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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY – April 18, 2023 6 PM – CARRIAGE LANE INN

Reservations due April 13 by 5 pm – reply to this email - \$20 at door – cash or check (no change provided) payable to RWRC – Have check ready to avoid a wait!

Join us we welcome Pamela Furr, radio personality with SuperTalk 99.7 WTN.



*** \$35.00 dues for 2023 are now payable – please renew by this meeting- and bring a new member!

NAME TAGS \$10 – If you would like a RWRC name tag, orders are being taken through May

March Speaker Recap

We had a good turn out for the March meeting of the Republican Women of Rutherford County with 25 in attendance. President Terri Kilgour was absent so Vice-President Karen Hudson led our meeting. Numerous announcements were made regarding committee work and the need for committee chairs. Please note this important work in our club and volunteer to be a committee chair today. We are also working hard to build our membership and are over halfway to our goal of 100.

Karen introduced our speaker for the evening, Commissioner Brad Turner of the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Commissioner Turner shared his work in Governor Lee's administration and the obstacles they have faced. He talked about the importance of letting each child have the experience to thrive, what was being done to help children with disabilities, and why Republican based School Boards are important to every school system. Questions were asked about mainstreaming children with disabilities and the use of the rainy day fund to support school programs. It was an interesting program that many people had lots of questions about. As always, Republican Women programs are keeping us informed.

Respectfully submitted, Marzee Woodward



Ladies Day on the Hill

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Ladies Day on the Hill 2023: Perspectives

Ladies Day on the Hill 2023 was an exciting day for me. I felt a part of something that I wanted to learn more about. The Legislators were grateful for the support of the Republican Women organizations across the state and grateful for the sea of red they saw in front of them that day. In the House Chambers, we heard from the Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton, Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson, House Majority Leader William Lamberth, Senator Becky Massey from Knoxville, Representative Patsy Hazelwood from Fayetteville, and Butch Eley, TDOT Commissioner. It was an informative session to hear what the House and Senate were doing and the Bills that were before them. Later at the lunch venue, U.S. Congressman John Rose gave an interesting speech about things in Washington and equated a lot of it to stories from his family. Speaker Sexton led us in a moment of silence for those involved in the event on that Monday. There was not much information about the school shooting at that point but it was indeed a somber moment. Then Scott Golden, TN GOP Chairman, talked about the importance of getting out the vote in 2024. I also really enjoyed when the Legislators who had joined their Republican Women's Clubs got up and introduced themselves. There was a lot of fun with that. We enjoyed the company of Representative Tim Rudd with our group. It was a fun, informative day and one I definitely will repeat.

Respectfully submitted, Marzee Woodward

My first day on the Hill was very enlightening. It's always a joy to be with like-minded ladies with a purpose. It is a good day when one can put faces with names as our elected Representatives spoke to us in chambers. I was pleased to hear our majority leaders, Jack Johnson and William Lamberth, update us on the passing of recent bills preventing our children being exposed to drag shows, sexual mutilations, and where we stand on election integrity for the state of Tennessee. Proof that our Representatives are working for us. It was a good day!

Respectfully submitted. Judy Rickman

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Respectfully Submitted by Marcia Jones

Committee Report

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE – Service Opportunity

Want to get a group together and participate in this?

A Soldier's Child (ASC) Foundation serves children of fallen servicemen and women from all U.S. military branches. ASC acknowledges all deaths during active duty and any deaths post military service, due to service-related injuries or illnesses. This includes suicides from PTSD related deaths. ASC offers Love to the child left behind, Honor for the memory of the fallen and a Hope for the children to live a courageous life. We do this with yearly birthday celebrations, summer camps, mentorship programs, and facilitating in secondary/college scholarships.



May 2023 Shopping Event

Help shop for birthday gifts for 60 ASC kids with June birthdays!

Shopping is of no cost to you. We ask you to donate your time and talents to shop for birthday gifts for the boys and girls who have lost a military parent and have a birthday in June.

You will be given a Gift Interview Form (GIF) that contains a child's likes, interests, hobbies, wanted games, and clothing.

When: Tuesday, May 9th at 4:00 pm ; **Where:** Walmart, 2000 Old Fort Parkway

If you have any questions regarding the shopping event, please contact:

Andrew Fendrich, Operations Administrator, 615-220-1600



Tennessee Federation of Republican Women

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April 6, 2023

OFFICIAL CALL TO SPRING MEETINGS

*Saturday, May 6, 2023
Hillwood Country Club
6201 Hickory Valley Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205*

9 a.m. CENTRAL time: Executive Committee Meeting

- *TFRW Elected Officers*
- *TFRW Area Vice Presidents. Area VPs unable to attend are required to send a proxy in their place. The proxy must be an active member in good standing residing in the same Area as the Area VP. The proxy has both a voice and a vote. [Click Here](#) for Official Area VP Proxy Form*

10:00 a.m. CENTRAL time: Board of Directors Meeting

- *Executive Committee*
- *Standing Committee Chairs*
- *Special Committee Chairs*
- *President's Appointees*
- *Federated Club Presidents from across Tennessee*
- *All Federated Republican Women's Club members are welcome to attend.*

12:00 p.m. CENTRAL time: Lunch and Speaker

***Reservations are limited; deadline is Friday, Apr 28, 2023.
Please make checks payable to TFRW for \$45 and mail to TFRW Vice
Treasurer, Deborah Bailey, 670 Washington Ave, Harrogate, TN
37752. Please include any dietary requests. You may also contact
Deborah Bailey at cincydebb@icloud.com/606-273-7279.***

Beyond the Vote !

SCHOLARSHIPS

The TNFRW is proud to announce the Beyond The Vote scholarships to assist with college expenses. These scholarships are made possible through individual and club donations.

The scholarship winner(s) will be announced at the Biennial Convention. Please encourage any female, republican entering her junior year of college to apply.

Scholarship Requirements

The female applicant must submit the following:

- **A completed application form**
- **A voting Republican record within Tennessee**
- **Be an American citizen of at least 5 years**
- **Entering Junior year of college**
- **Majoring in political science**
- **Have a minimum 3.0 GPA**
- **Have documented record of volunteer/community service**
- **Submit a 500 word essay or less on "How the 19th Amendment has enhanced women's opportunities for leadership" (How has this personally impacted you?)**

- Continue political science major and maintain a 3.0 GPA for Senior year

Beyond The Vote Application - [Click Here](#)

Beyond The Vote Guidelines - [Click Here](#)

Beyond The Vote Brochure - [Click Here](#)

Submission Details

Please forward your completed application materials by the deadline **August 1, 2023** to: Whittney Good

email: whittneyngood@yahoo.com OR mail to 122 Hill Av, Bull Gap, TN 37711.

* Please note that no application will be accepted after this date and must be postmarked by the application deadline.

Scholarship Committee:

Sharon Boring

Barbara Trautman

Cathy Kolb



TFRW State Convention - October 20-21, 2023, Pickwick Landing State Park

Info for reservations 731-689-3135; group code 7660
rooms, cabins, premium cabins (on the water)

Cabins and condos are ideal for clubs that want to make this a retreat for their members since there are 2 and 3 bedroom units available.

NFRW Information

NFRW
Faith Coalition
Prayer Zoom

Join us for
Fellowship

April 3, 2023

Prayer, Bible Study
And Worship

Register at nfrw.org

UPCOMING
ZOOM
MEETINGS:

April 3, 2023

&

April 17,

2023

4:00 Eastern

3:00 Central

Benefits of NFRW Membership

RWRC members are automatically NFRW and TFRW members as included in dues.

Current members have access to the following member benefits:

- A robust national website and member database management system that connects the entire Federation and provides key membership services, including administrative access and capabilities for club and state presidents.
- The NFRW's electronic communications, including the weekly Capital Connection email newsletter, exclusive invites, and political updates, as well as free or nominally priced publications like the Leader's Guide, Membership Handbook, Legislative Advocacy Manual, and outreach/recruitment materials.
- The Member Center, a private online network on the NFRW web site available to members only. The Member Center includes a member directory and the Digital Resource Library, which features committee and issue-related resources and materials, general organizational publications and forms, event information, graphics, and more.
- Sample materials, multimedia, and resources that assist states and clubs with public relations and fundraising efforts, membership recruitment, campaign and issue advocacy programs, meeting planning, literacy and armed services initiatives, leadership development, community service, and more.
- An online video library with recordings of speakers, Zoom events, NFRW trainings, and more.
- Campaign Management Schools, Legislative Day, and other virtual and in-person programs, workshops and seminars that offer members the opportunity to meet national Republican leaders, discuss key issues, and develop leadership and professional skills.
- Networking opportunities and the ability to meet and develop relationships with women from across the country through online discussion forums and national events such as the biennial convention and annual board meetings. NFRW's national events include interactive workshops, exciting speakers, and informative programs and discussions.
- National Headquarters located in Alexandria, Virginia, a few miles from Capitol Hill.

We are here to help you maximize your membership benefits and are only an email or phone call away. Please reach out if you have any questions!

Best,

NFRW Membership Team

703-548-9688

membership@nfrw.org

Literacy and Education Committee

The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP) is the NFRW's oldest program, celebrating 60 years of book donations from an approved list to schools, libraries, hospitals and other public institutions.

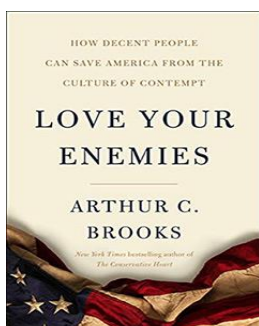
In 1961, the NFRW established the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project as a memorial honoring the former Republican First Lady who served for decades as a military wife and prepared the family home for over 30 moves during President Eisenhower's military service to our country. Born in Iowa and moving to the South as a child, Mrs. Eisenhower was active in financial decisions in her home and often said that a woman's independence was based upon her own ability to save money. She practiced fiscal responsibility as a First Lady, often clipping recipes for the White House Chef to prepare using boxed cake mixes as they were cheaper than baking from scratch.

Each biennium, the NFRW Literacy and Education Committee compiles a list of books that reflect Republican conservative beliefs of self-reliance, freedom and independence. In 1992, tapes and videos were added to the list. In 2020, DVDs and streaming services were added to the list. These books, both adult and children's levels, are intended to be donated to public libraries, all schools, and hospitals to provide reading material to a wide variety of children and adults in our communities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many clubs expanded to reading children's books online through social media to a nation's children not able to enter school buildings.

Possessing the ability to read and write is fundamental. It makes learning possible, inevitable and infinite. For this reason, fostering literacy has long been a priority of the National Federation of Republican Women, and several literacy programs have been developed to achieve this goal.

Over the past 60 years, the NFRW and its members have donated thousands of books each year to libraries, schools, hospitals and other public institutions through our [Mamie Eisenhower Library Project](#) (MELP). Since 2002, Federation members have donated more than 300,000 dictionaries to school children through the [Dictionary Project](#).

The Red Shoe Book Club is a way for local clubs to explore and discuss books, and publish book reviews in monthly newsletters and on club websites. To form a Red Shoe Book Club, participants should designate a time and place and select books from the MELP lists to read, discuss and share. Related materials, including the Red Shoe Book Club logo (which can be used on club promotional materials), are available in the Member Center Digital Resource Library.



NFRW Literacy and Education Committee Chair's Book Choice



"You've always had the power, my dear, you just had to learn it for yourself."

-- Glinda the Good Witch from L. Frank Baum's book, *The Wizard of Oz*

Do you remember Dorothy's ruby red slippers made iconic in the film *The Wizard of Oz* based on L. Frank Baum's memorable books about the Land of Oz? Books make an indelible mark on all of us.

The NFRW Literacy and Education Committee would like to encourage more clubs to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity of sharing literature within their membership. That is the reason we are launching a Red Shoe Book Club logo, designed as a promotional icon when establishing your Red Shoe Book Club. The logo is available for download from the NFRW website.

Dorothy's red shoes were not the reason we initiated the Red Shoe Book Club on the literacy programs web page. It was established to encourage clubs to form a Red Shoe Book Club, which would give its members the opportunity to read, discuss and share a book each month. What was missing was a logo.

Red Shoe Book Club members can choose a book from the MELP book list, a personal favorite, or a children's book that has special meaning. Many clubs have a book club where members get together once a month, usually at a member's home, to have a cup of coffee or tea, and discuss a book that truly comes alive when shared with others.

If your club has a book club, please let us know. We would love to hear from you at literacy@nfrw.org.

We hope you will use this logo to start your own Red Shoe Book Club.

Remember: *"Cinderella is proof that a pair of shoes can change your life."* So can a book!

Membership

Our current membership is 58 and counting. We will soon reach our goal with your help-continue to spread the word and invite interested women.

There is a state contest for the club with the most renewals from now until May 6th- let's see if we can compete.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mark Your Calendar dates

April 13 - Young Republicans at Jim and Nicks - David Fowler - program -Restoring State Sovereignty to speak at 6

April 14 - Reagan Day Dinner - Rutherford County GOP - Copper Ridge (link for tickets here)

April 18 - RWRC meeting - Pamela Furr - Carriage Lane Inn 6 pm

April 29 - Rutherford County GOP Reorganization/Election biennial meeting

May 6- TFRW spring meeting - Hillwood Country Club - all members invited

May 16- RWRC meeting - Secretary of State Tre Hargett - Carriage Lane Inn 6 pm

UPCOMING Meetings for RWRC

June 20- Don Barnett - Center for Immigration Studies

July 18 - Bryant Haines - 2d Vote (tracks corporations that are conservative)

August 15 - Congressman Scott DesJarlais

September 19 - Carmen Greenberg , naturalized citizen originally from Romania

October 17 - Riley Gaines