



2023-2025 Candidates for CCRP EC

DELAGATES GUIDE OF THE CANDIDATES

All candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name within the office they are seeking election. Inclusion within this guide is voluntary.

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Sandy Docherty
Ann O'Mara
Linda Parker
Jim Murray

Candidate for CHAIRMAN



CV Dinsmore
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CV has tremendous management with fair and equitable work history with hundreds of employees displaying leadership, integrity, and even-handed manner that gives confidence and assurance required to lead the Cherokee County Republican Party.

Professional offices: 1) Trustee of a college, 2) Trustee Georgia Baptist Children's Home, 3) deacon/deacon chair - three churches and adult Sunday School teacher, 4) served as board member/president on Cherokee County Boys and Girls Club, United Way of Cherokee County, and CASA aka Anna Crawford Children's Center.

Married 58 years to my wife, one daughter/son-in-law and one granddaughter. Enjoy hunting, fishing, and golf with my granddaughter.

Candidate for CHAIRMAN



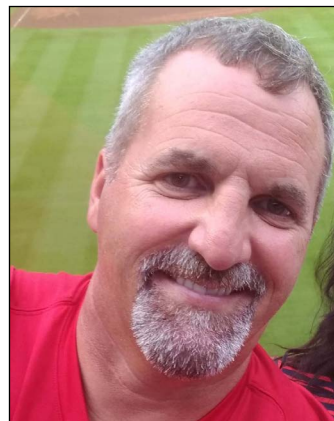
Rajpal Sagoo
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Having been involved with the CCRP for 6 years and political campaigns across the state for the same, Raj is well positioned to elevate the CCRP to become advocates of conservative values by creating dialogue between elected officials and the people they serve.

Raj's background and experience in the military and business has given him multiple opportunities to unite, integrate, and empower people from different backgrounds and beliefs towards common goals.

Deep-rooted in the community he grew up in with the belief of serving it, Raj is active on boards of non-profits and organizations, and attends Woodstock City Church.

Candidate for FIRST VICE CHAIR (Incumbant)



David Hanos
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Retired Captain of the Newport RI Fire Department (25 years). Worked on the search and rescue team at Ground Zero on Sept 11th, then at the Ten House for several days helping our FDNY brothers and sisters. NEVER FORGET! My Fire Crew received the Governor's Award for Valor for saving a drowning victim.

Current First Vice Chair CCRP, full knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and meeting procedures. Lifetime member of America's Future Champions. 3 years as Chair of Newport School Committee, RI. Constitutionalist, America First proponent. Pro-gun.

Father of 4 adult children, Owner-Operator of Southern Steel Erecting and Rigging.

Candidate for FIRST VICE CHAIR



Thomas Stratton
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36-year Georgia resident. 30-year Cherokee Co Resident. 30+ year Registered Republican Voter.

Single Father. Christian Conservative Constitutionalist. Military Family. Wounded Combat Veteran, 3x Soldier of the Year. NCO of the year, Draper Leadership Honor Graduate. 2x CEO. Dedicated patriot!

Local business owner, licensed Private Investigator/Executive Protection Specialist Co-Founder MilVet community non-profit fighting Veteran suicide and fund raising, Consumer Advocacy Columnist & Editorial Journalist, Poll Watcher, Adjudicator, District Chair #37, CCRP member. Calling for inner Party cooperation post-convention to strengthen, grow, rebrand and fortify our County against dangerous Democrat agendas.

Candidate for FIRST VICE CHAIR



Jim Riticher
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Conservative Republican since Reagan. Dunwoody Councilman 8 years. Ran/operated on fiscally responsible conservative platform, public safety first priority, then public works/infrastructure, then parks. Decamped to Lake Arrowhead, Waleska precinct. Experienced with DeKalb & Cherokee GOP caucus and convention credentials/registration.

Georgia Tech grad, BME and MSME. Business owner in consulting engineering designing systems for commercial and institutional buildings. Later career in IT world, managing principal and project manager in technology and process consulting. Married 40 years to Carolyn, notable Atlanta CPA / lifelong Republican. Adult son resides in Smyrna. Enjoy DIY home and auto repair, live music and travel.

Candidate for VC-COMMUNICATIONS



Sean Allen
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A technical leader in the largest telecommunications provider in the world, Sean specializes in leading software teams to reduce manual toil and a key contributor in bringing wireless products to market such as the Apple I-phone, and Wireless Broadband.

An expert in using web-based tools to help teams collaborate, he brings a host of options for modernizing the CCRP electronic platforms and expanding our membership footprint to a new generation of Republican leaders.

Actively serving as Secretary of his local precinct, and Poll Watcher, he's involved in school athletics programs, and an active prayer and worship leader in his local church.

Candidate for VC - COMMUNICATIONS (Incumbant)



Lynne Saunders
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Hard-working Conservative and Acting VC of Communications. Experienced: professional writing, magazine editor, graphics and format designer, social media, some website maintenance, radio spots and interview skills. Active in CCRP/CCRW/GRA/ grassroots organizations for one year since running for public office 2022.

Professionally, the founder and CEO of Encompass Ministries (aka Papa's Pantry), celebrating 25 years. Also CEO of 102.9 FM, Grace Radio. Have served on multiple Boards and understand the complex issues and decisions board members face. Understand fiscal, debt-free responsibility.

Married 41 years to Bill Saunders. Lived in Cherokee 28, 3 kids, 6 grandchildren. Love gardening, cooking, and water sports.

Candidate for VC-CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS



Debra Garrard
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Debra brings extensive, positive leadership with the ability to bring people together, a unifier and loyal. Known for integrity, follow through, and the ability to get things accomplished. An effective communicator and speaker with excellent organizational skills. Currently on CCRP's Membership Committee.

Management experience in multiple industries: manufacturing, technology, retail, and real estate. Most of her professional life has involved managing groups and small businesses.

Debra has 2 grown kids and 3 grandkids. Member of Ball Ground Business and Community Association and the Historical Society. Attends Westminster Chapel; active at Sweet Dreams Farm in Ball Ground (Horse rescue & restoration).

Candidate for VC-CANDIDATES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS (Incumbant)



Marsha McClure
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It was a great honor for me when I was elected to City Council of Mishawaka, IN and later County Commissioner. I did not win because of family ties, we had none. I won because the citizens knew I cared about their community. I ran five races and won all five. None of us, no matter our age can sit on the sidelines. I have been a candidate and elected official, I know how hard it is to run, and know what it means to serve the people. I want to be part of a successful 2024! I would like to continue as your Vice Chair. I ask for your vote.

Candidate for VC-FUNDRAISING



Lisa Happe
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Lisa B Happe was born and raised in Winston-Salem, NC, and met her husband, Joe, in Athens while attending UGA. They planted roots in Woodstock where they raised their two children.

After 30 plus years of being Cherokee County residents, 20 years of being a small business owner, and 15 years of CASA volunteerism, Lisa would like to serve her community through the CCRP helping to ensure it remains the best conservative and Christian community for her five grandchildren to be raised.

Candidate for VC-FUNDRAISING (Incumbant)



Dawn Marr
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My education, business and fundraising experience has taught me how to efficiently organize fundraisers that are both profitable and cost effective. This extensive political involvement in Cherokee County and experience as Vice Chairman for Fundraising combined with my business experience allows me to approach businesses and potential sponsors to gain their financial support. As Co-host of a highly successful fundraising event for Speaker Gingrich, I learned how to go outside the boundaries of Cherokee County to garner support for our County. I believe these experiences and skills position me well as the CCRP Fund-raiser.

Candidate for VC-MEMBERSHIP (Incumbant)



Marcia Cox
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Two months in office as VC Membership, created Membership committee, hosted Membership Drive, two New Members breakfast events. 70+ NEW members in February. Computer proficient. People's person. Team builder/player, detailed/goal oriented, quick learner, and problem solver. CCRP Member since 2020. Presidential Campaign Field Organizer, Poll Worker/Watcher, Presidents Team Chair/ Executive Director, Faith&Freedom Team Leader, SusanBAnthony canvasser, CCRP Precinct Chair/Area Manager.

Background: Law and Economics Degree. Computer Science Technical College. Mary Kay Director for 6.5 years. Federal employee 6 years. Fluent in 3 languages: English/ Portuguese/Spanish.

Married for 24 years. 20 years-old son. Originally from Brazil. In Cherokee/USA since 1998. Love America!

Candidate for VC - MEMBERSHIP



Tim Furnish
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Long experience creating, leading, growing organizations: college fraternity president & college Republicans (1980s); conservative grad student group (1990s); faculty advisor to organizations such as Young Americans for Freedom, fencing club, & Falling Water HOA, church congregation president (2000s). Professional public speaker, published author, media opiner. One of only two academic historians to openly support Donald Trump in 2016.

Army veteran (enlisted & commissioned); writer & author on Islam, politics; PhD in Islamic & world history; former Fox News ISIS analyst; former civilian analyst for US Special Operations.

Wife Davina, two sons in college (Tad & Ty), saber fencer, occasional thespian.

Candidate for VC - MEMBERSHIP



Charles Jones
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I've been a Republican since I became a Christian – April 19, 2003. Since then I've been a tireless defender of life, religious freedom, and traditional American values. When Antifa protested the overturning of Roe v Wade on the streets of Atlanta, I was the one man counterprotest. They put pictures of my house and address online, but that never stopped me. My focus is youth engagement. When 2/3 of voters under 30 pick the Democrat, that's a recipe for disaster. I will build young Republicans chapters in every high school and Reinhardt University, and actively engage them in the CCRP.

Candidate for VC - MEMBERSHIP



Adro Nielsen
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It's important to grow CCRP to be strong in this next crucial election. We need people to join and interact with candidates and help when needed. I meet nearly 200 people per week at my job. It is through those contacts I have expanded the Republican party and motivated people to get involved.

CCRP: Voted Republican since 1992, 2021 Precinct Chair, sold over 600 gun raffle tickets, recruited poll workers and watcher, helped people registered to vote, held rallies for the "4 Can Do More." Door knocked and walked for Herschel.

Elect me for Membership and we WILL grow CCRP!

Candidate for SECRETARY



Sandy Dougherty
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Sandy Docherty is qualified to hold the office of Secretary of the CCRP Executive Board. She has 3 years of secretarial office work at HS transcript office, 2 years as department secretary at ISU, also, 2 years of temporary secretarial work through Kelly Services, and is the NW GRA secretary.

Sandy's experience is in historical records-skills in database entry and maintainance. Other secretarial experiences are supplemental to being a teacher using the school database to record and document the interactions of students, parents, and faculty.

Mrs. Docherty has lived with her husband and eight children in Cherokee County for 28 years.

Candidate for SECRETARY



Jim Murray
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Veteran: 1964-1968 US Army Security Agency & 82d Airborne Div. Previous real estate broker; board member Rubicon Children's Center (abused children) and on boards for childrens and professional sports; official for baseball, softball, & soccer.

Cherokee County resident, CCRP member since 2013. Active in multiple campaigns, a driving force of CCRP protocols and best practices. Stood with Herschel and Bruce Thompson. Erected 180+/- large signs for March primary and November general elections.

Am revising Bylaws to change the structure /mission of CCRP. Dramatic change to CCRP is required to become a spreader of conservatism, financially sound, disciplined and politically influential organization

Candidate for SECRETARY



Ann O'Mara
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Ann was born and raised in a small town in Upstate NY in a very conservative family, has voted Republican all of her life, since 1980. Attended Auburn University from 1978-1983, then began teaching in Georgia in 1986. Retired in 2020, after a successful 34-year career of teaching in Georgia.

Also a successful breeder of Rhodesian Ridgebacks and is an AKC Judge. As a retired teacher, she is very skilled in technology and communication. Focused, results-driven individual who has the drive to complete work efficiently and in a timely manner. She looks forward to serving Cherokee County in this role.

Candidate for SECRETARY



Linda Parker
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CCRP member since 1995. CCRP Chairman for three 2-year terms when growing presence from a “pup-tent” to the #1 county party in the nation.

Served in most EC positions. Chaired local, state, and federal campaigns: Coverdell Leadership Institute (RLG today) and Georgia’s GOP “farm team” -13 years.

State GOP Secretary 4 years., Past Chair and Secretary of Cherokee Republican Women (CCRW), Coordinated set-up of CCRP Headquarters and Poll Watcher program in 2022.

Currently the Secretary of the x11th Congressional District and Rose Creek Precinct Chair. Needed Leadership strengths: experience, expertise, historical knowledge and team building – I ask for your vote!

Candidate for ASSISTANT SECRETARY



Michael Pons
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I am a retired Southwest Airlines Captain and was the Grievance Chair for the Pilot’s Union.

Have been a Precinct Chair, and now the Vice Chair Booth (007), poll watcher; CCRP member for 2 years. Past president of my HOA. I have a wealth of knowledge and experience in planning, organizing, and leading teams.

I enjoy tennis and staying mentally and physically fit; am an avid reader of history (especially American history), economics and politics. I believe the main goal of CCRP should be for Republicans to win and to keep Cherokee County red, losing our country is not an option.

Candidate for ASSISTANT SECRETARY



Todd Smith
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Hardworking lifelong Conservative Republican. CCRP Gold Family Membership, Donate \$22 a month to the CCRP, Precinct Chair of Teasley Precinct – 2021-2023, County and State Delegate, directly involved with CCRP fundraising, parades, special events. Highly organized, proficient using Outlook, Word, Excel, Reports, Spreadsheets, Meeting Minutes, Problem Solver.

Project Management Professional, PMP Certification, team player/builder, mentor, Master Electrician, 30 plus years in construction management.

Married 38 years to Melinda, 2 kids. Hobbies - fishing, golfing, bird watching, hiking, shooting, sports.

I appreciate your consideration and humbly and thankfully ask for your vote.

Candidate for TREASURER



Gary Galyon
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Gary has been active in CCRP since 2007 serving in elected and appointed positions. He worked in local, state and presidential campaigns. Helped plan and execute candidate Meet and Greets and Galas. Gary has a BBA and experience as a Field service manager requiring planning, forecasting, budgeting, and cost control.

Gary is a Navy Veteran with 30 years’ experience in Field service management. These positions required timely action, strong team building and excellent interpersonal skills with customers, other divisions, and service engineers to be successful.

Gary is married, 4 Children, 2 grandchildren and enjoys volunteering at Church food pantry.

Candidate for TREASURER



Lisa Jaqua
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A lifelong Conservative Republican, Lisa has 30+ yrs. experience in Admin & Finance. She moved to Cherokee in 2011 from Kansas with her husband’s relocation to Lockheed Martin. Home-schooled her own children until high school.

High School Math and Science Teacher in both public and hybrid schools. Before GA she served as a Midwest Region Administrator for Crown Financial Ministries, Administrator for Shepherd’s Staff Financial Ministries, and Head Ministry Team Leader for West Wichita home-school Ministries. In GA she has been an Office Manager & Insurance Biller & teacher for Arrows Academy.

Her conservative values, successful book keeping experience, procedure writing skills, knowledge, communication, and interpersonal abilities would make her an asset to the CCRP as Treasurer.

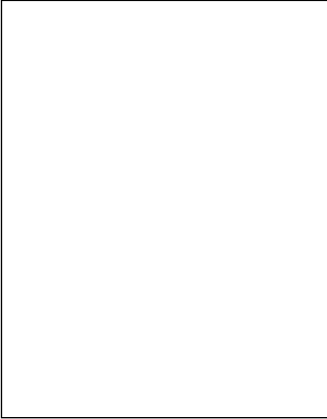
Candidate for ASSISTANT TREASURER



Mary Sears
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Mary Sears’ best trait is her strong Republican belief system. She has been self-employed for the last 36 years and has noticed the change in our nation. She is very concerned about the direction of the country. She is semi-retired with plans to retire within the next year. Mary has two beautiful and bright children, who have blessed her with six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Her experience keeping books for a small business lends itself easily to Assistant Treasurer. She is a good leader, and looks forward to working with the Executive Committee to serve Cherokee County.

Candidate for ASSISTANT TREASURER



Andy Soha
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Candidate for ASSISTANT TREASURER (Incumbant)



John Wallace
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Twenty-eight years in leadership positions of CCRP. During those years I raised approximately \$75,000.00 fundraising.

Served 2 terms as CCRP Assistant Treasurer, 1 term as 11th District Assistant Treasurer, 1 year as 11th District Treasurer, 1 term as Georgia GOP Assistant Treasurer, 1 term as 11th District Chairman, 2 years on the Georgia GOP Executive Committee.

I led Sam Olens (15 months) initial statewide campaign for Attorney General. Volunteered for many local, District, State and national campaigns. I was selected to be on a five-man statewide steering committee for State Senator Sonny Perdue's first campaign for Governor.