

August 3, 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you for being here this morning. Being the FCRP Chairman is a little bit different. I did not get active in the party until 2020 and there really isn't a guidebook for being a chairman. There are a lot of great advisors and supportive members here in the FCRP and, during this year and a half, I have learned a lot. Here are four important things I have learned.

First, we need strong candidates who have a backbone, candidates who stand up and vote for conservative values even when they don't have the votes to get their proposal through. You can see this through the actions of Clint Holland and Suzanne Brown who question budgets, stand up for prayer, and stand up for the rights of citizens.

Second, I learn a lot through the online paper <https://thecitizen.com/>. If you do not have the time to go to many meetings, read The Citizen. Cal Beverly and Steve Brown keep us updated on many government meetings. Our own Cathy Vaught, Charles Oddo, Marty Harbin, and Suzanne Brown write occasional columns in it.

The third one relates to number one and is conjecture and observation on my part. **If a politician is to be successfully reelected it behooves him or her to act in accordance with the GA Republican Platform and with our Conservative Principles, standing up for those principles even at the risk of losing a vote.** They are our representatives whom we chose to represent our interests. If our elected representatives are subservient to mayors, superintendents, county managers they are not acting in our interests. They have four years to prove who they are.

Fourth, it is not too early to start looking for 2025 Municipal Candidates. If you want to serve your fellow man and your community this is the perfect opportunity. To do this effectively will require matching your time and skills to the right job. If we want to live in a well governed community, we must get talented citizens to step up to the plate. In the year and a half and since 2020 it has become clear to me that when our representatives are not actively standing up for what is right, it is hard to regain the ground that is lost. If you are not driven by title or power, but want good governance and to serve your community, please talk to me about your willingness to serve. It is a 4-year commitment.

I have learned a few more things that I will share with you later, but in the meantime, many members are already working hard to elect President Trump, Brian Jack, and all of our Republican candidates. Please let us know if you are available to help. We need sign wavers, poll workers, poll watchers, precinct captains, office staff welcoming the public and selling merchandise, and people with computer skills. any talent or skill you want to share.

In addition, we are having a Trump Caravan and Rally on September 21st beginning at Falcon Field. Please purchase a meal ticket for 25 dollars to help defray the cost of the Rally. The Rally will include a mini concert featuring a hometown country singer who grew up in Fayette County. Brian Jack, and our other Elected Officials and Republican Candidates will be in attendance. Remember to bring a lawn chair and one for a friend who has forgotten theirs.

Thanks for all you do!

Elaine Kilgore

FCRP Chairman

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

- Tuesday, August 6th Republican Prayer Meeting 10:30 am
- Tuesday, August 6th Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday August 13th Precinct Meeting with Walt 6:30 pm
- Thursday, August 8th & 22nd.. Roundtable..... 1-3 pm
- Roundtables are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month
- Tuesday, August 20th Fayette County Republican Women's Club 6:00 pm
- Speaker Piper Hill from Healing for Heros
- Tuesday, August 27th Executive Board Planning Session..... 1-3 pm
- Tuesday, August 27th Republican Men's Club 6:30 pm
- Speaker Ming Scheer on Communism

SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday, September 3rd,.....Republican Prayer Meeting..... 10:30 am
- Tuesday, September 3rd.....Walt's Evening Precinct Meeting 6:30 pm
- Thursday, September 12th & 26th.....Roundtable 1-3 pm
- Saturday, September 7thBreakfast Meeting 8:30 am
- Tuesday, September 10thWalt's Morning Precinct Meeting 10:00 am
- Tuesday, September 10thExecutive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 17thFayette County Republican Women's Club .. 6:00 pm
- Thursday, September 12th & 26th ...Roundtable 1-3 pm
- Saturday, September 21st Trump Caravan and Rally 9:30 am
- Line up at 9:30. Roll out at 10:00. Lunch and celebration 1:00 – 3:00
Buy a meal ticket for \$25 to defray costs.
Ask friends to come!
Bring 2 lawn chairs, 1 for you & 1 for a friend who has forgotten theirs.
Country music, Brian Jack, Elected Officials, Republican Candidates!
- Tuesday, September 24thExecutive Planning Meeting..... 1-3 pm
- Tuesday, September 24thRepublican Men's Club 6:30 pm

We have a wonderful website- please use it to be informed.

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