



# WCRWC Elephant Ears

## Wake County Republican Women's Club

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### May 17 Speaker – Bill LuMaye

#### WPTF Afternoon Anchor

We are honored to have Bill LuMaye, WPTF afternoon anchor, as our May 17 speaker. Bill grew up in Green Bay, Wisconsin. His radio career began in 1980 in his hometown and has rewarded him in many ways. Bill's calling has brought him awards like a Grammy and National Clio, but his real passion is talk radio. Bill was the first radio host to be embedded with our troops in Iraq. He broadcast the week before Christmas with the men and women of the 432nd Civil Affairs Unit. Bill has a deep commitment in family, pride in his country, and belief in the freedom of expression. His views are not left or right, republican or democrat, liberal or conservative but rather a common sense examination of what is simply...right and wrong.

### 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

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

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

- May 11 – NCFRW Capital Region Meeting
- June 1-3 – GOP State Convention, Charlotte
- June 21 – WCRWC Summer Meeting
- July 19 – WCRWC Summer Meeting
- August 16 – WCRWC Summer Meeting



**MAY MEETING**  
 May 19, 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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Ladies,

What can you enjoy this summer? Meetings with the Wake County Republican Women's club! Mark your calendar now: June 21, July 19, August 16 are club meeting dates for this year. Our club voted to meet throughout the summer, so please make plans to be at WCRWC!

Our March meeting featured Rick Martinez, writer and media personality. He provided some insight on immigration, and made all in attendance aware of how we must address this multi-faceted issue. In March, club members visited the USO at RDU. Dot Schafer is thankful for all those of you who bring cookies. Donations of cookies are always needed! In late March, Mary Tatum, Connie Riley, and I visited the Fisher House at Fort Bragg. Thank you all for the various donations that we were able to deliver in person. After touring the house, we had conversations with recuperating service members. Meeting them made us very thankful for the dangerous jobs they do!

Our April meeting featured Raleigh Councilman Philip Isley. Philip provided an overview of the city budget, as well as up-to-date awareness of how the garbage collection changes in Raleigh connect to recent union movements into our community. Voters in Raleigh are well-represented by Philip and he works hard on our behalf.

Legislative Day on April 25 was a tremendous success! Mark Lunsford's story was very compelling, and we visited with many legislators, including Joint Caucus Leader Dale Folwell, Senate Minority Leader Phil Berger, and House Minority Leader Skip Stam. Thanks to Claire Duckett, Sidney Troidl, Andrea Champion, Katy Benningfield, and Jan Pueschel for joining me and representing our club well!

Congratulations to the NCFRW on their biennial convention in early May, held in Chapel Hill. New officers for 2007-2009 were elected, the Dottie Martin Teacher Scholarship recipient was honored at a reception in a private home, and all three GOP gubernatorial candidates were in attendance.

Membership remains a top priority – think again about someone who needs to help our club efforts! Invite them to lunch and ask them to join!

Remember October 9 and November 6 – Election Days 2007!

Our club is making great progress in 2007! Join us at our May 17 meeting – bring a guest for lunch. Our special guest speaker will be Bill Lumaye, WPTF radio and afternoon talk show host. We welcome Bill's remarks about current events and the military – one of his interests. See you on May 17!

*Zan Bunn*  
WCRWC President



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### Website Change . . .

The website has been changed for the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women [www.ncfederationofrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.ncfederationofrepublicanwomen.org) and the National Federation of Republican Women is [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

**Next Meeting Date: June 21**

### Please Remember . . .

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

### Our Website

The May newsletter is available on our website at [www.wakerepublicanwomen.org](http://www.wakerepublicanwomen.org). If you do not have web access or are not receiving any e-mails regarding the Wake County Republican Women's Club ....please 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](mailto:webmaster@wakerepublicanwomen.org)

### Summer Meetings

The board voted at our last meeting to have meetings throughout the summer, same Thursday and same place. This will allow us to prepare for the Fall elections.

### WCRWC 2007 Officers

President	
Zan Bunn	414-0473
First Vice President	
Laura Riddick	781-8144
Second Vice President	
Sidney Troidl	395-2732
Corresponding Secretary	
Mary E. Tatum	786-5040
Recording Secretary	
Carol Wakely	761-8275
Treasurer	
Connie Johnson	571-2191
Assistant Treasurer	
Rosemary Queenan	556-9135

Board meetings will precede the monthly club meetings. The next board meeting: May19, 2007 @ 10:30 AM



*Until Every One Comes Home.\**

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





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The following article was copied from  
<http://nfrw.org/programs/issues/jessicaslaw/blog.htm>

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 CONTACT: Martha Jenkins, 919-619-3493

[www.ncfederationofrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.ncfederationofrepublicanwomen.org)

### Mark Lunsford Shares Story, Advocates for Passage of Jessica Lunsford Act

Mark Lunsford, whose 8 year old daughter Jessica Lunsford was abducted, raped, and murdered in Florida in 2005, spoke to legislators and members of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women (NCFRW) today in Raleigh at the North Carolina General Assembly.

Mr. Lunsford is committed to seeing that the Jessica Lunsford Act or its equivalent is passed in all 50 states. "No parent should have to experience what I've experienced," Mark said. "Sexual predators need to be given a strong message - we don't want you here," he continued. "It is imperative that violent sex offenders are incarcerated for a very long time, where they can't molest our children."

HB 933, The Jessica Lunsford Act of NC, is currently being considered by the House Judiciary II committee, chaired by Rep. Dan Blue. Sponsored by Rep. Tim Moore, Rep. Julia Howard, Rep. Debbie Clary, and Rep. Charles Thomas, the act would require a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years (without parole) to life for first time offenders and it would expand GPS monitoring of sex offenders once released from prison.

Mr. Lunsford spent the day visiting legislators and telling them why the bill should be passed. "If these tough laws had been in place in Florida in 2005, my daughter would still be alive," he

ventured. The man who murdered Jessica Lunsford, John Couey, was sentenced to 10 years for lewd and lascivious molestation of a child, but only served two of those years. "If the Florida law had been then what it is today, John Couey would have been in prison instead of on the streets looking for his next victim," added Lunsford.

"It is time for NC to provide the protection that 29 other states are providing our children," stated Martha Jenkins, NCFRW President. "If we don't, then our state will be a haven for sexual predators." Polls show that North Carolinians favor this legislation in large numbers.

The NCFRW is a statewide organization consisting of over 2000 members and over 60 clubs. Its members recruit and train candidates, run campaigns, and speak out for conservative causes. NCFRW is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women, which has taken on the passage of Jessica's Law in every state as its primary legislative goal.



The above picture was taken on March 22, 2007 at the Fisher House located at Ft. Bragg. We will be planning another trip to Fisher House to take supplies. Learn more about the Fisher House and its purpose at: <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>





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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)*