

## Chairman's Message

September 2, 2009

Hello my fellow conservatives and Republicans:

September's meeting of the Gilmer County GOP was held in the Gilmer County Courthouse Jury Assembly room last night (01-09-09) with about 28 people in attendance. Our guest speaker was **State Senator Lee Hawkins** from Gainesville who is seeking to fill the 9th District Congressional seat soon to be vacated by Congressman **Nathan Deal**, who has set his sights on becoming Georgia's next Governor.

It is refreshing to know that **Sen. Hawkins** is a fiscal conservative and is as alarmed by the changes wrought by the Obama administration as the rest of America is seeming to become. He expressed the absolute necessity of controlling spending, and releasing the forces of Capitalism, ie: reducing onerous taxes on small business and the middle class, reducing capital gains taxes, to return America to the high level of productivity and prosperity it once enjoyed.

A State Senator for several years, Sen. Hawkins told of his work in the Georgia Senate to ensure the State's Budget is fairly balanced as required by law. The struggles and difficulties face during those budget sessions to pick and choose what programs will be funded and which will not, has steeled him for the greater fights to be faced in the US Congress. Sen. Hawkins was very knowledgeable about health care issues, having spent thirty three years of his life as a dentist in Gainesville, Ga. He clearly understands, he said, the issues surrounding medical insurance, coverage and certainly, costs and how to make it work without plunging America further into debt. Sen. Hawkins said the Cap and Trade issue is simply another hidden tax that will adversely affect all middle class Americans and worse, plunge our economy into a period of near complete non-productivity. Sen. Hawkins is an absolute supporter of the Fair Tax and, he confirmed, his own tax picture is satisfied.

Our own **Herman Clark** presented himself to the group as a candidate for one of the three positions as a Superior Court Judge of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit. A member of the Georgia Bar, Herman has a long and distinguished career in law, including a career in the USAF, AF Reserve and Air National Guard. He has been a busy and successful man and pointed out his qualifications to be a Judge. His motto: "if you do the crime, you do the time".

**Mr. Doug Grammer**, new 9th District Chairman was also in attendance and spoke on the 9th district's golf tournament on 06 October. He lavished praise of the Gilmer GOP officers for their outstanding work in making the 9th district picnic the success it was.

October's meeting will return to Harrison Hall on 06 October 09, at 7:00PM. Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Virginia Galloway**, Grassroots coordinator for **Americans for Prosperity**.

Finally, Gilmer County's TEA Party protesters has booked a third bus to transport protesters to the affair in Washington, DC on 12 September. If you are hanging on the edge of making your decision to get involved, now is the time to do it. Once bitten by the involvement bug you'll be involved forever. It is time to take America back It cannot be allowed for the left wing crazies who have taken over the old Democrat Party, change our America into a socialist state. We cannot afford it, the world cannot afford and our future generations will never know the our America of free enterprise, limited government and capitalism. Obama is even now forging the chains of our economic slavery. Get involved. Come to our meetings and listen to our candidates.

George McClellan, Chairman  
Gilmer County GOP