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Pres. Carolyn Justice accepts the NFRW Gold Achievement Award & is inducted into the NC GOP Hall of Fame. LeAnn Pierce wins race!

Republican Women Have A Golden Year

At our first meeting in January 2013, members shared their individual visions of what you each wanted our club to accomplish as a vibrant organization in 2013.

February membership meeting, the Executive Committee presented that vision and a great number of members volunteered for a wide range of projects. We also enjoyed a Legislative update from our very own Associate Member, Representative Rick Catlin in February.

Also in February, our club co-hosted the NC Federation of Republican Women's Winter Meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity to work hand in hand

with our sister organizations from Brunswick and Onslow counties.

We distributed our first quarter newsletter with relevant news and photographs of our organization, republicans, and elected officials and she is preparing to publish the next edition this week.

At our March meeting, the Executive Committee shared with all of members the final plans for the upcoming year. Now that our vision has been developed, volunteers secured, and plans laid out before us, it is time to accomplish our goals for building our membership and raising the money needed to fulfill our mission.

Our April Meeting was a delightful dinner meeting at the oceanfront Hanover Seaside Club,

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with lots of guests, several of whom joined our ranks. Representative Pat McElraft from Emerald Isle was our guest speaker and gave an excellent

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2013-2014 LCFRWC Executive Committee: Carolyn Justice, President; Vacant, Vice President; Betty Kluttz, Secretary; Pam Higgins, Treasurer; Holly Grange, At-large; Kristi Dale, At-large. 2013-2014 LCFRWC Board Members: Officers and Brenda Barker, Fundraising Chairwoman; Laura Parks, Legislative Affairs Chairwoman; Cheryl Hunter, Campaign Chairwoman; Sandy Best, Public Relations Chairwoman and Bylaws Chairwoman; Kristi Dale, Americanism Chairwoman; Holly Grange, Membership Chairwoman.

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overview of legislation she is
sponsoring to help reduce the
high cost of coastal homeowners
insurance

Also in April our Membership
Committee, chaired by Holly
Grange, hosted a fabulous New
Members’ Tea at her beautiful
home on the Intracoastal
Waterway. Again, our
membership grew.

Our Public Relations Committee,
chaired by Sandy Best, completed
our new website - check out the
site at
[www.lowercapefearrepublicanwo
men.com](http://www.lowercapefearrepublicanwomen.com). Finally, we have a
brand to call our own! Important
information, such as our club
calendar is listed on the website
for easy reference. In addition to
the website and monthly E-News
Alerts, the PR Committee has
also ensured that we have a strong
social media presence on
Facebook and Twitter.

Many members worked over
these early months preparing for
our Conservative Women’s Expo
in June and our Gala Auction to
be held in October.

Our President represented our
club as the keynote speaker for
the Brunswick and Fayetteville
Women’s Clubs and at the 7th and
2nd District Conventions.

In May our Community Outreach
Chair, Kristi Dale introduced our
Veteran’s Project for 2013/2014.
Our club is committed to raising
\$7500.00 to outfit a room for
Homeless Veterans in the
“Veteran’s Leadership Council of
NC” facility in Butner NC.

In June we held our 1st Annual
“Conservative Women’s Expo”.
Our mission was to education our
ladies on a wide variety of
subjects both serious and fun.
Thirteen vendor booths walked us
through, HOW TO get a gun
permit, talk to our friends about
our conservative beliefs, decorate

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NC House Republicans place their mark on bills



*President Carolyn Justice with Rep. Rick Catlin at the LCFRWC Christmas
Party at the Cape Fear Country Club.*

Peace on Earth,
Goodwill toward Men! The
Lower Cape Fear Republican
Women’s Club celebrated the
Christmas Season on
December 5, 2013 at the Cape
Fear Country Club. Dispensing
with business, President
Justice provided an
informative program by
interviewing several
legislators’ wives. We heard
from Susan Tillis, wife of NC
Speaker of the House Thom
Tillis, Jane Davis, the better
half of the Ted Davis’, and
Jackie Iler, wife of Rep. Frank
Iler of Brunswick County.
Each of the ladies gave us
insights on what it was like to
be the spouse of a legislator.
Also in attendance was
LCFRW member and spouse

of Rep. Rick Catlin, Janice
Catlin. We are thankful to all
of these ladies for their
personal sacrifices on behalf of
the State of NC. The biggest
news of the evening was that
Susan Tillis did not rule out a
run for public office!

We also celebrated our
area legislators and gave each
one a certificate of
appreciation for their hard
work and outstanding
accomplishments on behalf of
the citizens of NC. In
attendance were Senator Thom
Goolsby, Rep. Ted Davis, Rep.
Rick Catlin, Rep. Chris Millis,
and Rep. Frank Iler.

It was a very festive
event. Stay tuned for news and
updates of our next meeting.
—Sandy Best

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a table for dinner guests, protect our selves, use Facebook/Twitter, choose the right hair cut, choose a wine, make wise investments, stay healthy and much, much more. In addition to great fun, fellowship and food, the event was profitable for our club.

We took a break for the month of July but came back strong in August with two great presentations. Seventh District Chair Bob Muller and New Hanover GOP Chair Sam Ibrahim both gave excellent presentations on the mission and future plans for both their organizations.

Our September meeting was a luncheon at the historic City Club in Wilmington where we hosted Municipal Candidates from several towns in New Hanover County. In addition our president gave an informative presentation on the difference between Republicans and Democrats.

Our Biannual Gala Auction was held in October at Cape Fear Country Club. We sold over 200 tickets and will once again have over \$12,000.00 to distribute to candidates in the 2014 election.

Our November Annual Meeting was at Cape Fear Country Club where our President submitted this Annual Report for the Year celebrating our many successes. She also made a presentation on the history of the National Federation of Republican Women and the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women. Carolyn also presented a lesson on how the North Carolina General Assembly works. Members were then tested on their knowledge of the NC General Assembly and scored amazing well.

On November 9th our President attended the NCFRW’s Fall Meeting in Raleigh, where she accepted the National Federations GOLD Rise Award on behalf of our Club. This award represented our tremendous accomplishments for the year.

At our Annual Christmas Dinner in December we will honor the Legislator’s successful year. We will also have a panel of Legislator’s wives share what it is like to be the spouse of a Legislator. In order to fulfill our obligation to participate in an education project, our members will each bring a wrapped pre-school book to donate to a worthy Pre School.

We are very proud of our outstanding year. Our membership has grown to 104 Members and 117 Associate Members.

We produced a professional Club Handbook that was distributed to current and potential members and have now printed an additional 100 books.

We rewrote our bylaws in order to conform to the State and National Federation.

We purchased 600 Constitution handbooks, which we labeled with our name and contact information and distributed at two successful voter registration drives. We plan to order another 600 books in 2014.

Our plans are confirmed for a second New Member’s Tea on November 17th at the home of Americanism Chair, Kristi Dale.

We have had representation at our local GOP monthly meetings in both New Hanover and Pender counties where we share information about our club.

Our active Facebook page keeps members informed about important issues with a special focus on Common Core.

We continue to distribute our quarterly newsletter and a monthly E-Alert.

We have presented a proposal to the New Hanover GOP to take responsibility for all logistics involved with outside poll workers in the 2014 election.

We have had members at the NCFRW meetings and we sent a delegate and alternate delegate to the National Federation of Republican Women’s Convention in Kentucky.

Our President represented our club as the keynote speaker for the Brunswick, Fayetteville and Johnston Counties Republican Women’s Clubs during 2013 and she was the Keynote Speaker at the 7th and 2nd District Republican Conventions.

—Carolyn Justice, President

EDITOR’S NOTE

It is with tremendous gratitude that we offer Paige Freeman best wishes in her new pursuits with Americans for Prosperity. Her work on behalf of the Lower Cape Fear Republican Women’s Club for the past three years as Vice president and editor of the quarterly newsletter has been exceptional. We are sorry to see her step down from her duties in leadership, but we are excited for her personal endeavors. We know that wherever AFP takes her, she will be working hard to get conservative candidates elected to office! Thank you, Paige!

—The Lower Cape Fear RW