



Capital City Republican Women

January 2010 Newsletter



Fillippeli Brings Political Talk to January Luncheon

We welcome Dr. Susan Fillippeli as our January luncheon speaker. As the founder of Phronésis Consulting, Dr. Fillippeli's work is in communication consulting, candidate training, and campaign management. Dr.

Fillippeli holds a Ph.D. in Communication Studies from the University of Iowa, an M.A. from the University of Georgia, and a B.A. from Appalachian State University. She currently works for Health Information Designs in Auburn, AL as senior communication specialist.

Appointed by Governor Riley to the Alabama Women's Commission in 2003 (and again in 2005 and 2010), Dr. Fillippeli currently serves as Chairman of the Women's Commission. She was elected chairman of the Alabama Third Congressional District Republican Executive Committee in February of 2004 and re-elected in 2005, 2007 and 2009. Dr. Fillippeli serves on the Lee County Republican Executive Committee, the Alabama State Executive Committee as well as the Alabama Republican Party Steering Committee.

GOP Headquarters

Our GOP headquarters on Vaughn Road is available for meetings and other functions. Call **Richard Giodano** at 272-8624 for reservations. To volunteer to work at the headquarters call Richard's wife, **Anita**.

January 28 Luncheon Meeting Capital City Club

11:30 a.m.

Our menu is Beef Stroganoff, chocolate cream tartlet, and salad. Also included is both iced tea and coffee.

The cost is \$22 per person with reservations to **Donna Robins** at dlobins@knology.net or 262-3673 by noon on Tuesday, January 26. Those making reservations and not attending will be billed by CCRW. Please allow 24 hours notice for cancellations.

Welcome to a chilly 2010! I am confident things will warm up both outside and in the political world. We missed those of you who were unable to attend the Montgomery County Republican Christmas Party. **Matt Bamberg** sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and **Judge Tommy Bryan** recited a military version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Both were very moving. We enjoyed Christmas dinner, music, good food, numerous door prizes, and each other.

The year ahead is going to be full of activities and campaign events that will be wonderful opportunities for your involvement. If we get organized and work together our efforts will have positive and rewarding results. Teamwork makes a big difference. Each of you has something valuable to offer. So... make the offer!

First of all, make sure you pay your CCRW dues this month and plan to attend our luncheon on January 28. No increase in dues so \$25.00 is a good deal that includes membership in NFRW and a subscription to *The Red Wave*. Plan to attend the Red, White & Blue Dinner on February 5 at the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center. After that, AFRW Legislative Days 2010 is February 24 and 25 at the Embassy Suites. Details and registration form were in *The Red Wave*. Please note when sending your registration to **Dottye**, the zip code was incorrect. It should be 36104. We would like as many CCRW members as possible to attend.

Elois Zeanah, AFRW president, is backing two major initiatives: a resolution to support Gov. Riley's request for the Alabama Legislature to allow charter schools in Alabama; the second deals with illegal immigration. She has drafted an E-Verify bill that **Senator Scott Beason** and **Representative Micky Hammon** have agreed to sponsor and file. She is asking us to help get all Republican legislators to co-sponsor the bill. Please learn about these important issues and vote in support of these initiatives at our next meeting. We will have additional information at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on Jan. 28. Bring someone with you and encourage them to join. I look forward to working with you, growing our club, and helping elect Republicans. Thank you for all you do!

Karen Fisher, president



GOP Teens Gather

In December, area teen Republicans gathered at the GOP Headquarters for a meet and greet. Students from both

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and St. James attended.

Shown here are *(back row left to right)* **Montgomery County Commissioner Ham Wilson, George Wallace, Jr., Montgomery County Commission Vice Chairman Reed Ingram, Lisa Ranieri, and Shelby Nunnelee;** *(second row left to right)* **Montgomery Board of Education District 1 Representative Heather Sellers, Judge of Probate Reese McKinney, Jr., Ryan Crutchfield, Victoria Schmidt, Matt Mardis, Tyler Mardis;** *(front row left and right)* **Barbara Bradley, Daniella Hincapie, and Kirsten Love.**

The high school students are interested in meeting with each other along with other area conservative students in the new year. Their plans include voter registration drives and assisting with area political campaigns. Others officials attending the event were **Montgomery County Board of Education District 2 Representative Charlotte Meadows, Representative David Grimes, Circuit Judge William G. O'Rear, Jr.,** and others.

For more information about teen Republicans, contact **Jean Bradley** at ccrwnewslettereditor@yahoo.com.

Luncheon Raffle

Our 50/50 raffle item for our January luncheon meeting is a gift certificate from Lifeway Christian Bookstore at East Chase. See **Betty Mitchell** to purchase your chance to win.

Caring For America

We begin the year with the Family Sunshine Center as our focus for Caring for America. This group serves victims of family violence in Autauga, Butler, Chilton, Crenshaw, Elmore, Lowndes and Montgomery Counties. Each year more than 1200 women in the U.S. are murdered by their intimate partner. Please help us help them! Bring your gift (checks made payable to CCRW) to our January meeting. Many thanks to Caring For America Chairperson **Dale Franklin** for coordinating our effort.

CCRW annual dues are due! Please bring your \$25 to our January meeting or mail to our post office box below. Encourage others to join!

Ways and Means Update

One of our CCRW fund raising efforts is to sell a Capital City Club membership. Our starting bid is \$200 and all offers will be considered. For more information, contact Ways and Means Chairperson **Janet Lewis** at 567-9872 or email her at jwhandmade@elmore.rr.com.

Let everyone know you're in the GOP with Republican motif jewelry. A new order will be placed soon for new and exciting items just in time for Legislative Days. If you're interested in an item, contact **Janet Lewis**.

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Upcoming Events

Feb. 5: Red, White & Blue Dinner

Feb. 24-25: Legislative 2010 Days