

## **From the Chairman**

Gilmer County Republican Party

By George McClellan...October's Meeting

Hello my fellow conservatives and Republicans:

October's meeting of the Republican Party was attended by nearly 30 people all come to hear the very professional presentation of Mrs. Candice Sherman, conservative Republican activist from Cobb County, Ga., who lends her talented communication skills to the Young Republicans of Cobb County, Georgia's Republican Women, and Americans for Prosperity.

Our meeting was also attended by the venerable Col. Oscar Poole, in a state of good recovery from his stroke of six months ago. More on Oscar later. Also present were two of our Republican County Commissioners, Mark Chastain, Board Chairman and J.C. Sanford, Post 2.

In my promise to attempt to maintain brevity, we quickly had a reading and approval of the minutes from our September's meeting as well as a good report by Treasurer Rita Odom. The Gilmer County GOP is in good shape.

Looking ahead, the speaker for November's meeting (3 Nov) will be **Stephen Northington**, candidate for Georgia's Insurance Commissioner. A resident of Cobb County (Kennesaw), Mr. Northington has been in the Insurance industry for over 16 years as President of his own company, Group Insurance Solutions. He says he is the only licensed agent in the race.

Further business included announcement of Gilmer Co. GOP's Christmas Party that will be held on Dec 1st. We are planning a Pot Luck style dinner with the party providing the main meat dish and, as a fund raiser, the party will raffle off a 20.Ga Shotgun. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 a ticket with six tickets for \$25.00. Our guest speaker for that evening will be State Representative **Tom Graves** from Gordon County. Rep. Graves has already made himself known here in Gilmer as a viable candidate for the Congressional Seat being vacated by Nathan Deal.

Lastly, The Executive board voted to make a donation of \$500.00 to the Gilmer County Sheriff's anti-drug education program in support of that organizations association with other of Gilmer County's civic organizations.

FLASH/ I INTERRUPT THIS REPORT WITH A HOT NEWS FLASH: OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZER PRESIDENT HAS BEEN AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. Comment: Is there no limit to the good that can be accomplished under Obama's leadership now that he is a Nobel Peace Prize winner? We wait in breathless anticipation. After that once prestigious award went to Jimmy Carter and then Al Gore, the value of it has been reduced to that of a mere gaudy trinket. OMG, where is Bill Clinton's prize? Stand By!.....

Now to our Guest Speaker, Candice Sherman. She posed the question that all Conservatives should keep in mind: Why big government **is not** the answer and how to effectively communicate it! It was important, she said, to keep two points in mind: (1) we are all driven by **our own self interest** and (2) by our relationships. As conservatives we are, or should be, thinking like salesmen to sell conservative ideas that will trump the energetic sales program the Democrats have enacted.

To that end, some points should be kept in mind, like knowing that constant attacks against the other side, without offering an alternative, is usually a turnoff. That to spread our conservative message we need to find and support candidates capable of communicating our conservative values and most important of all, knowing that our conservative values have been because of our Christian values

On Self Interest, Ms. Sherman pointed out that the word “Greed” as used by the left to intimidate the producers in our society by using wealth envy as a dividing measure, is actually the major point of self interest and that what drives economic success are the pillars of American culture: private property ownership, personal liberty, and the rule of law, all things now under attack by the left. Government lacks self interest.

To shorten this article, Ms. Sherman reviewed the essential points in our three basic documents, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution that should be protecting us right now from Obama. They are to understand the role of government as enumerated in the 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th amendments; the wise establishment of the balance of power in the three branches of government and to understand that government is to provide for the common defense and promote (not provide) the general welfare. Incentives are the proper method to meet the needs of a society that is both free and property owning.

Oscar Poole, clearly back from the dead, has formed a small business coalition with Ellijay’s Joe McCutchen, with the aim of organizing small businesses into a coalition to forge a new voice in American politics. Oscar has also produced another book, an autobiography entitled There is Only One Oscar Poole and invited those present to view his web site at [www.oscarpoole.com](http://www.oscarpoole.com). Oscar can be reached by e-mail at [oscarpoole@aol.com](mailto:oscarpoole@aol.com) and Joe McCutchen can be reached at [mccutchen@mac.com](mailto:mccutchen@mac.com). Their enthusiasm for this small business coalition project cannot be underestimated. Go there and get involved.

Concluding the program, we had pitches from representatives for Nathan Deals campaign, Sam Olens for Attorney General campaign and John Oxendine’s campaign for Governor.

And, to continue our support for conservative programs, the **TEA party** folks will have their float at the Sorghum Festival, in Blairsville tomorrow, the 10th, the Apple Festival Parade on the 17th. Their monthly meeting will be held in the 1st Baptist Church, Ellijay, on the 20th. Go get’em.