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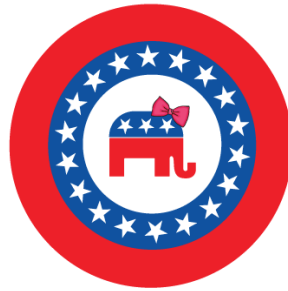
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## February Meeting



RWRC Meeting February 15<sup>th</sup> 5:45pm at Carriage Lane Inn- 337 East Burton Street  
with Diane Canada

*(Due to the growth of our club and attendance at our meetings, the next three meetings will be held at the Carriage Lane Inn Reception House- the meal will be \$20 and includes entrée, salad, two sides, bread, dessert and drink.)*



We are excited for the opportunity to hear from Diane Canada, a dynamic lady who is becoming well-known in Nashville as an inspiring women's leadership speaker

Ronald Reagan once said "All great change begins at the dinner table." Ms. Canada states that healing our country begins at the kitchen table.

**RESILIENCE** - Lady Up & Don't Quit has been given at numerous events, including Chamber events, CABLE events, Women's Leadership conferences, Rotary events, Republican Women's groups, and her own elegant Lady-Up symposiums around the southeast.

Diane recently released her first book, Lady Up & Don't Quit, available on Amazon. This book is a testimony of her fierce faith after a lifetime of adversity, tragic losses, and major setbacks.

Diane was called to public service after the loss of her Special Ops Marine brother to PTSD and obediently ran in 2020 for TN State House of Representatives in Nashville's very progressive District 56 in Davidson County. As the underdog, she finished strong and nearly won with 46% of the vote, shocking onlookers, and garnering tremendous respect in political circles.

She has served on the Mayor's Minority Business Advisory Council; as the Political Advocate for the National Assn of Women Business Owners; as the Public Relations Chairman for the Nashville Republican Women's Club; voted Volunteer of the Year for teaching the entrepreneurial program in the maximum-security TN Prison for Women.

Diane is a recent graduate of the Heritage Foundation's Political Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. She has a long & successful background as an entrepreneurial business consultant, primarily focused on women, with expertise in both launching new businesses and resuscitating companies in crisis. Diane understands the power of words within a message that connects. As a professional songwriter, her music is currently licensed on network television and to the Hallmark Channel. Her own television show, Nashville Unleashed, showcased Nashville's professional songwriters and was syndicated in the USA and the UK in over 100 million households for 2 years.

Diane just launched the Reunite America APP, designed to help savvy moms take charge of healing the division in our country, from their kitchen table, without getting political. The App is now available in Google & Apple App Stores.

## Recap from January Monthly Meeting

At our January meeting, we welcomed a panel of members of our local judiciary. Circuit Judges Darrell Scarlett and Jo Atwood along with General Sessions Judges Lisa Eischeid and Trey McFarlin gave an interesting presentation with a lively Q and A following.

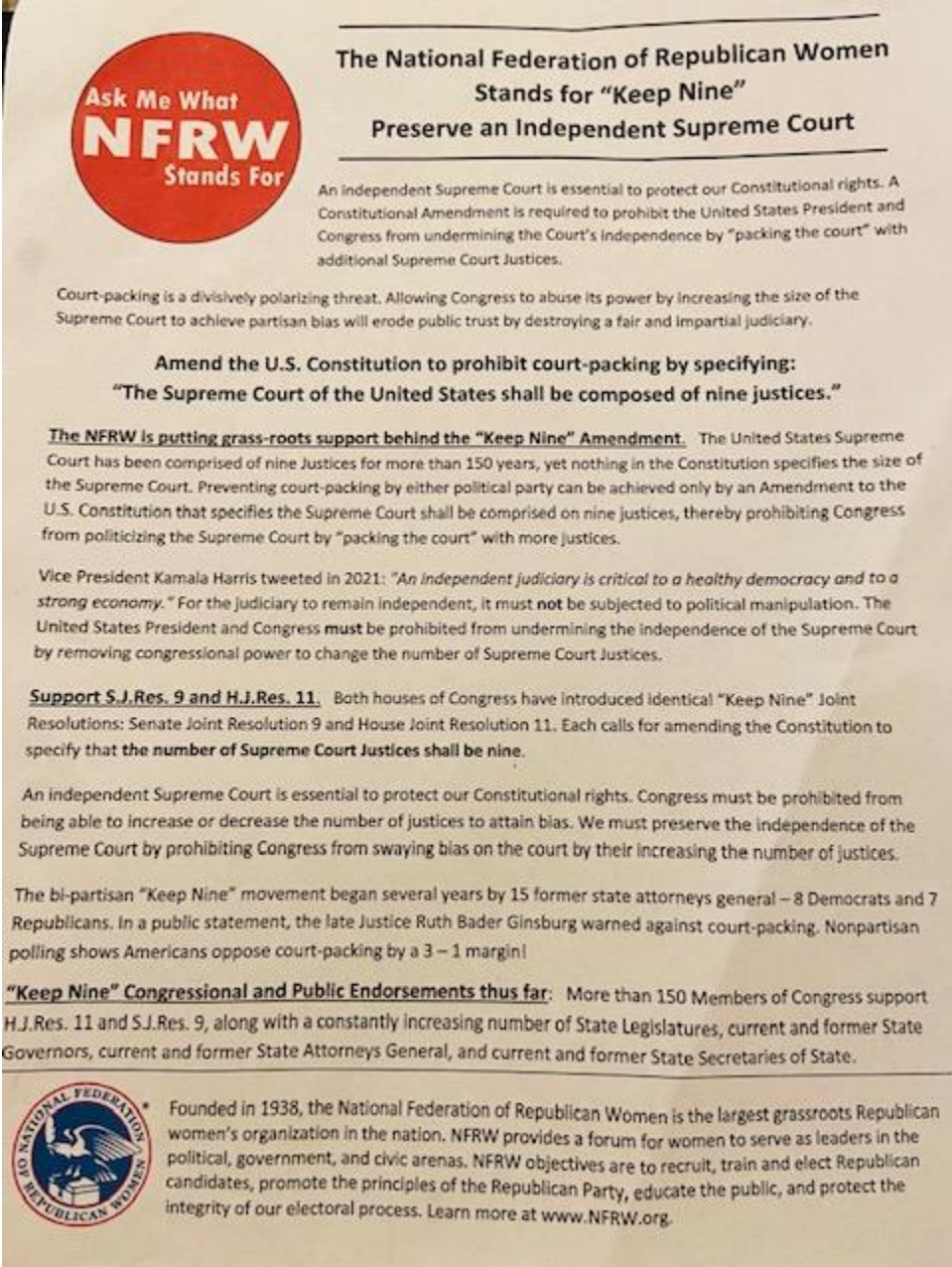
Presiding Judge Darrell Scarlett kicked it off with an overview of the 16th Judicial District (Rutherford and Cannon Counties) and explained that Tennessee is divided into 33 districts. He spoke of the functions of the Circuit Court, the number of cases, jury trials, and bench trials. Judge Atwood shared information on the NFRW Keep Nine initiative (information sheet attached) and a history of the number of justices on the Supreme Court.

Judges Eischeid and McFarlin presented information about the workings of General Sessions Courts and the types of cases that come before them including the volume of cases. Judge McFarlin who oversees the Veterans Recovery Court explained how that court functions.



## Supreme Court Information

One topic of discussion during our panel with local Judges was around the Supreme Court. Please find useful and interesting information in the flyer below on this topic.



**Ask Me What  
NFRW  
Stands For**

**The National Federation of Republican Women  
Stands for "Keep Nine"  
Preserve an Independent Supreme Court**

An independent Supreme Court is essential to protect our Constitutional rights. A Constitutional Amendment is required to prohibit the United States President and Congress from undermining the Court's independence by "packing the court" with additional Supreme Court Justices.

Court-packing is a divisively polarizing threat. Allowing Congress to abuse its power by increasing the size of the Supreme Court to achieve partisan bias will erode public trust by destroying a fair and impartial judiciary.

**Amend the U.S. Constitution to prohibit court-packing by specifying:  
"The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices."**

**The NFRW is putting grass-roots support behind the "Keep Nine" Amendment.** The United States Supreme Court has been comprised of nine Justices for more than 150 years, yet nothing in the Constitution specifies the size of the Supreme Court. Preventing court-packing by either political party can be achieved only by an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that specifies the Supreme Court shall be comprised on nine justices, thereby prohibiting Congress from politicizing the Supreme Court by "packing the court" with more justices.


Vice President Kamala Harris tweeted in 2021: "*An independent judiciary is critical to a healthy democracy and to a strong economy.*" For the judiciary to remain independent, it must **not** be subjected to political manipulation. The United States President and Congress **must** be prohibited from undermining the independence of the Supreme Court by removing congressional power to change the number of Supreme Court Justices.

**Support S.J.Res. 9 and H.J.Res. 11.** Both houses of Congress have introduced identical "Keep Nine" Joint Resolutions: Senate Joint Resolution 9 and House Joint Resolution 11. Each calls for amending the Constitution to specify that **the number of Supreme Court Justices shall be nine.**

An independent Supreme Court is essential to protect our Constitutional rights. Congress must be prohibited from being able to increase or decrease the number of justices to attain bias. We must preserve the independence of the Supreme Court by prohibiting Congress from swaying bias on the court by their increasing the number of justices.

The bi-partisan "Keep Nine" movement began several years by 15 former state attorneys general – 8 Democrats and 7 Republicans. In a public statement, the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg warned against court-packing. Nonpartisan polling shows Americans oppose court-packing by a 3 – 1 margin!

**"Keep Nine" Congressional and Public Endorsements thus far:** More than 150 Members of Congress support H.J.Res. 11 and S.J.Res. 9, along with a constantly increasing number of State Legislatures, current and former State Governors, current and former State Attorneys General, and current and former State Secretaries of State.



\* Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is the largest grassroots Republican women's organization in the nation. NFRW provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas. NFRW objectives are to recruit, train and elect Republican candidates, promote the principles of the Republican Party, educate the public, and protect the integrity of our electoral process. Learn more at [www.NFRW.org](http://www.NFRW.org).

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### 1. Volunteer Opportunity at County Headquarters at 111 East Main

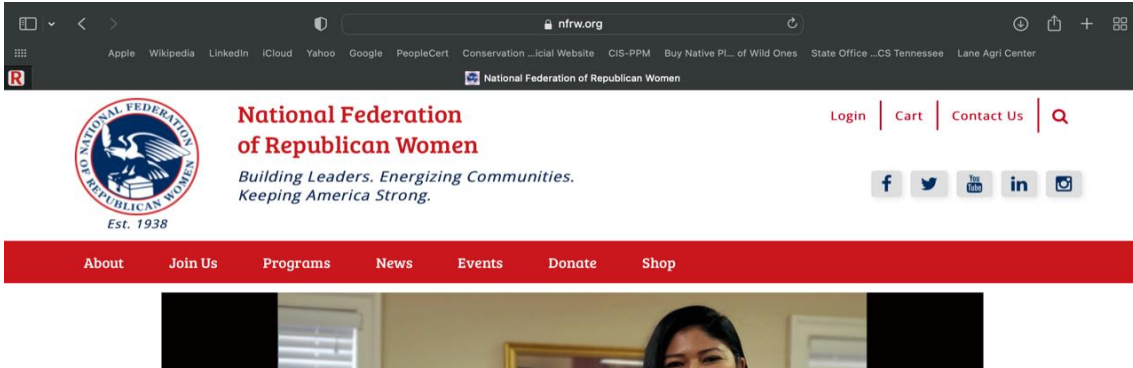
The Rutherford County Republican Party has a need for volunteers to assist at headquarters. With three elections, the county party wants to keep the headquarters open as much as possible. If this is something you are interested in - either on a regular basis or once or twice even, please let Terri Kilgour know. [terrikilgour@gmail.com](mailto:terrikilgour@gmail.com).

### 2. Joining the Rutherford County Republican Party

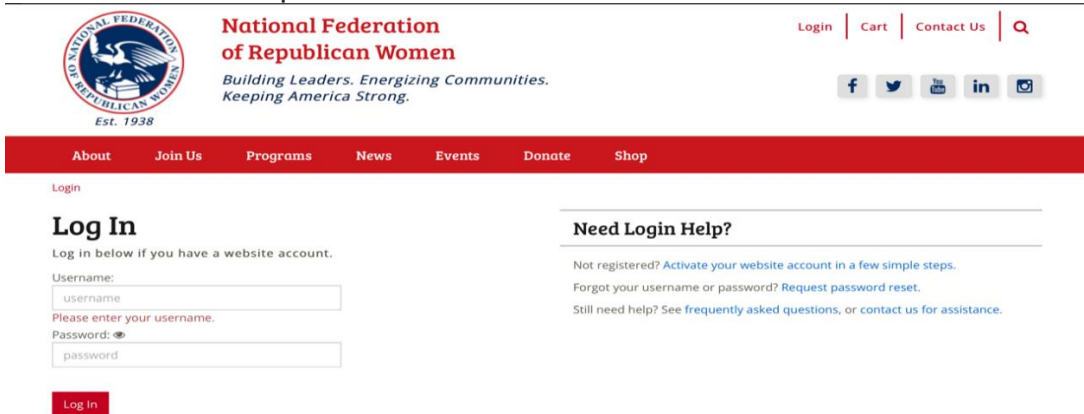
If you would also like to join the county party and receive all their communications, let us know and we can connect you to get involved.

# How to access National Federation of Republican Women

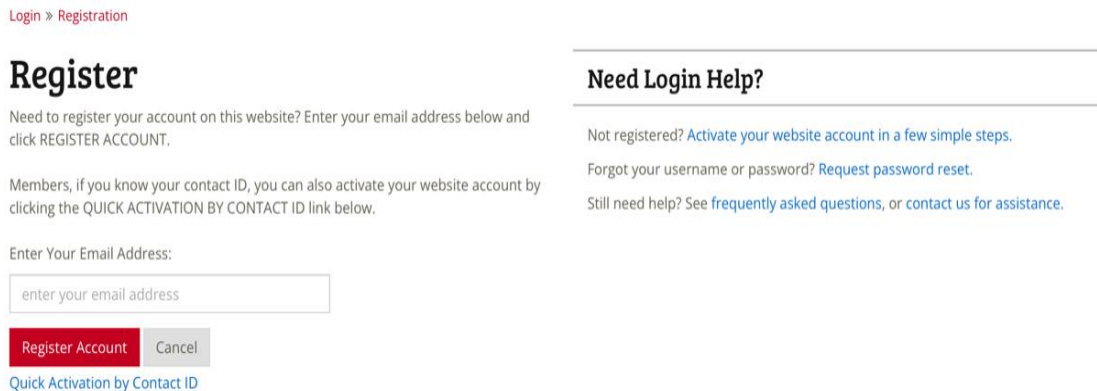
1. [NFRW.org](http://NFRW.org) Go to main page and Click “Login” top right corner of page



2. If you have never registered on the National website, Click on the link “Activate your website account in a few steps



3. You will be brought to the Register section of the NFRW website Enter your email address



4. If you have already registered on the website, you will receive the below message.



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Our records indicate that an account with the email address provided already exists. Request Password Link.

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## Register

### Create Non-Member Account

To create a non-member guest account, please enter the information below. Note that non-member guest accounts have no member privileges and cannot access member resources.

Members, please do not create a non-member guest account.

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Middle Name:

Last Name:\*

Suffix:

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Once you complete the Registration, you will receive a notification from NFRW with further login instructions.

After login into the site you will find a tremendous amount of information in the Members section including information on all the Committees.



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## **Calendar of Events**

*March 15 - Major General Jeffrey Holmes, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of the Military*

*April 19 – Jordan Sekulow of the American Center for Law and Justice*

*May 17 Mark Goins, Tennessee Coordinator of Elections and Alan Farley, Rutherford County Administrator of Elections*

**The Rutherford County Republican Party will host a series of candidate forums in March. If you have questions you would like to pre-submit, please let Terri Kilgour know [terrikilgour@gmail.com](mailto:terrikilgour@gmail.com)**

March 3rd starting at 5pm with each one having around 45 minutes to speak will be County Mayor candidates.

March 10th will be the Sheriff candidates

March 17th will be the register of deeds candidates

March 24th will be the circuit court clerk candidates.

These meetings will be FB live streamed.



