

COMMITTEE PERSON OF THE WEEK: GORDON DENLINGER



When did you become acquainted with the Republican Committee, and why? My first connection to the RCLC came through Mr. Tom Taylor, an excellent Committeeman who held the role prior to my joining in 1992. He was a great advocate for Republican candidates, and he taught me "the ropes" in Caernarvon Township.

What values do you believe are essential to the Republican Party, and how do those values affect your views on the upcoming presidential election? The Republican Party Platform is our official road map when it comes to policy. The GOP Platform for 2016 is an amazingly strong, very conservative document. I became a Republican in my teen years because of my conservative ideals, and based on those same values and ideals, I remain proud to be a Republican.

As a delegate to the recent Republican National Convention in Cleveland, I voted for our nominee, Donald Trump, on the convention floor. I did so for two primary reasons. First, Donald Trump was the winner of the presidential primary race held in our local congressional district, and I felt it was important to respect the popular vote of our local Republican voters. And second, I believe that his instincts on policy are a blend of current-issues populism surrounded by a traditional conservative framework. His selection of Gov. Mike Pence, his suggested Supreme Court nominees, economic policies that focus on reduced taxes and reduced regulation, and his support for rebuilding of our national defense are all positions that conservative Republicans can embrace.

How long have you lived in Lancaster County, and what characteristics of Lancaster do you appreciate and admire? I am a native of our area, though I attended college in South Carolina, and following graduation my wife and I lived in Atlanta, GA for five years. We moved home to reconnect with our family, and to raise our children in a community with conservative values and Lancaster's wonderful quality of life.

What is your current occupation? I'm an inactive CPA who has spent most of my career in Corporate Accounting and Finance. From 2003 through 2014 it was my privilege to serve as Republican State Representative for the 99th District in eastern Lancaster County. Currently I work in the banking sector, serving as President of Hamilton Bancorp, Inc.

What activities do you enjoy participating in during your free time? In addition to following local, state, and national politics, I have enjoyed running for years. Beyond family and church involvement, Reading is also a personal interest (mostly biographies and history), as are golf and sailing.

Is there anything else that you would like people to know about you? Though we are living in a season of political change, we should all be very optimistic about the future of the Republican Party. Having traveled to Cleveland to attend the GOP convention, I was highly encouraged through getting to know many wonderful, conscientious public servants who share our values and our vision for America. The time is now for us all to press forward. We have much to do as we labor to Make America Great Again!