

APRIL 2024

RWRC NEWS

MEMBER OF THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF
REPUBLICAN WOMEN



APRIL MEETING INVITE

APRIL 16, 2024 6PM

CARRIAGE LANE INN - 337 East Burton Street

You are invited to join us for a delicious dinner and to hear from Jonathan Beverly, District 6 County Commissioner.

Jonathan serves as a first term commissioner on the Rutherford County Commission representing District 6. He has spent years working as a law enforcement officer with Smyrna Police Department, small business owner, and volunteers with non-profits.

"All politics is local" is a phrase often heard. Come hear from one of our newest local officeholders, elected in 2022. He will share his experiences as a new commissioner and what's happening in our county government.



Reservations and meal payments are due by April 12, 2024 at 5 pm. You can sign up and prepay by clicking the link below:



[RWRC Meeting Reservations](#)

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Submitted by Marzee Woodward

MARCH MEETING RECAP

The speaker for the evening was Joshua Rosales, Director of Middle Tennessee and Rutherford County Latinos For Tennessee. Mr. Rosales shared information about Latinos for Tennessee and encouraged all of us to work hard to keep Tennessee red. Some of the things Latinos for Tennessee is doing to make a difference are: going into churches and registering those who can vote to vote; getting young people active in government by teaching them about their government such as at Blackman High School; and helping Hispanic families who cannot speak English fill out school forms.

Mr. Rosales uses identify, educate, and activate to get Latinos for Tennessee involved. He believes we must stand united; we must not break; we must not bow; we must keep Tennessee red. We must keep trying to move the needle every day to where we are standing for what is right and good.

L to R: Joshua Rosales, Karen Hudson



Submitted by Tennessee Federation of Republican Women, Sharon Boreing, President

LADIES DAY ON THE HILL!



Nashville, TN -- Every year, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) invites all club members from across the state to visit the state legislature. TFRW President Sharon Boreing convened the more than **300 women** in the House of Representatives chamber to hear speakers followed by a luncheon and speakers at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown Nashville. State Senator Steve Southerland, Representative Jeremy Faison, Representative Rick Eldridge, Representative Mary Littleton, and Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton all addressed the group while in chamber. Club members gathered on the steps of the Capitol for a group photograph.

At the luncheon that followed, GOP Chair Scott Golden spoke on the Republican win in 2024 and its importance for the Nation. The keynote speaker was US Senator Bill Hagerty who addressed the group on the effects of the border crisis.

The Tennessee Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) is a grassroots volunteer political group organized to promote Republican values and to help Republican candidates be elected. TFRW is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) which was founded in 1938 and has over 75,000 members engaged in building leaders and energizing communities to keep America strong. Since its founding in 1955, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women has championed the cause of engaging, educating and empowering women in the political process and providing a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political and civic arenas.

RWRC PICTURES!





Tickets now available at angel.com/sight **Angel Studios will release "Sight" in theaters Fri 5/24**

"Sight" (www.drmingwang.com) tickets are at a HUGE savings of 67% off right now (\$5 instead of \$15), at angel.com/sight, for the Fri 5/24 "Sight" opening night! And this special deal may go away at any time!

On 5/24 Fri (Memorial Day weekend), "Sight" will be released in theaters across North America, by Angel Studios (which distributed "The Chosen" and "Sound of Freedom")! Based on Dr. Ming Wang's autobiography "From Darkness to Sight", the film "Sight" is about freedom, faith and common ground!

Ming Wang, Harvard & MIT (MD, magna cum laude); PhD (laser physics)
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

From the Armed Services and Caring for America Committees



APRIL SHOPPING IS A CCAP EVENT!

Shopping at Walmart on April 9th starts at 9 a.m.

For the month of April, we have a local company taking charge of the shopping trip at Walmart for a corporate volunteer (CCAP) event.

Our shopping event will start at **9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9th**, in the Garden Center at the Walmart on Old Fort Parkway in Murfreesboro.

All volunteers are welcome to join, if you can make it at 9:00 a.m.

But if you show up at the usual time of 4:00 p.m., we will not be there!! :)

If you can't make the April event, we hope to see you in May. We will be back to our usual schedule, Tuesday May 7th, 4:00 p.m. in the Garden Center.

If you have any questions, contact Andrew Fendrich, Operations Administrator, 615-220-1600



We are a group of energetic women who are concerned about upholding conservative values in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, the State of Tennessee and the United States of America.

WE MEET THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.



LITERACY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

RED SHOE BOOK CLUB NEWS:

Come join us as we discuss Mark Levin's *The Democrat Party Hates America*. Even if you did not previously sign up to join us you are still welcome!

Participants have two choices for Book Club Meetings. Light refreshments will be served at each meeting.

***Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

Cindy Bjork's home
2634 English Hill Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130
(615) 202-5313

***Wednesday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m.**

Patricia Hardage's home
4858 Chelanie Circle, Murfreesboro, TN 37129
(214) 695-7898
Patricia's home is a townhouse, so she has asked that you park in the overflow parking and not on the street.

LITERACY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cindy Bjork, Chair; Patricia Hardage; Lynda Ytzen



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

JOURNEY HOME DONATIONS: Thank you to everyone who brought books to our March monthly meeting. We will continue to collect gently used children's books and adult books at our April meeting. We are also accepting donations of children's coloring and activity books. These are for the children to use while Journey Home counselors meet with parents of the children.

Submitted by Rhonda Wisner

CAMPAIGN CORNER

Winners of the local Murfreesboro City Municipal elections on March 5, 2024 were as follow:

Assessor or Property: Rob Mitchell defeated Virgil Gammon

School Board Zone 2: Stan Vaught defeated Nicholas Rourke.

School Board Zone 3: Caleb Tidwell defeated Tim Holden.

School Board Zone 6: Butch Vaughn defeated Chase Williams.

Former President Donald J. Trump is the Presumptive Presidential Republican nominee.

FROM A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE:

Lara Trump, Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee has said Republicans must expand our house majority, retake the Senate, and take back the White House!

All Republicans must stand together and support AMERICA FIRST candidates with

Conservative values that make America great. She and the Republican National Committee also encourage each of us to BANK OUR VOTE—vote early!!

EARLY VOTING: No reason is needed to vote early. If needed, the voter may change his/her address or name while voting early. Inactive voters can also be reactivated. Voters need to bring a state or federal government issued ID with them. On the last day of early voting, machines will be sealed and taken to a secure location. Early voting results will be tallied after closing of the polls at 7:00 p.m. on election night.

Remember to exercise your privilege to vote in the elections noted below:

August 1, 2024 - State & Federal Primary, Rutherford County General Election and Murfreesboro City Municipal elections to elect Murfreesboro's governing body, Mayor and City Council for 4-year staggered terms. The Mayor and City Council are chosen at large in non-partisan elections held in August of even numbered years.

Last day to register: July 2, 2024

Absentee by mail voting period: May 3, 2024 through July 25, 2024

Early voting period: July 12, 2024 through July 27, 2024

November 5, 2024 - State and Federal General Election

Last day to register: October 7, 2024

Absentee by mail voting period: August 7, 2024 through October 29, 2024

Early voting period: October 16, 2024 through October 31, 2024

Please urge your friends and family to register to vote and then to VOTE!

Resource Sites:

<https://election.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/>

<https://tn.gov>

<https://rnc.org/>

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN (TFRW)

Thank you to the TFRW Legislative Committee: Chair Barbarba Boswell and Committee Members, Gina Clark, Patricia Underwood, and Pam Farino.

The last half of the 113th Tennessee General Assembly reconvened on January 9, 2024. Approximately 3000 bills have been filed in this 2023-24 session. Some have made it through the process and have been signed into law. Some have fallen by the wayside. Some will be re-introduced in the next session. **This report includes a sampling of bills that are currently in the process.**

- Under the heading Environmental Preservation, a bill (HB 2063/SB 2691) is progressing that seeks to ban weather modification experimentation in the skies over Tennessee. This would include solar radiation modification, stratospheric aerosol injection and other related activities. Cloud seeding is one example of this type of activity that has been recognized as occurring since the 1960's. These activities result in harms to human health, water quality and soil viability, to name a few. Seven other states are currently considering similar legislation. Weather modification experimentation is currently legal in Tennessee.
- One of the most-talked-about pieces of legislation this year is being referred to as the school voucher bill (HB1183/SB0503). This legislation would expand the program that was put in place last year but limited to three counties that allowed parents of students who were accepted into the program to receive and use state funds to attend a school of their choosing. The current bill would expand this to 20,000 students across the state this year and further expand it in the future. There are many unanswered questions and concerns on both sides of the issue, more than space allows here to mention. Right now, the House bill is much more detailed than the Senate bill so there is a long way to go to bring these together.
- At the federal level, Senator Bill Hagerty sponsored the Equal Representation Act (S.3649), legislation intended to ensure that only legal US citizens are factored into the count for the purpose of congressional apportionment, which also determines the number of electoral votes each state has. As people continue to leave Democrat-run cities, Democrats are back-filling the loss of residents with illegal immigrants so that they do not lose their seats in Congress or their electoral votes for president. One can see how Democrat-run states are also seeking to inflate their populations by using the sanctuary designation for their states or selected cities, which could then result in an increase of their political power. If approved, this legislation would require a citizenship question be included on the census form, resulting in the ability to obtain the number of legal citizens for the purpose of redistricting. Collection of this information will also provide greater understanding of the U.S. population by providing more accurate numbers and percentages of citizens and non-citizens. Senator Marsha Blackburn is a co-sponsor on this bill.

We have a great resource in our state's user-friendly website to follow activity of the General Assembly. With just a little practice to get familiar with the options it provides, we can learn about our legislators, see what bills they sponsor or co-sponsor, read a summary or read the actual language of the bill (which I recommend), follow committee calendars and agendas, and watch videos of the House, Senate and committee sessions plus more.

[THIS LINK](#) is the door to all of these capabilities.

Let's remember to pray for our legislators. They are dealing with weighty and complex matters that require their very best efforts and energy. Prayer is one of the best ways we can support them.

IMPORTANT INFO, DATES, AND UPDATES

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

April 8 and 13 - Red Shoe Book Club

April 9 - A Soldier's Child Foundation shopping event

Caring for America & Armed Services Committees

April 16 - Library Board meeting @ 5pm. Rutherford County Courthouse - *Marzee Woodward is a board member and encourages the public to attend*

April 16 - Next RWRC meeting with Jonathan Beverly

April 27 - Spring TFRW Board meeting

April 29 - Movie Night - movie to be voted on at the April RWRC meeting

COMING UP:

August 10 - TFRW meeting and Iris luncheon

Be sure you and your friends are registered to vote by the following dates:

- By July 2, 2024 for the Murfreesboro Municipal election to elect Murfreesboro's governing body (Mayor and City Council) on August 1, 2024.
- By October 7 for the state and federal General Election on November 5, 2024.

Visit sos.tn.gov for voter registration information.

The Membership Committee designated March as "Membership March"
(Tent Cards at March Meeting)



Ladies Day on the Hill event!
Front L to R: Theresa Cole. Angela Bell.
Back L to R: Melody Holton. Judy Houchens.



Olivia Brent, a NICU nurse, came to collect NICU clothing and blankets at the RWRC monthly meeting. Thank you to all who donated!

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.

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:

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:

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.

Please send your submissions for future newsletters to Karen Ferguson at karenxferguson@gmail.com. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH.

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

2024-2026 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Elaine Jones
Belinda Juergens
Tammy Rettig

**WE ARE 84 MEMBERS
STRONG AND GROWING!**

**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!
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