



NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION  
of  
*Republican Women*

**NCFRW**  
NEWS

NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN – ACTIVISTS SINCE 1774!

March 2022

## From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President



**COME** to Ronna McDaniel's **Family First Forum** in Greensboro on **Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. We Republicans believe in quality education for all and in a parent's right to decide what is best for their children. Our Republican message is the key to helping families, and we are honored that Ronna will host this forum for us.

See below for details and the link to RSVP.

**TRAIN** for polling-place duties. A few hours of your time to ensure fair and honest elections is well worth the effort you make. The survival of our Republic depends on elections that are trusted and transparent. Remember, when you fill your gas tank or pay your electric bill, your family is suffering because of the last election.

**PRAY** for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for American troops deployed in the region. Our hearts go out to those living in Eastern Europe who are faced with unimaginable horrors and the fear of further violence spreading across the region. **Be skeptical**, we cannot trust what we see or hear from the mainstream media!

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** celebrates the contributions women make to our nation. Our North Carolina activist women's heritage begins in 1774 with the outspoken Penelope Barker of Edenton who famously began a boycott of English tea in the Colonies. As Penelope fought against King George III, we fight against King Roy Cooper and King Joe Biden. Republican women led the struggle against slavery and for Women's Suffrage, and we continue today to defend parent's rights, keep pornography out of schools and advocate for educational excellence.

## NCFRW and "Keep Nine" by Martha Jenkins



### "KEEP NINE" - and what YOU can do!

The NCFRW Legislative Committee is working diligently with others at the state and national levels to pass an Amendment to the Constitution to prevent "court packing" - an action that would increase the numbers of members on the Supreme Court for political advantage and diminish confidence in its ability to exist as an essential element in our system of "checks and balances."

An amendment to our Constitution has been introduced. This is an important issue - and both you and your Club can do something to help!

[Get important info about Keep Nine](#)



## NCFRW letter to Thom Tillis

At the recent NCFRW Board Meeting, members signed [this letter](#) to Senator Tillis, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, requesting that he question the nominee for the Supreme Court about her views on "Court Packing" and on the Keep Nine Amendment.

## You're invited to hear Ronna McDaniel on March 10



Join Ronna McDaniel, Chair of the Republican National Committee, for a **Family First Forum** in Greensboro on Thursday, March 10th, at 6:00 pm at the Koury Convention Center, 3121 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC.

Ms. McDaniel will join Rep. Virginia Foxx, Sen. Phil Berger, Speaker Tim Moore, Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt and Michael Whatley NCGOP Chair for a **Family First Forum**.

You all are invited as our guest to join with the NC GOP and the NCFRW at this free event to welcome Ronna to North Carolina. **To RSVP, go [here](#).**

## NFRW Achievement Awards information



At the biennial convention, the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) recognizes outstanding clubs through the Achievement Awards program.

**The ultimate goals of these Awards: To support and elect Republican candidates and to pass Republican legislation.**

Set your Club up for success. Find out more about the useful checklist of club functions, membership development ideas and milestones, programs, leadership development, campaign activities, and community relations that earn points towards the biennial awards.

[Read more about NFRW Awards](#)

## Club members/associates who are candidates

### ACT RW:

- **Lynette Ramsey**, 5th District Chair NCGOP

### Buncombe County RW:

- **Kristi Sluder** and **Michele Woodhouse**, US Congress District 11

### Forsyth RW

- **Linda Petrou**, 5th District Vice Chair NCGOP

### Greater Greensboro RW

- **Gay Dillard**, 5th District Chair NCGOP

### Johnston County RW

- **Charlene Nelson**, District Court Judge
- **Michelle Antoine**, Johnston County Board of Education

### Mecklenberg RW:

- **Elsa Karman**, NC House of Representatives District 99
- **Desiree Zapata Miller**, Mecklenburg District 6 County Commissioner

- **Tatyana Thulien**, Mecklenburg County Commissioner at Large
- **Tina Marie Bloomer**, NC House

#### Moore RW:

- Tom McInnis (associate): NC Senate District 21
- Jamie Boles (associate): NC House of Representatives District 052
- Neal Jackson (associate): NC House of Representatives District 078
- Warren McSweeney (associate): NC District Court Judge District 19D Seat 01
- **Beth Tanner**: NC District Court Judge District 19D Seat 02
- **Pauline Bruno** - MC Board of Education
- **Shannon Davis** - MC Board of Education
- Ken Benway (associate) - MC Board of Education
- Ronnie Fields (associate): MC Sheriff
- **Angela Vacek**: MC Board of Commissioners- District I
- John Ritter (associate): MC Board of Commissioners District III
- Kurt Cook (associate): MC Board of Commissioners District V
- Chris Morgan (associate): MC Clerk of Superior Court
- Bill Britton (associate): MC Register of Deeds

#### Onslow County RW

- **Lisa Carpenter**, Onslow County Commissioner

#### RW of Cary and Southwestern Wake

- **Emanuela Prister**, NC Senate District 15

#### Triangle RW

- **Joetta MacMiller**, Durham Board of Education
- **Valarie Jarvis**, Durham Board of Education

If your Club has members or associates who are running for office, [email us](#) so we can list them, too!

## NCFRW women serving on NFRW committees

Be proud of your fellow members at NCFRW! We have leaders serving the **National Federation of Republican Women** on important committees, including:

- **Linda Petrou**, Chair NFRW Resolutions Committee
- **Martha Jenkins**, Resolutions Committee and Sergeant-at-Arms
- **Pat Smith**, Caring for America Committee
- **Evelyn Poole-Kober**, Campaign Committee and Sergeant-at-Arms
- **Ann James**, Sergeant-at-Arms
- **Jackie Weyhenmeyer**, Fundraising Committee
- **Justice Payton**, Youth Outreach Committee
- **Leisa Rowe**, Campaign Committee

## Club Presidents: Focus on privacy



#### Privacy Concerns for Personal Information

Membership lists, luncheon/meeting attendance lists, all member information is confidential and may not be given to anyone - not to the NCGOP, not to your County Chair, to no one, under pain of expulsion for any member who divulges it. This is in the Bylaws.

#### Privacy at Meetings

Have a policy regarding the press or other media at meetings and/or video recording or tape recording of speeches. Especially in the campaign season, you should ask if members of the press or media are present and require that they follow your policy. Make this part of your Standing Rules.

**News from the Winter Board meeting will be sent directly to all Club**

## Congratulations to these amazing clubs!

Congratulations to the clubs celebrating milestone anniversaries this year:

- 60 years - Mecklenburg Republican Women
- 50 years - Fayetteville Republican Women
- 50 years - Onslow County Republican Women
- 50 years - Greater Greensboro Republican Women
- 40 years - Davidson County Republican Women
- 25 years - Macon County Republican Women (formerly Gem County)
- 25 years - Republican Women of Pitt County

**Note the new name:** After 60 years, Mecklenburg Evening Republican Women have a new name - **Mecklenburg Republican Women!** Same great women and still known as MERWC.

## Celebrating Fayetteville RW's 50th anniversary:



Diane Wheatley, the longest-serving ACTIVE member, prior President and Tribute to Women honoree.



FRWC Secretary Kelley Ames' beautiful gift baskets and raffle prizes added to the evening's festivities.



Linda Devore, Kay Wildt, Janice McInnis, NC Senator McInnis

## Know more about the Electoral Education Foundation



**Hal Weatherman** was one of the featured speakers at the NCFRW Winter Board meeting at the end of February. He is the founder and President of the Electoral Education Foundation, an organization he started to restore trust in North Carolina's voting system by holding the system accountable.

To learn more and to sign up to receive information on this important topic, visit, [electoraleducationfoundation.com](http://electoraleducationfoundation.com).

**March 28:** Absentee ballots will start being mailed out.

**April 28:** The 17-day One-Stop Early Voting starts; your location(s) can be found here: <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/ossite/>

**May 10:** Deadline to submit an absentee ballot request form for the 2022 statewide primary.

**May 14:** One-stop, in-person early voting period ends at 3 p.m. for the 2022 statewide primary.

**May 17:** Election Day for the 2022 statewide primary and absentee ballot return deadline.

## Upcoming events

**March 10 - Ronna McDaniel** with Rep. Virginia Foxx and Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt at 6:00 pm. Free event. All members are invited. Koury Convention Center, Greensboro.

**March 18 - Dr. Ben Carson** to speak at lecture in **Moore Co.** - Owens Auditorium (BPAC), Sandhills Community College. For tickets: [www.jehlectures.com/](http://www.jehlectures.com/)

**March 31 - April 2, 2022 - NFRW Legislative Day & Board of Directors Meeting**  
[Hilton Alexandria Old Town](#), Alexandria, Virginia

**April 9 - Onslow RW's** 50th Anniversary celebration. Jacksonville Country Club.

**April 10 - Cumberland GOP** presenting **Gen. Michael Flynn** at the Crown Coliseum. Tickets are \$150. Purchase your tickets [here](#).

**May 21, 2022 - NCFRW Spring Board Meeting** at the NCGOP Convention Koury Convention Center - Greensboro

**November 18-19, 2022 - NCFRW Fall Board Meeting and 2022 Tribute to Women**  
Lexington

## Catawba County RW: Harriet Long Bannon, RIP



**Harriett Long Bannon**, charter member of the Catawba County Women's Club and of the Catawba County League of Republican Women, recently passed on at age 101 (she would have been 102 in April). She will be remembered as a talented, creative and much-loved woman. You can read more about her long and active life [here](#).

## Caring for America projects: Gaston County RW

The Gaston County Republican Women's club (GCRW) participates in a continuing Caring for America gardening project to support Webb Street School in Gastonia, which serves students ages 5 to 22 with intellectual disabilities. It operates greenhouses and a garden center that grows vegetables for local restaurants. GCRW held its first work day at Webb Street School on February 5 with more planned. Everyone had a great time for a worthy cause.





## Got news to share?

We'd like to hear about it and share it in this newsletter! Contact [NCFRepublicanWomen@gmail.com](mailto:NCFRepublicanWomen@gmail.com) and send in your information and photos.

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