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## NC TREASURER DALE FOLWELL Visits LCFRWC in April at the City Club

Always a crowd-pleaser, North Carolina Treasurer Dale Folwell did not disappoint our members at the April meeting. He detailed how he is saving NC taxpayers millions of dollars a year, and he introduced us to [www.nccash.com](http://www.nccash.com). Our meeting was at-capacity, and we enjoyed a delightful luncheon.

## NEW HANOVER COUNTY GOP CONVENTION

by Patti Smithson

The New Hanover County Republican Party held its annual convention Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the Seaside Chapel in Carolina Beach. There were 109 in-person delegates and 16 Zoom attendees. NC GOP Chairman Michael Whatley – in a whirlwind tour of the Eastern part of the state – made a stop at the convention to bring greetings from HQs! Chairman Whatley congratulated NHC on their election efforts. Although President Trump did not carry New Hanover, he got 66,000 votes which exceeded the number of votes needed out of New Hanover for Trump to carry

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## LCFRWC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 17**—ZOOM MEETING, 7:00PM, NC GOP National Committeewoman Kyshia Lineberger,

**May 6**—EVENING MEETING, The Surf Club, 6:30PM—Congressman David Rouzer, Guest Speaker

**June 3**—EVENING MEETING, Cape Fear Country Club, 6:30PM—Susan Tillis, Guest Speaker (Baby Bundles Shower)

**July 1**—TBA

**August 5**—EVENING MEETING, Country Club of Landfall, 6:30PM—NCGOP Chairman Michael Whatley, Guest Speaker

**September 2**—EVENING MEETING, Country Club of Landfall, 6:30PM—The Honorable Carolyn Justice, Guest Speaker

**October 9**—NINTH GALA & AUCTION, Cape Fear Country Club, 6:00PM—NC Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson, Guest Speaker

**November 4**—ANNUAL MEETING, Cape Fear Country Club, 6:30PM—The Honorable Craig Horn, Guest Speaker

**December 2**—Christmas Party, Cape Fear Country Club, 6:30PM—Essay Award Winner, Guest Speaker

the state and secure its 15 electoral votes!

We also heard from former Congressman Mark Walker who has announced his candidacy for the US Senate in 2022. Senator Richard Burr, after a quarter of a century of service to his country, his state, and his party, announced previously that he will be retiring after his current term is over. Former Governor Pat McCrory announced this week that he will be a candidate for the seat.

LCFRWC Vice-President Brenda Barker was recognized and acknowledged for chairing the most successful fund-raising event EVER in New Hanover County – the 2019 Lincoln-Reagan Dinner! Congratulations to Brenda. It's no surprise to us to know that whatever Brenda undertakes usually ends up as being the most successful ever of its kind! The business of the convention was to elect county officers for the next two years. Congratulations to Chairman Will Knecht and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Carmen Denby on their re-election and to Debbie Love, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chair; Dave Oleander, Secretary; and Rick Parrotte, Treasurer.

All delegates to the NHC GOP convention were elected as delegates to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Convention (which was held on April 10<sup>th</sup>) and to the NC GOP Convention to be held in Greenville June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Michael Whatley will be a candidate for re-election as state party chair. Chairman Whatley has the support of the members of the LCFRWC, and is scheduled to be our August guest speaker.

# Getting to Know You

As promised, we will be introducing you to several of our members each month in our Newsletter. We hope you will enjoy getting to know your sister members better. For those of you who have not responded with your bio, please email yours to [carolynjustice16@gmail.com](mailto:carolynjustice16@gmail.com).



**Ann LaReau**

I have been a member for 5 years.

I am an experienced authority on Alzheimer's and dementia education, training, and caregiving, and provide these specialized senior care services in Southeastern North Carolina through my company, Ann LaReau Alzheimers Consulting, LLC.

I am a widow with one son who lives in the mountains of Western NC, and 3 granddaughters—all in college. The oldest went through Clemson in 2 years, one year for her Masters and now working on her Doctorate in Physics. The second got her solo pilot license at age 14, then got certified to fly helicopters and is now working on the Black Hawk license while in ROTC at University in Tulsa. Youngest is studying creative writing at Tennessee. Very proud!!!



**Catherine Kassens, M.D.**

Member of the LCFRW for a few years.

After growing up in NYC I studied in the North East and the Midwest. While training in St. Louis I met and married my late husband. We moved to Wilmington, his home town, in 1977. My older daughter Alice is an Economics Professor in Virginia and my younger daughter Kate is a computer scientist who works for Apiture and lives in Wilmington. After practicing Dermatology as a solo practitioner for forty-four years I retired in the end of 2020. I've been in the same house since 1977 with a garden filled with plants my husband planted over thirty years. Fred and Ellie, my two miniature poodles, share my home. I have supported Republican candidates since I was eligible to vote. I have contributed to candidates and the party for decades. During some election seasons I have volunteered at campaign headquarters.

Since education in history, economics, American history and government and great literature from Homer to Willa Cather is essential to cultivating informed citizens who can think for themselves. I would like to hear from individuals who can help us improve the quality of education at every level.

**CORRECTION:** Please note that the last sentence in the previous edition of this newsletter was not written by Dr. Kassens. Our sincerest apologies to her for this error.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & CLUB INFORMATION

Hello everyone! It's been a very busy year so far, and we're thankful for that. Our club is growing by leaps and bounds. We welcome all of our new members, many having relocated to the area, and appreciate all of our former members who have renewed. We have a great venue for our May meeting, so please invite a friend (but RSVP)!

LCFRWC Treasurer Pam Higgins, Assistant Treasurer Patti Smithson, and I will travel to Asheville for the Spring Board Meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women, April 30-May 2. We will be representing you as we cast our votes for the 2022-23 NCFRW President and Executive Board.

Please join us for a special ZOOM meeting with guest speaker, GOP National Committeewoman Kyshia Lineberger. She is one of two NC representatives on the national GOP committee, and she will be updating us on national issues. Please join our Zoom call at 7PM on April 27. The link is found at the beginning of the email in which the newsletter is attached.

Old School Long-term Fundraiser: We are collecting favorite recipes and recollections for a special cookbook of local, state and national GOP members. Please send in your favorite recipe(s) with a photograph and/or a recollection as to why it's your favorite. Our goal is to publish this cookbook in time to help our GOTV efforts next year, so please send yours in soon to [lowercapefearrwc@gmail.com](mailto:lowercapefearrwc@gmail.com). Please write "Recipe" in the message line. We are also selling ads for the cookbook, so if you know any candidates, please pass the word along that it will be a fun opportunity.

We're still collecting newborn baby items for the Susan Tillis Foundation's Baby Bundles Project. Please bring your items to the May meeting and the June Meeting. Junior Enlisted Servicemen make less than \$25K per year on average. These bundles are given to their families, and are many times the only gifts they receive. This is our Caring for America Project!

You do not have to be a delegate to attend the NCGOP Annual Convention, in Greenville, as a guest. Here is an opportunity for all Republicans to learn how your party works, attend luncheon and dinner events with well-known speakers, and meet fellow Republicans from across the state. The 2021 North Carolina Republican Party State Convention shall convene on June 4th, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Greenville Convention Center. The purpose of the convention shall be to adopt the NCGOP Plan of Organization, Party Platform, and Resolutions, elect a State Party Chair and Vice-Chair, and carry out other actions the Convention may deem necessary. Information on Convention events, registration, and hotels can be found at <https://convention.nc.gop>. ~ Carolyn Justice

State and National Federation Actions: Lobby our federal delegation to Stop the Expansion of the U.S. Supreme Court and lobby our state delegation to Support NC House Bill 358, Protecting Women's Sports in NC.



The Lower Cape Fear  
Republican Women's Club

*Invites You to Attend an Evening  
with Special Guest*

*Congressman David Rouzer*

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

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**6:30PM**

**The Surf Club  
1 Mallard St.  
Wrightsville Beach, NC**

**R.S.V.P. by 5:00PM, Thursday, April 29, 2021  
to [lowercapefearrwc@gmail.com](mailto:lowercapefearrwc@gmail.com)**

**\$30 per person, whether or not you eat.**

**Personal checks preferred.**

**No-shows and cancellations after the R.S.V.P. date  
will be billed.**

**General membership meeting.**

**CASH BAR**