In a recent leadership turnover in my church, our minister reminded us how running a relay race had some marks that must be met to have a winning outcome. The key to passing the baton on a track has two major elements for success: signals and acceleration of both teammates at the handoff. If one member slows down, the likelihood of dropping the baton is higher, increasing chance of not finishing well.

The people of Alabama have handed the baton off to Governor Kay Ivey as the new chief executive of our beloved state. It is during this important time that we move forward together, swiftly and firmly, to address Alabama’s needs and celebrate our victories.

Often times, a runner will make a split second error. Instead of holding their arm behind them on the verbal signal of their teammate, they will look back as they pass the baton. The trust the partners must have with each other is vital to accelerate their mission to a win.

We support Governor Ivey as she now guides and governs the business of our people. She has her eye firmly on the future and is moving quickly as she steps in to her new position. We have seen a smooth transition, from quickly signing strong conservative legislation to traveling our state and welcoming new industries and businesses.

The Alabama Republican Party stands shoulder to shoulder with Governor Ivey as the baton is passed to a new chapter in our state’s history. The signal from the citizens of our beloved state is to govern with the highest integrity and listen to the voices of our people. That will always be a winning combination for Alabama. We believe Governor Ivey will always put our state first. Please join us as we pray for her, the new administration and for all who lead our state.

It’s Great To Be A Republican!

Mrs. Terry Lathan
Chairman, Alabama Republican Party

ALGOP Chairman Lathan meets with Governor Kay Ivey in May in the Governor’s office.
The Alabama Republican Party turned 150 on June 4th and 5th. The ALGOP celebrated on Monday, June 5th and hosted GOP officials and state party members at ALGOP headquarters for a birthday celebration. **SAVE THE DATE** for October 6th in Montgomery where we’ll host a large celebration. Additional information on this event will released soon.

**ALGOP Headquarters ready to celebrate 150 years.**

**ALGOP birthday celebration with visitors, staff and party members**

**Former ALGOP Chairs, Marty Connors, Elbert Peters current Chair Terry Lathan and former Chair, Edgar Welden**

**Chairman Lathan with the daughters of ALGOP SEC member, Tammi Taylor**

**Happy 150th Birthday ALGOP!**

**ALGOP staff with AL Secretary of State John Merrill**

**Former ALGOP Chairs Marty Connors and Edgar Welden reminisce on their time with the Party.**

**Purchase your October 6th event tickets HERE.**
GOP Officials Celebrate ALGOP’s 150th Birthday

"Happy 150th Birthday to our Alabama Republican family! Your actions, prayers and devotion have changed our state and our nation for the better. We applaud you for remaining invested in our growth and for continuing to guard the historic strides we have made. Join us as we celebrate the past, present and the future of the Alabama Republican Party!"

Alabama Republican Party Chairman
Terry Lathan

#ALGOP150

"Alabama Republicans have a lot to be proud of in our 150 year party history. We are the party who gave women the right to vote, started the interstate highway system, and pushed through the Civil Rights Act. Here’s to 150 more years of respecting individual liberty, growing the economy, and protecting life."

Alabama Governor
Kay Ivey

#ALGOP150

"Congratulations to the Alabama Republican Party on the achievement of 150 years supporting a bold agenda. Our party is stronger than ever, and I am proud to work on behalf of our great state to protect and promote conservative principles."

Alabama United States Senator
Richard Shelby

#ALGOP150

"Thanks to the hard work and strong principles embodied by the leaders of the Alabama Republican Party, our great state is the most conservative in the country. It’s an honor to work hand-in-hand with my fellow Alabama Republicans, a group that never gives up and never gives in."

Alabama United States Senator
Luther Strange

#ALGOP150
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“Happy 150th Birthday to the Alabama Republican Party! Thank you to all the leaders, volunteers, candidates, and elected officials who have worked throughout the years to make Alabama a Republican stronghold.”

Alabama United States Congressman
Bradley Byrne
Congressional District 1
#ALGOP150

“Happy 150th birthday, ALGOP! Thank you for many, many years of supporting the best and brightest Republican leaders in our great state. Your dedicated efforts to the conservative cause make Alabama the very best it can be.”

Alabama United States Representative, Martha Roby
Congressional District 2
#ALGOP150

“I am thrilled to congratulate the Alabama Republican Party on this historic occasion and recognize the hard work the party has put in over the past century and a half to promote individual liberty, our Constitutional freedoms and uphold our conservative values. I commend ALGOP and Chairman Lathan on this exciting milestone.”

Alabama United States Congressman
Mike Rogers
Congressional District 3
#ALGOP150

“Happy Birthday Alabama GOP. 150 years ago today we started Making America Great Again.”

Alabama United States Congressman
Robert Mearlull
Congressional District 4
#ALGOP150

“The Alabama Republican Party has been the bedrock of making America a great nation. I am proud to have helped carry the Republican banner in 12 different successful general elections - as a legislator, county commissisoner, and now a Congressman. So long as Republicans remember, value and fight for the foundational principles that have made America the greatest nation in world history, our party, our state and our country will prosper.”

Alabama United States Congressman
Mo Brooks
Congressional District 5
#ALGOP150

“Happy Birthday to the Alabama Republican Party! Thank you for all the hard work you do to promote conservative values and better Alabama.”

Alabama United States Congressman
Gary Palmer
Congressional District 6
#ALGOP150

“Congratulations to the Alabama Republican Party on their 150th Anniversary. As a lifelong Republican I am proud of the values that the ALGOP fights for, and that we in the Legislature support. Although building and maintaining a party hasn’t always been easy, and we all don’t always agree. It is important to remember that we have achieved great things for our state by working together. Again, congratulations to the ALGOP – here’s to another 150 years.”

Alabama Senate President Pro Tempore
Del Marsh
#ALGOP150

“As Speaker of the Alabama House and, more importantly, as a strong supporter of our Republican values, I am happy to celebrate the ALGOP on its 150th anniversary. Though its roots were planted a century-and-a-half ago, the ideas that our Party supports, the principles it represents, and the conservative reforms it fights to implement are fresh and innovative and much needed today.”

Alabama Speaker of the House of Representatives
Mac McCutcheon
#ALGOP150
June 4, 2017

The Honorable Terry Lathan
Chairman, Alabama Republican Party
3505 Loma Road
Birmingham, AL 35216

Dear Alabama Republicans,

As Chairwoman of the Republican National Committee and on behalf of all of us at the RNC, I want to wish the Alabama Republican Party a happy 150th birthday!

With such a long history, your state party remains strong today, thanks to the leadership of Chairwoman Terry Lathan, National Committeewoman Vicki Drummond and Committeeman Paul Reynolds. And it remains strong today because of all of you.

We have come off of a victorious election year where we saw Alabama stay strong in its Republican roots, including helping America elect a President who is moving our country in the right direction.

Without you, we wouldn’t have had Jeff Sessions, former U.S. Senator and current Attorney General of the United States. Without you, we wouldn’t have had your two current Republican Senators, five Congressmen and one Congresswoman, every statewide office and majorities in both your state House and Senate.

Your hard work door knocking, phone banking and advocating for our Party’s principles has made the difference in your success.

May today be a reflection and celebration of the Republican Party principles you’ve held on to and continue to live daily. And may it continue through the next 150 years. Thank you for your dedication to the Republican Party. May God bless Alabama and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ronna McDaniel
Chairwoman, Republican National Committee
President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump arrive in Saudi Arabia for their first foreign trip in May. President Trump was applauded for a successful trip.

During his short time in office so far, President Trump has rolled back more regulations than any president since Ronald Reagan.

The Supreme Court recently protected America’s security by striking down decisions of lower courts. These decisions attempted to stop the travel ban that President Trump implemented. SCOTUS decided that key components of the travel ban may now take effect.

President Trump recently signed an executive order instructing the EPA to reconsider the WOTUS rule. The WOTUS rule is an Obama-era regulation addition that causes the EPA to put pressure on farmers by pushing the regulations too far.

TRUMP’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Unemployment**: 4.4% - lowest since May 2007
- **Reinvestment**: Softbank: $50B, Exxon: $20B, Hyundai: $3.1B
- **Budget Surplus**: $182B in April 2017
- **Stock Market**: DOW @ 20,896
- **Consumer Confidence**: Currently at 125.6
- **Legislation**: Passed & Signed 32 Bills through Congress
- **Supreme Court**: Constitutionalist Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch
- **Killed the TPP**: After 8 years of inaction
- **Border Security**: 49% less illegals crossing the border & deportation of violent & repeat offenders
- **$100M to Flint**: Water contamination crisis started in April 2014
- **Diplomacy**: Strengthening relationships: China, Japan, Russia.
- **Government Agencies**: Trimming the fat at many overblown gov't agencies, and promoting small business growth by reigniting in the EPA.
- **Energy**: Finished Dakota Access Pipeline & reversed Obama’s "Land Grab" EO, freeing US to use our own natural resources.
The Alabama Republican Party is excited to announce Rick Dearborn as our keynote speaker for the 2017 ALGOP Summer Luncheon. Mr. Dearborn previously served as Chief of Staff to Senator Sessions (now U.S. Attorney General) and also as Executive Director for the 2016 Presidential Transition Team. Prior to that, he joined the Donald J. Trump for President campaign overseeing Congressional Relations. Rick is married to Gina Dearborn, a Kinston, Alabama native. Mr. Dearborn continues to help President Trump Make America Great Again.

Charity Bowden, a 2016 contestant on the reality TV show ‘The Voice’ will sing at the ALGOP Summer Luncheon in Troy. Charity is from Hope Hull, AL.

Discounted tickets until August 1st.
Tickets are available at: www.ALGOP.org

2017 Alabama U.S. Senate Election Information and Dates

August 15, 2017 Special Primary Election U.S. Senate
September 26, 2017 Special Primary Election Runoff U.S. Senate
December 12, 2017 Special General Election U.S. Senate

For any election, the last day to register to vote or update your voter registration is the 15th day prior to the election.

Register to vote here: https://www.alabamavotes.gov/olvr/intro.aspx?ref=
AL State Rep. April Weaver was recently featured in B-Metro Magazine’s article titled, “The State of Women.”

AL State Rep. Corey Harbison hands out pins at the State House to visiting school children from his district. (Cullman)

Congressman Gary Palmer (CD 6) was recently appointed to the Intergovernmental Affairs Task Force.

ALGOP Senior Vice Chair Sam Givhan was recently awarded a top agent award for 2016 from the Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company.

Congratulations to ALGOP Political Director, Reed Phillips on his marriage to Kayla Montgomery Phillips!

Shelby County Chairman Joan Reynolds led a group of AFRW members in Georgia to help GOP Candidate Karen Handel (GA 06) secure a victory to Congress.

Chairman Lathan and Kellyanne Conway at The White House during a Women’s Empowerment Panel hosted by President Trump

Chairman Lathan and ALGOP Staff celebrated Red Nose Day.

Chairman Lathan and AL RNC National Committeewoman Vicki Drummond visit The White House.
Congratulations to Chief Justice Lyn Stuart for recently being appointed as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court by Governor Kay Ivey.

The Jefferson County GOP Legislative Delegation presented Senator Shelby with a proclamation honoring his 30 years of service in the U.S. Senate.

AL Senator Gerald Dial was recently awarded the "Legislative Leadership Award" by the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools, Mobile.

ALGOP Chief of Staff Harold Sachs reads a letter from President Trump to Winston County GOP at the Winston County GOP Dinner while Rep. Aderholt and Winston County Chair Jerry Mobley look on.

ALGOP SEC member, Jay Town was recently nominated by President Trump to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of AL.

The Greater Birmingham Republican Women toured the AL Supreme Court during their 2017 Legislative Days event in Montgomery.

Senator Shelby recently received the American Conservative Union’s Award for Conservative Achievement.

UNA College Republicans, Beth Anne Clay, Dustin Phillips and Megan Statom encouraged incoming UNA freshman to join College Republicans, Florence, AL.

College Republicans with AL elected officials at their annual state convention, Tuscaloosa.

AL Rep. Will Ainsworth and his “Weepublican” daughter as she helps out in the State House, Montgomery.
Congressman Rogers was recently awarded the Spirit of Enterprise award from the U.S. Chamber.

Former AL Chief Justice Roy Moore received the 2017 “Statesman of the Year” award from the Christian Home Educators of Colorado.

Talladega Sheriff Jimmy Kilgore and Talladega GOP Chair Gina Grant were recently featured in the Alabama Sheriffs Star Magazine.

In April, the Jefferson County GOP celebrated AL Senator Jabo Waggoner’s 80th birthday.

Senator Bill Hightower was recently selected by the conservative GOPAC organization as a “2017 Emerging Leader.”

AL Senator Clay Scofield received the “Legislative Champion Award” from the AL District Attorney’s Association.

Former AL Chief Justice Roy Moore received the 2017 “Statesman of the Year” award from the Christian Home Educators of Colorado.

Chairman Lathan was named as a “Top 50 Alumni” by Auburn University Montgomery.

Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson, Governor Kay Ivey, and Rep. Bradley Byrne kick off Alabama’s Bicentennial Celebration in Mobile.

St. Clair County Chair Lance Bell

AL College Republican Chair Gerald Fraas and Mychale Cooper

Mobile County GOP Chair Adam Strange and daughter Lillian

2017 NRA Convention - Atlanta
We started the new year by having State Representative Matt Fridy speak at the January meeting about his responsibilities in the state legislature. Later in the month, a group of our teens volunteered to serve the Shelby County GOP as they honored State Senator Jabo Waggoner with an 80th birthday celebration and fundraiser.

In February, the teens met to discuss the role of Executive Orders and discuss a few of the more famous ones issued by past Presidents and recently by President Trump. Also in February, a group of our teens and adult advisors attended the ALGOP Winter Dinner where our club treasurer, Abigail Mathis had the honor of leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our March meeting featured Shelby County Commissioner, Mike Vest who spoke on the duties of his elected office and also his inspirational life story. We also volunteered to serve at the Alabama Minority Banquet at the Dannon Project in downtown Birmingham.

Our April meeting included a very distinguished guest, Supreme Court Justice Tom Parker who gave a very interesting speech on his personal set of Sir William Blackstone’s law books. Later in the month of April, we participated in our spring community service project and once again fed over 80 homeless men, women and children a home cooked meal in downtown Birmingham.

Our May meeting was the end of the year party and we celebrated five full years of being a club. Alabama Public Service Commission President, Twinkle Cavanaugh spoke to the teens. Afterwards we honored two of our Seniors, Club President, Grace Friedman and longtime member, Justin Clay, who were the deserving recipients of the Annual Greater Birmingham Teenage Republicans Club Scholarship which is funded by the Shelby County GOP.
The Young Republican Federation of Alabama held their 2017 annual convention at Regions Field in Birmingham on Saturday, May 20. Congressman Mo Brooks, Congressman Gary Palmer, AL State Senator Trip Pittman and Senate President Pro Tempore Del Marsh spoke to the members.

The Alabama Federation of Republican Women held a luncheon and training day on Tuesday, April 11 at The Club in Birmingham. Former Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich was the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

Congratulations to AFRW President Frances Taylor for being nominated to the position of secretary for the National Federation of Republican Women.

Governor Ehrlich signs his book for Shelby County GOP Chair Joan Reynolds with ALGOP SEC member Gilbert Douglas (Jefferson).

AFRW President Frances Taylor, former Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich and AFRW 1st Vice President Vicki Bailey

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2017 ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY

SUMMER OF SERVICE
JUNE - AUGUST

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Talk with your Republican County Party or club and choose a simple service project that benefits the community.

Examples of past projects include:
- Donating school supplies to a school in need
- Delivering appreciation baskets to law enforcement
- Hosting a Christmas in July party for underprivileged children
- Collecting baby diapers/wipes for SAV-A-LIFE
- Collecting canned food items for a local food bank
- Donating old towels and sheets to your county’s pet shelter

Note: Please take photos & email them along with a description of your project to katie@ALGOP.org by August 18th. We would like to share your project on ALGOP’s social media and at our Summer Luncheon on August 26.

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The 2017 Alabama Legislative session was a busy but productive time. The leadership team set an aggressive and focused agenda. In the past, we have seen the general and education budgets being pushed to the stroke of midnight on the last day of session, but not this time. The Republican members addressed the budgets early in the session. This is the correct way to serve Alabama citizens. Also, another year without proration in the education budget. Note: since the GOP has been in control, there has been no proration.

There are two worthy notes of interest to bring to your attention. First, we now have a closed primary runoff law thanks to the passage of SB 108. Alabama now joins 32 other states that have some type of closed primary party procedure. The bill was originally sponsored by: Senator Tom Whatley (Auburn), Representative Arnold Mooney (Shelby) and received support from Secretary John Merrill and his office. This legislation was signed by Governor Ivey and will be implemented during the September 26 U.S. Senate runoff election, if needed, for either party. Second, the Alabama Democrats wasted almost four days by having bills read out loud when they protested legislative redistricting lines. In the end, the bills still passed and were signed by Governor Ivey. With a 30 day session, those four days were valuable time that obstructed the business of the people of our state.

Congratulations to Senator Del Marsh, Speaker Mac McCutcheon, the patient and focused Republican legislators and Governor Ivey for moving the people’s agenda forward. While there were distractions during this session, our team pressed forward and continued to meet their goals.

The following update was submitted by Alabama House of Representatives Speaker Pro Tempore Victor Gaston to highlight several important pieces of legislation that passed in 2017:

Bills Introduced/Passed:
Senate: 423/86
House: 608/214

Historic Tax Credit
Autism Insurance
Judicial Override
Alabama Memorial Preservation Act
Jobs Act
Right of Life Constitution Amendment
Alabama Child Placing Agency
Inclusion Act
Civic Graduation Requirement
Fair Justice Act
Healthcare Rights of Conscience

The Alabama House of Representatives passed SB 108, a bill turned law that prevents crossover voting in primary election runoffs.

Governor Ivey signs SB108 into law. Pictured from L to R: Brent Beal, Randy Price, Lee County Commissioner Robert Ham, Gov. Ivey, AL Sen. Tom Whatley, AL Secretary of State John Merrill and AL Rep Arnold Mooney.
Emily Armistead was the wife of former ALGOP Chairman Bill Armistead. Emily was a devoted mother, wife, grandmother and friend to the ALGOP.

Dr. Doris Oliveira, of Macon County, was a longtime member of the ALGOP State Executive Committee.

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