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President's Message by John McLaughlin:



I don't know about each of your opinions about this issue and respect our Republican right to evaluate our political leanings in a fair and impartial manner. But here's my personal take on the subject of:

- 1) Elected officials claiming to be a lifelong Republican and voting a liberal agenda after using Republican voting support to win election (ie; Tom Tillis)
- (2) Republican candidates continuing pursuit of a globalist approach after election and defaulting to lobbyist pressure (ie; 100 Congressional lobbyists registered on behalf of Pfizer in the Washington Swamp during the COVID crisis of the last 5 years.)
- (3) The failure of The GOP (from courthouse to the White House) to recognize the MAGA movement's influence and the changing registration trending towards unaffiliated registration in the United States. I'm a little tired of listening to our own Moore GOP leadership boasting of a 54-3 victory record over the past 4 years. Our ongoing GOP internal battles are hindering our ability to focus on the 2024 general elections when the future of our state and nation is at stake.
- (4) Our continuing Moore GOP obsession with making endorsements in local Moore County Primary elections with unaffiliated designation.
- (5) We should get behind our presumptive Republican candidate for President (Donald J. Trump) and campaign, declaring his *positive track record*. There is no 100% perfect candidate.

Once again I revert to an old sports adage. "THERE IS NO I IN TEAM." Our success in 2024 will be gaged by our ability to UNIFY our political efforts here in MOORE COUNTY. Election Success breeds potential for good conservative government that we all seek.

John

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New Meeting Day & Dates for 2024



For 2024, club meetings will be on the **third Thursday of each month**. We will continue to meet at the Whispering Pines Country Club. Watch for email and newsletter information about date confirmation and speaker announcements. See the following Thursday luncheon meeting dates and mark your calendar:

February 15	March 21	April 18
May 16	June 19 Fundraising Golf at CCNC	September 19
July & August Summer Break		December 19
October 17	November 21	

Our February Speaker is Mitch Kokai, senior political analyst for the John Locke Foundation. See the article by VP Programs, Wayne Boyles, for more details. Make your reservations at www.mcrmc.club

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

2024 Dues News

We are in a NEW YEAR, and it is past time for all members to pay dues for 2024.



Dues will be past due if not paid soon, and you could be dropped from the membership database! Dues are \$30 payable by cash (at a meeting) or a **PERSONAL** check (no business checks can be accepted due to NC political donation laws).

As noted, if you plan to pay by cash, bring it to the February meeting. If you are going to write a check, remember to make it a personal check made out to MCRMC with "2024 dues" in the memo line. Checks can be brought to a meeting or mailed to:

MCRMC
PO Box 1812
Southern Pines NC 28388

Payment of dues before the deadline will assure that membership will be continued in 2024, that you will receive the newsletter, and that you will be advised of upcoming Republican events and activities.

If you have any questions about dues or dues payment, please contact the club Treasurer, Tim Helms at (910) 690-7005. Thanks in advance for your payment!

January Meeting Report:

The first meeting of the new year was held at the usual location, The Country Club of Whispering Pines, on the third Thursday of the month, January 18th. This year, our meetings have returned to the third Thursday which is the day of the month that had been the norm before 2023. To date, the informal response to this change back to the third Thursday has been positive.

The January meeting had a special feature with a “meet the candidate” forum that started at 10am,



two hours ahead of the scheduled luncheon meeting

start time of noon. The early start time gave members, guests, and other attendees the opportunity to meet, shake hands and greet candidates for the upcoming March primaries. There was a good attendance by both MCRMC folks and candidates. Those who attended met with candidates, shook



hands, and expressed what they wanted from their elected officials. All enjoyed the complimentary coffee and other refreshments as they met and talked with candidates.

As the one hour special “meet and greet” activities wound down, additional attendees began arriving for the luncheon and began registration which started at 11:30am. At registration attendees paid for the



upcoming buffet luncheon and picked up their name tags. Between registration and the call to order at noon, the attendees had time to greet each other and find a table joining fellow club members and guests.

As the noon hour approached, President McLaughlin asked the few standing attendees to be seated and said we had a full agenda. He then asked the club Chaplain, Rev. Jim Thyne to come forward and offer some words and a prayer,



including a blessing of the food. Thyne’s words were inspiring, and the lunch grace was appreciated by all.

As the attendees were finishing their scrumptious lunch of pork tenderloin mushroom marsala, garlic red-skin potatoes, sauteed zucchini and squash along salad and dessert, President McLaughlin took the lectern. He asked Secretary Freidel to explain the upcoming



business from last year that was to be completed in this first meeting of 2024. Freidel explained that due to the lack of a quorum at the December meeting, the formal confirmation of 2024 Officers and the swearing in ceremony was to be done at this meeting. All 2024 nominated officers were confirmed and asked to come forward to be sworn in. Club member and NC District Judge Steve Bibey conducted the swearing in ceremony. The newly elected 2024 officers were welcomed by a rousing round of applause.



(2024 Officer Swearing in by Judge Bibey)

President McLaughlin then returned to the lectern and invited the three outgoing officers from 2023 to come forward; former Treasurer, Jim Legg, former Secretary, Bill Scholtes, and former EC member at Large, Tom LoSapio. McLaughlin then thanked them for their service to the club and presented each



with a gift of a small Republican image statue as a memento. Their service was recognized with a round of applause from the attendees.

After the presentation, VP of Programs, Wayne Boyles, came forward to introduce the program



speakers, NC Senator Tom McInnis and NC House Representative, Neal Jackson. He reminded the attendees that these two represented Moore County residents in the NC General Assembly. He stated that they would make remarks about happenings in

Raleigh.

First to take the lectern was McInnis. He made an impassioned presentation about what the General Assembly had done for residents of NC, how they had tamped down some of the liberal Dem initiatives and what work was left to do. Jackson followed and confirmed what was already said by McInnis and further emphasized the work that



needed to be done. Both speakers underlined the priorities of the Republican agenda on behalf of the people and what further work was needed. They thanked the attendees and all other Republicans for

their support and encouraged all to vote in the



upcoming Primary and General Elections. They underlined the need to elect and re-elect conservative Republican candidates in the local, state, and national election. Their comments were rewarded with a vigorous round of applause.

After the remarks, there was a short question and answer session. The meeting was concluded and adjourned at about 1:20pm.

Treasurer's Report – Tim Helms

I am looking forward to being your treasurer. I will report on the state of our finances at the February meeting. Until then, see the following reminder of dues for this year and get your payment in soon if you have not already done so:



Dues for 2024 are now PAST DUE. If you wish to pay online visit our home page, [Home Republican Men's](#) and click on "pay dues now". If you pay online you will be charged \$31.59. The additional \$1.59 covers PayPal processing fees. You can also pay your \$30 dues in person at our luncheon or pay by a PERSONAL check payable to MCRMC and mail it to MCRMC, P.O. Box 1812, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

Mike Freidel - Lunch Administration & Secretary



Now that the primary season has begun things are heating up. I'm looking forward to hearing what Mitch Kokia from the John Locke Foundation has to say.

This month the lunch menu will consist of mixed greens salad, grilled chicken served over pasta primavera with tomato sauce, mixed vegetables, and a vanilla

sheet cake for dessert. Naturally, we will serve coffee, sweet and unsweetened tea.

If you have any suggestions about how to improve things at the Country Club of Whispering Pines please let me know.

Mike

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**Program News – February
By Wayne Boyles – VP Programs**

**MOORE COUNTY
REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB
FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
SPEAKER
ANNOUNCEMENT**

I am pleased to announce that
Mitch Kokai, senior political



analyst, for the John Locke Foundation, will be our February 15th luncheon speaker. He joined Locke in 2005 after working for four years as chief state government reporter for News 14

Carolina, now known as Spectrum News. Before television, Kokai worked as a radio news reporter for seven years, with stops in Whiteville, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh. He is a Columbus, Ohio, native, and a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduate. He has lived in North Carolina since 1989.

He will speak about the current political landscape in North Carolina in this 2024 presidential cycle.

The Men's Club Luncheon will be held at the Country Club of Whispering Pines, 2 Clubhouse Boulevard, Whispering Pines NC. Registration begins at 11:30 AM with the luncheon buffet and program starting at 12 PM. I hope to see you there!

Wayne

2024 Executive Officer Comments:

(Editor's Note: Starting with this first newsletter issue of 2023 and each issue going forward, we are asking our Executive Committee members to submit an article for publication. The articles can be about the club, current events, opinions, comments on political issues, and, or

anything else that they may feel would be of interest to the membership.)

**Robert Bortins – VP Membership
2024 Golf Tournament Vice Chair**

Voting and Golf Tournament Date

It is hard to believe the primary season is upon us. I'd like to encourage all of you to vote early. Encourage your family and friends to vote early as well. We may not like it, but we have an election period, and it starts on February 15th and ends on March 5th. The general assembly has passed strong voting reforms so be sure to bring your ID!



We will be returning to CCNC for our annual golf tournament and fundraiser on Wednesday, June 19th the week after the US Open comes to Pinehurst. We have begun working on all the details and will release those as we get closer to the date. Until then, make sure it is on your calendar and start thinking about entering a team and/or sponsoring a hole or a first responder.

As the new VP of membership, I want to ask all of you to consider inviting a friend to our next luncheon. We have the largest Republican men's club in the state, and we should think about increasing our lead in this area. It will make winning this election and future elections much easier.

We are working on a 10-year plan for Hispanic outreach. Hispanics are a growing demographic and align with our values of faith, family, and freedom. As a voting block they are trending towards the republican party, but we can't just expect them to know our values align. We have identified about 800 likely voters to target in Moore County and we are working on hosting at least one outreach event in our area this year. We just can't sit back and hope the democratic party will self-destruct, we have a strong message that resonates, but we must get it out there and to the people.

It takes all of us being active to get the results that we want and our country needs. In primary season we don't always agree on who we should vote for, but after the primary is done, we need to align ourselves with our nominee. A house divide cannot stand.

Sincerely,

Robert Bortins (864) 506-5277
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Tom Adams – Past President



Musings from the campaign trail. It has been two full months since I announced I would run for County Commissioner. It seems like two years. I thought I would share some of my thoughts from campaigning.

Moore County is big. If you don't believe it, start in Pinebluff and drive up to Robbins and beyond. There is a heck of a lot of county beyond most of our usual haunts in the southern end. (By the way Neal Jackson's home church Beulah Baptist is huge!)

The countryside you see is both beautiful and different. From the 60-foot pine forests of the Sandhills to the rolling fields and oak covered hills of north Moore you can really experience God's handiwork.

Our people are nice. Most of the folks I've talked to and those I've spent time with, in their living rooms, love our county. They are worried about the education our kids and grandkids receive. They are worried about growth, and they are worried about the civility of our fellow citizens. And, they want to know how the candidate is going to resolve the issues. They do not like whiners.

Our first responders and military are held in great esteem. They understand that without them we won't need to worry about civility.

There are some great places to eat, although they might not appear to be a one-star Michelin rating.

Lastly, to a person they care about this election. Whether President, Governor, AG or those of us in races at the end of the ballot, they care about how they will cast their vote. Reread the above and you'll understand why.

Back to the campaign trail.

Newsletter Information:

This, and future issues of the newsletter are being

posted on the Club Website, www.MCRMC.club. Those having an email address will get notice that the newsletter is available and a copy by email. Those who do not have an email address will get a paper copy by US mail. If you have an email address but also want a paper copy, just send an email to me, and request one: paulshaffer1943@gmail.com



Elected Officials Contact Information:



To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the Moore Count Board of Elections Website:

<https://www.moorecountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/903/Current-List-of-Elected-Officials-PDF?bidId=>

Moore County GOP News



The is the second month of an election year. Some may think that the election is way off, near the end of the year in November. While that is true for the general election, as we have seen on TV and in other news media, the PRIMARY election in North Carolina is just around the corner.

It is in March, on the first Tuesday, the 5th. But, in reality, it is already in full swing. Folks have already begun to request absentee ballots. Early (in person) voting starts on the same day as our February MCRMC meeting, on the 15th.

The remainder of my space in this newsletter will be about that election. Most of the graphics are from our Moore County GOP website. As I have stated in previous articles, I encourage you to go to the website often which will keep you informed and up-to-date on all things Moore County GOP and beyond. Please look at the following election information and please call me or the MC GOP office if you have any questions. The office number can be found on the website: <https://www.mooregop.com/>





EARLY VOTING

2024 Primary Elections
March 5th, 2024
Photo ID Required

Early Voting
Thursday, February 15th - Saturday, March 2nd
Sunday, February 25th
Saturday, February 17th & March 2nd

Moore County Ag Center
707 Pinehurst Ave
Carthage

SP Land & Housing Trust
West Southern Pines Center Campus
1250 W New York Ave
Southern Pines

Hours:
Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 7:30pm
Sunday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturdays: 8:00am - 3:00pm

REMINDER
The LAST day to vote early is Saturday, March 2nd.
The sites will open at 8am and close promptly at 3pm.
On Election Day you MUST go to your assigned polling place.
Call the Board of Elections
947-3868 if you need assistance.

2024 Primary Election Calendar

December 4- 15, 2023	2024 Statewide Candidate Filing
Friday, January 19	Absentee Ballots Available
Sunday, February 4	Residency Deadline
Friday, February 9	Voter Registration Deadline
Thursday, February 15	Early Voting Begins
Tuesday, February 27	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
Saturday, March 2	Early Voting Ends
Tuesday, March 5	Absentee Ballots Due by 7:30 PM
Friday, March 15	County Canvass at 11:00 AM

TUESDAY,
MARCH 5

Primary Election Day!

Board of ELECTIONS

Following is the Republican Convention Schedule:

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
JULY 15-18, 2024 Milwaukee, WI

NC GOP CONVENTION MAY 23-25, 2024 Koury Convention Center 3121 W Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27407	DISTRICT 9 CONVENTION APRIL 6, 2024 @ 1230 PM Sunset Avenue Church of God 900 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, NC 27203
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MOORE COUNTY CONVENTION
MARCH 2, 2024 @ 10 am
FREEDOM HALL
 310 Kyser St., Aberdeen, NC 28315

MOORE COUNTY PRECINCT MEETINGS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3rd 10 AM - noon (GOP HQ) Pinehurst A1 / Pinehurst A2	SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10th 10 am - noon (GOP HQ) Bensalem / Cameron Eastwood / E. Knollwood Pinehurst B1 / Vass W. Knollwood
1 PM - 3 PM (GOP HQ) Pinehurst B2 / Pinehurst C Seven Lakes / West End Taylortown	1 PM - 3 PM (GOP HQ) E. Aberdeen / W. Aberdeen N. Southern Pines / Pinebluff Pinedene / S. Southern Pines
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4th 2 PM - 4 PM (GOP HQ) Carthage / Little River Eureka - Whispering Pines	SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11th 2 PM - 4 PM (DAVIDSON COMM. CENTER) DHR / Robbins Westmoore

Republican Endorsed School Board Candidates

VOTE FOR

UNITY - TRANSPARENCY - EXCELLENCE

Moore County Board of Education District I

✓ **Oscar Romine**

Moore County Board of Education District II

✓ **Robert M. Levy**

Moore County Board of Education District IV

✓ **Kellie Davis**

Moore County Board of Education District V

✓ **Don Zawlocki**

Paid for by: Moore County Republican Party

Finally, see the full March 5th Primary Republican Ballot insert in this issue of the newsletter. Every Republican in Moore County must vote; either by absentee ballot, by early voting or in person on election day!

To see all things Moore County GOP and learn more, go to our website: <https://www.mooregop.com/>

Moore County Republican Women News:



**Charli
Thyne
President
2024**



It begins

We all read the headlines. We watch the news (if we can stand it). We know what's happening and what liberal policies and "woke-ism" are doing to our country. We've been itching to do something about it. Our way back to sanity begins in February.

The primaries are upon us (March 5 is Primary Election Day), and early voting starts on February 15. Who do you want for President? Governor? Lt. Governor? Judges? School Board? Other state and local officials?

MRW cannot endorse any Republican candidates for the primaries. But we have done our best to put them in front of you at our luncheons so you can see who they are for yourself. If you need reminding of who they have been, see our newsletters for September, October, November, and following.

The Republican National Committee (RNC) recommends that we vote early. It allows Republican candidates to better allocate their resources. It also ensures that you don't run up against last-minute surprises like illness or bad weather on Election Day. Vote early, and encourage your friends to vote early, too. See below for more information about early voting dates, places and times. (MCRMC Newsletter Editor Note: See the previous Moore County GOP article for information on early voting)

Below we have provided information about the primaries, including the Moore County Republican sample ballot. Forward the link to friends and family. Be a candle in the darkness, and help light their candles, too. (MCRMC Newsletter Editor Note: See the previous Moore County GOP article and the Republican Sample Ballot included in this newsletter)

Our country, state and county are depending on you!

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For the most recent updated MRW information go to their website: www.mrwnc.org

Tom Schroeder

Tom's News

Conservative News for Moore County NC And Beyond



Tom's Thoughts

**Do You Trust the
Government To Do the
Right Thing Most of the
Time?**

Why do the elites trust the current government? One good reason is that the government is doing their bidding.

Why is the government doing the elite's bidding? Because the elites have control of a huge portion of the money in the US.

Why does having control of huge portions of the money in the US give them control of the government? Because that gives them the ability to purchase huge lobbies and legal firms that have large access to the government, including the legislative and executive branches, and the 4th leg of government, the Washington DC three-digit government bureaucracies, such as FDA, CDC, FRA, FBI, CIA, IRS, etc., etc.

The other 99% of the US population has little to no ability to access or influence any portion of the government.

One idea that would help correct this problem is to mandate that the legislative branch of government (the portion of the government closest to the people) spend at least 7 months of the year residing in their districts/states. During this period, they would not be able to vote on anything other than significant emergencies such as going to war. During those 7 months, they would have time to interact with all their constituents.

I know that the paragraph above this one is a dream and is not likely ever to become a reality, but I can pray to God that something gets done to get us back on track. Here is a verse from [Matthew 19:26](#) - "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (KJV) **Take a moment and read this whole section of Matthew. It is not very long, and it applies to this issue. [Click here.](#)**

The article below article references a poll that will help you to understand the article below better.

[Click to See Poll](#)

See the Article Below for More Details.

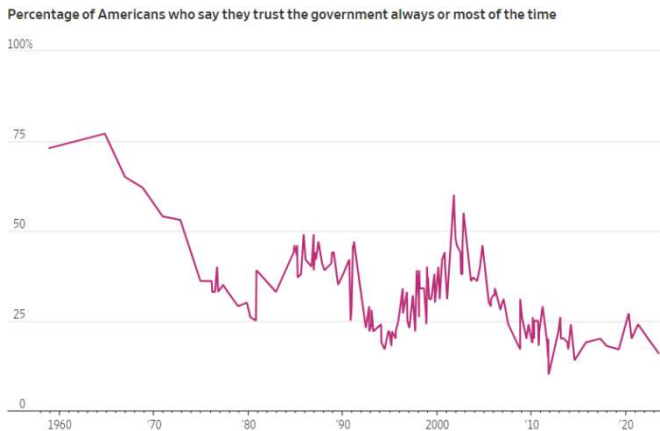
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Article

Do You Trust the Government To Do the Right Thing Most of the Time? - Committee To Unleash Prosperity

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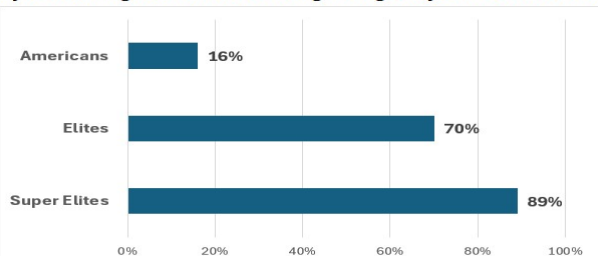
Maybe it is the money drain of the EV program that explains this: *The Wall Street Journal* published a chart yesterday showing that only 16% of Americans trust the government's competence. That's the lowest percentage who have trusted the government in six decades.



Sources: Pew Research Center, National Election Studies, Gallup, ABC/Washington Post, CBS/New York Times, and CNN Polls via the Pew Research Center

Contrast that result with our [CTUP poll of cultural elites and Ivy League graduates](#). We found that 70% of elites trust the government to do the right thing “most of the time,” and even more astounding 89% of Ivy League super-elites do.

Do you trust the government to do the right thing always or most of the time?



Elites are defined as people having at least one post-graduate degree, earning at least \$150,000 annually, and living in high-population density areas (more than 10,000 people per square mile in their zip code).

Super Elites are a sub-sample of elites, adults who attended Ivy League schools or other elite private schools, including Northwestern, Duke, Stanford, and the University of Chicago.

Perhaps this is because the elites RUN the government, or have lawyers and lobbyists to help them maneuver around it. Most everyday Americans don't have that luxury.

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Tom's News
Pinehurst NC
Thomas Schroeder

Reslove Blog:

(Editor's Note: Several newsletters back, we started including an article from the blog: RESOLVE. To see all the most recent articles, go to the following: www.resolvenc.blog (If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)

RESOLVE

By Steve Woodward

Ideological dementia

By Steve Woodward



There is a much more pervasive disease infecting Pinehurst and southern Moore County than the cabal-led assault on residential property rights and the so-called Short-Term Rental (STR). The real menace in our midst is Stop-Trump Memory Loss (STML).

STML afflicts deranged, mask-wearing, mRNA-injected Democrats. They cannot remember daily life as a citizen before mid-March 2020. It is not a condition readily detected by standard MRI scans. It is ideological dementia for which there is no known cure. Its victims continue to dispatch communications from their hidden bunkers, mirroring Japanese soldiers on remote islands who manned their posts long after VJ Day in 1945.

“I've switched my registration from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party,” writes

Neil Olson in a letter published on January 13, 2024, by *The Pilot*. His tactic is motivated by “the opportunity to vote against Donald J. Trump at least one time and, God forbid, twice in 2024. ... If DJT somehow wins the nomination of the Republican Party, I get to vote against him again in November. How great is that?”

“If Trump is elected, it may be the last time anybody is ever allowed to vote in the U.S.,” writes Roger Davis in a similarly STML-addled letter published on the same date by *The Pilot*. “Vote for (Joe) Biden and be unhappy or vote for Trump and your children and grandchildren may never again be living in a democracy.”

Apparently, the January 13 *Pilot* was dedicated entirely to STML authors; they’ve been assigned their own mailbag.

Wrote Larry Moubry: “How about abstaining this time around and save (sic) our democracy?”

Wrote Greta Nintzel: “What strange world do you live in where your own Republican Party bears no responsibility for the dangerous antidemocratic forces that drive too many opinions in the GOP today? ... The divisive, mean-spirited, careless former president you are conveniently pushing off on Democrats is in actuality the Republican Party’s fault.”

In Ms. Nintzel’s case, apparently thanks to MSNBC, she seems not to have observed a White House occupied by a really divisive, mean-spirited, careless (and clueless) *current* president. She is perplexed by trending dissatisfaction, bordering on revolt, with the Biden regime that is driving longtime Democrats to serious consideration of Trump’s campaign and its promise of a return to prosperity. This is reflected by numerous polls, including a new [ABC News/Ipsos poll](#) assigning Biden a 33% job approval rating, the lowest “achieved” by a POTUS in the last 15 years (since Bush 43 and WMDs).

Her letter dismisses the 45th President as an “extremist demagogue” while praising the Biden regime for “steering” the nation through the pandemic. In fact, a tyrant named Anthony Fauci was at the wheel, driving under the influence of fellow Chinese scientists. Ms. Nintzel cannot understand that voters with functional brains reject an economy deliberately stagnated by Biden’s Marxist inner circle, reject a deliberately open U.S.-Mexico border across which hundreds

of thousands of undocumented people from around the world have entered the homeland, and reject America’s energy dependence on terrorist-backing nations that underwrite Hamas atrocities in Israel, and cells initiating Houthi and Hezbollah Red Sea air strikes against U.S. ships.

This is what we get when style trumps substance, a doddering Joe instead of a dominating Donald. The incompetence extends to those guiding the Biden regime. Look no further than feckless Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, who thinks Israel should act with restraint against Hamas terrorists, and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, who was hospitalized for days without the knowledge of the White House. When not incapacitated, Austin is busy prioritizing climate change and diversity, equity and inclusion over American military strength.

Worse than what has been forgotten about an ascending United States of five years ago, when economic engines were humming and our enemies were running, is the reality that so many Americans never truly understood our nation’s greatness, or did not wish to understand. The 20th century’s greatest champion of this, our Constitutional Republic, President Ronald Reagan, said it so well in 1989.

The memory loss part of this affliction is that these empty souls do not remember a time as recently as the outset of 2020 when none of the aforementioned was going on. They’ve also forgotten a not-so-bygone era of historically low unemployment among black males, overall unemployment at a half-century low, ultra-low interest rates, affordable (actually, downright cheap) energy, and a Ukrainian people unthreatened by their bordering neighbor, Russia. Zero recall.

The other perturbed typists enabled by *The Pilot* parrot the siege on America’s “democracy” that Trump’s existence all but assures. In their haste to stoke hysteria, they fail to ask even one pertinent question. Is the United States a democracy? No. Not now, not ever. Try to find references to democracy in our Declaration of Independence or our Constitution. You will not. There are none. In [Federalist No. 10](#), founder James Madison observed that democracies “have in truth been the mortal disease under which popular governments everywhere perished.” Why? Madison continued: “It is that such democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found

incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths.”

The United States is a Constitutional Republic. This is not semantic hair splitting. There are, in fact, functioning democracies in the world. How many American citizens would willingly take up permanent residence in Australia, Germany, The Netherlands, Ireland and Finland? These are the top five democracies on the planet according to a 2023 index. All nice places to visit. But think back to the darkest days of the pandemic. Australia imposed brutally draconian restrictions on its citizens, treating them as prisoners of their homes subject to arrest if daring to escape. Germany was not far behind. Canada, also a democracy, jailed citizens (including pastors), arrested truckers and froze their bank assets during the COVID siege.

But, again, the Stop Trump Memory Loss



patients, cowering in bathrobes, a computer screen their only source of light, remember none of this. They only remember that they hated Trump. Meanwhile, their Obama-compliant

sock puppet leader, Biden, sees to it they are perpetually miserable. In his recent January 6 commemoration speech (delivered January 5 because the Biden White House is afraid of snowfall), Biden droned on about how “we nearly lost America” on January 6, 2021, when Americans were given free rein inside an unsecured U.S. Capitol until Capitol police turned on them. Who fomented violence that day? Most were uniformed and heavily armed with government-issued weapons. Grannies from small towns became collateral damage.

California Rep. Tom McClintock (CA-5), in a January 13, 2024, op-ed for *The Wall Street Journal*, insists on calling 01-06-21 “a national disgrace” in [his essay](#) but makes the excellent point that “once these yahoos (Trump voters) were kicked out of the building (most of them walked out on their own), Congress calmly affirmed Mr. Biden’s election.”

McClintock, a Republican, fears that what is actually being “lost” is confidence in the integrity

of our elections. “Democrats have rigged election laws”, championed “mail-in ballots with no chain of custody” while standing by as “left-leaning bureaucracies colluded to influence elections by intimidating political opponents” and by “pressuring social-media platforms to censor political dialogue”.

If the U.S. was a mere democracy, these activities would long have been commonplace for decades before 2020.

We are living in a moment when citizens have forgotten, perhaps deliberately, about the ascending United States of five years ago when economic engines were humming and our enemies were running. In reality, many Americans never have truly understood our nation’s greatness, or did not wish to understand. The 20th century’s greatest champion of our Constitutional Republic, President Ronald Reagan, said it so well in 1989.

“If we forget what we did, we won’t know who we are,” he said as his presidency concluded. “I’m warning of an eradication of the American memory that could result, ultimately, in an erosion of the American spirit.”

Instead of repeating an empty talking point — the end of democracy! – informed Americans just might wish to focus on what our nation becomes if and when our indomitable spirit suddenly evaporates. Finland? Posted on [January 16](#)

Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer

This month time got away from me, and I am LATE in getting this issue of the newsletter out. If you are reading this by email, the meeting is just a day or two away. Those who get this by mail, my apologies for being so behind as you are getting this after our February meeting.



Having said that, I want to further urge you to be sure and vote in the Primary Election next month. If Republicans fail to vote, the winners will be the Democrats, because we know that they will be out in force. That will leave independents and those that did not vote in the primary believing the Republicans do not care and are not supporting their Republican candidates.

Having said that, I will try to get an earlier start on the March issue of the newsletter!

More from the club:

John Rowerdink – Letter to the Pilot, Jan 30

A Question of Democracy

President Biden and the Democrats have been saying that “democracy is on the ballot” in the 2024 election, suggesting that electing former President Trump will mean the end of democracy and that he will somehow declare himself a dictator.

Before I go any further, let me clarify that I’m a strong Republican who voted for President Trump in 2016 and 2020, but I don’t want to vote for him in 2024. I’ve hoped that he would not be the Republican nominee, but that hope is fading. My preference is Nikki Haley, but Trump seems to be gaining an insurmountable lead.

However, it is true that democracy will be on the ballot in 2024, but not in the way the Democrats claim. In Colorado, an all-Democrat state court recently ruled that Donald Trump cannot be on the ballot in 2024. Not a vote of the people of Colorado but an all-Democrat court and a divided one at that. Is that democracy?

In Maine, the secretary of state, in consultation with no one, made a similar ruling. Is that democracy?

In the primary election in New Hampshire, the Democratic Party simply declared its primary election invalid because of an internal political dispute, so Joe Biden isn’t even on their ballot. Is that democracy?

Then there is the weaponization of the court system and the federal government to defeat President Trump or keep him off the ballot. Is that democracy?

President Trump spent his entire term fighting claims that turned out to be bogus and now, the Democrats have filed countless charges against him. Some of them will turn out to be bogus too, but if they win the election, who cares? Is that democracy?

So yes, democracy is on the ballot in 2024. Do the Democrats trust democracy?



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