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Hi Everyone,

“You know, if there's been one thing about this current job that bothers me, it is that there never seems to be enough time to say thank you to all the people like yourselves who are making the difference...And I just wanted to come over and say thank you, and God bless you all.” – Ronald Reagan

Many folks helped to really make our club a success -- I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to them: Chris Nagy (she makes all the badges for members); Sue Singleton (handled the membership list); David and Pam Lutz and John and Connie Quinn who helped with setting up food each meeting as well as representing our group at Jasper County Republican Party meetings; Ms. Rachel Buie. Jean Fowlkes and their fellow "front desk people" who attended every event; John Dwyer who handled the funds and was someone I could trust and bounce ideas off of; Pete Singleton who served as my Vice President; and Bob Waite and David Lutz, who handled the Secretary's duties.

Lots of kudos to my wife Alice! Very few members know how much work she did over these two years despite the hardships. Alice basically filled in every slot whether food, phone calls, meeting set ups, room layouts or meeting and greeting VIP's and their families.

Sherri Zedd, my friend -- without whose knowledge of the political landscape and her ability to get things done quickly and efficiently, we could not have been able to accomplish what we did during these past two years.

And to our elected officials especially our local representatives, whom I have grown to respect and admire as I have seen the sacrifices they make in order to serve us. They and their staffs work hard and put in long hours representing us.

What did we accomplish?

We created a brand, our Eagle and Constitution, which is prominent on our signage, forms, newsletters Facebook page, etc. It helps to promote our club and identify us.

We created a web site and a Facebook Page to keep up with current events.

We became an active club, participating in the political process on every level. We traveled to the Statehouse, wrote letters, made phone calls and let it be known that our Republican group was a force of about ten thousand votes and a force to be reckoned with on Election Day.

We worked closely with, and partnered with other local clubs, specifically the Greater Bluffton Republican Club headed by Joe Iaco. We attended Tea Party meetings led by Pat Dansbury and cooperated on issues that both clubs could agree upon.

We hosted every elected representative (on a regular basis for those County and State level). This resulted in our getting to know them well and their getting to know us well. As I promised, we are on a first name basis with all these officials.

We developed a close relationship with the staffs of our federal, state and local elected officials, which is unmatched by any other community

We hosted every Republican candidate during the 2013 Special Congressional election.

We played a **huge** part in turning around the 2013

Congressional Special Election, which the Democrats and media had written off as a win for the Democrats two weeks prior to Election Day. Yes, it was your efforts that put Congressman Mark Sanford over the top to hold onto our seat.

We held a Unity Celebration which attracted over 500 people and featured every candidate and elected official State wide. It brought us together with the Tea Party, Libertarians and Independents putting a focus on what we all agree, rather than our disagreements. This unity was vital leading into this November's election.

We took part in the landslide change of course for our nation in this November's election with a great turn out for mid-term elections. Many of our members volunteered at the Bluffton-Sun City Campaign Office last fall.

We united both parts of Sun City-- Jasper and Beaufort Counties -- into a strong Republican force that supports issues affecting either or both Counties.

We attended Jasper County and Beaufort County GOP meetings and have set a precedent to continue to keep our faces present at these important meetings.

We played a major role working with SC Sen Tom Davis, Rep Bill Herbkerman, Rep Weston Newton on issues directly affecting Sun City like the "gambling" issue, the alcohol issue, the golf cart issue, the Jasper County School Board issues and the entry into St Gregory the Great Church conflict. All turned out successfully. We will also continue to work with our Senator and House Members as well as with Beaufort County, Jasper County and City of Hardeeville officials.

Most of all we recovered from what was a feeling of defeat after the reelection of President Obama. That feeling must be forever eradicated from our memories as we found that with our courage, unity and hard work there is nothing that can stop us from being successful in our endeavors.