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February RWRC Meeting

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY

February 21, 2023 6 PM – CARRIAGE LANE INN

Reservations due February 16 by 5 pm – email contacttrwrc@yahoo.com - \$20 at door – cash or check (no change provided) payable to RWRC – Have check ready to avoid a wait!

Join us as we welcome *Loren Spivack, The Free Market Warrior* as our guest speaker.

** 2023 dues are payable now (\$35) – Half of our members renewed in January – and that is great news! And let's recruit new members throughout the year!





Loren Spivack “The Free Market Warrior” was born and raised in Massachusetts and spent most of his adult life in New York City. Before becoming active in politics, Spivack worked for several non-profits and as a management consultant for both profit and non-profit companies. Spivack founded “Free Market Warrior” in 2009 in an effort to make a positive difference in American politics and economics.

His “Free Market Warrior” store was expelled from Concord Mills Mall in North Carolina in July of 2009 for selling material critical of the Obama Administration. (Mall owners, Simon Property Group, are major Democratic donors.) Since then Loren has devoted his time to teaching conservative groups about free market economics. He conducts “Economic Literacy” seminars across the United States. So far, Spivack has delivered his famous seminar on “Economic Literacy” to over 200 groups in 20 states.

January Meeting Pictures



January Meeting Notes

Terri Kilgour was unable to attend the meeting so Karen Hudson, First Vice President presided. Members were excited to hear that a good donation was collected for the Isaiah House and Wreaths Across America at the December Meeting. There is a TFRW meeting on Saturday, the 11th, at Hillwood Country Club that some members are attending to represent our club. Members were reminded to get their dues in ASAP. Our goal is 100 members strong this year. Also, please sign up for committees to serve on and help our club and community. Nominations were accepted for the vacated Secretary spot. Marzee Woodward was nominated and elected and will serve until December 2023.

Karen introduced Senator Marsha Blackburn as our speaker for the hour. Senator Blackburn hit on topics such as national debt, abortion, genital mutilation surgery, the border crisis, police department needs across the nation, the democrats not letting covid die, and inflation. She shared her Big Five Points for All: Faith, Family, Freedom, Hope and Opportunity. It was a great way to encourage us all to get out and apply "elbow grease" to 2024.

Marzee presented an Elephant Piggy Bank to Senator Blackburn from the Club with a donation of \$325 for her campaign bid in 2024. What a great start.

Respectfully submitted, Marzee Woodward, Rutherford County Republican Women Secretary

Literacy and Education Committee

Literacy and Education Committee – club contact – Beth Duffield and Karen Hudson

We welcome anyone to join this committee – we will be looking into movie nights soon!
Is there interest in a Red Shoe Book Club? Let us know!

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.

Members are encouraged to celebrate Literacy Month in September. Read to yourself and to your family, and do it everyday! If you know someone struggling with reading, volunteer to assist them or find a local literacy resource. Reading is imperative to successfully navigating our world. Be part of that success, and share your favorite titles with the Literacy and Education Committee.

With our commitment to literacy, we have adopted education as one of our primary issue focuses. Our goal is to improve public education and literacy by advocating grassroots support for education reform and taking direct action to improve literacy. We use our network of members to promote high standards, accountability, flexibility, local control of schools, and early reading initiatives.

Whether donating a book, volunteering to mentor or read to children, or acting as a literacy/education advocate, each of us has something of value to contribute to the literacy effort. By continuing to work together on this critical issue, we can ensure an educated citizenry of the future.

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to Marzee Woodward who was elected to serve as Recording Secretary to fill unexpired term.

36 members renewed their membership for 2023 at our January meeting! That is great news and a terrific start towards our goal of 100 members this year. Please consider renewing at the February meeting or mail yours in. Membership application is attached.

Welcome

To New Members Patty Compton, Marie Davis, Cindi Maher, Kim Sandman and Judi Nelson



Membership Form



Republican Women of Rutherford County (RWRC) 2023 Application for Membership

Name _____ Renewal ___ New Member ___

Street Address _____

City _____ State ___ ZIP _____

Telephone (H) _____ (C) _____

Email _____

Membership Dues: \$35.00 \$ _____
Associate Member Dues: \$35.00 \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

Payment options:

- Check – Please make payable to RWRC
- Cash

Please bring **Completed Application Form** and payment to an upcoming RWRC meeting
OR mail to: RWRC - 111 E. Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Please check all Committees that interest you:

- Americanism
- Armed Services
- Bylaws
- Budget/Finance
- Caring for America
- Campaign Management School
- Chaplain
- Christmas Party/Fundraise
- Club achievement awards
- Community Services
- Leadership development
- Legislation/Research - Informs of current legislative actions Elections/Verify & maintain campaign hours submitted by members
- Literacy and Education
- Parliamentarian
- Programs
- Public Relations /Publicity/Communications – Notices, press releases, Newsletter, Website, Facebook

Ladies Day on the Hill- Save the Date



Come celebrate Past, Present and Future Generations of Republican Women!

Every year, hundreds of federated women's club members from across the state gather at the beautiful Tennessee Capitol to hear from our General Assembly leaders and then enjoy fellowship and lunch with featured speakers at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel. In appreciation for the hard work of our state senators and representatives, each club is encouraged to invite and treat your state senator and representative to lunch! This year, we'd also love to invite young ladies (under 18) to participate as honorary Sergeants-at-Arms during the Chamber Session.

EVENT SCHEDULE

9 am - Registration & Coffee in the House Chamber Lobby

10 am - House Chamber Program with General Assembly Leaders

11 am - Clubs dismissed by Grand Division (East, Middle, West) for group photos on the Historic Capitol Staircase

Noon - Luncheon at the Downtown Doubletree

Clubs that desire to stay for a House or Senate session on Monday evening are encouraged to arrange for activities of interest in the afternoon; such as a meeting with their legislators or a Capitol tour. General Assembly sessions typically begin at 5 pm on Monday evenings.

Luncheon Registration

Clubs register their attendees on one form and return payment per the form instructions.

\$60 reservation (by February 15th)
\$70 reservation (Feb 15th - March 6th)

Optional shuttle service between the hotel and the Capitol is available at \$10 per person.

Hotel Info:

A limited number of rooms for March 26th and/or 27th has been reserved at a block rate (\$230 plus tax and parking).

Nashville Downtown DoubleTree
315 4th Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-1693

Deadline for individual hotel reservations is

February 24th:
1-800-222-8733
Group Code: TFR

Cordially, the Cumberland County Republican Women's Club - 2023 LDOH host

Letter from our NFRW President

A Message from the President

Why Are You a Republican?

Last week I represented NFRW at the Republican National Committee meeting in California's Orange County. On Friday, we heard from **Kellyanne Conway**, a professional pollster, best-selling author, political strategist and inspirational speaker.



Kellyanne Conway talks about messaging with NFRW President Eileen Sobjack at the 2023 RNC Winter Meeting

Kellyanne challenged us to develop our personal message. She made an excellent point that we all need to heed. She said you must do your part to get out your message. You need to be ready with your seven-second answer, your 70-second answer and your seven-minute answer to why you are a Republican.

As Republican women, each of us is an ambassador. Our message provides an opportunity to share the principles of our great nation and the work we do to preserve our freedoms.

What is your story? Why are you a Republican? What difference are you making for your country, state, and community?

If we only focus on what is wrong with our country, we aren't providing an alternative. American people need hope! They need to hear our message, our story, and why we all must remain committed to making a difference.

Start practicing your message. In fact, how about practicing in front of other Republican Women friends? Make it a club activity.

Let's be a strong and decisive voice for Republican principles.

Eileen Soljack

Upcoming Dates

February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday

February 20 - Presidents' Day

February 22 - Washington's Birthday

March 21 - RWRC meeting - Pamela Furr of WTN, 99.7 Talk Radio

March 27 - Ladies Day on the Hill - invitation attached - deadline extended to Feb 22