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Election Reflection and Leadership Promotion

By Judy True, Editor

Nov. 3.

Here we are sitting in our easy chairs, feet propped up on the hassock, our fingers wrapped around a nice, hot cup of cider. And visions of waving flags and flying confetti, sounds of crowds cheering our winning candidates! Whew! Isn't it great to review the Republican sweep in our state? And even better -we are looking forward to the positive outcomes our elected Republicans will achieve for our state and our nation?

I bet you are looking forward to the 2011 off-election year. Don't we all need to take a well deserved rest from the heady, hectic election activities? Wrong! Or like the kids would say . . . **"Not!"** Let's **not** forget the tremendous importance of off election years – an off election year is **not** a time to take a vacation from political activity!

While election years are "working" years, off-election years are "building" years – the time we bring new women into the federation and train them for leadership, the time we help formulate action plans for getting Republicans elected to office. Building years are the building blocks for successful activities throughout a campaign year—

- the time to build membership,
- the time to build new skills,
- the time to build a campaign plan for local communities,
- the time to build strategies for getting out the vote.

Waiting until an election year to assemble these building blocks will be . . . too late! BUILDING is the purpose of an off-election year. WINNING is the purpose of the election year.

The staff members of *VOICES Magazine* look forward to playing an important role in "building" during 2011. As you might

expect - given our Georgia Federation mission, we will continue to look for articles and items to educate and empower our members with the skills needed to elect Republicans. *VOICES Magazine* will be emphasizing leadership skills and mission driven teamwork, while recognizing and educating Georgia women regarding state and regional issues.

Apparently the content of *VOICES* has application beyond Georgia. Readers in other states are requesting their email addresses be added to our distribution list. To successfully follow this trend we will continue to seek items from contributors beyond our Georgia boundaries. In this issue out-of-state contributors include Patt Parker (NFRW Second Vice President from Maryland) and Becky Johnson (President of the Kansas federation).

Georgia federation members can take pride in the fact that *VOICES* contributors come from a broad spectrum: NFRW officers, Georgia federation leaders, federation leaders from other states, national and state political figures, state and local GOP leaders, and leaders from non-profit and business leadership organizations.

Looking to 2011, ask . . . "what do I need to learn to elect Republicans in 2012?"

- Look to *VOICES Magazine* for ideas.
- Contribute ideas to *VOICES*.
- Tell *VOICES* staff members what you need to learn.

What you need to learn must become the "table of contents" for future issues of *VOICES Magazine*.

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President's Message: Thinking Outside of the Box

**GFRW President
Suzi Voyles**



Most of us went to bed on Tuesday, November 2 feeling pretty elated. Yes, there were a few scattered disappointments in local and state-wide races but as we looked at the national picture we were pretty excited with the outcome. Time to relax and put our feet up for a year? Wrong! Gone forever are some of the old "rules of engagement" when it comes to winning elections. We recognize the battle for the heart and soul of America is at stake. Are we going to continue to numbly slide into a welfare state of administrative absolutism or are we going to follow the path of our Founders and continue to be the exceptional, free market bastion of Liberty? Liberty and responsibility are inseparable.

It is the burden of the argument of Toqueville's great work, *Democracy in America*, that democracy is the only effective method of educating the majority. "Democracy is, above all, a matter of forming opinion." The Georgia Federation of Republican Women is presented with an incredible opportunity; we must serve to be an apologetic for the Founding Principles and educate others on forming the correct opinion from the facts. This election was not an end unto itself, but rather a clarion call to all that everything is at risk.

GFRW has an advantage over the RNC and State Party: while they must GOTV every two years, we can *create* new Republicans 365/24/7 through our natural structure and mission to educate people toward the cause of good government. People have a hunger for finding out what is going on in the country and we have the ability to deliver that information. We have a responsibility to the American citizen, to the American yet to be born. We must allow ourselves to become engaged in repelling the attack on our Republic by multiplying the efforts to educate more and more women who will in turn educate more and more people until these time-tested principles of our Founders are once again well understood by all. Our members must become infectious with the facts upon which our Party stands and that this is the most exceptional country in the world. It is not merely enough to call ourselves "Republicans", we must make it personal and invest our lives into others so that they understand our passion and why we are not willing to give up on this great Land. We must incorporate younger women and remind them that the Founders created a government that has been the main contributor to Her greatness and continuing to follow those precepts will keep us as the most exceptional country in the world.

President's Message - Continued

The women coming into the GFRW are a compliment to those currently in the Federation, they can see that the Country is on a dangerous precipice and they are willing to bring all of their various skills to the table and join the battle. They have talents and skills that will help us pursue a vision even further into the future. The new members we have coming in of all ages are not here for personal aggrandizement but are seeking an association with us to accomplish more together for the very survival of our country. We in the GFRW must know that if this is only about *us*, then it dies with *us*. If it is about the fact that our country is worth continuing in perpetuity then we must work together selflessly. Think of your family, neighbors, your co-workers, anyone you meet, anywhere; invite them to GFRW. Help us to grow in Districts and counties where we currently do not have Federated women. Know your facts. When you are challenged, remind them that WE are the Party founded on personal liberty and the idea that no person is the property of another person. Remind them that the GOP had the first Black Congressmen in 1870, the first female Congressman (1917) before she could vote for herself, passed the Women's Right to Vote and the Civil Rights Amendment and we still believe that no person is to be owned by another *including* the Federal Government.

We have already attracted many more women of various ages and walks of life, now we must meet the challenge of delivering the solution in ways that meet the needs of these women. Keeping the best of what we have but creating virtual meetings will not only attract the younger generation but will include a generation no longer comfortable driving at night. Look in every corner for places to develop new clubs, even consider the development of satellite clubs from existing clubs that can meet at different times or places to include more women. Look carefully at Independent Living facilities and even Assisted Living Units to form satellite clubs and present forums, these are filled with heroes wanting to make sure that the America they leave behind is filled with the promises they fought to preserve.

Since everyone is talking about the problems of the government, we should never miss an opportunity to tell that we have the solution to return us to the values that made us strong. The time is now, 2012 is just around the bend and if we work together, we can accomplish miracles. The heart and soul of America is at stake.



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Leadership Promotion

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

By Patt Parker
NFRW Second Vice President

The gift of a good leader - she knows the passions of each woman. I am told women are either "shoe" women or "purse" women. I enjoy shoes and I love shopping for shoes. Have you noticed that all shoes have the same "mission?" We wear shoes to protect us from injury. We know shoes come in various styles, and colors. Different shoes are made for a variety of functions -- athletic, business, dressy, casual, etc. All are types of shoes but each shoe works best serving a particular function. We wouldn't wear flip-flops while running in a marathon or wear 3" spikes to the office. Shoes perform best when doing what they're created to do. People are very similar.

As leaders we are looking for the strengths and passions of the women we lead by providing opportunities for serving in the areas they love. I believe you and I will agree that we do so much better when we work in areas where we have a passion. Do you prefer greeting people, collecting dues, planning a fundraiser, following legislative issues, sending cards of congratulations, or updating the website? So many areas are available for each of us to use our passions. The Federation's mission provides for opportunities for everyone to participate. A leader's challenge is getting to know each woman and providing opportunities for her to volunteer in areas that "fit" her.

The gift of a good leader - she knows the communication style of each woman. Another challenge we each have is learning about the communication styles of our women. We have five generations of women in the NFRW. Some remember the suffragette movement and others were born during the explosion of cutting-edge technology. Each generation brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and preferred ways of communicating.

Some women communicate by hosting meetings or maybe working in small groups. Others work alone and will let us know when the job is done. Some prefer writing personal notes. Some prefer communicating by using new media -- email, FaceBook, Twitter, or website, etc. Some prefer just picking up the phone. Some like working with other people. Others prefer working with computers or numbers to accomplish their tasks. When planning a program or event it is wise to communicate using a variety of communication styles to get everyone involved.



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The gift of a good leader - she respects each woman. Each woman must feel she is valued for giving of her time, passions and opinions. A leader will recognize her accomplishments and respect her views.

The gift of a good leader - she knows her history. The importance of knowing the history of NFRW cannot be emphasized enough. It is what sets the NFRW apart from other groups. Know your roots! Look up the history of NFRW. Be an informed leader. Sharing knowledge is empowering!

The gift of a good leader - she knows who a leader is. Everyone is a leader. We influence and impact others whether it is family, friends or other Federation members.

How a leader leads is "leadership". My wish for you this holiday season is that you let your leadership be a gift to those you lead -- a gift that keeps on giving.

Leadership.

It is the ability to step forward and take a stand, while others hesitate.

It is accepting the responsibility of living up to the highest standards. Daily.

It is demanding more not only of others but of yourself.

And never forgetting that to remain a leader, you must be worth following.

Patt Parker was elected NFRW 2nd vice president in March of this year. She also has served as a member-at-large to the NFRW Board of Directors. Her two passions are to train women leaders and to elect Republicans by ensuring Republicans are aware of and embrace Republican values, enabling them to knowledgeably engage those in their circle of influence. While Patt's master's degree is in national security from the National War College, she also holds an MBA from Marymount University and has more than 100 graduate hours in leadership development, organizational effectiveness and strategic planning.



Election Reflection

What Happened on November 2?

By Rusty Paul

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So what does November's election tell us about national politics and the direction of federal policy for the next two years?

The GOP captured more than 60 House seats and six Senate seats, inuring to the GOP's benefit in ways that are both obvious and not so obvious. Obviously, Republicans won the House, eliminated dominance in the Senate and achieved congressional counterbalance to Obama's "progressive agenda."

Secondly, Republicans won a longer-term benefit. Besides seven new governors, the GOP captured 19 Democratically-controlled legislative chambers that will draw new congressional maps in next year's redistricting.

Further, Republican gubernatorial candidates won Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, states where intense redistricting battles will occur next year because they will likely lose congressional seats. Their veto power gives Republicans more influence in drawing those district maps.

Finally, states like: 1) Florida, (two House seats); 2) Texas, (four House seats), and; 3) Georgia and South Carolina (one each), Republicans grew their legislative majorities. So, they can institutionalize Tuesday's gains by redrawing congressional districts before the 2012 races.

The Senate becomes a trouble spot for Democrats. As the majority party, it carries responsibility for legislation, but lacks votes for their remaining liberal agenda. In reality, six new GOP Senators mean neither party controls the Senate. In the past two years, the Dems had problems passing bills even with their 60 vote majority.

Why? Having an exact or nearly exact majority is the most difficult governing scenario for the majority party leadership. While the party carries responsibility for legislation, it can be held hostage by one or two disaffected members. A narrow majority gives individual majority members leverage absent with large majorities or when both parties have an actual minority of votes needed to pass bills.

On close votes, individual majority members can negotiate special provisions in bills they could never get when both parties have large majorities or a "voting" minority. *(Example: Remember the so-called "Nebraska Exception" in health reform. Sen. Reid needed one last vote to pass it and Nebraska Sen. Nelson's was the lone Democrat holdout. To get Nelson's vote, Reid exempted Nebraska from certain Medicaid and reform aspects, one of several special deals wavering Democratic Senators for their support. This wheeling and dealing added to the perception that it was ill-conceived, special interest legislation inimical to good health care policy.)*

So, assuming Harry Reid remains Majority Leader, his strategy now changes dramatically. He must find Republican votes to pass bills, which will moderate policies coming out of that chamber. Further complicating Reid's problems are 21 justifiably nervous Democratic Senators facing re-election in 2012. After watching Tuesday's tsunami wipe out their partisan colleagues, those 21 are focused on policy outcomes that promote their survival rather than racking up ideological points.

What will likely happen? The House will pass health care reform repeal. The Senate won't. The House will extend the Bush tax cuts. The Dems may steal that opportunity during the lame duck session about to convene.

The House may pass federal tort reform legislation; the Senate won't. The House will pass lower-cost budget bills, including zeroing out funds for healthcare reform implementation. The Senate Democrat committee chairs will restore most cuts, leaving it up to conference committees to settle the differences.

Through it all, Congress will find ways to pass legislation because neither side can afford deadlock. For instance, the President indicated at his post-election press conference that he thinks a bi-partisan energy policy is possible.

Three issues are definitely off the table: 1) Cap and Trade or further climate control legislation; 2) Union check-off legislation, and; 3) immigration reform.

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Meanwhile, the White House also is filtering its reelection prospects through Tuesday's results. After his 1994 mid-term loses, Clinton rapidly moved toward the center, ultimately signing welfare reform and tamping down spending to achieve a balanced budget. Will Obama follow suit?

He faces very different circumstances than Clinton. Whenever Obama is pushed to the center, he responds "I can't afford to lose the Democratic left."

What he means is, "I can't generate a primary challenge that offers the left an alternative." In 2008, Obama was the more liberal alternative to a less liberal Hilary Clinton.

With pre-election polls showing that 47% of liberals already believing he should be challenged in the 2012 primaries, he has serious problems within his own party.

A glance around the liberal blogosphere highlights Obama's dilemma. Several liberal bloggers and columnists blamed Tuesday's defeat on Obama's failure to be liberal enough and recommend even bolder action in the next two years.

For example, Marshall Ganz, Harvard Kennedy School lecturer, said Obama became "transactional instead of transformational." One blogger insisted that social democratic parties in the U. S. and Europe collapsed because Clinton, Blair, Obama and other "third-way progressives" embraced too many market-based solutions.

Even mainstream media voices like *USA Today's* DeWayne Wickham advised Obama not to become centrist, telling him to "fight, not surrender." Thus, the left believes that Democrats lost was be-

cause Obama was not "progressive" enough and that he advanced his liberal agenda too slowly.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi echoed this view after the election, saying Congress successfully enacted its agenda, but it did not complete it in time "to create more jobs." Those of us viewing the world conservatively are astonished at these post-election Democratic evaluations!

Ironically, the election's near extinction of its moderate/conservative wing – the so-called "Blue Dogs" – distilled the Democratic congressional caucus to its liberal essence. Thus, Obama's remaining congressional base leans even more leftward than before.

So, Obama sees his greatest threat to re-election may not be the GOP nominee, but a Carter/Kennedy-1980-style primary contest. Clinton didn't face that threat; Obama does. As a result, don't expect Obama to move to the center, but either continue as he has or – if he listens to the country's liberal voices – move even more left than before.



Who Am I:

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Sonny Paved The Way

By J. Randolph Evans
McKenna, Long & Aldridge
Column No. 1042 (11/12/10)

Well, for Georgia Republicans, November 2, 2010 was a good night. In political terms, Republicans swept the board with wins in every statewide office, and an overwhelming majority in both the Georgia House and Senate. The expected resurgence by Georgia Democrats under the leadership of former Governor Roy Barnes fizzled out two weeks before Election Day. Georgia Republicans were benefitted by the national anti-Obama/anti-Democrat tide that was especially strong in the South, as several competitive elections around the country proved, that alone was not enough to win, candidates still had to make their case. Georgia, some got it right, and others did not.

Congressman-elect Austin Scott got it right. order to beat popular four-term Eighth District Democrat Congressman Jim Marshall, Scott had to understand one thing. Scott wanted to win, it could not be about him. fact, if Scott was to win, the election would not even be about Jim Marshall. The election had to be about Speaker Nancy Pelosi and no matter what happened during the campaign, he had to talk about Speaker Nancy Pelosi. That is no easy thing. Politicians find it difficult to talk about anything other than themselves, and even more difficult to stay focused on anything or anyone other than themselves. Scott stayed on track and he won.

Attorney General-elect Sam Olens, Insurance Commissioner-elect Ralph Hudgens, School Superintendent-elect John Barge, and Labor Commissioner-elect Mark Butler also got it right. win, each person had to figure out that their best chance for victory was to ride the ticket. Republican wave was crossing the nation, including Georgia, and the best strategy for a political wave is to grab a surfboard. This does involve some faith. the ticket goes down, then so do some of its candidates. With Senator Johnny Isakson at the top of the ticket, and a multitude of popular locally-elected Republicans at the bottom of the ticket, the risks were minimal at the statewide level. They won, and won comfortably.

Georgia Supreme Court Justice David Nahmias illustrated what happens when candidates who should simply ride the ticket, do not. Nahmias is a true conservative and if a political party designation was required in judicial races, he would be a Republican. was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue and is supported by Governor-elect Nathan Deal. If he had simply run his race as a Republican, then he would have undoubtedly joined the rest of the statewide Republican candidates and won his election without a runoff. did not, he ran a decidedly inclusive race, noting prominently both Democrats and Republicans who supported his election. than create consensus, it created voter confusion. a result, Justice Nahmias received less than 50% of the vote, and now faces a runoff election on November 30.

Former governor Roy Barnes made the same mistake that he made in 2002 when he ran for reelection. That time, Democrats still dominated Georgia and incumbent Governor Roy Barnes had all the advantages necessary for an easy win. Yet, he lost. The 2002 gubernatorial election became a referendum on Roy Barnes' first term. Most analysts agree that if he had spent some of his \$22 million war chest defining the 2002 gubernatorial election as a choice rather than a referendum, he might have fared better. He did not. It had to be about him and it was.

Fast forward to the 2010 gubernatorial election. Barnes stepped forward to avenge his 2002 loss. out of the box, following a brutal GOP run-off election between former Secretary of State Karen Handel and now Governor-elect Nathan Deal, Barnes came out swinging. unpleasant, it was good politics. came the moment when Georgia voters paused to consider the choices. This was the critical moment for Roy Barnes. The question was whether this was a new Roy Barnes or the same old Roy Barnes. When the advertisements and speeches started defending his first term and touting his job experience, the election was over. Georgians remembered, and said, "been there, done that." To overcome the wave of Red, voters needed a really good reason. Going back to the way things were did not fit that bill.

Just looking back through the election results, it now looks so easy. Big wins from the top of the ticket all the way to the post-election party switchers in the Georgia House of Representatives do not just happen. Certainly every GOP candidate deserves some credit. But, the biggest winner who was not on the ballot (but really was) was Governor Sonny Perdue. If he had not excelled as Georgia's governor, the road to victory would have been a lot longer and a much steeper climb. He made it a freeway.

Who Am I?

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After Election Day . . . The Long Road Ahead

By Herman Cain

CEO and President of THE New Voice, Inc.

Conservative Republican control of the House is step one. Taking control of the Senate is step two, regardless of whether we do it in 2010 or 2012. And step three is electing a conservative president in 2012. It will not be as easy as one-two-three, but it can be done and it must be done to take back our government.

This two-year hijacking of our government by an ultra-liberal president and Congress has put this country on a fast and dangerous path to socialism. It has been fast when you consider how fast the national debt has escalated while the economy has stalled. And even though we survived the financial meltdown of late 2008 and early 2009, we are still dangerously close to a double-dip recession. Even worse, a depression is possible depending upon the actions of the upcoming lame duck session of Congress.

The first priority for the newly elected Congress is to rebuild some credibility with the American people. The new political party in control must do what it said it would do, even if it does not ultimately become law. The people are tired of being lied to, deceived and ignored. Congress's approval rating is at an all-time low for those reasons.

The voters also want the spending and spending deception to stop in a dramatic way. A \$1 trillion stimulus bill has not stimulated the economy. It has created 198,000 new federal government jobs, while private sector jobs have decreased by more than 7 million since the end of 2007. The new Congress should do something dramatic, such as ending earmarks in proposed legislation, or refusing to allow any increases in federal budgets, except maybe national security spending and homeland security.

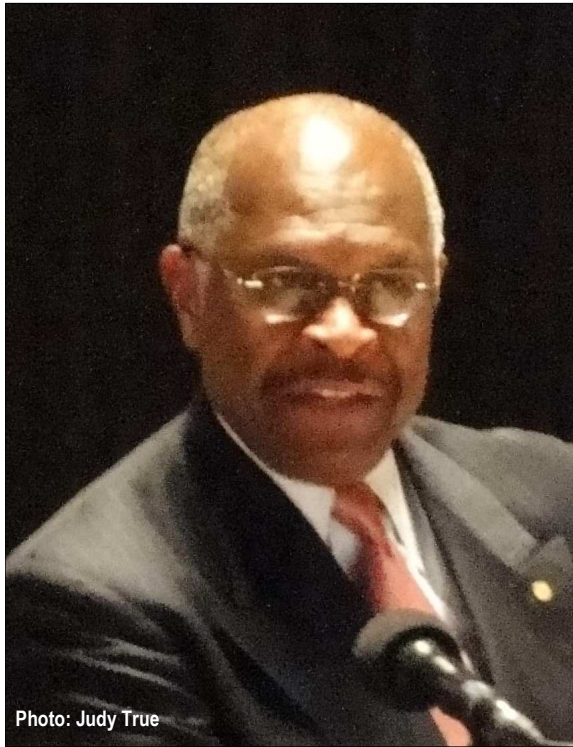


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Onerous new legislation and regulations have caused businesses to save their cash, if they have any, because of the massive uncertainty created by this administration and Congress. The new Congress should repeal, rollback and replace those policies that have brought this economy to a halt.

These suggestions are not new, and are small steps on the long road to recovery of our once energetic economy. Congress has got to establish some serious fiscal discipline, and we must reclaim our constitutional liberties. This can be accomplished, but only if we continue the move back to conservative leadership in Washington, D.C. And it's going to be tough every step of the way.

The likely results of November 2, 2010 are just the beginning of a long and challenging

journey. On November 3, the challenges become greater. Because winning elections is hard, but achieving results in Congress is even harder.

And just as the citizens' Tea Party movement has heavily impacted the midterm election results of 2010, the movement will also impact the results in Congress going forward. Contrary to the wishes of the liberals and the political elites in Washington, those "tea party people" are not going away. They are not going away because of the power and reach of the Internet, the pent-up frustration with the government's inability to truly solve anything of substance. The passion of the people has enabled and empowered a movement to take our government back.

It's a long road ahead, but the sleeping giant called "We the People" is not going back to sleep again.

Herman's Weekly Commentary. Oct. 31, 2010, (Reprinted with Permission of the author)

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The Beat Goes ON!

A strutting, high stepping drum major led his congressional band down a street Americans did not want to go! Arrogantly persisting in this wrong direction he has found emptying streets and a dwindling audience for his high twirling, high stepping routines.

A different music resonates across our land! A music with a louder beat—demanding to be heard. The repeating refrain is for a smaller, more accountable government. The beat will grow steadily louder if the drum major does not change direction and go down the streets Americans prefer.

The new Republican controlled House of Representatives has an opportunity to add a crescendo to the music if members are successful in implementing what



John Boehner proposes:

- No earmarks.
- Let Americans read bills before they are brought to a vote.
- No more “comprehensive” bills.
- No more bills written behind closed doors.

“The American people deserve a majority in Congress that listens to the people, focuses on their priorities and honors their demands for smaller, more accountable government.” (Boehner, 2010)

Since 2006 the Washington congressional parade has had too much brass and not enough drum!

Remember the song and Boehner’s proposals.

The beat goes on!

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Editor

Probable 2010 GOP Nominees

A recent *Human Events* issue (November 1, 2010) predicted the top ten most probably 2012 GOP Presidential Nominees. John Gizzi noted “It appears as though the 2012 Republican presidential contest right now boils down to the following ten contenders, listed in alphabetical order . . .”

1. Haley Barbour, Governor of Mississippi
2. Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey
3. Mitch Daniels, Governor of Indiana
4. Jim DeMint, US Senator from South Carolina
5. Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the House of Representatives
6. Mike Huckabee, former Governor of Arkansas
7. Sarah Palin, former Governor of Alaska
8. Tim Pawlenty, Governor of Minnesota
9. Mike Pence, Indiana lawmaker and chairman of the House Republican Conference
10. Mitt Romney, former Governor of Massachusetts

By Mary Van Brink

Ronald Reagan - A Rendezvous With Destiny

As we all know, America needs an infusion of patriotism and common sense among our elected officials, and who better to look back to than good old Ronald Reagan. Someone sent a link to me for a speech Reagan gave on October 27, 1964 (www.reagan.utexas.edu/archives/reference/timechoosing.html) during the Goldwater campaign, and after reading it, I realized that we're going through much of the same nonsense as we were going through then. It is disturbing that society has changed in so many ways, yet it remains the same or has worsened in other areas. I've picked excerpts from Reagan's "A Time for Choosing" speech, and I want you to think about how the situations compare with today.

Taxes and Debt Ceiling – "No nation in history has ever survived a tax burden that reached a third of its national income. Today, 37 cents out of every dollar earned in this country is the tax collector's share, and yet our government continues to spend 17 million dollars a day more than the government takes in. We haven't balanced our budget 28 out of the last 34 years. We've raised our debt limit three times in the last twelve months, and now our national debt is one and a half times bigger than all the combined debts of all the nations of the world. We have 15 billion dollars in gold in our treasury; we don't own an ounce. Foreign dollar claims are 27.3 billion dollars. And we've just had announced that the dollar of 1939 will now purchase 45 cents in its total value." *Thought: The current debt ceiling for the United States is over \$14,000,000,000,000 (that's trillion). According to Glenn Beck, the total worldwide debt is about 39 trillion. China owns approximately 12% of our debt.*

War – "As for the peace that we would preserve, I wonder who among us would like to approach the wife or mother whose husband or son has died in South Vietnam and ask them if they think this is a peace that should be maintained indefinitely. Do they mean peace, or do they mean we just want to be left in peace? There can be no real peace while one American is dying some place in the world for the rest of us. We're at war with the most dangerous enemy that has ever faced mankind in his long climb from the swamp to the stars, and it's been said if we lose that war, and in so doing lose this way of freedom of ours, history will record with the greatest astonishment that those who had the most to lose did the least to prevent its happening. Well I think it's time we ask ourselves if we still know the freedoms that were intended for us by the Founding Fathers." *Thought: Is the current fighting in Afghanistan any different than fighting in Southeast Asia?*

Immigration – "Not too long ago, two friends of mine were talking to a Cuban refugee, a businessman who had escaped from Cas-



Photo: Courtesy of the Ronald Reagan Library

tro, and in the midst of his story one of my friends turned to the other and said, 'We don't know how lucky we are.' And the Cuban stopped and said, 'How lucky you are? I had someplace to escape to.' And in that sentence he told us the entire story. If we lose freedom here, there's no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth." *Thought: We have a legal system to assimilate people from around the world. Immigrants who enter the United States with the intention of staying here through any other means than legally are here illegally and should be made to leave without voting, being educated in our schools, receiving healthcare, nor receiving food stamps and other welfare benefits.*

We the People – "And this idea that government is beholden to the people, that it has no other source of power except the sovereign people, is still the newest and the most unique idea in all the long history of man's relation to man. This is the issue of this election: Whether we believe in our capacity for self-government or whether we abandon the American revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite in a far-distant capitol can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them ourselves." *Thought: And that is why the Tea Party Movement is so powerful; it has reawakened the sleeping giant.*

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Socialism – “You and I are told increasingly we have to choose between a left or right. Well I'd like to suggest there is no such thing as a left or right. There's only an up or down—[up] man's old—old-aged dream, the ultimate in individual freedom consistent with law and order, or down to the ant heap of totalitarianism. And regardless of their sincerity, their humanitarian motives, those who would trade our freedom for security have embarked on this downward course.”

Thought: *The Progressives have been on a slow march toward Socialism for over 100 years and they must be stopped. Socialism sounds nice, but has never worked and will never work.*

Free Market Capitalism – “Well, I, for one, resent it when a representative of the people refers to you and me, the free men and women of this country, as ‘the masses.’ This is a term we haven't applied to ourselves in America. But beyond that, ‘the full power of centralized government’—this was the very thing the Founding Fathers sought to minimize. They knew that governments don't control things. A government can't control the economy without controlling people. And they know when a government sets out to do that, it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose. They also knew, those Founding Fathers, that outside of its legitimate functions, government does nothing as well or as economically as the private sector of the economy.” **Thought:** *Isn't it interesting that the federal government has its fingers in the private sector: Automotive Industry, Mortgage Industry, Banking Industry...and now the Progressives want to control the Healthcare Industry?*

Entitlements – “We have so many people who can't see a fat man standing beside a thin one without coming to the conclusion the fat man got that way by taking advantage of the thin one. So they're going to solve all the problems of human misery through government and government planning. Well, now, if government planning and welfare had the answer—and they've had almost 30 years of it—shouldn't we expect government to read the score to us once in a while? Shouldn't they be telling us about the decline each year in the number of people needing help? The reduction in the need for public housing? But the reverse is true. Each year the need grows greater; the program grows greater. We were told four years ago that 17 million people went to bed hungry each night. Well that was probably true. They were all on a diet. But now we're told that 9.3 million families in this country are poverty-stricken on the basis of earning less than 3,000 dollars a year. Welfare spending [is] 10 times greater than in the dark depths of the Depression. We're spending 45 billion dollars on welfare. Now do a little arithmetic, and you'll find that if we divided the 45 billion dollars up equally among those 9 million poor families, we'd be able to give each family 4,600 dollars a year. And this added to their present income should eliminate poverty. Direct aid to the poor, however, is only running about 600 dollars per family. It would seem that someplace there must be some overhead.” **Thought:** *The percentage of people in the United States who don't pay any federal income taxes is about 47%. If the percentage goes over 50%, what is the motivation for people to support changing the existing tax laws to require everyone to pay an equitable amount of taxes?*

Class Warfare – “Yet anytime you and I question the schemes of the do-gooders, we're denounced as being against their humanitarian goals. They say we're always ‘against’ things—we're

never ‘for’ anything.” **Thought:** *Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals includes the concept of using class warfare to pit the Progressives against the Conservatives to advance their socialist agenda.*

Well, the trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so.” — Ronald Reagan

Social Security – “Now—we're for a provision that destitution should not follow unemployment by reason of old age, and to that end we've accepted Social Security as a step toward meeting the problem. But we're against those entrusted with this program when they practice deception regarding its fiscal shortcomings, when they charge that any criticism of the program means that we want to end payments to those people who depend on them for a livelihood. They've called it ‘insurance’ to us in a hundred million pieces of literature. But then they appeared before the Supreme Court and they testified it was a welfare program. They only use the term ‘insurance’ to sell it to the people. And they said Social Security dues are a tax for the general use of the government, and the government has used that tax. There is no fund, because Robert Byers, the actuarial head, appeared before a congressional committee and admitted that Social Security as of this moment is 298 billion dollars in the hole. But he said there should be no cause for worry because as long as they have the power to tax, they could always take away from the people whatever they needed to bail them out of trouble. And they're doing just that.” **Thought:** *The average person blows through what they've save in Social Security in less than 2-1/2 years, meaning that a person who lives to age 85 is on the public dole for about an additional 17 years without putting anything else into the program. We cannot sustain an entitlement program that pays for everyone from the legal retirement age to death. It is too big a burden for us and future generations to bear.*

Retirement Accounts – “At the same time, can't we introduce voluntary features that would permit a citizen who can do better on his own to be excused upon presentation of evidence that he had made provision for the non-earning years? Should we not allow a widow with children to work, and not lose the benefits supposedly paid for by her deceased husband? Shouldn't you and I be allowed to declare who our beneficiaries will be under this program, which we cannot do? I think we're for telling our senior citizens that no one in this country should be denied medical care because of a lack of funds. But I think compulsory government program, especially when we have such examples, as was announced last week, when France admitted that their Medicare program is now bankrupt. They've come to the end of the road.” **Thought:** *Personal retirement accounts based on index funds would be a reasonable method for each American to take personal accountability for maintaining themselves financially in old age.*

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Terrorism – “Those who would trade our freedom for the soup kitchen of the welfare state have told us they have a utopian solution of peace without victory. They call their policy ‘accommodation.’ And they say if we’ll only avoid any direct confrontation with the enemy, he’ll forget his evil ways and learn to love us. All who oppose them are indicted as warmongers. They say we offer simple answers to complex problems. Well, perhaps there is a simple answer—not an easy answer—but simple: If you and I have the courage to tell our elected officials that we want our national policy based on what we know in our hearts is morally right. Alexander Hamilton said, ‘A nation which can prefer disgrace to danger is prepared for a master, and deserves one.’ Now let’s set the record straight. There’s no argument over the choice between peace and war, but there’s only one guaranteed way you can have peace—and you can have it in the next second—surrender. Admittedly, there’s a risk in any course we follow other than this, but every lesson of history tells us that the greater risk lies in appeasement, and this is the specter our well-meaning liberal friends refuse to face—that their policy of accommodation is appeasement, and it gives no choice between peace and war, only between fight or surrender. If we continue to accommodate, continue to back and retreat, eventually we have to face the final demand—the ultimatum....someday when the time comes to deliver the final ultimatum, our surrender will be voluntary, because by that time we will have been weakened from within spiritually, morally, and economically.” *Thought: We must be willing and able to engage our enemies: Iran, North Korea, and the relentless Al-Qaeda Jihadists.*

“You and I know and do not believe that life is so dear and peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery. You and I have a rendezvous with destiny.”
— Ronald Reagan

Freedom – “We’ll preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we’ll sentence them to take the last step into a thousand years of darkness. You and I have the ability and the dignity and the right to make our own decisions and determine our own destiny.” *Thought: And I bet that Ronnie did his speech without a teleprompter. God Bless America!*

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Leadership Isn’t About the Title on Your Business Card

“Just because you possess a title doesn’t mean that you will obtain the respect of those around you. True leaders gather a following through vision, determination, wisdom, expertise, compassion, and integrity. If you find that people don’t respect you, take a close look at each of these attributes to see what you could be lacking.” (Colin Powell)

It’s easy to find faults in others, especially those you manage. But a true leader is willing to look in the mirror and deal honestly with who he or she really is. In fact, the best leaders are able to be brutally honest in identifying their own weaknesses, and then work to transform those into strengths.

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Leadership Promotion

Finding Leaders for a State Federation

By Becky Johnson
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As with any organization, good qualified leadership is of the upmost importance. With good leadership a federation will have active and involved members. We must remember our Leaders are only as good as the team with whom they surround themselves. Our State Federations have a wealth of leaders and potential leaders available. It only takes a small amount of searching to find these qualified ladies.

Places to search for potential members and leaders are as vast as your imagination. Please keep in mind that our members must be registered Republicans. Some of the places to look are your network of friends and business contacts, other organizations, your church, and certainly the other political organizations in your State. Also check with your Club Presidents. They know their members and know who will step up to the plate when there is a need. Another great source for advice and contacts are past officers of your State Federation. They have been there and done that. They have a complete Rolodex of contacts and ideas; please don't forget them.

Once you have chosen your leadership team be sure to have guidelines for them. Guidelines are an important tool for achieving the goals for your term and a great learning mechanism for future officers. We (the KsFRW) have a great set of manuals we pass from one Executive Board to the next so the wheel never has to be reinvented.

I have had the opportunity to be a member of the Kansas Federation of Republican Women since 1985 – that is now 25 years. What a great 25 years it has been. The friends and leaders I have had an opportunity to meet would not be possible without having been a part of our Federation. In those 25 years I have had the occasion to learn from many wonderful ladies the importance of being a “good leader” and have had the good fortune to follow their lead. Some of the guidelines I try to follow are:

1. Always bring a smile and a welcome hello to everyone who attends the meeting.
2. “Be prepared” is more than just the Boy Scout motto. Being prepared for your meeting is so important. Have your notes in one specific place, for me it is a binder. It gives you a chance to visit with your members when you don't have to worry about where this note is

and that correspondence. Prepare a script to follow and share with your Secretary. This will make her (the Secretary's) job easier when it comes to preparing the minutes of the meeting.

3. Know your location and surroundings if possible. That way you can help if someone needs directions. If you are a guest, be sure to have a good map and your host's contact information. There are lots of websites that can provide step by step, turn by turn directions and you have them with the ease of a printer.

Leadership can also be a difficult job. There will be times when you have to make unpleasant decisions for the best of your members, Club or State Federation. Be sure to know your bylaws and have a working relationship with your Parliamentarian. You are ultimately responsible to see that all reports required by our National Federation are completed and sent in on time. Make sure your Club Presidents know of the various committees and awards the National Federation has available to the Clubs. Offer help as clubs prepare these forms. We include these forms and information in the manuals I spoke of earlier – again we don't need to reinvent our wheel.

Yes, there are a lot of hats for a Leader to wear in our Federation, but the rewards outweigh any of the concerns one might have. I hope being a leader in your, Club, District, State Federation or the National Federation is in your future. I know you have a lot to give and we will be better for your involvement.



Who Am I?

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“Leadership is hard to define. You know when you are around it. You know when you see it. We love a Leader! I've learned that it is what you do to yourself, not what you do to others.”

T. Boone Pickens, 2003

Leadership Promotion Find the Superstars!

By Judy True
Editor of VOICES

November 1st my husband and I attended the highly publicized "Get Motivated Seminars" at the Gold Dome in Atlanta. From the team of speakers, I was most interested in what Colin Powell, Rudy Giuliani, Lou Holtz, and Rick Belluzo had to say about leadership development. Another perk from the event was the *Get Motivated Workbook* – a magazine collection of leadership articles containing promising ideas applicable for federation leaders.

Since many clubs are now organizing for the coming year, one article in particular resonated with me. The item addressed the problem businesses have in finding and hiring phenomenal employees. (*Hire the BEST!* by the staff of the Get Motivated Seminars) Non-profit organizations have the same problem. And Republican leaders in state federations have the same problem. *How do we find ex-*

perienced, willing women to take on leadership roles in our organization? How do we find the best? Where do we look?

Leaders are only as strong as the teams they assemble! So the objective must be to form teams of superstars from inside and outside of the organization.

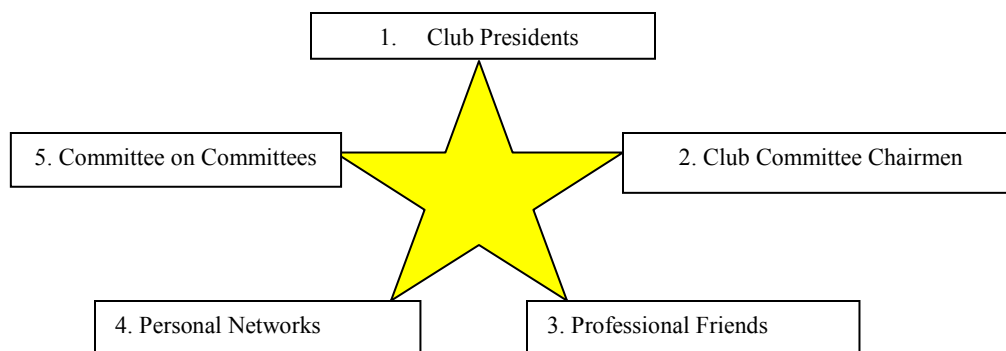
Take a lesson from the National Rifle Association. NRA expends a significant amount of time and resources recruiting and mobilizing volunteers. The term they like to use to determine where best to target their recruitment efforts is "natural resources" or "to hunt where the ducks are." They look at their natural resources such as gun shops, shooting ranges and the like. In other words - they target their efforts where they are apt to find an existing base of volunteers or potential leaders.

What are the natural resources for a state federation? Typically, state leaders look to the federated clubs throughout the state. But let's not forget business and professional groups; schools, colleges and universities; churches and the like. And – do not forget the "personal contacts" of every board member.

Recruiting potential leaders doesn't end with simply signing them up; we must tap into *their* network of contacts, transforming each individual leader into an active recruiter. Every officer, every committee chairman, and every committee member is - a recruiter. Make husbands, family, and friends part of the recruitment plan. For example, I owe my involvement in the Georgia Federation to the encouragement and insistence of my husband.

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Sources of Women for Leadership Roles in the State Federation



The most obvious source of experienced leaders for the state organization will be **local clubs**. Watch each new class of **club presidents** coming on to the state board. Determine their interests, explore their experiences and talents. Don't let them get away when their term as club president is over. Quickly assign them to state committees that will reflect and draw on their interests and skills.

Ask club presidents to recommend their strong **club committee chairmen** who may be interested in participating in or chairing a similar committee at state level. Draft a checklist of the requirements or needs for members of each committee and distribute the lists to club presidents. The lists will help them identify candidates from their membership ranks back home.

Share the checklist of requirements with your **professional friends** (i.e. realtors, teachers, business women etc.) for recommendations of coworkers and retirees in their field who have skills that will transfer readily to federation work.

Encourage board members to draw names of potential leaders from their **personal networks**. Ask each board member and executive committee member to identify and help recruit potential leaders among individuals your federation may not have immediate access to – for example: family members, friends, retirees, Christmas card recipients, alumni associations, church groups, professional associations, college classmates. . . .

Form a **Committee on Committees**, or “hiring team,” to handle the selection process for committees. In most clubs the president is responsible for making assignments to committees. This “one person show” works well for small local clubs. However, for larger clubs and for state organizations where large numbers of members are involved – the organization may entrust the selection process to a Committee on Committees. Whenever possible, involve the Immediate Past President and a retiring committee chairman or two. They will be most familiar with the attributes desired for members of a particular committee.

The current President should provide input, and the board or executive committee will approve or adopt the committee assignments. A Committee on Committees not only helps in the selection process but also becomes a clearing house for revision and updating committee charges to go through the approval/adoption process. Such legwork done by a committee will save an enormous amount of time and will enable the president and executive committee to focus on other issues and initiatives.

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Developing New Republican Leaders at the Local Level

By Clint Smith, Chairman, Dawson County Republican Party

In 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published the political pamphlet 'Common Sense' which presented the American colonists with a convincing argument for independence from British rule. His sincere appeal struck a chord with the colonists. In the first year alone, over 500,000 copies were sold and the revolution had momentum.

Thomas Paine is a good example of a modest and generally unknown individual who recognized a need, indeed a duty, to step forward and make an impact. How many potential 'Thomas Paines' do you have in your local communities? As long time Republican activists, it is our responsibility to identify new activists and groom and mentor them into Party leaders.

In the recent past, more and more adults expressed distaste and a complete lack of interest in government and politics because of the unethical and immoral behavior of some elected officials. This repudiation has very significant consequences. If honest, informed citizens choose to distance themselves from the political process, the consequences will perpetuate the following:

1. A smaller pool of informed, educated voters will cast ballots, thereby leaving a greater proportion of voters who make decisions based upon name recognition and other weak reasons. Unethical incumbents can return to office on Election Day.
2. Good, solid citizens who would be ideal candidates eliminate themselves from consideration.

Both major political parties are burdened by incumbents who have been an embarrassment

because of their personal behavior and/or performance in office. The solution is accountability.

The more scrutiny and analysis of candidates and incumbents, the greater likelihood that elected officials will not go astray. The Republican Party is the most realistic vehicle to put the 'heat' of accountability on elected officials through activist citizens engaged in our infrastructure.

Veteran Republican grassroots activists understand that the stakes are high. We have worked years in support of conservative principles. We know that the aforementioned trend of apathy has changed and citizen focus is probably at its highest level in many generations. The radical Obama agenda has stirred emotions, frightened folks and otherwise served as a wake up call to many people who will demand ethical and accountable representation from officials at all levels of government. The groundswell of citizen activism underway in 2010 can best be channeled by local GOP leaders who are determined to steer our federal leaders in the direction that is best for our state and nation.

As a political apparatus, the GOP allows for the average man and woman to become active and take on leadership positions within the Party. These grassroots Republican activists have an opportunity to be at the cutting edge of modern communication technology through blogs and websites that keep citizens informed about their government.

Local leaders can be identified in several ways. By nature, they care about the community. Therefore, many of them will

join civic organizations such as the Kiwanis, the Lions, and Rotary Clubs. Usually, they are active in a local church and serve the Lord in a significant way. People of faith have an edge. A good leader must keep cheerful when criticized and must be able to keep his spirits up when things go badly.

The GOP must be cognizant of recruiting the young adult. A sure recipe for collapse of any organization is a wide generational divide. When older members retire or pass away, there should be no drop off in leadership. The administrative infrastructure of the Party will not suffer if a strong base of young activists has been fully integrated into Party activities.

Many schools have College Republican chapters. Outreach to this group is fundamentally important. Look for meaningful ways to incorporate the goals of the CRs with the goals of the senior Republican Party. It will probably come as no surprise that many of the CRs have already volunteered for campaigns of GOP candidates. College Republicans have a good reputation when it comes to physical work on campaigns. They rank a close second to Republican women when ranking demographic groups by actual, tangible work for Republican goals. They place yard signs, make phone calls, and volunteer at events. Keep them engaged in the non-election years by having them speak at regular Party functions and solicit their involvement in the planning and organizing of significant events such as precinct mass meetings and county conventions.

The bond that comes from military service cuts across generational lines. Many of our

long time GOP stalwarts are veterans. They are uniquely qualified to reach out to current members of the military – Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, - and invite them to Republican functions. They will most assuredly receive a hearty welcome. And we know that they are natural leaders.

The following list offers suggestions for engaging emerging leaders in the local Republican Party:

1. Give emerging leaders an opportunity to preside over a monthly meeting.
2. Ask them to keep the website updated for a month or two.
3. Assign the person the responsibility of writing a column in the local newspaper.
4. By all means, insure that the person is elected as a delegate to the District and State Conventions.



Who Am I?

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Grassroots Politics

By Ginger Howard

October. The first weekend in October we had our Georgia Federation of Republican Women's fall board meeting in Macon, GA. Saturday, we had a bus tour scheduled for our GFRW women and Austin Scott, candidate for the 8th District US Congressional seat and Sam Olens, GA candidate for Attorney General. US Senator Johnny Isakson met us in Warner Robins at one stop. Austin, his wife Vivian, and mom rode the bus with us throughout the day.

We boarded the bus at 7:30 A.M. at the Marriott (Hotel) in Macon. It was a perfect American morning that made you proud and glad you woke up at 6:00 A.M. to go all around middle Georgia.

I want you to get a visual picture of the women dressed in all their Republican red and elephant accessories. Several had on red baseball caps that said, "Fire Pelosi." Everyone had on various candidates' stickers. A range of ages were represented. Women from all over the state were ready to stomp the ground for our Republican candidates. I had on my red elephant blouse and red elephant shoes.

As the chaplain of the GFRW, I led us in prayer before we took off. We then recited the Pledge . . . and we were on our way. The organizers handed out goodybags of treats to all attendees on the bus. There were door prizes presented throughout the day. (I think everyone won a prize.)

Our first stop was in Warner Robins at the GOP headquarters. Our rally was held outside under a huge flag. It was cool, and the sun was shining—what a beautiful day! People were waiting for us when we arrived. We sang the Star Spangled Banner and offered a prayer. Austin, Sam and several local candidates spoke.



Photos: John Delves and Judy True

We had a police escort as we traveled to several small towns in the District. Austin did very well and I believe he will unseat Jim Marshall. (Scott won the November election against Marshall and was later elected president of the Freshman Congressional Class In Washington D.C.) One of Austin's campaign tools is his authentic way of grassroots campaigning. We stopped in one town (population 287) and the mayor came to the rally in a golf cart. (This is just one of the things that made me smile today.) Austin is out there trying to get every vote. He talks with the people about what matters most to them and right now it is their wallets. He repeated all day about the way Congress is increasing our debt, and we must send commonsense people to Washington to stop this madness.

The bus stopped for lunch in Hawkinsville at a typical middle Georgia restaurant. Service was buffet style, and of course fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and sweet tea.

Austin stood on the back of a pick up truck with yard signs to speak to the crowd. Young children came with their parents to hear him speak.

At our next stop, we were treated to strawberry shortcake in a restaurant in Haynesville. Three women were having lunch, and one of our members went over and asked them if they were Republicans. They replied, "No." She asked them to listen to what Austin had to say. During his talk, they were nodding their heads and clapping. Our member later asked them if they had changed their minds. (The jury is still out, but I would guess that they will at least think about it before they vote.)

Our day ended at the Macon GOP headquarters where they reported they had made 24,000 phone calls for Austin. That is what real grassroots politics is all about. It is getting out there and shaking hands, making the calls, eating fried chicken, and just being with the folks. People like to know that you are "real." They usually give you the benefit of the doubt if you are just honest with them. Americans are hungry for authentic leadership. They don't expect you to be perfect or to have all the answers. They just want you to be *real*. That day I was blessed to be with real leaders: Austin Scott, Sam Olens, and Johnny Isakson . . . and all those precious women who pour their hearts and souls into electing conservative candidates!

We were all exhausted! Our feet were hurting and our cheeks were too—from smiling for some many pictures. But we all went to bed with a sense of accomplishment—knowing we had done our part . . . at least for *that* day!

The Caravan for this grassroots effort was the work of the GFRW Campaign Activities Committee chaired by Babe Atkins-Byrne. Committee members include: Holly Comer; Vivian Childs, Barbara Hickey, Millie Rogers, Varie Rustin, and Rose Wing. Congratulations to this team for another successful caravan.

Who Am I?

Ginger Howard is Chaplain of GFRW and owner of Ginger Howard Selections of Buckhead.



GFRW Constitution Day and Liberty Day

By Millie Rogers
Immediate Past President of GFRW

On September 16, 2010, the Georgia Federation of Republican Women gathered on the steps of the State Capitol in Atlanta to kickoff Constitution Day. Our keynote speaker, Speaker Pro Tem Jan Jones of the State House of Representatives, gave a fabulous speech in recognition of Constitution Day and State Representative Judy Manning presented the Federation a Resolution from Speaker of the State House David Ralston acknowledging our efforts at educating children about the Constitution. Other speakers included Tim Echols, candidate for Public Service Commission, Mike Crane, 13th Congressional District candidate, Representative State Representative Charlice Byrd, Virginia Galloway, Americans for Prosperity, Debbie Ellis Dooley, National Coordinator of the Tea Party Patriots and GFRW club presidents. Also joining us was a group of home-schooled students and Georgia Tech students. We were thrilled to see a big Constitution Day banner in front of the Georgia State University Campus. Mindie Glidewell's children held up a large parchment copy of the Constitution and passed out copies of Federal Constitution booklets. Posters and Constitution Day fliers were on display.

The Georgia Federation of Republican Women's Americanism Committee coordinated and worked in conjunction with Liberty Day, a non-profit national organization in Colorado, to sponsor Constitution Day in Georgia on September 17, 2010. Thirteen Republican Women's Clubs throughout Georgia participated in the project. Almost 7,000 U.S. Constitution booklets were distributed to 5th grade students across Georgia on Constitution Day. The booklets were also distributed to a charter school and one high school.

Schools held various programs to celebrate Constitution Day. In Dekalb County a Charter School held an assembly and invited an

attorney to speak on the Constitution. In other schools, people read to students. School principals embraced the project and teachers were very happy with our involvement and the training materials we provided to them.



We were so very pleased with our first attempt to read and give children their own personal copy of the Constitution along with flash cards. We commend the clubs and members for their efforts to bring attention to the United States Constitution and for encouraging everyone to read and learn about the freedoms embraced in this historic document.

Clubs purchased the Liberty Day Constitution booklets by raising money through private sources, fundraising activities and applying for grants. Clubs participating in the Constitution Day project were Bartow County RWC, President, Mindie Glidewell; Cherokee County RWC, President, Lori Pesta; Cobb County RWC, President Barbara Hickey; Cobb Regional RW, President Dee Gay; Greater Columbia County RW, President, Linda Parnell; Central Dekalb County RWC, President Cheryl Swartz; District Director Sarah Looper and Ullainee Stokes; Central Dekalb County RWC, President, Tammy Johnson; Fayette County RWC, President, Grace Caldwell; Houston County RWC, President, Vivian Childs; Lowndes County RW, President, Barbara Schmader; Muscogee County RW, President, Donna Wiecezorek; Coweta County RW, President, Jeanne Billa and Chris Owen; and Paulding County RW, President, Nancy Hollingshed.

We hope to double our numbers in 2011. Thank you for your support. Everyone did a phenomenal job.



Obstacles and Determination

"Obstacles appear in our path every day. We may face opposition, uncharted territory, discouragement, pain, or fear of failure. At each obstacle, we're forced to choose. Will I let the obstacle stop me? Or will I grit my teeth and dig a new path around it? Each time we dig in our heels and get the job done, we make progress." (Rudy Giuliani)

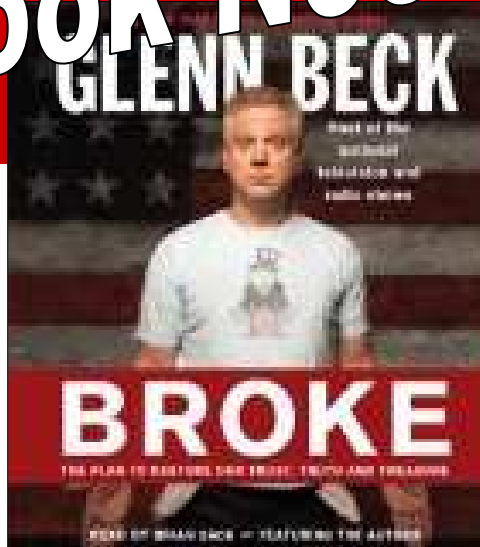
How do you respond to your obstacles? Don't let the obstacles win. You can accomplish those things you have seen in your mind. It will probably take hard work and determination, but don't ever give up.

(Source: Get Motivate Business Seminars, e-message, Nov. 14, 2010)

The Book Nook

By J.D. Van Brink,
Columnist

Introduction – Glenn Beck has authored six New York Times best-selling books. Also, he hosts The Glenn Beck Program, the nation's 3rd ranked radio talk show (9 million listeners per week day), and hosts his own television show on the Fox News Channel (2 to 3 million viewers per week night). Beck's latest book, Broke: The Plan to Restore Our Trust, Truth, and Treasure, is not just sobering, it is Alcoholics Anonymous on steroids. The title refers to both the economic and moral condition of our republic. The book's three parts take the reader through the history of our nation's debt, the current economic conditions and obstacles, and a plan for restoring fiscal sanity by using the framework our founders bequeathed to us for solving all our problems – the Constitution.



History – The book begins with a brief and enlightening discussion of Greek, Roman, and Spanish economic history, illustrating the key stages of their ascension and decline. America's founders had studied this history and, with inspiration from Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations, believed that wealth, thrift, and frugality were synonymous with freedom. While our republic began with a huge war debt in the form of variously-denominated government bonds, and loans from France (\$5.9 million) and the Netherlands (\$2 million), the founders immediately enacted a plan to drastically reduce the debt, but not eliminate it. The founders believed that all government debt should be accompanied by a plan for repayment, and that there were only two justifications for debt – war, and assisting trade and commerce. Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase, made possible by the nation's good credit rating, added expansion as a third justification. It is notable that a 1792 land speculation panic (sound familiar?) was dealt with by ensuring that people with good credit got loans, by paying off bonds in the open market, and by easing up on collecting debts owed to the government. There were no bailouts, and no one was too big to fail.

The War of 1812 pushed the national debt to a high mark of \$127 million, but by 1834, during Andrew Jackson's presidency, the national debt was completely retired, which is the only time this has been accomplished in American history.

By 1865, the enormous cost of the Civil War had increased the national debt to a new high of \$2.8 billion. The war had been financed mainly by selling war bonds to bankers and citizens, by enacting the nation's first (and modest by future standards) income tax, and by issuing paper currency, called greenbacks due to the ink's color. In 1867, the purchase of Alaska added another \$7.2

million to the debt, but the country stayed on a course to pay off the debt by running surpluses for 28 straight years, and by 1900 the debt was almost paid off. But by 1919, under progressive president Thomas Woodrow Wilson, the cost of World War I had jacked up the debt to \$27.4 billion. The 16th amendment, ratified in 1913, had given Wilson an income tax to use during the war, and by 1918 the top rate was 77%. However, the higher tax rates did not result in higher tax revenues, prompting Will Rogers to say, "The income tax has made more

liars out of the American people than golf has." The backlash against Wilson's progressive policies of wealth redistribution resulted in Republican Warren Gamaliel Harding being elected to the presidency in 1920.

By 1930, mostly due to the efforts of Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon's and president John Calvin Coolidge's tax reduction policy, the debt was reduced to \$16 billion. Next, progressive presidents Herbert Clark Hoover and Franklin Delano Roosevelt raised both taxes (top rate of 93%) and the national debt to unprecedented levels during the Great Depression, culminating in a \$40.4 billion debt by 1939. Also, Social Security was passed into law in 1935. Ida May Fuller was the first person to receive regular monthly Social Security benefits in 1938. She had paid in a total of \$24.75 in three years and, after dying in 1975 at the age of 100, had collected total payments of \$22,888.92.

After World War II, in 2009 dollars, the debt had skyrocketed to \$3 trillion. Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight David Eisenhower both worked to reduce the debt during the 1940s and 1950s. The next significant jump in debt came with president Lyndon Baines Johnson's Great Society (including Medicare in 1965 and welfare in 1966), adding \$305.7 billion to the debt. Also, the Vietnam War was costing \$61 billion per year by 1969. President Richard Milhous Nixon nearly tripled anti-poverty spending, and added mountains of regulations. Over the next several years, the debt continued to rise in a bi-partisan fashion, mainly due to increased domestic spending (Medicare Part D in 2003) and military spending (ending the Cold War, the first Gulf War, and the War on Terror), government bailouts of several industries, and tax and regulation policies that stifled economic growth. Beck points out that, due to intra-governmental federal debt, even the so-called surplus in the late 1990s was a sham because, while the annual budgets were considered to be in surplus, the total national debt still rose each year.

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The Book Nook—continued

The Economic State of the Union – The national debt today is an incredible \$13.1 trillion, comprised of a public debt of \$8.6 trillion and an intra-governmental debt of \$4.5 trillion, and the total U.S. debt is \$64.2 trillion over the next 75 years. The federal budget is 60% mandatory and 40% discretionary, with many programs on autopilot. Since 1970, federal spending is up 242% while the median household income is up only 29%. In 1960, the worker-to-retiree ratio was 5 to 1. Today, it is 3 to 1, and in 2030, it will be 2 to 1. Since 1976, Congress has met its annual deadline for creating a budget only six times. State debt is also at an all-time high, up 138% since 1990. The federal legislative and executive branches use tricks to increase spending and try to hide how bad the situation really is. Some of these tricks include using mixed accounting rules, considering some expenses to be off-budget, waiving or circumventing PAYGO, declaring spending an emergency, calendar shifting, using the magic asterisk (really), counting revenues early and phasing in expenses over time, and using the Washington Monument ploy (yes, really). While Beck lays some of the blame on lobbyists (he claims the term originated in a lobby in the British House of Commons, not from Ulysses S. Grant and the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C.), he also acknowledges that some lobbying groups, such as the Tea Party movement, may play a role in solving our problems. Congress first required lobbyists to register in 1876, and greater disclosures were required in 1946.

Beck's Plan – Beck begins with a philosophical discussion of rights, which should be natural and individual, and of equality, which should be under the law and of opportunity. Next, he discusses the need to restore God and faith in our lives, and the necessity of decentralizing decision-making. He proposes three Constitutional amendments (Balanced Budget, Congressional Term Limits, and Line Item Veto), restoring the presidential impoundment authority, specific lobbyist reform, requiring a formal declaration of war, sensible and fair Congressional redistricting, limiting how often Congress meets, cutting federal employee pay and benefits, eliminating the Departments of Energy and Education, shifting responsibilities to the states, privatizing government responsibili-

ties, eliminating ineffective programs, and reforming Medicare, Medicaid, and military spending. Conceptually, Beck supports the Steve Forbes flat rate income tax plan, and would support the Fair Tax only if the 16th amendment is repealed.

Conclusion – This book is by far Beck's most ambitious to date. The history alone could stand on its own, and the quotations throughout the book are both prescient and thought provoking ("Government is the great fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else." – Frederic Bastiat). My only complaint is that the type is rather small, which forced me at times to use a magnifying glass. Beck's main point is that an American decline is not inevitable, and we have it within our power to change course and be free and prosperous once more, if only we follow the Constitution. To quote Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German who was executed by the Nazis for warning about Hitler, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

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2010 By The Numbers



... The numbers are really impressive. Chair Sue Everhart's Georgia Republican Party coordinated 700,000 volunteer phone calls, distributed 100,000 yard signs and 300,000 door hangers, sent 103 mail pieces, made 34 television buys, trained 250 activist leaders, and visited 25 cities as part of the Real Jobs for Georgia Bus Tour. To make all of that happen, Sue Everhart and her finance team raised millions of dollars. ... Georgia Republicans should thank their lucky stars for the Chair that they have.

(Randy Evans column No. 1044, 11/24/10)

Aggressively Seek New Members !

By Sheila Galbreath, Chairman: GFRW Membership

For those thinking about settling down for a long winter's nap, forget about it. This year the NFRW convention will be held September 29 to October 2, 2011 in Kansas City, Missouri and GFRW wants to send as many women as possible to the convention as delegates which means that we need to aggressively make sure that our current members renew and continually seek to increase our membership since the delegate count is based on membership.



Handy tips to increase your membership and to retain members.

1. **Warm and welcoming attitude:** A warm and welcoming club president can translate into a warm and welcoming club. Your club president needs to take a pro-active approach in meeting and greeting potentially new members. Introduce yourself, take an interest in them, and introduce them to other members.
2. **Everything is a "media event":** Take pictures at all your events— and put them into your local newspapers. Newspapers, especially weeklies, are always looking for items of local interest. This is especially true in some of the more rural areas where smaller clubs have been formed.
3. **Know your members:** Make sure your club president, including the Membership Chair and her committee, makes a special effort to get to know each member by name. This can be a challenge, as your club grows, but is truly important.
4. **Club Website:** We now expect organizations to have a website. Online search has become the most common and easiest way to research an organization.
5. **New member involvement on committees and special projects:** Ensure that members are aware of what your committees are, and encourage them to get involved.
6. **Membership contests:** This can be done in any number of ways. The key issue is that your membership grows because of a group effort and - contests make it fun.
7. **Postcards to local businesses:** As a promotional tool, if you see an article or announcement about a new business or about a person who has recently received a special appointment or achievement, send them a postcard with congratulations, and invite them to come to a meeting.
8. **Challenge every member to bring a friend to at least one meeting.**
9. **Make use of other organizations in your community to "spread the word" about your club.** Networking through other organizations that you belong is a valuable tool. Take every available opportunity to speak to others about your club.
10. **Be a team player at every level.** Everyone has something to offer, learn to listen and embrace new ideas. We are never too old to learn something new.

2011 is going to be a busy year and it is never too soon to get started.

Who Am I?

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The Value of Leadership Retreats

Lesson on Leadership

By Johnell Woody, Publications Committee

Is a retreat worth it? The cost, travel, planning, and all that goes into a retreat can be demanding. BUT....the results can be amazing!

By its very nature, a retreat removes most distractions of everyday life. This offers an opportunity to focus completely on the vision, upcoming issues, build unity of purpose and goals, and, best of all, to get to know one another. Not to mention the great opportunity to have some fun as a team.

A retreat is a sizable task and all large tasks need a committee to pull it together for the greatest benefit. The Retreat Committee is responsible for researching the location, program, speakers, activities, coordinate objectives, promote the event and prepare the agenda.

Most offices are held for a single year and each administration has its own goals and objectives. Ideally a retreat would occur just prior to or just after the current administration assumes office. The sooner the better, as the saying goes, there is no time like the present.

There is no need to go far afield for a retreat, just far enough to have the feeling of being away, and far enough to be out of convenient reach. An overnight or all weekend event permits time for social events, plenty of time for work, and allows time to 'decompress' from the stressors left behind.

Your board has weighed all the factors and has decided it is time to hold a leadership retreat. A crystal clear plan with clear and powerful objectives is a must. The plan, the goals, the objective will be unique to the board's vision. However, some ideas to ignite participation and creativity span all groups.

Here are some ideas from Rosemary Rein, Ph.D., and author of *Go Wild: Survival Skills for Business and Life*, and the founder of Costa Rica Learning Adventures and Retreats Costa Rica, to spark creativity at leadership retreats.

- **TAKE THEM OUTDOORS.** Play is a way to remove 'bored' from the board room and see the positive effect on creative that the outdoors can have.
- **STIMULATE ALL OF THEIR SENSES.** From creating a skit to wine tasting, new sensory experiences "can break people out of their normal thought processes and open the door for breakthroughs."
- **LET THEM HAVE RECESS.** Intersperse brainstorming sessions with physical activity, that inspire and demand team work.

- **THEMES THAT BUILD TEAMS.** Brand your retreat aiming to find creative insight, strategies and "team synchronicity."
- **SHOW THEM THE CASTLE.** Share the vision and the mission in such a way that it has a 3-D effect, tangible and visible.
- **FOLLOW THE HOLLYWOOD MODEL FOR CREATING ANTICIPATION.** Lots of advance publicity creates a sense of anticipation and eagerness to attend the event.
- **ADD SOME HEART-RACING EXCITEMENT.** The best learning occurs outside the comfort zone and when the senses are stimulated.
- **THE TISP FACTOR.** Be certain that each participant and team member feel Trusted, Important, Special, and Pleased.

Dr. Rein also suggests hiring a facilitator. At the least, I would suggest inviting a third, disinterested party, possibly your District Director or officer of another club or group that has participated in leadership retreats, to facilitate your event.

An effective team trusts, depends, and relies on one another. That trust can only be built by knowing one another and one of the best ways to truly know someone is spend time together. The value of a leadership retreat can be far greater than the time, effort and costs involved. Try it, I think you'll like it!

Additional resource: *Retreats that Work: Everything You Need to Know About Planning a Retreat*, by Sheila Campbell, et al., available as a download or in paperback.

Who am I?

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2010 Reagan Club

2010 Reagan Club Members

Greater Columbia County Republican Women
Republican Women of Henry County
Republican Women of Muscogee County
Richmond County Republican Women
Republican Women of Union County
Cobb County Republican Women's Club
Savannah Area Republican Women's Assoc.

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Dr. Judy True
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Donna Wieczorek
Dee Gay

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,
☐ GFRW Sustaining Membership \$25

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Club _____
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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
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Mail this form with a check payable to GFRW to:

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Diaper Day in Georgia

By Barbara Hickey

GFRW Chairman of Caring for America Project



When you learn that Low-income families often have the daily stress of choosing between food and diapers, it is hard not to be touched by the dilemma facing American families today. Diapers are expensive and since prolonged wearing of a wet diaper causes diaper rash, the family has a crying baby leading to even more stress in the home.

In these tough economic times, Low-income families face the fact that:

- Food stamps do not include hygiene products such as diapers.
- On average, the cost to purchase diapers is approximately \$100/month.

Day-Care centers require parents to provide their own diapers.

On a flight to Austin, Texas in July 2009 I read a *Time Magazine* article about a Diaper Bank started by a woman in New Haven, Connecticut. My daughter had read the article months before (I was behind in my reading) and suggested that I could make this happen in Cobb County. How strange that reading the same article, months apart, would be mentioned on the same day.

When I returned home, I called two friends who run non-profit agencies that dispense food, clothing, and diapers and asked if they ever need diapers. Both lamented that they never have enough diapers and can only dispense diapers 3 or 4 times a year to their clients.

Recruiting the busiest people that I know, we set out to get the word out that on October 26, 2009 we were collecting diapers at Glover Park in Marietta, Georgia. We involved corporations, businesses, schools, churches, city and county government. We collected over 72,000 diapers for MUST Ministries and C.A.M.P. in Cobb County.

Attending this event was GFRW 2009 President Millie Rogers and President-Elect Suzi Voyles, who immediately embraced this idea and chose it as her Caring for America project.

After presenting the need for diapers to the GFRW Board of Directors, the Club Presidents adopted the project and thirteen (13) GFRW clubs participated. The 13 clubs represented were: Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Dodge, Floyd, Fulton, Griffin, Henry, Middle Georgia, Savannah and Spalding.

Each club developed their own strategy that would make the biggest impact in their areas and produce the success that would lead to awareness of the need in their community.

Bartow Republican Women collected diapers through election night for the Women's Resource Center out of Tabernacle Baptist

Church. President Mindie Glidewell says, "It was such a great way to show the community that we want to help with solutions, not just complain about a system."

According to Patricia Viellenave, President of the Camden County Republican Women the entire residents and business community were involved in collecting diapers for the recipient, Camden County Care.

The Floyd County Republican Women collected diapers for the United Methodist Church Children's Home in Rome, Georgia. Club President, Elaine Watson, shared with her volunteers that the need is so great for diapers, that a Mother came in to the Children's Home with a baby without a diaper.

Barbara Dean, President of the Dodge County Republican Women enlisted the help of board member, Jan Jones, who set up the collection of diapers outside the Eastman Wal-Mart Supercenter from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. for the local National Guard families. It was such a community project that Jan says, "Truly, the day was awe-inspiring as Americans helped each other even in one of the toughest economic environments ever."

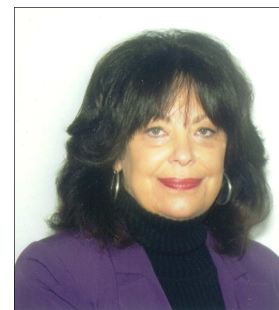
Cherokee County collected diapers for a local food pantry for the unemployed, Papas Pantry and for Operation Home Front military families, according to Lori Pesta, president of the Cherokee County Republican Women.

The Cobb County Republican Women's Club collected diapers for four (4) agencies that dispense diapers, along with food, clothing and various services: The Center for Family Resources, MUST Ministries, YWCA and Sweetwater Valley C.A.M.P.

This project, like so many of the Caring for America projects, reaffirms our commitment to bring a community together and show what history has proved – Republicans transcend race, gender, religion, and political party to do the "right thing."

Who Am I?

Barbara Hickey, GFRW chairman of the Caring for America Project, is president of the Cobb County Republican Women's Club. She was in the 2007 Leadership Cobb Class and chairs several community organizations. Barbara wrote The Top 40 Tips of Business Etiquette and her business is the Etiquette School of Atlanta.





TECH Talk:

Email Communication

By Lori Pesta
NFRW Public Relations Committee

Communicating has always been extremely important. The lack of information often costs huge amounts of money and sometimes, many lives. From the beginning of our history, information traveled only as fast as a ship could sail. Or a horse could run, or a person could walk.

The telegraph was the first instrument used to send information using wires and electricity. The telegraph was the quickest method of sending news from one place to another.

On November second, nineteen twenty, radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania broadcasted the first radio program. That broadcast offered the results of a Presidential election. Political leaders discovered radio was a valuable political tool. It was the beginning of the "Information Age".

For many of us, we used to send letters and cards through the mail and received no response until weeks later. We would pass hand-written notes to friends in class. We would pick up the telephone. Paid for long-distance calls, could only talk to one person at a time. In addition, there were no answering machines to leave messages if a person wasn't home, or Caller ID to screen calls. Pay phones were the only option to call home if the car broke down on the side of the road, or if we had to stay after school.

For the past 20 years, technology has transformed the way we communicate, mainly due to the arrival of the Internet. Instead of mailing letters, we are writing emails through G-mail, Yahoo, Hotmail that are sent instantaneously to another person or multiple recipients. Now, greeting cards, full docu-

ments, photos, music, and movies can all be sent utilizing Internet technology.

Technology has also made society impersonal. We communicate with each other mostly through email and instant message. As a result, it's difficult to tell when a person is serious or sarcastic—our phrases can easily be misconstrued.

Our younger generations have forgotten how to spell and write complete sentences due to the increased use of text messaging on mobile phones. With phonetic spelling and little or no punctuation, it's beginning to pose a threat to traditional writing and oral communication.

Since most of us are currently communicating through email, I'd like to share a few email suggestions to help alleviate some of the frustrations we all face with the new methods of communication.

- Be concise and to the point**
- Answer all questions, and pre-empt further questions**
- Use proper spelling, grammar & punctuation**
- Make it personal**
- Answer quickly**
- Use the Bcc: field or do a mail merge.**
- Do not attach unnecessary files**
- Use proper structure & layout**

Who Am I?

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NFRW 2011 Spring Board Meeting & Legislative Day

March 8—12, 2011

Join us for Legislative Day on Wed. March 9 at the Capitol as we hear from Members of Congress and national speakers about the agenda of the 112th Congress and important legislative issues.

Crystal Gateway Marriott

This hotel near Pentagon City offers convenient access to the Crystal City Metro stop and a complimentary shuttle to and from Reagan National Airport.

Arlington, VA

Check the website for schedule, registration and reservations
www.nfrw.org



Publication Hints!

Using Photos in Your Publication

By Allie Gelineau, GFRW Publications Committee

The intent of this article is to inform and assist newsletter writers in proper use of photos in their products. the subject may be complicated and misunderstood, it's in your best interest to know the rules and follow them.

A rule to follow: don't use what you don't own or have permission to use from the owner.

There is a misconception that if something is on the internet, it's available to copy and use. the contrary, U.S. copyright protection is in place the instant a person's work appears in any tangible format, and has been since our earliest history. fact, before the words "freedom of speech" appeared in the U.S. Constitution, the creative and productive citizen of a newly organized United States had copyright protection. stated in Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution, Congress was granted power "To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries ..." protection, through the years and all manner of court proceedings and decisions, now covers audio-visual and graphic arts, in all forms including works found on the Internet.

The easiest way to avoid copyright infringement is to use your own photos. An equally acceptable method is to seek and obtain permission from an owner of the artwork. example of such a citing is as follows: (Joan Smith/ www.templeton234collection.com). is worth noting here that image search engines found on Google or Microsoft software sites do not "own" art, and careful reading of disclaimers reveals that no permission is implied or granted.

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The best news here is that once you learn to work with Creative Commons licensing in combination with any of the free photo sites--and there are more than enough online--numerous photos of the highest quality are available at your fingertips in minutes, if not seconds. the scores of free photo sites are Stock.xchng, FreeRange, Flickr, MorgueFile and FreeDigitalPhotos.net. The best site is a matter of personal preference. have tens of thousands of photos to choose from.

The free photo sites typically require that you open an account, and like many free venues, have paths for you to upgrade into a paying option if you so desire. key to free and easy photos is to learn to use the search filters such as "only search within Creative Commons licensed content" and "free" parameters. in all, it's worth the effort and goes a long way in enhancing your written products.

Through the copyright clause, the Founding Fathers sought to stimulate creativity and advancement of society while respecting the individual and individual rights. we should with all foundational principles, let's continue to promote this today by our actions, starting with the rule: *Don't use what you don't own or have permission to use from the owner.* It's been made complicated by technology, and made easy to comply with by the same technology.

Who Am I?

Allie Gelineau, a Command Watch Analyst at First Army, Fort Gillem, has edited newsletters for several years and draws on a wide background of experience. She is Past President of the Republican Women of Henry County and 13th Congressional District Chairman. She served as 1st Vice Chair of the Henry County GOP. Allie is a regular columnist with VOICES, the GFRW Magazine.



Meet the VOICES Team

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New Staff Member

Beginning with the spring issue of 2011, we welcome Lisa Ziriaux to our *VOICES Magazine* staff. Lisa, the Editor of *The Republican Woman* for NFRW, will join us as Editorial Advisor.



Editor: Judy True

Chairman of the GFRW Publications Committee and editor of VOICES, Judy has edited a wide variety of publications for professional organizations and non-profit groups. A recognized author on organizational leadership topics, Judy founded LEADER—an international special interest group, served as President, and Executive Director. Judy serves on the NFRW Board as a member of the Public Relations Committee.

She is a retired professor from North Georgia College & State University and belongs to the Chattahoochee Republican Women's Club.



**State Distribution Director:
Bobbie Frantz**

GFRW Secretary Bobbie Frantz distributes VOICES Magazine to members through emails and postings on www.gfrw.org—the website. Bobbie began her work on Voices as a photographer for the publication before becoming Distribution Director. A former President of North DeKalb Republican Women, she is currently Treasurer and Publicity Chair for the

DeKalb GOP. Bobbie is a retired Legal Administrator with 33 years experience.



Feature Editor: Melinda Mock

As features editor of VOICES, Melinda Mock is instrumental in securing articles for the publication. Melinda is President of Healthcare Cost Consultants where she serves as an Orthopaedic Nurse Consultant holding certifications in orthopaedic nursing and life care planning. She is a member of the Chattahoochee Republican Women.



**Regional Distribution Director:
Millie Rogers**

Millie Rogers is a regular contributor to VOICES and assists in distributing the magazine to national and state leaders. She is Chairman of the GFRW Americanism Committee, Liberty Day Project Coordinator, and GFRW Immediate Past President. She is a past president of her local club, and served as 2nd vice president of the Cobb County Republican Party.. Millie serves on the NFRW Board as Co-Chair of the Program

Committee. She is employed by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners.



Copy Editor: Babe Atkins Byrne

Babe Atkins Byrne has chaired the GFRW Membership and Campaign Activities Committees. She is a 30 year member and past president of the Cobb County Republican Women's Club. Babe's experiences as a Judicial Administrative Assistant in the Cobb Superior Court honed her copy editing and proofreading skills. Although retired, she is now doing job sharing for Judge George Kreeger.

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