



GOP Summer News Update



President Donald J. Trump will be visiting Greenville, NC July 17, 2019! [Click here](#) for tickets to this event!

The New Hanover County GOP held their Lincoln Reagan dinner on June 21, 2019 at the Wilmington Convention Center. The evening was met with excellent attendance and much success under the sage organization of Brenda Barker. Congressman David Rouzer welcomed Congressman Devin Nunes as an engaging guest speaker for the evening who stressed the importance of the upcoming 2020 election cycle and the need active involvement of local parties, particularly within the state of North Carolina to make 2020 a success for the Republican Party. Many congratulations to the New Hanover County GOP on a highly successful fundraising event and wonderful evening!

Mark your calendars for October 26, 2019 at the Cape Fear Country Club, where The Lower Cape Fear Republican Women's Club will host their bi-annual auction event. The auction is a lively and exciting fundraising event sponsored by the Lower Cape Fear Republican Women's Club where all monies raised will be contributed to the party and to state and local Republican candidates.

The auction committee has been formed and is in search of individuals who may be interested in helping spearhead this much anticipated event in the life of the club. If you have special talents at fundraising, event planning or organization, or would simply like to be involved in organizing this event please reach out to [President Sandra Ray](#). Additionally, club members, please begin to think of live and silent auction items for contribution and [email](#) with suggested donations!



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Member Dues \$35

Associate Dues \$15

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AUCTION

October 26, 2019

Cape Fear
Country Club

**Pender
County GOP
Meeting**

July 23, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Burgaw Library
103 S. Cowan St.

From The Board

By: Paige Freeman, Club Historian

As the new LCFRWC Historian, I am asking club members to join the effort to chronicle present and past club events. A previous Club Historian, Betty Klutz, began a LCFRWC 2013-2016 Scrapbook. It will be an *ongoing* project to chronicle the years of our club. I do need your help.

As Vice-President in 2011 with President Karen Valiquett, interim President in 2012 after Karen relocated, and Vice-President for a second term with President Carolyn Justice, I can contribute club documents, along with a huge library of photographs. (At one time I probably drove people crazy with my ever-present red Nikon camera.). For three years, I was also Editor of the *Lower Cape Fear REPUBLICAN WOMEN* quarterly newsletter - taking the Editor's torch from media/PR veteran Sandy Best. Lindsey McKee is now doing a fantastic job as Editor of our present online Newsletter.

Our Club Scrapbooks, our past Newsletters, our Facebook page, input from Sandy Best, Carolyn Justice, Pam Higgins, Patti Smithson, and other past Executive Committee and Board Members, input from longtime members such as Marilyn Williams, plus YOU, will make this ambitious complication possible. Many members have many stories to tell.

Remember the club was started in 1972 by charter members Marilyn Williams and Isabel Holmes, and twenty-one other hardworking Republican women. When I joined in 2007, I was counted as member #33. Membership doubled in 2009, and under President Carolyn Justice we broke well over 100 members! President Sandra Ray continues the high membership numbers.

Let's get our history recorded>>>Paige Freeman

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August 1, 2019

Landfall Country Club

Please RSVP in a timely fashion - a proper headcount is imperative for event and meal planning! Thank you!

Legislative Update

Budget Update from the Office of Senator Bill Rabon

Submission by the Office of Senator Bill Rabon

This week the House and Senate came to an agreement on a final state budget for the next two years. With bipartisan votes in each chamber, we passed a roughly \$24 billion budget that will deliver pay raises to state employees and teachers, significant funding increases for public education, and tax relief to families and businesses alike.

Unfortunately, less than 24 hours later and despite some notable bipartisan support for the bill, Governor Cooper announced he would veto it.

I'll come back to that, but first I want to tell you about the details of our agreement - items that now will be at serious risk as a result of the governor's veto. Our budget:

- Provides most state employees with a 5% salary increase over the biennium.
- Teachers will receive an average raise of 3.9% over the biennium.
- Provides salary supplements of at least \$7,500 annually for prison employees in facilities with the highest vacancy rates.
- Total commitment to K-12 capital funding for new schools and repairs is \$4.4 billion over 10 years: \$1.5 billion from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund; \$1 billion from the Public School Capital Fund; and \$1.9 billion in needs-based capital funding.
- Increases funding for public education by more than \$1.43 billion over two years.
- Invests more than \$91 million in school safety measures to protect children in schools.
- Appropriates almost \$22 million over two years to fund 1,000 slots on the Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) Medicaid Program waitlist.
- Redirects over \$218 million in non-recurring funds from the Medication Transformation Fund for start-up costs needed to transition to Medicaid Managed Care.
- Increases the standard deduction for those married filing jointly to \$21,000.
- Reduces the franchise tax rate to \$0.96 per \$1,000 of net worth.
- Provides \$70 million over the biennium to implement "Raise the Age."
- Allocates \$6 million over two years to clear the rape kit backlog.
- Adds \$710 million to the Savings Reserve Fund.
- Provides \$15 million recurring each year for the expanded broadband capabilities in rural areas through the GREAT Program.

Budget Includes \$56 Million for School Construction in Bladen, Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender Counties

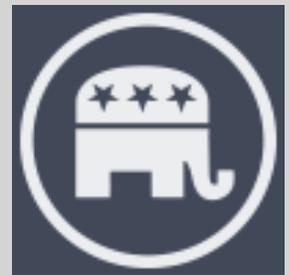
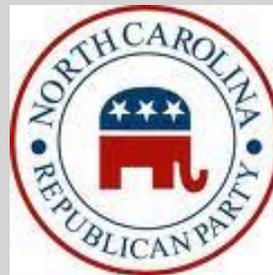
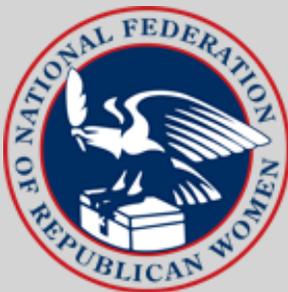
The budget also includes more than \$56 million in capital funding for Bladen, Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender county schools. These resources can be used by the counties for either new schools or repairs and updates to existing schools.

The funds, which were determined using a formula based on the number of students and the economic need of each county, break down like this:

- Bladen County \$12,277,125
- Brunswick County \$13,315,336
- New Hanover County \$16,843,283
- Pender County \$13,872,281

The funding is just one piece of a \$4.4 billion commitment to school capital over the next 10 years. Of that total, \$1.5 billion would come from the State Capital Infrastructure Fund (SCIF), which receives a dedicated, automatic appropriation from the General Assembly every year. An additional \$1 billion will come from the Public School Capital Fund and \$1.9 billion from the Needs-Based Capital Program.

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