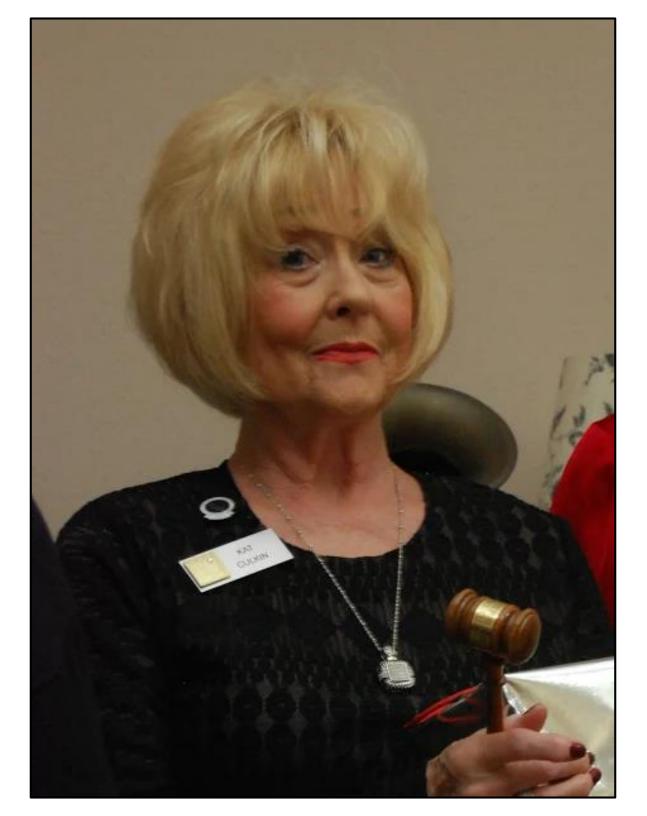




NEWLY ELECTED 2018 OFFICERS

Kat Culkin – President Nancy Murnahan – Programs Terry Casey, Mary Lewis – Membership Carleen Grantham – Ways & Means Waskah Whelan – Campaign Precinct Chris Herzog -- Recording Secretary Nancy Norton – Treasurer Ginny Wisley – Corresponding Secretary























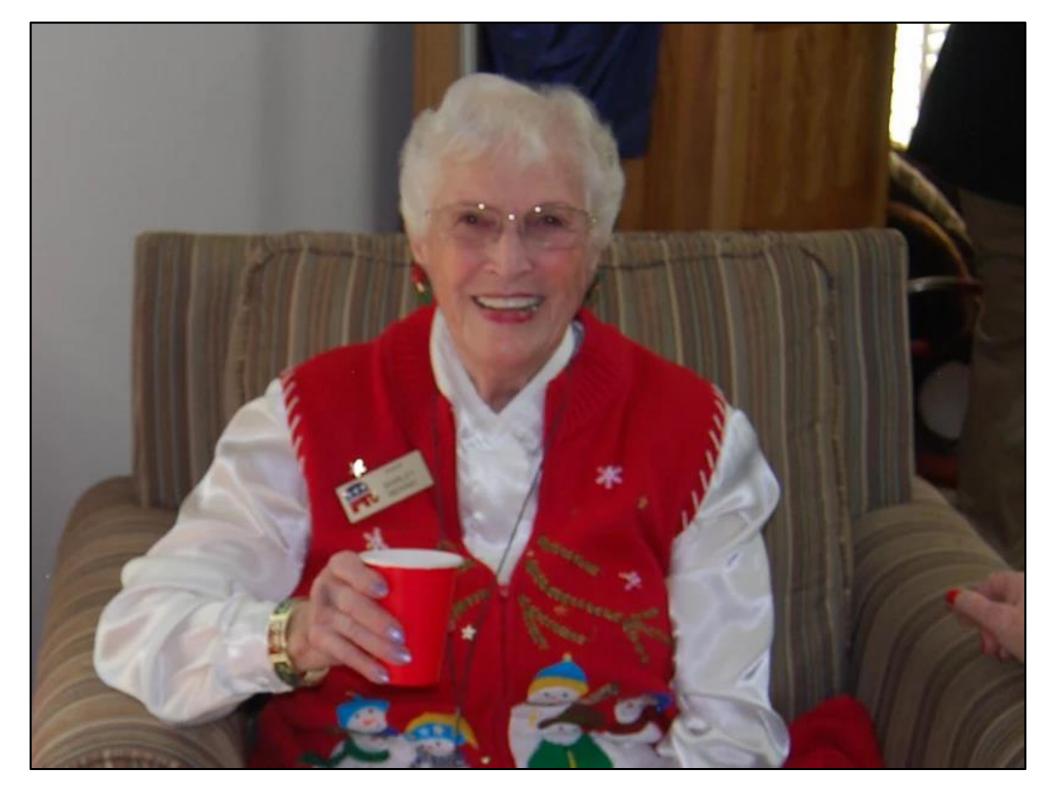
African-American unemployment hit a record low in December. The unemployment rate for black Americans is currently **6.8 percent**, the lowest level recorded since the government started keeping track in January 1972.









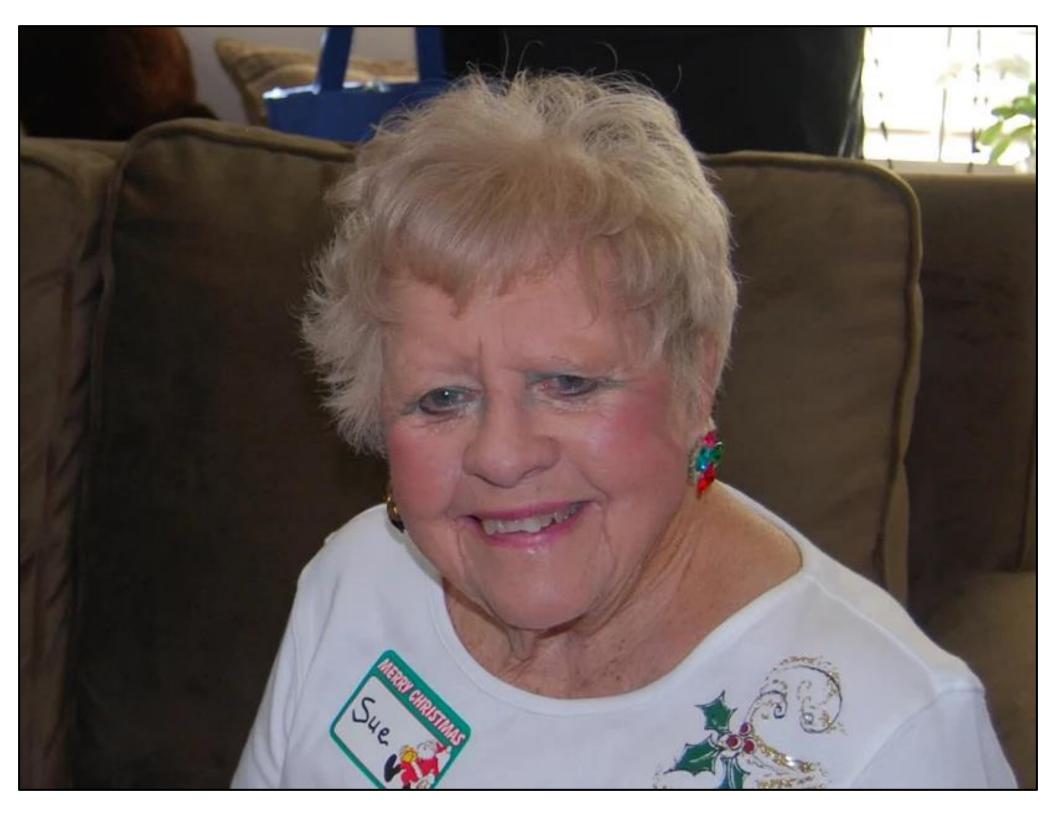




President Trump shattered an all-time record earlier this month when the Senate confirmed his 12th federal appeals court nominee, marking the only time in history a U.S. president has made more than 11 appellate appointments during his first year in office.













The **Republican** Party began at a protest meeting in Ripon, Wisconsin, on 28 February 1854 as a group of antislavery activists, known as Free Soilers, met to start a new grassroots movement. The first party convention took place in Jackson, Michigan, that same year on 6 July.















The elephant symbol associated with the **Republican party** was created by cartoonist Thomas Nast in 1874.













It was a Republican, Ronald Reagan that signed into law Martin Luther King's birthday as a National Holiday.



















