

PRESIDENT'S BIOGRAPHY



Dena Barnes
President, NCFRW

Dena started her political career in 1986 as Treasurer of After Hours Republican Women, and went on to serve as Secretary and President for several terms. She served as North Carolina FRW 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 from 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 as a "Cardinal Club" in 2007 and 2008.

Dena has been recognized for her efforts to uphold and preserve the integrity of the Republican Party and the Federation of Republican Women. She received the Tribute to Women awards from both After Hours in 1994 and Greater Greensboro in 2008, and was named 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 6th District.

Dena is married to Guilford County Sheriff BJ Barnes. They have 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Dena was born in Greensboro and grew up in Summerfield with one older sister. She 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 and as charge nurse and mentor on the Patient Care Cardiac Unit at Moses Cone Hospital for 8 years and in a physician's office for 12 years.

Dena's passion is to help the Republican Party be energized and take back enough seats to regain a majority in the General Assembly of North Carolina.