



The Gwinnett GOP

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Our Featured Guests at this Month's Breakfast:



Sen. David Shafer

Sen. Shafer was elected to the State Senate in 2002 to fill the unexpired term of now Superior Court Judge Billy Ray. He was reelected to a full term in the 2002 general election. He serves as one of the administration floor leaders for Gov. Sonny Perdue, and is Chairman of the Senate Science and Technology Committee.

The former Executive Director of the Georgia Republican Party, Sen. Shafer has long been active in the Gwinnett County community. He belongs to the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, Cumming-Forsyth Chamber of Commerce, Duluth Merchants Association, and Suwanee Business Alliance. He is a member of the Gwinnett County Historical Society and the Duluth Historical Society. He also belongs to the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County.

Sen. Shafer is a husband and father who lives, works, and worships in Gwinnett County. He and his wife Lee live in Duluth with David's 11-year-old stepson, J.W., and their 2-year-old daughter, Ellie. He owns a corporate public relations firm called The Strategies Company. The Shafers are members of Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.



Rep. Melvin Everson

Serving his first term in the George General Assembly, Rep. Everson is no stranger to the Gwinnett GOP. A graduate of Albany State University, he received his BS in Criminology. He served 23 years in the military and just recently retired in 1999.

Rep. Everson served 5 years on Snellville's Planning Commission before running a successful campaign to become a council member in 2000. In Rep. Everson's role on Snellville City Council, his peers selected him each year, for four years, to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Rep. Everson is a charter member of the Snellville Optimist Club, Associate Pastor of Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Lilburn, and served on the Take Pride in Snellville Committee. He also served two terms as President of the South Gwinnett High School PTSA and two terms as Vice President.

Rep. Everson is married to Geraldine M. Everson and they have one son, Ricardo D. Everson.

Bob Greer - Candidate for Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture



Bob Greer is a Georgia native who was born and raised on his family's farm and dairy in Jackson, Georgia. He's a graduate of West Georgia College with a degree in Business Management and Marketing. His business background is in sales, marketing, business ownership, and consulting. He served as President of the Pet Industry Association of Georgia for 2 years and continues to serve on their Board of Directors. He has served on the Department of Agriculture Companion Animal Advisory Board. He is presently on the Council of International Farm Market Advisors to the Center for Family Farm Development, Inc., and is a member of the Pest Control Operators of Georgia.

Mr. Greer is a Vietnam Veteran, a Master Mason, and a Rotarian. He is a member of the Roswell Rotary Club and the Cumming/Forsyth Co. Chamber of Commerce. A Republican since 1964, Mr. Greer and his wife of 37 years have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren. They currently live in Cumming and attend Cumming First United Methodist Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 13th Monthly GOP Business Meeting

Legislative Update

Rep. Bobby Reese

The Gwinnett Justice and
Administrative Center, 7:30 pm

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The 2006 Georgia General Assembly Review

Coming to a close this past Thursday, the Georgia General Assembly wrapped up the state's business right at the allotted 40-day mark. In 2006, legislators approved bills that:

- Create a test program that would provide paper receipts for the state's electronic voting machines.
- Crack down on illegal immigrants and their employers.
- Refine the state requirement that voters show photo identification at the polls.
- Lower class sizes in public schools and require systems to spend 65 percent of their money in the classroom.
- Keep sex offenders in prison longer and place tough new restrictions on their release.
- Permit the prosecution of anyone who causes the death of an unborn child, regardless of the stage of pregnancy.
- Allow the public display of the Ten Commandments and other documents important to American law and history.
- Change the way child-support payments are calculated.
- Permit Georgia high schools to offer courses in the history and literature of the Bible.
- Impede government's ability to condemn private land for public projects.

In addition, the state legislators approved a \$18.6 billion budget for fiscal 2007 that includes a 4 percent raise for teachers, nearly \$1 billion in construction money for new schools and roads, and \$10 million to supply each teacher in the state with a \$100 gift card they can use to buy supplies.



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