

AUGUST 2024

# RWRC NEWS

MEMBER OF THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN



## AUGUST MEETING INVITE

AUGUST 20, 2024 6PM

CARRIAGE LANE INN - 337 East Burton Street

You are invited to join us for a delicious dinner and to hear from William Lamberth, the House Majority Leader, Tennessee General Assembly.

Lamberth will share upcoming issues, what they hope to accomplish, where things stand from the last session, and his role as House Majority Leader.

Reservations and meal payments are due by August 15 at 5 pm. You can sign up and prepay by clicking the link below:



[RWRC Meeting Reservations](#)

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# JULY MEETING RECAP

*Taken from July meeting minutes*

The speaker for July was Joe Carr, Rutherford County Mayor.

Mayor Carr explained his job duties and answered questions about issues affecting our communities, such as multi-family housing, impact fees, and the county landfill.

He also shared important information about the city of Murfreesboro. It is the fastest growing city in the state of Tennessee, with 6,000-7,000 new residents each year.

People move here for the education system, and conservative ideals and values.



L to R, first row: W.D. Woodward, Lynda Ytzen, Marcia Jones, Cindy Bjork, Liz Bouma  
L to R, second row: Lynn Clayton, Deborah Arvin, Benita Carpenter, Suzanne Kramer, Melody Holton, Brenda Baggett, Gary Baggett, Elaine Jones' son, Elaine Jones, Karen Hudson, Roger Hudson, Patty Cole, Bush Cole, Lisa Elder  
L to R, bottom row: Cindi Maher, Lynn Clayton, Marcia Jones, Judy Houchens, Mayor Joe Carr, Valerie DeHoff, Theresa Cole

# GET OUT THE VOTE RALLY

Thank you to everyone who showed up to support the Get out the Vote Rally at Republican Headquarters on July 22, 2024!

RWRC joined the Rutherford County GOP, and Representatives Bryan Terry, MD and Mike Sparks, for a tremendous time of camaraderie and information sharing, meeting local and state candidates and learning how we can help encourage our communities to get out and vote!

Here are just a few pictures of RWRC members 



Featured here: Rep. Mike Sparks  
Rep. Charlie Baum, Senator Dawn White,  
City Council Candidate Matt Herriman,  
Cheryl Terry, Anna Tidwell, Frances Rosales,  
School Board Candidate Caleb Tidwell  
City Councilman and candidate Shawn  
Wright, Dixie Phillips, Lora Wright, School  
Board member Claire Maxwell, Cindi Maher

# RED SHOE BOOK CLUB

*Submitted by Cindy Bjork, Chair*

Our morning and evening book clubs met on July 15th and 17th in the homes of Patricia Hardage and Cindy Bjork to discuss Victor Davis Hanson's *The Dying Citizen*.

We talked about how Hanson dissected the whole idea of citizenship and discussed all of the forces that have combined and contributed to the erosion of the meaning of citizenship.

Here are just a handful of eye-opening facts that are shared in his book:

- Fifty-eight percent of Americans have less than \$1,000 in the bank.
- One fifth of America receives direct government public assistance.
- Nearly half of the nation's homeless live in California!
- The US pays the largest member share of the NATO budget (22%).
- By 2018, the US alone accounted for 69% of total defense spending by all NATO member states.
- Inter-racial crime is quite rare. 84% of white murder victims and 93% of black murder victims are killed by criminals of their own race, and the person most likely to kill you is your ex-wife or ex-husband. When inter-racial crimes do occur, whites are at least as likely to be the targets as are minorities.

## Committee Members:

Cindy Bjork, Chair  
Patricia Hardage  
Lynda Ytzen  
Belinda Juergen  
Elaine Alexander  
Judy Rickman

L to R: Lynn Clayton, Marcia Jones, Liz Bouma, Cindy Bjork, Karen Hudson, Angela Bell



Our next Book Club selection is J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy*. Secure your book soon, as some websites have them on backorder.

*Dates for the next book club meetings will be announced at a later date.*



L to R: Marcia Jones, Liz Bouma, Cindy Bjork, Angela Bell, Lynn Clayton



The purpose of a Red Shoe Book Club:  
"To increase our knowledge, and share understanding of important Republican issues and our American heritage."

# CARING FOR AMERICA

## JOINT CARING FOR AMERICA AND ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE EVENT

Can your business, church, or group help us wrap gifts?

The Kids Wrapping Day event on July 12th was a HUGE success! We want to say THANK YOU to all the kids and parents who showed up and wrapped every single August birthday gift! (See snapshots below)

We are looking for groups, churches, businesses, etc., who can sign up for wrap parties to finish out our year. We have openings in September, October, November, and December.

Whether your group is 4 people or 40, you can help us get birthday gifts wrapped for the amazing children of A Soldier's Child Foundation!

We are flexible to work with your schedule, and you can wrap at our office or we can bring all the gifts and supplies to you. Our shopping days are the first Tuesday of every month (except November):

September 3rd

October 1st

November 12th (Tuesday the 5th is Election Day--go vote!)

December 3rd

Once the shopping is finished each month, we can coordinate with you which day works best for your group to wrap.

Get in touch with Andrew Fendrich, Operations Administrator, to secure your wrap party date at [andrew@asoldierschild.org](mailto:andrew@asoldierschild.org) or call 615-220-1600.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The NFRW Homeland Security Committee and TexasFRW have compiled a list of items that our Border Patrol Agents need to make their difficult jobs easier.

All you need to do is click [HERE](#) and you will be directed to Amazon where you can pick from a wide range of items that are desperately needed and they will be shipped directly to the processing team.

1. Select the items you wish to purchase
2. Add them to your cart
3. Click "Proceed to Check Out"
4. Make sure the shipping address selected is "Deborah Wall-Border Care Project" (this should come up automatically)
5. Select your payment method
6. Then click "Place your order"
7. Items will be shipped directly to the processing team.

If you have any questions, please email Deborah Wall at [Debmwall@gmail.com](mailto:Debmwall@gmail.com).



# TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

## BARBARA MCANDREW IRIS FUND



**You are invited to join us for our Biennial Luncheon and Silent Auction in conjunction with TNFRW Board Meetings.**

Held Saturday, August 10, 2024

Hillwood Country Club, Nashville, TN

\$60/person

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Beth Halteman Harwell, member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority and former Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

### SCHEDULE:

**8:30 a.m.** CENTRAL time Executive Committee Meeting

(All federated Republican Women's Club members are encouraged and welcome to attend.)

**11:30 a.m.** Barbara McAndrew Iris Fund Silent Auction

**11:45 a.m.** Barbara McAndrew Iris Fund LUNCHEON - \$60.

**Please RSVP no later than Saturday, August 3, to Lyna Medlock at [lynamed@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynamed@bellsouth.net) or call 901-268-6726.**

Make checks payable to the Barbara McAndrew Iris Fund or the Iris Fund.

Mail checks to:

7629 Foster Ridge, Germantown, TN 38138.

Or Pay by Zelle, use [lynamed@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynamed@bellsouth.net)

Agenda items need to be emailed to TNFRW President Sharon Boreing at [rocknhill@comcast.net](mailto:rocknhill@comcast.net) no later than Monday, August 3, 2024.

*\*\*Please note, all Board of Directors meeting reports, including Area Vice President reports, shall be limited to two minutes. You will be timed. Please prepare your report with that two-minute limitation in mind.\*\**

# CAMPAIGN CORNER

*Submitted by Rhonda Wiser, Campaign Chair*



Donald J. Trump was nominated as The Republican Presidential Candidate at the Republican National Convention in July 2024 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He named J.D. Vance as his Vice President running mate. The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) supports President Donald J. Trump and J.D. Vance. #TrumpVance2024

The 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump said, “Fear Not - I am Donald Trump and I Will Make America Great Again!”

President Joe Biden withdrew from the Presidential race in July. Vice President Kamala Harris earned enough delegate support to become the Democratic nominee for the Democrat National Convention in August 2024.

The Trump Campaign is attempting to highlight Ms. Harris’ liberal record as attorney general and senator during her term in California as well as Vice President. The Democrats will likely gain enthusiasm because of her selection.

The Trump campaign encourages Republicans not to be complacent and to **FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!**

**Download the GoVoteTN app for election information or to become a poll watcher at <https://pollworkers.govotetn.com/>**

The next Murfreesboro Municipal Election to elect Murfreesboro’s governing body (mayor and city council) along with state and federal congress will be on August 1, 2024. Visit Voter - Rutherford County, TN at [rutherfordcountyttn.gov](http://rutherfordcountyttn.gov) for a sample ballot, absentee voting information, early voting information and more.

*NOTE:* Shawn Wright and Matt Herriman are the only candidates with a 100% Republican voting record. You do not HAVE to vote for three. Let’s get these two strong Republicans on our Council.

The General Election (US ELECTION DAY) is on November 5, 2024.  
Voter Registration Deadline Monday, October 7, 2024  
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline Tuesday, October 29, 2024  
Early Voting Wednesday, October 16 – Thursday, October 31, 2024

Lara Trump and The Republican National Convention recommend voting early to “Bank your vote: Vote early!”

# CAMPAIGN CORNER (CONT.)

Submitted by Rhonda Wiser, Campaign Chair

## Voter Integrity

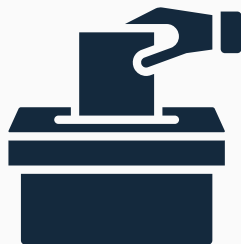
The Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee (RNC) plans to have more than 100,000 attorneys and volunteers in battleground states to monitor vote counts.

The Trump campaign will offer training sessions and attorneys will be prepared to address any concerns.

Source: *The Hill.com*

### Resource Sites:

- [2024 Key Dates.pdf \(tnsosgovfiles.com\)](#)
- <https://election.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/>
- [Voter - Rutherford County, TN \(rutherfordcountyttn.gov\)](#)
- [GoVoteTN - Information for Voters | Tennessee Secretary of State](#)
- [Republican National Committee | RNC](#)
- [Home | Tennessee Secretary of State \(tn.gov\)](#)
- [Election - Rutherford County, TN \(rutherfordcountyttn.gov\)](#)



BE SURE EVERYONE YOU KNOW IS REGISTERED TO VOTE!

\*You can vote at any polling location.

POSTER: REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE. TENNESSEE RANKED #1 IN ELECTION INTEGRITY. TENNESSEE ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION #GOVOTETN. Registering to vote, updating your address, or checking your registration status is easy, fast, and secure at GoVoteTN.gov. You must present a current or expired photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government when you vote in person. College student IDs and IDs issued by local governments or other states are not accepted. Learn more about exemptions and how to get a free photo ID at GoVoteTN.gov. Download the GoVoteTN app to find information on: VOTER REGISTRATION, ELECTED OFFICIALS, POLLING LOCATIONS, CANDIDATE LIST, ELECTION RESULTS. 1-877-850-4959 GoVoteTN.gov

POSTER: ELECTION INFORMATION 2024. TENNESSEE RANKED #1 IN ELECTION INTEGRITY. Tennessee Secretary of State. Social media handles: @TennesseeSecretaryofState, @tnsecofstate, @tnsecofstate, @TennesseeSecretaryofState.

Dates & Deadlines	March 5 Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary Election	August 1 State and Federal Primary & State and County General Election	Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election
Voter Registration Deadline	Feb. 5	July 2	Oct. 7
Early Voting Period	Feb. 14-27	July 12-27	Oct. 16-31
Absentee Deadline	Feb. 27	July 25	Oct. 29
Election Day	March 5	August 1	Nov. 5



# POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN HOURS

RWRC WILL FOLLOW THE BELOW REMINDERS FROM THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN (TNFRW) ON RECORDING VOLUNTEER HOURS:

## Examples of Volunteer Calls:

- Scheduling Meetings, Events, or Speakers
- Ballot Questions or Initiatives
- Calls to Action for Issues and/or Legislative Activities
- Campaign Calls
- Polling Calls

## Political and Campaign Volunteer Hours Include (where applicable):

1. Travel time to and from the activity
2. Research and development of the activity (example: social media posts / letters to the editor)
3. Preparation and breakdown of activity

Hours collected are on a best estimate basis. Round up to the closest whole hour.

Primary and Associate member hours should be counted. When in doubt count the hour.

## Examples of Volunteer Activities:

- Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at NRW club meetings, attending all Republican events such as Reagan Day Dinner, GOP Nashville monthly breakfasts, and Region, State, and National Federation meetings and conventions
- Running for office
- Serving on committees
- Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican office
- Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican candidate or elected official's office
- Working as an Election Officer, Poll Watcher, Challenger, or Election Integrity worker
- Organizing, teaching, or attending a Campaign Management School
- All campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or the Federation
- Time spent making political and campaign calls

**Thank you to Rhonda Wiser RWRC Campaign Chair for sharing this important information.**



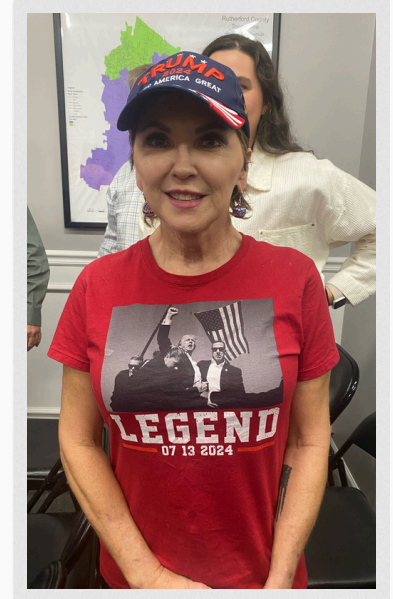
[RWRC Volunteer Hours Link](#)

# IMPORTANT INFO, DATES, AND UPDATES

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- August 1 - Election Day!
- August 10 - TNFRW Iris Luncheon. Pre paid ticket required, \$60. Hillwood Country Club, Nashville, TN
- August 20 - RWRC meeting with House Majority Leader, William Lamberth
  
- September 13 - Senator Marsha Blackburn lunch. Paid ticket required. Sponsored by County GOP. Murfreesboro Airport
- September 17 - RWRC meeting, speaker to be announced
- September 17 - Constitution Day
  
- October 11 - Membership Celebration at the home of Donna Barrett
- December 5 - RWRC Christmas Celebration and Fundraiser

Cindy Richter assisted with Armed Services Day. She went to the Farmers Market and was an “elephant wrangler.” In other words, she pointed people to the Republican Headquarters! Thank you, Cindy!




## TNFRW DINNER PHOTOS!



RWRC member Lynne Davis (second from right); Sharon Boreing (TNFRW President, middle with red jacket)



  
*The National Federation of Republican Women Luncheon with Governor Sarah Sanders*  
 The Pfister Hotel  
 Grand Ballroom  
 424 E Wisconsin Ave,  
 Milwaukee, WI 53202  
 11:15 AM  
 Tuesday, July 16th, 2024

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**Tennessee Federation of Republican Women**  
 Sharon Boreing  
 Julia Atchley-Pace  
 Deborah Bailey  
 Barbara Boswell  
 Virginia Bredlove  
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 Lynn Davis  
 Chrissy Hagerty  
 Lizabeth Lowe  
 Angie McClamahan  
 Patti Possel

# REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY

THE MISSION OF THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY IS TO SPREAD CONSERVATIVE VALUES THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND POLICY.

As Republicans who want to make a difference for this country, visit and save as a favorite [www.rutherfordgop.org](http://www.rutherfordgop.org).

Here you can join, sign up for the monthly newsletter, and find resources for voting and other important Republican party information.

**CHECK THESE OTHER SITES TO INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS SO THE REPUBLICANS WIN IN 2024!**

**[tn.bankyourvote.com](http://tn.bankyourvote.com)**:

Vote early to Bank Your Vote which will help beat Joe Biden, stop the Democrats, hold the house, take back the senate and take the White House.

**[SOS.tn.gov](http://SOS.tn.gov)**:

Tennessee Secretary of State, Tre Hargett, provides the easiest way for Tennessee voters to find all info needed for voting (such as when and where to vote, Election Day polling locations, sample ballots to view and mark, elected officials, districts and more) and encourages downloading the GoVoteTN app through the App Store or Google Play.

## WHAT ARE OUR CLUB GOALS?

- ✓ Increase women's effectiveness in the cause of good Government
- ✓ Promote an informed public through Political Education Activity
- ✓ Loyalty to the Republican Party



A special thank you to Murfreesboro Flower Shop and Copper Ridge event venue for their support of many organizations in our county including your local Republican Party of Rutherford County, and the Republican Women of Rutherford County. Please consider Murfreesboro Flower Shoppe for your floral needs.

## 2024-2026 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

### OFFICERS:

Karen Hudson, President  
Deborah Arvin, First Vice-President  
Brenda Baggett, Second Vice-President  
Marzee Woodward, Secretary  
Theresa Cole, Treasurer

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

AMERICANISM, Marcia Jones  
ARMED SERVICES, Melody Holton  
BYLAWS, Tammy Rettig  
BUDGET, Cindi Maher  
CAMPAIGN, Rhonda Wisner  
CARING FOR AMERICA, Lisa Dickinson  
CHAPLAIN, Deborah Arvin  
FUNDRAISING CHAIR, Marzee Woodward  
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MEMBERSHIP, Judy Houchens  
PARLIAMENTARIAN, Joyce Taylor  
PROGRAM, Karen Hudson  
PUBLIC RELATIONS, Suzie Schulenberg AND Karen  
Ferguson (newsletter editor)  
WEBMASTER, Suzie Schulenberg

Time to renew your  
membership or join as  
a new member

Here is a link for a quick  
and easy way to complete  
your application online!  
[RWRC](#)

If you prefer to send by  
mail, please print  
membership application  
and mail to:

RWRC  
Attn: Theresa Cole  
1935 Ivy Glen Drive,  
Murfreesboro, TN 37128

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STRONG AND GROWING!

