



6:30 12 December @ Olde Point Country Club

**Pender County GOP Christmas Party:
Christmas with the Candidates
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!! \$25!!!
Until 5 December or supplies last!**



Come enjoy a Christmas Party and celebrate the end of a great year!

All filed Candidates for the 3 March 2026 GOP Primary will be afforded an opportunity to address the crowd.



November Party Meeting – 20 November

This month's meeting featured Dakota Cook, the NCGOP Political Director. Mr. Cook dove into data showing the remarkable gains the Party has made in shifting North Carolina from a purple state to a bright red one. He emphasized the importance of the Pender GOP continuing its efforts from the 2024 election—especially registering voters and encouraging early voting. He also explained how Precinct Chairs can lead these efforts and highlighted the training opportunities available through the NCGOP Go Red Training Series.

During the meeting, the 2026 candidates in attendance were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. Those who did so were:

- **NC State Representative:** Carson Smith (Incumbent)
- **District Court Judge** Chad Hogston (Incumbent)
- **District Attorney:** Jason Smith (Incumbent)
- **Sheriff:** Alan Cutler (Incumbent) – Announced his bid for re-election
- **Clerk of Court:** Elizabeth Craver (Incumbent)
- **County Commissioners:**
 - District 2 – Ryan Collins
 - District 3 – Andy DeVane and Jerry Groves (Incumbent)
 - District 4 – Max Beckwith
- **Board of Education:**
 - District 1 – Jennifer Hansen (Incumbent)
 - District 2 – Kim McGahey



Lower Cape Fear Women's Republican Club -Gala Auction.

On 1 November, the Lower Cape Fear Women's Republican Club held its Biannual Gala Auction—its largest fundraising event in preparation for the 2026 election. The keynote speakers were State Auditor David Boliek and NCGOP Chair Jason Simmons. Both gentlemen energized the audience with updates on the great work GOP elected officials and the Party are doing for the state. The auctioneer, Mr. Alan Perry, entertained the crowd while skillfully maximizing the bids on each item.

Pender County attendees included Commissioners Brad George and Dr. Jimmy Tate, and Board of Education Member Tommy Reeves. Chair Josh Smith and Secretary Lynn Norwood represented the Pender GOP. County Commissioner candidates Ryan Collins (District 2) and Andy DeVane (District 3) also enjoyed the event.

Upcoming Events for 2026:

-January 15th – The Pender County GOP January Meeting/Candidate Forum. Additional information to follow.

-February 21st – The Pender County GOP Gala Auction. Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Additional information to follow!

-March 7th – The County Convention at the Hampstead Annex.

- Next Regular Meeting will be the April Meeting.



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