## Red Wave Article July, August, September 2020

The Eastern Shore Republican Women are excited to announce the opening of Baldwin County GOP Headquarters located at The Executive Office Suites of Daphne, 1203 Hwy 98, Suite 2A5 and 2A7, directly across from Urgent Care Medical Center. Headquarters opened Thursday, August 20 with ESRW members serving as volunteers. There has seen a constant influx of people anxious to get Republican party signage and merchandise. You may obtain Trump Pence 2020, Senate Candidate Tommy Tuberville and Congressional Candidate Jerry Carl campaign items.

We kicked off our 2020 Caring for America fundraising project at our August meeting. The Baldwin County Veteran's Treatment Center is the beneficiary this year. Well-known local artist, Judy Oxford, generously donated her oil paining of the Fairhope American Legion Post 199's Tiki Hut Bar. The painting will be raffled off at our annual Christmas party. The drawing will be held Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Fairhope Yacht Club.



Bylaws Committee members Jerry Ann McCarron, Carol Wilson and Judge Michelle Thomason have recently reviewed and updated our Club by-laws. Upon review and approval by the ESRW Executive Committee, the proposed bylaws will be submitted to the membership for review and final approval.

More Club business this summer included passing a resolution to repeal and replace Common Core in Alabama.

Our speaker for July was Honorable Judge Michelle Thomason who spoke on "The VIRTUAL Court System in Baldwin County: A New Path Going Forward. Guest speaker Alabama State Senator Chris Elliott, spoke in August on topics such as the State Transportation Improvement Plan, the consideration of a lottery in Alabama, Federal Unemployment Compensation CARES Act, and the proposed plan to improve the Alabama prison system. Baldwin County Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood spoke to us in September. The biggest issue before Baldwin County voters is known as "Amendment 2" which is slated for the November ballot. Amendment 2 proposes construction of the Baldwin Beach Express II which will extend the current Baldwin Beach Express, connecting I-10 with I-65. The Commission is also working on a strategic plan for growth and development in Baldwin County, the 2021 budget and additional improvements to transportation and infrastructure.

Club membership continues to grow with 174 members and associates. We have discounted our dues to \$25 for the remainder of the year for people wanting to join or renew their membership.