

## FCRP Chairman's Newsletter – February 2026



Dear Friends and Members,

It is already February! **Our next meeting is this Saturday, February 7th at 8:30 a.m.** We are pleased to welcome Dr. Bubba Longgear, candidate for State Superintendent of Schools, and Barbara Rivera Holmes, Georgia Labor Commissioner. Both will be running in the May 19th Primary. Please come hear them speak and take part in our always-energetic Q&A.

I really enjoy the two-speaker format, and our recent discussions have been excellent. Our Bagel Continental Breakfast was well received, and Evelyn Velasquez promised to add her delicious egg bites to the February menu.

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**BIG GEAR AND BOOK SALE:** At the February meeting, we will be holding a gear and book sale, so please come prepared to shop. We will be selling books currently stored in the office. Many of these books were generously donated with the expectation that they would be available for checkout; however, we do not have the storage space or staffing needed to manage a lending library.



If you donated book(s) and would like them returned, please email [fcrcslhnov@proton.me](mailto:fcrcslhnov@proton.me) with the titles, and our office staff will set them aside for you. All remaining books will be donated after the sale.

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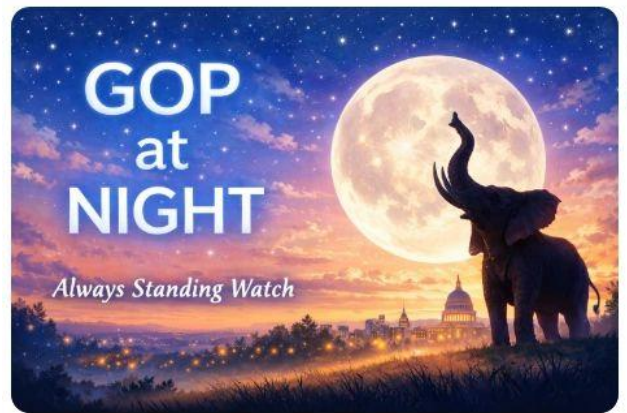


**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** The Board has approved a new program: Bring a new visitor to Saturday breakfast and both you and your guest will receive a free bagel breakfast!

Loyal members like you are the very best ambassadors for the Fayette County Republican Party, and we appreciate you spreading the word.

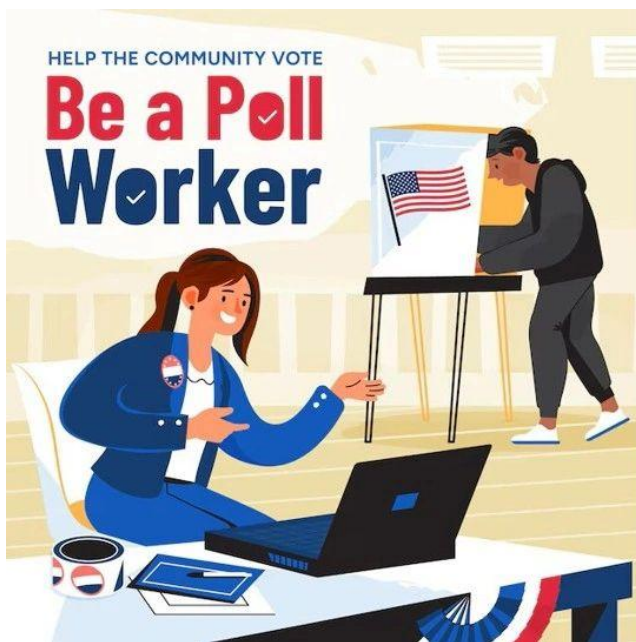
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**GOP AT NIGHT:** Our first GOP at NIGHT in January was a success, with 25 attendees and an exciting presentation by Niki Vanderslice. Our next evening meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m., featuring Lori Funderwhite, Fayetteville's Director of Economic Development.



Bring a friend and your questions - snacks will be available. These evening meetings are designed to engage Republicans who cannot attend Saturday mornings.

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**ELECTION YEAR WORK BEGINS:** Poll Watcher Training will be offered in April by Sharlene Alexander for the upcoming Primary, including early voting and Election Day coverage.

This is an important election year, with all state offices on the ballot. Locally, we will be electing 2 County Commissioners, 2 School Board members, and 1 Judge.

If you would like to consider running for office, now or in the future, please let me know.

We also need Notary Publics to assist during Qualification Week, March 6, at our Event Center. If you are a notary—or would like to become one—please email me at [elainekilgore@proton.me](mailto:elainekilgore@proton.me). I will be on site most of the week and additional notaries would be a tremendous help.

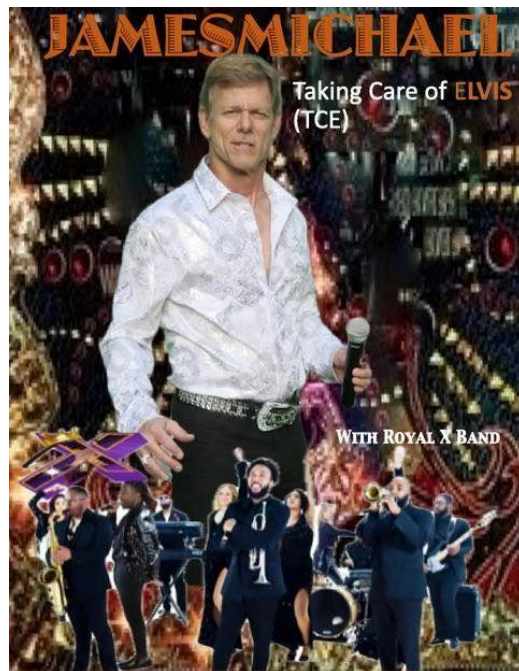


**SPRING CLEANING:** During that week, we will also be doing some spring cleaning - light cleaning, organizing, and small painting projects. Nothing major, but it will make a big difference. Come and lend a hand. Volunteers are welcome, and snacks will be available!

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Finally, a heartfelt thank you to James Michael, our Santa Elvis, for performing at our Christmas parties purely as a volunteer.

If you'd like to hear more of James Michael (Taking Care of Elvis), he will perform at the Butts County Performing Arts Center in Jackson on February 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Visit his [YouTube PAGE](#) for more information.



Stay warm, and I hope to see you this Saturday!

Sincerely, Elaine

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