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### REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY - July 18, 2023 6 PM - CARRIAGE LANE INN

Reservations due July 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 as we welcome Aaron Gulbransen, Executive Director of the Tennessee Faith and Freedom Coalition, and official guest host of the Tennessee Star Report

Recently, Mr. Gulbransen was on stage at the Faith & Freedom Coalition's Road to Majority Conference in Washington, DC with President Trump and during another portion of the conference introduced Tennessee's U. S. Senators.

Bring a friend and help us reach our goal of 100 members! It is within reach!



# June Speaker Recap

On Tuesday May 16, 2023, the Republican Women of Rutherford County met at Carriage Lane Inn for their monthly meeting with Tre Hargett as their speaker. There were 42 people present with 34 members and 8 guests. First Vice President Karen Hudson introduced Tennessee's Secretary of State Tre Hargett. He talked about lines of succession in state government with him being fourth in line of succession to the Governor.

The State of Tennessee is number one in election integrity in the state. In 2020 many persons worked together to develop a plan concerning how to make elections secure during covid. Hargett talked about how the Democrats overstepped their bounds during the last election and gave the Paterson City Elections as an example. He said google this to see the fraud in the last election. Examples of Tennessee's plans are: The State has a photo ID law to vote. Drop boxes are not allowed in Tennessee as a way for people to drop off their votes. In Tennessee you are responsible for your own ballot. The State does not allow ballot trafficking. People must register 30 days before an election. People must verify signatures on absentee ballots and the State has watermark ballots. The election machines are not connected to the internet. Early voting votes cannot be counted until Election Day. There is not funny business that occurs in Tennessee over voting.

There was a Question and Answer Time. A question was asked about how the number of election machines is determined. At the last election Rutherford County had a big turn-out. There was a discussion about absentee ballot counting. Hargett shared his work with libraries and the archive in the state. He discussed the importance of not having the federal government involved in elections. He said the biggest challenge and accomplishment is culture – "We have always done it that way" is the mentality he faces and must work around.

Our speaker closed by exhorting us that we need to encourage people to get out and vote.

Submitted by Secretary, Marzee Woodward

# **June Photos**





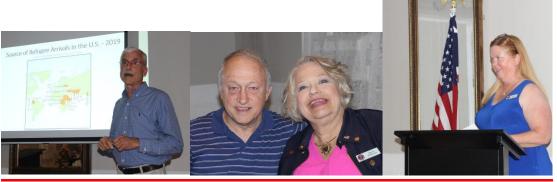
















## Just Being Red, White, and Blue

My husband, W. D. and I have had the good fortune to see almost all of these 50 states of our magnificent nation. We feel blessed for that and never tire of its splendor.

In recent travels we got to watch the firework's display of a Pennsylvannia Fourth of July celebration. We enjoyed the show but earlier that day we heard an alarming bit of research. It seems most young people have no idea why we celebrate Independence Day or the Fourth. I know that as a retired teacher it was definitely taught in our school systems. So what is happening?

Maybe as families we are not embracing our country's history or as parties we are focusing on our divide. We forget that we are a unified nation and become parties of red or blue. Whatever the case, children must hear that the Declaration of Independence was signed declaring our freedom as an independent nation and we celebrate this on July 4th.

So sometimes let's not be a nation of red or blue but a nation of red, white and blue.

Submitted by Marzee Woodward

# **Scholarship Opportunity**



### BEYOND THE VOTE

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of "Beyond the Vote" is to provide financial assistance for the education of Republican women majoring in Political Science or Pre-law at an accredited college with the intention of using their education for furtherance of Republican Politics and the Law.

Funds SHALL NOT be used for contribution to candidates running for political office.

### REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE:

- 1. Female
- 2. Voting Republican, must belong and be active participant in local Republican TFRW club
- 3. Rising Junior or Senior in Accredited College or University majoring in Political Science or Pre-Law
- 4. Minimum 3.5 GPA
- 5. Have a record of community/political service and honors
- 6. Have two (2) letters of recommendation
- Submit an essay of 500 words or less on "How the 19th Amendment has enhanced women's opportunities for leadership."
  - a. What is the impact the 19th Amendment has had on applicant as a young woman?

### SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION:

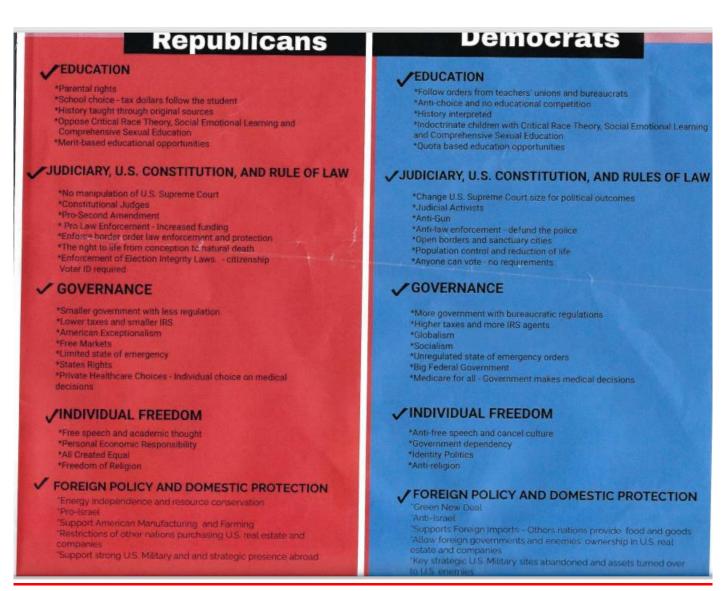
- Selections will be made based on GPA, recommendations and extracurricular activities and demonstrated leadership and the personal ability to motivate self and others.
- Number of scholarships and amount to be determined by the Beyond the Vote Committee before the TFRW Biennial Convention
- Deadline for submission of applications and essay is <u>August 1, 2023.</u>
- Selection of the winning essay to be determined within two weeks of deadline date.
- Presentation of the scholarship to be awarded in the hosting city at the TFRW Biennial Convention

# **Membership Update**



Membership is at 78 so we are climbing towards 100! We still have some renewals out there. And we are always welcoming new members.

Welcome Cathy Youree, Jennifer Farley and Nancy Cline as new members



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

July 15 - Tennessee Republican Party Statesmen's Dinner

July 18 - RWRC meeting

August 15- RWRC meeting - Congressman Scott DesJarlais

September 28-October 1 -NFRW national convention, Oklahoma City

October 20-21 TFRW state convention, Pickwick Landing