

Ideas for Programs for Clubs and State Federations

It is no secret that interesting programs are one of the top reasons that Republican Women join our clubs, and stay in our clubs. When clubs have lackluster programs they will have a lackluster club. Clubs that have exciting programs are exciting clubs.

Ideas for great programs can come from anywhere. As a past program chairman, a two-term past president of my club and a two-term past North Carolina Federation president, I have had a lot of experience in planning programs. But the best experience I have had came from visiting clubs all over our state and seeing the kinds of programs Federated Republican Women plan and enjoy.

Here is a list of ideas for programs. It is of course, far from exhaustive and you will have many other ideas yourself, and will hear many great ideas from lots of people, not just me!!

Ideas for club programs

Local elected officials
Local party officials
Director of your county board of elections
State Federation officer
National Federation officer
Candidates for school board, town council, etc
Candidates for party office
Legislators, speaking on specific legislation
Go to state or national think tanks who provide speakers
Individual members who have experience & expertise on specific legislation, campaign knowledge, etc
Topics (such as Katy's Law, Jessica's Law)
Members of neighboring clubs
Anyone who has worked for a Republican President
Political consultants
Lessons on things like lobbying, writing letters to the editor, etc.
Veterans
Authors
Historians
Radio talk show hosts
Experts on technology, internet, twitter, facebook, etc

Always remember we are REPUBLICAN clubs. Members will stop coming if you do financial seminars. Or personal development workshops. Other organizations do those things! Do not have Democrats or Independents speak to your club, ESPECIALLY if they are elected officials or candidates!

Ideas for State Federation meeting programs (work for larger clubs too)

Authors (order their books at a discount, sell them and get them to autograph them—then you have a program and a fundraiser!)

Buzz Patterson

Craig Shirley

Marsha Blackburn

J. D. Hayworth

Ann Coulter, etc

Republican Congressmen in your state

Republican Congressmen in other states

Former Cabinet members

Governor

Senator

Presidential candidates

Forum for Gubernatorial/Senatorial (statewide) candidates

Music—i.e. 82nd Airborne Chorus

Journalists

Forums on issues (domestic violence, property rights, etc.)

Workshops—the ideas are endless—public relations, leadership development, fundraising, parliamentary procedure, membership recruitment & retention, lobbying & legislation, club president training, club treasurer training, etc.

Use information and ideas from outside sources, but do not let their agenda or message become yours. It is not our job to promote any nonpartisan group; it is our job to promote Republican ideas, Republican candidates and Republican goals!

There are many, many other ideas for clubs and federations; they are only limited by your imagination.