

# GBRW NEWSLETTER

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## CONVENTION IS APPROACHING QUICKLCKY

**Don't forget to sign up for the Bi-Annual Convention in October 7th to the 9th in Gulf Shores at the Beach Club.**

There will be a Saturday evening dinner at The Beach Club. Please contact Sallie Bryant for registration information. Early registration must be postmarked by September 1st, 2005.

The cost for the convention is \$125.00 if postmarked by September 1st. The Alabama Federation of Republican Women has contracted with The Beach Club for a special group rate for convention participants. Please contact Sallie Bryant for forms and more information.

The National Federation of Republican Women will hold their 33rd Biennial convention September 8-11th in Nashville. This convention will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. Nationally recognized speakers and informative workshops, and more.

Come join the fun! These conventions are a great time to meet other great Republican women. Attending workshops, meetings, listening to speakers can empower all of us to support and learn more about the Republican party and how we can support our causes.



### Newsletter Information

Send all newsletter information to me for the newsletter at anytime. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions and comments. I want to make this a valuable tool for our members. My email address is carolrh@charter.net.

### Communications

Val Jackson will be calling to remind each of us of the next upcoming meetings. She will be calling the week beforehand. Also, email reminders will also be sent out. Please let Val know if your contact information changes. We want to keep everyone up to date. If you have not received a call or email reminder, please contact Val at val0223@aol.com.

## CLUB MEETINGS

Officers and Chairmen will meet the first Wednesday of each month at **7:15 am** at the Governor's Room at the Protective Life building. The meeting will last about 1 hour. Please be on time.

**The next meeting will be on September 7th.** For any questions, please contact Margie George at M 250-7244 or margie@accuprintbham.com.

**Our regular club meetings have been**

**changed to the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30 am at G's restaurant (1820 4th Avenue North) . Please make a note of this. The next meetings will be August 8th and September 12th.**

Reservations are required by the Thursday before. For July the deadline will be the 7th. The cost for the lunch is \$15.00 and a reservation is required. Please bring payment or send it to Margie

George.

The club is charged for the lunch even if you do not attend. We understand that your plans may change at the last moment. Please contact

Margie as soon as you know.

**Parking is free** when you park in the deck beside G's and get your ticket validated inside the restaurant before you leave after lunch.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

It is important for all of us to maintain a current membership and to spread the word about our club and goals.

There are many benefits to being a member of a Republican women's club. You will get to hear and meet influential political speakers, participate in the political process, work for the Republican Party and important causes, learn leadership skills and become effective in influencing legislation, develop great friendships and connections, how to work together as a great team, and to have the satisfaction that you are doing your part to maintain our freedom and to leave that as a

legacy for future generations of Americans.

Our club was only recently founded last year and has continued to grow. Please double check and make sure that your membership is current. Please contact our First Vice President of Membership, Holly Lollar, or our Treasurer, Gwen DeRu, if you have any questions about your status as a member.

Memberships are good for the calendar year and so in January we will all need to renew and update our memberships.

**WEBSITES**

Please send me other websites that you have found that would be great to share with our members.

**National Federation of Republican Women:**

www.nfrw.org

**The White House**

www.whitehouse.org

**Alabama Republican Party**

www.algop.org

**Alabama Federation of Republican Women**

www.afrw.org

**Republican National Committee**

www.rnc.org

**JUDGE JOHN ROBERTS**

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[http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/07/images/20050719-7\\_p071905-848-515h.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/07/images/20050719-7_p071905-848-515h.html)

President Bush announced that Judge John Roberts is his nominee to the Supreme Court. Judge Roberts currently serves on the US Court of Appeals in Washington DC.

Judge Roberts was graduated from both Harvard and Harvard Law School. He clerked for Justice William Rehnquist.

During his private practice, Roberts argued 39 cases before the supreme court. He has an extensive legal background.

Judge Roberts faces confirmation hearings by the Senate. These hearings should be complete before October 3rd when the new court calendar begins.

**NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

President Bush's plan to reform the elementary and secondary school students to be proficient in math and reading was passed by congress.

Progress has begun to be seen in the early grades which shows the great success this program is having.

Education is an important aspect of our country's future. President Bush has appropri-

ated \$1.2 Billion dollars to be used for secondary students. Reading, science, and math are a high priority and funds are being provided to assist school districts to work with students in improving their basic skills.

For more information please check-out the White House website at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/education/>



**CREATIVE  
PRAISING AND  
COMPLAINING**

Who represents me?

**Federal:** [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org) There will be a place to put in your ZIP code and contact information for the President. Alabama's two Senators and the House Member for your district.

**State:** [www.legislature.state.al.us](http://www.legislature.state.al.us)

Scroll down in the body of the cover page to ZIP Code Lookup. You will need to plug in your nine-digit ZIP Code and your state Senator and Representative will come up, right before your very eyes!

If you don't know your nine-digit ZIP Code, go to [www.usps.com/zip4](http://www.usps.com/zip4) and put in your address and 5-digit ZIP and voila! You've got it!

**Jason Kamras  
Is the National  
Teacher of the  
Year**



**Volunteer  
Hours**

Please keep track of the hours that you spend working for the Greater Birmingham Republican Women's Club. Please record all your hours and turn them in to Holly Lollar each month.

The National Federation of Women awards those chapters with effective and high volunteer hours.

The amount of time that we dedicate to the Republican cause is not only important for recognition but to also show the power of Republican Women. We are a force to be noticed. Don't forget to keep a monthly record



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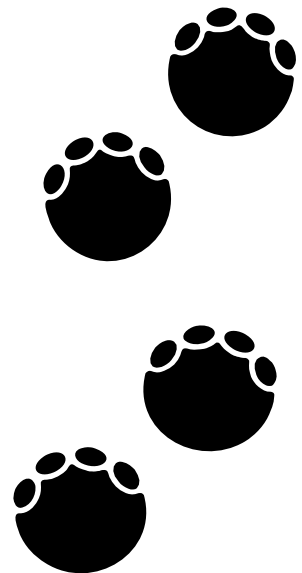
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*Don't forget to  
contact our  
representatives  
on important  
issues.*

# LUTHER STRANGE

## AUGUST 8TH SPEAKER



Picture and background information from <http://www.lutherstrange.com/contents/about/index.shtml>

***We have great speakers for August and September. Don't miss these great Republicans!***

Luther Strange is campaigning for Lt. Governor. He is from Sylacauga, Alabama. His family moved to Birmingham when he was a young boy.

He rose to leadership positions early by becoming an Eagle Scout at 13 years of age one of the youngest in Alabama and being a camp counselor at basketball camps during his summer breaks in school.

Standing 6'9" and having the gift of playing sports gave Luther Strange the opportunity to obtain scholarships in basketball. Since his parents were a house divided (Auburn and Alabama graduates) Luther accepted a basketball scholarship to Tulane University.

Saving money for law school, he worked as a merchant marine. He had to work his way through law school and graduated from Tulane's Law School to enter

the field of international law. He completed his JD in 1979.

He established his own law firm with Jack Selden. Jack is the former U.S. Attorney here in Birmingham under President Bush. Due to the firm's propriety, they grew and are now Bradley, Arant, Rose, & White Law Firm.

The Governmental Affairs and Economic Development division is chaired by Luther. The clients he serves from legislative, regulatory, and economic developmental issues at all levels of government. .

Mr. Strange also lectures on issues concerning businesses involved in political law. Bradley Arant today is a well known conservative law firm. Please note that they are one of our sponsors.

Mr. Strange has been active in politics for many years. He worked with Attorney General Bill Pryor's campaigns where he oversaw the success of those campaigns.

He founded the Red Mountain Republican Club in Jefferson County to bring in business leaders to the Republican Party.

Governor Riley appointed Luther as a member of his Task Force to Strengthen Alabama's Families. He also serves on the boards of the Business Council of Alabama and the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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# HONORABLE PATRICIA M. SMITH

## SEPTEMBER 12 SPEAKER

The Honorable Patricia Smith is an Associate Justice for the Alabama Supreme Court in Alabama.

Patti Smith graduated from Jones Law School in 1976 and practiced law with Bell, Johnson, and Medaris. In 1980, she was the first female Assistant District Attorney for the 18th Judicial Circuit.

In 1980 Governor Fob James appointed Patti as the District Court Judge in Shelby County, and was then elected in 1980 as the Presiding District Court Judge in Shelby County. Judge Smith has been one of the longest serving judges in Alabama.

Fob James appointed Patti in

1981 to serve on his crime commission. She was appointed last in 1998 as the Chairman on the Commission of the Future of the Juvenile Justice System, the Inter-agency Conference on Youth, and as a member of the Alabama Judicial Study Commission on Sentencing.

Judge Smith helped to establish the Developing Alabama Youth Foundation, Inc. (D.A.Y.) and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs. She has served on the boards Advisory Board to the Alabama Department of Youth Services, King's Ranch, Family Connection, Inc. and Shelby County Regional Juvenile Detention Facility.

Judge Smith currently serves on the State Department of Human Resources Quality Assurance Committee and also serves as the Chairman of the Department of Human Resources Policy Review committee.

Patti is a member of the Alabama Association of District Court Judges and Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Patti Smith is married to Jerry Smith and have 2 adult children Shelley and Jarrett.

**The Supreme Court**  
 300 Dexter Avenue  
 Montgomery, AL 36104  
 334.242.4609



Picture from: <http://www.judicial.state.al.us/supreme.cfm?Member=121>

# THANKING OUR SPONSORS

It is important to thank those who support our club with supplies, gifts, or monetary support.

We want to thank Beth Williams of Classic Baskets  
<http://www.classicbasket.com/alabama.html> located at 220



N 20th Street Birmingham, AL 35203.

We also thank Luther



Strange at Bradley Arant for his generous donation to our club.

AccuPrint owner Margie George and our club Presi-



dent has made printing donations on our behalf. Take a moment to thank our sponsors and support their business. It is because of this support that allows us to stretch our resources and reach more votes.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARGIE GEORGE

**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB RILEY  
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: JULY 27, 2005**

### Governor Riley Calls Special Session "Great Success"

*Every bill on Governor's Agenda Approved*

MONTGOMERY - Governor Bob Riley said the special session he called to approve a General Fund budget and pass other high priority items was a "great success." He said legislators accomplished more in the brief five-day session, which lasted from February 1 to May 16. Below are comments Governor Riley made this

morning:

"The special session was a great success for Alabama's taxpayers. Every bill I proposed passed, including the budget and two landmark pieces of legislation that protect property rights and strengthen laws to protect our children from predators. The budget that passed is essentially the one I proposed, and legislators came together in bipartisan coalitions to fight off attempts to add unnecessary spending in the Senate."

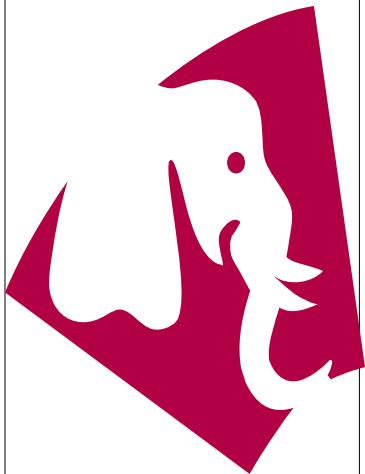
"More was accomplished in these five days than during the entire regular session. It goes to show how much can be achieved when everyone decides to get to work and put partisan and personal differences aside and do what's in the best interests of Alabama."

### A Successful Special Session: Summary of Action

- All 14 bills in Governor Riley's call were passed, including a balanced budget and two new landmark pieces of legislation dealing with property rights and sexual predators.
  - Work was completed in the five-day goal set by Governor Riley, so only the absolute minimum amount of taxpayer dollars were spent on the special session.
  - Governor Riley and a bipartisan coalition were successful in stripping \$1.2 million in unnecessary spending that was added to the budget in Senate committee.
- An unaffordable bill to increase spending by \$27 million was stopped.

*For more information, contact the Governor's Press Office at (334) 242-7150.*

*"...our mission is to elect Republican candidates," Margie George*



# GREATER BIRMINGHAM REPUBLICAN WOMEN



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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/firstlady/salutingservice/index.html>

## Camellia Club

The Camellia Club invites all Republican Women to join. This club provides extra funding to club development in Alabama. Good communication is the key in today's political climate.

The cost is \$100 each year and members will receive special seating and recognition at Alabama Federal Republican Women events. You will also receive the Camellia pin and the special satisfaction that you have made that extra commitment and sacrifice for our party.

Please contact Melissa O'Sullivan (mekaaam@aol.com) at AFRW to become a member or go to their website at [www.afrw.org](http://www.afrw.org) for a registration form and more information.

It is important to support our club and our party either by volunteering or by financially support.

## Don' Forget

***Our club's monthly meetings are now on the second Mondays of each month.***

If you park in the parking deck beside G's, you can have it validated at the restaurant and not have to pay for parking.

The 33rd Biennial Convention will be in Nashville, TN September 8-11, 2005.

The 2005 Alabama Federation of Republican Women's Convention will be held at Gulf Shores October 7-9, 2005.

Membership renewals are due in January 2006. Please make sure that you are a current member.

Please inform other republican women about our club and invite them to join.

Officers and Chairmen meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:15 am at the Protective Life Governor's Room.

Club and Member Awards for AFRW will be sent in this summer.

Please check out AFRW and NFRW for information and necessary forms.

The speaker for August 8th will be Luther Strange. The speaker for September 12th will be Patricia A. Smith.