



GFRW Shines at NFRW Convention 2011

Delegates from the Georgia Federation of Republican Women were ecstatic when they opened their NFRW Convention Program in Kansas City to find

- GFRW members recognized for outstanding committee service for NFRW
- GFRW Committees and Clubs identified as winners of prestigious awards
- GFRW members front and center on the program

Georgia Federation Takes Top Awards

- **Betty Heitman Awards for State Excellence** are presented to states demonstrating excellence, achievement, and accomplishment in communications, outreach, programs campaign activities, and state functions.
- **Club Achievement Awards** are presented to clubs demonstrating excellence in membership development, campaign activities, community relations, programs, and club functions.

Diamond

Cobb County Republican Women
 North DeKalb Republican Women
 Savannah Area Republican Women

Gold

Bartow Republican Women
 Buckhead Republican Women
 Chattahoochee Republican Women
 Greater Fayette Republican Women
 Middle Georgia Republican Women
 Republican Women of Cherokee County

Silver

N. Georgia New Generation Republican Women
 Oconee Regional Republican Women
 Paulding County Republican Women

Bronze

Central DeKalb Republican Women
 Downtown Atlanta Republican Women
 Muscogee-Harris County Republican Women

Honorable Mention

Clayton County Republican Women

- **Campaign Volunteer Awards**
 Georgia—Suzi Voyles, Chattahoochee Republican Women
- **Caring for America Awards** are presented to states and clubs demonstrating excellence in community outreach.

National First Place Winner: Georgia

Caring For America Chairman: Barbara Hickey

Regional Winner: Region 7

Savannah Area Republican Women
 36,000+ hours
 Club President: Elizabeth Overton

Participating Georgia Clubs: Honorable Mention

Cherokee County Republican Women
 North DeKalb Republican Women

- **Public Relations Awards** recognize states doing an outstanding job of communicating with their members, the media, elected officials, and the Republican Party in their states.

National First Place Winner: Georgia

Public Relations Chairman: Mary Lou Berghel
 Publications Chairman: Judy True
 Documentation Team Leader: Sherry Roedl

- **The Women's Purple Heart Quilt Trail Project** is in honor of women who have received the Purple Heart medal.
First Place Winner: Georgia

**Georgia Federation Members on
NFRW Board of Directors
for 2010-2011**

- Tonya Boga, Bylaws, Caring for America
- Wanda Duffie, Fund-raising
- Varie Rustin, Membership
- Suzi Voyles, Membership, Fund Raising
- Millie Rogers, Vice Chair, Program
- Barbara Hickey, Program
- Lori Hullett, Public Relations
- Lori Pesta, Public Relations
- Judy True, Public Relations
- Vivian Childs, Protocol & Distinguished Guests
- Bettye Chambers, Chair, Website Assistance

**NFRW Regents Members
From Georgia**

- Bettye Chambers
- Karla Cooper
- Peggy Perkins
- Lori Pesta
- Suzi Voyles

**GFRW Members
on the Program**

- Suzi Voyles introduced speaker Herman Cain
- Lori Pesta read Convention Rules
- Lori Hullett sang "Take Back America"
- Ginger Howard led the Public Relations Workshop on the Art of Dressing and the Prayer Breakfast



Georgia Membership

GFRW Membership reported in the
Convention Program included:

2008	1216 members
2009	1530 members
2010	1161 members
2011	1056 members

**Georgia Delegates to the 2011
NFRW Biannual Convention:**

Suzi Voyles, *GFRW President*

Club Delegates:

*Chattahoochee Republican Women, Melinda Mock,
Cobb County Republican Women, Sheila Brower
N. Georgia New Generation Republican Women,
Julianne Thompson
Republican Women of Cherokee County, Lori Pesta
Savannah Area Republican Women, Elizabeth Overton
Union County Republican Women, Lori Hullett*

Club Alternates:

*N. Georgia New Generation Republican Women,
Debbie Whelchel*

Delegates at Large:

*Millie Rogers, Cobb County Republican Women
Judy True, Chattahoochee Republican Women
Barbara Hickey, Cobb County Republican Women
Sheila Galbreath, Savannah Area Republican Women
Lynda Morse, Savannah Area Republican Women
(seated alternate)*

Delegates at Large Alternates:

Johnell Woody, Cobb County Republican Women

Georgia Page:

*Tori Thompson, daughter of NNGRWP President,
Julianne Thompson and GOP 7th District Chairman,
Jason Thompson*

Georgia Guests:

*Chuck Pesta, Republican Women of Cherokee County, Associate
Dianne Vann, Middle Georgia Republican Women*

TAKING BACK AMERICA SONG/VIDEO

Led by Chairman Lisa Roper of Texas, the NFRW Public Relations Committee unveiled the "Taking Back America" song and video to thunderous applause from convention-goers. Sung by GFRW's own Lori Hullett, the song was a tribute to the thousands of active members in local clubs nationwide. The song is delivered as part of a video showcasing women engaged in political, educational, and community activities.

National Federation of Republican Women Elects Arizona Republican Leader Next President

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Delegates to the 36th biennial convention of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) elected Arizona Republican leader **Rae Lynne Chornenky** to head the organization during 2012 and 2013. The election was held Oct. 2 in Kansas City, Mo. Chornenky currently serves as first vice president of the organization, and has held several other positions on the NFRW executive committee and board of directors. In 2000 and 2001, she served as president of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women.

"I am honored to be chosen to lead the NFRW during such a pivotal election year," Chornenky said. "Following this convention, our women are energized and ready to send Obama and the Democrats packing in next year's elections. Our programs and efforts will be focused on ensuring we take back the White House and the U.S. Senate, and maintain our Republican majorities in the U.S. House and state governments across the nation."

A native of Phoenix, Chornenky has practiced law for more than 28 years. After retiring from the superior court bench in 1995, she served as a legislative attorney for an Arizona cabinet-level agency where she drafted extensive legislation and successfully lobbied state budget issues, laws, and regulatory acts.

She also served as an adjunct professor of constitutional law, substantive criminal law, and evidence. Her private legal practice has included advising non-profit organizations, representing political candidates and campaign organizations, coordinating seminars and workshops, speaking on constitu-



tional and political issues, and defending individuals charged with crimes.

Also elected to the NFRW Executive Committee were:

- *1st Vice President* – Jessie Morton of Louisiana
- *2nd Vice President* – Kathy Brugger of California
- *3rd Vice President* – Betty Poe of South Carolina
- *4th Vice President* – Lisa Roper of Texas
- *Secretary* – Sara Jo Odom of Oklahoma
- *Treasurer* – Carrie Almond of Missouri
- *Members-at-Large* – Carol Salmon of Ohio, Martha Jenkins of North Carolina, and Eileen Sobjack of Washington

Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories, making it one of the largest women's political organizations in the country. The grassroots organization works to promote the principles and objectives of the Republican Party, elect Republican candidates, inform the public through political education and activity, and increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.

Attention— Delegates to the GFRW Convention **Please be sure to visit the Publications Committee Exhibit**

For those of you attending the GFRW's 27th Biennial Convention in Augusta on October 28-29th, we invite you to stop by the Publication Committee's exhibit. You'll be able to view the GFRW's winning entry for NFRW's 2011 Public Relations Award. Additionally, descriptions of GFRW's "Caring for America" projects can be viewed.

You'll also be able to post your suggestions for future **VOICES** Magazine articles in the **VOICESmail** box. Tell us what kind of articles you'd like to see in upcoming issues. Whom would you like to see in the magazine as a featured contributor? It's your voice, let us hear from you!