



**"Momentum is built when women choose collaboration over criticism." - Laura Mussler**

There is something powerful that happens when women decide to stand together rather than sizing each other up.

In every organization, in every circle, there is a choice. We can compete for attention, influence, and recognition. Or we can build something stronger by choosing to support one another.

When women encourage, mentor, defend, and show up for each other, the entire room changes. We are stronger when we assume good intent. We are stronger when we pick up the phone instead of picking apart. We are stronger when we ask, "How can I help?" instead of "Why wasn't I included?"

Personal feelings will come and go. Misunderstandings happen. We are human. But our mission is bigger than any one moment, any one conversation, or any one disagreement.

If a fellow member is stepping up to lead, cheer her on. If she makes a mistake, guide her. If she succeeds, celebrate her.

We do not lose influence by lifting another woman. We gain credibility.

A strong club is not built on perfection. It is built on trust, grace, accountability, and teamwork.

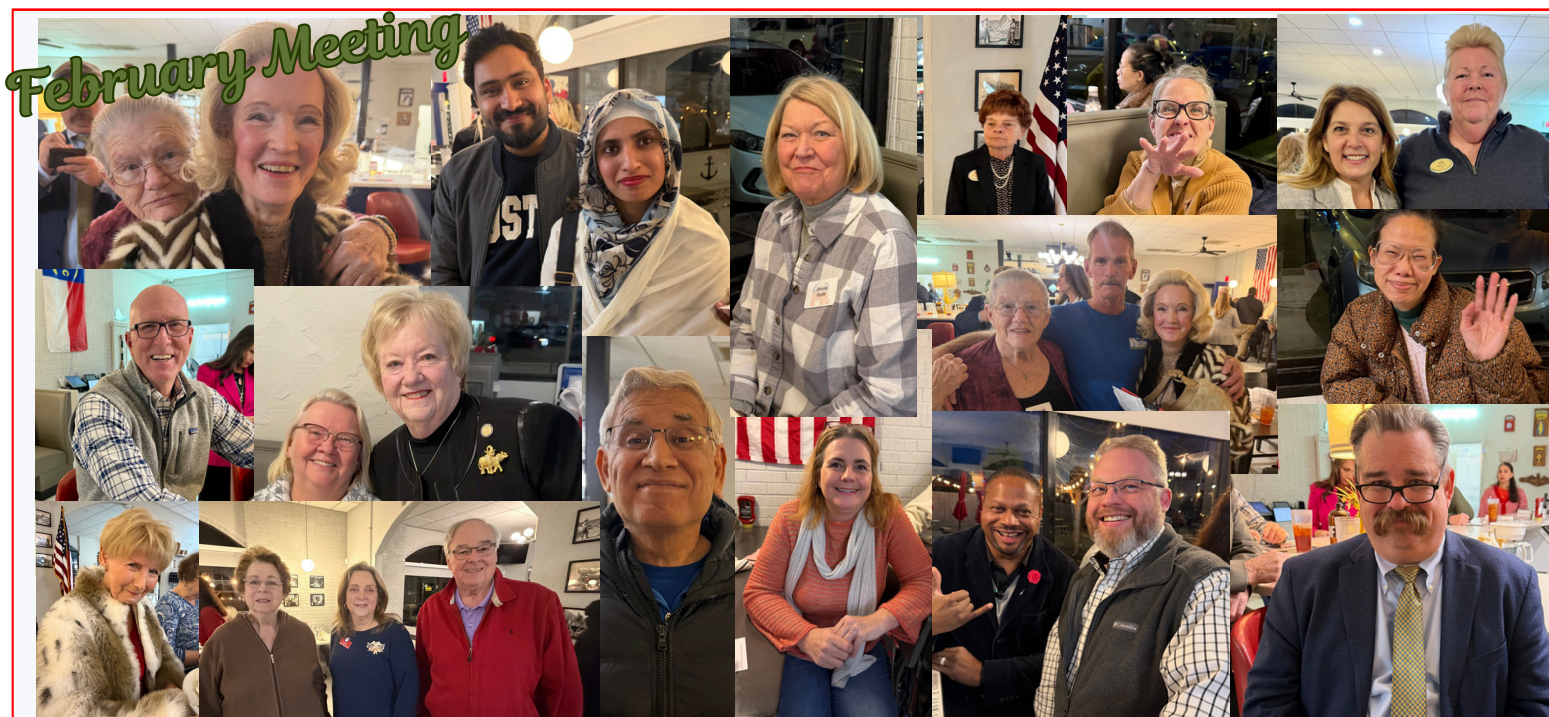
As we head deeper into election season, our unity matters. The way we treat one another matters. The culture we create inside this club will determine how effective we are outside of it.

Let's be women who build. Let's be women who protect one another's reputations. Let's be women who choose collaboration over competition. When we do that, we do not just grow as individuals. We grow as a force.

I am proud to serve alongside you. Let's keep building something that reflects strength, dignity, and mutual respect.

With gratitude, Laura Rodrigues-Mussler

**"Don't let anyone tell you that you cannot do something." - Condoleezza Rice**



## Mark Your Calendar



**Last Day for In Person Early Voting - Feb 28 - 8am - 3pm** - Please turn out and maybe or bring a friend or two to support our local candidates.



**Election Day - 2026 Primary - Mar 3 - 6:30am - 7:30pm - Your local Precinct**  
Show your support help someone to get to the polls.



**Deadline to Show Acceptable ID - Mar 6 - Fountainhead Lane -**

deadline for a provisional voter to show an acceptable photo ID or HAVA ID to their county board of elections



**2026 County Convention & Precinct Meetings - Mar 7 - 8 am - 1pm - Freedom Christian Academy**

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED REPUBLICAN BY JAN 31<sup>st</sup> and CHECK IN BY 9am



## PATRIOT CORNER

### A Seat at the Table

In 1776, while men debated independence in Philadelphia, a woman named Abigail Adams sat at her writing desk and did something quietly revolutionary.

She picked up her pen.

Her husband, John Adams, was helping shape a new nation. In one of her most famous letters, Abigail urged him to "remember the ladies" as laws were being written for this new country.

She did not storm a hall. She did not demand attention. She did not tear down the men around her.

She used her voice wisely. Firmly. Thoughtfully.

And she reminded the architects of liberty that freedom must include responsibility, fairness, and representation. She understood something that still applies today.

Nations are not only built in chambers and conventions. They are built in conversations. In letters. In homes. In local gatherings. In rooms where women decide to get involved.

Patriotism is not always loud.

Sometimes it looks like:

- Hosting a meeting
- Volunteering at the polls
- Encouraging a candidate
- Supporting a fellow member
- Having hard conversations with grace

March reminds us that America was not built by spectators. It was built by citizens who chose to participate. As we gather for our Primary Watch Party, as we raise funds, as we build momentum toward November, we are continuing that tradition.

We may not be writing the Declaration of Independence. But we are writing the next chapter of civic involvement right here in Cumberland County.

Freedom is not inherited automatically. It is maintained intentionally. And when women step forward together, steady and united, the future gets stronger.

This March, let's remember: Patriotism is participation. Leadership is service. And unity is strength.

**"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."**

**- Abigail Adams -**

## 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.**

## Next Meeting Information



**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



**FRWC April Meeting** - Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm, Anchor Allie's on Bragg Blvd

- o Spring means flowers and tea parties - let's figure out something fun!
- o Share the wealth fundraiser starts again.



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

## Local Spotlight

### Why the Primary Matters in Cumberland County

Primary elections do not always draw the largest crowds. But they shape the choices that appear on the November ballot.

In North Carolina, the Primary is where political parties select their nominees. That means the candidates who move forward to the general election are decided by the voters who show up now.

Local races matter. County commissioners, school board members, judicial seats, state legislators.

These positions directly impact our roads, taxes, schools, public safety, and economic development. When participation is low, a small number of voters determine outcomes that affect everyone.

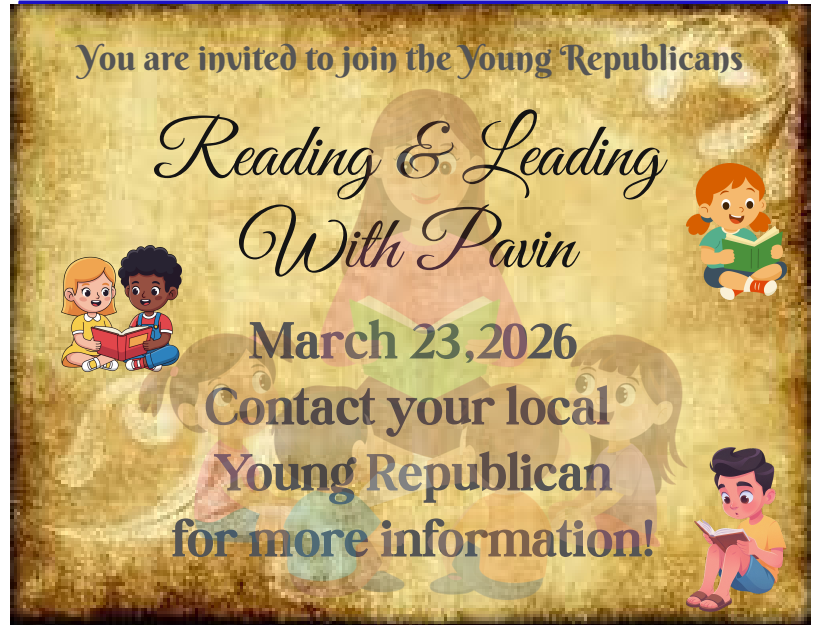
Voting in the Primary is not just about choosing a name. It is about helping shape the direction of our party and our community before the broader electorate weighs in.

If you want strong candidates in November, you must be part of the decision in March.

Encourage your friends to check their registration. Remind neighbors about early voting. Offer a ride if someone needs one.

Participation is not complicated. It is powerful. Cumberland County's future is influenced by those who take the time to vote.

Make sure you are one of them.



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As we move through Primary season and set our sights on November, remember this... elections are not won in headlines. They are won in conversations, door knocks, phone calls, and steady involvement. Every voter contact matters. Every volunteer hour counts. Every woman who steps forward strengthens our impact.

You do not have to do everything. But you do have to do something. Show up to the watch party. Volunteer for voter outreach. Invite a friend to join. Support a candidate. Be present.

Participation is power.

When women engage with purpose, communities shift. When we work as a team, momentum builds. And when momentum builds, victories follow.

Let's not sit on the sidelines of history. Let's help write it. I am proud to stand alongside you. Now let's get to work.