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By Judy True, Editor

VOICES Magazine sports a new color scheme for this issue— a softer palate to reflect an emphasis on women's roles in today's political arena. . . and our attention to the children in our charge. What adults do today in the halls of politics

will have a direct influence on our children. Women **do** make a difference in the complexion of an election. The cover illustrates our dedication to the young ladies who will take our places as active, hard working Republican women. Hopefully, they too will seek to make their VOICES heard around Georgia. And the 2010 election year features many Georgia women candidates vying for a wide variety of offices—women who can serve as role models.

Politics is like a game . . . one expects to see a score. How do Georgia women score in running for office, compared to women in other states? The White House Project is a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan group that encourages women to run for office. Atlanta Marie Wilson founded the group for the sole purpose of training women in the basics of running for office. More than 1,500 Georgia women have gone through the project's boot camp and graduated to become political candidates and office holders. Reading about the organization I was impressed with their track record. However, I was disappointed to see Georgia women elected officials still number lower than the average for the rest of the country. While we make up nearly 51 percent of the state's population, women hold less than 20 percent of the seats in the Georgia General Assembly. And—no Georgia women are represented in Congress. (Keefe, December, 2009)

I encourage every Republican woman in Georgia to consider how you, personally can encourage talented, articulate, knowledgeable women in your area to run for office. Not only encourage, but consider what you can do to **help** them run for office. After all, that IS our mission . . . **to educate and empower women for better government.** Just how can you go about that? How can the state federation and your local club take a more active role in helping Georgia women become office holders? Put this item on the planning agenda for next year and see if you, your club and your federation can take a more active and specific role in putting women candidates on the ballot in 2012

Thomas Sowell (June, 2010) recently observed "Republicans lag . . . in the articulation department, they also lag in seeing the long-run importance of the federal bureaucracy. . . Too many Republicans don't even know their own particular history." He concluded, we need to train as though getting ready for a boxing match, "Republicans need to do a lot of homework before they are ready for their next match against Democrats."

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The Most Important Election In Our History ... For Real!

**GFRW President
Suzi Voyles**



Every election cycle we hear the common phrase “*this* is the most important election of our time.” This year however, it *is* the most critical in our history. What happens here in Georgia will send a resounding notice throughout the nation that we reject the enslaving government of the current national administration. Republican voters here in Georgia will send the message that we want the restoration of Constitutional limits on government and the judiciary. We want to see, once again, the promotion of free enterprise, national defense and traditional, distinctively American values. We believe, as did our Founders, liberty must be defended at any cost. “A Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.” (John Adams).

We must realize that the election of 2010 is similar in momentum to the election of 1980. There are vital lessons, especially from our State we must not push aside. Most of us will recall the 1980 election came down to Mattingly and Miller for the Senate race. There were many angry Democrats here in Georgia who voted for Mattingly (good for us) out of anger and cost Miller the election. We cannot repeat that part of history in this election, we cannot elect any ambassador of Obama. We must unite behind every Republican from the Isakson Senate race, and every office under the Gold Dome to the local schoolhouse. We need to arrest the current trend that will cause us to be the first generation in our history to leave our children a legacy of indentured servitude to the government. We do not need more taxes to clean up the bankrupt economy, we need more taxpayers put to work in real, private sector jobs that will stimulate the economy.

Perhaps Reagan's greatest legacy of the 1980 election is that he educated the populace by dropping the rhetoric and reminding citizens in very personal terms of the function of government. That is the advantage that we have here, within the Georgia Federation. We have perhaps the best opportunity in our history to expand our influence. For the first time we have the ability to add Congressmen in the 8th District and the 2nd District. (Continued on next page)

**The democracy will cease to exist when you
take away from those who are willing to work
and give to those who would not. Thomas Jefferson**

President's Message - Continued

The best way to lay a permanent foundation for future success in moving this State back to our core values is through expanding the influence of Republican Women throughout every city and neighborhood in every Georgia congressional district. Too often we scramble from election to election to gather the most voters for that specific election. The current opportunity will equate to the permanent addition of Republican voters through one on one relationships evolving into Republican Women's Clubs which can continue to educate others and demonstrate the way they live and think is conservative. So it is time Georgia women begin to vote their values and vote Republican.

This election will decide the fate of our Congressional Districts, our pocketbooks and our State's ability to decide for her own citizens what is best. The choice is ours: unite and defend or suffer the fate of those who lose sight of the brilliance of the Founder's vision. To quote Samuel Adams, "It does not take a majority to prevail...but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men. ... If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animating contest of freedom, go from us in peace. "

If anyone can do it, a RepubliCAN Woman can. Let's do it! This sets the tempo for the 2012 election. Our State, nation and children are depending on us.



Georgia Federation Of Republican Women

October 1—2. GFRW Board Meeting in Macon
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Millie Rogers, 2005 – 2009

Effective Government, not Big Government

More and more, we are seeing that ever growing government is no longer just a threat to our wallet; it is a threat to our personal safety. Both in Arizona and the Gulf, we are being reminded that a massive federal government has been massively ineffective. . . . A limited federal government can better focus attention and resources on its core responsibilities, which absolutely include controlling the border and large scale disaster recovery. . . . It is time to reform Washington by returning power and responsibility back to the state and local governments.

Newt Gingrich, May 2010

National Federation of Republican Women: Rich in Heritage

Spotlight on Sue Lynch President

Since becoming President of the National Federation of Republican Women in January 2010, Sue Lynch has already travelled to 21 states. Sue is a whirlwind as she works to promote and propel Republican women forward in the local, state, and national arenas. One of Sue's main goals is to forge partnerships with our Republican counterpart organizations in Washington, D.C. We have developed relationships with the Republican National Committee, National Republican Congressional Committee, National Republican Senatorial Committee and Republican Governors' Association. Sue is also committed to increasing the visibility of the Federation as a voice for Republican women across the United States. More recently, Sue appeared on FOX News as a contributor to discuss the upcoming midterm elections.

Her life's journey is a reflection of her passion for empowering women in the political process. She has served on the NFRW Executive Committee in the positions of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd vice presidents, member-at-large, and Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Sue understands how Washington works having served as a former Chief of Staff and Office Manager to three Members of Congress as well as a staffer in the Reagan Administration. For 12 years, she worked for the Free Congress Foundation teaching campaign schools and doing field work for campaigns. In 1992, she lectured on the U.S. legislative branch for the Kriebel Institute throughout the Soviet Union. She brings a wealth of diverse experiences to her role as President.

Sue says, "I feel honored to serve as your President. We look forward to working hard with our grassroots team to take back our country."



Thanks for all you do as part of the Federation!

Sue Lynch of Wisconsin was elected NFRW President at the 35th Biennial Convention in Orlando, Fla., and assumed the position in January 2010.

Lynch also has held the positions of 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice presidents, member-at-large, and chairman of the Nominating Committee in 1999. At the state level, Lynch served as president of the Wisconsin FRW from 1997-2001 and as president of two local clubs.

A former chief of staff and office manager to three Members of Congress, Lynch has been active in Republican politics for more than 30 years and has served on several gubernatorial and presidential campaigns. During the Reagan administration, she served as staff assistant to Secretary of Agriculture John Block and confidential assistant to the administrator of Food and Nutrition Services in the Department of Agriculture.



NFRW Fall Board Meeting

Charleston, S.C.

September 8 through 11

Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center

For schedule, registration and reservations

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Editorial—Continued

Striving to educate and empower girls, women and interested Georgia voters, the VOICES staff encourages readers to take the time to read and share the enclosed articles on national and state issues. You needn't read the entire issue in one sitting—there is too much to digest in one reading. Instead, save this issue to your computer desktop. Over time, open up this summer issue of VOICES and read a couple of sections, sharing those you like with others in your political email address book. Print out an article or two and take them to a friend who does not access the internet. (Yes, there are still ladies who do not have web access. But . . . they are voters and they are interested. Share these articles with them.)

Likewise, readers are encouraged to go to the internet blogs for continuous updates on issues. (See Holly Robichaud's article on use of blogs.) The education you receive reading and listening empowers you to be effective in political discussions with your children, friends and neighbors. What topics will you study in preparation for the November election? Read carefully the enclosed articles by Senator Johnny Isakson and others as they help us focus on issues such as:

- Government overregulation and economic development
- The status of the illegal aliens in Georgia
- Judges and health care
- Water issues in Georgia

In addition to campaign ideas for local neighborhoods, VOICES features the memories of a historically powerful campaigner from the Georgia Federation—Lee Miller.

With the plethora of new laws and taxes set to destroy our economy and with looming Obamacare threatening not only to raise fees but to reduce the quality and availability of health care, women must be very vocal in urging congressmen to make upcoming congressional sessions —sessions of **Repeal**. Ron Kessler writing for *NewsMax* notes "The repeal issue will give Republicans a powerful boost to taking back control of the House and Senate in November." Your best efforts are required as we campaign for Republican candidates and as we work to get out the vote in November.

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Who Am I?

Judy True, retired professor from North Georgia College & State University, is a well known author on organizational leadership topics. She chaired a variety of state and international committees and founded LEADER—an international special interest group. Judy helped start Young Republican groups in Atlanta in the 60's. She is a member of the Forsyth County GOP and Chattahoochee Republican Women's Club. Judy chairs the GFRW Publications Committee and edits VOICES.

Six Constitutional Questions Every American Should be Able to Answer

Adapted from "A Quiz About the U.S. Constitution"

By John F. McManus

1. Has the Constitution always guided the country?
2. Does the Constitution allow the Supreme Court to make law?
3. Does the Constitution allow the President to make law?
4. Does the Constitution give the federal government any power in the field of education?
5. Where in the Constitution is there authorization for foreign aid?
6. What are the three branches of government named in the Constitution?

Answers:

1. Q: Has the Constitution always guided the country?

A: No, originally the nation functioned under the Continental Congress and the Articles of Confederation. But after 11 years under the Articles, the U.S. Constitution was written, agreed to, and ratified by nine states (all eventually ratified but only nine were needed to have it take effect). On September 13, 1788, the Continental Congress proclaimed the Constitution had been properly ratified and it ordered the new government to convene on March 4, 1789.

2. Q: Does the Constitution allow the Supreme Court to make law?

A: No. The beginning of Article I states, "All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States." Any Supreme Court decision is the law of the case and it binds only the plaintiff and the defendant. The meaning of the word "all" has not been changed.

3. Q: Does the Constitution allow the President to make law?

A: No. Executive Orders issued by the President that bind the entire nation are illicit because, as noted above, "All legislative powers" reside in Congress. An Executive Order that binds only the employees of the federal government is proper because the President should be considered to hold power much like the CEO of a corporation who can issue rules to his employees. But the entire nation is not in the employ of the President. The President does have a role in lawmaking with his possession of a veto. He can veto a measure produced by Congress (which can still be overturned), sign a law produced by Congress, or simply allow a measure to become law by doing nothing within ten days "Sundays excepted."

4. Q: Does the Constitution give the federal government any power in the field of education?

A: No, none.

5. Q: Where in the Constitution is there authorization for foreign aid?

A: Nowhere is there such authorization.

6. Q: What are the three branches of government named in the Constitution?

A: Legislative, Executive and Judicial.

More Government Control, Spending and Regulation Hindering Economic Recovery

By U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson



As a businessman for over 30 years, I understand too much government regulation stifles the small businesses that are the heart of our economy and the key to our recovery. Unfortunately, the Obama-Reid-Pelosi agenda is extending our recession by creating an uncertain climate for small businesses. Nothing kills jobs and keeps capital on the sidelines more than uncertainty. Instead of promoting pro-economic growth policies, the Democrat-led federal government is pushing policies stifling economic recovery.

For instance, in July the President signed a massive financial regulatory bill into law. I voted against this legislation because it calls for hundreds of new regulations for Main Street and small businesses that are already reeling from the recession. While this legislation imposes new regulations on suffering businesses, it exempts two of the biggest culprits in our economic collapse—Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac—from increased oversight and regulation.

There is no doubt America is facing challenging times and that our nation is at a crossroads. We are headed down a perilous path to the left with more government control, more government spending and more government regulation. I believe it is time to choose a different path—one that moves us toward the free enterprise and individual empowerment that made this country the greatest on earth.

I have nine grandchildren, and I have serious concerns about their future if this country remains in the hands of the current administration and the Democrats in control of Congress. We cannot saddle our grandchildren with the debt and the massive expansion of government that comes with the Democrats' agenda of taxpayer-funded bailouts, overreaching financial regulatory reform, government health care and cap-and-trade taxes.

This upcoming election is critical, and it is an opportunity for us to get our country on the right track for your grandchildren and mine.

This financial regulatory bill was a rush to judgment before we had all the facts that led to the near collapse of the markets in 2008. In 2009, I introduced legislation that passed with overwhelming, bipartisan support and was signed into law creating the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission—a panel with subpoena powers charged to conduct a forensic audit of the causes of the financial crisis.

The final report of this commission is due to Congress by December 15, 2010, with recommendations to ensure a market meltdown never happens again. I was disappointed the President and his supporters in Congress forced the financial regulatory bill through before this commission produces its findings.

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Hindering Economic Recovery—Continued

Another example of Democrat-led policies stifling our short term and long term economic recovery was the passage of the health care bill. President Obama and the Democrats in Washington enacted one of the costliest government takeovers of private enterprise in the history of our nation when they forced the terribly flawed health care legislation through Congress against the will of the majority of Americans. Not only will this law force us into a government plan over time but it is also debilitating to our country's economic future. The increased costs of this takeover are continuing to pile up. The Senate Budget Committee Republicans estimate the true cost of the bill to be \$2.5 trillion, resulting in massive new taxes and cuts to Medicare.

I believe you know how best to spend your money and will continue to fight for tax relief for all Americans. We do not have a revenue problem in this country; we have a serious spending problem. With a national debt of \$13 trillion and current spending that has been deemed "unsustainable" by the Congressional Budget Office, we are on track to reach an overwhelming \$20 trillion in debt. This is simply unacceptable. I have voted against billions of dollars in spending and will continue to fight the reckless spending plaguing our country.

This upcoming midterm election is critical, and it is an opportunity for us to get our country on the right track for your grandchildren and mine. In November, we must shift the paradigm of our country back to one of individual liberty, entrepreneurship and free enterprise—those sacred principles rooted in our Founding Fathers' original vision for the United States.

Who Am I?

Johnny Isakson represents Georgia in the United States Senate.

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Winston Churchill

Campaign Clues

GOTV— does not refer to television!

The Republican banner is appealing to many anticipated voters for this November election. However, this is not the time for Republican Party supporters and Federation members to sit back and take anything for granted. Georgia still faces a rigorous election for state and national offices. What we do between now and November will mean the difference between success and defeat in November. As always before important elections—focus on . . . **Getting out the vote!**

The following campaign clues can help you as an individual make a difference getting voters in your neighborhood to the polls.

- Be your neighborhood "reminder." The day before the election, call your neighbors, remind them to vote, tell them when you are going to vote, and offer them a ride.
- On election day, if you do not have a van or an SUV, borrow one. Offer to pick up your neighbors and senior members in the area and take them to the polls. (Maybe go to lunch afterwards and celebrate your "I voted" stickers.)
- Organize a literature drop on your street. Pick up campaign brochures etc. at your county GOP office. Put the brochures in a baggie to protect the literature from the weather. Drive around the neighborhood and leave a brochure package at each door. (Don't leave the material in the mailbox.)
- Place your political yard signs to best advantage. Target the highest traffic corners near your home. Knock on those neighbors' doors and ask to put up a yard sign. Then call your local candidate's office or the GOP office and tell them how many signs you need. In your own yard, place the sign near your driveway. (And watch for vandalism—you may need to replace the sign.)
- Email undecideds outside of your neighborhood. Focus on those who may be swing voters, independents or undecided. When you receive an informative email, verify the content before you forward it to this group. Remember to use "Bcc:" when forwarding—no one wants their name and email address spread over the web for all to see.

Your goal is to make sure that each and every supporter you have identified actually makes it to the polls on Election Day. (Joe Garecht, <http://www.localvictory.com/grassroots/getting-out-the-vote.html>)

-Editor-



Campaign Issue: The Economy

Nightmares of the Tax Man

By David Raynor.

Georgia State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business

There isn't a business owner out there who doesn't know about, and probably groans a little when he hears about the IRS and 1099 tax forms. Unfortunately, that groan may be a little louder now. And, while I don't relish the idea of being the bearer of bad news, I think it is important for every business owner in America to be aware of a new tax reporting provision courtesy of the new healthcare law.

Buried within the sweeping healthcare law Congress passed is a provision that will expand on the already burdensome 1099 tax reporting requirements. As most small business owners, or at least their accountants, already know currently businesses are only required to report (on a form 1099) any service-related transactions over \$600 involving an unincorporated business (sole proprietor, partnership and LLC). Beginning in 2012, the new healthcare law will require owners to send Form 1099s for every business-to-business transaction of \$600 or more (cumulatively) for both property and services.

This means all businesses (no matter how small) will have to file two forms - one with the vendor and one to the IRS - for almost every business-to-business transaction. In addition, since Form 1099 reporting requires the inclusion of a Taxpayer ID Number for the vendor you do business with, owners will also be forced to spend time tracking down the number for each and every vendor requiring a Form 1099.

If you haven't glazed over by now, let's ask the important questions. First, what does this provision have to do with healthcare? Absolutely nothing. It was simply added as a way to pay for this nearly trillion dollar monstrosity of a law.

And, second, what can we do about it? I know I don't need to tell small business owners how much of a tremendous new paperwork compliance burden this will be for businesses nationwide. But, in case you didn't know, according to an NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business) Small Business Survey, at \$74 per hour, tax paperwork is the most expensive paperwork burden placed on small businesses by the federal government.

Worse yet, this provision will disproportionately harm our small businesses. Since most small firms lack in-house finance departments to track this kind of reporting, complying with the tax code is 66 percent more expensive for small businesses than large ones. This is hardly the kind of burden small businesses - our nation's job creators - need in tough economic times like these.

It's unfortunate such a harmful provision for small businesses was included in the healthcare law without our elected leaders ever holding hearings or conducting analysis on how this new reporting requirement would impact small businesses.

Now that it is the law of the land though, members of Congress are starting to understand this is a real problem. NFIB is working diligently to encourage elected officials to repeal the 1099 provision, and we are slowly making progress. Legislation

has been introduced in both the House and the Senate to repeal the 1099 reporting requirements. We have over 145 co-sponsors signed onto the House legislation, and 19 senators are co-sponsoring the Senate's bill to repeal this provision. We even had a vote on the House floor, once again showing bipartisan support for repeal.

What we need now is for more small business owners to get involved and put pressure on their members of Congress to support this effort. We encourage anyone who supports small business to call your elected officials, send emails or visit your representatives while they are at home in their districts during August recess. Our best change to repeal this reporting requirement is to band together as one voice and one force for small business.

Working together, we may be able to do something to chance this burdensome reporting requirement, but we will only be successful if enough small business owners make their voices heard.

Who Am I?

Prior to joining NFIB, Raynor was chief of staff for Georgia State Senate Majority Leader Tommie Williams (Lyons). Raynor's role included serving as the majority leader's chief legislative advisor and coordinating public-policy initiatives on behalf of the Senate Republican Caucus. Previously, Raynor was deputy director of government relations for the Medical Association of Georgia.



Campaign Issue: Immigration

Illegal Aliens: Update!

By D. A. King

With the issue of immigration red hot again, now is a good time for some pesky facts on the topic.

Facts are the greatly feared enemy of those who continually defend illegal and uncontrolled immigration with endless name calling aimed at the American majority that demands defined, defended borders and an equal application of the law - even immigration and employment law.

Let's start with a short lesson on terms. The most commonly abused term in the often dishonest debate is the word "immigrant."

A federal definition of an "immigrant" is a person who enters the United States lawfully with the intention of permanent residence or an alien who has been granted permanent lawful residence in our country. This long-time American's adopted sister is a proud immigrant.

An "alien" in immigration law is not a creature from Mars, but rather anyone present in the U.S. who is not a citizen.

"Illegal alien" is the accurate and proper legal term to describe someone who is present in the USA in violation of our immigration laws. An illegal alien is not an immigrant.

One of the most despicable habits of the illegal alien lobby - and much of the

leftist media (but, I repeat myself) - is to attempt to blur the line between immigrants and illegal aliens.

For much of our history, the U.S. did not have immigration laws. When immigration began to be controlled in the reasonable effort to insure that the process was beneficial to America, traditional levels of immigration from 1925 to 1965 were about 180,000 immigrants a year.

Currently, at more than a million, the United States takes in more real, legal immigrants annually than does any other nation on the planet.

We have nothing to apologize for on the matter of immigration. Unless it is the fact we are taking in record numbers of immigrants while more than 20 million Americans are out of work. Or with the obvious lack of assimilation, current numbers are too high. Or that we also lead the world in illegal immigration.

It is important to realize there is no world-wide civil right to live in the United States. And, at current levels of immigration, children alive today will be forced to deal with a United States population of about 430 million people by mid-century.

To understand the immigration issue, it is imperative we recognize many interest groups have a financial stake in ever increasing immigration levels and in

opposing the laws already on the books aimed at controlling the influx of foreigners.

On the right, the business community stands to profit greatly from an endless supply of labor happy to work for considerably less than an American earns in his effort to achieve the American Dream in his own country.

On the left, radical ethnic-based special interest groups howl at the concept of sustainable immigration numbers and border security is somehow a "human rights violation" and any enforcement action is a "civil rights" issue in their effort to increase their political constituency.

Common sense - and national preservation - tells us we cannot allow the entire world to migrate into the USA. That is why we have immigration laws. And why they must be enforced.

Consider as just one nation, our neighbor to the south. Polls show as many as 70% of Mexicans would migrate to the USA if they could. Nobody can blame them for that logical desire. There are billions of people on the planet who are poorer than the poorest in Mexico. And who would work here even cheaper.

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According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, here in Georgia, at 480,000, we have more illegal aliens than does Arizona, a border state. Many demographers will tell you the official, census-based numbers are low by half. Most of us should recognize because multiple administrations have refused to secure our borders, we all live in *defacto* "border states" now.

Here is another indisputable fact that is too often ignored by many conservatives and loyal Republicans: The federal crime of employment of illegal aliens is the driving force behind the illegal immigration crisis.

Liberals and Democrats pretend to be oblivious to the fact illegal labor costs working Americans millions of jobs and lowers wages for the poorest among us.

Fact: Nearly half of the 12-20 million illegal aliens presently "living in the shadows" did not enter the US illegally over our intentionally porous borders. They came lawfully on visas with the promise to leave on an agreed date...and then fearlessly refused to go home.

In 1986, having assured the American people the humane - and certain - solution to the 20th century illegal immigration crisis was to legalize about one million victims of geography, the Reagan administration granted a "one time only" immigration amnesty.

The straight-faced official promise was "after comprehensive reform, we will secure the borders, and begin to punish the criminal employers who are hiring the black-market labor. This is the path to return to the rule of law...we promise."

The 1986 amnesty ended up legalizing nearly *three million* victims of geography. Look around to see how the other promises were kept. Border Patrol tells us last year more than half-a-million illegal aliens escaped capture at our borders and made it into our children's future.

The current transparent label for a repeat of the '86 amnesty is "Comprehensive Immigration Reform."

Fact: We have proven beyond all doubt amnesty, by any name, does not stop illegal immigration.

It seems obvious the untried but obvious solution is enthusiastic enforcement of our immigration and employment laws. . . . Like they do without apology... in Mexico.

Who Am I?

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Campaign Issue: Immigration

Illegal Aliens

By: Mary Van Brink, Columnist

Introduction – The topic of illegal aliens has been a dominant issue this spring and summer. This article touches on the following four areas:

- Law Enforcement
- Constitutionality of Arizona Law
- University System of Georgia
- DREAM

Law Enforcement – According to ICE ACCESS (Agreements of Cooperation in Communities to Enhance Safety and Security) provides local law enforcement agencies an opportunity to team with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to combat specific challenges in their communities.

The 287(g) program is one component under the ICE ACCESS umbrella of services and programs that offers assistance to local law enforcement officers.

The controversial 287(g) program is used effectively in Cobb and Gwinnett counties to check the legal status of those who are arrested on other crimes and taken to jail. Also, the 2006 law Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act requires public employers, their contractors (and subcontractors) to use the federal E-Verify database.

Terrorism and criminal activity are most effectively combated through a multi-agency/multi-authority approach that encompasses federal, state, and local resources. State and local law enforcement play a critical role in protecting our homeland because they are often the first responders when there is an incident or attack against the United States. During the course of their daily duties, they often encounter foreign-born criminals and immigration violators who pose a threat to national security or public safety.

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRAIRA), effective September 30, 1996, added Section 287(g), performance of immigration officer functions by state officers and employees, to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). This authorizes the secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, permitting designated officers to perform immigration law enforcement functions, pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), provided that the local law enforcement officers receive appropriate training and function under the supervision of sworn U.S. Immigration

and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers. ICE offers a 4-week training program held at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) ICE Academy (ICEA) in Charleston, SC.

Cobb County Sheriff Neil Warren agrees that Immigration is a Federal issue, but when illegal immigrants commit crimes in our community, it becomes a local law enforcement issue. Warren is the first Sheriff in the State authorized by Homeland Security to participate in the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency 287 (g) program.

The cross-designation between ICE and state and local patrol officers, detectives, investigators and correctional officers working in conjunction with ICE allows these local and state officers: necessary resources and latitude to pursue investigations relating to violent crimes, human smuggling, gang/organized crime activity, sexual-related offenses, narcotics smuggling and money laundering; and increased resources and support in more remote geographical locations.

Constitutionality of Arizona Law – Susan Bolton (a judicial appointee by President Bill Clinton) preemptively stopped the enforcement of Arizona's immigration enforcement law.

The Obama administration argues that federal laws on immigration pre-empt Arizona's law under the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution. State laws are pre-empted by federal law in two circumstances:

1. When there is a conflict (e.g., sanctuary cities for illegals or California's medical marijuana law)
2. When congress has so thoroughly regulated a field that there is no room for even congruent state laws

According to columnist Ann Coulter, the argument is that although Arizona's law agrees with federal law, Congress has engaged in "field pre-emption" by claiming that they occupy the entire field of immigration, thus prohibiting even harmonious state laws.

According to the Supreme Court's most recent pre-emption ruling, Arizona's law is not pre-empted because Congress did not expressly prohibit state regulation of illegal aliens.

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As the result of the ruling in the 1976 case of *De Canas v. Bica*, Justice William Brennan said that the federal government's supremacy over immigration is strictly limited to (1) a determination of who should or should not be admitted into the country, and (2) the conditions under which a legal entrant may remain. So, a state can't start issuing or revoking visas, but that's about all it can't do.

Arizona's state law about illegal immigrants has nothing to do with immigrants who enter legally or the conditions of their staying here. Illegal aliens have neither been "admitted into the country" nor are they "legal entrants."

Therefore, there's no "field pre-emption" of state laws dealing with aliens, nor is there an explicit statement from Congress pre-empting state regulation of aliens. In addition, the Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld state laws on immigrants in the face of pre-emption challenges.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer (R) (see photo) has vowed to fight this decision all the way to the Supreme Court.



University System of Georgia –

Jessica Colotl is a Kennesaw State University (KSU) student who was stopped for a minor traffic infraction while driving on campus and she gave false statements about herself. Police discovered that Colotl is in the country illegally and sent her to an immigration detention center in Alabama. After the intercession of KSU President Dr. Dan Papp, Colotl was released and told by ICE that she could remain in the country for another year to finish her degree.

A majority of Georgians are outraged by the position of the state Board of Regents that awards illegal aliens coveted slots at the state's public institutions of higher learning.

In the July 14 article by John Gillooly and published in the *Marietta Daily Journal* (MDJ), Chancellor Erroll Davis of the University System of Georgia said, "We have no reason not to allow illegals to attend any more than a grocer has a reason not to sell them groceries..." Fifteen Georgia State Senators (e.g., Chip Rogers, Judson Hill, and John Wiles) issued a letter in June to the Board of

regents, urging the body to do more to get illegal aliens out of state-subsidized universities. The Senators wrote, "We remain disappointed and perplexed that the Board of Regents seems to be engaged in verbal gymnastics...to escape the obvious and full application of law. Persons not lawfully present in the United States are ineligible—regardless of tuition rates—to attend taxpayer-supported colleges and universities in Georgia."

According to anti-illegal immigration activist D.A. King, "The problem is the Board of Regents' attitude toward these public benefits. The question is: Why is the Board of Regents jumping through all of these hoops and why are they so determined to allow illegal aliens into our university system?"

DREAM – The DREAM Act is before the U.S. Senate and is strongly supported by President Obama. The proposal is aimed at young people like Colotl who are in the country illegally after being brought here by their parents as children and who have enjoyed a K-12 education, and now desire to go to college. The DREAM Act would provide amnesty to anyone who entered the country before age 16 and would apply to "kids" up to the age of 35. It would also let aliens "claim" to be eligible for the amnesty without offering any proof, would require the feds to undertake costly and lengthy investigations to disprove any such claims, would provide for U.S. citizenship for parents of such students, and would remove the federal ban on in-state tuition for future illegal aliens. In short, it would be a mass amnesty.

Conclusion – The way candidates address questions about illegal aliens will directly impact the November election.

Who am I? – "Voices" columnist Mary R. Van Brink has a degree in English-Journalism and has worked as a technical writer for companies such as EDS, General Motors, IBM, First Union (now Wachovia/Wells Fargo). She currently works at Abbott Products, Inc. (formerly Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.) in Marietta, GA. She is a member of the Cobb County Republican Women's Club and the Cobb GOP.



I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress.

Ronald Reagan

Being the Squeaky Wheel Via Blogs

By Holly Robichaud

NFRW Campaign School

Over three years ago the *Boston Herald* asked me to supplement my weekly hard copy comments about Massachusetts politics with an online blog for the paper. As they said, "Let's give this a try to see if it works out." Since launching my blog "the Lone Republican" I have been the paper's top news blog in hits. At first we thought the high traffic was due to being the new gal on the blog corner, but it turns out even in Massachusetts there is a market for the Republican point of view.

During the past three years not only have I been called every name in the book, but I have also been educated that bloggers are not necessarily nerds who live in their mother's basement. On a more serious note, I have learned about blogging from both the writer's and campaigner's points of view.

It is important to include blogs as part of your earned media strategy. Nowadays ninety percent of voters get information on the web. Hence, campaigns must pay attention to the blogosphere. I am not suggesting candidates dump the traditional strategy of voter contact and earned media, but rather they should enhance their campaign plans to include this source for spreading the message. Here are some pointers on developing a blog strategy:

1. **Blogs associated with newspapers adhere to a journalistic code.** As a *Boston Herald* blogger, I am forbidden to write about my clients or pick on their opponents in my online column. Moreover, I need to verify my facts. Most newspaper bloggers are required to have journalistic integrity, so you want to treat them like regular reporters.

2. **Journalistic integrity does not necessarily apply to independent blogs.** Despite the appearance of being a news source, many blogs are for sale. If you advertise or pay a monthly fee, the writers will post favorable articles about the candidate writing the check and ignore their opponents. Sometimes a candidate's business may be an advertiser which influences editorial content. Your campaign needs to know what blogs are for sale and if they get enough traffic to justify the expense.

3. **Who reads blogs?** Obviously many voters read blogs for both information and entertainment purposes. However, the most devoted readers of blogs tend to be reporters. With all the budget cuts in news departments, reporters are spread very thin these days, so one of the best places to find story leads is by reading blogs. If you cannot get your press release in the paper, make sure to work the blogosphere for placement.

4. **Let the blogs deliver the bad news.** Blogs are the new whisper campaign. If a campaign does not want to publicly attack, then dropping dimes to certain blogs can help spread the word. The rumor can be pumped out via the online comment section.

5. **Don't leave bloggers off your press list.** I cannot tell you how many candidates complain about lack of coverage in the paper. A majority of the complainers have never sent me a release. Juggling both the blog and campaign clients, it is the squeaky wheel that gets my attention.

Fall Election Targets

Just before the July primaries, an **Atlanta Journal-Constitution/GA Newspaper Partnership** poll* found:

- 37 percent of registered voters call themselves "Democrats"
- 33 percent of registered voters call themselves "Republicans"
- 30 percent of registered voters call themselves "Independents" or identify with another party.

The poll also found the opinions of Independent voters on issues is skewed toward the GOP position in nearly every instance.

All voters are looking for leaders who will deal with the critical issues of: jobs, education, water, and transportation.

Target for November:

**Pull in conservative, independent voters
and look for ways to support and unify our Republican base.**

*Aaron Gould Sheinin, "Courting Ga. Independent voters," *AJC*, 8-21-2010, p. A1, A8.

Remember Come November

By Clint Smith

Chairman of the Dawson County Republican Party



Campaign 2010

If we ever had a time to be concerned about the future of Georgia, we are facing it. The Democrats are attempting to go 'retro' by nominating Roy Barnes as a candidate to return to the Governor's office: a return to the throne – so to speak - for King Roy.

It is our responsibility as Republican activists to remind voters to remember come November. Remember the Barnes legacy of ignoring the voice of the people and ramrodding his agenda through the legislative process. From alienating teachers to creating unconstitutional legislative maps to strong arming people into giving campaign contributions, the Barnes imprint is one Georgia cannot afford to repeat.

It is imperative a clear distinction be drawn between Republican candidates and our philosophy of open, ethical governing versus the Barnes/Democrat model of cronyism and 'business as usual'. When a Republican strays and embarrasses us as a Party, the person must be held accountable.

In a recent example, a north Georgia Republican legislator basically attempted to become a lobbyist at the same time he served in the General Assembly. (Roy Barnes is using two dubious bills sponsored by the legislator in his TV ads in an attempt to embarrass the Republican Party). The outrage ensued from the public and the media because of the conflict of interest was such the legislator bailed out of a re-election bid but only after he had pulled an act of manipulation during the week of candidate qualifying. The legislator qualified for re-election early in the week and later made an announcement he would not seek the office again after qualifying had ended. He notified a crony/business associate privately of his plans in order for him to be able to qualify under a cloak of political collusion in the waning minutes of the process. Very few citizens had knowledge of the pending open seat. Thus the crony was handed the nomination on a silver platter.

Many Republican activists have worked for years in the trenches in an effort to reach majority governing status in state government. We must maintain the majority by giving voters a clear distinction between the Republican and Democrat Parties. While they rally behind a failed administration of the past, we harken back and derive inspiration from past Republican stalwarts such as the late Bill Adams and Mary Ellen Childree of north Georgia. We carry their hopes and dreams into November. We have come a long way as Republicans in Georgia. It is time to put forth a tremendous grassroots groundswell to ensure victory.

In preparation of the fall campaign, review and organize the contact information you have from your network of friends. Leave no stone unturned for contacts. Friends, business associates, church members, family, Facebook friends, Twitter contacts, and all the other social media venues you might engage in should be utilized to educate voters about the issues, inform them of scheduled Republican meetings, candidate appearances, and finally, to remind your contacts to go vote (including early voting dates and locations).

Establish a visible presence at events in the fall where large crowds gather: college football games, community festivals, and flea markets and garage sales. Have plenty of campaign material on hand to disperse. Make sure that you have items to give to the kids as well like candy and balloons.

Of course, you can always plan your own event. One idea is to organize a block or sub-division party (perhaps a Halloween party or a college football or World Series viewing) and invite as many Republican candidates as possible to the event.

I know from experience that good old fashion door-to-door campaigning is always effective. Make the effort safe and enjoyable by inviting as many volunteers as possible who bring enthusiasm, physical stamina and a fresh outlook (College Republicans are good source of talent).

Grass roots campaigning is hard work but it can also be fun. The ultimate reward is to follow returns on Election Night and celebrate a landslide of Republican successes. So remember come November! The Republican Party has come a long way in Georgia and the best is yet to come.

Who Am I?

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Campaign Issue: Health Care

How Judges Can Cost You Money and Healthcare

By Randy Evans, McKenna Long & Aldridge

Anytime a court cites to international law or laws from the 14th century, things are not good. More often than not, the court is attempting to justify a result that bears little relationship to the real world or, more importantly, to what the constitutions of either the United States or Georgia require. Well, that was exactly what happened recently in a decision by the Georgia Supreme Court striking down limits on the amount of money that people can recover for pain and suffering in addition to their out of pocket expenses in medical malpractice cases.

Here is what happened. In the 1980s and 1990s, frivolous lawsuits in Georgia got out of control. As a result, doctors were being driven out of Georgia, and hospitals and medical clinics started closing. This created a "crisis affecting the provision and quality of health care services in this state." Something had to be done or Georgians faced the prospects of doctor shortages and higher healthcare costs from those doctors that stayed.

Under Georgia's constitution, the power to fix such problems is vested in the people, through their elected representatives and senators in the General Assembly. And, in 2006, Georgia's General Assembly did just that - they adopted legislation aimed at solving some of the problems effecting the availability and affordability of healthcare in Georgia.

One of the solutions to the problem was to impose some reasonable caps on the amount of money that could be recovered in addition to out of pocket expenses in a medical malpractice lawsuit. This was part of the Tort Reform Act of 2006 passed by the new Republican controlled General Assembly in 2006 and signed by Republican Governor Sonny Perdue.

On March 22, 2010, the Georgia Supreme Court struck down the cap on damages other than out of pocket expenses and held that it was unconstitutional. Georgia patients will pay the price with fewer choices and more expensive

healthcare all because the Georgia Supreme Court insisted on imposing its will over the will of Georgia voters through their elected representatives.

So, what happened? Well, a patient brought a lawsuit against her surgeon for medical malpractice. It was a valid lawsuit and nothing in the Tort Reform Act of 2006 prevents a patient from suing and recovering from their doctor for medical malpractice. After a trial, the jury awarded the patient \$115,000 for her past and future medical out of pocket expenses. Georgia's law did not affect her right to recover this amount.



The jury also awarded the patient another \$1,150,000 for damages other than her out of pocket medical expenses (\$900,000 for non-economic damages and \$250,000 for lost affections). It was this tenfold increase that was subject to

reduction under the Tort Reform Act of 2006. Under the law, she still got to recover \$350,000 (a threefold increase.) The question that the Georgia Supreme Court had to answer was whether such a mandatory reduction under the statute was constitutional.

Chief Justice Carol Hunstein wrote the opinion of the court. The court struck down the part of the law that required the reduction of such exorbitant amounts. It also basically held that there could never be any limits by the legislature on how much money a plaintiff could recover for things other than their past and future medical expenses. Yes, NO LIMIT.

Readers of the opinion knew that it was stretch when the court began with this jewel of a comment: "The antecedents of the modern medical malpractice action trace back to the 14th century." From there the court goes on to describe how the first medical malpractice case appears to be a case brought in 1374 in England when King Edward II ruled.

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How Judges Cost You Money—Continued

When courts have to reach back to a 1374 case under King Edward II, folks know that trouble is brewing.

Why does all of this matter? Well, Chief Justice Hunstein's view is based on the idea that Georgia's constitution guarantees the right to a jury "with respect to cases to which there existed a right to jury trial at common law or by statute at the time of the adoption of the Georgia Constitution in 1798." What does that all mean? Well, basically, if there was a right to a jury trial for something back in 1798, then there is a right to a jury trial today unless the Georgia constitution is amended.

Think about that. Without amending the Georgia constitution, the Georgia General Assembly could never change or get rid of any type of lawsuit if it existed in 1798. Of course, there were a lot of things that folks could sue for back then (long before the Civil War) which have appropriately been abolished, changed, or limited.

The scary part of this story is that no one on the Georgia Supreme Court disagreed. The door is now open for clever lawyers to go find every type of lawsuit that ever existed under the Kings and Queens of England and argue - if it existed then, it exists now. Unfortunately, it also shows every doctor and business in Georgia the door for them to pick up their things, leave Georgia and take their health-care and jobs with them.

Who Am I?

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Squeaky Wheel - Continued

6. **Always control the first ten comments.** Online comments are the new form of letters to the editor. Viewers usually only read the first ten, so you want to dominate them. Make sure to use different names when posting and to know when articles are generally aired.

7. **Candidates' blogs can hurt as much as they help.** There is nothing more dangerous than giving the candidate the password to the blog. You don't want them to have a Jerry McGuire epiphany at 2 a.m. and at 7 a.m. realize you have a man-made disaster. However, blogs give voters a reason to check back for fresh content. An average visitor will spend 8 minutes on your site, that is an eternity in politics.

8. **Opposition research starts with reading your opponent's blog.** For one of my past clients all of our needed research was delivered to us by the opponent's blog and web content. During the primary, she went hard core left and we saved it all for the General Election.

Who Am I?:

Holly Robichaud has 20 years experience managing campaigns at the local, state, and national levels. She has worked with the Republican National Committee, the Natl. Republican Congressional Committee and the Natl. Republican Senatorial Committee. She specializes in strategy, fundraising and voter contact programs and is an instructor in the campaign school for NFRW. Robichaud was a featured presenter at the GFRW 2009 Fall Convention.



Norman Thomas said

"The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism. But under the name of 'liberalism' they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program, until one day America will be a socialist nation, without knowing how it happened." He went on to say: "I no longer need to run as a Presidential Candidate for the socialist Party. The Democrat Party has adopted our platform." (A 1944 speech)

Norman Matton Thomas was a leading American socialist, pacifist and six-time presidential candidate for the Socialist Party of America.



Campaign Issue: The Environment

The Current State of the Water War

By Sam Olens

Republican Nominee for Georgia Attorney General

What a difference a year makes! Lakes Lanier and Allatoona are full, the landscape industry has customers, the Governor signed the Georgia Water Stewardship Act of 2010, and our residents are still conserving water.

Thanks to much needed rain this past year, the very real concern over inadequate water for metro Atlanta has diminished. But the problem persists. We must be better prepared for the next drought, as it surely will come. Numerous steps have taken place and many more are needed in the next five to 10 years to solve this important problem.

The Watershed Act, thanks to the leadership of the General Assembly and our Governor, will significantly preserve our State's water supply. High efficient water appliances are required for new construction in 2012, outdoor water use is limited to minimize evaporation, and more retrofits will be encouraged for existing infrastructure. Judge Magnuson's ruling last year, concerning Phase I, is currently on appeal to the 11th Circuit, and some discussions are ongoing with Alabama. Thankfully, the Court's recent ruling in Phase II leveled the playing field by ruling against Florida and Alabama's endangered species claims.

To solve the water war, we must continue to improve our conservation efforts, negotiate a fair settlement with Alabama and Florida, and improve metro Atlanta's relations with the rest of the State. The residents of South Georgia and the coast must be reassured that they will not be hurt by metro Atlanta's water needs. To create

the win-win with our sister states and elsewhere in our state, we must rely on science rather than politics. We need to manage our water supply to assure minimum flow requirements and the protection of endangered species. The level of Lake Lanier must be raised, other reservoirs potentially expanded, storm water management much improved, with no Water System having significant water loss. The Tennessee River must be considered in our tool kit and the culture of conservation maintained.

Judge Magnuson's July 2009 Phase I ruling is truly "draconian," but it must serve as a path to resolution, rather than a path to 20 more years of litigation. The recent victory in Phase II must not reduce our efforts to settle this litigation. While a direct action to the U.S. Supreme Court cannot be ruled out, it must be our last option only after Alabama and Florida show no interest in a fair resolution of this vital issue. The Piedmont Atlantic Region must find ways to work together and assist each other rather than waste sparse taxpayer funds on additional litigation. Surely our states can use those limited funds to pay for much needed water infrastructure improvements for the benefit of all of our citizens.

Who Am I?

Sam Olens is the Republican Party nominee for Georgia Attorney General. He is a former Atlanta Regional Commission Chairman and Cobb County Commission Chairman. Olens is also Vice Chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and has been at the forefront of addressing Georgia's infrastructure, water and traffic issues.



Campaign Issue: The Environment

Wet Areas, Swamps and The Cost of Losing Our Kidneys

By Chandra Brown
Ogeechee River Keeper

We're in kidney failure...

In Georgia, over 60% of streams fail to meet basic water safety standards. South Georgia's streams are loaded with sewage, and in the Ogeechee river basin, the wetlands serve as the sponge to soak up and filter out all of the pollution from our factories, farms, towns and cities have been destroyed.

Every day there's somebody ranting about government's over-zealous regulations. Tell that to the gentleman whose home is in danger of flooding because his neighbor filled wetlands illegally and was later granted a permit after the fact with no penalty.

Or what about the people whose houses flood after every heavy rainfall? It turns out their homes were built on wet soils and they are sinking; pipes are breaking and the home owners are holding the bag for costly repairs and maintenance. It turns out the developer got permits to fill in wetlands, but never told the homebuyers. Under Georgia law, he didn't have to.

Then there's the heartbreaking story of the three sisters who watched their beloved river retreat turn green with slimy algae from sewage discharges up river.

Since 1973, over 200,000 acres of wetlands in the Ogeechee basin have been lost...most of these were converted by developers into subdivisions and people's businesses and homes. This conversion leaves those homeowners and businesses at risk AND it costs taxpayers money. One acre of wetland can hold up to one MILLION GALLONS of rainwater¹. So when you fill in and lose those wet

areas, you have increased flooding in neighboring areas.

Have you noticed increased sewage fees lately? When you fill in these wet areas, you also lose their ability to treat for pollution, so now the cost of treating sewage goes up. As our streams become more polluted due to a loss of the wetlands that treat the polluted runoff from our lawns, roads and parking lots, the cost to treat discharges of sewage into the streams and rivers goes up.

Everybody can do their part to help stem the loss of these important areas to our communities' health and financial well-being. First, learn to recognize wetlands. The most important thing to know is that they aren't always wet. In south Georgia, many wetlands are wet only during the fall and winter and dry up during the spring and summer. You can learn how to identify wetlands and flood prone areas by looking at soil maps or becoming familiar with plants that grow only in wetlands areas.

Second, if you own property you can get income tax credits and other incentives by working with land conservation organizations to permanently preserve the sensitive wetlands on your property. If you live in a suburban or urban area, you can work with your neighborhood to install a rain garden to help reduce contaminated rainwater from entering neighboring streams. You can learn more on rain gardens by visiting www.raingardenwork.org.

Finally, work to stop the loss of wetlands by talking with city planners, elected officials and land owners in your community and let them know funding should be secured to preserve these areas and deeds should note if

wetlands are on the property when it is sold or transferred.

Currently, Georgians must rely on the federal government to protect these valuable areas. The federal laws that protect landowners and communities from wetlands loss are often difficult to understand and fail to protect many of these vulnerable areas, particularly so-called "isolated wetlands". Additionally, the laws are spottily enforced by the federal law enforcement agencies.

It is time for Georgia to adopt wetlands protection laws that are simple to understand and navigate. For the health of our communities, our families and our futures these places must be protected and restored. We need to protect and restore our wetlands that function as kidneys and ensure that our rivers, streams, estuaries and beaches can function for recreation, waste treatment, and drinking water sources.

Who Am I?

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The Ultimate Campaigner: Lee Miller

Memories of Lee Miller, Fifth President of GFRW

When I moved to Smyrna in 1963, my children, Robert and Linda, were only two and three. We moved into a small, friendly neighborhood of GI homes populated mostly by families with children. Spring Road was a quiet street and our kids got to know each other, while the mothers had their coffee mornings, family barbecues and general congeniality.

In 1964, we received the devastating news that the county commission had decided to four lane our small street. This is every mother's nightmare—heavy traffic near your home. None of the homes had fences. We hadn't needed them.

The women got together to find out what we could do to stop the project. There was more gloom than hope. If you think back to early 1964, there was no active Republican Party in Cobb County. In fact, before the Goldwater campaign, there was really no active Republican Party in the state.

Women didn't have much of a voice at the time, but I had just moved down from Washington, where I'd been a member of the local club that was part of the National Federation of Republican Women. I thought that by organizing a Cobb County Club, we might have a chance to change the commission's decision.

I called the National Federation to find out what we would have to do to become a member. I was told we needed to sign up 10 or more members, adopt a constitution and by-laws in accord with national and we could become an accredited, affiliate with the Georgia

Federation, which was a very small organization with no representation in our area.

I called the few organized Republicans in the county, talked with my neighbors and called a meeting in my home. We crowded our necessary ten women into my living room and in April 1964 we formed the Cobb County Federation of Republican Women, elected officers, applied and were accepted as an official club of the Georgia and National Federation.

We called the County Commissioner and requested an appointment to meet with him about the proposed four-lane for Spring Road. I am sure they were amused that the Republicans had managed to put together enough members for a women's club. But the bottom line was that Spring Road was **not** expanded to four lanes. We won that battle, promising the Commissioner that if the quiet little haven we had was disturbed, no woman would feel safe from traffic in her own street. One of the slogans of the Women's Federation is "Make a Difference," and we most certainly did.

And then . . . we discovered we had influence over fixing potholes. People began calling us about potholes on the road to the school—and we got them fixed. We had results! Nothing allows you to grow like results!

The Cobb County Republican Women's Club is now a presence in our county. And we grew. Word of our organization spread—each member was asked to bring in two new members. I remember asking them to reach out with their right hand to a friend and to bring her to the meeting—and to reach out with her left hand to a friend and bring her to the meeting too—a simple task, because we all knew two women who would like to have a voice in their home county.

We organized working committees—campaign activities, publicity, voter registration, membership. In a few short months, we outgrew my living room (we had 63 members), and began meeting at Cobb Federal Savings and Loan in Marietta. We also started a newsletter

that we called "The Distaff" and circulated it wherever we could. This was before email and computers, so everything was done on a typewriter and an ink-stained mimeograph machine.

Our members became very active in the local, state and national Republican Party—attended and participated in the GOP State Conventions and the Southern Regional Conference, had a booth at the county Fair, and where the action was we were there. And wherever we were, you could be certain that there was "action" - we made a difference.

With the 1964 excitement of Goldwater running for president, we were able to find candidates for local and state office, hosted two-party tea parties (we were always ahead of our time). Since there was not a significant Republican presence in Georgia at the time, we had to attract others and we succeeded in doing this with our tea parties.

We signed up our members as poll workers and poll watchers, and developed a strong volunteer contingent in local and national elections. We formed the Goldwater Girls for the presidential campaigns, the Victory Girls for state and local campaigns, taught ballot security, went door to door reaching out to our neighbors. Whenever and wherever we spent money, we pitched our candidates—from the supermarket to the gas station to department stores.



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The Ultimate Campaigner: Lee Miller

By September, we had attracted the attention of the National Federation of Republican Women who, out of thousands of women's clubs across the nation, singled out the Cobb County club for an Exemplary Award, never before awarded and created just for us, in recognition of the phenomenal activities we accomplished. We also received an award for the largest membership growth in the nation for a club of our size.

(Pictured Left to Right, Clara Curtis, Lee, Dorothy Elston—NFRW President, Rita Creeson—GFRW President)



Realizing what hard work, dedication and womanpower could do, we looked at the state federation. When we discovered that the then president did not even belong to a club (there was none in her area), I was urged to run for office (President of GFRW). With the help of the Cobb Women and others throughout the state we won decisively with close to 90% of the vote.

Later, Lee was instrumental in the Cal-laway campaign for governor. Other credits and contributions to her example as our "Ultimate Campaigner" include:

Our work expanded when I was asked by the Goldwater Campaign committee in Washington to serve as Georgia Canvass Chairman. All of our members pitched in, conducting thousands of phone calls for voter registration and voter turnout.

And not only did Georgia cast its 12 electoral votes for the Republican candidate for president for the first time in a century, but also, possible for the first time in the history of the world, the Republican presidential ticket carried Cobb County by over 55.5%.

- Helped organize 3,000 volunteers who conducted 40,000 interviews in 13 statewide surveys at an estimated contribution of \$104,000.
- Co-chaired the Southern Regional Leadership Conference with Betty Jones.
- Chaired the Overseas Voters for the Dole Campaign—an opportunity to reach 6 million voters.
- Through her company, in 1986 conducted 1.7 million digitized phone calls for Reagan.



Lee observed, "So where are we now? With two Republican senators, an impressive contingent of congressmen, a Republican governor and a Republican legislature, I say—Republican Women . . . take a bow! You were the backbone of the movement that placed and has kept—Georgia in the Republican column."

Lee ended by saying, "So if your question is still 'What can I do—I'm only one person?' Please consider this thought—

**"I cannot do everything—
but I must not do nothing!"**

This article has been written from notes and memories Lee Miller shared with Robin Morris and Millie Rogers.

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A DIRTY OLD FLAG

"This is a story told to me by my daughter-in-law...." Sue Hulon-Palmer.

Traffic on my way home was coming to a snail's pace. Come on friend MOVE, let's go home," but it did no good to plead or yell. There I sat, staring at bumpers, my steering wheel, and the clock moved faster than the cars.

In trying to move my mind to think positive and relax, I shifted my thought to my surroundings. However, something out of the ordinary – not in its proper place – caught my eye. There! Between the buildings at the dumpster. It jolted me for a minute, pulling on all of my emotions. There, at the end of the alley was this dirty old flag leaning on the wall as if someone had just dumped it there. The flag was hanging on its pole, the stand broken off at the end. I was sad, then angry. How could anyone leave an American flag at the dumpster? Why leave it there of all places? My anger rose! People cannot just dump a flag!

Had the city garbage trucks come and left it? Is anyone coming back for it? Had they even seen it? Would they get it the next time? Left on the side of the dumpster, it was forgotten. That is our United States flag, the symbol of freedom, thrown to the side.

The traffic began to move. Thank goodness! I was relieved. As floodgates had opened and taken me away from the deep emotion of the moment and feelings of responsibility.

At home, life was far away from the dumpster. Life was back to "now" accountabilities, but flashes of the loneliness of the dirty old flag would not go away. Others had passed it by, leaving it to stand in the rain to collect mildew, rot and bake in the weather. Why couldn't I?

Struggling, I decided to go back and rescue the faded old flag... if it were still there. I approached the two businesses on each side of the dumpster with the question of to whom did the flag belong? No one knew and no one wanted it.

"Why would you want a dirty old

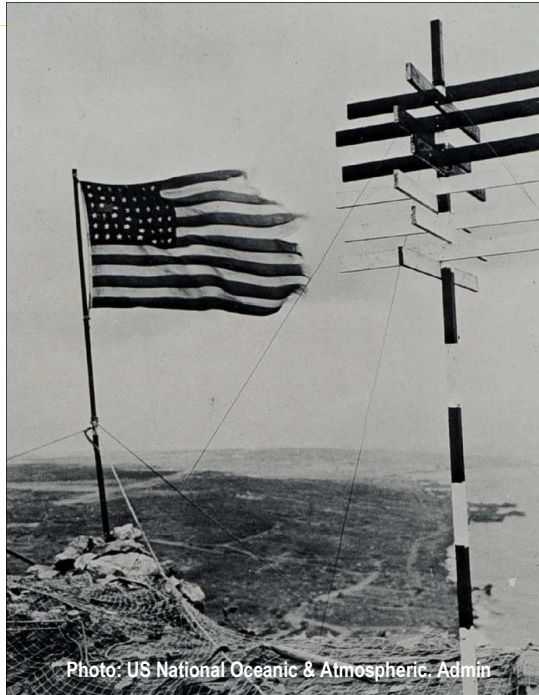


Photo: US National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin

flag?" the business owners asked.

I tried to hold my anger and emotion. "Putting a flag in a dumpster is not the proper way to dispose of an American Flag."

He threw up his hands. "Woman you are crazy? You may have that dirty old flag."

I tried to explain how he would not have a business in a free country if it had not been for that old flag. I turned quickly and walked to the trash to pick up my friend, the dirty old flag. Yes, it was old but it was still a symbol of a great nation.

As I arrived home with my soiled, tattered old flag, my family shook their heads, wondering what I was dragging in. I placed the flag in the corner of our living room, with the feeling of "I've landed the catch of the day". At the family supper table, the older men discussed and quizzed the younger men on the proper way of disposing an American flag. We agreed that it should not be put in a dumpster.

So, our old friend, the flag, stood in the corner for days as if watching and waiting for its proper burial, while we searched the Internet.

We found on the Internet a good copy of the entire U.S. flag code at: the Legal Information Institute, Cornell Law School– U. S. Flag code. Title chapter 1 sec. 8(K). "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

"Deepest respect and honor." That was what this was all about. Our flag needs to be treated with the dignity it deserves!

The Internet sites suggested a retirement ceremony. One that would symbolize the deepest respect and honor of a nation of great men and women who had served to protect what our flag stood for. This symbol lives on regardless of what happens to individuals. It represents a symbol of freedom in the hearts of people. Yes, that's what "Old Glory" is.

Days passed as I did chores at the barn. Soon, I knew that it was time to put our friend to rest. We gathered respectfully and solemnly at our barbeque pit, understanding the awesome responsibility of putting one of the symbols of our nation to rest. We remembered the good times, the honorable times... and the many people who had stood before this flag to pledge Allegiance.

As the flag burned, the flames danced in shades of red, white and blue reflection. We knew, as we watched, that "Old Glory" could never die, because it symbolizes a love of freedom, a way of life, handed down from generation to generation. We ended our flag's retirement ceremony with:

We thank you for our country and its flag, and for the liberty for which it stands. To a clean and purging flame, we commit this flag, worn out in worthy service. As they yield their substance to the fire, may your Holy Light spread over us and bring our hearts renewed devotion to God and Country. Amen

American Legion Prayer
(Contact a local veteran's group if you have a flag you want to dispose of.)

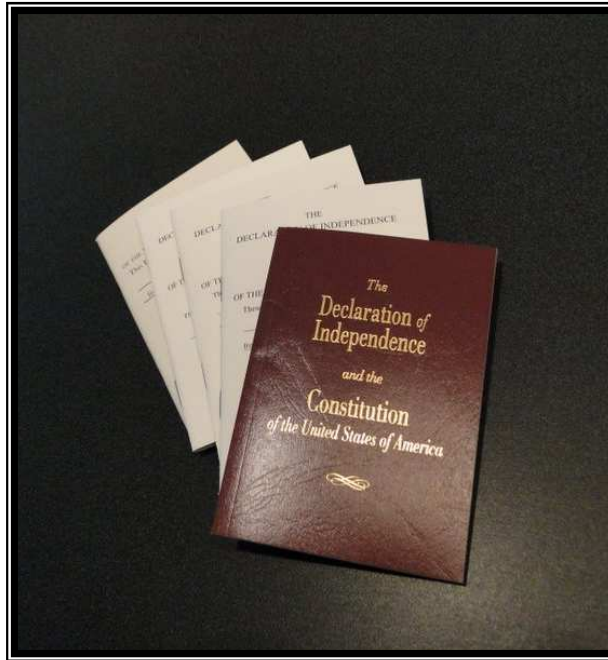
Shared by Sue Hulon-Palmer of Griffin, GA

GFRW Constitution Day and Liberty Day

By Millie Rogers, Immediate Past President of GFRW

GFRW is working in conjunction with **Liberty Day**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit and non-partisan organization. **Liberty Day** is an organization focused on educating and giving every 5th grader their own personal copy of the *Constitution* along with flash cards to help them learn what is in this very important document. They also provide training materials for the teachers. Federal Law requires the *Constitution* to be taught in our schools; and it is important that it is taught on September 17th, *Constitution Day*.

Former State School Superintendent Kathy Cox has endorsed the project. We have several local Republican Women's Clubs working diligently to purchase and distribute copies of the *Constitution* to schools in their counties before September 17th. So there is no charge to the school systems, clubs are raising money through sponsorships and donations to purchase the booklets. The schools involved in the *Constitution* Project include: Cobb County/Marietta, Coweta, Dekalb/Decatur Charter Schools, Lowndes County and Paulding County. We deeply appreciate the following club members for their work and efforts: Barbara Hickey, Dee Gay, Chris Owen, Sarah Looper and Ullainee Stokes, Barbara Schmader, Nancy Hollingshed and Virginia Galloway with Americans for Prosperity.



On September 16th we are asking our U.S. Senators and Congressmen across the nation to gather on the West Steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., at 10 a.m. We are asking all members of Congress to endorse and support this project by:

1) Asking all Americans to read, study, and learn the contents of the U.S. *Constitution* in honor and celebration of Constitution Day, and

2) Encouraging people to discuss the contents of the *Constitution* with a young person in their life.

GFRW is organizing an identical event like the one being held in D.C. on September 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol. On September 17th we are asking attorneys to speak to a 5th grade class about the contents of the U.S. *Constitution* and answer questions. Our hope is that everyone will join us on September 16th at the State Capitol and they will read the *Constitution* on September 17th. Thank you for your support.

Contact Millie Rogers for more details on how to get involved in the project and to make a donation to purchase *Constitution* Booklets and Teacher's Guide Packets. Donations to **Liberty Day** for the booklets may be tax deductible.
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Who Am I?

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ECONOMICS 101: THE FAIR TAX FANTASY

By J.D. Van Brink, Columnist



Introduction – The fourth, and last, book in the Economics 101 series is *The FairTax Fantasy* by Hank Adler and Hugh Hewitt. Mr. Adler is an assistant professor of accounting at the George Argyros



School of Business & Economics at Chapman University in Orange, California. Adler has over 35 years of business experience, including serving on the boards of directors of many for-profit and non-profit entities, and as a tax partner at the big four accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche. Mr. Hewitt (left) is best known today as a radio talk show host, but has a broad range of experience as an attorney (six years in the Reagan Administration), law professor, television news co-host, author, and blogger. I had

the honor of meeting Mr. Hewitt early in 2009 at the Cobb Energy Center, and I found him to be engaging, thoughtful, and exceedingly gracious.

The gist of this book is that there are several aspects of the FairTax proposal, which has been discussed extensively in previous installments of the Economics 101 series, that are overly simplistic, unenforceable, unfair, and unconstitutional, will actually kill tax reform rather than encourage it, and are political suicide for the Republican Party. This book is not intended to discuss the related issue of out-of-control government spending, although the book devotes an entire chapter to the impact of the FairTax on Social Security. While the authors stress that they do not support the current tax system, other than to say that it does successfully generate large sums of tax revenues, they do support tax reform, although they do not offer an alternative tax reform proposal. In addition to reviewing this book, I will summarize the Economics 101 series by documenting my own tax reform proposal that will, I hope, bring tax reformers together to make it a reality.

Overly Simplistic – This is the book's weakest argument. As a software developer I often joke, when asked if writing computer programs is easy, "How hard can it be? It's all just a bunch of zeroes and ones." Tax simplification is one of the primary goals of tax reform for every proposal I have reviewed in this series and, compared to the current tax code, the human genome is simple. Between the Prebate and the impact of rolling F.I.C.A. into the sales tax rate, the FairTax, rather than being overly simplistic, may be said to be not simple enough.

Unenforceable – The authors contend that the Prebate will be easy to abuse and difficult to enforce without infringing on individual liberty, and that registering over 300,000,000 citizens and legal residents will be a costly administrative nightmare. Also, the FairTax will provide an incentive for people to switch from under-reporting their income (to minimize their income taxes) to over-reporting their employment (to maximize their Social Security income).

Unfair – Switching from an income tax to a sales tax and rolling F.I.C.A. into the sales tax rate will be viewed as unfair to millions of senior citizens who have paid income, Social Security, and Medicare taxes their entire working lives, and expected to have a lower tax burden in retirement. This demographic group is politically active and will most likely oppose the FairTax with their full wrath. Also, investors will not have to pay the sales tax on new homes, but private buyers will.

Unconstitutional – One of the most important arguments in the book is that it is unconstitutional for the Federal government to directly tax the states, and there is no provision in the FairTax to exempt the state governments from having to pay the sales tax. Also, if this exemption were to be added, then the sales tax rate would need to be increased, making it even more likely that the proposal would be opposed and, if passed, compliance rates would likely be even lower than predicted.

Conclusion – This book is a must read for those who want to give the FairTax an honest appraisal, and not simply jump on the bandwagon. While I do not agree with every FairTax criticism made by the authors, the information about the practical implications of both the Prebate and rolling F.I.C.A. into the sales tax, and the negative impact to individual liberty and states rights, make this book an invaluable resource for serious tax reformers.

The overwhelming majority of people I speak with about tax reform, including those who support the FairTax, favor setting up personal accounts for Social Security and health care, and act surprised when I explain that the FairTax would roll F.I.C.A. into the sales tax rate. Also, they favor eliminating the corporate tax, oppose the Prebate, think that exempting education from the sales tax is unfair and hypocritical, and think that cold turkey is not a reasonable implementation strategy. Finally, they want to make sure that we do not have both an income and sales tax at the same time.

It is my informed opinion that a consumption tax is superior to an income tax or a VAT tax because it is the most simple and fair means of taxation with the broadest potential tax base and the least negative impact to individual liberty and prosperity. Also, the corporate tax is the most regressive of taxes because it is embedded within the cost of almost everything we buy. Unfortunately, attempts to remove all regression from the tax system result in complications that adversely impact everyone, including the poor. The FairTax proposal and implementation, while a great foundation for tax simplification, may be improved and I submit that we cannot, and should not, implement tax reform in a way that ignores or punishes those who are currently retired, or who earn a living from the current tax code. Any reform must be implemented gradually to give people a chance to adjust to the change. With that being said, here is my proposal.

Economics 101

My Proposal – First, initiate a constitutional amendment that would authorize a national retail sales tax and deactivate the 16th amendment, which authorized the income tax. This amendment, if ratified, would be effective five years from when it was initiated.

Second, during each of the five years of the amendment process, simplify the current corporate and income tax code by reducing the number of rates, the amount of the rates, and the deductible amount of deductions, exemptions, and credits. By reducing, not eliminating, all tax write-offs at the same rate and over the same term, no one group or person will be treated unfairly. After five years there would be no corporate tax, a flat rate income tax that applied to all personal income (earned, interest, dividends, and capital gains, but not inheritance) with no deductions, exemptions, or credits.

Third, set up Personal Retirement Accounts (PRA) and Personal Healthcare Accounts (PHA), similar to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) and Health Savings Accounts (HSA) for all citizens and legal residents. These accounts would be invested in a single index fund set up to guarantee diversification in a broad range of the economy, and would be paid out as an annuity. They would receive the benefit of compound interest over several decades, and any unpaid portion of these accounts could be willed to loved ones, charities, etc. Account contributions would be phased in gradually over several years so that the portion of F.I.C.A. not being invested in these new accounts could continue to be used to pay for current seniors without having to cut benefits.

After five years, one of two things will happen: either the amendment passes and we can flip the switch from a corporate and income tax to a sales tax with minimal disruption or the amendment fails and we have no corporate tax and a flat rate income tax with no deductions, exemptions, or credits. Either way, the new tax system will be simple and fair, and will return power from government back to “We the People.” What will the new tax rate be? I estimate it to be somewhere in the high single digits for the sales tax and slightly higher for the income tax. Of course, all of this will be irrelevant if government keeps spending more than it receives, but that is a topic for another book and another day.

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Who Am I?

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What Your Club Can Do On Election Day!

If you were a jockey heading into the home stretch of a race, you would recognize just how important the final sprint for the wire will be. The home stretch for a political campaign is even more important. What can members of your club do to stimulate voter turnout at this stage of the campaign? **Schedule a sign waving blitz!**



Sign waving will demonstrate to your community your enthusiasm for a candidate(s) and/or an issue. Pick high traffic corners in your area. Cue in local news media of your efforts. Obviously, the 5 –7 p.m. election evening rush hour will be a critical time. Also include the morning rush hour times of 7-9 a.m.. Even if you do not have the professional signs of the candidates, your home made signs and a bull horn may get far more attention. Take a lesson from the tea partiers. Clint Murphy of the McCain Palin 2008 team suggested sign slogans like— County First, Higher Taxes Fewer Jobs, Don't Tax Me for Working Hard, etc. Since the tea party movement got started, you have had multiple opportunities to enjoy such signs. They are a great way to motivate viewers to make sure that they too—go to the polls and VOTE!





Commitment to GFRW through Membership !

By Sheila Galbreath, Chairman: GFRW Membership Committee

Commitment to GFRW begins with you at the club level. When you regularly attend your club meetings and encourage your friends and family to join, you are helping to spread the conservative values of the Republican Party that we share. It goes without saying sometimes apathy and cynicism can take over in our lives and it is on these occasions we might need a little incentive to get us going again.

Membership Incentives at a Glance:

Club Presidents: Please take time out to recognize members who make increasing membership a priority. A simple "thank you" is often appreciated.

GFRW offers incentives to the Small, Medium and Large clubs that have the highest percent increase in membership. For the past several years, and this year, a pearl necklace with matching earrings has been awarded to the clubs in these three categories.

The Legacy Club of the NFRW offers the following incentives.

- **Individual Incentives:** "A special pin to each member who recruits 10 new members. Awards will be presented at each NFRW board meeting to members in attendance and provided to state presidents for delivery to members not in attendance. Forms for participation can be downloaded at NFRW LEGACY CLUB [MEMBERSHIP](#). Simply complete and submit the form to your club president or to our State President Suzi Voyles for verification. **Free registration for NFRW convention in 2011, plaque, and \$1,000 Regents membership will be awarded to the member who recruits the most new members.** (must be certified with list of members recruited, their contact information and local club affiliation) from January 2010, to June 1, 2011."
- **Club Incentives:** Small, medium and large clubs nationwide with largest membership increase from January 2010, to June 1, 2011, **will be presented a certificate of accomplishment at the NFRW board meeting and free board meeting registration.** Small, medium, and large clubs nationwide with the **largest percentage membership increase from January 2010, June 1, 2011, will receive \$1,000 for their club treasuries.** Plaques will be presented to the first 100 clubs nationwide that double their memberships.

Help GFRW:

"State president with most new clubs formed preceding NFRW board meeting (In Charleston, SC. Sept. 9-11) will receive free registration at the meeting. All presidents who have formed new clubs will be recognized." We have several districts in the State of Georgia without clubs. We need to actively seek out women who are willing to start new clubs in every county and district. If you have friends or family who live in an area where there are no clubs and who may be willing to start a new club we are here to provide them with encouragement and assistance. **"State with the largest percentage increase in membership from January 2010, to June 1, 2011, will receive \$1,500 for its state treasury. President will receive a special award."** Let this club be the Georgia Federation of Republican Women.

I hope you find this incentive review helpful and I will be happy to provide you with forms or additional information.

Who Am I?

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Assessing Personality Styles to Build Effective Teams

Lesson on Leadership

By Johnell Woody, Publications Committee

Wisdom is defined as the proper application of knowledge. In previous issues Personality of a Leader and Flexing Your Style were addressed. How to apply this knowledge to effective committee or team building is the subject of this issue's column.

In quick review the personality types and characteristics are:

- D or Driver - assertive, quick decision, bottom line driver, sometimes intimidating and/or overbearing (in the nicest sort of way)
- I or Influencer - motivated to obtain consensus by careful and often lengthy discussion, loves a party, events and people in general, may not be quick to make a decision but always charming
- S or Steady/Systematic - can never make a decision without collecting, analyzing, collating checking and re-checking ALL possible data
- C or Compliant - avoids conflict at all costs, wants complete, specific rules, procedures and guidelines, loves her personal space

With these traits in mind, review the committees and/or teams purpose and function to begin placing the right volunteers in the right jobs. Certain committees require specific personalities to most effectively accomplish the assigned tasks.

Committees such as Hospitality, Caring for America, and Event Planning require the warmth and all-inclusiveness of the highly social. These are good fits for the high "I" type leaders, although an "S" will help keep the costs and all materials needed in good order. Add to these a "C" for getting the job done and possibly a "D" to make certain that the decisions are made in a timely manner and the train on the track.

The Finance, Rules, Legislation and Research, and Awards and Achievement are best suited to a strong "S" with lots of "D" leadership. Hard decisions, good data and organization are musts for these groups. Add an "I" to keep the group grounded. Strong "C" types may feel a little overwhelmed, however, given the job of organizing data and tracking progress in familiar and comfortable surrounding will be a great asset to the team.

Individuals exhibiting both high "D", high "I" types are well suited Fund Raising, Public Relations, Programs and Membership. Add to that a strong "S" to keep the records and a "C" to help with the routine correspondence.

Putting the wrong personality type in a leadership role can frustrate that volunteer, as well as other members of the committee, stall progress and create a sense of failure in a total capable, qualified individual with great talents that were misapplied in the selection process. By choosing committee chairs and members with the personality style, gifts and talents best suited for the task and to balance the various skill sets, success is all but guaranteed.

Understanding the function and purpose of each committee will allow the prudent club president to appreciate the personality type best suited to lead the group toward successful completion of that team's tasks. Taking the time to assess the personality of prospective team leaders and volunteers enables a better mix of types, strengths and weaknesses to assemble a highly effective team.

Now more than ever, with resources limited, and stressors at an all time high, careful selection of team leaders and members can mean the difference in success and failure. As Republican women we must now, more than any time in the history of this great land, take a stand, marshal, equip and utilize every drop of talent within our ranks to help shape a future of prosperity, safety, and hope for our nation.

To arrange a leadership workshop for your club, contact the author at 770-331-0016 or by e-mail at jwoody1111@aol.com.

For more information about communication styles go to: <http://store.teambuildinginc.com/imatges/WhatsMyCommStyle3D SampleOutput.pdf>.

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Who am I?

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Members of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women have the opportunity to become a member of the 2010 Ronald Reagan Club. Memberships enable GFRW to achieve the organization's goals for the Republican cause in Georgia. Your contribution makes it possible for GFRW to:

- Maintain the website, www.gfrw.org
- Print educational materials
- Post the on-line magazine . . . VOICES
- Post the weekly E-News to your e-mail address
- Form new clubs and support existing clubs.

We welcome your contribution as a Reagan Club Member (\$100) or as a GFRW Sustaining Member (\$25). Your local club can also join the Reagan Club. Membership dues support GFRW's efforts to advance the participation of Republican Women in all areas of politics and to promote Republican candidates and philosophy.

Members are entitled to a special pin (see the round pin above). Members are also recognized on the website and they enjoy VIP seating at GFRW Board of Directors meetings and functions. Sustaining members are also recognized on the website.

Reagan Club Membership Form

Check one: ☐ Reagan Club Membership \$100,
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TECH Talk:

Web, Tote Projects Available for Clubs

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Does your club have a Website?

As a leading voice in the political arena, the NFRW is an advocate for greater understanding and adoption of public relations services among member clubs. Led by Chair Lisa Roper, the Public Relations Committee is dedicated to providing training and resources to assist local clubs seeking to make a difference through today's latest communication avenues.

Committee members have set lofty goals for 2010 with projects that will place the NFRW in the forefront of today's communications. We have pledged to aggressively update existing tools and to provide a steady stream of archived resources on our new web site, www.nfrwpr.org.

Here, members will find templates for newsletters, stationery, brochures, promotional releases, media releases, and PowerPoint presentations, as well as project materials. Such tools enable state and club public relations committees to develop and refine their activities.

Another project underway is the web site management program.

The Internet has become the public relations tool used in today's media. More organizations are focusing on web resources versus spending money on advertising in print media.

We ran a diagnostic on club web sites and found that many do not have a web presence. The committee has offered a free web page to state and clubs that do not have web sites. The no-cost web page will include the club's name, address, contact person, meeting time and date, and phone number, as well as one photo.

Each club web page will have its own URL address and will be added to the public relations web site. This information also will be added to the regional map found at www.nfrwpr.org. The free web pages will help accelerate club growth by making more clubs accessible to potential members browsing the internet.

For further details about this op-

portunity for your club, contact webmaster@nfrwpr.org.

The committee also is developing a shopping tote bag that will feature photographs from different



MILITARY TOTE—This reusable shopping tote bag honoring our military will be available this fall for states and clubs to use as a fundraiser.

military branches and will honor those who have served and are serving our country. The bags will be on sale at the fall board meeting in Charleston, S.C. Check the public relations web site in August for details on pre-ordering. §

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Publication Hints!

Five Keys to Success of a Publication

By Allie Gelineau, GFRW Publications Committee

Reeling in readers for your publication is easier when you follow a few simple guidelines. This article takes an inside look at the summer issue of VOICES Magazine for some good examples in five areas.

- 1. Attention getting photos** work wonders to capture the eye and the reader. For example, the cover picture—the first thing you see—grabs your attention. It's an interesting and well-composed photograph of young women—literally giving a human touch to the magazine. The headline photo on page 19 for Sam Olens' "The Current State of the Water War" complements his article and makes an abstract issue relatable in a clear, pleasant way.
- 2. Attention getting introductions** to articles stimulate thought and compel the reader to keep reading. GFRW President Suzi Voyles sets the tone of the publication in the opening article and explains why 2010 is "The Most Important Election in Our History... For Real!" Also, there is no doubt that Randy Evans wants your time and attention with the subtitle "How Judges Can Cost You Money and Healthcare" and he makes his points throughout his article on page 17.
- 3. Directness** aids in communicating ideas and is exemplified on page 10 by David Raynor in the paragraph that begins "It's unfortunate such a harmful provision for small businesses was included in the healthcare law..." On page 25, J.D. Van Brink demonstrates directness with, "It is my informed opinion that a consumption tax is superior ..." There is no ambiguity about writers' positions. They make their point and invite your involvement.
- 4. Current and relevant topics** impress readers. In Mary Van Brink's "Illegal Aliens" article (pages 13- and 14) are current newsmakers such as Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and Kennesaw State's illegal alien student Jessica Colotl. The article also details one proposal before the U.S. Senate called the DREAM Act. Throughout VOICES are reports and articles relating to GFRW members and the 2010 Election Campaign. And, the stellar cast of writers begins with the feature by Senator Johnny Isakson.
- 5. Lastly, a publication for an activist organization contains action oriented material.** This title (and the article behind it) speaks volumes: "Being the Squeaky Wheel Via Blogs," by Holly Robichaud on page 15. Clint Smith's "Remember Come November," on page 16 offers several practical steps in grass roots campaigning, applicable to every reader.

There are many more examples of what makes a good publication in VOICES. Just look inside.

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