



WCRWC Elephant Ears

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November Speaker – Tony Gurley

Tony C. Gurley was born and raised in Western North Carolina. After graduating from high school, Tony attended UNC – Chapel Hill and received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1978. He continued his studies at UNC and in 1981 received his Masters Degree in Pharmacy Administration. From 1984 - 1999 Tony owned and operated Gurley's Pharmacy in Durham and Blue Ridge Pharmacy in Raleigh.

In 1999 Tony decided to sell the pharmacies and embark on a new career. In 2000 Tony began Law School at North Carolina Central University and graduated a Juris Doctorate in 2003. Tony, along with a classmate, opened the Law Firm of Gurley & Cookson in Raleigh.

While studying at North Carolina Central University, Tony became interested in Wake County politics and launched a successful campaign for a seat on the Wake County Board of Commissioners in 2002.

Since his election to the Wake County Board of Commissioners, Tony has served as Chairman of Budget, Education and Finance Committee in 2003, and Chairman of the Growth, Land Use & Environment Committee in 2004. In addition to Tony's duties as committee chairman and vice-chair, he served on the Boards of Human Services, Capital Area Workforce Development and Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Committees. Tony served as Vice-Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners in 2005 and currently serves as Chairman of the Commission.

In the fall of 2005, Tony decided to reopen Gurley's Pharmacy. When he is not practicing law or working on County business, Tony works as a pharmacist to support the Pharmacy Manager.

Tony is a member of the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists, The North Carolina State Bar and serves on the Salvation Army Advisory Board. www.tonygurley.com

November Meeting
 November 16, 2006 at the NCSU University Club
 4200 Hillsborough Street
 Raleigh, NC
 Social 11:15 AM
 Lunch & Program 11:45 AM
 Cost: \$13.00
 For Reservations visit our website or call Connie Johnson at 571-2191



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Remember to bring your cookies to the November meeting. Dot Schafer will be taking these to the Raleigh USO location at the airport. RDU Center Phone - 840-0941

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November President's Message...

Hello, ladies of the WCRWC,

Well, the results were mostly disappointing for us Republicans on election night. In individual races at the local, state and national level, the Democrats did just a little better than we. Many of our losses were razor-thin. Unfortunately, our past President, Wake County Clerk of Court Jan Pueschel, lost her valiant bid for re-election. Jan has served our county with distinction and it is regrettable that the voters did not see the wisdom of returning her for another term. She will be greatly missed in office. On a more positive note, incumbent Republican Sheriff Donnie Harrison demolished his opponent, John Baker, to win a strong mandate for his second term as Wake County's top lawman. Results are not yet final in some races, but it appears that Republican District Court Judge Donna Stroud prevailed in her campaign for an eight-year term on the state Court of Appeals. Judge Stroud's intelligence and her scholarly approach to the law will be a good fit to the appeals court, where slowly but surely Republican candidates are moving toward a majority. We already have a majority, of course, on the state Supreme Court. Not all of the races there went our way this time, but Justice Mark Martin was re-elected in a landslide.

The Democrats picked up a few seats in the state House and Senate, but Jim Black could well lose in a recount, as he should. And the House, in particular, will be well within our reach in a couple of years, as will the governor's office, lieutenant governor, and other Council of State positions. And with your help, I'll do my best to secure re-election.

This overall idea is what I want to leave you with this month: Looking ahead to 2008 - which will be here sooner than it seems - we Republicans have reason for great optimism. Republican voter turnout is always strong in presidential election years. And in two years the state's top political star, Republican U. S. Senator Elizabeth Dole, will be on the ballot for re-election. I predict strong coattails from Senator Dole and our Republican candidates for Governor, Vice President, and President. I'm counting on a strong year for our club then, too!

So don't lose heart. And remember: We didn't do so well in the 1992 elections, either. Two years later, a Republican landslide swept our state and nation. I believe we will see a repeat in a short two years. We have to start laying the groundwork for that soon, with your help.

In the meantime, thank you for the honor of serving as your president the past year. I hope to be of continued service to our fine club.

Laura Riddick
President WCRWC



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Laura Riddick	781-8144
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Connie Johnson	571-2191
Assistant Treasurer	
Rosemary Queenan	556-9135

Board meetings will precede the monthly club meetings. The next board meeting: November 16, 2006 @ 10:30 AM

Next Meeting Date: December 21

Please Remember:

Wearing and selling "elephant:" jewelry is one of our major fundraising activities.

Our Website

The November newsletter is available on our website at www.wakerepublicanwomen.org. If you do not have web access or are not receiving any e-mails regarding the Wake County Republican Women's Clubplease sign up to receive future hardcopy newsletters in the mail. If you have anything that you think should go on the website please send a note to webmaster@wakerepublicanwomen.org

Wake County Republican Women's Club 2007 Officer Nominations

The above existing officers of our club for 2006 are willing to serve another term, and the Nominating Committee is happy to recommend the above ladies for 2007.

Nominations can be made from the floor at the November 16th meeting before the election. Nominees must have given consent and must be a member of the club.

Submitted by Nominating Committee members Maryann Kick, Rosemary Queenan, and Carol Parker.



IMPORTANT DATES

November 17-18 - NCFRW Fall Board Meeting, Raleigh, NC





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CAPITAL AREA REPUBLICAN CLUB

When: 4th Tuesday

Where: Southend Brewery at 505 Jones St.

Time: Social 5:30 PM Dinner/Program 6 PM

Contact: No Reservations needed

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CARY

When: 1st Thursday

Where: Prestonwood Country Club

Time: Buffet Lunch 11:30 AM (\$12.00)

Contact: RSVP three days prior to luncheon

www.RTPnet.org/rwofcary

WAKE COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

When: 2nd Monday

Where: Moonlight Pizza

Time: Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

For Information: www.wakeyr.org

WAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN MEN

When: 1st Tuesday

Where: Clarion Hotel

Time: 7:30 AM

For Information: Heydt Philbeck 782-1374

Or www.wakegopmen.org

TRIANGLE WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB

When: 3rd Saturday morning

Where: Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel

Europa Drive & Hwy. 15-501

Time: Coffee 8:45AM Buffet

Breakfast 9:00 AM

For more Information: www.twgop.org

WESTERN WAKE

When: 4th Monday

Where: Delightful Inspirations Cafe and Catering

5511 Avenet Ferry Road, Raleigh

Time: Buffet Dinner (optional) 6:00 PM

For Information: www.westernwakegop.org

NORTHERN WAKE

When: 1st Thursday

Where: Forks Cafeteria

399 Brooks Street, Wake Forest

No Reservations Needed

Time: 6:30 PM

WAKE COUNTY GOP

Executive Committee Meeting - GOP

Headquarters 6 PM

For Dates go to: www.wakegop.org