

First let me start with what a wonderful blessing it has been to serve as your President this year. Personally, I'm extremely grateful for each one of you and the women who served in many capacities and assisted our club in becoming 162 members strong! Thankfully, the ladies who have termed out in their current Board Positions, are not leaving the board altogether, but taking on different positions. I would also like to thank those ladies and the rest of the Board for their service as well as welcome our new Board Members.

If you have not attended a meeting in a while, please consider attending our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 3rd. The Special Events Coordinators have been busy planning this magical event to help kick off the Christmas season!

On a different note, I want to ask all of you, how do we inspire other like-minded people to reach out to independent voters or Conservative Democrats that see the country going in the wrong direction and realize we need a change? Lastly, what can we do to encourage more Republican women to run for office?

The Midterm election wasn't the Red Wave we all thought it was going to be. So, we must ask ourselves, why were we not as successful as we thought we were going to be? Was the message not clear, was the hope of a better tomorrow under Republican leadership not clear, does the public not feel the pain of inflation, gas prices, an open border or rising crime? I believe they do, if one is to be successful and learn from our mistakes, I say we, the Republican Party didn't communicate effectively. A wise man once told me "Your failure to understand, is my failure to effectively communicate, in the future I will do better". Moving forward, I believe we need to be more compassionate and inclusive insuring we effectively communicate our desires for not just Republicans, but Democrats, Independents, and all Americans. So, in the New Year I would like to challenge you to reach out to friends, family and neighbors who are not registered Republicans with love and hope for a better tomorrow and effectively communicate, the change we want to see, and to help all people to realize their American dream.

I would like to recognize all the members who worked tirelessly on various Republican Campaigns or ran for Office this season. To those Republicans who have won their campaigns, I would like to say congratulations and offer our support to you in the future. To our Republican candidates who were not successful this midterm, I would like to say we are here for you and support any future run for office.

The Holiday season is difficult for many people for various reasons. If you know someone feeling blue or has lost someone dear to them in the past couple years, I encourage you to take a few minutes to reach out to them, invite them to coffee, breakfast, church or just sit with them and just listen. Give them the gift of your time. Sometimes the Holiday Season can remind us of what we have lost, as we see others rejoice with family and friends, so be the difference to someone this Christmas Season. May God Bless you, and your family.

Merry Christmas,
Tabitha