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“I’d Make a Terrible Politician”

Why?...because I care much more about creating success and advancement than wasting time in only talking about it. Fortunately, we have real “doers” on our executive committee. I want to share just how much we have accomplished in such a short period of time.

In October, we sent one of the largest delegations in the nation to the National Federation of Republican Assemblies (NFRA) convention in Mesa, Arizona. We made important connections with principled Republicans nationwide and were recognized for strong growth and activism here in Georgia. I was honored to be elected as the NFRA VP for the Southern Region. I will be coordinating Republican Assembly chapters in the south. Currently, I am focusing on Florida and South Carolina.

Late last year we won the bid to host the National Federation of Republican Assemblies Convention in 2019. The previous one, held in Nashville, TN (2015) was exciting due to Presidential candidate Donald Trump being the key speaker and winning the straw poll. In January, our Inaugural GRA President’s Dinner was a huge success. We can thank our Events Chair, Debra Williams who planned and led the volunteers.

Ron Hooper is also successful as Membership Chair traveling the state recruiting people to grow our membership. Debra Lieb leads PR and Marketing which includes creating our newsletter and advertising. Kay Godwin chairs our Legislative Impact Committee. All have done a great job promoting our principles and “doing” the work.

But we need help in all committees. We are looking for members with IT/Web Design, Sales/Marketing, Event Planning and Legislative Policy/Campaign Management skills. Any leader who is involved in conservative/Republican principled groups would be a perfect candidate.

Thank you for the continued support of our principles and efforts. Please ask your friends to join, be a “doer” and make a positive impact in politics.
- Alex

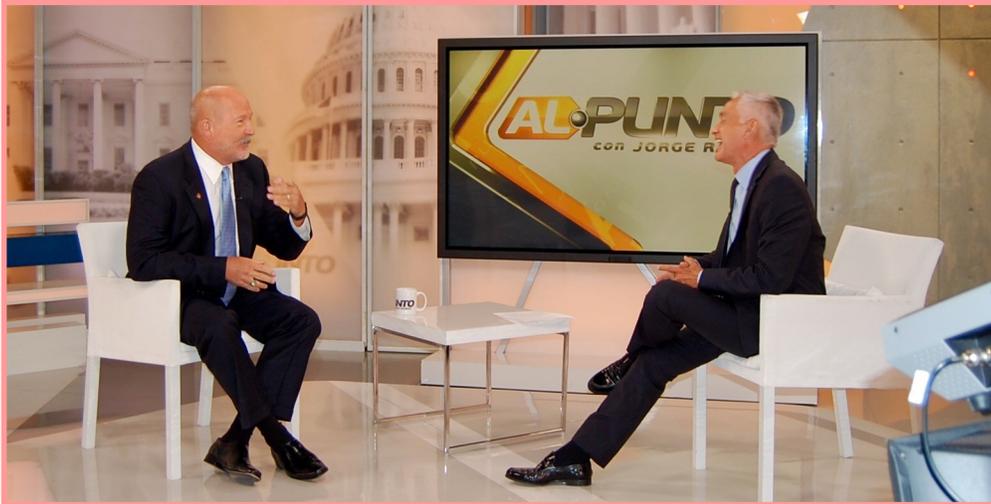


Message from our President
Alex Johnson

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D.A. King interview with Jorge Ramos, Univision, 2013

Pro-American Resources for Immigration Reality

D.A. King

"Give a man a fish, and you'll feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you've fed him for a lifetime." - usually attributed to Confucius.

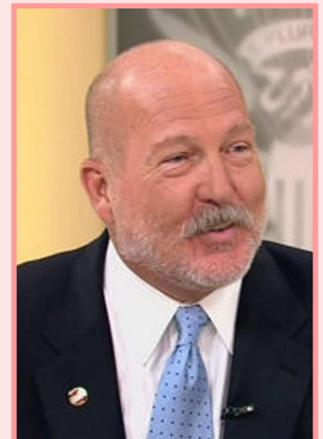
By now, everyone paying attention should be aware of the importance of being knowledgeable on the topic of immigration. It is difficult to cite "an issue" in Georgia or the nation that is not connected to immigration.

We note that most of the 'mainstream media' is run by very biased, anti-enforcement liberals and that a dependence on "[the news](#)" for immigration reality will result in a partial education. So, for this newsletter, instead of offering facts and insight, we respectfully offer some resources for expert, factual and reality-based information that readers can use to stay informed at their own convenience.

On the federal level we hope that you will take advantage of the ability to be informed and active in contacting congress by taking advantage of the highly respected, Washington D.C.- based [NumbersUSA.com](#).

For analysis of federal reports on immigration and experienced, savvy knowledgeable 'Backgrounder' reports we send you to the influential [Center for Immigration Studies](#). Immigration controls are under attack everyday. Please visit the website of the inside-the-beltway [Federation for Immigration Reform](#) for publications and resources that the MSM usually 'forgets' to mention.

Here in Georgia, since 2003, this writer has struggled to operate a combination of all of the above efforts focused on immigration politics in the Peach State. We are proud of [our many successes](#) and boast that we have all the right enemies. While our dated website replacement is under construction, [the Dustin Inman Society blog](#) is updated daily. I hope that you will take the time to [join our email list](#) to make an informed, active difference here at home.



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Highlight on Leadership

Debra R. Lieb
Assistant Secretary
Chair, Public Relations/Marketing

Stop Complaining – Do Something About It !

“People complain about the Republican party, but if they don’t get I involved, it will never go back to the conservative party it once was”

When I was in high school, I volunteered to choreograph dance routines for a our popular swing choir. After demonstrating the routines to our performers, a member complained that he didn’t like it. I said to him: “OK. Why don’t you work on the next song”? I never heard another word.

People easily criticize but when you ask them to help change things, to do the work, they won’t “put their work ethic where their mouth is”. It takes no effort to complain but LOTS of work to make things better !



In the last 10 years walking for campaigns and talking to many republican voters, I regularly heard protestations about the Republican party. I responded in agreement but always offered a solution: to get involved, volunteer and work for a better Republican party ! “Stay in it to change it”. This is my motto ..and my passion!

As District Chair for the HD 44, I was responsible for bringing the votes in for 2 primaries and general elections at the same time—one critical to the House of Representatives—the Karen Handel campaign. From February 2017 until June 20, 2017, we worked feverishly to get Kay Kirkpatrick for Senate Seat 33 and Karen Handel for Congressional District 6 elected. We were successful for both. But we need more workers!

By developing membership in the GRA, we can then move them toward their local GOP to turn the party back to the conservative values once held. The Cobb County Republican Party has been successful last year in moving out the old guard and bringing in fresh, conservative leadership we so needed. We are so very close to changing the Georgia GOP and hope it comes in 2019 !

As a member in an organization like the Georgia Republican Assembly we CAN do something. Through involvement in the GRA , we have a true concrete opportunity to kick the old guard out and the new, “true” Republicans in !



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Ms. Lieb is Precinct Chair and District Chair for HD44. Debra has worked in numerous campaigns in local, state and national elections. She was so inspired by the candidacy of Donald J. Trump that she wrote and produced a song entitled “Get on Board”. www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvvWNR-G4sg

Debra is Chair of Public Relations/Marketing and editor of this newsletter



GRA Events

*The GRA Believes
In Having Fun*

GRA Inaugural President's Dinner

A few weeks ago, we hosted our successful Inaugural GRA President's Dinner in Cobb County. CL Bryant (invited by Freedomworks) rallied the crowd, and attendees enjoyed a filet and crab dinner. Just delicious !

Our endorsed candidate Rep. Matt Gurtler gave an informative legislative update. Many friends of our current



Lew Stafford, Matthew & Marissa Hardwick



Dolly Gill, Jeff Souther, Marissa Hardwick, Debra Lieb, Sue Marshall

members braved the ice and accepted invitations to attend the event, joined the GRA, and had a great time. Debra Williams, our Events Committee Chairwoman, helped facilitate and lead the large (and very much appreciated!) team that put the event together.



Phyllis Slaght & CL Bryant



L-R Dolly Gill, Phyllis Slaght, Marissa Hardwick, Frank Molesky, Debra Lieb, Alex Johnson



Kevin Wright



Lew Stafford, Marissa Hardwick, Dolly Gill, Joe Webb



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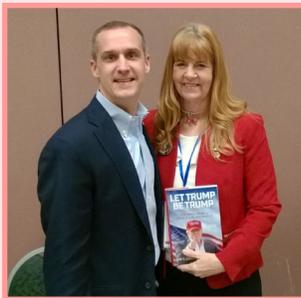
South Carolina Tea Party Convention

Members from the Georgia Republican Assembly along with Lori Urban from the National Federation of Republican Assemblies traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC, to host a table and introduce Tea Party convention attendees to the Republican Assembly (RA). Lanier Republican Assembly member Ron Hooper instigated and managed the project. The goal was to locate enough people to start an RA state chapter in SC. It was a great success with 29 people joining the ranks! Additional attendees from other states also signed up to learn more about the RA.



Judi Scumpin, Hansi Holloway, Alex Jones

The South Carolina Tea Party Convention draws from all across America. Anne-Marie Murrell, of Politichicks, who refuses to give up. Other speakers included the always great Kevin Jackson, a real patriot, Lt. Col. Buzz Patterson, Kathleen Willey, who came up against the horror of the Clintons firsthand, Admiral Lyons, whose spirit has to be seen live to be believed, comedian Evan Sayet, Stephen Coughlin, who has been exposing our collaboration with the Jihad from the inside. Our own Lucretia Hughes had a spot speaking and did a great job. The 2 headliners were Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch and Corey Lewandowsky, President Trump’s initial campaign manager. Mr. Fitton spoke on Saturday calling the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s probe into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia, “corruption at its worst.” Corey spoke on his experience with President Trump on the campaign trail. He conducted a book signing afterward.



*Corey Lewandowsky & Debra Lieb
at book signing for
“Let Trump Be Trump”*



Debra Lieb and “Salty”

You can hear most speakers from the convention by going to www.youtube.com and also on their website www.southcarolinatepartycoalition.com



Norine Cantor with the “Trump Bus”



Special-Interest Tax Breaks Prevents Tax Reform In Georgia

Second only to South Carolina, Georgia has the highest top marginal income tax rate among its neighbors at six percent. Your tax dollars should be treated with the same respect by government as you treat them. Our government should always find ways to operate more efficiently and effectively, ending wasteful programs so that Georgians can keep more of their hard-earned money.

During the 2017 legislative session, both the House and Senate passed versions of House Bill 329, that would have reduced the top rate of 6 percent. Leaders in both chambers could not find a compromise to send to the governor's desk.

Although this effort to lower taxes failed, several egregious special-interest handouts of our dollars passed one, or both chambers and became law. According to the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, over the next 5 years, \$350 million of tax carve-outs were promised to certain individuals and industries.

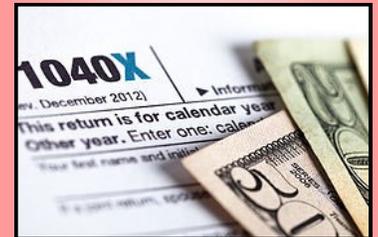
These funds should have been used to cut the taxes of all Georgians, not just those with political connections. The typical Georgian citizen can't afford to own a yacht (House Bill 125), or a music studio (House Bill 155), or a video game production company (House Bill 199). These bills give special treatment to a well-connected few. To read more crony tax break legislation to see how your state legislators voted, visit www.stopthehandouts.com.

If you agree that all Georgians deserve tax cuts, (not just those who can afford a lobbyist), let your Senator and Representative know. It's time to stop the handouts.



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The GRA Believes



Taxes

We believe that the federal tax system is abusive to the American people while discouraging investment and growth. We believe in growth-oriented tax policies which would gradually eliminate punitive income taxes and move our tax system toward that originally established by our Founding Fathers.