

President's Message – January, 2012

Since this is our January newsletter, I'd first like to take this opportunity on behalf of the MCRMC Executive Committee, to wish you a happy, safe and prosperous 2012. I also want to thank you for the confidence you have shown in electing us to lead our club during the coming year.

Looking back on the past year, I think 2011 was a great year for our club. We added 54 new members and ended the year at 369 members. I think you will all agree that we had an exciting selection of programs during 2011:

- John Hood of the John Locke Foundation, always an interesting and informative speaker. John will return this month.
- Patrick Coughlin, President & CEO of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce
- Kershaw Getty, who did an amazing portrayal of Benjamin Franklin
- Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent of the Moore County Schools
- Mayor and Gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory
- North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby
- The first-ever Forum with the Moore County Commissioners
- Representative Jamie Boles
- The Heritage Foundation
- And a very special Christmas program by the Pinecrest High School Choir

Programs Vice President Louis Gregory is already off to a great start with plans for even better programs during 2012. It will be an exciting year!

Very importantly, we had another successful golf tournament, which raised more than \$10,000 to further prepare us to support Republican candidates during the 2012 election. We want to repeat that success in 2012 so we can support our candidates better than ever.

Most importantly, 2012 will be an important year for our club and for all Republicans. We have an incredible opportunity to elect a Republican President, a Republican majority in the U.S. Senate, a Republican Governor, and hold on to our majorities in the U.S. House of Representatives and the North Carolina General Assembly. These opportunities are real; they are within our grasp. But they won't happen unless each of us finds a way to be involved in the process. Your Executive Committee will be identifying ways for all of us to do that. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, Happy New Year! I look forward to working with all of you during 2012.