

The Valley Patriot

Making the 6th District Great Again!

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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

It Started With Us, And It Ended With Us

I used these exact words at my 1st meeting as District Chair in Staunton - back in August of 2020. At the time, we had seemingly lost Virginia. We movement conservatives were told to "moderate our expectations" and that we had to moderate our views to better accommodate the new Virginia. I said "HORSE HOCKEY" as did many of you. And the end result is?

Governor Glenn Youngkin

Lt. Governor Winsome Sears

Attorney General Jason Miyares

More importantly, we ran on a conservative ticket of conservative ideas of Life Liberty and Limited Government. We also ran on local issues such as the corruption inside our schools, and that we needed better from our school systems and that local law enforcement needed help from Richmond, and not a corrupt Parole Board which was pardoning criminals in violation of their own bylaws.

But most importantly - we won a major victory last night because of the hard work of each of you. Hundreds of people, many of whom I haven't met - who made phone calls or knocked doors or drove others to the polls or were elections officers or poll watchers/greeters. This is your victory - take great pride in a job well done.

And while every Unit or District Chair around the state will say last night's win was a result of their leadership and hard work - the actual fact is that this election was won inside CD 6. We got our vote totals up in most locales from 2017, and in a couple of cases - we exceeded our vote totals from 2020.

Again there are hundreds of people inside CD 6 who deserve to be recognized. And again I won't hear about most of you. However I'd like to list a few here now:

Lana Le Vine of Strasburg - who made hundreds of phone calls in the final week of the election

Mari Rusch of Orkney Springs - who from her sick bed (knee replacement) made 600 calls - getting one local race won single handedly

Sabrina Schnibel - whose hard work won us another School Board race

John Chroniger. Wendy Staub Feathers, and **Doug Whitelock** - who literally kept the early voting booth manned in Shenandoah County every day.

Craig Scott, who knocked on hundreds of doors for Charlie Nave in HD 11

Meredith Minto of the Liberty CR's who led her team out and knocked on hundreds of doors for Team GOP in Lynchburg

Tony Wilt in HD 26 - to show you how effective the CR's were - just 2 years ago people were saying that HD 26 was likely going Democratic this year. But thanks to Juliana and the JMU College Republicans, Tony Wilt won re-election by a 59-40 margin!! Well done Team Wilt and Team JMU CR's!!!

Laura Logie, who made 4,000 calls for Team Youngkin

Marshall Pattie of Augusta who did an amazing job with GOTV in Augusta/Staunton/Waynesboro/Lexington/Rockingham

and last but not least

Kent Robey of Bedford, who was out there driving up and down CD 6 helping out at each Youngkin rally inside CD 6

A New Generation of Leaders in CD 6

Maybe just as important are the new local elected officials we have inside CD 6 - many of whom are going to be future leaders in local and maybe state government in the near future. Elected office should never become a profession among the political class - that is what leads to atrophy in government. We need to be bringing up new people all the time. Yesterday we elected many future leaders in the 6th Congressional District. Among them are:

Kyle Gutshall - District 4 incoming School Board Member (Shenandoah County) - Kyle is 21, owns his own radio station (WUDS 94.9 Woodstock)

Brandi Rutz - District 5 incoming School Board Member (Shenandoah County)

Matt Cross - incoming District 3 School Board Member (Rockingham)

Chris Johnson - Waynesboro Sheriff elect - Chris is 28, and ran an amazing race against a great candidate in Jessie Shaver. Chris won with 65% of the vote!

Melanie Salins - Warren County School Board

Vicky Cook - Warren County Board of Supervisors

Antoinette Funk - Warren County School Board

Melanie, Amber, and Vicky had to ward off fierce attacks from the educationists, moderates, and the "Beer Party" (Democrats who are trying to hide in plain sight) in Warren County who wanted to keep the status quo. Antoinette's challenger, Stephanie Short, will make a great School Board Member one day - just this was not her time.

Also with the 2 wins mentioned above in Shenandoah County, and with Dennis Barlow winning a narrow victory in District 1 inside Shenandoah County, we have taken back the School Board in Shenandoah, and common sense will finally reign in my hometown. The days of the educationists in Shenandoah controlling everything are hopefully at an end in Shenandoah County.

Unfortunately we didn't get everyone over the top. That is sad and not what we wanted. Charlie Nave - GOP candidate in HD 11 (Sam Rasoul) is to be congratulated for a race well fought, and for taking a conservative message to the good people of Roanoke City. A few others who I had personally supported and campaigned for didn't get over the top as well. More on them at a later date

A Few Other Thoughts

Each of you has a right to know what I do as your 6th District Chair. For this election cycle, I personally raised in excess of \$10,000 for the GOP ticket, which includes but is not limited to:

\$2,000.00 for Glenn Youngkin

\$1,000.00 for Charlie Nave

\$500.00 for Ronnie Campbell

\$375.00 for Chris Runion and Tony Wilt for Delegate/s

\$250.00 for Bethany Harrison for Commonwealth Attorney

\$250.00 for Brandi Rutz for School Board

\$250.00 for Kyle Gutshall for School Board

\$250.00 for John Avoli for Delegate

That is a partial list, the actual list is much longer. I also personally knocked on nearly 600 doors District wide for the statewide ticket and for local candidates, including Ronnie Campbell, Brandi Rutz, Morgan McCown, Kyle Gutshall, Wade Guinn, Todd Gilbert.....

The 6th Congressional District also sent teams of volunteers led by Craig Scott into HD 11 to campaign for Charlie Nave for Delegate, and into other local races around the District as well. Your District Committee was not idle, nor will we ever be as long as I remain your Chair. Each of your Unit Chairs and their individual Committee's was very active in each locale. It was a Total Team Effort (borrowing a phrase from REDSKINS coach Joe Gibbs) in which everyone worked together and that's how we are going to take back Virginia.

I have many other thoughts, but they will come at another time. I'll be doing a post mortem on this race over the next few days to figure out what went right, and what we need to improve on for next year. For now, let us bask in a victory hard fought and well deserved. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Chair. Together we will take back Virginia

I remain

your servant

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6th District Republican Party Chairman



Upcoming Events:

December 3-5 Republican Advance will be at the Bath County Omni Homestead.
See you there!

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