

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

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Dear Members:

It's amazing how fast time flies, isn't it? It seems like just yesterday that I was penning a similar greeting at the end of 2018.

As is generally the case, this is the time of year when we typically take a quick glance back to see what we have accomplished, what we did right, and what we could have been done better. More importantly, we also look ahead and try to chart a course for the future.

This past year saw us make some great strides toward energizing our fellow Republicans, and residents of the County in general. There were several social or public events, most recently our Barn Dance, and the "Walk Away" event in Rehoboth Beach. There have been numerous, thoughtfully written, engaging Letters to Editors and Commentaries that have appeared in newspapers. And, of course, there was the cumulative effort of our elected Republican officials at all levels who worked tirelessly toward advancing our views.

But 2019 will soon be in the rear view mirror, and we need to look toward to 2020.

What lies ahead? Clearly, it will be challenging. The 2020 election cycle will quickly take center stage. Being a Presidential election year, Republican officials at every level will be under intense pressure from opponents. I expect they will be required to undergo substantial personal sacrifice on our behalf.

What can **we** do? Quite simply, we need to support them as much as we can. Financial support is a given--please consider donations to candidates at all levels, from our

President, right on down the line. And, please, do not overlook our own County Party operation, which requires financial support to conduct our daily business of growing the Party and Get out the Vote efforts.

Equally important is your time. I strongly encourage you all to step forward and make yourself available as a volunteer. Call your candidate or candidates of choice and put your name on their volunteer list. Door knocking, sign holding, and phone calls are just a few of the ways you can be of assistance. It is often seemingly thankless work, but a strong "ground game" is vital, and often the difference between victory and defeat, especially in local contests where races are won or lost, literally, by a handful of votes

So, over the next few weeks, take a bit of time to relax, enjoy your families, be thankful for all of the blessings we have, and reflect on your lives, remembering the true meaning of these special days we celebrate. Then, get ready for next year. It is bound to be a wild ride!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Don



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