



The Rally is coming

The long-awaited Rally is actually rescheduled for September 19th, at Tap It, just as our original plans back in March. The Trump Bus, Bikers for Trump, candidates Doug Collins for Senate, Andrew Clyde for Congress, and others, will speak to us on the future of America.

What is your part in this Rally? Your part is to show up, lend your voice to our candidates, our President, be heard, be present, be counted as an American, Republican, leader of our community. In this time of turmoil, if our candidates are willing to take their time, effort, family, friends, supporters and campaign for us for our freedom to speak, to be heard, to bring America back to the beliefs of God and Country, law and order, back our Men in Blue we can support them with our presence at the Rally.

The 47 RWH Members and Young Republicans, are working to make this the biggest, loudest, best,

most joyful noise to be heard in Hall County for our President and candidates.

Come out support the Rally. **Send this message** to all your friends, family, church members, school associates, your personal address books, hard copy and electronic.

Gainesville City Police will provide Security. We encourage, Safe Distance and wearing your mask, we will practice COVID19 guidelines where possible. Bring out the crowds, family, children, tour the bus, give away for children and early arrivals, talk with the "Bikers for Trump" hear their stories, see their bikes up close, food, drink, music, have your picture made with President Trump, it will be "Great Again" to "Stand Up" to "**Keep America Great!**"

See you on the 19th of September!

Betty

Betty Freeman Fisher, President,
Republican Women of Hall

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Club Leadership

2020 - 2021 OFFICERS

President — Betty Fisher
 Vice President — Dottie Krull
 Recording Secretary — Ivy Martin
 Communications Secretary — Olga Fuentes
 Treasurer — Stacy Thigpen
 Assistant Treasurer — Judy True
 Past President — Theresa Webb

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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 Bylaws — Dottie Krull
 Campaign — Joyce Fleming
 Caring for America & Programs — Dottie Krull
 Communications — Olga Fuentes
 Events — Open
 Fundraising — Martha Zoller
 Hospitality — Lydia Girolami
 Membership — Judy True
 Publications — Judy True


WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

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RWH CALENDAR

- Sept. 11-12 GFRW Board Meeting.
Jekyll Island
- Sept. 19 RWH Keep America
3—5 PM Great Rally Tap It
Gainesville GA
- Oct. 13 “RWH Night Out”
5—7 PM Sweet Acre Winery
Sponsors: Martha Zoller
& Hall GOP
Catering: Chef Kat
- Nov. 3 RWH Election Day Watch Party
Tap It, Gainesville, GA
- Dec. 5 RWH Annual Meeting and
9—12 AM Breakfast
Location: Luna’s
Benefit: Caring for America



Welcome
New Member

Kim Datry



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September 19



KEEP AMERICA GREAT Rally

at Tap It

**1850 Thompson Bridge
Gainesville**

*Candidate Speeches including
Doug Collins, Andrew Clyde & others*

3 p.m. -- 5 p.m. Program

after 5 p.m. stay and discuss current issues

or just relax with fellow Republicans!

**Bikers for Trump
Trump Bus
Food — Drinks
T-Shirts — Music —
Get your picture made
with the Donald!**

**We encourage social distancing
and wearing mask, your choice.**

**Sponsors: Republican Women of Hall
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Mark Pettitt

The focus of the August 29th meeting of the Republican Women of Hall was the annual Education Forum. President Betty Fisher introduced members of the panel with comments from each panelist followed by an active question and answer opportunity.

Mark Pettitt: Fisher invited Mark Pettitt of the Hall County School Board to speak on the start of the new school year during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pettitt began by giving an overview of his experience over the past 14 months serving on the school board. He noted that Hall County had heavily invested in technology before the pandemic, which was helpful when they had to pivot to online learning. He reviewed various programs or initiatives kept going although the schools were closed, such as meal deliveries to students in need. Pettitt said that due to the circumstances, it was a longer summer than usual, and teachers had three weeks of pre-planning (versus one week normally) in order to prepare for the hybrid system. He then explained the hybrid model where half of the students come in person on Monday and Wednesday, half on Tuesday and Thursday, and then all of the students on Friday.

Public and Private Education

Reported by Ivy Martin



Andrew Pedry

A member asked if they planned to study the effectiveness of the virtual learning program vs. on-site instruction. Vice Chairman, Nate Morris, stepped in to answer and said that they were looking mostly at engagement. He mentioned the progress they had made in closing the education “gap” but feared that the pandemic may have created an even larger gap than was there before.

Another question was regarding other available options such as a double session. Board representatives said that they considered several options but the hybrid model seemed best based on the system’s ability to social distance, staff preparedness, and custodial staff capacity.

When asked what percentage of students were without Wi-Fi, they said that less than 10% do not have access to an internet service subscription.

Another guest asked about bus drivers ability to enforce COVID-19 protocols regarding wearing of masks etc. Board representatives replied emphasizing the district policy to wear a mask, but they wanted their bus drivers number one focus to be on safety. If students do not have masks, the drivers can furnish masks.

Andrew Pedry: Fisher then invited Andrew Pedry to speak about the private side of education. Pedry began by reviewing his time in the military, his education, and his teaching career. He formerly taught at Riverside, but recently began teaching at Baylor in Chattanooga.

Pedry posed the question — how can we move education forward in America? He described the biggest draw to private education as the freedom provided in the classroom and stressed the importance of school culture when looking at private schools for your child. He encouraged parents to ask “awkward” questions, talk to the teachers, and ask how their child would be taught about certain subjects.

Regarding solutions for the American education system, Pedry emphasized the importance of the Humanities, noting that literature, history, and the arts were how we pass on our culture. Because of this, the way these subjects are taught impacts the social, political, and religious views of the students.

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RWH Education Forum and Meeting

Regarding teacher training, Pedry suggested changing how we determine people qualified to teach. For example find teachers for the humanities who have at least a graduate level of education in their field. He cited examples of public school teachers being able to make additional income only if their masters degrees were in education. He also mentioned the need for an apprenticeship approach for educators to receive developmental experience within their field. Pedry also urged that the humanities not be a “dumping ground” for coaching positions and emphasized the importance of an active and involved parent in the success of a student’s education.

Pedry closed with a discussion of homeschooling and his experience transitioning his two daughters into homeschooling. He described the move towards home education due to concerns regarding school safety, the quality of education, and the narrative of the material taught.

Question Answer Period;

One guest described grandchildren “spouting leftist viewpoints” that seemed to be learned in school and inquired how to effectively voice concern to the school without being polarized? Pedry said that if one did not have a personal relationship with the teacher, concerns should be addressed to the principal. Pedry’s wife Rachel commented on her experiences acting on behalf of the concerns of other mothers with whom she was friends.

Nate Morris of the Hall County School Board noted that administrators were here to help. He stressed that they do not force any particular views, but tell their educators that they have to present both sides of an issue.

Another guest asked about the socialist views that seem to be proliferating within the younger generation and what we can do about it? Pedry said that these views come from history books glossing over the detrimental effects of socialism. Rachel Pedry also noted that people and kids learn by example and we have to teach our children to know the difference.



The RWH Rally:
President Betty Fisher invited members to attend and bring their guests to the RWH rally on Saturday, September 19

Information



Dawson Boat Rally:
Seanie Zappendorf, the Dawson County GOP Chairwoman, talked about a Boat Rally Event they would be holding the following Saturday, September 5th.



Voter Guides:
Adam Pipkin of the Faith & Freedom Coalition of Georgia spoke about the voter guides they have available and the national conference coming up in Atlanta on October 2nd.



Campaign Volunteers:
Rachel Pedry, Regional Campaign Coordination for Northeast Georgia talked about volunteer opportunities such as door knocking and phone banking.

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Education Forum





news briefs

GFRW FALL BOARD MEETING

The Georgia Federation of Republican Women will have the Fall Board Meeting September 11—12 at the Historic Jekyll Island Club Resort.

Kim Sherk says “We have a lot of exciting things going on right now and want you to be a part of it all. GFRW will be offering a BBQ dinner and Dolphin Boat Cruise on Friday evening. We will have live entertainment on Friday evening with invited elected officials and local dignitaries.”

On Saturday Jones Hooks, Executive Director of the Jekyll Island Authority will welcome attendees to Jekyll Island. Congressman Buddy Carter will be the featured speaker at the Board of Directors meeting. The training at the Leadership Institute will feature instructors Robert Arnakis and Jason Shepherd; and the GFRW luncheon speaker will be Bonnie Perdue.

RWH members attending will include President Betty Fisher and GFRW 9th District Director Judy True.



Don't forget the Rally on the 19th.

CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL (NFRW)

Elections in the age of COVID-19 bring new challenges and new opportunities. Keep your campaign on track with the NFRW's online Campaign Management School led by Holly Robichaud. Held bi-weekly on Wednesdays throughout the summer and fall, the one-hour classes will prepare you for victory in November!

Classes are \$15 per session for NFRW Members (if you are a member of a local club, you are a member) and \$20 for nonmem-

bers. Even better, registration for the entire series is just \$95 for members; \$125 for nonmembers. School started July 8, so register now.

Register for single workshops above by Control Clicking on the **Register for this Class** that follows each date. Questions, contact NFRW Political Director Terri Hauser at 703-548-9688 or political@nfrw.org.

Schedule (classes meet biweekly on Wednesdays at 2PM Eastern Time). To register: After your selection control-Click on **Register for this Class**

September 16, Communications – Debate Strategies **Register for this Class**

September 30, GOTV (Get Out the Vote) – Prep Work **Register for this Class**

October 14, GOTV (Get Out the Vote) – Early Voting and Election Day **Register for this Class**

October 28, Crisis Management and Last-Minute Helpful Hints **Register for this Class**



RWH Members Attend a US Senate Campaign Function

Left: Center—Betty Fisher, Seanie Zappendorf, Rachael Pedry.

Right: Center — Olga Fuentes, Judy Sartain.



August 2020 -- The American Story

In August, Republicans from across the nation met in Charlotte, North Carolina at our national convention. I was one of 76 Georgians honored with the task of being a delegate to represent our great state.

As we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, I recognized that the importance of the right to vote has been something that I have modeled for my daughters. From taking them as toddlers with me to the voting booth, to celebrating what we called “Pastries and Politics” on Election Days, they have learned the importance of the vote and the voice our vote gives to each of us. However, we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.

I serve as one of only four women District [Chairmen](#) in the State of Georgia. It is the first time in the history of the Georgia Republican Party this has happened. All of these things could never have happened were it not for the likes of women such as Therese A. Jenkins and Cora G. Carleton, the first women alternate delegates to a Republican National Convention in 1892. These would not have happened were it not for the resolution passed at the RNC of 1872 favoring the admission of women to “wider fields of usefulness” and added that “the honest demand of this class of citizens for additional rights ... should be treated with respectful consideration.”

Amendment in 1878. Sargent’s amendment, known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment was defeated by a Democrat-controlled Senate four times. It wasn’t until the Republican Party regained control of Congress in 1919, the Equal Suffrage Amendment finally passed the House and the Senate.

The great American story is that women like myself and many others, have the opportunity to reach for the stars and pave our destiny. Democrats will say that the Republican Party has abandoned women voters, that we have turned our backs on them. There isn’t anything further from the truth. Under President Trump’s leadership, women have seen . . .

- An increase in income by 3.7%.
- 4.3 million jobs created for women.
- Last year 70% of new jobs in America went to women.
- Before the pandemic women’s unemployment rates were at the lowest in 65 years.

While Democrats point out all the things that they believe Republicans have done wrong, they fail to acknowledge that they have:

- dismantled Americans’ system of healthcare;
- replaced the healthcare system with a costly and complicated scheme that limits choices and takes away our freedom;

By Rebecca Yardley

At the request of Susan B. Anthony, Sen. A.A. Sargent, a Republican from California, introduced the 19th

- abandoned their promise of being accountable to the American people;
- refused to control our borders while trying to control our schools, farms, businesses, and even our religious institutions;
- directly attacked the production of American energy and the industry-related jobs that sustain families and communities.

The future of our country rests in the hands of the voters. On November 3, honor the women who helped to ensure that we celebrate the right to vote by casting your ballot for the candidate who believes in the greatness of this country and honors our great American stories.

I will be voting for President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence because I believe that working together they, along with my fellow Americans, can restore this country to a land of greatness.

Rebecca Yardley of White County is Chairman of the 9th Congressional District Republican Party and a charter member of the Republican Women of Hall. Rebecca was our first club Treasurer.



SECURE THE VOTE



Use the website to request an absentee ballot.

Now requesting your absentee ballot is a click away. Georgia voters can go online to order an absentee ballot for November's election, eliminating the need to download and mail a paper form. The secretary of state's office launched the website August 28 to help handle record numbers of voters expected to cast absentee ballots in this year's presidential election. The site is available at ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov.

The website reduces the risk that election officials will overlook absentee ballot applications or incorrectly type in voters' information, problems that surfaced before Georgia's June 9 primary. The site instantly transmits ballot requests to county election officials, avoiding potential delays in mail delivery. Voters can choose to receive an automatically generated email confirming that their request has been received.

Check the status of a request for an absentee ballot. Status of absentee ballot requests will be reflected on the My Voter Page (mvp.sos.ga.gov) after county election officials accept them. Then voters will be able to see the date their absentee ballot application was received, the date their ballot was issued, and the date the completed ballot was received by the county. U.S. Postal Service tracking of absentee ballots isn't available.

Absentee applications submitted before mid-September will be mailed in a large batch by Runbeck Election Services, an Arizona subcontractor of the state's voting equipment company. That mailing will include about 565,000 ballots for voters over 65, overseas or with physical disabilities who were eligible to [automatically be sent](#) absentee ballots for the

rest of this election cycle. Over 100,000 more voters have already applied for absentee ballots.

Look for your mailed ballot beginning late September. Absentee ballots will begin to be mailed to voters around Sept. 18, which is 46 days before the Nov. 3 election, Sterling said. Under Georgia law, absentee ballots must begin to be mailed between 45 and 49 days prior to Election Day.

Do not wait until the last minute to return your absentee ballot. The U.S. Postal Service recommended allowing at least one week for completed absentee ballots to be delivered to county election offices. On Aug. 31 a federal judge extended the deadline for absentee ballots to be returned in Georgia, ruling they must be counted if postmarked by Election Day and delivered up to three days afterward. However, this ruling is being contested.

Voters can also skip the U.S. Postal Service and instead deposit their absentee ballots in [drop boxes](#) set up in many counties.

The above information was reported by Mark Niesse of the Atlanta Journal Constitution, 8.28.20

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- **To print a page from this newsletter.** Right click on the page. Select the page from the "Print Range" i.e. "current page." Finally, click on the OK button in the lower right hand corner of the screen to send the page to your printer.

Mail In VOTING

By Charlene DeWitt

Mail in voting, pros and cons

Absentee voting has been available for years. Now “no excuse” absentee voting is more prevalent. The number of ballots cast by mail has steadily increased from 7.8% in 1996 to 20.9% in 2016. This year the pandemic has caused states and voters to consider the benefits and risks of mass online voting.

A newer phenomenon is the practice of states mailing ballots to all registered voters, not just those requesting an absentee ballot.

First, let's examine the reasons for expanding mail-in voting.

- Health risks associated with large gatherings create concern for in person voting at the polls.
- Documented cases of mail ballot fraud in rare.
- Some believe that mail-in voting will increase voter participation.
- In theory it could give the voter more time to consider each candidate as he/she is voting.
- Fewer trained poll workers are required.
- Proximity to voting locations is no longer an issue.

Now here are the reasons **not** to allow mail-in voting (this does not include requested absentee ballots).

- Voter registration rolls are notoriously inaccurate. Just this year, Los Angeles County removed approximately 1.5 million inactive names from their rolls to settle a lawsuit brought by Judicial Watch. Sending ballots to dead people or people who have moved out of state lends itself to potential fraud practices.
- Voting from home can result in coercion (perhaps by a spouse or others), bribery and / or impersonation.
- Although the number of cases of documented fraud is low, still the likelihood is higher with mail ballots.
- Based on this year's primary elections, several states did not perform well regarding the handling of mail-in votes. This casts doubts on how effectively they will perform this November.
- A number of things can go wrong with mail-in votes. In the 2016 Presidential election about 4% of mailed votes were not counted for various reasons.

This election year has huge ramifications. It is imperative to get out the vote and to take measures to prevent voter fraud.

Membership Renewals 2021

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Republican Women of Hall for the year of 2021. Even during a COVID19 pandemic, we have enjoyed informational programs and speakers. Now we are looking forward to an exciting year of being able to “move on”. We hope you will continue to participate in RWH through your attendance and support. As a member you will receive our emails, monthly newsletter, and first notification of upcoming events.

Membership renewal is \$35 and Associate Membership dues are \$15. Please make your membership renewal check to the Republican Women of Hall and mail to:

Stacy Thigpen
5231 Laurel Lane
Gainesville, GA 30506

If you are coming to the Rally, you can bring your membership check to Stacy.

Up-to-date contact information (particularly your email address) is necessary to insure that you will also be listed as a member of the Georgia Federation (GFRW) and the National Federation (NFRW). The email address will enable you to receive our RWH email communications, as well as those of GFRW and NFRW.

If your contact information is the same, you need only send your check. If you have a new address, email address, or telephone number return the enclosed form with your updated information.

Don't forget to sign up your husband/son/grandson as Associate Members. Women who belong to another Republican Women's Club may also become Associate Members in our Hall club.



Republican Women of Hall

Membership Application

You are cordially invited to join the Republican Women of Hall. And . please bring your friends!

Regular meetings are held according to an announced schedule. Meeting dates and locations are announced via email, Facebook and on the website at rwhall.org.

Annual Membership Levels — Check one of the following:

- \$35 Individual membership for women \$51 with a badge)
- \$15 Individual non-voting membership for men
- \$15 Individual non-voting membership for women who are members of another Federated Club (\$31 with a badge)

Membership Badge Order

If ordering a membership badge, please provide the name as you want it to appear on the badge:

Name _____

If ordering a badge, add \$16 to your membership check made to REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF HALL

Dues are collected at meetings or mailed to:

Stacy Thigpen, 5231 Laurel Ln., Gainesville, GA 30506

Complete the following member information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address: _____

Preferred phone number: _____

Membership lists and contact information are not given to any other organization or nonmember.

We need active committees and will welcome your participation. Please check those of interest to you.

(Committees listed in order of need)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Publicity & PR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Achievement/Awards |
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