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## REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY – May 16, 2023 6 PM – CARRIAGE LANE INN

We look forward to welcoming Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett at our monthly meeting tomorrow night.



\*\*\* \$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

# April Speaker Recap

## April 2023 Meeting Re-cap

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, the Rutherford County Republican Women met at Carriage Lane Inn for our monthly meeting. We were thrilled to have as our speaker Pamela Furr, a radio personality with SuperTalk 99.7 WTN. Pamela was a great speaker with a great deal of knowledge on a variety of subjects. She talked about the Legislative Season and the embarrassments that were recently encountered partly by the Bullhorn Three, who were all Democrats. She shared information about the protests that are continually occurring in Nashville and how we must work hard as Republicans to engage our young voters in our party. She ended her comments by encouraging the crowd with hope from the Bible and a reminder of how our Founding Fathers were not afraid to fight against the tyranny they faced. We must be strong and not afraid to fight for our beliefs, too.

Ms. Furr then took questions from the large crowd and covered topics such as Phil Valentine, the Covenant School shooting, her own work and passions, and how we must as conservatives take a stand against this Woke culture. Ideas that Pamela shared for taking a stand are: demand the truth; arm yourself with information; try to mend fences and make the conversation flow between both political parties. It was a great, well- attended meeting with 49 present. We hope more will be attend our May meeting to hear Secretary of State Tre Hargett.



# TFRW Update



The quarterly Meeting of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women was held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Hillwood Country Club in Nashville. As always, this attendee felt energized after participating and enjoyed the great conversation and company with other Republican Women from across the state.

Deadlines were stressed for reports and scholarships. Everyone is encouraged to attend on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for the state convention at Pickwick. See Marzee for Room Code info.

The Area Vice Presidents shared their reports. This is always interesting as we hear what the other clubs are doing. Here are just a few great ideas that were shared: A. Speakers for club meeting to discuss active shooter situations. B. Speakers for club were: Scott Golden, Chair of the Tennessee Republican Party and Secretary of Homeland Security. C. Met with County Republican Chair to discuss how they can work together to grow the party in their county. D. Celebrated a week of Police Officers and served them pizza. E. Field trip to Honor Air Welcome Home Flight. F. Spaghetti supper given and tickets sold to support a scholarship the club gave. G. Fighting to remove pornographic books from libraries. H. Former military members of club did flag folding presentation in schools and played TAPS. I. Many had Lincoln Day Dinner and did a variety of Veterans activities as their Caring for America Activity. J. Others invited Speaker Sexton to share about the experience the Bullhorn Three played in the House. K. One club did an extensive workshop on how to contact your Legislators and the Bills before the House and Senate, etc. L. Another club worked with Wreaths Across America all year long. M. One club donated a \$1,000 to feeding people during the tornado that hit their area. N. And finally, one club donated books appropriate for children to their local library.

Finally, our membership numbers are important! We get one delegate for voting at convention per every ten members. Let's grow! Think about who were previous members. Ask them to come back. The state motto is "Bring a Friend, Make a Friend, Be a Friend." We can do this!

Respectfully submitted by Marzee Woodward  
Secretary

# County Executive Committee

The Republican Party of Rutherford County held its Reorganization Meeting, Saturday, April 29, at the Lane Agri-culture center. A slate of Officers and Directors at Large were voted upon by the delegates.

To hold a position on the County Executive Committee, the candidate(s) must have voted in 3 out of 4 statewide primaries AND have been actively involved in the TNGOP or Local GOP. These measures are defined as "time spent" or "monetary measures" per the State By-Laws.

The By-Laws of the Tn. Republican Party are specific to what it takes to run as a Republican when determining to "pull" a petition for signatures to qualify as a candidate. "The purpose and objectives of the County Executive Committee shall be to adopt such rules and measures as may best promote the success and broaden the base of the Republican Party of Rutherford County". It is to be organized for political purposes, and to solicit and encourage the citizens of Rutherford County to participate and support the party.

It was a very pleasant and enthusiastic gathering. Most of our state legislative delegation was there: State Senators Dawn White and Shane Reeves; Representatives Tim Rudd and Robert Stevens. Each spoke of the current session's accomplishments and challenges.

Austin Maxwell was re-elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Rutherford County Executive Committee for 2023-2025, as were the current officers: Dixie Phillips, Vice; Les Gray Treasurer; DeWayne Sadler, Vice Treasurer; and Warren Dickinson, Secretary. Also elected were Vice Secretary Frances Rosales, current Republican School Board member and new to the EC. Directors at Large who were re-elected were 49th Eric Brown, 34th Bill Harper, 13th Lagene Lee. New Directors at Large elected were 37th Shawn Wright and 48th Claire Maxwell. The slate was elected by acclamation.

RWRC members serving on the Executive Committee are Dixie Phillips, Lagene Lee, and Claire Maxwell.

Andrea Calfee served as the RWRC representative on the Contest and Credentials Committee.

Submitted by Dixie Phillips and Andrea Calfee

# COMMITTEE CORNER

Please say a thank you to Cindy Bjork who has stepped up to chair the Literacy and Education Committee! And consider joining her committee to help her out and support our club



COMMITTEE NEEDS - still need chairs for By-laws, Caring for America, a Parliamentarian, and Membership! [Contactrwc@yahoo.com](mailto:Contactrwc@yahoo.com) if you are willing to help your club out. There will be time after the meeting next week for committees to informally meet.

## Membership Update



Membership is at 71 so we are climbing towards 100! We still have some renewals out there. And we are always welcoming new members.



# Ladies Day on the Hill



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Mark Your Calendar dates

May 16 - RWRC meeting - Secretary of State Tre Hargett

May 20 - Armed Services Day - project by Armed Services Committee

May 29 - Memorial Day

June 14- Flag Day

June 20 - RWRC meeting - Don Barnett , Center for Immigration Studies