

**News Release**

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**Women of Union, Towns and Rabun Counties Rally for Trump at the  
*Hats Off For Trump Luncheon on Thursday***

As the clouds lifted on Thursday morning, Republican women from Union, Towns and Rabun Counties gathered at the Union County Community Center to raise their Hats to President Trump. Over 80 women came to decorate hats and visit with Georgia's Republican National Committeewoman Ginger Howard as she shared her experiences representing Georgia on the Republican National Committee.

"It was the first time I've seen so many women in spring colors in February," said Lexi Adkins of Suches, in charge of the decorations. The primary color decorating the Center was pink – all shades of pinks. Flowers, buttons, banners and bows were available to decorate hats. Many attendees came with hats already decorated. Awards went to the Best Overall, a celebratory red straw hat decorated by Mary Daigle of Woodstock, Ga.; Most Creative, a bridal veil uniquely decorated by Connie Holcombe of Rabun County, and of course the GRITS hat was awarded to Dolly Garner of Union County for the hat that could only have been decorated by and in the style of a Girl Raised In The South!

Dena Gooch, Chair of Union County Republican Party and emcee, commented, "This was an idea that came to me over a year ago, a way to get women to work together in support of what this administration has done for the American people." Betsy Young, Chair of Towns County Republican Party, and Kimberly Gurtler, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair of Rabun County Republican Party, co-chaired the event with Gooch. "We had a tremendous outpouring of support from our three counties and we thank everyone for their support", added Young. "And while Rabun attendees had to cross the mountain to attend, they did so with great enthusiasm", commented Gurtler.

"These North Georgia Women know how to do things right!! Hats off for Trump Luncheon was a huge success!!!" said Committeewoman Ginger Howard. Serving as Republican National Committeewoman, Howard has been elected by her peers in the Southern Region of the RNC to serve on the Site Selection Committee, and she serves on the Standing Committee on Rules. In addition, she was appointed by Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel to serve on the Committee on Arrangements for the 2020 Convention. Howard also serves on the Faith Advisory Board. Most recently, Howard was appointed to serve on the Women for Trump National Advisory Board in July of 2019. "Ginger Howard is a very busy woman and it was special to have her as our Keynote speaker", commented Gooch. "And it was great to see the Trump Bus come to Blairsville."

This is an exciting year for politics. There are many lessons for each of us as we watch our democratic process at work. Watch for these and other upcoming educational events:

April 25	Meeks Park	Candidate Forum (Union County)
April 25	Hiawassee	Candidate Forum (Towns County)

**Submitted by Linda Hill, UCGOP Secretary**

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