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Gingrich Cushman urges '5 keys to success' at Chamber Luncheon



Pictured above left to right: Jackie Gingrich Cushman, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, Carolyn Delamont and Incoming Chairman Jim Ashworth.

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Jackie Gingrich Cushman, columnist, author and daughter of former U.S. Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, was the featured speaker at last week's Paulding County Chamber of Commerce 1st Thursday event.

In March 2010, Ms. Cushman was nominated for a Georgia Writer's Association (GWA) Georgia Author of the Year Award. As a nationally syndicated columnist for Creators Syndicate, she is known for her ability to synthesize major news events and ordinary life happenings into a unique perspective that rings with authenticity.

She has been cited on the Today Show, in New York Magazine, USA Today, and the Washington Times, and on "Good Morning America," CNN's "Campbell Brown," "The 700 Club," Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends," "The O'Reilly Factor," "The Sean Hannity Show," "The Strategy Room," "On the Record" with Greta Van Susteren, "Geraldo at Large," "The Huckabee Show" and "Squeeze Play" on Canada's Business News Network.

Ms. Cushman's latest book, "The Essential American: 25 Documents and Speeches that Every American Should Own" provides the fundamental documents of our nation's history, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the text of speeches that have inspired the nation, including Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and President Ronald Reagan's "Tear Down This Wall" Speech, as well as several lesser-known documents and speeches that forged our nation's character.

Most of her comments to local business leaders last week were tied to the book she co-authored with her father, "5 Principles for a Successful Life: From our Family to Yours." That book focuses on the principles that she follows in her daily life, she told the GOC audience, which are: Dream Big, Work Hard, Learn Every Day, Enjoy Life and Be True to Yourself.

Having campaigned twice and lost before her father won a congressional race, Cushman told the Chamber audience that she understands the importance of dreaming big and working hard through failure.

As founder of the Learning

Makes a Difference Foundation, which tests innovative learning programs to help struggling students learn they can learn, Cushman said she'd discovered the importance of learning every day. And by helping lead Genesis: A New Life, a homeless shelter for newborn babies and their families in a \$5 million capital campaign, she learned the value of giving to others.

Cushman encouraged the Chamber audience to fulfill their God-given potential by being true to themselves and living their best life.

After her remarks she took questions and was asked if her father would announce his candidacy locally this month.

According to Republican pundit Ralph Richardson, there is little doubt that Gingrich will run for the presidency. Richardson, who was the Chamber's featured speaker last month, had commented that Gingrich, were he to run, would be among the party's top four presidential hopefuls in 2012.

Gingrich himself will appear later this month as keynote speaker at the Chamber's 50th Anniversary event, to be held at the Georgia World Congress Center. Staffers at the Chamber have stated that Gingrich could make his announcement to run for president at that event, but in her remarks last week, Ms. Cushman said that her father is strongly considering a campaign, but would most likely not announce before late next month.

Cushman graduated cum laude from Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. She received her MBA from Georgia State University in Atlanta and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. She lives in Atlanta with her husband Jimmy Cushman, Jr., and their children.

PC Board of Commissioners Meeting Changed to January 13th

Due to inclement weather the Board of Commissioners Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2011, have been postponed to Thursday, January 13, 2011.