



CHATHAM AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Conservative Dynamic Leadership

NEWSLETTER



A Note from our President

Susan Speros

Welcome to our May newsletter! There are quite a few newsworthy items you will read. Game Day for one, we did it before and it was very well received, we will be doing it again. We will be presenting the Club's scholarship in our next meeting to Lily Hubert. We are in the beginning stages of an exciting fund raiser for September. Our membership continues to grow and the Board of Directors are acting in your best interest to make this club the best that it can be. Thank you for being a part of our success and remember to bring a friend to our next meeting.

Next Meeting: May 7th, 2025

Speaker: Bert Brantley

Savannah Country Club
501 Wilmington Island Road
Savannah, GA 31410

Social Time: 11:30AM
Lunch Time: 12:00PM
Meeting Time: 12:30PM

Member Price

\$35 cash/check, \$36.50 card

Non-Member Price

\$40 cash/check, \$41.50 card

Please RSVP by April 30th

Purchase or reserve a spot online. [Click here.](#)

RSVP to the Evite

Contact Patrice Cole.

**If you make a reservation and find you cannot attend, please contact us to cancel at least a week in advance. Otherwise, you will be responsible to pay for your lunch.*

*Please let Patrice Cole know of any dietary restrictions.
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**FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
SUMMIT &
GALA**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Savannah will host the Job Creators Network (JCN) Freedom Fighters Summit & Gala from **April 30 to May 2**.

For more details and registration, visit JCN2025Summit.com or contact Betty.Braun@jobcreatorsnetwork.com. Don't miss this premier event!

**CHATHAM GOP BREAKFAST
WITH THE CANDIDATES FOR THE
STATE GOP EXECUTIVE BOARD**

May 3, 2025, The Landings
Palmetto Club Azalea Room



Our May Speaker: Bert Brantley

Bert began his tenure as President & CEO of the Savannah Area Chamber on Feb. 1st, 2023, after more than two decades of service in various state government leadership positions.

He most recently served as Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of Governor Brian P. Kemp. As a Senior Advisor, he managed the Communications, External Affairs, Legislative, Policy, and Constituent Services teams. Brantley also held the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, appointed to that role by Governor Nathan Deal in 2017.

With more than 20 years of experience in state government, Brantley has held other roles in the Office of Governor Sonny Perdue, the Department of Driver Services, the State Road & Tollway Authority, and the Dept. of Transportation.

GAME DAY

Do you have a favorite card game, board game, or just want to visit with some friends around a card table and have lunch? We are in the final stages of planning the next **CARW Game Day!** This event will be in July. Last year's event brought fun, food, and great financial reward to the Club. Board members, Marcia Smith and Patrice Cole, are putting the final touches on the event. Heads up though, reach out to your friends to join you for a fun lunch and a game of cards!

Chatham County Conservative Coalition

The Club is still active with the 4 C's. Patrice Cole attended the last meeting. The following 2025 Georgia Legislative Session report was prepared and presented by Jeanne Seaver.

Scholarship Recipient: Lily Hubert

Congratulations to our scholarship recipient!



Lily is the president of the Young Republicans Club at Richmond Hill High School. She is a dual enrollment student at Georgia Southern University in good standing. Lily received the certificate for Dedication to Excellence and Success in Visual Arts in her junior year at RHHS. She served as a poll worker on Election Day last November and has been an annual holiday

volunteer at Magnolia Manor Retirement since 2022.

While attending college, she plans to remain active in promoting conservative values by seeking out student organizations that align with her beliefs and those of the Republican Party.

After earning her college degree, she hopes to work in forensic investigations, specifically in ballistics as a firearm and toolmark examiner or in blood splatter analysis.

We wish this remarkable young lady much success in all her endeavors.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

2025 Annual Membership dues are \$50. You can pay by cash, card, check, online, or at the next meeting.

COMING SOON

A program that lets you buy your lunches for the year!

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Every quarter, each member who recruits a new member within that quarter will have a chance to win a gift card! The next drawing is **April 2nd**.

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\$100 - full page

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MAY

SPOTLIGHT

Ruth Edwards



THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

PASSED

CHILD TAX CREDIT: Parents of children age five and under could claim a \$250 state income tax credit under [House Bill 136](#), which also expands the state income tax credit for child care expenses.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: State and local governments wouldn't be able to "substantially burden" a person's religious freedom under [Senate Bill 36](#), but opponents say it would enable discrimination. Kemp signed the measure Friday.

INCOME TAXES: An already-planned state income tax cut will be accelerated under [House Bill 111](#), giving the state a flat 5.19% income tax rate retroactive to Jan. 1, and Georgians will get income tax rebates between \$250 and \$500 under [House Bill 112](#).

HURRICANE AID: House and Senate members agreed to spend more than \$850 million on aid after Hurricane Helene did billions of dollars of damage in Georgia in September.

LAWSUIT LIMITS: Senate Bill 68 would make it harder to bring lawsuits and win large verdicts, while [Senate Bill 69](#) limits who can finance lawsuits.

SCHOOL CELLPHONES: Public school students in kindergarten through eighth grade would be banned from using cell phones during the school day under [House Bill 340](#).

TRANSGENDER RIGHTS: [Senate Bill 1](#) would ban transgender girls and women from playing girls' and women's sports, while [Senate Bill 185](#) would ban the state from paying for gender-affirming care for prisoners.

AMERICA FIRST LICENSE PLATE: [Senate Bill 291](#) would create an America First license plate for Georgia vehicles.

NOT PASSED

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION: Georgia's public schools and colleges would have been banned from having any programs or activities advocating for diversity, equity and inclusion under [House Bill 127](#).

SPEED ZONE CAMERAS: Georgia would have either banned automated speed enforcement cameras in school zones under [House Bill 225](#) or further regulated them under [House Bill 651](#).

REGULATION RESTRICTION: [Senate Bill 28](#) would have given lawmakers more oversight over regulations created by state agencies.

IMMIGRATION: [Senate Bill 21](#) would have removed legal protections and let people sue governments and government officials who don't follow Georgia laws requiring cooperation with federal immigration enforcement.

ELECTIONS: Georgia's secretary of state would have been required to leave a bipartisan group letting officials share data to keep voter rolls accurate under [House Bill 397](#) and [Senate Bill 175](#).

PUBLIC RECORDS: A discarded version of [Senate Bill 12](#) would have exempted Georgia state legislators and police departments from some requirements to disclose public records.

LIBRARY CRIMES: Librarians in public libraries, K-12 schools and colleges could have faced prosecution for providing sexually explicit materials to minors under [House Bill 483](#).

GUN TAX BREAKS: [House Bill 79](#) would have offered a four-day sales tax holiday on guns, ammunition and safety devices, while offering income tax credits of up to \$300 for paying for gun safety courses.

CLARENCE THOMAS STATUE: The state would have put up a privately financed statue of the U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Georgia native under [House Bill 254](#).