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President's Message – John McLaughlin

This has been a momentous year in many ways, particularly with the GOP success in numerous local races and the national elections! I want to thank all of you for your support and hard work on Republican causes over the last two years I have served as your

President. On behalf of myself and the club, let me express my wishes as this year comes to an end and we look forward to next year:



And



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***Committee Chair**

Our Last Luncheon Meeting of 2024



See the following final Thursday 2024 luncheon meeting date. We are at a new location: The BanQ, which is located at 600 SW Broad Street, in Southern Pines. See the Luncheon Administrator, Mike Freidel's article for more details.

Thursday, December 19

For reservations (should be made by 6pm on Friday, December 13), go to the club website: www.mcrmc.club.

Election of Executive Committee Officers for 2025

At the November meeting, the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Tom Adams, offered the following slate of proposed EC officers for 2025. There were no further nominations. So, in accordance with the MCRMC Bylaws, the following will be presented at the December meeting for election to the EC for 2025. Following the election, they will be sworn in by an officer of the Moore County Court. Following are the nominations:

President: Robert Bortins
Vice President Membership: Jim O'Malley
Vice President Programs: Pat Haggerty
Secretary: Jim Legg
Treasurer: Tim Helms
Members-At-Large:
Hugh Hinton
David Norris
Lou Bologna
Andy Conway

2025 Dues News



We are less than one month away from the NEW YEAR, and it is time for all members to pay dues for 2025. 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 December meeting. If you are going to write a check, remember to make it a personal check made out to MCRMC with "2025 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 will assure that your membership will be continued in 2025, 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!

November Meeting Report:

On a chilly but sunny November day, members and guests arrived at Whispering Pines Country Club for the last MCRMC luncheon meeting at this location. The restaurant and meeting rooms are being closed until further notice. The future luncheon meetings will be at a location noted on the second page of the newsletter and in Mike Freidel's article later in this newsletter.

As the first attendees arrived, they stopped at the registration table to pay for lunch, meet and greet



other attendees and find a table for lunch.

At noon sharp, President John McLaughlin called the meeting to order. He opened with a welcome, announcement of guests, dignitaries, and made a few short announcements. Following the pledge of allegiance, Rev. Chaplain James Thyne came forward and offered a short bible reading and a prayer that included a blessing of the meal.



The attendees then lined up at the buffet to fill their



plates with abundant portions of arugula salad with parmesan cheese, rosemary roasted pork loin in a portobello sauce, sauteed green beans, and a variety of cookies for dessert.

As the attendees were finishing up lunch, President McLaughlin took the lectern to introduce Agnes Puzak, wife of member Tom Puzak, for a special announcement. She came



forward and talked about the Election Integrity Action effort to write or call NC Senators to urge them to move "HB770 - Cast Vote Records" out of Rules Committee to a vote. Cast vote records are key artifacts needed to accomplish post-election audits, she explained. She brought attention to the hand-outs at each table that provided the names and contact information regarding the Senators to call.

Following her comments, President McLaughlin called Past President and Nominations Committee Chair, Tom Adams forward to announce the recommended slate of Executive Committee officers for next year. Adams gave the slate of 2025 EC



officers as detailed on page 2 of this newsletter. There were no additional nominations, and these proposed officers will be voted on and installed at the December 19th meeting.

McLaughlin then asked Mike Freidel, Lunch Administrator, forward to talk about the location of the December luncheon meeting. Freidel explained that Whispering Pines CC could no longer accommodate our luncheons as they were closing all food services. He announced that the December meeting will be held at BanQ, located in Southern Pines in the building



formally occupied by Wells Fargo. He stated that we will meet at this location in December and January, and perhaps will continue to meet there in the future. More details can be found in Mike's article later in this newsletter.

After Freidel's announcement, VP of Programs, Wayne Boyles came to the lectern and introduced the speaker, Joe Stewart, VP for Government Affairs for the Independent Insurance Agents of NC. "Joe has been with us before," Boyles said, and as before he will provide us with an in-depth analysis of the recent election. Boyles included in his introduction a complete picture of Stewart's background and credentials that equip him to provide an informed and detailed analysis.



Stewart then took the lectern and gave a 20-minute presentation, including slides, that covered what he



concluded about the election of national and state offices. His information was detailed and highly informative. He delved into the reasons and motivations of the voters that resulted in the election outcome. His comments were particularly interesting regarding the outcome of the statewide North Carolina races, including Governor and other state offices. He concluded his talk by opening the floor to questions. After a number of questions that required detailed answers, Stewart concluded his presentation.

President McLaughlin then came forward and thanked Stewart for his presentation. He reminded



the attendees that we would see them in December at the new meeting location in Southern Pines, and seeing no further business, he adjourned the meeting.

Mike Freidel - Lunch Administration & Secretary



MCRMC LUNCHEONS MOVING TO BANQ

For the next two months and possibly for a while longer, MCRMC will be holding its luncheons at the BanQ, which is located at 600 SW Broad Street, in Southern

Pines. This is the same building that houses the new Taglios Restaurant and was formally the Wells Fargo Building. The owner, Steve Fores, former owner of Little River, is the owner of BanQ.

Our first luncheon at BanQ will be on December 19th. *The Men's Club will be offering two \$50 Gift Certificates to Taglios. These door prizes will be raffled off during the luncheon.*

For lunch we will be served beef tips, rice, veggies, salad, rolls, and cookies along with coffee and iced tea. The luncheon will be plated or as some will say,

“we will be served,” while the cost remains at \$25 per person.

Shown below is a picture of the BanQ building and a picture of the banquet facility.



We hope to see you at the new location for our last meeting of the year. Together we talk about Christmas and get in the Christmas Spirit!

Mike



Program News – December By Wayne R. Boyles – VP Programs

Luncheon Speaker

I am excited to let you know that our newly elected Chairman of the Board of Moore County Commissioners, Kurt Cook, will be our luncheon speaker.



He will speak on the Commissioner's agenda for the coming year and lay out the policy challenges facing the board and county.



He is a combat proven commander from the Army Special Forces “Green Beret,” and a small business owner, husband to a veteran, and a proud father. His first exposure to formal leadership was as a cadet at Fishburne Military School and this inspired him to pursue a commission through R.O.T.C. from Towson University into the U.S. Army.

Unfortunately, he was medically retired as a Major in the Special Forces while serving in Iraq, previously serving multiple combat tours in Afghanistan, and supporting activities in South America. He retired and moved to Mooresville, NC where he worked for Hendrick Motorsports (HMS) as a team member on the #9 car. The small town living of Aberdeen drew him back to Moore County where he belongs. Serving his country has always been and will continue to be a part of his life. Since a young child, he has seen what is good and bad in this world and as Edmund Burke was loosely referenced in saying, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Commissioner Cook is applying all his leadership experiences from the Special Forces, HMS, and as a small business to serve as Moore County Commissioner. He serves on the Board of Health, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Budget Task Force, the Law Enforcement / Veterans Task Force, the Water / Sewer Task Force, and as the commissioners' liaison to the schools. He is also the Board's alternate delegate to the Central Pines Regional Council of Governments Board of Delegates.

I hope to see you there.

Wayne

Treasurer's Report – Tim Helms



The Moore County Republican Men's Club had a successful year in 2024. Though we could have done a better job of collecting dues, we still have maintained a healthy bank balance.

We purchased new banners for the election tents and a new decal for the front window and moved the metal sign on the

wall to the front of the building outside to give us a more powerful presentation.

We already have five new members for 2025, and I hope that we will continue to grow.

The golf tournament at CCNC in June was highly successful so we were able to donate \$20,500 to various local, state, and federal campaigns, and \$5000 to Donald Trump's campaign through the federal PAC. The nation breathed a sigh of relief when it became obvious that trump was going to win in a landslide. The socialist, leftist ideology is gone for now and hopefully for a very long time.

I want to wish everyone in the Men's Club and Associate members a Very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, and *don't forget to pay your 2025 dues.*

2024 Executive Officer Comments:

(Editor's note: Starting with the 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

December 24 MCRMC Update

As we celebrate Christmas and the blessing of 2024, we turn our attention to the work needed in 2025. Specifically, President Trump's first 100 days



in office. I recently went to Mar-A-Log for an appreciation dinner hosted by Russ Vaught, the previous and nominated OMB Director. He is going to be tasked with defunding the woke and weaponized government and implementing the recommendations of the DOGE committee.

The team has been working tirelessly to write executive orders, legal briefs and much more for the first 100 days. I believe we will see a record of Executive Orders on day 1. While I don't want to get my hopes up, I believe we have a chance for deep cuts. Expect the "Dictator" language to be going non-

stop by the left-wing news. They are planning on using impoundment rules to stop a lot of the wasteful spending. These presidential powers haven't been used since before Nixon. You can think of impoundment a bit like a Christmas shopping budget. Congress says, "you have \$100 to buy Christmas presents." Trump will say, "Great, I only need \$20." Then he will impound the other \$80. Congress controls the purse strings, but that doesn't mean the president has to spend all the money they allocate, it is a ceiling, not a floor. Both parties have been happy to treat it as a ceiling and a floor. This has led to \$36 Trillion in debt and \$330 Trillion (estimated) in unfunded liabilities.

When the dust settled on the 2024 elections, Donald Trump significantly outperformed the other Republican candidates. This should give him leverage to get his agenda done, the agenda of the American people. This also means we have work to do to prepare for 2026. Resting on our laurels will be a recipe for disaster. That is why we will continue to work hard here at the Men's Club and double our efforts as we anticipate the future.

Sincerely,

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Tom Adams – Past President



FINAL PAST PRESIDENTS REPORT

December 2024

Eleven years ago, my good friend George Little told me I needed to join the Moore County Republican Men's Club. I knew it was a waste

of time to resist George, so I joined. He could not be there for my first meeting, but he had me sit with Tom Beddow at the President's table. While I can't remember who the speaker was, I do remember some of the folks at the table. Bill Demastus and his wife Alice, then Congresswoman Renee Elmers and Miriam Chu. I remember thinking, "What an interesting and smart crowd." Little did I know how much time I would spend working with this group over the ensuing decade plus.

That first meeting set my course for the next eight years as Executive Committee member, VP

Programs, President and for the past two years in that most hallowed of all offices, Past President. It has been a trip in equal parts of fun, frustration, joy, and most of all the development of many new friendships. In many ways my voyage through the chairs of MCRMC was responsible for me ultimately running successfully for County Commissioner. I could not have undertaken that effort and certainly not without the relationships formed on that voyage. Thank you for your encouragement and effort.

I am excited about the club's prospects going forward. Under the new youthful and vigorous leadership of Robert Bortins, Jim O'Malley, Tim Nelms and Pat Haggerty the club will develop new priorities and programs that will strengthen the club and the Republican Party. Good luck to you all. I look forward to continuing on that voyage under your leadership.

One last thought. My thanks to Paul Shaffer who has served during my entire tenure as Newsletter Editor and "institutional memory." Paul does not have the word "no" in his vocabulary. Favors other executive committee members and I asked of him were always cheerfully undertaken. Thank you, my friend, for your service!

So, goodbye for these pages. I look forward to hearing from you in the Commissioner's Hearing Room in the old Courthouse in Carthage in the years ahead.

Tom

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

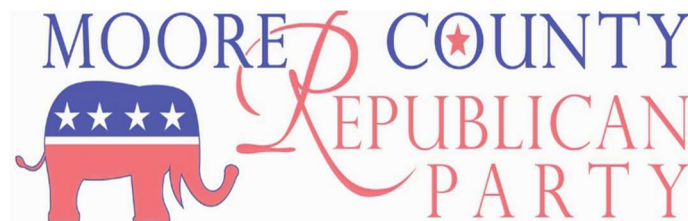
Elected Officials Contact Information:

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



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

Moore County GOP News
Tom Beddow – Chair Moore County GOP:



Tom Beddow - Chairman



Senate Bill #382 is in the works and in addition to allocating more than \$220 million in additional Helene relief, it has an important policy change in oversight of the State Board of Elections. It would place that responsibility under the State Auditor's Office vs. the Governor's Office. The Auditor would select members of

the State Board of Elections and would also choose County Board of Elections Chairmen. Governor Cooper will no doubt veto this bill, but it is hoped that an override could be accomplished while the Republicans still have super majorities in both the House and the Senate. Stay tuned...

Our next Lincoln Reagan Dinner will be at CCNC on Sunday evening, Feb. 23. Our featured speaker will be Kevin Sorbo, Conservative, Christian Hollywood actor. Put that on your calendar, more details soon...

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[Lincoln - Reagan Dinner Save the Date](#)
[February 23 2025](#)

The Country Club of North Carolina, 1600
Morganton Rd, Pinehurst, NC 28374, USA
More info to come



Moore Republican Women – Candy Cane Ball 2024
December 17, 6:00pm – 10:00pm, BanQ on Broad.

Go to the Moore GOP website for further
information and to make a reservation.

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**



America wins! So proud! So grateful!

Hoping that your Thanksgiving was a time of family harmony, peace and love. Sadly, sometimes that isn't the case, especially when family members and friends hold honest disagreements on election results. However, we can rejoice knowing that God is ultimately in control! As Republicans, we have truly been blessed with the outcome of the presidential election. Now it is time to pray for President Trump and his cabinet appointees, as they will surely endure contentious debate and controversy.

I am truly proud of everyone involved with the

Moore County GOP and all the tireless efforts to get out the vote and to get conservative candidates elected. Unfortunately, we did come up short at the state level and somewhat at the local level, but that will not deter us from our pledge to fight, fight, fight! I pray that we will stand boldly for truth in public discourse, that we will stand firm for protecting life, for biblical marriage and for children's innocence.

As we look forward to this blessed and holy season when we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I wish you and your goodwill, health, kindness, favor, peace, grace and love!

Merry Christmas!

Charli

MCRMC members are always welcome as guests at the MRW meetings, so register to attend when you see the announcement.

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

Tom Schroeder

Tom's News

Conservative News for Moore County NC And Beyond



X messages news posted by Tom may be found on X by going to www.x.com and searching for @TomsNewsNC.

You can then "follow" Tom on X

**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

An independent blog exposing the Left

Trump ascends

By Steve Woodward



There is a Santa Claus, after all. His name is Jack Smith. Rather than jolly, he is a petulant, tormented “special counsel” who was tasked with sending Donald Trump to prison for a long time. Smith, and his enabler, Attorney General Merrick Garland, had it all figured out. Almost. They missed one detail. They never imagined Trump’s resurgence as a presidential candidate in 2024. They never thought he would win. Again.

Framing the Thanksgiving season as the start of the most wonderful time of the year is, suddenly, more than just a recitation of an old lyric. Smith has made it so by dropping, suddenly, baseless criminal cases against Trump. The highest profile was a four-count case purporting that Trump and his allies sought to “overturn” the 2020 presidential election results. An even more flimsy case also was halted — the one alleging Trump improperly retained classified documents in his Mar-a-Lago residence (though he had every right to possess them).

Smith was unapologetic even as his pirate ship sunk into the murky waters of irrelevance. “This outcome is not based on the merits or strength of the case against the defendant,” Smith insisted in a statement after the November 25, 2024, announcement. He would have us believe that Trump was doomed if not for those pesky elections results earlier this month.

This, of course, ignores more significant defeats Smith absorbed at the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court throughout the arduous process. A July 1 SCOTUS ruling was the kill shot. “The court issued its landmark opinion in *Trump v. U.S.*, which gutted the J6 case by concluding most of the conduct cited in the indictment represented official acts protected by presidential immunity,” writes independent reporter Julie Kelly.

“Even if Trump had lost the election,” Kelly continues, “the J6 indictment would not have survived another immunity test before the Supreme Court.”

If Smith is Santa, assign head elf status to New York Judge Juan Marchan, who recently delayed indefinitely the sentencing of Trump in connection with 34 so-called felony convictions Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg manufactured last summer. Like Smith, Marchan faced the reality that the persistent “lawfare” gig is up. It’s over, folks. Trump dodged a real bullet and now has been spared this unprecedented judicial firing squad.

Our American legal system is not as fungible as those who sought to exploit it had presumed. This year we can ignore seasonal advertising campaigns to ignite our Christmas “spirit.” Instead, in this historic season, we can embrace something much more inspiring than a TV ad showcasing a Mercedes-Benz topped by a giant red bow covered by fake snow.

Look no further than the pollsters. They have pivoted from swing state prognostication on Trump vs. Harris to polls seeking to gauge the “national mood.” Even some Democrats are feeling giddy, and admitting it.

A recent CBS News/YouGov poll (November 19-22, 2024) instructs us that more than half of Americans (55%) feel happy or satisfied about Trump’s win. Even more revealing is this: Among Democrats surveyed in the same poll, 56% said they are motivated to support Trump or, at least, are not motivated either way (to support or oppose his policies). What is left unsaid is the likely conclusion that these Americans can’t imagine Trump will not deliver measurable improvements easily surpassing the Biden-Harris dumpster fire.

YouGov conducted a separate poll (November 17-19), through which we have learned that 57 percent of Americans aged 18 to 29 hold a favorable view of Trump. That is staggering optimism coming from a bracket of young people who have been educated to regret their nation’s founding and condemn its inherent racism and inequality. In fact, the further we are removed from Election Day’s verdict, the more that palpable optimism is building among the youngsters. Trump’s favorability increased by 19 points compared to YouGov’s poll posing the same question between November 9 and 12.

I encountered a young man who is part of the 18-29 demographic after he arrived in Pinehurst for Thanksgiving week. He attends an elite East Coast university where woke anti-semites have protested to demand a “free Palestine.” But none of that was on his mind when our paths crossed.

Without prompting this came out: “I’m so happy that we have a new president,” he said.

So much for college kids being swept up by a Harris-Walz wave of joy. It’s beautiful to behold. College students rejected them. Black men abandoned them. Hispanic voters will be taken for granted by Democrats no longer. Consider that in 2020 about one-third of Hispanic Catholics voted for Trump. He saw their [support surge to 53%](#) in this election, according to CNN exit polling.

A concerted effort by Ralph Reed and his Faith and Freedom Coalition to inspire Christian voters to cast ballots for Trump — a new survey released earlier this year revealed that 51% of “people of faith” planned to sit out the election (decline to vote) — delivered results, too.

From [ReligiousNews.com](#): Exit poll data from [CNN](#) and other news outlets found that 72% of white Protestants and 61% of white Catholics said [they voted](#) for Trump. Among white voters, 81% of those identified as born-again or evangelical supported Trump, up from 76% in 2020.

While cable TV’s arrogant chattering class panics, as its ratings and relevance plunge toward an abyss, cultural commentator Bill Maher suggests acknowledging that the American people brutally rejected the narrative that MSNBC and CNN have repeated, first to protect a mentally declining Joe Biden, and ultimately to help people decipher Harris-Walz “messaging”.

“(Trump) is not who I would choose to administer the colonic, but it’s not like the bureaucracy isn’t bloated,” Maher said. “It’s not like the debt isn’t \$36 trillion. It’s not like there aren’t thousands of regulations that do stop people from living lives that they could live better and don’t do anything. There is woke in the military. Whatever they’re going after ... I’m [not going to pre-hate](#) anything.” |

The pre-hating of Trump’s cabinet appointees already is under way. Matt Gaetz for attorney general, as it turns out, was pre-hated by Republicans who remain deeply skeptical of the MAGA movement (at their peril) even more than the media knives that were out for Gaetz. Don’t be surprised if the next act in this saga is a Gaetz boomerang that destroys these Swamp creatures, including South Dakota Sen. John Thune — the new Republican majority leader — who was fine with Merrick Garland for AG in 2021 but would not stomach Gaetz. (Thune has an ally, North Carolina

RINO Sen. Thom Tillis).

Eventually, Trump will have his cabinet of disrupters and change agents, and the Leviathan will be tamed. The ascension of MAGA will not be deterred as it was during the first Trump administration. But even more glorious to behold will be the comeuppance imposed on the Jack Smiths, the Braggs, the Merchans, and the frothing D.C. judges who have maniacally jailed American citizens who entered the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, to defend what our founders and American soldiers died for.

As legal scholar Mike Davis observes, the Conspiracy Against Rights clause of the federal code can (must) be used to charge these judges with felonies for violating the Constitutional rights of Americans.

“These judges are culpable,” Davis said during a November 25, 2024, appear on Steve Bannon’s *War Room* program.

If there is a thread of justice left in this world, these January 6 judges soon will occupy the same cells vacated after Trump pardons the patriots who sat in them and were vilified because they refused to back down in the face of a massive fraud plot in 2020. They arrived at the U.S. Capitol with a viable request: Delay certification and audit the small number of states in which massive shifts in vote totals occurred between the evening of November 3, 2020, and the following morning after which, in the case of Pennsylvania, poll workers were sent home in large numbers.

Meanwhile, the snowflakes at *The Atlantic* are melting down and turning on their own, placing blame for Jack Smith’s demise on AG Garland, owed to his habit of being “obsessive about proceduralism” (following the rules) because this “attention to detail meant the system failed to do the basic work of holding (Trump) accountable (for) ... serious crimes.”

But what the fierce defenders of Trump Derangement Syndrome never will understand is that the 2024 election outcome never was about these sham lawsuits and court cases. They occupy a smoldering pile of discarded ploys and narratives also littered by masks, social distancing and needles that dispensed dangerous mRNA serums.

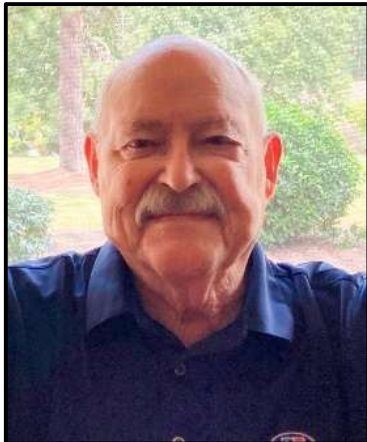
Playwright David Mamet seizes on why voters rejected all of it and embraced Trump’s MAGA revolution. He expresses it beautifully.

“The horror of the past four years—the appeasement of terror, the slavish support of our enemies, the abandonment of the state of Israel, the assaults on free speech—seemed to me the descent into chaos which has been the end of every world power,” Mamet wrote in a recent *Wall Street Journal* op-ed.

“Rome, Greece, Nineveh and Tyre, Babylon, Nazi Germany—all were eventually returned to dust. ... The Old Testament is a record of decline of those civilizations which fall away from God; and promises that a return to his precepts will restore his grace. We know that one day America, as all things, will go one with Nineveh and Tyre. But not today.”

Not in our time. America’s comeback begins now. See ya, Kamala. Good luck, Jack Smith.

Your Newsletter Editor – Paul Shaffer



The first MCRM newsletter that I was fully credited as the Editor was released about 11 years ago. While in some ways it seems like yesterday, in other ways it seems like a lifetime ago. I have made some style, format, and content changes, all for the better, I hope!

I have one additional issue, December 2024 and then the process of turning the newsletter over to a new Editor will begin. While I will gladly stay around to help with the transition as long as needed, I do not expect that to go much beyond the first of next year.

I want to recognize and thank all of the members that have submitted articles for publication in the newsletter. I think I can say that in the last 11 years, I have not rejected or made major revisions to any, just basically published them as submitted.

For those, such as EC office holders over the years, who had a regular monthly article, I appreciate you sending them on a timely basis, filled with interesting and current content. My apologies to those who found my monthly emails requesting input being

overly persistent. I am sure some felt I was tapping you on the shoulder much too often on occasion. All I can say is that you won’t have to put up with me much longer!

I look forward to our new meeting location and going back to a plated meal rather than a buffet. I have not yet eaten at the Taglios but have heard good things and I hope that carries over to the food at the meetings. I look forward to seeing my fellow MCRM members and guests at the December meeting. If you have not already signed up, go on the MCRM website, www.mcrmc.club and sign up today.

Hope to see you at our final meeting of 2024 on December 19th at our new meeting location!

From Outside The Club:

THE CAROLINA JOURNAL



Wednesday, November 27, 2024

White House Christmas tree from North Carolina carries special significance after Helene

(MCRM Editor’s Note: To read the full story, click on the following link or type it in your browser)

<https://www.carolinajournal.com/nc-white-house-christmas-tree-tradition-carries-special-significance-after-helene/>

Some Red Meat:



Please postpone all international travel plans until America's celebrities have had a chance to leave the country. We want to make sure there are plenty of available seats 😊.

Reminder: Our December Luncheon Meeting is on Thursday, the 19th. Reservations are required and can be made on the club website:

www.mcrmc.club

Make your reservation by no later than Friday, December 13, before 6:00pm.



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