



# Who are the RALC?

by Raymond True

## Membership Requirements

The RALC has a four page membership application consisting of questions about the background of the applicant. Some typical questions: Are you currently, or ever been, a member of any public office holder's staff (paid or volunteer), government affairs or political campaign? Are you currently, or ever been, a member of the (NEA) National Education Association? Do you support Vouchers for Private - Parochial - Christian etc. schools? Do you consider yourself a political conservative on social issues (pro-life, pro-family)? Do you consider yourself a political conservative on fiscal issues (less regulation, smaller government, less bureaucracy)? Do you support the U.S. Constitution as written (strict interpretation) including the 2nd Amendment? Do you, or could you, support the Republican National Platform? Have you ever worked (paid or volunteer) on a

campaign for a liberal candidate? (eg. A candidate whose platform represented (for example) higher taxes, anti-2nd amendment, anti-family, seizure of private property, infringement of basic freedom and liberty)? How could your skills best be used in supporting a campaign? Some examples would be working on a phone bank, walking precincts, sign distribution, organized Letters to the Editor, parades, financial support, hosting or organizing fundraisers/coffees, etc.). What is the single biggest reason that you would like to join the RALC?

## Membership Demographics

While almost all of our members are from Lake County, it is not required that a member live in Lake County but only be interested in supporting Lake County Republicans and the goals of the RALC. Most of our members are married although several are single. About 20% of our members

are ladies, most mothers of grown children.

## Member's Political Activities

An overwhelming majority of our members hold political office, generally as precinct committeemen (over 30). Five have been Chairmen or Vice Chairmen of their own Township organization. Seven of our members served on the Lake County Republican Central Executive Committee or designated standing committees. Many members are or have been

candidates for public office at the local, state and national level up to the Congressional District. Several have plans to run in the future. State Senator Chris Lauzen is an RALC member.

## Membership Profiles

Our occupations are indeed diverse and varied. Several own and operate their own businesses from hard industrial production and retail sales to consultation services. We have several retired military members. Our RALC Chaplain is a pastor with his own flock in Lake County. We have the expected contingent of attorneys and a few doctors. Most of our members are actively involved in other volunteer organizations from Local Right-to-Life groups, NRA chapters, Reserve Officers Association and many others. As a consistent thread, our members are definitely joiners of many stripes. Our age distribution ranges far and wide, some are

Social Security eligible and many are in their early twenties just beginning their adult life.

## Come On In!!

In December 2001, twenty-two founding members joined together to form the RALC as it is presently constituted. Today, our membership rolls have grown many times the number of founding members. Almost all actively exchange emails with other members. Copies of articles focusing on conservative Republican positions are forwarded frequently with great gusto between members. If these descriptions of our membership criteria appear to resonate with your desires, consider joining the RALC. We are open to all who share the views and support the National Republican Platform.

Ask for an application by email to [Raymon8844@aol.com](mailto:Raymon8844@aol.com) or write to POB 784, Libertyville, Illinois 60048. You may call me at 847 367-5231, Fax 847 367-5497.

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