



**GEM COUNTRY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
OF MACON COUNTY**

"Faithfully Serving Macon County"

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NEWSLETTER

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A Word from our NC president, Dena Barnes



NFRW: This year NFRW broke all records with 120 new chartered clubs. We added Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and North Dakota.

NFRW is the largest grassroots women's political organization. Valuable programs such as our Campaign Management School are available for those that would like to run for office. Being a part of the national organization enables us to have a stronger voice on a national level. The NFRW Handbook is online and can be downloaded for free.

NFRW Day at the Legislature allows local club members to come to Washington, DC, to meet Republican Congressmen. National board members travel to inform members of the work of NFRW. National Magazine has spotlighted four NFRW Republican Women from local clubs that became Governors of their state this past year.

NCFRW increased our membership by 20% and chartered 11 new clubs during the past two years – at the NFRW Convention in Kansas City our federation won the State Membership New Club Award and received the Betty Heitman Award for Excellence in state clubs. Our NCFRW clubs received 24 Achievement awards for campaign activities, community relations, program and club functions as well as membership development initiatives. We won the State Campaign Volunteer Award for clubs with 50-80 clubs, the Voter Registration Award for clubs with 50-80 members, 3 out of 4 possible Club Membership Awards (we had no award for 200+membership category). Our members worked hard for these awards, not just to be recognized but because we devoted tens of thousands of hours to the November elections and contributed to a historical victory for Republicans when we gained control of the NC House and Senate. We believed we could make a difference, and we did!! I am very proud of our work in the past – but what is important now is that we all work together to increase voter registration of Republicans, increase our membership and turn out the vote in November. We are working on the Marriage Amendment that will be on our May 8th ballot and being sure voters understand what it really means, not what the liberals are trying to make out of it.

Hopefully, this will help you if your members ask why should we be a part of the Federation and what do they receive for their dues?

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☆☆ **DUES ARE DUE** ☆☆
☆☆ **Our annual dues are due** ☆☆
☆☆ **and payable immediately.** ☆☆
☆☆ **For Regular Members \$25.** ☆☆
☆☆ **For Associate and Life** ☆☆
☆☆ **Members \$15.** ☆☆
☆☆ Checks are payable to: ☆☆
☆☆ Gem Country Republican ☆☆
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On your prayer list ...

The President of the United States, the presidential cabinet, elected public servants, our soldiers everywhere — and, peace on earth.

“In God We Trust”

Member of:



and NCFRW



Dates to Remember

March 3 — Candidates Forum at the community building at 4 pm. Sponsored by the Republican Party of Macon County.

March 20 — GCRWC meeting will be held at the Boiler Room at 11:30. Guest Speaker will be Joyce Krawiec.

March 31 — GOP Convention will be held at the Community Building.

April 14 — The 11th District GOP Convention, location TBA (near Asheville).

March Meeting — Grass Roots Focus



The speaker at our March meeting will be Joyce Krawiec, who is currently serving as Grass Roots Activism chair of the NC Federation of Republican Women. She will share with us a wealth of knowledge from her perspective.

Joyce is also immediate past Legislative Chair, has served as New Membership director and regional vice president for the NCFRW. She is also a former President of Forsyth County Republican Women and she has served on several committees of the National Federation of Republican Women.

In 2006 Joyce founded the NC Consumer Alliance for Energy Security to promote energy independence and off shore drilling and to inform citizens about the dangers of policy initiatives such as (later introduced) cap and trade. She has been a contributor to a number of publications, writing about politics and current news events.

Joyce also believes that God has a plan for every life. He gives us our passion to keep us focused in order to complete the plan He has for us. She feels it's an honor to be called to do the Master's work.

AND Speaking of “grass roots” in the March meeting

Since our March meeting is on the 20th and Easter is April 8, we will be preparing the Easter baskets at the March meeting. These baskets will be distributed to children through KIDS Place and Reach.

Everyone is encouraged to bring individually wrapped candies and small stuffed animals. Grace will have the baskets, “grass roots” and the cellophane sleeves ready. We will only need a handful of members to stay after the meeting and fill the baskets.



The 2012 Macon County Republican Congressional Forum

will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Building in Franklin, 1288 Georgia Road.

Hors d'oeuvres and “meet & greet” time will begin at 4:00. At 4:30 p.m., after the Presenting of Colors, the Pledge and the Invocation, the candidates will speak for about five minutes each.

This will be the last of three opportunities provided to members to listen to and evaluate the candidates.

This is THE place to be if you want to KNOW who to vote for. You are encouraged to stay around after the close of the forum and ask all the questions you can think of.

For information, call Chris Murray at 421-2191.

Happy Birthday to:

February

- 2 Linda Light Herman
- 2 Anita McIver
- 5 Chris Murray
- 17 Roberta Swank
- 19 Marci Holland
- 24 Barbara Hazazer

March

- 4 Robert Holland
- 13 Joan Hatch
- 27 Mary K. West

Have another great year in GCRWC!

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