



WCRWC Elephant Ears

Wake County Republican Women's Club

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Justice Robert F. Orr

Retired N.C. Supreme Court Justice Bob Orr entered the 2008 race for Governor as the only Republican candidate to have run – and won – a statewide election. In 1988, two years after having been appointed to the N.C. Court of Appeals by Governor Jim Martin, Orr shocked the political establishment by winning the election that year. In doing so, he became the first Republican ever to be elected to the Court of Appeals and the first Republican since 1896 to win a statewide appellate judgeship.

After a distinguished 18 year career as an appellate judge, Orr retired in July of 2004 to head up the newly formed N.C. Institute for Constitutional Law where he has advocated for adherence to state constitutional principles through litigation and public education.

Orr grew up in Hendersonville, N.C. and received both his undergraduate and law degrees from U.N.C. – Chapel Hill. He also served 3 years in the U.S. Army. After law school, Orr moved to Asheville, N.C. to practice law. He is married with 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

www.orr2008.com

Please Remember . . .

Wearing and selling “elephant:” jewelry is one of our major fundraising activities. Many thanks for your continued contributions to the Fisher House and the USO.

2008 Executive Officers

The nominating committee is pleased to inform you of the slate of Officers that will be presented at the October meeting:

President	Zan Bunn
1st VP	Andrea Champion
2nd VP	Connie Johnson
Corres Scty	Katy Benningfield
Rec. Scty	Loren Graham
Treasurer	Georgetta Britt
Assist. Treas.	Eddie Brown

IMPORTANT DATES

October 9 – Municipal Election
October 18 – WCRWC Meeting (*this meeting will be held at the Carolina Country Club, 2500 Glenwood Avenue because of the State Fair*)
 November 6 - Municipal Election
 November 9-10 NCFRW Fall Board Meeting
 Greensboro, NC
 November 15 - WCRWC Meeting
 Dec. 3 WCRWC Meeting, ***Date Change and Special Location***

OCTOBER MEETING
 October 18, 2007 at **Carolina Country Club**
2500 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC
 Social 11:15 AM
 Lunch & Program 11:45 AM
 Cost: \$24.00
 For Reservations visit our website or call Connie Johnson at 571-2191

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Happy October – fall is here. Who can believe the hot summer is gone? Elections are heating up and some winners will be known very soon.

At this writing, early voting is underway for October 9 – if you early voted, plan on working on Election Day for the GOP candidates. If you didn't early vote, please remember to go vote at your polling place and remind several friends. Turnout will be very low, and your extra effort can make a big difference.

Elections in Raleigh, Cary, and Wake school board will occur on Tuesday, October 9. Immediately after October results are known, our county's attention will turn to the November 6 elections in all other municipalities – Apex, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Youngsville, Wendell, Zebulon. Please take the time to vote and tell others!

At our September 20 meeting, Rep. Skip Stam gave us a thorough update on his legislation this year. His insight into happenings at the General Assembly was well-received by all. We thanked Skip for his many efforts over the years, including running for office and leading the caucus now.

The NFRW national convention was held in Palm Springs, CA on September 26-30. Theresa Esposito had a great campaign for NFRW First Vice President, but her vote count came up short. Our NC delegation was proud to support Theresa's effort and made many new friends. A \$3 dues increase was passed by the convention, Rudy Giuliani spoke to the delegates, Pat Boone performed at the Palm Springs Air Museum, and NCFRW President Martha Jenkins won the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award. Congratulations, Martha!

If you see these ladies, please thank them for their service this year: Andrea Champion (1st Vice President), Sidney Troidl (2nd Vice President), Connie Johnson (Treasurer), Rosemary Queenan (Asst. Treasurer), Carol Wakely (Recording Secretary), Mary Tatum (Corresponding Secretary), Carol Parker, Rosemary Queenan, Maryann Kick (Nominating Committee). Our club has some tremendous talent!

PLEASE NOTE: The October 18 meeting will be held at an alternate location, due to State Fair traffic. For the October meeting only, our meeting will be held at the Carolina Country Club, 2500 Glenwood Avenue. Please mark your calendars and spread the word! Please RSVP to Connie Johnson at 571-2191 for the October 18 meeting, as we have to be precise about our count.

Exciting opportunity at the October meeting – we will have club member photos for inclusion in our directory. Plan your best smile, and come prepared to have your photo taken.

I look forward to seeing you and your guest at our October 18 meeting. Our program will feature Justice Robert Orr, candidate for governor. Justice Orr will discuss how his past electoral success in statewide races should prepare him to be our GOP nominee. For more info, check www.orr2008.com. We are honored to have him and are eager to hear his message. See you on October 18!

Zan Bunn
WCRWC President



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Board meetings will precede the monthly club meetings. The next board meeting: October 18, 2007 @ 10:30 AM	

Sean O'Brien (School Board District 6)
 Tommy Craven (Raleigh District A) (incumbent)
 Angel Menendez (Raleigh District B)
 David Williams (Raleigh At-Large)
 Ernie McAlister (Cary Mayor) (incumbent)
 Don Frantz or Vickie Maxwell (Cary District B)
 Ray Martin or John Rigsbee (Cary District D)
 Tommy Byrd (Cary At-Large)

Candidate Information Online

October 9 and November 6 candidates need your help! To find out more about all of them, check out www.westernwakegop.org/candidate.html

Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) – Town of Cary ONLY

Only in the Town of Cary, a new method of voting allows for a voter to mark up to three (3) choices in some races. This system is supposed to save money, eliminating a 2nd election/runoff. While a debate rages about how fair this type of system is or whether it actually saves money, it is in place this year for Cary voters. Please do not allow yourself to show up to vote in Cary without educating yourself on how to mark your ballot. An overview of IRV is also found at www.westernwakegop.org/candidate.html – scroll down and click on four (4) IRV links. Educate yourself before arriving at your polling place!



Until Every One Comes Home.®

Remember to bring your cookies to the meeting. RDU Center Phone - 840-0941



Election 2007

Municipal elections in Wake County occur on two dates this fall: October 9 and November 6. Plan to volunteer or contribute to the following GOP candidates in the following contested races on October 9:



Member photos will be taken at the October meeting - please come prepared to have picture taken for inclusion in club directory.

Congratulations, Martha Jenkins, NCFRW President - on receiving the NFRW Ronald Reagan Leadership Award in Palm Springs.





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CAPITAL AREA REPUBLICAN CLUB

When: 4th Tuesday

Where: Casa Carbone

Oak Park Shop. Ctr, 6019 Glenwood.

Time: Social 5:30 PM Dinner/Program 6:15 PM

Contact: No Reservations needed

For more information: www.carcgop.org

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CARY & SOUTHWESTERN WAKE

When: 1st Thursday

Where: Prestonwood Country Club

Time: Buffet Lunch 11:30 AM (\$13.00)

Contact: RSVP to Jeanine Mennear 469-3658

www.republicanwomenofcaryandsouthwesternwake.org

WAKE COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

When: 2nd Monday

Where: Moonlight Pizza

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

For Information: www.wakeyr.com

WAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN MEN

When: 1st Tuesday

Where: Clarion Hotel

Time: 7:30 AM

For Information: EricWeaver

Or Eric@EricMWeaver.com

TRIANGLE WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB

When: 3rd Saturday morning

Where: Nantucket Grill

5826 Fayetteville Road, Durham, NC

(near Streets at Southpoint)

Time: Coffee 8:45AM Buffet

Breakfast 9:00 AM

For more Information: www.twgop.org

WESTERN WAKE REPUBLICAN CLUB

When: 4th Monday

Where: Bentley's

Walnut Street, Cary

Time: Dinner 6:00 PM/Program 7:00 PM

For Information: www.westernwakegop.org

WAKE COUNTY GOP

Executive Committee Meeting - GOP

Headquarters 6 PM

For Dates go to: www.wakegop.org