



A Note of Farewell From our President...

Serving as President of the Fayetteville Republican Women's Club has been a privilege. Over the past year, I have seen our members show real dedication, energy, and a sincere commitment to our shared values. We worked hard together, and I am proud of the teamwork that helped us earn the Diamond Award. I am grateful for the encouragement, the collaboration, and the friendships that have grown within this club.

Every organization faces its own challenges, but our strength has always come from the women who show up, participate, and support one another. When we choose unity over division, our voice becomes stronger, our impact becomes greater, and our mission stays focused on what truly matters.

As leadership transitions, my hope is that the club continues to move forward with purpose, confidence, and a shared desire to work together for the good of our community. United efforts build strong outcomes, and I believe this club has many strong days ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to continuing to support the important work of the Fayetteville Republican Women's Club in the months to come.

Dr. Gail Morfesis, President FRWC

"The world becomes gentler when women choose to stand together."

– Laura Mussler, FRWC President

A Note of Thanks from Your Incoming President

I want to start by saying thank you. Being elected President of this club is one of the greatest honors I have ever received, and I am deeply grateful for your trust. This club has a long history of strong women who serve, support one another, and keep our mission moving forward. To stand in that line of leadership is humbling, and I promise you I will work hard every month to earn the confidence you placed in me.

I know our world gets busy. Many of us juggle families, careers, volunteer work, aging parents, and everything in between. Even so, I am asking each of you to stay involved and stay present. This club only thrives when its members take part in the work. Without participation, organizations fade. With participation, we grow into a force that can inspire others and make an impact in our community.

You matter. Your ideas matter. Your presence matters.

Thank you again for believing in me and in what this club can accomplish together. I am excited for the year ahead, and I am honored to serve you.

Laura Rodrigues-Mussler

"Women lead best when we work side by side. That is how real change begins."

– Margaret Thatcher

Next Meeting Information



FRWC Christmas Party - December 2nd, 6pm Sammio's, Hope Mills

- o Bring a gift of worth about \$30 for our Dirty Santa
- o New Board members will be sworn in
- o Bring a friend or relative to join in the fun



FRWC January Meeting - Tuesday January 6th - 6pm, Anchor Allie's on Bragg Blvd

- o Our Membership contest begins
- o New fundraiser

MEETING

"A new year asks only one thing of you. Open your eyes, open your heart, and step forward with intention."

Local Spotlight

Our new meeting location starting
January 6

Anchor Allies Fayetteville

If you have not been to Anchor Allies on Bragg Boulevard yet, put it on your list. This veteran friendly, woman owned restaurant brings an all-day breakfast and brunch menu to Fayetteville with big portions, creative cocktails, and a fun nautical theme.

Owner Allie Stephens started Anchor Allie's in Virginia Beach and chose Fayetteville for her first North Carolina location, a vote of confidence in our community and our military roots.

The restaurant now also houses Siren's by Allie, a speakeasy-style lounge designed for girls' night, date night, or a chance to finally wear that cocktail dress hanging in the closet. This is where our meeting will be held come the new year.

It is a great spot to support a local employer, treat visiting family, or plan a ladies brunch for our club members.

You have my appreciation...

Thank you for being part of our journey this year. Whether you attended a meeting, helped with an event, reached out to a fellow member, or simply showed up your contribution matters. Let's carry that spirit of kindness and collaboration into 2026.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Janine Seals, December 18

"A birthday is the universe reminding you that your light still matters."

Please send me your idea or special dates

I would love a little input into this newsletter. This newsletter is about all of us and the more you give input the better it will be.

Please send me the date you joined the club (Just the year is fine)

You do not have to write an article just send me ideas and I will work to include them.

If you know of one of our members doing something great for our community, send me the info so they can be recognized.

Mark Your Calendar

- **A Dickens Holiday** - Friday, November 28, 2025, from noon until around 9 PM. A charming Victorian-themed downtown Fayetteville celebration.
- **Diane Wheatley Office Opening** - December 6, 11am-2pm - 2921 Damascus Rd. Food, fellowship and fun for the whole family
- **Fayetteville Holiday Lights at Segra Stadium** - December 8-23 - Nightly holiday light show from about 5:30 pm to 8:30
- **Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying** - December 13 - 12:00 - till wreaths are laid. Sandhills Cemetery 8220 Bragg Blvd. Lay wreaths on the graves of those who have served.
- **Festival of Lights at Sweet Valley Ranch** - Drive-through/walk-through light displays, hayrides, Santa visits, & more.



What's New for Our Club...

We are stepping into a fresh year with fresh ideas and a full calendar. Our club is ready to grow, and we are bringing in events and activities that fit a variety of schedules, personalities, and interests.

This spring we will host a beautiful Spring Tea that I hope becomes a signature event for us. We are also planning a Fashion Show fundraiser that will bring in community members, spotlight local boutiques, and help us build a strong financial base for the projects we support.



To make our gatherings more accessible, we will hold Quarterly Luncheons so members who cannot attend evening meetings still have a place to connect, contribute, and feel included. This is your club, and we want every woman to have a seat at the table.

And yes, we are bringing some fun into the mix. At next year's Christmas party we will crown our second Membership Queen. This will be a lighthearted way to celebrate the member who brings in the most new faces and helps us grow our circle.

There is so much ahead, and I cannot wait to build it with you. Our events are meaningful, our goals are strong, and our club is full of capable women who make things happen. With your involvement, this will be one of our best years yet.

**"Do the best you can in every task, no matter how small it may seem at the time."
Justice Sandra Day O'Connor**

PATRIOT CORNER

December 25, 1776

On a freezing Christmas night in 1776, General George Washington made a bold move that changed the direction of the American Revolution. The Continental Army was exhausted, outnumbered, and worn down by defeat. Many soldiers had no shoes. Supplies were dwindling. Morale was collapsing.

Washington refused to give in.

Late that night, he gathered his men on the banks of the Delaware River. In complete darkness and bitter cold, they pushed heavy boats across the icy water. Some soldiers marched with frozen clothing that cracked when they moved. Others struggled to keep the boats from sinking under the weight of men, horses, and artillery.

By dawn, Washington's army reached the other side and launched a surprise attack on Hessian forces in Trenton. The victory was swift and decisive, and it changed everything. It revived the army's hope, strengthened support for independence, and proved that courage and grit can turn the tide even in the darkest moments.

Why it matters:

This moment reminds us that America was built by people who stood firm when everything looked impossible. It's a reminder that leadership, unity, and faith can carry a nation through any storm.

Cumberland YR Corner

We're excited to share...

The Cumberland Young Republicans will be supporting Diane Wheatley at her December 6 campaign kickoff!

They're back on December 13 at 2 PM at The Coffee Scene. If you're a fired-up conservative between 18 and 40, this is your crew.