# Georgia Tea Parties

## Georgia Federation of Republican Women

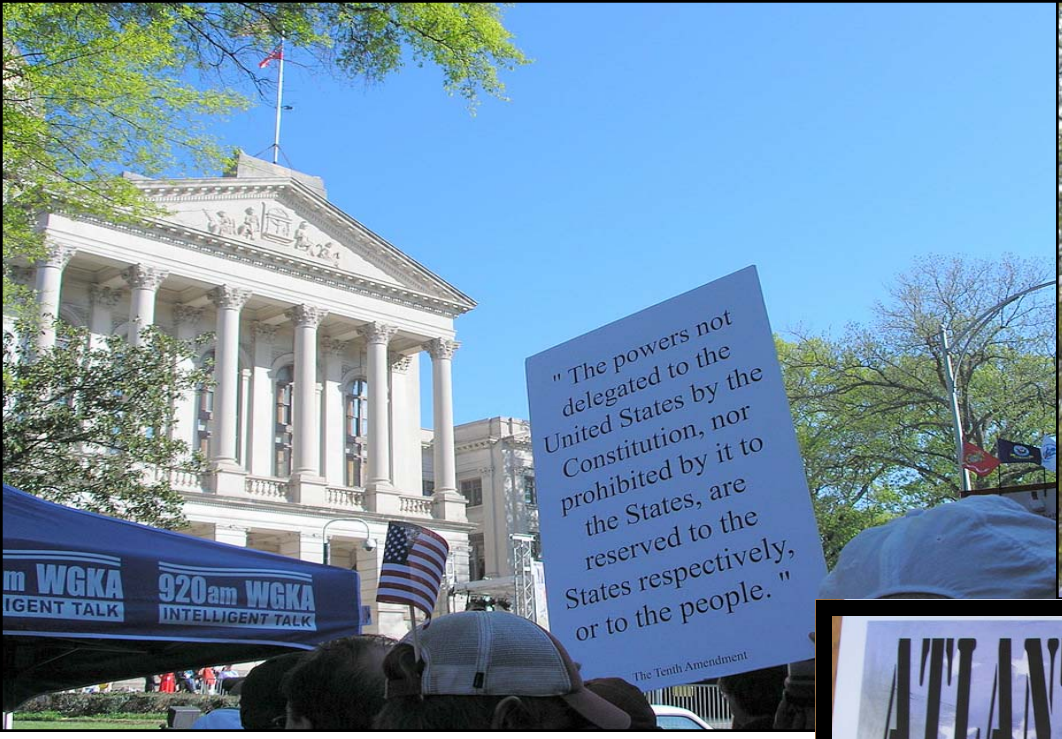
April 15, 2009

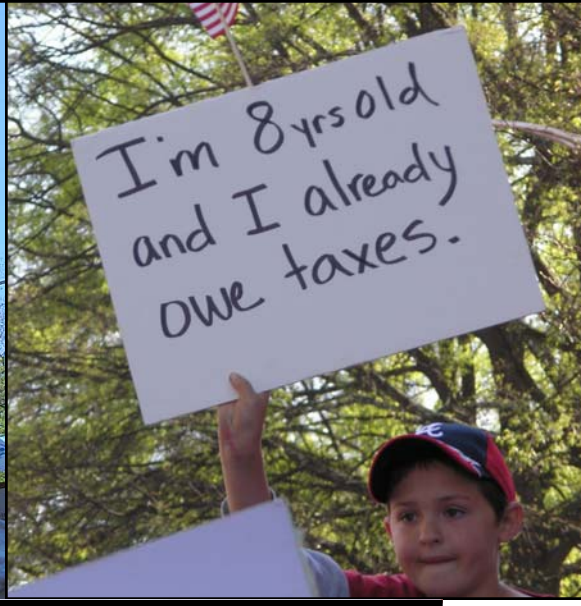
*Two hundred and thirty six years after the original tea party in Boston, tens of thousands of Georgians gathered at over 20 Tea Party locations throughout the state to protest their anger with wasteful government spending. With a national broadcast on FoxNews, over 20,000 people gathered at the state capitol in a non-partisan effort to tell President Obama and the Democrats in control of the House and the Senate that they are not going to stand idly by while their tax dollars are wastefully spent. (The April 15th) statement does not end after all have gone home, but continues until real change takes place in Washington.*

*Georgia GOP Release, April 16, 2009*

*I want to congratulate Georgians on these successful events across the state and assure you that Republicans are moving forward with this fight to bring responsibility back to our government. I am proud that we have great Republican leaders that represent us in Washington and under the Gold Dome who will continue to fight for our common sense, conservative values."*

*Sue Everhart*
*Chairman of the*
*Georgia Republican Party*




*Thanks again to everyone who joined us for the Atlanta Tea Party to send the message to the liberals in the US House, the US Senate, and the White House that if they fail to repeal the "stimulus' bill then we will retire them in the elections. Several notable Georgia politicians and public figures spoke at the Atlanta Tea Party and were well received by the crowd which was fired up and in good spirits despite the cold, cold rain.*

*Jenny Beth Martin*
*State Coordinator for Atlanta Tea Party*

*Late this afternoon Bill, a neighbor and I exercised our Freedom of Speech and our Right to Assembly (while we still have them) and went to the Capitol for the Tea Party/Tax Protest. What a thrill to be part of more than 20,000 flag waving patriots. Everyone there (from toddlers to quite elderly people) were festive, well-mannered and having a great time. Lots and lots of American flags and plenty of "Don't Tread on Me" flags and signs galore. . . . Americans are tired, tired and more tired of all of this spending and government overload. (Sandy Briggs)*

# *Tea Party Rallies Demand Government Accountability*

The modern day "Tea Party" movement . . . has been "steeping" while piratical corporate bailouts and stimulus packages reaching into the trillions of dollars shock ever-larger number of Americans into action. . . .

Rather than surrender to the two-headed big banking/big government beast that is eating them alive, the American people—with more time on their hands due to unemployment or under-employment—are trying to come up with strategies to at least slow the onslaught and buy time so more creative solutions can come forth.

*"Tea Party Rallies' Demand Government Accountability*
*By Mark Anderson, American Free Press, April 20-27, 2009.*

## *GFRW Officers Have "Tea" In D.C.*

Georgia Federation of Republican Women took action at the Spring NFRW Legislative Day at the U.S. Capitol on March 25, 2009 by personally delivering tea bags with labels "Tax Enough Already" to Speaker Pelosi's office.

President Millie Rogers, First Vice President Ruby Robinson and Recording Secretary Bobbie Frantz join Congressman Jack Kingston (GA), John Sullivan (OK), and Bill Shuster (PA)) with tea bags in hand!

Millie Rogers
GFRW President

Helen Minton, President, Francer Cofer and Kathy Strickland, Vice Pres.

Kathy Strickland, Helen Minton, President, Ray Jones and Billie Jones.

# *Coastal Republican Women's Club*

Members of the Coastal Republican Women's Club—Brunswick— turned out for the Tax Day Tea Party in Glynn County. More than nine members attended the rally, sporting signs and waving flags.

Billie Jones, Ray Jones, Helen Minton, Kathy Strickland, Arlene Bolt.

# *Coweta Republican Women's Club*

## *Fannin County Republican Women*

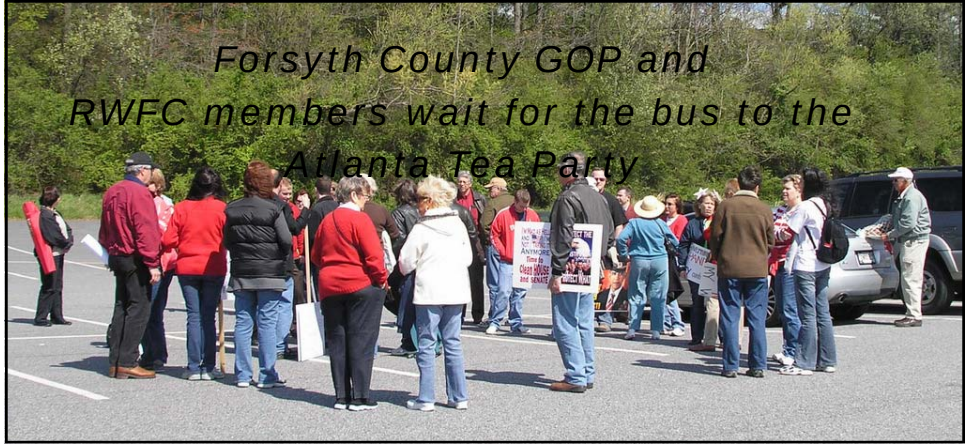
April 15 was not just the deadline for filing tax. In Fannin County it was "Tea Party" time. Organized by the Fannin County Republican Women, 70-80 people gathered on the Court House steps to protest runaway government spending. After opening remarks by Gina Adams and Elaine Owen, the group walked around downtown carrying signs.

"It's time we got back to the Constitution," said Gina Adams past President of the Republican Women. "The founders were real specific about the powers our government was given. Over time, they just expanded those powers and we now have a government that is spending our money and taking away our future. It's not the government's money . . . It's our money they're spending. It's time for taxpayers to make a statement— Congress works for us— and when they ignore our wishes and subvert their constitutional authority, we should vote them out!"

Angela Bean & Alberta Lucas

## *Greater Fayette County Republican Women*

Marion Spensley and Connie Hale



*Forsyth County GOP and RWFC members wait for the bus to the Atlanta Tea Party*

# *Republican Women of Forsyth County*

*RWFC President Lyn Ward Distributes posters!*

*All aboard for Atlanta*

Thanks to local businesses, the Forsyth County GOP was able to take 57 people to the Atlanta Tea Party. Many members of the *Republican Women of Forsyth County* were among those boarding the bus for the Atlanta rally. In addition, between 200-300 people gathered at the Forsyth County Courthouse for the local Tea Party!

# *Rome Tax Day Tea Party*

## Savannah Area Republican Women

Members Pictured– Marolyn Overton- Co-Organizer of Event,
Berta Adams & Sheila Galbreath

*American taxpayers in more than 300 locations in all 50 states (held) rallies—dubbed "tea Parties" - to protest higher taxes and out-of-control government spending. There (was) no political party behind these rallies, no grand right-wing conspiracy, not even a 501 © group like MoveOn.org. Who was behind the Tax Day tea parties? Ordinary folks who (used) the power of the internet to organize.*

*What's most striking about the tea-party movement is that most organizers haven't ever organized, or even participated, in a protest rally before. General disgust has drawn a lot of people off the sidelines and into the political arena. . . . This influx of new energy and new talent is likely to inject new life into small-government politics around the nation.*

*Glenn Harlan Reynolds,*
*"Tax Day Becomes Protest Day",*
*The Wall Street Journal*
*WSJ.com April 15, 2009*