



VP Corner - Thankful, Together, and Giving

Every November, I'm reminded that gratitude is a choice and a practice. It is not about having a perfect year. It is about noticing the helpers, the steady doers, the folks who quietly send flowers, the ones who volunteer behind the scenes, and the ones who show up early to set out chairs. I'm thankful for each of you. Your kindness is the fuel that keeps this club moving.

This month, let's turn gratitude into action. If you're blessed with time, volunteer for an hour. If you're blessed with resources, sponsor a basket or donate pantry staples. If you can offer encouragement, call a member you haven't seen in a while. We have plenty. We also have plenty to give.

I'm grateful for our veterans whose courage shaped the freedoms we enjoy, and I look forward to honoring them together on Veterans Day. Thank you for being the heartbeat of this club. Let's finish the year strong, together.

With appreciation,
Laura Rodrigues-Mussler

"It's not happiness that brings us gratitude. It's gratitude that brings us happiness." – Anonymous

Thanksgiving Recipes

Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars Serves: 16

Crust: 2 cups graham crumbs, 6 tbsp melted butter, 2 tbsp sugar

Filling: 16 oz cream cheese, ¾ cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cup pumpkin puree, 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice, 1 tsp vanilla

Directions: Press crust into a lined 9x9. Beat cream cheese and sugar; add eggs, then pumpkin, spice, and vanilla. Bake at 325°F for 35–40 minutes. Chill 3 hours before slicing.

Cranberry-Orange Quick Relish Makes: ~3 cups

Ingredients: 12 oz fresh cranberries, 1 large orange (zest and segments), ½ cup sugar or honey, Pinch of salt

Directions: Pulse cranberries, orange zest, and segments in a food processor until finely chopped. Stir in sugar and salt. Chill 1 hour.

Bright and fresh, no stovetop required.

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." – Unknown

Next Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, November 11 Logan's Roadhouse

Program: Veterans Day Celebration with Sen. Tom McInnis

Business: Board Elections immediately following the speaker

Note: Per tradition, the business meeting follows the program. The nominating committee will present a slate, and nominations may be made from the floor. Your vote matters.

What to bring: a friend who needs community

Nonperishable items for our Thanksgiving Giving Drive (see below)



Local Spotlight

Thanksgiving Giving Drive

We're collecting the following through November 22:

- Stuffing, instant potatoes, gravy packets
- Canned vegetables, cranberry sauce
- Shelf-stable desserts, boxed cornbread
- \$25 grocery gift cards

Drop-off: At the November 11 meeting or by porch drop (reply for address).

Goal: 30 family baskets. A "basket" can be a reusable tote or box. We'll include a handwritten note from the club.

Civic Corner

- Stay engaged locally: Sign up for city and county meeting agendas and minutes. It takes five minutes and keeps you in the loop.
- It's not too late to volunteer to be a poll observer or precinct volunteer: Reach out if you'd like a simple how-to and training contacts.

The Young Republicans are official: on Monday, October 20, the YRs elected their new officers and are now an official group here in Cumberland County. Make sure you watch for their activities and try to support and get involved.

Just a little note...

Our club is more than a meeting. It is a circle of friendship, service, and purpose. But I can not do this alone!

I need your help by responding and getting involved.

Thank you for pouring kindness into Fayetteville. See you on November 11.

P.S. If you didn't get the meeting flyer or RSVP email, reply and I'll resend it to you right away.

Please continue to keep two of our dear members in your prayers.

Eleanor McGinnis is in the hospital at St. Joseph in Pinehurst. Let's surround her with love and encouragement as she heals.

Lois Croxton recently had surgery and is still recovering. We're cheering for a smooth, steady recovery and look forward to seeing her soon.

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.

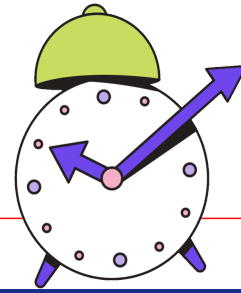
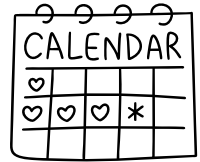
First as a member send me your birthday so I can start a birthday corner. Also send me the date you joined the club (Just the year is fine)

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

Tuesday, November 11, FRWC Monthly Meeting - Logan's Roadhouse
Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, December 2, FRWC Christmas Party - Sammios, Hope Mills



PATRIOT CORNER

In October 2025 the federal government entered a funding lapse that left hundreds of thousands of employees without pay or working without a paycheck. Shutdown Fairness Act — a bill introduced by Republicans that would have guaranteed pay for “essential” workers like active-duty military, air-traffic controllers and TSA agents during the shutdown — failed in the United States Senate when Democrats declined to advance it. The vote was 54–45, falling short of the 60 votes needed.

Democratic leaders argued the bill gave the president too much power to determine who qualifies as “essential” and therefore who gets paid, instead offering alternatives that would cover all federal workers, furloughed or not.

The result: many workers required to come to work got no paycheck, and about 700,000+ federal workers were furloughed.



Each December, Wreaths Across America honors our fallen heroes by placing fresh evergreen wreaths on the graves of veterans across the country, including right here in Fayetteville at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery. This meaningful tradition reminds us that freedom is never free and that no veteran should ever be forgotten.

The Fayetteville Republican Women's Club is proud to support this mission through donations and volunteer participation. You can sponsor a wreath for \$17 or join us to help place wreaths on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 12:00 PM.

To participate or sponsor a wreath in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Carol Ulrich for details and volunteer sign-ups.

Email: carolulrich@gmail.com
Visit: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org for more information.
Together, let's remember, honor, and teach — one wreath at a time.

Young Republicans Corner

