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Walk the Talk

By Sherry M. Roedl, Editor



As I write this editorial for our winter issue, I find myself reflecting on the events of 2014. Many of us have been impacted by deaths of loved ones, the joy of welcoming a new life into our family, retirement, and watching our children make their way in this world—rejoicing in their successes and despairing in their setbacks. As Republicans, we were engaged in helping to get our favored candidate elected in the primary election and then helping to get **the** Republican candidate elected on November 4. What a relief it was to learn that Republicans not only won back the Senate, but we won big—nine Senate seats with a 54:46 majority. We also learned that half of the senators who voted for Obamacare will be out of office in 2015. In addition, the Republican Party now has control of the south. The best news for me was that Harry Reid got fired!

Our euphoria was short-lived as we watched events unfold in Ferguson, Missouri, and then President Barack Obama's executive action to secure the Hispanic vote for the Democrats by granting what many call amnesty to 5 million illegal immigrants. On top of all that, we have Al Sharpton, who seems to have the ear of this president, Jesse Jackson, and other race-baiters stirring up their base to bring racial unrest to many of our major cities. They have done this by perpetuating the myth, "Hands up; Don't shoot," that has been disproved by a grand jury. Never confuse a liberal with the facts!

Then we learn that the investigation by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, chaired by U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-MI), which "focused on the Intelligence Community's activities before during and after the attacks" on the U.S. diplomatic compound and CIA annex in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11-12, 2012, "concluded that there was no stand down order issued by or to intelligence community personnel, and there was no denial of air support to intelligence community officers on the ground." This conclusion is in stark contrast to what the guys on the ground during the attack said, as reported in the book *13 Hours in Benghazi* by Mitchell Zuckoff.

If all that isn't enough to make your blood boil, we had the IRS scandal with Lois Lerner's missing e-mails, which have now been miraculously recovered; the revelation by Jonathan Gruber (an architect of Obamacare) that the Affordable Care Act was written to take advantage of "stupid American voters," and the shameful action of the Veterans' Administration's treatment of the men and women who served in the armed forces and sought medical care at various VA hospitals around the country. Many of whom died waiting to get treatment.

This leads me to the major theme of this issue: Transparency in Government, or Lack Thereof. In 2014, we have seen one example after the other of our government being less than transparent and another one of Obama's campaign promises biting the dust. You'll remember that shortly after he took office, he sent a memorandum to federal agencies promising to establish a "system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration." I guess the memo got lost in the mail.

I'm sure many of you share my hope that the Republicans who we elected on November 4 will honor their campaign promises to stop the Obama Administration's reckless policies, pass the laws that have been sitting on Harry Reid's desk, and repeal/replace Obamacare. The Republican Party needs to demonstrate to the American people that it is the party of the people—*all the people*. It is the party of good ideas and the solutions required to put this country back on the right track—the track our Founding Fathers set for us. The Republican Party must remove the tarnish from Lady Liberty and allow her to shine brightly once again for the world to admire. If the Republican members of the Senate and House don't fulfill their promises and end up squandering the trust the voters have placed in them, I fear that the United States we love will be lost forever. How sad that would be for the people of the world who seek the freedoms we have fought to protect for more than 238 years.



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Letter from the President

YOU Make the Difference!

Ruby Robinson GFRW President



It's a great time to be a Republican. Despite a monumental challenge by Democrats, Georgia remained red. However, we cannot wallow in our accomplishments because the real work begins now. From the U.S. Senate seat that David Perdue won to Republicans elected at the local level, most all campaigned on fiscal conservatism and transparency. To quote U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, "Republicans need to do what they say they will do."

It is our responsibility to see that these politicians remain true to their campaign promises. As the citizen police of the Republican Party, it is incumbent upon us to keep our elected officials informed on relevant issues. Remember they work for YOU. Think of yourselves as part of a large network of citizen advisors. Politicians and party leaders are not infallible; they're not godlike; and, they do make mistakes. By monitoring votes at the federal, state, and local level, we can have better insight into just how successful we are in choosing our leaders.

Websites such as Congress.org, www.congress.org/congressorg/megavote/, OpenStates.org, and CSPAN are great tools to monitor U.S. Senate and House votes.

As an organization, GFRW is your ally. Our mission is to educate and empower women in politics. Women voters have proven to be a vital part of the election process and we know that knowledge is key to our success. Tune in and turn up whenever possible. You can make a difference.

With 2015 just around the corner, make it one of your New Year's resolutions to hold not only elected officials but party officials accountable and true to Republican principles. We have four goals: (1) keep Georgia red; (2) keep the Senate; (3) keep the House; and, (4) elect a Republican president.

Cleveland, the site of the next Republican presidential convention in 2015, will be here before you know it. As I said, our work to accomplish these four goals begins now!

NFRW: A Reflection of "Woman Power" across the Nation

By Kathy Brugger
President, NFRW

Some analysts are calling 2014 the "Year of the Republican Woman."

Many are commenting on the new, more diverse face of the Grand Old Party. And while Republicans didn't eliminate the gender gap, we narrowed it significantly—an important factor in our success!

Republican victories in the mid-term elections were historic and decisive—stretching from state legislative chambers to the halls of Congress. In the Senate, Republicans added two women; the Democrats lost two. In the House, five impressive women will take their seats on the Republican side of the aisle. Among them are Elise Stefanik (NY), the youngest woman ever elected to Congress, and Mia Love (UT), the first African-American Republican woman in the House.

I am proud of the role our NFRW members across the country played in this historic election.

Our clubs were enthusiastically engaged in their own states. But we didn't stop there.

In March, the NFRW targeted four races for the 2014 campaign cycle—vulnerable Senate seats in North Carolina and Louisiana and House races featuring two top-tier women:

Barbara Comstock in Virginia and Mia Love in Utah. With Bill Cassidy's victory in the December 6 run-off election in Louisiana, we batted 1,000.

Recognizing that taking control of the U.S. Senate was key to changing Washington, the NFRW Campaign Committee relentlessly pursued its goal of picking up six seats (we won nine). Weekly *Senate Spotlights* focused attention on pivotal races and helped mobilize strike forces from neighboring (and sometimes far-away) states. Those who could not travel organized postcard campaigns, complementing the woman-to-woman postcards mailed by the NFRW to swing women voters. Our newly established PAC allowed NFRW to better support our female candidates.

We saw the importance of woman power across the nation as Republican women stood proudly behind our candidates and fought back against the Democrats' bogus "War on Women" attacks. We, as Republican women, are the best rebuttal. Clubs in Florida and North Carolina put their response on video, denying the Democrats the ability to reduce women to a single issue.

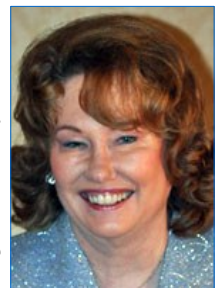
The Democrats' cynical attempt to manipulate women backfired against those who failed to listen. In Colorado, the *Denver Post* rebuked Senator Mark Udall for his "obnoxious one-

issue campaign" and endorsed his Republican opponent, Cory Gardner. A desperate Mary Landrieu tried the same tired refrain. "How can you support Bill Cassidy," a staffer demanded at a local watering hole. "He's anti-woman."

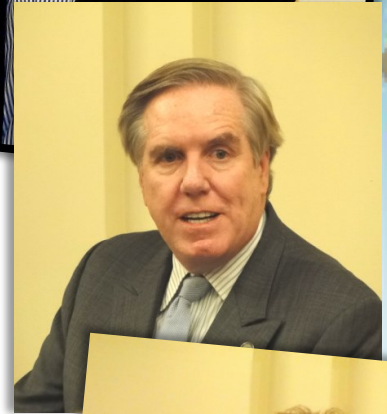
Perhaps the staffer should have been listening as we campaigned door-to-door in Shreveport. "I'm for Bill," a mother on the front porch with her young daughter responded without hesitation. "This is about our jobs—her future." The women of the NFRW communicated that message in 2014, helping bring about our Republican victories. The strategies we pioneered this year provide ground-breaking preparation as we head toward 2016.

Who Am I?

Kathy Brugger is president of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Previously, Brugger served as NFRW's 2nd Vice President, a president of the California FRW, and a long-time Republican activist. She serves on the California Republican Party Executive Committee and Central Committee. For more than 30 years, Brugger also has served as an elected school board member. She and her husband run their own business.



**Macon, GA
November 8, 2014**



GEORGIA FEDERATION Fall Board Meeting

FEATURED SPEAKERS

U.S. Senator-Elect

David Perdue

RNC National Committeeman

Randy Evans

RNC National Committeewoman

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GEORGIA FEDERATION 2014

Fall Board Meeting



Friday's workshop presentations on **membership** presented by Johnell Woody and **achievement awards** presented by Denise Ognio were very interesting, educational, and well received. Lobbyist Neill Herring, who represents a group of six conservation groups (although the number can vary each session depending on particular problems in consideration), spoke on Friday regarding the aquifer storage and recovery—marsh buffers, a water issue dear to many of the GFRW members. He praised our own Anne Mueller for being a champion of this cause for many years.

**Report
by
Bobbie
Frantz**

There was a bountiful buffet on Friday night followed by a special Reagan Club members wine and dessert reception.

Saturday's speakers included U.S. Senator-Elect David Perdue who reminded us of his three priorities: (1) Growing the Economy, (2) Tax Reform, and (3) Term Limits. Perdue thanked the women of the GFRW for their tireless work in making phone calls, knocking on doors, writing letters, and working to get out the vote. State School Superintendent-Elect Richard Woods reminded us that he intends to see that we teach to the child, not to the test. Republican National Committeewoman Linda Herren gave us details regarding what the RNC did in the various states regarding the victory centers and the new technology that helped us win this election cycle. She also spoke of the 2016 GOP Convention that will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. RNC Committeeman Randy Evans spoke to us regarding some proposed changes in the future election cycles and also encouraged us to help the Louisiana runoff by donating time and money to help our Republican candidate to win that seat.





Wave of Republican Victory

By Reince Priebus
National GOP Committee Chairman

HOW WE WON

Republicans won [this election] because of what we did *differently* this year.

We were committed to expanding the electorate and encouraging people to vote for Republican candidates and their vision for America. Our strategy was to make sure people who may not consistently vote *would* vote this year. And, when they did cast their ballots, that they cast their ballots for a better America with a Republican Senate majority.

We emphasized the quality of every voter contact and launched a cutting-edge, year-round voter contact program. We reached tens of millions of Republican voters who otherwise might not have voted in this election—through online advertising, in their mailboxes and their inboxes, and most importantly on their doorsteps.

Because of your support, these efforts were successful not only in securing a Republican House and Senate and electing governors across the map, but also in starting a Republican wave that will lead us to the White House in 2016.

None of this would have been possible without your help, your continued support, and your commitment to stopping President Obama.

We did big things in this election, but one election doesn't change everything. We still have more to accomplish.

WHAT WE WANT

We the people have spoken, voted, and sent a clear message to President Barack Obama: Listen to the American people. Listen to our Republican-led Congress. Put an end to your radical agenda.

[Obama's] failed policies have left hardworking Americans doubtful about our national security, worried about our economy, and hopeless about our country's future.

You fought for our conservative principles, our families, and our community in this election. And because you've stood with us and fought with us at pivotal moments in this election, Republicans now hold new and greater power in Washington—majority control of Congress.

Our Republican-led, principles-focused majority in Congress gives our leaders the opportunity to turn our country around. It's our chance to stop President Obama from executing his radical liberal agenda and to pass meaningful conservative legislation.

From www.GOP.com, 11-5-2014, 11-6-2014

By John Padgett
GAGOP Chairman

We Did It!



Last year, the Georgia Republican Party set out to build the largest, most comprehensive, and data-driven grassroots operation in the state's Party history.

Our efforts to grow in size and influence began in south Georgia with the opening of a satellite office in Albany. With full-time staff working to organize the neighboring counties while mobilizing Republican volunteers in the region, we strategically built infrastructure to support the ground game needed to secure victory in 2014.

While opening 17 victory offices in places like Augusta, Statesboro, McDonough, and Gainesville, the Georgia GOP also spent considerable time and resources upgrading our technology. Walk books were replaced with a Smartphone application called the "WalkApp" and VOIP phones made voter contact exponentially faster.

Understanding the importance of online engagement, we launched a new website and revamped the GAGOP's online presence. As Election Day closed in, the Georgia Republican Party boasted more than 100,000 LIKES on Facebook making it the second largest State Party page in the United States.

When the polls finally opened on November 4, Georgia Republicans eclipsed 1.5 million voter contacts from 17 field offices around the state.

The Party's ground game was unstoppable.

As Republican leaders gathered at the College Football Hall of Fame on election night to watch the returns come in, it was clear that the Party's grassroots operation was instrumental in securing a "clean sweep" for the Republican ticket. Our efforts kept Georgia red!

When I ran for chairman in 2013, I made a commitment to upgrade the Party's technology and digital efforts, prioritize the grassroots, and fully fund our Victory Program.

These were lofty goals but thanks to the hard work of district and county GOP chairman, elected officials, and grassroots leaders around the state, we turned a campaign promise into a political reality.

While I am proud of what we accomplished at the ballot box, we cannot rest on our laurels. Stay tuned for details on our grassroots program for 2015, which includes a robust voter registration initiative.

Thank you for your efforts this year and for the honor of serving as your chairman.

Who Am I?

John Padgett is proud to serve as the Chairman of Georgia's Republican Party. He has proudly worked in the grassroots of the Republican Party for 35 years, humbly serving as the Chairman of the Athens-Clarke County Republican Party four times, Chairman of the 11th and 12th Congressional District, Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party and member of the GAGOP Executive Committee. Padgett was elected to serve as Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party at the 2013 State Convention.

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY—A POLITICAL TOOL?

Lack of transparency is a huge political advantage. Basically, call it the stupidity of the American voter or whatever, but basically that was really, really critical to getting the thing to pass.

~Jonathan Gruber, the Obamacare architect and Massachusetts Institute of Technology economist

Election night 2014. What happened?

By Randy Evans

Georgia's National GOP Committeeman

House election results from Associated Press

On a night when Republicans were expected to do well, they did. Well, to be more accurate, on a night when Democrats were expected to do poorly, they did—losing in places they never expected to lose (like Iowa and Colorado) and slipping further and further behind in state capitols and legislatures around the country (including governorships in traditionally dark blue states like Maryland and Massachusetts).

At the national level, disgusted and angry voters vented in a very direct way on President Barack Obama, taking their concerns to the ballot box. Before all of the votes are counted, and runoffs completed, Democrats will definitively lose control of the United States Senate (losing from seven to 10 Senate seats) and Republicans will increase their margin of control in the United States House of Representatives (picking up 12 seats).

Contrary to a Republican self-proclaimed resurgence at the national level, the 2014 midterm elections were not as much validations of a Republican national agenda as repudiation of the Obama Administration's policies. The moment President Obama weighed in and nationalized the election by stating that his policies were on the ballot, the political landscape fundamentally and irreversibly changed.

Make no mistake; this election was transformed into a referendum on President Obama. Any hope that candidates like Michelle Nunn may have had quickly disappeared when President Obama described her and others as votes for him in the U.S. Senate.

As a result, there was no Contract With America. But there was no need for one.

Notwithstanding the results, the Republican brand at the

national level remains tarnished, and sustaining a governing majority for longer than a single election cycle after President Obama will be a challenge—unless changes continue to happen. So, while the 2014 election victories are enough for Republicans to celebrate, it will be but a temporary celebration absent a recognition Republicans must continue the efforts begun in this election cycle to reach out to address issues and constituencies beyond traditional Republican circles.

What little hope Democrats had with polished candidates in Kentucky and Georgia was dashed with harsh doses of cold stark reality. Kentucky Republican (soon to be Majority Leader) Senator Mitch McConnell crushed his Democratic challenger. In Georgia, David Perdue delivered an equally decisive victory over Michelle Nunn.

Just when Georgia Democrats fielded credible candidates supported by serious resources, Georgia voters went to the polls and left no doubt that Georgia remains a solid red state. All the talk of transition and purple quickly dissipated into a sea of solid red as Georgia Republicans won every single statewide office and solidified their hold in the Georgia General Assembly.

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Who Am I?

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ELECTION NIGHT 2014

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There are no excuses this time. Pollsters, the media, and pundits just all got it wrong. Georgia is still a red state.

In fairness, some part of the margins in Georgia exploded from President Obama's abysmal approval ratings in Georgia. And some part resulted from an all-out effort by the Georgia Republican Party reminiscent of 2002, energized by the fear of real Democratic candidates who presented real challenges in the U.S. Senate and gubernatorial elections.

Yet, the combination of Gov. Nathan Deal's impressive record and the prospect of giving President Obama one more vote in the U.S. Senate made Georgia simply unattainable for Democrats. For weeks, insiders knew that absent some October surprise or a candidate miscue of mammoth proportions during the final weeks of the campaign, Georgia would reelect Governor Deal and deliver another Republican vote in the U.S. Senate without a runoff.

From there, the GOP dominance "trickled down" to every seriously contested race in Georgia (including the open State Superintendent's race) and even extended to ousting perennial, political survivor 12th District Democratic Congressman John Barrow—a Democratic Congressman in a Republican district. Like former middle Georgia Democratic Congressman Jim Marshall, the Republican tide in a midterm election was just too much for Congressman Barrow to survive.

Notwithstanding its import, the 2014 election actually settled very little for the United States. Republicans now control both Houses of the Congress. While certain to change many things (with quick work on things on which most of the Congress agrees), the more practical effect is to create a two-year holding pattern in Washington, D.C., as both political parties assess their brand and determine who their next standard bearers will be.

At the national level, there will be no shortage of presidential aspirants for either the Democrats or the Republicans. The lists for each were already long. With the political landscape in such transition, the lists will get even longer with the 2016 presidential election beginning almost immediately.

The same is true here in Georgia. Although Republicans won the day, Democrats proved that they have real candidates with real resources waiting in the wings for 2018. Jason Carter, Michelle Nunn, Kasim Reed, and others all seem primed for statewide competition the next time around, and they have four years to sort out who will lead the next time around.

On the Republican side, the list is even longer with Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, Secretary of State Brian Kemp, Attorney General Sam Olens, and a host of others jostling for the lead to succeed term-limited Governor Deal.

Meanwhile, Governor Deal will continue on in his quiet reassuring way. Georgia is the number one place to do business in America and his second term should reap the dividends.

[Reprinted from *Atlanta Business Chronicle*]

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Linda Speaks!



Over forty years of involvement with the Georgia Republican Party, I've not seen the level of volunteer contributions of time, talent and treasure as was demonstrated in the November 2014 elections. And it paid off. We are receiving congratulations from all over the country for the impressive wins. Please know you are all appreciated!

Now that we have settled down from our celebrating and rested some over the Thanksgiving holiday it is time to start planning for the 2015 convention cycle. I've had many requests for my "Get Involved" chart. Please feel free to pass along to your lists as you deem appropriate.

We need to keep the enthusiasm high as we head toward the 2016 elections. Involving as many grass roots activists as possible in this round of meetings to elect Party officers on all levels will assure continued involvement and success.



It has been an honor and privilege to represent Georgians and serve our great state for almost 20 years in Congress. Over the course of this time, our country has faced many significant challenges. Given my roles on both the House Intelligence Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I have had a unique vantage point as our nation has fought terrorism at home and abroad. Our efforts in the war on terror continue today, as the United States works with partners in the Middle East to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and remains vigilant against other threats to our homeland.

These threats to our nation from around the world are very real, and we must work diligently and aggressively to confront them. Yet, as I prepare to retire from the U.S. Senate at the end of this year, I believe the number one risk to our country's future continues to be our fiscal crisis. Our national debt currently is \$18 trillion and grows by the day.

Not counting Social Security, the United States spent \$222.75 billion on interest payments to service our debts last year--almost half of our deficit spending. If these spending patterns don't change, it is projected that by 2020--just five years from now--the federal government

will spend more money on interest payments than on defense spending. What's more, if current spending levels continue, by 2030, the government will be paying more for mandatory spending programs and interest payments than it takes in from tax revenues.

These projections make clear that our nation's spending crisis is both irresponsible and simply dangerous. Our current fiscal policies do not just jeopardize our economic security. They are a grave threat to our national security, and they directly impact every single American.

While representing Georgians in Congress, I have been involved in many efforts to tackle our debt. Unfortunately, in today's political climate, it can be difficult to build consensus around proposals that require tough votes, even though everyone agrees that something must be done. As many of you may recall, I worked with five other senators on a plan that would have lowered our debt by \$3.7 trillion over 10 years. Our proposal included measures that would have lowered discretionary spending and promoted tax reform by broadening the base and lowering rates for all individuals and businesses. I was disappointed that our ideas were never brought up for a vote in the U.S. Senate.

Since then, Congress still has not passed an

agreement that simplifies our broken and outdated tax code, lowers excessive spending, and reforms unsustainable mandatory spending programs in a meaningful way. Nor have we addressed the root causes of our out-of-control federal spending. Consequently, our fiscal woes continue to burden our economy, hold back growth, slow job creation, and endanger our country's future.

Without real leadership and true commitment to addressing these challenges, the status quo of record deficits and a stagnant economy will remain unchanged. I'm hopeful that when I conclude my time in the U.S. Senate this year, there will be a solid foundation of ideas and resolve that the next Congress can build upon to put forth a real solution to our economic crisis, especially now with a Republican majority in both the House and Senate. The risk of inaction far exceeds the political risk facing members of Congress for taking the tough votes to do the right thing for our country's future.

If Congress fails to implement a long-term plan that puts our nation on a more sustainable path, our children and grandchildren will be responsible for paying off the enormous debt our poor policies have generated. We owe it to them and future generations to do better and ensure they inherit a great America.



Saxby's Farewell

[Editor's Note: The following is the text of Saxby Chambliss' farewell speech given on the Senate floor on December 10, 2014. Senator Chambliss has served his state and his nation admirably. He gained the respect of his colleagues, as well as the people of his beloved state of Georgia. The VOICES staff wishes Senator Chambliss well in his retirement and thanks him for his exemplary service to our nation.]

For over 20 years, we as Americans are fortunate to live in the greatest country in the world, a country where the American dream is still alive and well, a country where, in spite of all of our problems, we are the envy of the free world—a country where a preacher's kid from rural southern Georgia can rise to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and then to the United States Senate. We, as members of the United States Senate, are fortunate to have the opportunity to serve and we are blessed to be able to work in such a historic venue as we are in this afternoon. As we come into our offices and into this building every day, there are some things that we take for granted. So, to the entire Capitol Hill workforce, from those who clean our offices to those who change the light bulbs, provide our food, maintain our subways, keep us safe and secure, and all those in between, I say "thank you." You're very professional at what you do and you always do it with a smile. To the floor staff and the cloakroom staff for both the majority and the minority—thanks for putting in the long hours, listening to often boring speeches reminding us

when we have not voted, for scheduling floor time, reminding us of the rules, and making sure that our mistakes are at a minimum.

I have been fortunate to be surrounded by great staff during all of my 20 years in the House and Senate: mostly young people from varied backgrounds who are the brightest minds that my state and my country have to offer. They're committed patriots and loyal to the core. To those current and former members of my staff, thank you for your service to me and to the state of Georgia. I have been served by four chiefs of staff—Rob Liebern, Kristin Holiday, Charlie Harmon, and Camilla Knowles. Every office plan that each put together starts with better constituent service than any other member of the House or the Senate. I'm extremely proud that our record shows that we achieved the goal of doing just that. I've even had government agency personnel call my office asking for guidance on cases from other offices. I've often said that my greatest satisfaction from this job comes not from negotiating major pieces of legislation, but from being able to help Georgians with difficulties they're experiencing and having a positive impact on their lives. I am particularly blessed to

have three members of my staff who have been with me for all 20 years: my deputy chief, Theresa Irving; Debbie Cannon, and Bill Stembbridge have walked every mile with me and have been so valuable. Thanks, guys.

My greatest support comes from my family. My wife, Julieanne; my daughter, Leah; my son, Bo; along with our grandchildren: John, Parker, Jay, Kimbro,

Anderson, and Ellie, have all been somehow involved on the campaign trail. Come the 28th day of this month, Julieanne and I will have been married for 48 years, having met at the University of Georgia a couple of years before that. For tolerating a husband who had a 24/7 job for 20 years, for being a single mom part of that time, and understanding why I could not get home until Christmas Eve some years, I say thank you, sweetheart.

I am privileged today to represent almost 10 million Georgians who are the most wonderful people God ever put on this earth. I lost my first primary election and went on to win each of my next seven races. I won every one of those seven races because I shared the values of my constituents. I outworked each of my opponents, and I had better ideas and the best advisors and staff. Thanks, Tom and Paige. Thanks to Senators Nunn and Miller for their regular advice and counsel. Thanks to my three leaders—Senator Lott, Senator Frist, and Senator McConnell—each of whom provided me with strong leadership and always listened to me even when I had ideas that might have been different from their ideas.

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I'm often asked what I will miss most about the Senate and the answer is very easy: I'll miss my friends and the relationship that we have developed over the years.

Senator Isakson and I entered the University of Georgia 52 years ago in September and became friends immediately and we have been the dearest of friends ever since. He is without question the most trusted friend and advisor I have and I will miss our daily conversations.

My three best buddies from my House days--Speaker John Boehner, Congressman Tom Latham, and Senator Richard Burr, along with Senator Tom Coburn--have been legislative collaborators, dinner partners, golfing buddies, confidants, and numerous other things that should not be mentioned on the floor of the United States Senate. Senator Lindsey Graham is like a member of my family. We have traveled the world together many times, learning a lot. I have no plans to write a book, but if I did, Lindsey Graham anecdotes would fill a chapter. Senator Dianne Feinstein has been a great chairman and partner on the Intelligence Committee. I will miss her leadership, her wisdom, her friendship, and those late afternoon glasses of California wine.

My most productive time in the Senate has been spent with my dear friend, Senator Mark Warner. Our work with the Gang of Six, which included Senators Durbin, Conrad, Coburn, Crapo, and then later Senators Johanns and Bennett, represent the very best of everything about the United States Senate. We spent literally hundreds of hours together debating ideas and trying to solve major problems and we became very close. Senator Warner's insight, his wanting to solve problems, and his political inspiration are lessons that I will carry with me forever.

As the Senate now goes forward under new leadership, I have two comments: First, the Senate should return to regular order. Senator McConnell has indicated that will be the case and it should be. The rule change by the current majority changed the institution of the Senate in a negative way. I hope the rule is changed back to require 60 votes on all issues, including judges and nominees. Some of those vocal in favoring the rule change lost their elections and, while the rule change did not cost them their election, it is very clear that the American people wanted a change in the leadership that changed the rule. Regular order will help in restoring trust and confidence to the world's most deliberative body. Second, it is imperative that the issue of the debt of this country be addressed. Just last week our total debt surpassed \$18 trillion. We cannot leave the astronomical debt our policies have generated up to our children and grandchildren to fix. It is not rocket science as to what must be done. Cutting spending alone, i.e., sequestration is not the solution. Raising taxes is not the solution. As Simpson-Bowles, Domenici-Rivlin, and the Gang of Six agreed, it will take a combination of spending reduction, entitlement reform, and tax reform to stimulate more revenue. Hard and tough votes will have to be taken, but that's why we get elected to the United States Senate. The world is waiting for America to lead on this issue; and, if we do, the U.S. economy will respond in a very robust way. The Gang of Six laid the foundation for this problem to be solved, and it is my hope that we do not leave the solution for the next generation.

I close with what I've enjoyed most about Congress, and this is the opportunity I have had to spend with the men and women in uniform and those in the intelligence world—all of whom are willing to put their life in harm's way for the sake of our freedom. Whether it was Robbins Air Force Base, Kabul, Jalalabad, or Dubai, I always get emotional telling the men and women how proud of them I am and how blessed we Americans are to have them protecting us. They are special people who sacrifice much for the sake of all 300 million Americans. Let us remember and be thankful for the families of those military and civilian personnel who likewise make a commitment to America. As we head into another Christmas season, many of those families will not have at home their spouse, their parent, their son, or their daughter. May God bless them, may God bless this great institution, and may God continue to bless our great country. Mr. President, I yield the floor.



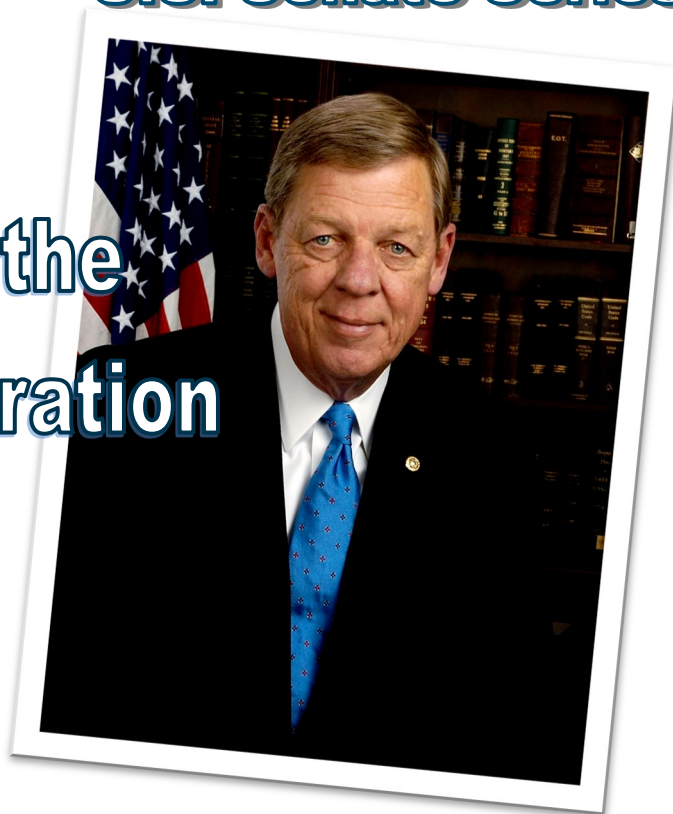
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Anne Bateman, 1961 - 1963
Rita Creeson & W.C. LeShanna,
October 1964 - March 1965
Lee Ague Miller, 1965 - 1966
Bootsie Calhoun, 1966 - 1967
Virginia Estes Massey, 1967 - 1970
Margaret Holliman, 1970 - 1974
Lil McAfee, 1975 - 1976
June Kidd, 1977 - 1978
Kathie Miller, 1979 - 1982
Helen von Waldner, 1983 - 1984
Sandra Deyton, 1985 - 1986
Reva Jennings, 1987 - 1988
Kathie Miller, 1989 - 1992
Sharon Jacoby, 1993 - 1996
Emma Hinesley, 1997 - 2000
Valerie Betz, 2001 - 2004
Millie Rogers, 2005 - 2008
Susan Voyles, 2009 - 2012
Rose Wing, 2012 - 2013

Transparency and the Veterans Administration

By Johnny Isakson

U.S. Senator (R-Ga)



On his first day in office, President Barack Obama promised that his administration would be the most transparent in history.

The Georgia Federation of Republican Women and the Georgia Republican Party are well aware that this has not been the case. There are the “missing emails” of key IRS officials involved in the scandal over applications for tax-exempt status from conservative groups. There’s the constant bypassing of Congress with executive orders that allow the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies to impose burdensome regulations that would never pass in Congress. And then there’s the architect of Obamacare saying on tape that the deliberate “lack of transparency” in the Obamacare legislation was necessary to circumvent “the stupidity of the American voter” to ensure passage of the legislation.

The lack of transparency and accountability demonstrated by this administration is deeply troubling to me.

Another scandal where a lack of transparency by this administration has caused great harm is at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, commonly referred to as the VA, where fraudulent scheduling schemes forced veterans to wait months to see a doctor. As a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, I’ve spent a considerable amount of time working to address the problems stemming from this very issue.

Our veterans have risked it all to protect our freedom. There’s no greater calling than to make certain the VA delivers for them. That’s why I have personally made it my mission to get to the bottom of the VA’s problems. I investigated signs of neglect and mismanagement at the Atlanta VA Medical Center by holding a Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee field hearing in August 2013. Since that time I have been part of the effort to fix the VA’s problems and put into place reforms for the future that will instill a system of success and accountability.

The *Veterans’ Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014*, that was passed by both chambers of Congress and was signed into law in August 2014, was an overdue step toward helping improve the quality and timeliness of care by giving veterans a choice. In this reform legislation, the VA is required to give veterans the opportunity to go to a private provider if they cannot secure an appointment at the VA within a reasonable amount of time, or if they live more than 40 miles from the nearest VA facility.

Republicans know that choice and competition improves quality and delivery, and I believe this reform legislation goes a long way toward accomplishing that goal.

While we have implemented many critical reforms to address the quality and access problems for our nation’s veterans with this legislation, until we root out this culture of corruption and misconduct within the VA, more must be done to ensure we put our veterans first.

That’s why in the *Veterans’ Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014* we also included a provision to allow for the firing of incompetent or corrupt senior managers to provide real accountability that for years has been sorely lacking. This authority gives the new VA Secretary, Robert McDonald, the tools needed to enforce the VA and make it a responsive organization.

This administration promised to be the most transparent, but it has failed to live up to that promise. Within the VA, I will continue to hold officials accountable and insist that they follow through with this commitment. Our veterans deserve no less.

Fighting for the People of Georgia

By David Perdue

U.S. Senator Elect (R-Ga)



We accomplished something very special this past election. We couldn't have done it without the help of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women and its members who spent countless hours making phone calls, knocking on doors, and helping get our message out. Bonnie and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Together, we gave Georgians an opportunity to rise up and send a clear message: It's time for a new direction in Washington. While we won by eight points in Georgia, we also gained a Republican majority in the U.S. Senate, and an even stronger majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.

After an exciting election, I'm focused on the incredible responsibility the people of Georgia have entrusted in me. I have already begun putting together a strong team to serve our constituents that shares our values, understands our priorities, and has the same sense of urgency to make a difference so we can hit the ground running in January.



Following my recent visit to Washington, I am encouraged and excited by the opportunity to bring functionality, accountability, and transparency back to the Senate. I look forward to debating dozens of jobs bills that have previously been blocked by U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid so we can finally begin to govern again.

My commitment is to build consensus and work with my colleagues to produce results, while never compromising my principles. I hope to bring a fresh perspective from a working person's point of view to the U.S. Senate. I want to prevent the unintended consequences politicians have put on Georgia's businesses and families through sweeping legislation that too often doesn't solve the problems Georgians face every day.

As part of the new Senate majority, I am going to roll my sleeves up and get to work fighting for the people of Georgia. My focus is on setting clear, common sense goals about how we can finally get Washington working again.

We can start by balancing our budget and getting our priorities straight. The first step is to cut wasteful spending and start growing the economy. To do that, we need to reform our tax system, roll back regulators, and unleash our energy resources, including building the Keystone XL Pipeline to create American jobs and work toward energy independence.

We also need to make sure that our children are ready for jobs in the 21st century and have the tools they need to succeed. Both my parents were schoolteachers, so I learned firsthand the importance of quality education.

All children should have access to a quality education regardless of their zip code, and we can do more to tap into our technical and trade schools to help people get back into the workforce.

Finally, we need to break the cycle of gridlock in Washington. That's why I'm committed to fighting for term limits in Congress. While this will not happen overnight, I will hold myself to serving no more than two terms in the Senate. This is not a career for me. This is about making a difference, producing results, and getting things done for the people of Georgia.

With your help, we can make some real changes and get the government working for the people again. I will work every day to put Georgia first and fight for your best interests in Washington.

Bonnie and I are so grateful for everything you did to help win this election. All your hard work and prayers were truly encouraging to us. We simply could not have done this without you. Thank you!

Who Am I?

David Perdue is the Senator-elect from Georgia. David has more than 40 years of business experience as the former CEO of Reebok athletic brand and Dollar General stores. Perdue grew up in Warner Robins where he worked on his family farm. At Georgia Tech, he earned a degree in industrial engineering and a master's degree in operations research. Perdue and his wife, Bonnie, have two sons and three grandsons who are their inspiration for coming to the U.S. Senate.

TRANSPARENCY: When Promises Are Not Kept

By Doug Collins
GA Congressman



If you asked 100 Americans why we need transparency in government, you would probably get 100 unique answers—all of which would be justified. Transparency helps ensure that public servants are doing their jobs, prevents the theft of taxpayer funds, discourages abuse of power, and is simply the right thing to do in any form of government. Many voters responded to candidate Barack Obama's promise to have the "most transparent administration in history" because they understand the importance of accountability.

While the Obama Administration has been far from transparent in reality, the Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives has done its part to make good on the president's campaign pledge. Over the last two years, I have been part of a vital movement that has reclaimed the federal legislature's Article I oversight power over the Executive Branch to hold this admin-

istration accountable. I have had a front-row seat at dozens of inquiries into the misdeeds of the Obama Administration as a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. From Benghazi and Fast and Furious to the IRS targeting scandal, we've worked to expose serious missteps that call this administration's competence into question.

I'm proud that the Committee's work has provided a basis for meaningful action by the whole House. In response to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's refusal to provide key information pertaining to Operation Fast and Furious, the House held an historic vote to hold him in contempt of Congress in June. Holder became the first sitting Cabinet member to be held accountable in this way. The Committee's investigation also led to a May vote on the House floor that held Lois Lerner, former director of the Exempt Organizations Unit of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, in contempt.

The House has taken other momentous steps to provide transparency in this administration. In July, we voted to authorize a lawsuit against the president for the first time. This unprecedented action responded to President Obama's decision to ignore several Obamacare deadlines, defer the deportation of illegal immigrants, and refuse to work with Congress on many issues confronting our nation.

When IRS Commissioner John Koskinen first

came before the Committee earlier this year to testify about the infamous "missing" emails of Lois Lerner, I shared a personal story with him. I told Commissioner Koskinen about my teenage son, who has a very active imagination. My son can lead you on some pretty amazing trips. At a certain point in time, I have to look at him and say, "the load you're carrying doesn't add up any more, and *nobody believes it.*"

The American people have grown increasingly incredulous with this administration, thanks in part to our efforts to shed the light of truth on the tales they spin. Given this administration's actions, I'm grateful that our country's Founders' genius helps ensure transparency even when campaign promises are not kept. Congress must continue exercising its constitutional oversight responsibilities while finding meaningful ways to keep the Executive Branch accountable in the 21st century.

My administration is committed to creating an unprecedented level of openness in government. We will work together to ensure the public trust and establish a system of transparency, public participation, and collaboration. Openness will strengthen our democracy and promote efficiency and effectiveness in government.

President Obama, 1-21-2009

Who Am I?

Congressman **Doug Collins** was elected as the U.S. Representative from Georgia's 9th District in 2013. Previously, he was a state representative in the Georgia House of Representatives, representing the 27th district that includes portions of Hall, Lumpkin, and White counties. Collins also serves as a Chaplain (Major) in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.





The Price Perspective

By Tom Price
Incoming Chairman
U.S. House Budget
Committee

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Preventing Executive Overreach

As Americans, we understand that there will be legitimate disagreements when Congress and the president are engaged in debate over solutions to the challenges facing our nation. But, we also believe that those discussions should be had with a healthy respect for and adherence to the rule of law and the constitutional duties that those of us who have the honor to serve have sworn an oath to uphold.

Sadly, President Barack Obama has chosen to abandon the legitimate checks and balances of our democracy by directly contravening the immigration laws of this land. Back in August—before he announced his most recent executive amnesty plan—U.S. House Republicans voted to prohibit the president's overreach. This past week, the House of Representatives used its next tool within our legislative authority by passing the *Preventing Executive Overreach on Immigration Act*. This legislation states unequivocally that the Executive Branch does not have the authority, and should not be allowed, to trample on the Constitution.

We also learned on [December 3] that 17 states, including Georgia, have filed a lawsuit against the Obama Administration's executive actions. This is important because elected officials at both the federal and state level must pursue realistic avenues to hold the president accountable. We have an obligation to protect and defend the rule of law enshrined in our Constitution and with it the voices of the American people we represent.

So long as the president and his allies in Congress continue to put their executive amnesty ahead of fidelity to the rule of law, we must and we will continue to seek to hold the administration accountable. [December 8, 2014]

Budget Priorities

In years past, the House Budget Committee along with the House of Representatives as a whole have drafted, debated and adopted bold budgets that have staked out a path to greater American prosperity.

In the next Congress, we will build upon that success. We will put forward a budget that restores balance to the nation's books. It will provide a blueprint for how to save and strengthen vital health and retirement programs while ensuring needed resources for those who protect and defend our great nation.

Key to accomplishing real results will be to use budgetary processes at our disposal to move meaningful legislation through the House and Senate and to the president's desk for his consideration. This can and must be done in a transparent manner with consultation and input from members across different committees of jurisdiction and Congress at large.

Unique to our committee will be a continued commitment to the review and reform of the Congressional budget process. Congress budgets and assesses the fiscal and economic impact of policies using a 40-year old framework in which the default is to spend more, not less.

The current Congressional Budget Office rules and analytical limitations lead to unrealistic projections and are vulnerable to manipulation. We need to modernize the budget process so Congress has a more complete and realistic understanding of the impact policies will have on the nation's fiscal health, the economy, and the well-being of families and businesses.

For all the challenges America faces today—both at home and abroad—we also have tremendous opportunities to accomplish positive solutions on behalf of the American people. Much of that effort will begin with and be aided by putting forward a balanced budget that is equal to the tasks at hand—that speaks to the priorities of our diverse country, to our fiscal realities and our economic aspirations, to our national security concerns, and the personal financial security of American families.

[Dr. Tom Price of Georgia is incoming Chairman of the House Budget Committee. Current chairman, Paul Ryan (R-WI), will be the new Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee.]

The Unraveling of Obamacare

The Roar and Realization about the Affordable Care Act

By Wendy Powell,
Management Consultant



What do American families want and need?—decision-making authority and security of our choices about affordable healthcare. This thinly veiled single payer system is still coming at us like the Obamacare express that was promised by its creators. Wait until the employer mandates of 2015 and 2016 kick in to see the loss of health care choice. It will be staggering.

Obamacare, or the Affordable Care Act, was introduced to America in 2010 via a Christmas Eve vote as the answer to a “broken health care system.” This would be accomplished via government control and maintenance. We were told, “If you like your healthcare, you can keep your healthcare and your doctor,” and your family would save \$2,500 per year. We now know that is not true and four years later, we are still coming to the realization about the effects of the new law called Obamacare that was passed so we could find out what was in it.

Time has given way to clarity of purpose and methods that just do not work for the aggregate American public.

Americans are weary. We have experienced broken promises and what many consider to be outright lies to create a healthcare system that has caused at least 4.2 million Americans to lose their healthcare coverage in 2014. According to Robert Laszewski, president of Health Policy and Strategy Associates, “Eighty percent of people in the individual market will lose their policy due to Obamacare regulations.”¹ This is a clear reveal of

the original goal of a single-payer system run by the IRS. The bi-partisan Congressional Budget Office predicts that 20 million Americans will lose their hard-earned employer coverage.² Remember, the Obamacare target market was 15 percent of Americans.

Due to the realization that this just doesn’t work, there have been countless delays, actually 42 to date, including 24 changes by executive order.³

The latest Gallop poll reveals that 56 percent of Americans disapprove of Obamacare, with only 37 percent approval.⁴ Creator Max Baucus warned us of the upcoming “train wreck,” Obamacare architect Jonathan Gruber has told us that the law was written with an intentional lack of transparency with the “stupidity” of the American voter in mind.

Now U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) says Democrats “blew the opportunity the American people gave them.” Schumer, a one-time prime supporter of Obamacare, now claims they never should have passed the law. Schumer claims they focused on the wrong problem, “(it) wasn’t the change we were hired to make.” The appropriate concentration?—economy and jobs.⁵

Olympians, rappers, and Hollywood elites have marketed Obamacare to us without knowledge of the impact of the law. “It will make you stronger and make you a winner,” they claimed.

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We have collectively spent \$2 billion on a failed website,⁶ just under \$700 million on advertising Obamacare to us, paid by us. This is all without attention to or from my perspective, downright ignoring truth in advertising laws. We need to demand accountability.

From the halls of the White House, we have heard untruths, outright lies for political gain, and outrageous irresponsible spending that has fallen way short of semblance of order while taking liberties with our health care. Obamacare's quick and irresponsible rollout of the ill-conceived system has resulted in a wholesale upset of our healthcare appletart that has left millions of Americans confused, fearful, and angry about the future of their health.

The Obama administration is clearly not only attempting, they are succeeding, at controlling our healthcare managed by of all places, the IRS. We need to carefully watch developments and keep abreast of the changes that affect all of us, keep it front and center. Look to the detailed statistics, not the spoon-fed information. It is time for meaningful change that will not take away our coveted American choices.

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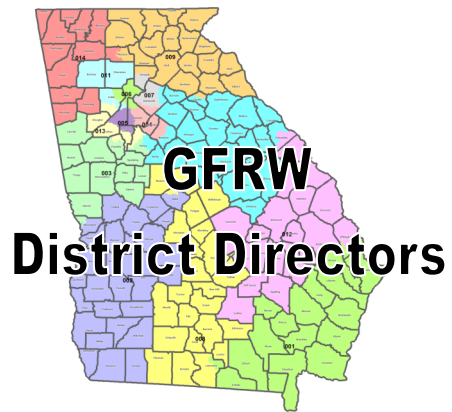
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Who Am I?

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7th District	Linda Williams Gwinnett County
8th District	Varie Rustin Houston County
9th District	Judy True Hall County
10th District	Jean Blackstone Oconee County
11th District	Melinda Mock Cherokee County
12th District	Lillian Smith Columbia County
13th District	Joyce Hinton Henry County
14th District	(Vacant)

Candidate for National Y.R. Chairman

Best wishes to Georgia's Meagan Myers Hanson in her candidacy for Chairman of the National Young Republicans. Hanson currently serves as Chairman of the Georgia Y.Rs.





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The Importance of Conservative Judges

By Sonja Heldt Harris
Political Activist

lower courts and set good legal precedent.

Judges by the very nature of their title must stand above all others. It is imperative that they possess integrity, a strong moral character, ability to discern, and calm temperament. A judge, according to Canon law 2A, "must avoid all impropriety and appearance of impropriety. This prohibition applies to both professional and personal conduct. A judge must expect to be the subject of constant public scrutiny and accept freely and willingly restrictions that might be viewed as burdensome by the ordinary citizen."

character to assume the responsibilities that go with the title of judge. We must dutifully inform ourselves to the qualifications of the candidates.

We basically have a two-party system in America, Democrats and Republicans, that have entirely different ideologies. Republicans are for limited government, fiscal responsibility, and free market enterprise. The social values

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Justitia, Lady Justice, has been 'blindfolded' since the 15th century. The blindfold signifies the ability to be impartial, that justice should be measured accurately without fear or favor, regardless of race, gender, religion, personal wealth or power. Judges play an enormous role in our society. No other official can by his ruling alone change the lives of a person, an entire family, or a nation. People tend to forget, or not even realize, that their lives can be drastically transformed by the decisions of a judge and jury.

Trial judges interpret the law, hear evidence presented, and evaluate each. They control how hearings and trials develop in their courtrooms. In essence, the trial judge must play an independent and impartial role in order to assess all the facts presented and apply the laws pertaining to the case in question. Appellate judges, too, must impartially judge the evidence and the law in order to guide the

The selection of judges can be by appointment or by election. While it is vitally important to elect competent, moral judges, it is also as important to elect competent, moral executives who have the power to appoint judges.

In today's America, we are all too familiar with the "lawlessness" that has gripped our judicial system in the last six years. It seems many are unfamiliar in what to look for when electing a conservative judge or a conservative executive. Is it any wonder that judges seem to have evolved from their "blinded" position to a more partisan stance? The journey to the bench begins early as an attorney. It is here that the more critical working experience is formed and merges with the core values of the individual.

It is not the role of the judge to create new law but to interpret the laws enacted by the legislative bodies. Activists campaigning for the judiciary should not be considered and should be a red flag to the voter. By the time an attorney campaigns for a bench position, he should have the experience, temperament, and moral

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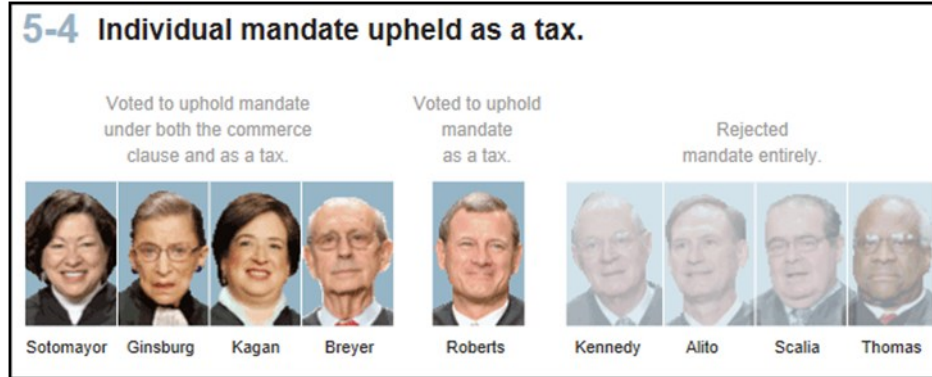
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Importance of Conservative Judges

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are also on opposite ends. Republicans value life, traditional marriage, and strong family support from conception to the end of life.



Candidates to the judicial system freely decide their party of choice and are voted in as Democrats or Republicans. Appointments are also based on party affiliation. It isn't a secret that we are struggling to retain our Freedom of Religion in the courts today. It is because we now have judges who "interpret" the law to suit their liberal agenda. The Hobby Lobby case was determined by a five to four ruling, making it a very close call by conservative justices. Obamacare, as it is commonly called, was upheld by a five to four ruling and called a "tax" basically by the liberal justices.

In Texas, the Voter ID law that was passed by the Texas legislators was ruled unconstitutional in early October by a liberal U.S. district judge appointed by President Barack Obama in January 2011 to the Southern District of Texas. However, the law was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court and was used in the 2014 general election. We must be wary of Eric Holder's motive for resigning as U.S. Attorney General because he may be Obama's third Supreme Court appointment. Supreme Court justices are life appointments and reflect the ideology of the president making the appointment.

As voters, we cannot know the candidates' hearts, but we do have work history, case rulings, and endorsements as criteria to base our decisions for voting. If we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy the freedoms we have taken for granted, then we must be ever vigilant to assure that the judges we elect are conservative and reflect our conservative values.

Federal Judges Appointed by Barack Obama

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NFRW Member at Large

Georgia, Missouri, and South Carolina racked up historic election wins from numerous governors to returning the U.S. Senate to Republican control, as well as retaining--and even growing--the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. Louisiana, as of this writing, is poised to make the GOP gains in the Senate a perfect nine with the final vote in Louisiana, defeating the Obama liberal there. [Bill Cassidy defeated Mary Landrieu in the Louisiana runoff election December 6, 2014.]

GFRW, you did your conservative work seamlessly and your sisters in the NFRW across the nation salute you.

Republican women are working harder than ever and it shows! The wave of conservatism in 2014 brought even more women to our cause. The GOP hit a milestone this year. In just two years, we were able to close the gender gap among women voting liberal from 12 percent to four percent. With continued work, we can close the gap even further. Next stop: The White House!



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"Lean in" to Life

By Karin Agness

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marriage and family.

Sheryl Sandberg's book, *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*, has inspired women across the country to "lean in" at the workplace—by speaking up in meetings,

taking on bigger projects, and asking for greater responsibility. Highlighted copies of the book are being shared, women speakers are being brought in, and Lean In Circles are popping up at corporate head-quarters. There is some good advice in her book about how to move up the career ladder. But the problem is more complicated since most women want more than just a fancy title—they want a fulfilling life inside and outside the workplace.

The large majority of Americans, including college women, aren't just focused on careers. The 2012 Her Campus ["Ultimate College Girl Survey"](#) of 2,589 girls ages 17-23 from 677 colleges across the country found that more than 80 percent of respondents wanted to be married by age 30; 17.1 percent under age 25; 46.5 percent between ages 25-27; and, 20.9 percent between ages 28-30. And a majority wanted to have children by age 30—including a quarter who wanted children by age 27. By age 27, which is traditionally five years out of college, more than 60 percent want to be married and a quarter want to have children. Where are the serious articles, books, circles, and foundations discussing this?

Susan Patton hit the national stage with a letter to the editor to *The Daily Princetonian* advising women to search for husbands while on campus. Now known as the "Princeton Mom," Patton has parlayed this message into op-eds, TV appearances, and a book deal. Her initial observation hardly should have been controversial: She reminded Princeton coeds

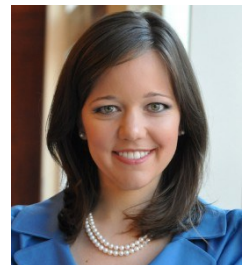
that they are in an environment that includes the highest concentration of eligible men who share their interests and dreams that they will likely ever find in their lives. Therefore, it makes sense to look for a spouse. She's since taken this message in a more controversial direction—since she does have books to sell. Because her original piece received so much mocking, it signals how far the pendulum has swung to making it taboo to acknowledge marriage as a life goal. It shouldn't be that way. We should have honest conversations about getting ahead in all aspects of life—and not just give women advice on the career aspect.

Young girls would be better off if so many "girl power" movements didn't focus on single-minded careerism. Instead of just discussing how to "lean in" to work, we should broaden the discussion to how to "lean in" to life. After all, when we think of Barbie, we don't just think about her career, but also Ken.

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Who am I?

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Mattel has a new Barbie—"Entrepreneur Barbie"—that hit shelves this summer, complete with a tablet, smartphone, and briefcase. For only \$12.99, you can own this Barbie that is ["ready to make a bold business move and strike out on her own to achieve her career dreams."](#) She is ["breaking through plastic ceilings and inspiring girls to follow their dreams."](#) and now has her own LinkedIn profile, hashtag, and billboard in Times Square with the slogan, "If you can dream it, you can be it."

Entrepreneur Barbie's entrance into the "girl power" discussion is a good reminder that girls not only can choose among a variety of careers, but would be wise to try to think entrepreneurially about building a fulfilling life both inside and outside the workplace. Young girls shouldn't just think about "leaning in" to work, but also "leaning in" to life—which includes discussions of marriage and family. Barbie now has more than 150 careers—from registered nurse to Olympic athlete to astronaut to presidential candidate. And, as just about any young girl can tell you, she also has Ken.

That's a message that often causes much hand-wringing among those on the Left who are laser-focused on seeing more women Fortune 500 CEOs. It's okay to encourage women to "lean in" at work, but the truth is that most young women also care about how to "lean in" to life outside work, including building a

By Martha Zoller

Talk Show Host



What's Ahead Under the Dome?



There's a very interesting dynamic going on under the Gold Dome already. In early November, Governor Nathan Deal handily won reelection to a second term. Republicans have a Super Majority in both houses. Sounds like easy street, right? Mostly right.

The leadership on the House side was easily reaffirmed with Speaker David Ralston at the helm and Rep. Jan Jones as Speaker Pro Tem. On the Senate side, there were contested races for their leadership positions. Since 2010, the Georgia Senate is where the drama has been. From the stripping of chairmanships related to the 2010 Hospital Bed Tax Vote to the current battle for president pro tempore and majority leader precipitated by Sen. Ronnie Chance stepping down last session, the deck chairs are being rearranged. However it turns out, we'll have new leadership in the Georgia Senate. So what will the legislative priorities be?

Passing a budget, of course, is the first priority. Looking at revenues for the year, they are good and following projections. Education is the biggest part of that budget, so look for a big discussion on Common Core implementation, or not.

However, what marks a legislative session under the Gold Dome is the unpredicted issues. There are two areas that will become big issues of discussion.

First: transportation—Georgia, like everywhere else in the United States, is getting less gasoline tax revenue. That is because of more efficient automobiles, but also because no GOP governor wants to raise taxes. There are increases built into the law to offset increases in miles per gallon, but they have not been implemented. This is one of the major causes for revenue reductions. There will be a well-funded

and statewide effort to educate and push transportation policy throughout the state and under the Gold Dome.

Second: religious liberty issues—This will be the fight. There will be two opposite and well-funded movements related to this. The business community and free market forces believe passing a Georgia version of the federal religious liberty law is redundant and will discourage new companies from coming to Georgia. The religious community believes that based on things happening in other states, Georgians need to be protected from the erosion of their religious liberties. This will be the battle royal of the legislative session.

Of course, there's always the issue you don't expect, but for now, this is what the landscape looks like.

Log on to zpolitics.com every day and see the best assortment of Georgia news and what's happening under the Gold Dome.

Who Am I?

Martha Zoller is a force on the conservative political landscape. A statewide talk radio show host and periodically a television personality, Zoller has authored one book and contributes to other publications. Termed a most influential Georgian and member of the media, Zoller has made a political campaign bid of her own and served as a grassroots consultant. A resident of Gainesville, Georgia, Zoller also is recognized as a defense expert by the Department of Defense. She is president of the Republican Women of Hall.



***If you set out to be liked, you will be prepared to compromise on anything at any time,
and you will achieve nothing. ~Margaret Thatcher***

GaGOP

Get Involved 2015

Step
1

FEBRUARY 7, 2015
Start in your neighborhood

Early involvement begins at the grassroots level in your voting precinct.

On February 7th, 2015 (Saturday) at 10am: Your county* will gather at a designated place (watch your newspaper, county website, state website, or emails for the exact location). These gatherings are called the:

Precinct Caucus or Mass Meeting

At this caucus you will meet with others in your precinct to elect officers (two year terms). You will also elect delegates and alternates to your County Convention held in March. The number of delegates and alternates from each precinct is based on a percentage of how many people voted for the Romney/Ryan ticket in 2012 in your precinct.

* Most counties with under 80,000 population hold their Precinct Caucus/Mass Meetings in March at 9am just prior to their county convention. Check with your county to determine when your caucuses will be held. <http://www.gagop.org/local/county>

Step
3

APRIL 18, 2015
Your U.S. Congressional District Conventions

These are based on U.S. Congressional Districts. Locations are decided by each individual district. If you were elected in March as a delegate or alternate to the District Convention then you will be notified of the location.

At This Convention:

- The Delegates will elect District Officers.

Step
2

MARCH 14, 2015
County Convention

Your County GOP will hold a convention on Saturday, March 14th, 2015 at 10am at a place designated by your county party.

Delegates and Alternates

...who were elected at the February Mass Meeting or Caucus will gather to elect:

- a County Chairman, Other Officers, and Committee Members as designated in your county bylaws. They will serve a two year term.
- Delegates and Alternates who will represent your county at the District and State Conventions held in April and May respectively.

Step
4

MAY 15-16, 2015
The State Convention



Athens, Georgia

This is where everything happens that will drive the Georgia Republican Party for the next two years.

If you were elected at your County Convention as a Delegate or Alternate to the state convention then you will:

- Elect a new State Chairman - 2 year term
- Elect other State Party Officers - 2 yr. terms
- Conduct other necessary and proper business



Additional information can be found by contacting:

The Georgia Republican Party

404-257-5559

www.GAGOP.org

or Your County Republican Party

Note. Although you do not have to be present in Step 1 to be elected as a delegate or alternate from your precinct, at least one person must be present from your precinct in order to caucus. Attendance increases your chances of attending the County, District and State Conventions as a delegate or alternate.

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Caring . . . and Sharing

Federated Women In ACTION!

Reports from Mary Lou Berghel, Bobbie Frantz, Louise Little, Varie Rustin, Barbara Schmader, Ullainee Stokes, Cindy Theiler, Judy True, Linda Clary Umberger.

Caring and Sharing is a new column for *VOICES Magazine*—a column devoted to YOU—the Republican women who work the telephones, hand out the campaign literature, recognize the efforts of our veterans, man the Republican booths at festivals and events, sponsor fund-raisers for local charities and organizations, and put together the political events that draw others to our causes. We care about our communities, our nation, and each other.

This column SHARES how local Federated Republican women's clubs CARE. If you would like to see activities of your club shared in *VOICES Magazine*, send your pictures and a brief description of the activities pictured to Sherry Roedl, Editor, smroedl@gmail.com.

Central DeKalb Republican Women



As a joint venture starting in 2010, Central DeKalb and North DeKalb RW presented 325 U.S. Constitutions and a Teacher's Guide to eight classrooms of enthusiastic students at the 4/5 Charter School in Decatur during

Constitution Week! For many years, CDRW has donated pill bottles and towels to the Atlanta Humane Society and soda can pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House each month.

Our new project is diapers for "Our House" in Decatur which keeps young children while their mothers look for employment.

Our members are also politically active in other GOP groups: Bobbie Frantz is treasurer, DeKalb GOP; Ullainee Stokes is chairman, DeKalb Senior Network; and, Linda Herren is our National Committeewoman. DeKalb County is not an easy place to elect Republicans, but all of our members are actively involved in local, countywide, and state elections!

We are especially proud of our member and GFRW Caring for America chairman, Judy Newell, who was there every day right up to election time at DeKalb GOP headquarters making phone calls to get our governor and other state-wide candidates elected!



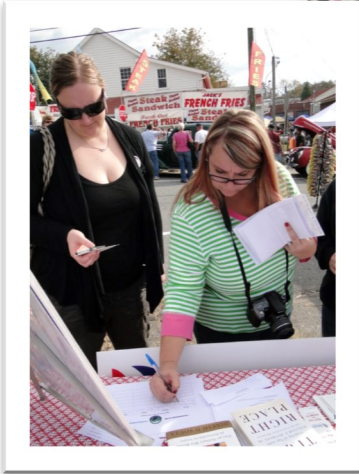
Cobb County Republican Women

Cobb County Republican Women's Club's 12th annual Veterans Celebration Brunch was another sell-out success on November 1. Because this year marked the 70th anniversary of D-Day (the invasion of Normandy) and the Battle of the Bulge, the event paid special tribute to World War II veterans. Donna Rowe, CCRWC member and former Army captain, served as chair for the event.

Escorted into the ballroom by CCRWC members and supporters of the organization, 57 WWII veterans, including many from area senior housing facilities, were honored and presented with flowers and special thank you notes. In addition to recognizing veterans, the event also included featured speaker Martin K.A. Morgan, author of *The Americans on D-Day and Down to Earth*.



During the remembrance ceremony (L to R) Karen Hallacy, Helen Story, Victoria Turney, and Felicity Diamond lay hats from the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force on the table to symbolize those armed forces members who are missing from our ranks.
Photo by John Delves



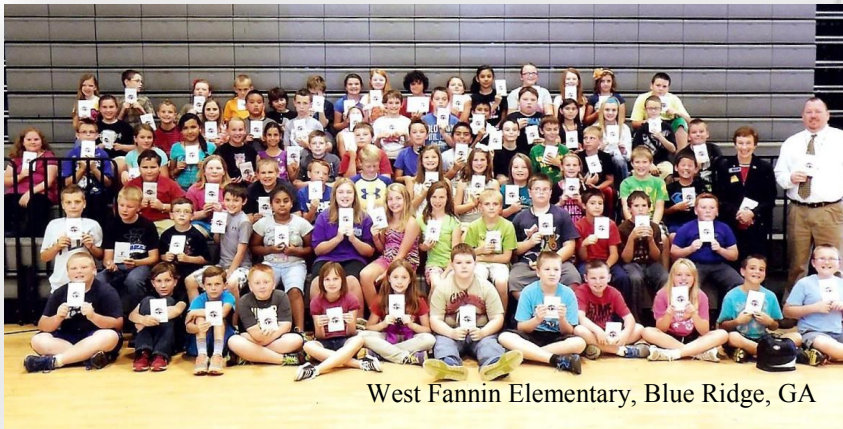
Foothills Republican Women

The Foothills women had a busy fall getting out the vote. Members made phone calls from the 9th District Victory Center, posted cards, and worked in the GOP booth at the annual Moonshine Festival in downtown Dawsonville.

A new event for this election season was the October Prayer Breakfast held to encourage early voting and voting on Election Day.

Northeast Georgia Republican Women

On September 17, 2014, Louise Little, president, Northeast Georgia Republican Women, presented 246 fifth-grade students with a copy of the U.S. Constitution, in honor of Constitution Day. Little, accompanied by a reporter from the *Fannin Focus*, visited Blue Ridge Elementary, East Fannin Elementary, and West Fannin Elementary and handed out Constitution booklets to fifth graders in each of these three Fannin County schools. The students listened intently to Little talking about the U.S. Constitution and its importance to our country and they were so excited to get their copy of this important



West Fannin Elementary, Blue Ridge, GA



Pictures appeared in the *Fannin Focus*.
www.fanninfoocus.com

Republican Women for Habersham (new club being formed)

A new club has been formed in Georgia's 9th District and is in the process of being chartered. Republican women in Habersham County have completed bylaws approved by GFRW. Meetings and activities got under way this fall. Led by Steering Committee Chairman Mary Lou Berghel, the club finished the year with its first "Silver Tea Fundraiser" to support Habersham Homeless. Georgia's first lady, Sandra Deal, was honored guest for the event.



invites you to a
Silver Tea Fundraiser
supporting Habersham Homeless

Honored Guest:
The First Lady of Georgia
Sandra Deal

Saturday, December 6, 2014
11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
at the home of
Mary Lou Berghel
285 Boyd Wood Road
Clarkesville (Hollywood vicinity)

RSVP by Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Mary Lou Berghel
706-754-3048 (H)
704-372-8363 (cell)

Guests welcome
(Driving directions on back.)



Republican Women of Hall

Members worked to assist in the opening of the GAGOP Victory Center in Hall County and devoted many volunteer hours making phone calls at the Hall GOP Headquarters in Gainesville. The club's activities included co-sponsoring an annual picnic with the Hall County GOP and then sponsoring the club's Get Out the Vote Rally at the Gainesville Civic Center on September 27. Speakers included: Governor Nathan Deal, Senate candidate David Perdue, GAGOP Chairman John Padgett, Congressman Doug Collins, and Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp. Caring for America speakers from various organizations throughout the Hall community have been featured at each club meeting and donations were accepted on their behalf.

Southwest Georgia Republican Women

Members attended rallies, fund-raisers, meet and greets, bus tours, and fly-ins. Lowndes County became a depository for Perdue and Woods signs and handouts. In one race alone, our members placed more than 500 large and medium yard signs in the surrounding area.

Members went to festivals in Lanier, Berrien, and Brooks counties to campaign one-on-one for Republican candidates. We had a tent at Hahira, Lowndes County Honeybee Festival, and attended the luncheon in honor of the parade marshal, Sandra Deal.

We usually take copies of the Constitution to our religious and private schools on Constitution Day. We were so busy leading up to that time, we decided to do it two weeks before the General Election. We asked the teachers to include discussions of the rights afforded by the Constitution—mainly citizen participation by voting responsibly.



District 8 Activities

Two major projects were implemented this year to promote the Georgia Federation of Republican Women (GFRW) in District 8: the Constitution Day project and a campaign bus tour.

GFRW members celebrated Constitution Day by giving out 550 Liberty Day pocket-sized Constitution booklets to fifth-grade students in five different schools. The schools were located in Houston, Twiggs, and Crawford counties. The students were all allowed to meet, talk with, and receive a lesson on the Constitution from their state representative. Majority Leader of the Georgia House Larry O'Neal, State Representative-Elect Heath Clark, State Senator Ross Tolleson, Representative Bubber Epps, and Representative Robert Dickey all spent time with the future leaders now in fifth-grade in middle Georgia schools.

District 8 Activities—Continued

A tour bus that seated almost 50 was rented for a campaign bus tour through Houston, Pulaski, Bleckley, Twiggs, and Peach counties. Two candidates came and campaigned on the tour: Bonnie Perdue, wife of Senator-elect David Perdue, and State School Superintendent-elect Richard Woods and his wife Lisha.

Dedicated campaign volunteers from around the state came and some caravanned behind the bus in their own vehicles. There was a sheriff's escort for parts of the tour. Many restaurants donated delicious food along the way to energize the volunteers. As we campaigned, participants toured two historical buildings and appreciated the local attractions. The business owners and other voters were very receptive and seemed to appreciate the GFRW, Bonnie Perdue, and Richard Woods taking the time to come see them, listening to their political concerns, experiencing excellent shopping, and taking time to enjoy their community. The volunteers also blanketed the area with campaign materials.

The tour made a difference in these communities for the Republican ticket, for our candidates, and for the GFRW. Participants made fast friends and enjoyed the trip immensely. Richard Woods proclaimed it a "huge success" and hopes to participate in the same bus tour next year. Bonnie Perdue also considered it a successful campaign opportunity. Brenda Shivers, from **Middle Georgia Republican Women**, assisted Varie Rustin with the bus tour.



KUDOs to Barbara Hickey



By Cindy Theiler

Barbara Hickey, Cobb County Republican Women's Club president and former 3rd Vice President for GFRW (2012-2014), was honored recently as Cobb Community Collaborative's volunteer of the year.

Hickey was recognized at the CCC's 21st annual Human Services Awards luncheon for her extensive volunteer work that includes chairing, since its inception, Cobb Diaper Day (a non-profit organization) and collecting almost 400,000 diapers for low-income families in Cobb County in the last four years.

In addition to serving as CCRWC's president, she also leads the organization's Constitution Day committee. During the past six years, she has led fundraising and distribution efforts to provide Constitutions for fifth-grade students in the City of Marietta and Cobb County School District. This year approximately 5,500 Constitutions were distributed. Hickey also led efforts to initiate this program statewide into 35 counties.

She founded the Coalition of Cobb County Business Associations in 2005 and chairs this 18-member association. She previously served as president of the South Cobb Business Association in 2010 and served as president again in 2014.

Other organizations and initiatives that Hickey is involved with or has a leadership role in include: board member, the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce and Marietta Kiwanis Club; committee member, Cobb Schools Superintendent's Business Advisory Committee; chairman, Operation Warmth: Cobb; project manager, Foundation 2000 for Children; and mentor to a member of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce's Cobb Young Professionals.

VOICES salutes Barbara Hickey for her unselfish dedication to her fellow citizens of Cobb County.

VOICESmail

As VOICES Magazine continues to grow and attract contributors and readers, more articles are available than can sometimes be included in the regularly-scheduled issues. Likewise, we receive articles deserving immediate distribution rather than waiting for scheduled publication dates.

The VOICES staff has initiated a new news service—via Internet e-mails—through which time-sensitive articles may be shared with readers as soon as the articles are available. Such items may be repeated in upcoming issues of the magazine, if they are still timely and relevant to our readers' interests. To receive these e-mails, go to the GFRW website at www.gfrw.org.

A Place for Them At Our Table

Plan events that will attract young women

The younger generation wants to get involved and make a difference and they enjoy doing so in an informal environment. The key is to keep it social and fun.

- Plan “Happy Hours”—these work!
- Organize themed parties—Mardi Gras, St. Patrick’s Day, Casino Night, Derby Day.
- Create a “Painting with a Twist” event.
- Schedule events featuring young candidates/politicians or dynamic speakers who appeal to even non-political people (successful businesswomen, impactful public servants, TV anchors/personalities, etc.).
- Offer military and Wounded Warrior volunteer opportunities—greet them at the airport when they come home, collect Christmas toys for their children, put together care packages to send to troops overseas, collect supplies for Fisher House.
- Have a booth at a local festival—doesn’t have to be political (e.g., sell bratwursts at German Wurstfest or quilts at Market Days).
- Be a parade volunteer—work the club’s booth, pass out flags/beads, ride on a float, etc.
- Organize a block walk as a group—especially for a younger candidate.
- Develop a university roundtable discussion on a hot topic with diverse, conservative speakers.
- Schedule fun field trips to government sites such as a presidential library and the state/U.S. Capitol. Go to historical sites such as Williamsburg, the Alamo, Independence Hall, Gettysburg, or other sites in your geographic area.
- Volunteer in the community—organize a canned food or clothing drive, collect books and school supplies, participate in a charity fun run.
- Plan a picnic in the park—encourage them to bring their families.
- Organize college/professional sports watch parties/fundraisers.

Host quarterly socials/happy hours

It is difficult for young professionals to meet during the day, so they are hesitant to join a club where they can never attend meetings. A quarterly happy hour or other social function at various times of the day would be a great way to encourage this crowd to join, since they would be more likely to participate.



Invite young, politically-minded women

Ask current members who volunteer on campaigns for the Republican Party or for a conservative cause to keep their eye open for any interns, volunteers, or younger staff and invite them to a meeting. These gals are obviously politically-minded but may not know about your club or may have never been invited to attend your meetings.

Make club attendance easy and worthwhile

Between work and home responsibilities, many younger women are strapped for time. Consider the following to encourage them to attend your functions:

- Provide free childcare.
- Lower costs for young attendees—when able, offering a discount to those under 40 will incentivize them to attend.
- Vary the time—after 5 p.m. or weekends work best.
- Respect the time limit—this is especially important for working women and young mothers who have other obligations.
- Consider the location—plan the event where they will feel comfortable, where they naturally congregate (schools, coffee shops, bars, restaurants, etc.).
- Allow for networking—allocate time for members to network before or after the meeting so businesswomen can promote their company. This is a sign of appreciation to them for making time to attend.
- Sell “understated” Republican accessories that appeal to this generation—e.g., red, white, and blue iPhone covers, cute USA tank tops and V-neck shirts, elephant scarves, pink jewelry, etc.

Information from *Bring Young Women to Our Table*—a portfolio for state and local federation leaders. Published by the National Federation of Republican Women, 2014

Ideas to Spark Membership Retention

By Elaine Miller

Chair of the NFRW Membership Committee



Assign a welcome committee.

- Assign at least one person to welcome members at the door.
- Assist in finding attendees a place to sit. There is nothing worse than going from table to table where napkins are thrown across "saved" chairs, and not being asked to join the group.

Make members feel special.

- Listen to their ideas.
- Ask about their talents and use them in areas where they shine.
- Call them by name.
- Appoint them to committees. Ask them to work on special events or projects.
- During upcoming campaigns, ask them to head up or at least get involved in volunteer projects such as telephone banks, campaign offices, or voter registration. This will educate them in the election process and keep them interested.

Introduce members at every meeting.

- Make a special effort to introduce new or prospective members.
- Tell them how glad you are they are there. If you do this at every meeting, everyone will begin to feel welcomed, comfortable and important.

Recruit elected Republican women to your clubs.

- This will peak the interest of members since they will have an inside track on information and will get to know the officials.
- Keep track of "old" members who have dropped out and ask why.
- Listen to their concerns and do something about it. Be sincere about this. If they do rejoin, continue to check with them to see if their needs are being met.

Provide excellent programs. Members will want to be a part of the club.

- Educate members in current events.
- A visit to the legislature should be a highlight of the year.
- Keep them abreast of issues and answer their concerns. They will want to be members to participate in events.

Offer programs they could get no other place at this price!

Examples: Governor, Congressional Delegation, Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman, candidates. (If the state party brings a speaker to your state, perhaps you also can book the speaker for your club and not have to pay the entire bill. Being able to see a high profile Republican will make members want to stay involved.)

Create orientation packets to hand out to new members.

- Include a copy of the bylaws, calendar of events, purpose of the National Federation of Republican Women, state federation and local club.
- Include your current newsletter.

Keep business cards with information about your club always available.

- Use them to invite members to join or come back.
- Keep your club's membership form in your purse, as well as a small notebook for writing email addresses or phone numbers so you can respond to them after you promise you will. This will impress them.

Design a pin for your club or state.

Present the pin to new members, or at least make it available for sale so they can wear it to say they are proud to be a member of Federated Republican Women! Others will notice it and ask what it stands for. This begins the process of inviting other people to be members. When others find out we're Federation members, they show respect and want to know more about what we do and how they can get involved.

Make each member feel her opinion is important and that she is part of the club.

This is our strongest suggestion for retaining members.

Invite friends to join.

Many are just waiting to be asked to be involved.

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Reagan Club

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Babe Atkins-Byrne
Niki Broun
Bettye Chambers
Vivian Childs
Billie Dendy
Wanda Duffie
Bobbie Frantz
Shelia Galbreath
Augusta Gammon
Lydia Hallmark
Sarah Looper
Audrey Mahoney
Debbie McCord
Judy Newell
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Save the Date: Feb. 19-20, 2015

Winter Board Meeting and Red Coat Day



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