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April 20, 2018

**Subject:** Carl Mumpower / Linda Humphries, an e-mail dialog.

The following is an e-mail dialog occurring on April 19, 2018, between myself, Carl Mumpower, Lisa Baldwin, with an out of context snippet being forwarded to the BCGOP Executive Committee members by Carl Mumpower's sister, Linda Humphries [see at the very end of this piece].

This started with Carl Mumpower sending out a "Pearl of Wisdom", which Mumpower beats around the bush and does not really say anything [re: <http://buncombegop.org/2018/04/tipping-over-the-bucket/> ]. Since I was on his original copy list for this type of diatribe, I called him out on it. You know, there is a difference between someone talking the high road, and someone taking the high road. Carl Mumpower does neither very well at all. Carl Mumpower is a hypocrite.

This e-mail dialog discussion centers on Nathan West dropping out of the NC House 115 primary, and suggesting that the BCGOP promote the remaining candidate, Amy Evans. Carl Mumpower resists, and it is clear to the casual observer that Mumpower favored candidate Nathan West all along. So he digs his heels in and says he won't support anyone. Even though there are multiple press releases indicating that Nathan West has dropped out, it is not clear that he really has.

<http://wlos.com/news/local/nathan-west-pulls-out-of-north-carolina-house-race>

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2018/04/16/former-gop-chair-west-pulls-out-nc-house-race/520836002/>

The following pages are an assembly of all of the e-mails. Comments I have interspersed are denoted with the following, in RED:

**[Editors Note: ... ]**

Here we go...

Subject: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?

Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2018 19:05:47 -0400

From: [drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)

To: [drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)

We fill it a drip at a time, or...



<http://buncombegop.org/2018/04/tipping-over-the-bucket/>

With gratitude,

Carl Mumpower, Chair  
Buncombe Republican Party

Old-school Democrat Eleanor Roosevelt - "A marriage (and a political party) is a union of forgivers."

[Editor's Note: This is what was contained in the above link.]

[Editor's Note: Have you seen the movie "Pixels"? There is a scene in the British PM's office with the US President discussing the alien invasion. The woman PM goes off on a tear/rant in British speak, which no one can understand (re: <http://buncombegop.org/2018/04/tipping-over-the-bucket/>), and the President says to her: "What did you just say"?, and she says "I Don't Know!" That's what I feel like asking Carl Mumpower on each Pearl of Wisdom he creates.]

From the Chair- The Buncombe Republican Party faces a daily challenge – How do we effectively counter an opposition party that outnumbers us 2 to 1?

It may surprise you to know that this is one of the easier parts of our job. We've got some caring hearts, positive spirits, creative minds and working hands that are pretty good at challenging the built-in limitations of those we like to call "Brand-X." Though it's not always easy to function as a quiet, productive and value-driven conservative in Asheville, let's just say we live in a target rich environment that never ceases to disappoint our absurdity meter. Anti-circumcision protestors – really?

Nope, our most effective antagonists don't wear blue – they come in red. We have a few too many people who find satisfaction in kicking over Buncombe's Republican bucket. Here's a quick list of some of their kicking styles-

- Holding grudges with the half-life of plutonium
- Seeking and cultivating drama everywhere but at a theater
- Pushing anger buttons – theirs or others
- Playing "gotcha" with or without supportive data
- Needing an audience and running over folks to get one
- Mattering through malice and mischief over more productive approaches
- Indulging mood swings as a form of personal entertainment
- Gossiping and criticizing as a hobby
- Wearing a cynical view like a pair of sunglasses

We could go on, but you get the picture. There are a lot of folks who spend more time, energy and resources trying to kick our bucket than fill it. In a progressively hostile political environment like Asheville, we need something better – something directing our precious and limited energy toward the real bad guys – not one another.

Case in point – our team of elected officers and other leadership roles is comprised of 13 people. When I took office a year ago, I loaned each of them a Silver Dollar. "Recognize that there are two sides to this coin – your job is to be a constructive "edgy" leader that brings those sides together." "Unity is our mission and your behavior is key to our success – please use that coin to remind you of your important role." "I have one too, and if you see me violate that covenant, tell me and I'll hand it over – will you embrace the same standard?"

So far no one has come up with a legitimate reason to ask for my coin and I haven't chosen to ask anyone for their coin. Were I to do so, less than half of our leadership team would be carrying that loaned silver dollar.

Ironically, some of those coins would come from the pockets of those who have encourage me to take coins from others and yet remained somewhat oblivious to their own significant failings. Jesus said, “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?” for good reasons.

All this is to say that if we are going to keep the Republican bucket in Buncombe County filled with constructive enterprise; creative actions; good will; and conservative driven values countering the harms of our opposition – we’ve got to have a whole lot more people filling our bucket than working hard to kick it over.

Why do people like to play kick the bucket you might ask? Usually it’s because their own bucket is empty, damaged or filled with some not-so-good stuff. We get that – we all get that. Life is hard. But we are all equally stuck with the fact that filling our bucket with good or bad stuff is a choice.

If you were to ask me what the local Republican Party breakdown is today, it would be that for every productively engaged person there is another who can’t manage to resist mischief. The quietly conservative majority are standing back – somewhat in fear – and waiting to see who will win.

The answer to that question is easy – no one. Tug-of-War is a game that can be played endlessly.

There is a solution. If we can get a few more people to step forward and help us fill the bucket and a few of the bucket kickers to reconsider their course, we can really do some special things together.

Where might we begin? How about borrowing a paraphrased quote from Old-school Democrat Eleanor Roosevelt – “A marriage (and a political party) is a union of forgivers.”

Please let the chair know if he can help – or if you would like to help us. Preserving our America requires that we build on our common ground – not pour our blessings upon it. A lot of drips can overcome an occasional kick...

Subject: Re: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?  
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2018 19:13:28 -0400  
From: Monroe Miller  
To: [drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)  
CC: Lisa Baldwin

Mr. Mumpower,

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Precinct Chair, Allens Creek, HCGOP  
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Pursuant to Proper Etiquette and N.C.G.S. § 14-196.3, this e-mail conforms to Section (e) which applies to any peaceable, nonviolent, or nonthreatening activity intended to express political views or to provide lawful information to others. This section shall not be construed to impair any constitutionally protected activity, including speech, protest, or assembly.

Subject: Re: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?  
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2018 20:03:13 -0400  
From: Dr Carl Mumpower <drmumpower@aol.com>  
To: Monroe Miller  
CC: Lisa Baldwin

Yes Monroe - though our values are similar - our methods differ.

cm - cell

**[Editor's Note:** After you read the following e-mails from Mumpower, I seriously doubt that our values are similar].

From: <[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)>

Date: Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 8:06 AM

Subject: Re: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?

To: Lisa Baldwin

Cc: AmyEvans, [nwestavl@gmail.com](mailto:nwestavl@gmail.com)

Good morning Lisa,

In resolving the dilemma of two candidates for the 11th District, both individuals and their advisers took liberties that served to further divide and alienate the Republican community in Buncombe County.

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On that basis, until the end of the primary, though one candidate has withdrawn, I will not be offering any further official Party engagement with either camp. Once the primary has come to a close, we can then speak about how best to help.

Carl Mumpower, Chair  
Buncombe County Republican Party

**[Editor's Note: This is the first point where Mumpower demonstrates hypocrisy. Why not support the single remaining candidate?]**

Subject: Re: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?  
Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2018 08:38:35 -0400  
From: Lisa Baldwin  
To: Carl Mumpower <[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)>

Carl,

I'm not sure what you mean about the "ruthless approach by each camp"?

I am not aware of any actions by Amy Evans, her campaign or the BCGOP that were "ruthless". Facts, please.

Continuing to blame our party for Nathan West's irresponsibility and disregard for the law makes no sense.

If you're relying on Pete Kaliner's claims, some fact-checking needs to be done.

Let's sit down and meet. I am available today after 5pm. Shall I come to your office at that time?

Thanks,  
Lisa

**[Editor's Note: It is at this point that I believe Mumpower is reluctant to have a discussion about facts.]**



From: <[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)>

Date: Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 9:07 AM

Subject: Re: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?

To: Lisa Baldwin

Hi Lisa - I have been over this course with you numerous times. We agree to disagree on the care with which a BCGOP official should operate in public.

It is not something I wish to continue rehashing. As I shared with Monroe Miller, though our values are similar, our paths to upholding those values differ.

I note that Mr. Kaliner operates from that same model of antagonism and should not be treated seriously. He is not a factor in my conclusions.

cm

**[Editors Note: Am I to infer that I have the same model of antagonism as Pete Kaliner, and should not be treated seriously? Am I a factor, or not?]**

Subject: Re: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?  
Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2018 09:44:09 -0400  
From: Lisa Baldwin  
To: Carl Mumpower <[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)>

Carl,

If Pete Kaliner is not a factor in your conclusions, then why did you lecture the BCGOP at the last meeting as if Pete's comments were true? Pete refuses to schedule me for his show via phone or studio in order to refute the false accusations he made about revenge against West.

Prior to the end of the filing period, I called Nathan out of genuine care and concern for him and his family. Amy Evans was uncertain about filing because Nathan and his wife were her friends. She was very gracious and humble. Nathan was very cordial on the phone and said that Amy Evans should file. He said his name would remain on the ballot when he withdrew. There were no threats. Why shouldn't the BCGOP be concerned for his welfare? I do think this is appropriate behavior for a BCGOP official.

My asking for equal radio time for a candidate in a Republican primary was not showing favor to Amy over Nathan. Both should get equal radio time. My question via tweet to Pete about Nathan's non-payment for child support was in relation to Pete's discussion of Nathan's arrest record and address challenge. I thought that would allow Nathan to explain his actions and clear his name.

Please let me know if you have any other questions regarding this matter. I would like specifics on which actions as BCGOP 2nd Vice-Chair you disapprove.

Again, I am available to meet at 5:15 - 5:30pm today.

Thank you,  
Lisa

**[Editor's Note: It appears that Mumpower is afraid to have a sit-down with Lisa Baldwin. There is a BCGOP meeting next week. For those attending, watch how Mumpower attempts to address this issue.]**

[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)

10:07 AM

I'm sorry Lisa, but your approach to problem solving is not one that I am willing to engage with any further. It does not read as genuine to me - and I say that without any wish to be hurtful. But that's where it falls - I am not willing to meet on this issue for that reason.

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Subject: Fwd: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?

Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2018 10:25:07 -0400

From: Lisa Baldwin

To: Carl Mumpower <[DrMumpower@aol.com](mailto:DrMumpower@aol.com)>

Carl,

My approach certainly was genuine. I don't play games as others do. What is it specifically that you do not like about this approach?

Is it because I am honest and frank and don't sugarcoat the truth?

Nathan West broke his word to me that he would withdraw, per our conversation on Feb. 28th. Since then he has continued to do the same with Amy as she reached out to him multiple times.

It is through communication that we can work through issues and come out with an optimal solution. Will you meet with me today at 5:15-5:30pm? I will be at Saturday's convention if that is more convenient. I would like to meet prior to Monday's BCGOP meeting.

Whether you like it or not, Buncombe Republicans elected me as 2nd Vice Chair. It is your duty to work together with your leadership team.

Lisa  
2nd Vice-Chair BCGOP

[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)

11:06 AM

Sorry Lisa - no meeting until I see some evidence of a more sincere approach. cm

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Subject: Re: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?

Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2018 11:30:42 -0400

From: Lisa Baldwin

To: Carl Mumpower <[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)>

Carl,

Let me see if I understand, you're questioning my sincerity in kindly asking Nathan to withdraw from the HD 115 race for the sake of his family?

Yet, he receives a free pass for attacking the BCGOP?

As a candidate West is under public scrutiny for these actions, which demonstrate his disregard for personal responsibility and the law:

- Courthouse records are public information and show he owes the IRS \$111,000 in back taxes, interest and penalties. The first payment is due in 2019.
- He claims to be an insurance adjuster, yet is practicing without a legal license.
- He left his son without proper financial support while growing up; this violation of child support is deemed contempt of a court order.
- After a long series of court appearances for non-payment of child support, he was arrested in August of 2017. A taxpayer-paid attorney was appointed and West must appear in court on April 23, 2018.
- In 2017 he was sued by K-Wall in Fletcher for non-payment of services totaling \$17,000.
- When his home was foreclosed, he refused to leave and had to be evicted by the Buncombe County Sheriff.

When announcing that he was dropping out (maybe?), he didn't follow through on his agreement to support Amy Evans campaign but instead chose to attack the Republican Party. This is the party that he led in 2015-2017 that went without meetings for months, voted without quorum, authorized the handing out of pre-marked primary ballots in violation of party rules and made false accusations against the Republican Women's Club.

So, you won't meet with me until I produce evidence of my sincerity?

God bless you,  
Lisa Baldwin  
2nd Vice Chair  
BCGOP

[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)

12:13 PM

I understand your frustrations with Nathan - we are not in conflict over those concerns. Where we differ is in method - you are dedicated to an adversarial approach and I am trying to build something different. I have tried for a year to nudge things with no success - no longer willing to adjust or pretend it will be different.

[**Editors Note:** Linda Humphries is Carl Mumpower's sister, who is doing his dirty work. She sent the following e-mail out to BCGOP Executive Committee members]

From: Linda Humphries <[lindamumphries55@gmail.com](mailto:lindamumphries55@gmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 5:33 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?  
To: linda humphries <[lindamumphries55@gmail.com](mailto:lindamumphries55@gmail.com)>

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From: <[drmumpower@aol.com](mailto:drmumpower@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 2:43 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Buncombe Republicans - kicking over our own bucket?  
To: lindamumphries55@gmail.com

Please pass this to our Executive Committee

From: drmumpower@aol.com  
To: Lisa Baldwin  
Cc: Amy Evans, [nwestavl@gmail.com](mailto:nwestavl@gmail.com)  
Sent: 4/19/2018 8:06:52 AM Eastern Standard Time  
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In a message dated 4/18/2018 8:39:13 PM Eastern Standard Time, Lisa Baldwin writes:

Carl,

We have a primary to win! Let's all pull together for Amy Evans and get the word out. Can you send Amy's bio and website info to your email list? <https://amyevansnc.com/>  
As you know Early Voting starts tomorrow. We might need those red GOP vests if they're still around.

Thank you!  
Lisa

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