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# Republican Women of Hall **News**

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**February 6, Tap It**  
**9:30 AM**

# MOVING FORWARD TO NOVEMBER 8, 2022



**Y**es, this is our new goal to take back the Congress, the Senate, Federal, State, City, County, we need it all!

We must plan for our future, the future of our children, and grandchildren. We can't leave it like it is now to inherit. It's not fair we were not given this by our parents, grandparents! Yes, we may have thought times were bad with President Clinton, remember the infamous blue dress"? President Obama, "Obama Care", open borders, etc., etc. Eight years each.

We clocked in with our President Trump, who spoke to us, worked for us, never slept, took everyone on, and won one way or another, under circumstances no one should have to face. Now he is gone! The White House is empty.

What now? Where are we? We still have COVID19. Georgia is receiving 120,000 doses of vaccine each week per Senator Steve Gooch, Senate Majority Whip, 51st District, Lumpkin and seven other counties. Have you had your "vaccine", are you going to take your "vaccine"? All very controversial with PROs and CONs. How many people do you know who have been offered and have taken the vaccine? Very few from our side. Wear a mask, not wear a mask?

Also, per Senator Gooch, the Governor (who is up for reelection in 2022, lest we forget) is proposing a \$1.2 billion budget over the next few years for public education and a \$1,000 to go toward educators to ensure schools can reopen safely. What does that mean? What does that money begin to do with an education system built on "Common Core"; safety for \$1,000? *Will anyone primary the Governor? Primary other elected State Officials? Who would you support?*

CHAOS! YES, that is what we are left with. Utter, CHAOS! What are we to do? "WE can turn CHAOS into something new emerging". The Republican Women of Hall County are *not* going to sit and wait to see what happens next. We will have "Two Stars Each Month". The month of February starts

our new series: "Republican Woman of the Year of Hall County". We will have one of our own speak to you each month, sharing her story of how she managed to rise above her "roots" into her destiny now. From these women we will elect the RWH Woman of the Year 2021-2022. Let me know who you would nominate for this first ever "esteem" award.

The other "Star" will be a political, potential political candidate, to tell us of her rise, fall, bumps in the road to attain her political destiny. But what is in the future for each of them? Have they fulfilled their campaign promises to us or are they like Biden who has promised everything, and now is cancelling all of President Trump's Executive Orders? *It appears only because they have the "Trump" name on them.* We will interview these "incumbents, candidates", will they get our votes in 2022? Let's be smart, be prepared, know who you vote for.

Make this next two years the year of RWH to stand up and make a difference, bring our Nation back to a God-Fearing Nation, not a Democrat fearing nation.

In God We Trust! He is our Savior and Redeemer.

Betty

Betty Freeman Fisher  
President, Republican Women of Hall County

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# RWH Calendar

Tentative 2021 dates for future activities of the Republican Women of Hall.

- February 6 General Meeting, "Year of the Woman", Speaker: Darla Eden and Jeff Stowe
- March 23 Belated St. Patrick's Day Party at Sweet Acre Winery
- April 17 General Meeting and Martin Baby Shower
- May "Back the Blue"
- June 19 General Meeting

Meetings include:

1. RWH Woman of the Year Speakers, Vote "RWH Woman of the Year", first time awarded
2. Election of Nominating Committee
3. Election of New Officers
4. Voting on amendments to the bylaws

Future Events:

"Back the Blue", GOP Picnic, Education Forum Guest(s) confirmed, and the Annual Holiday Brunch.

**TENTATIVE**

## 2021 Convention Schedule

March 20, 2021	Over 80K Precinct Mass Caucuses
April 17, 2021	Under 80K Precinct Mass Caucuses
April 17, 2021	County Conventions
May 15, 2021	District Conventions
June 4-5 2021*	State Convention

\*Due to COVID restrictions and pursuant to GAGOP Rule 9.14, the date(s) and/or venue (including virtually) of the State Convention may be changed by GAGOP Executive Committee.




The News is a monthly publication of the Republican Women of Hall, a club affiliated with the State and National Federations of Republican Women. RWH strives to bring useful and timely information to members and others interested in the activities of RWH.

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### 2021 OFFICERS

- President — Betty Fisher
- Vice President — Dottie Krull
- Recording Secretary — Ivy Martin
- Communications Secretary — Gail Kokaly
- Treasurer — Stacy Thigpen
- Assistant Treasurer — Judy True
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[Facebook.com/RepublicanWomenofHall/](https://Facebook.com/RepublicanWomenofHall/)





## Guest Editorial

### A Time of Disappointment, A Time of Great Hope!

**D**ealing with the disappointment of lost elections on several fronts takes character and courage. Our strength of resolve is being tested. An unprecedented number of executive orders in the first ten days of the Biden administration, our nation’s capitol being militarized, the unbridled censorship of voices on the Right, outright hostility being spewed forth against Trump supporters; these actions and others will create a backlash and the pendulum will swing dramatically back to Republican values in 2022.

My prediction is that we will be energized and will mobilize to determine our nation’s destiny and preserve our American values by campaigning with ever greater diligence in the coming elections. My hope is that as the nation spirals down a path that is not the choice of our Party, that we unite with strong resolve to turn the tide and work together over the next 18 months. This setback gives us strength and resolve to do what is necessary to support our Republican candidates.

The Republican Women of Hall gives each of us an opportunity to overcome a sense of powerlessness and to do our part to determine the destiny of our Party.

Charlene DeWitt

## Are you getting your money's worth?

The dues you pay to the Republican Women of Hall automatically make you a member of the Georgia and National Federations of Republican Women. Are you getting your money’s worth?

If you are a regular user of a cell phone or a computer and you do not access Federation resources — then **“NO” you are not getting your money’s worth.** Your dues enable the Federation to develop and provide a wide variety of offerings for us, but — if we don’t access those opportunities, whose fault is it?

**Get to know your Federation!** Learn to access the national website on a regular basis. When you receive a notice or email about a new CAPITAL CONNECTION (published weekly) — go on line and get the news.

*The NFRW Capital Connection* is a newsletter published weekly and delivered to members via email. It features organizational news that is of a timely nature and best-suited for delivery in an e-publication format.

**MEMBER TIP:** Current NFRW members are signed up to receive NFRW email communications. This is a free service for members. You can unsubscribe from the service at any time by scrolling to the bottom of any NFRW emails and clicking the “unsubscribe” link.

RWH Editor

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# Republican Women of Hall

Join us at Tap It to hear two stars . . .

**February 6, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Darla Eden**

Hall County Tax Commissioner  
and Candidate for RWH Woman of the Year 2021/2022

**Jeff Stowe**

District 4, Hall County Board of  
Commissioners, Political Incumbent Third Term

Moving forward, this is the start of a monthly series with different speakers who will enlighten us with their rise and fall, and bumps in the road to their current position. How do they see their future service unfolding? Do we agree? Come join us, be educated, be prepared, your vote counts!

**Tap It—(use front entrance.)  
1850 Thompson Bridge Rd.  
Gainesville, GA**



Veterans pictured : Truett Scales and Dick Bell, (Army), Ron Winkowski (Marines) and Louis McClure ( Navy)

# Meeting Minutes

The January 16th meeting of the Republican Women of Hall was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Betty Fisher followed by the invocation by Pastor Tom Smiley. Fisher called veterans to come forward to help lead the pledge of allegiance and she then introduced new club members including Angie McClure and Debbie Loveless.

Fisher moved to nominate Gale Kokaly as new Communications Secretary. Following passage of the motion Kodaly was installed. Debbie Loveless was introduced as the new Events Chairman.

Fisher moved to accept minutes of the December 5th meeting distributed in the January newsletter. Motion was passed. Assistant Treasurer Judy True reported the balance on hand.

**Program.** Speakers for the January meeting included Dr. Hank Lewis who joined us via ZOOM to give an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Following his remarks Dr. Tom Smiley, Chairman of the Hall County Board of Education, discussed the recent elections and offered considerations for election reform. (See next page for summaries of comments.)

Dr. Hank Lewis



Tom Smiley, Chairman  
Hall County election commission



## COVID 19 Summary

**Dr. Hank Lewis** summarized the overall situation by saying “while things are bad, hope is on the horizon”. He provided statistics to set the stage by telling the group that 64% of the population has already had the virus and about 10% of the people in Hall County. So far, one third of all of COVID related deaths have been from nursing homes. He shared that there were also a lot of indirectly related deaths from individuals who choose not to get treatment or do not go to the hospital.

Lewis then switched to a discussion about the vaccines and began by saying that the Trump Administration had already paid for 100 million doses. He then talked about the challenges of getting it distributed. He said that he had already had the vaccine and experienced no adverse side effects; and he noted the incredible advances in technology that had gotten us to this point. Overall he said that there was hope as they work to get the vaccine distributed effectively to all those who need and want it.

**Question and Answer Period.** Fisher asked Dr. Lewis’ opinion on wearing a mask. He said he thought masks were a good idea because they help prevent the spread by the wearer.

Another member asked how long it took to develop immunity after receiving the vaccine? He said that he had read it takes about 2 weeks.

Vice President Dottie Krull asked if you needed to wear a mask once immunity develops. He said that he did not know, but that he had heard that you can still carry the virus to others even if you are immune. He’s hoping that once they get more information this will change and we won’t have to wear masks after being vaccinated.

Fisher inquired what the percentage for herd immunity was and he said it was about 2/3 of the population.

## Election Review

**Dr. Tom Smiley:** Smiley introduced himself as the Chairman of the Hall County Board of Elections and said he has been serving on the board since 2017. He began by saying that when he first got involved, he did not know much about election law even though he had voted in every election he was eligible for. He ended up having to learn on the job, and quickly found out that it was not a simple process. When his team had a question they would have to reach out to their Secretary of State representative and wait for a response. He said the Election Board has very little authority because they are governed by the codes and laws that are in place. He expressed disappointment that there was no professional track of study for elections and said that most officials learn it “on the fly”. He then moved into his considerations for election reform.

1. Smiley began by saying he believes there should be a serious and unbiased forensic study of the machines used during the election to answer any questions people have.

2. He advised that the no excuse absentee ballot be rescinded. Local election boards did not have the capacity to deal with the volume of absentee ballots that came in and he compared it to the time when there were only 6 specific reasons to submit an absentee ballot.

3. He suggested that the absentee ballot process be improved and gave examples about people who sign their name to register to vote and then print their name on the absentee ballot making signature matching very difficult.

4. Smiley said there needed to be a tighter “chain of command” for a smoother election.

5. He mentioned the need to clean up the registration list and how it takes years to get someone off of that list. He also warned about saying that “there were more votes cast than registered” because in most cases people are citing the “active” list rather than the “inactive” list.

6. He said there was no national database to check a voters registration in another state. The only way to check was for them to call the Secretary of State’s office in the suspected state of residence.

He implored that we have to get serious about prosecuting election law.

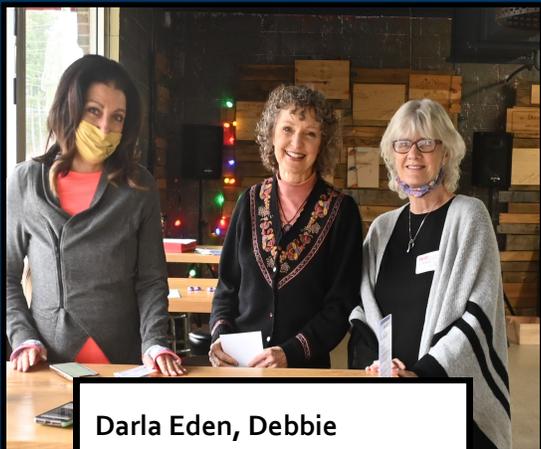
Krull asked about DDS registration stating that many don’t know how to correctly register a person to vote. Smiley agreed with her sentiment adding that the electronics signatures from the DDS were very hard to match as well.

He closed by saying that we have great mechanisms and backup systems in place, but it all depends on the integrity of the individuals working on the elections.

## Jan. 6 Rally in DC

**Debbie Loveless:** Fisher then invited Loveless up to share a few words about her experience at the January 6th rally in Washington. Loveless said that her group did not arrive until after Trump had already spoken. At that time people were starting to head towards the Capitol where she had heard there would be more speakers. She said there were lots of people, but that everyone seemed friendly for the most part. As they got closer to the Capitol, she did not know that the gates had been opened but she did notice something happening with the scaffolding and some crazy activity up ahead. She said it seemed like there were agitators around, but she was just trying to find her friend so they could leave. Then she saw smoke bombs and tear gas being deployed. She finally found her friend and they left, not knowing what had happened inside the Capitol Building until later.

Minutes submitted by  
Ivy Martin  
Recording Secretary



Darla Eden, Debbie Loveless and Gail Kokaly



Angie McClure, Ron Winkowski and Louis McClure

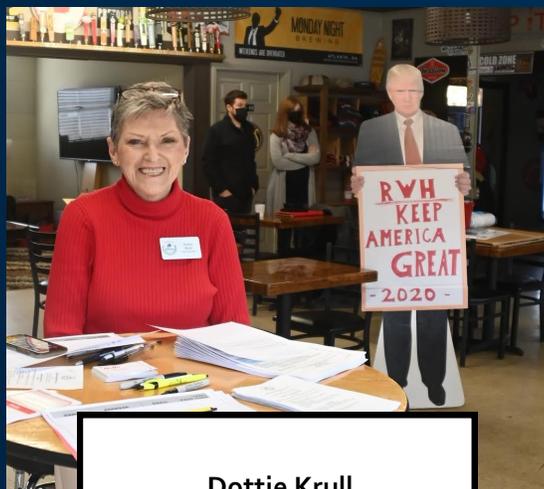
# January General Meeting



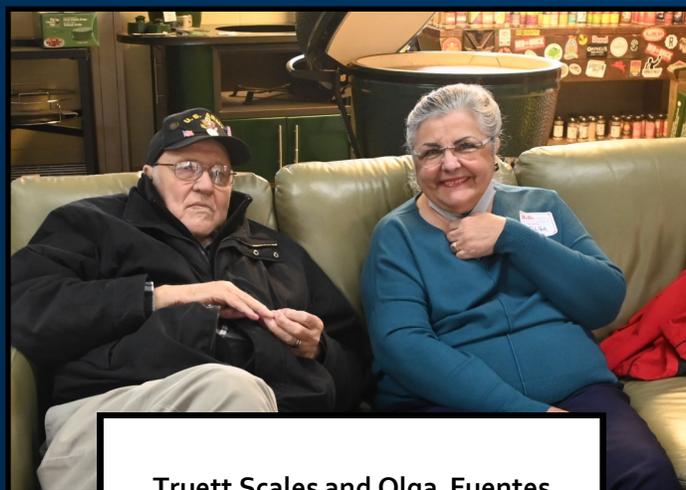
Debbie Loveless and Joan Scales



Fashionista Darla Eden!



Dottie Krull



Truett Scales and Olga Fuentes



# Federation News



Our National Convention is launching in Orlando, and all GFRW members are invited! Step into the ideal Orlando resort. Less than 10 miles from Orlando International Airport, the JW Marriott

Grande Lakes is set amid 500 acres of tropical gardens, lakes and undulating fairways. In addition to golf, you can enjoy the Lazy River pool, a guided kayak excursion on Shingle Creek, and end the day with numerous dining options all on site.

If those activities and amenities are not enough, you are close to other area attractions such as Walt Disney World and Universal Studios Florida. Finally, if you really feel like launching yourself into the future, Kennedy Space Center is a short drive away.

## GEORGIA FEDERATION

GFRW is working to secure a COVID-acceptable Red Coat Day and Executive Board Meeting at the Georgia State Capitol during the 2021 General Assembly Legislative Session (January 11-April 2, 2021.) We will continue to follow all state health guidelines. In addition, the 2021 GFRW Biennial Convention will be held in October. The Call shall be transmitted electronically (30) days prior to the Convention date. Details are forthcoming.

**Nominating Committee:** GFRW Executive Committee Officer elections for 2022-2024, shall take place at the Biennial Convention in October. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) alternates, and is elected by the GFRW Board of Directors. Please refer to GFRW Bylaws for Officer eligibility and duties.

## NATIONAL FEDERATION

### Bite Size Mini-Trainings

Tuesday, January 26, NFRW's weekly news — Capital Connection — announced the launch of a brand-new virtual series called *Bite Size - Tools You Can Use*. On the last Tuesday of each month, the NFRW Program Committee will present a mini-training-program that club and state presidents can share with their members. "NFRW continues to introduce exciting and cutting-edge training tools, especially important now. We're proud to share that our Program Committee has come forward with new and delicious 'bite size' training morsels for our members to chew on!" said NFRW President **Ann Schockett**.

The first Bite Size session, *We Want You Back*, focused on how to engage members in all the important activities of their local clubs and the NFRW. Watch your weekly Capital Connection for future bite size tool sessions.

### ANNOUNCING!

41st NFRW Biennial Convention  
September 23-26, 2021  
JW Marriott Grande Lakes  
Orlando, Florida  
#LaunchingLeaders

# January General Meeting

## Welcome New and Renewing Members

Since the January General Meeting we welcome the following new members, associates and renewing members (R) to RWH for 2021:

### Members

Dottie Krull R

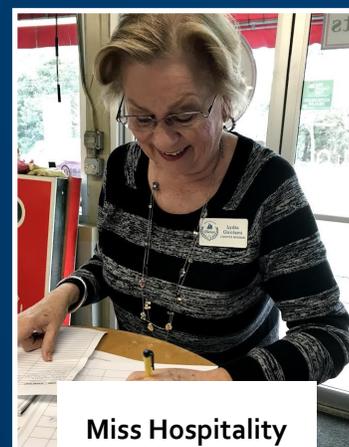
Debbie Loveless

### Associates

Larry Krull R



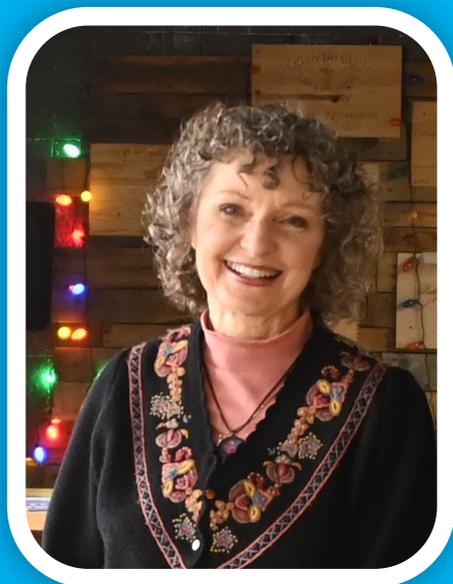
Kim Datry



Miss Hospitality  
Lydia Girolami



Member Angie McClure and  
husband Louis McClure



New Member

Debbie Loveless

## Our Mission

- Increase effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation.
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party at all levels of government and work for Republican candidates in all elections.
- Promote principles of the Republican Party and the objectives and policies of the Republican National Committee.
- Support objectives and policies of the Republican National Committee, National Federation of Republican Women and Georgia Federation of Republican Women.
- Promote an informed electorate through political education.



**Republican Women of Hall**  
**Membership**  
**Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://rwhall.org).

Up-to-date contact information (particularly email address) is necessary to ensure 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.

Renewals. 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.

(Membership lists & contact information are not given to any other organization or nonmember.)

Complete the following member information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership Levels — Check the following membership(s) for those joining . . .**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Individual **Membership for Women** (\$51 with a badge)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Individual non-voting Membership for Men (**Associate Membership**)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$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, RWH Treasurer  
 5231 Laurel Lane  
 Gainesville, GA 30506

Call to pay via CC — 678-687-7558

1.1.2021



# Republican Women of Hall All Hands on Board!

**Complete the following member information.**

**Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail  
address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred phone number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Husband's  
Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail  
address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred phone number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1. Program
- 2. Membership
- 3. Hospitality
- 4. Campaign
- 5. Events
- 6. Bylaws
- 7. Fundraising
- 8. Publicity & PR
- 9. Achievement/Awards
- 10. Publications:
  - Newsletter
  - Fliers and Posters
  - News Releases
- 11. Caring for America
- 12. Communications & Technology:
  - Emails
  - Facebook
  - Website

**Return of Volunteer  
Form  
To**

**Stacy Thigpen  
5231 Laurel Lane  
Gainesville GA 30506**