

## **PRESIDENT'S BIOGRAPHY**



Dena Barnes  
President, NCFRW

Dena started her political career in 1986 as a unit club Treasurer with After Hours Republican Women; she served as Secretary then President for several terms. She served as NCFRW Central Region VP from 1997-2001 and Area Representative in 2003-2005 and 2007-2008. In 1997 she was elected to the Summerfield Town Council and served as Mayor 2001-2005, she is currently Mayor pro Tem. Dena served as the President of the Greater Greensboro Republican Women's Club from 2006-2008. Under her leadership membership flourished and the club was designated by the NCFRW as a "Cardinal Club" in 2007 & 2008. Dena was elected as President of the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women in 2009.

Dena has been recognized for her efforts to uphold and preserve the integrity of the Republican Party and the Federation of Republican Women receiving the Tribute to Women awards from both After Hours in 1994 and Greater Greensboro in 2008 and was named as an Honorary Life Member in 2008. She has worked to get Republicans elected over the years by volunteering with local and state campaigns and working with the Guilford County Republican Party in Candidate Recruiting & Training. She has served the Republican Party as Precinct Chair and Treasurer of the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

Dena is married to Guilford County Sheriff BJ Barnes they have 2 daughters and 8 grandchildren. Born in Greensboro, North Carolina she grew up in Summerfield with one older sister, graduated from Grimsley High School in 1969 and Guilford Technical Community College in 1979 with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She worked in Med/Surg nursing as charge nurse and mentor on the Patient Cardiac Care Unit at Moses Cone Hospital for 8 years and in a physician's office for 12 years.

Dena looks forward to traveling across North Carolina and meeting as many of the members personally as possible. Women In Numbers made it a Win in '10!

Dena's passion was to help the Republican Party be energized and take back enough seats in 2010 to regain a majority in the General Assembly of North Carolina, now she is on the Road to 2012.