

Marion County Republican Women

April 2011

Donna Rackley, President



President's News

What an awesome meeting we had March 22nd at Foxworth FBC. We had 52 people present-12 new members joined our group-great speakers-delicious food-fun-fellowship. We need for this energy to keep moving in Marion County. Thanks to the ladies of Foxworth First Baptist Church for the delicious meal you prepared. As usual, you outdid yourselves. Thanks Ladies! At the rate we are growing-we may have to look for a large meeting hall. That is good news.

The April meeting will be our yearly Membership Drive meeting. Information about meeting is below. We have 3 guests on the agenda to speak. You can read about them on pages 2 and 3 of the newsletter. Please bring a guest/new member with you. At last count we have 101 members and 54 associates.

April Monthly Meeting

The April monthly meeting will be held April 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Cheryl & James Bourne. This will be our **Membership Drive** meeting. We are asking you to invite family, friends and co-workers to come and join us that night. We have 3 state candidates who will be speaking. Dave Dennis, candidate for governor; Lucien Smith, candidate for state treasurer and Cindy-Hyde Smith, Comm. of Agriculture & Commerce (recently changed from Democrat to Republican. Members will be contacted soon about the refreshments for this meeting. Last year we had over 60 present. Let's top that this year.



-25 years of experience as a finance lawyer
-started her career in the 1980s in the office of the attorney general
-has been executive director of the state Personnel Board since 2009
-mother of three children, Mackenzie, Marye Will and John Tucker

Lynn will be one of our guest speakers at the May meeting.

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April Monthly Meeting

April 26, 2011

6:00 p.m.

1 Olney Place

Are YOU Ready to do it again in 2011!

Legislative Day 2011



State Capital

The Red Coats definitely filled downtown Jackson on March 2, 2011. God blessed us with beautiful weather. The day began with breakfast in the Rotunda of the State Capital. After hearing from our Republican State Officers members were able to tour the capital and the different galleries. Several members drove over to the Old Capital for a tour of the newly renovated building. The luncheon was held at the Old Capital Inn (formerly YWCA). Guest speaker was Representative Becky Currie from Brookhaven, MS. The day continued as many went to the Governor's Mansion for the Tea. Pictures were made on the steps with all the red coats before our departure. The Marion County TARS group traveled to Jackson for the day and participated in all the events as well. Special thanks to Nate Rios for providing transportation for TARS and one of newest members, DeeDee Randall, for chaperoning them.

Founder's Day - 2011



Governor's Mansion

Plans are in the making for our Founder's Day event. With this being a big election year and State and National Convention coming up, there was a need to have the Founder's day event. We are planning on a 'Field Day' - barbeque - softball game. We are going to invite all the local **Republican** candidates and state **Republican** candidates-along with a few surprises. This will be a fun day for all. At this time we are looking at doing it in June. More details will be coming soon. So dig out those old dusty mitts and shoes!



Dave Dennis



Dave Dennis, Gubernatorial candidate, is a native of Atmore, Alabama. He is President of Specialty Contractors & Associates, Inc. of Gulfport, Mississippi, a commercial and industrial subcontractor. Dave was appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board to the New Orleans Federal Reserve Board in November 2001, as a representative from the Business community. In December 2002, he was elected as Chairman of the New Orleans Federal Reserve Board, and served three full terms as Chairman during his tenure on the New Orleans Federal Reserve Board. Both Dave and his wife Jane are graduates of Auburn University.. Dave was named Mississippi's "Volunteer of the Year" by the MEDC in 2000, and was also recognized as a National Volunteer of the Year by the Southern Economic Development Council. In 1995, Specialty Contractors was recognized as "Business of the Year" for the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the Business Expo. Dave and Jane are the proud parents of two children, son Padrick and daughter, Katie. They currently reside on the Gulf Coast.

Cindy Hyde-Smith

District 39 - Lawrence, Lincoln, Simpson

Republican

Legislative Experience:

2000-present

Education:

Copiah Lincoln Community College

University of Southern Mississippi

Occupation:

Congressional Affairs Consultant

Cattle Farmer

Committee Membership:

- Agriculture - Chair
- Forestry - Vice-Chair
- Appropriations
- Congressional Redistricting
- Constitution
- Corrections
- Elections
- Legislative Reapportionment
- PEER
- Public Health and Welfare
- Veterans and Military Affairs
- Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks



Senator Hyde-Smith is a member of the American Cancer Society, the Junior Auxiliary, Hospice, the Mississippi Cattleman's Association and the Mississippi Wildlife Federation. Senator Hyde-Smith was born in Brookhaven and is married to Michael L. Smith. They have a daughter. Her religious affiliation is Baptist.

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Lucien Smith is a life-long Republican committed to the principles of fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets. A strong social conservative, Lucien firmly believes government must protect unborn children and the family values that are the bedrock of our society. Until 2010, he served as a Budget Adviser and Legal Counsel to Governor Haley Barbour. As a Budget Adviser, he was responsible for managing the State's Fiscal Year 2010 and Fiscal Year 2011 budgets, and the preparation of the Executive Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2012. He served as the Governor's lead advocate and negotiator on legislation relevant to increasing government efficiency, and decreasing the size and cost of state government. As Legal Counsel to Governor Haley Barbour, Smith oversaw Mississippi's challenge to the constitutionality of Obamacare. He also served as the Governor's chief adviser on law enforcement and corrections policy.

Lucien is a Certified Public Funds Investment Manager, an accreditation awarded by the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States after testing on knowledge required to operate and manage a state or local treasurer's office. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Mississippi College.

Lucien is a committed Christian, and an active member of his church.

Lucien will stand up to politicians more interested in their politics than protecting our tax dollars and will fight against out-of-control spending and dishonest budgeting. As a member of the State Bond Commission, Lucien will prevent the state from running up the credit card with bad debt that our children and grandchildren will be forced to pay off. Lucien will continue conservatively managing our state's finances, so taxes do not go up. Lucien will immediately address the Public Employees Retirement System's finances, to ensure the system remains solvent for our retirees without becoming a burden to taxpayers. Lucien will ensure the MPACT prepaid college tuition program remains open for our children without requiring a taxpayer bailout. Lucien will work to eliminate government waste and make government operate more efficiently, at a lower cost to the taxpayers





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## Dates to Remember

April 26, 2011

May 24, 2011

June 16-18, 2011

June – Founder's Day

July 4<sup>th</sup>

July 26, 2011

August 2, 2011

Membership Drive Meeting

May Monthly Meeting

RLC2011 Convention, NOLA

TBA

Celebrate America!

Monthly Meeting

Primary Election – **GO VOTE!**

## About Us

*The Marion County Republican Women, MCRW, meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Locations TBA. Come and be a part of a growing organization. Let's Take Back America Together.*

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