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RPV Spotlight

Carol G. Dawson, Lancaster County Republican Committee

Carol Dawson has been a Representative to the Republican State Central Committee from the First District since 2001. She has also chaired the 99th Legislative District Republican Committee since 2001. She served as Chairman of the Lancaster County Republican Committee from 1995 to 2002, and during that time was closely involved in every campaign from the local to the state and federal level. During her first term as chairman of the Lancaster County Republicans, she instituted the annual Reagan Day Dinner, held in March, which draws a multitude of local and statewide candidates and many folks from all the Northern Neck counties. She is still an active member of the Lancaster County Committee, and is also a member of the Mary Ball Washington Republican Women's Club in the Northern Neck.



In 2003, she put her talents to work as the full time campaign manager for Shawn Donahue, Republican candidate for the House of Delegates from the 99th District. Although Shawn did not win, the seat was won by Republican Del. Rob Wittman of Montross two years later.

Prior to her Virginia political activities, Carol served in the Administration of President Ronald Reagan, working first as Deputy Press Secretary and later as White House Liaison at the Department of Energy. In 1984 President Reagan appointed her to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, (CPSC), a position requiring Senate confirmation. She served as a Commissioner at the agency for nine years (1984 to 1993.)

She began her political career as Chairman of her college Young Republican club, and later became national co-chairman of the College Young Republicans. While living in Maryland, she was a member of the Talbot County Republican Committee, and was elected as a committed Reagan delegate to the 1980 Republican National Convention.

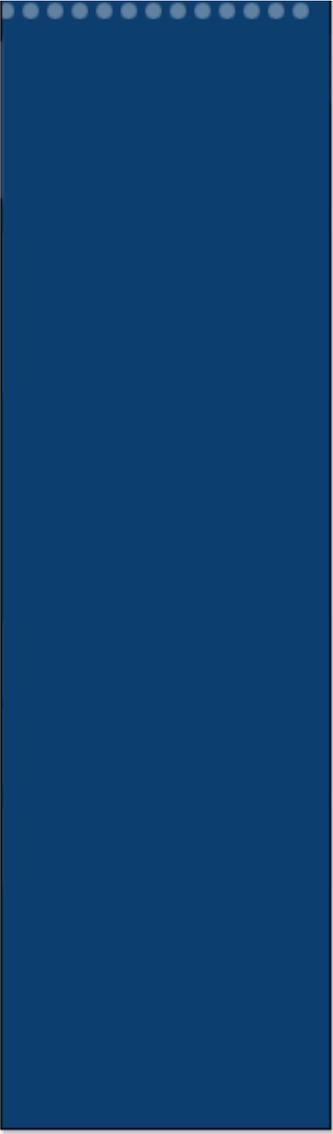
In addition to her party activity, Carol also puts in service with the conservative movement. She is one of the original founders of Young Americans for Freedom, a conservative youth group, has worked for the American Conservative Union, and the original Draft Goldwater Committee, and later served as Deputy Director of Public Affairs at the Republican National Committee during 1964 campaign.

She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Conservative Campaign Fund, which donates money to deserving conservative candidates to the U.S. House and Senate.

She obtained her B.A. degree from Dunbarton College of Holy Cross in Washington D.C. and her M.A. from George Mason University. Carol is the mother of four grown children, and the grandmother of five active grandchildren (with a new grandchild on the way in September.) She and her husband Frank, a retired Navy Captain, live in a home on the Rappahannock River in the little village of Morattico.

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