



**We build strong communities the old-fashioned way. Invitation by invitation. Shift by shift. Prayer by prayer.**

### Better Together

One of the things I appreciate most about this club is the heart behind it. Every woman here brings something valuable to the table, whether it's experience, ideas, energy, or simply a willingness to show up. When we choose to support one another, that collective strength really shines.

We're all human. We have different personalities, different communication styles, and different ways of seeing things. That's not a problem. In fact, it's what makes a group stronger when we approach those differences with patience and kindness. A little grace and understanding can go a long way.

This club works best when we assume good intentions, speak directly and respectfully, and give each other the benefit of the doubt. Most bumps along the way aren't about conflict at all. They're just moments where a conversation can make things clearer and stronger.

My hope is that we continue building a culture where encouragement is natural, kindness is easy, and support is felt. When women lift each other up, we create a space that's welcoming, energizing, and genuinely enjoyable to be part of.

If someone stumbles, the answer is grace, not gossip. When women choose to rise above petty behavior, we create a space where trust can grow and relationships can heal.

I'm excited about what we can accomplish together, and I'm grateful to serve alongside women who care deeply about this club and one another.

Warmly, Laura Rodrigues-Mussler

**Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence.**



## Next Meeting Information



**FRWC February Meeting** - Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6 pm, Anchor Allie's on Bragg Blvd

- o Political Memorabilia Auction... Will you bring the best item?
- o Guess That Quote Game... Will you win???



**FRWC March Meeting** - Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6 pm, Anchor Allie's on Bragg Blvd

- o Primary Watch Party
- o Share the wealth Fundraiser



The most powerful thing women can do is refuse to tear each other down.



## Local Spotlight

These candidates are scheduled to speak at our meeting as of the date of printing...

Subject to change.

**Don Brown - US Senate**

**Thomas Johnson - US Senate**

**David Rouzer \* - NC House 7**

**David Buzzard - NC House 7**

**Matt Smith - NC Court of Appeals**

**Tom McInnis \* - NC Senate 25**

**Diane Wheatley \* - NC House 43**

**Jackie Weyhenmeyer - NC House 19**

**Rob Hasty - NC Superior Court Judge  
District 14A Seat 01**

**Jonathan Strange - NC District Court  
Judge District 14 Seat 05**

**Greg West - Cumberland County Board  
of Commissioners At-Large**

\* Incumbant



**"Duty is ours; results are God's." — John Quincy Adams**

Friends, February is a bridge month. We close out our winter routines and walk straight into a busy spring with the March 3 primary around the corner. Thank you for the steady way you show up, pray up, and follow through. Our club works because women like you take ownership.

Here is my ask. Invite one new woman to join us on Feb 3, then help her find a role the same night. Greeter. Hospitality. Prayer team. Poll greeting. Newsletter tips. Everyone can do something. If you need a script or an invite card, reply and I will send it.

*"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9*

## Mark Your Calendar

- ♥ Diane Wheatley Volunteer Meeting - Jan 26 - 6 pm - 2921 Damascus Rd - Please come and find out what you can do to help - literature hand outs - phone calls - event set-up
- ♥ NCFRW Winter Board Meeting- Jan 31 - Feb 1 - Beaufort Hotel - 2440 Lennoxville Rd, Beaufort, NC
- ♥ Diane Wheatley Meet n Greet - Feb 7 - 11am - 1pm - Grey's Creek Women's Club Building - 3024 School Road, Hope Mills - Show your support and maybe a new friend.
- ♥ Ladies Funday Sunday - Feb 22 - 12 pm to 2 pm - The Sand Trap - 1514 Purdue Dr - Catered by Two Brothers - then travel to the Crown Coliseum to see Menopause The Musical Two - SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER
- ♥ Weekly Go Red Training- Jan 27 - February 17 - at 1 pm & 6 pm - ZOOM - YOU CAN DO IT FROM HOME!! - How to Run a Convention, GOP Data Center, Election Day Operations & Pulsar Door Knocking App - Contact me and I will forward the email with the link to register.



## PATRIOT CORNER

February 22, 1732

On February 22, 1732, George Washington was born, a man whose character would help shape the very foundation of the United States.

While history often focuses on his military victories, Washington's greatest strength was his leadership style. He valued restraint, integrity, and service over personal power.

After leading the Continental Army to victory, Washington did something almost unheard of at the time. He stepped away from power. Twice. He resigned his military commission and later chose not to seek a third term as President, setting a precedent that leadership is about responsibility, not control.

Washington believed that unity mattered more than ego and that the success of the nation depended on people putting the common good ahead of personal ambition. His example helped establish a culture of peaceful transitions and civic duty that still defines American leadership today.

### Why it matters:

February reminds us that strong leadership isn't loud or self-serving. It's steady, principled, and rooted in service. Those same values apply just as much in our communities and organizations as they do in government.

**"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."**  
- Eleanor Roosevelt -

## WAR CHEST SILENT AUCTION

### How it works...

Bring a piece of memorabilia to donate to the club, set it on the display table, and let the silent bidding begin.

All proceeds support our club's work for candidates. At 7:45 p.m. the auction closes.

The donor whose item brings in the most money wins a grand prize. Friendly bragging rights included.

### Quick steps:

1. Arrive a little early so your item gets prime attention.
2. Fill out the short form: your name, a punchy description, and an estimated value for our records.
3. Place the bid sheet in front and start the first bid to get the ball rolling.
4. Mingle, point people to your treasure, and watch the numbers climb.
5. At 7:45 pm, we tally and crown the War Chest champion.

Need ideas? Think signed books, political buttons, campaign posters, vintage tees, patriotic décor, local fan gear, gift cards, or homemade goodies. If it sparks a smile, it can spark a bid.

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Please consider serving as a poll observer for the upcoming election. We are filling 2-hour shifts at early voting sites and on Primary Day.

Your presence helps ensure free and fair elections.

To volunteer, reply with your name, precinct, phone number, and availability.

We will connect you with the right person.