



# WCRWC Elephant Ears

## Wake County Republican Women's Club

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### February 15 Speaker – John Hood

John is the President and Chairman of the John Locke Foundation. He oversees the research, publications, and administration of JLF, a North Carolina think tank that issues policy studies, hosts dozens of events each year, produces radio and TV programs, and publishes Carolina Journal, a monthly newspaper with a readership of 160,000 North Carolinians. He writes and comments frequently on politics, education, health care, regulation, and other issues for national media organizations.

We are honored to have John to speak and give us his view on what happened in the 2006 elections in NC and an early look at 2008.

### Election 2007

Municipal elections in Wake County occur on two dates this fall: October 9 and November 6. Mark your calendars now so that you can volunteer some time for our Republican candidates.

#### October 9, 2007

City of Raleigh – All Seats  
 Town of Cary - Mayor, Districts “B” & “D” & At-Large  
 Board of Education – Districts 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8  
 Raleigh City Councilmen Philip Isley (District E) and Tommy Craven (District A) will both be running for re-election. The mayor of Raleigh needs a Republican challenge! Cary Mayor Ernie McAlister will be running for re-election and there are three Cary council seats which need Republicans on the ballot. Board of Education members Carol Parker (District 3) and Ron Margiotta (District 8) will both be running for re-election.

#### November 6, 2007

Municipal Elections, with runoffs (if needed) for any of above

Many municipal seats will be contested this fall. Notable incumbents who need our help in their reelections include Mayor of Apex Keith Weatherly, Apex Councilman Bryan Gossage and Garner Alderman Phil Matthews.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- February 9 & 10 – NCFRW Winter Board Meeting in Pinehurst, NC
- February 16 – Wake GOP Presidents Day Dinner at the Crabtree Marriott
- February 23 – George Will, John Locke Anniversary Dinner, Crabtree Marriott
- March 15 – WCRWC Meeting – Bill Lumaye
- March 20 – Wake GOP County Convention
- March 29-31 – NFRW Spring Board Meeting in Washington, DC
- May 11 – NCFRW Capital Region Meeting



February Meeting  
 February 15, 2007 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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### February President's Message ...

Missed seeing everyone at our January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting! Thanks again to Connie Johnson, Peggy Wyatt, and Rosemary Queenan for helping to contact all those who had RSVP'd about our meeting cancellation. WCRWC eagerly anticipates hearing in the future from Cherie Poucher, Director, Wake County Board of Elections, and how she manages the best elections office in the state! The cancellation was disappointing based on that weather, but everyone enjoyed watching snow from their warm homes, not from slippery roads!

January 24<sup>th</sup> was an exciting day for Wake County Republican Women. Club members watched opening session at the General Assembly as one of Wake County's own, Representative Paul Stam (R-37), became the Minority Leader in the NC House. Club member and Representative Marilyn Avila (R-40) was also sworn in. Congratulations, Skip and Marilyn.

Let's grow!! Membership recruitment is an important part of our club's growth. The NFRW's One Plus One program is simple - each member recruits at least one new member. Let's increase WCRWC's membership by inviting one friend to lunch and then to join the club! As we always discuss, increasing our club's membership will help elect more Republicans on Election Day!

Don't forget - Membership dues are due to Treasurer Connie Johnson right away! Please mail or bring to our February meeting.

Although October 9 and November 6 seem far away, please make these dates on your calendar (see Election 2007 article for all races on ballot). There will be many Republicans to re-elect and new Republicans to help!

There's still time to attend NCFRW events in Pinehurst on February 9-10 and NFRW events (including Legislative Day) in Washington, DC on March 29-31. Mark your calendars!

Future visits to our local USO at RDU Airport and to the Fisher House in Fayetteville are being planned. Please be ready to volunteer or to contribute time, money, or goods to either of these worthwhile places. Our military and their families deserve our support!

Working together, our club can grow boundlessly! Please remember - submit your dues asap and invite a friend to join us at our February 15 meeting. Our special guest speaker will be John Hood, President, John Locke Foundation. We're eager to hear John's remarks about what happened in 2006 and what might happen in 2008. See you on February 15!

**Zan Bunn**  
**WCRWC President**



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Board meetings will precede the monthly club meetings. The next board meeting: February 15, 2007 @ 10:30 AM

cookies on a regular basis – please consider how you might help Dot with homebaked goods for deserving young women and men who are relaxing before their flights.

### Fisher House – Fort Bragg, NC

Serving as a home away from home for family of injured military members, the Fisher House in NC is located at Fort Bragg, NC. While the military member is recuperating at Womack Medical Center, family members have a place to stay. The main website for Fisher House is [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org) Check out more information about the Fort Bragg house at

[www.fisherhouse.org/theHouses/northCarolina.shtml](http://www.fisherhouse.org/theHouses/northCarolina.shtml) Requested items (partial list) include soft drinks, bottled water, coffee/supplies, towels, sheets, paper goods, kitchen/bathroom cleaning supplies and hand/body lotion.



### Our Duty – Our Military USO and Fisher House

Close to Wake County, we have two places to offer support for our military and our military families. Soon, our club members will have opportunities to visit each of these locations. Make plans to go and show your appreciation for our military. If you cannot go, consider donating from the wish lists or monetarily.

### USO – RDU Airport

The USO at Raleigh Durham International Airport serves over 2000 troops every month. It is open 24 hours a day, and it is staffed by volunteers. Consider how WCRWC might make a contribution of time, money, donated items, cookies or other needed items. Check out more information at [www.uso-nc.org](http://www.uso-nc.org) - RDU Center Phone - 840-0941 Each of our monthly newsletters contains a reminder - Our very own Dot Schafer delivers

The NCFRW Caring for America project this year is the Fisher House. A visit to Fisher House will provide a first-hand look at how our military families are being comforted in their time of need. Please consider making this visit with other WCRWC members!

### Important Websites

Wake County Republican Women's Club  
[www.wakerepublicanwomen.org](http://www.wakerepublicanwomen.org)  
North Carolina Federation of Republican Women  
[www.ncfederationofrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.ncfederationofrepublicanwomen.org)  
National Federation of Republican Women is  
[www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

### Please Remember . . .

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



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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

**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](http://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](http://www.wakeyr.com)

**WAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN MEN**

When: 1st Tuesday  
 Where: Clarion Hotel  
 Time: 7:30 AM  
 For Information: Heydt Philbeck 782-1374  
 Or [www.wakegopmen.org](http://www.wakegopmen.org)

**TRIANGLE WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB**

When: 3rd Saturday morning  
 Where: Chapel Hill Holiday Inn  
 Hwy. 15-501 at Ephesus Church Rd.  
 Time: Coffee 8:45AM Buffet  
 Breakfast 9:00 AM  
 For more Information: [www.twgop.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.wakegop.org)