as seen in the picture.

There is nothing like going out to watch the "old ball game!" Click on the following, listen, and plan to

attend the Bogeys next year: https://youtu.be/TSGUK9n3lJQ

#### **Newsletter Information:**



This, and future issues of the newsletter are being posted on the Club Website, www.MCRMC.club. 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/DocumentCente r/View/903/Current-List-of-Elected-Officials-PDF?bidId=

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





When you editor asked for input for this newsletter, there were many subjects that came to mind. We have seen an attempt on the life of our former President and current GOP Presidential candidate, Donald Trump. We have witnessed the heir apparent to the Democrat Presidential candidacy withdraw and his Democrat Vice President fill the

void and take over as the Democrat Presidential Candidate. Truly an amazing turn of events.

The subject that needs special emphasis is THE ELECTION. We are fast moving into the election season with early voting starting on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. See the following from the Moore County GOP website and visit it often between now

and November to keep current on election events: www.mooregop.com



2024 General Elections November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Photo ID Required

#### **Early Voting**

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>
Sunday, October 20th<sup>th</sup>
Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & November 2<sup>nd</sup>

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 20<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am - 5:00pm Saturdays: 8:00am - 3:00pm

#### \*REMINDER\*

The LAST day to vote early is Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
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.

Also, on the MC GOP website you can find out more about the Moore GOP Ballot Rally on September 7, the Moore County Campaign Theater Series on September 9, the MRW Sock Hop on October 12, the Moore County Early Voting Celebration on October 17, and the Lincoln Reagan Dinner in February of next year, which was previously scheduled for October 26 of this year.

Also be aware of numerous upcoming events such as the is the annual Petty Fish Fry at his home in Randolph County on Friday, October 4, tickets available at <a href="https://randolph.nc.gop/">https://randolph.nc.gop/</a> Also in Randolph County is the October 20 Politics in the Park in Asheboro, more information on their website noted above.

And last but certainly not least is VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5, if you have not already voted early.

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 2024



Work on getting out the vote as if your livelihood

depends on it.

#### Because it does.

As the newly coronated leader of the Democrat Party, Kamala Harris spouts "Joy" and "Optimism." What about POLICY? While she refused to reveal specifics in her "interview" with CNN, she did say, "My values have not changed." So we interpret that to mean she:

- Supports destroying women's sports
- · Opposes parental rights in schools
- Demands a wealth tax
- Has no problem with the idea of imposing price controls
- Is in favor of a national, government-run healthcare system
- Wants illegal immigrants to have access to Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid and the right to vote
- · Would nationalize drug companies and
- · Is determined to eliminate the oil industry.

Mortgage rates have doubled since President Trump left office. The massive spending spree by the Biden-Harris administration has resulted in high rents and unaffordable housing. And don't get me started on the border crisis and how they've lost track of thousands of migrant children.

According to Snopes, Kamala's father, Donald J. Harris, is an avowed Marxist who espouses the virtues of income redistribution. The title of Harris' 1978 book, "Capital Accumulation and Income Distribution," illustrates his Marxist philosophy. He once argued that the inequality that beset black people in the US did not come from a form of "colonial rule" where white people dominate. Instead, he argued that the problem was capitalism.

America needs to wake up if we are to keep our republic intact. We must elect Republicans up and down the ballot. The Mainstream Media is doing its best to hide who Kamala really is. So we have to get the word out by other means. Get

involved with My Faith Votes and other conservative initiatives to get out the vote.

Please be sure to vote as early as possible. The MCGOP will be hosting a celebratory pizza party at headquarters on October 17, the first day of early voting. Go vote and then join us!

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

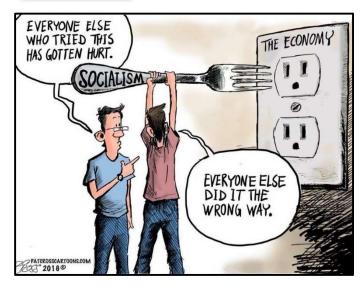
Conservative News for Moore County NC And Beyond

(Editor's Note: This month there will be a couple of selected "Tom's News" selections)



Tom's Thoughts (first one)

## MEME -Socialism



Tom's Thoughts (another one)

See the Article Below for More Details.

Emphasis added by Highlight / Bold

#### **Article**

Date: Monday, August 26, 2024

Short notes worth reading, watching, or otherwise viewing.

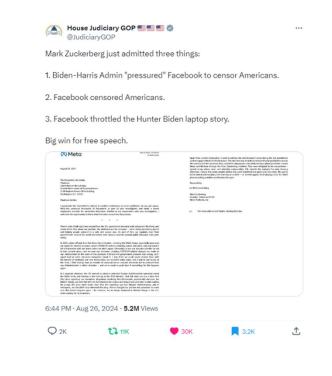
Biden - Harris Administration Pressured Facebook to Censor Americans and Facebook Did So.

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Here is the link to the enlarged 1st page of the memo: <a href="https://pbs.twimg.com/media/GV8Rlp9XMA">https://pbs.twimg.com/media/GV8Rlp9XMA</a>
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Here is the link to the enlarged 2nd page of the memo: <a href="https://pbs.twimg.com/media/GV8Rlp9W8A">https://pbs.twimg.com/media/GV8Rlp9W8A</a> AtBAN?format=jpg&name=4096x4096



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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: <a href="https://www.resolvenc.blog">www.resolvenc.blog</a> (If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)

#### **RESOLVE**

An independent blog exposing the Left

#### The toll

By Steve Woodward



Disengaged and distracted, many Americans lament the deep division that defines the era in which we live. Yet, demonstrably, the 21st century Marxist Left that consumes the Democrat party stands for dead babies, dead Israelis and, thanks to undeterred waves of murderous illegal immigrants, dead and maimed American citizens.

Objectively, divisions have widened since the ascension of Barack Obama to the U.S. presidency in 2009. Two Obama terms and the establishment of Obama 3.0 under the guise of a Joe Biden administration have driven establishment Democrats violently further Left, and taken many young, college educated citizens with them.

This is starkly reflected by American policy regarding and attitudes toward Israel. An April 2024 Pew Research Center <u>survey</u> asked respondents to prioritize the importance of America's support for its longtime ally. The resulting data delivered a 31-point gap, with 39 percent of Republicans (and those who are Republican-leaning) replying that Israel should be a top, long-range U.S. foreign policy priority compared to eight percent of Democrats (and those who are Democrat-leaning). In fact, on no other foreign policy issue were the D/leanD respondents more tepid. They even prioritize at 29 percent "limiting the power and influence of Iran" (the catalyst behind Israel's perilous state).

Among 19 questions on U.S. foreign policy priorities, no other topic elicited a gap above 30 points with the exception of the one question that absolutely should not have been included in the foreign policy survey in the first place — "dealing with global climate change". That delivered a 55-point gap. As expected from supporters of a Democrat party in which climate change is religion not mere policy, 70 percent of D/lean D say it's the nation's top foreign policy priority compared to 15 percent of R/lean R.

Democrats clamoring for a Kamala Harris policy

speech on U.S.-Israel relations amid Israel's war on Hamas terrorists (and by extension Iran, which funds Hamas) should expect to be disappointed. In reality, Democrats clamoring for any Harris clarity on policy are limited to a few think tank wonks, and obviously not the glassy eyed pro-abortion brigades that swarmed Chicago during the recent Democrat convention.

Policy that addresses human tolls does not align with a "joy and hope" narrative (smoke screen) that the media has assigned to Harris-Walz 2024. But human tolls are precisely what are exacted when the United States betrays its allies. Rather than supporting Israel's destruction of Hamas, the U.S., along with the U.K., have pushed for measured responses to the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led massacre of 1,200 innocents.

And rather than urging the United Nations and other U.S. allies to join us in pooling our intelligence resources to free more than 100 Hamas-held hostages, they languish in tunnels beneath Gaza. As of September 1, six fewer are languishing because they are dead — four men and two women, ages 23-40, brutally murdered. Point blank gun shots ended their innocent lives.

The Harris-Biden regime keeps pressure on Israel to call a cease fire to negotiate the release of the hostages, as if Hamas would never think of killing again during a lull in combat. As this is written, the U.S. Department of Justice is announcing charges involving a criminal complaint against Hamas related to October 7. How were these charges not filed on October 8, 2023? Why now? To absolve Democrats from pretending October 7 never happened? Just in case. Elections, and such.

"The terrorists murder six Israel hostages, including one dual-citizen American, and Israel is suddenly under pressure to make concessions — to Hamas," observes a September 3, 2024, Wall Street Journal editorial. Over the months of war, writes the Journal, "Israel is offering unprecedented strategic concessions and risking its soldiers' lives to free hostages."

We are reminded weekly of the human toll exacted because the hapless Harris-Biden (or is it willfully negligent?) regime refuses to take stringent actions to close the U.S.-Mexico border. After allowing at least 10 million-plus to flood into the homeland since 2021, the Left is expecting an election year bump because it finally cut a deal with Mexico to keep immigrants from surging. (Imagine the human toll as they are herded like animals around northern Mexico or, worse, sent into the sex trafficking pipeline).

This temporary border control "solution" is not stopping the carnage across the United States. The

high profile murders of children and women at the hands of young male illegals are nonetheless glaringly absent from the radar of these supposed legions of newly inspired Harris voters. They likely never will hear about — or choose to ignore — the 14-year-old girl in Indiana stabbed August 31, 2024, by Dimas Gabriel Yanez, 26, while she watched her brother play baseball. Indiana law enforcement reports that Yanez was deported to Honduras in 2018. But, along with millions, he returned to roam cities and towns, undetected and undocumented.

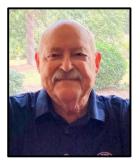
When will the trauma of being attacked in small town Lowell, Indiana, with a butcher knife subside for the Honduran's teen victim?

When will the human tolls ever matter? When will Americans with the privilege and power of casting a vote wake up to the realization that they can stop the carnage? Or will the gutless Left, intent on breeding baby murdering pro-abortionists, and virulent anti-Semites, and deranged climate warriors, even notice the consequences of any of it?

Sadly, they almost certainly will not. At least not until they are added to the toll.

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#### Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer



Some of you know that I had planned to have a "summer" newsletter issue, planned for late July or early August. Due to a number of reasons, one being a slight case of procrastination, it did not happen (referenced earlier in this newsletter). So, this issue

has news and articles that cover 3 months, June, July and August.

I hope all had a good 3 months and are relaxed, revived, and ready for a busy and important next couple of months leading up to the general election in early November. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, absentee and in-person early voting is just around the corner. It can't be said too many times, whatever else you do before or on November 5: VOTE!!

#### From Our Members:

John Rowerdink to The Pilot:

Letter: 'Weird' Is Weird



Democrats claim to be the champions of the downtrodden in our society, and President Biden, and now Kamala Harris, are fond of saying they want to build the middle class "from the bottom up and the middle out."

Yet, they are now talking about how "weird" J.D. Vance is. So, I'm trying to understand what it is about him that they think is so weird.

Is it that he escaped the worst kind of dysfunction in his childhood home, including drugs, alcoholism and violence and went on to have great success at an early age? Is it that he joined the Marine Corps after graduating from high school and completed his term of service to his country?

Is it that he then enrolled at Ohio State University and graduated in two years? Is it that he then got a law degree from Yale? Is it that he became a best-selling author of "Hillbilly Elegy," which was made into a successful movie?

Is it because he launched a successful business career and became a multimillionaire? Is it that he then got elected to the United States Senate? Is it that, by all accounts, he is a loving husband and father?

Is it because he is now the Republican nominee for vice president of the United States? Is it because he accomplished all of this by the ripe old age of 39?

If all of this is weird, we need more of it, not less. What is really weird, is those who think J.D. Vance is weird.

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To see some Memes and an interesting article, see the insert in this newsletter

Reminder: Our September Luncheon Meeting is on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are required and can be made on the club website: <a href="https://www.mcrmc.club">www.mcrmc.club</a>
Make your reservation by no later than Friday,

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