

FEBRUARY 2024

RWRC NEWS

MEMBER OF THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF
REPUBLICAN WOMEN



FEBRUARY MEETING INVITE

FEBRUARY 20, 2024 6PM

CARRIAGE LANE INN - 337 East Burton Street

You are invited to join us for a delicious dinner and to hear from Justice Dwight Tarwater, the newest member of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Reservations and meal payments are due by February 16 at 5 pm. You can sign up and prepay by clicking the link below:



[RWRC Meeting Reservations](#)

RWRC Caring for America Committee (chaired by Lisa Dickinson) will accept donations at this month's meeting in support of local NICU babies. Please bring premie clothes and receiving blankets on February 20 to help these babies and their families feel a bit more "at home" while under the NICU team's care.



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JANUARY MEETING RECAP

President Karen Hudson introduced the Speaker for the evening of January 23, 2024 who was David Kiern.

David is a documentarian and created a documentary titled “I Am Israel.” David shared the fascinating story of how he got to travel to Israel and why the documentary was made. He showed clips from the movie where Israeli citizens shared information about their country and why it is important to them. In the video clip we saw the land of Israel, life of an Israeli cowboy and mother/homemaker. and why they moved to Israel. The video stresses how Israel is connected to God and the Bible.

The second movie will be released soon and focuses on Jerusalem and its importance to the Jewish people. David answered questions and shared how the Hamas/Israeli War is affecting the Jewish people.





SAVE THE DATE
*Ladies' Day
on the Hill*

MARCH 18, 2024
NASHVILLE, TN



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN ACROSS THE STATE AS WE "ROUND 'EM UP" FOR VICTORY IN 2024.

HAMLEN COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN, HOST FOR THE 2024 TFRW ANNUAL LADIES DAY ON THE HILL, ENCOURAGE YOU TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024. WE WILL HEAR FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER AT OUR BEAUTIFUL TENNESSEE CAPITOL AND THEN ENJOY A CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON AT THE DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE DOUBLETREE HOTEL.

CLUB REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER LOBBY WITH THE PROGRAM BEGINNING PROMPTLY AT 10 AM IN THE HOUSE CHAMBERS. GROUP PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AT 11 AM. THE LUNCHEON BEGINS AT 11:45 AM. 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!

HOTEL INFORMATION - A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT A BLOCK RATE FOR SUNDAY MARCH 17 AND/OR MONDAY MARCH 18. RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2024. THE COST PER ROOM IS \$223 PLUS TAX AND PARKING FEE. PLEASE USE [GROUP CODE 506](#) WHEN CALLING FOR A RESERVATION.

NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN DOUBLETREE
315 4TH AVENUE NORTH
NASHVILLE TN 37219-1693
800-222-8733

LUNCHEON - COST FOR THE LUNCHEON IS \$65 PER PERSON AND THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR LUNCH IS FEBRUARY 15, 2024. RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE UNTIL MARCH 4TH AT \$75 PER PERSON. OPTIONAL SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN THE HOTEL AND THE CAPITOL IS AVAILABLE AT \$10 PER PERSON. INFORMATION PACKETS WITH REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE EMAILED IN THE NEXT IRIS MESSENGER TO CLUB PRESIDENTS, AREA VICE PRESIDENTS, AND THE TFRW EXECUTIVE BOARD. CLUB PRESIDENTS SHOULD SEND ONE CLUB CHECK FOR ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM. MAKE THE CHECK PAYABLE TO HCRW AND MAIL TO BECKY SKELTON, 739 BERKSHIRE DRIVE, MORRISTOWN, TN 37814.

RED SHOE BOOK CLUB

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE GOING TO START A RED SHOE BOOK CLUB WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP!

Cindy Bjork will announce details at our February meeting and will conduct a brief interest survey of each member during dinner.

In the meantime, here are a few details:

- Our first book choice will be Mark Levin's *The Democrat Party Hates America*, in case you would like to go ahead and purchase your book.
- Our first meeting will be in April and we will announce specific recurring dates after the February meeting and interest survey.
- At each book discussion meeting we will choose our next book with input from those in attendance.

We hope that many of you will join us for this wonderful opportunity to expand our knowledge, while also building relationships with each other!

Remember: "Cinderella is proof that a pair of shoes can change your life." So can a book!



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

Do you remember Dorothy's ruby red slippers made iconic in the film *The Wizard of Oz* based on L. Frank Baum's memorable books about the Land of Oz?

Books make an indelible mark on all of us.

The NFRW Literacy and Education Committee would like to encourage more clubs to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity of sharing literature within their membership.

POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN HOURS

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN (NFRW) REPORTS REPORTABLE VOLUNTEER HOURS EVERY 6 MONTHS.

The Republican Women of Rutherford County (RWRC) will follow the NFRW's plan.

Each (RWRC) member is to add their hours to the volunteer form (link below) every 6 months. Please track your time according to the below criteria.

Tips for recording political volunteer hours:

- When in doubt, count the time.
- Use your best estimate – round up to the next whole hour.
- Count ALL volunteer hours UNLESS working in a salaried political position.
- Include travel time to and from meetings.
- Count time for research (social media, letters to the editor, etc.) and development of all political activities.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES:

- Time spent at and preparing for meetings/conventions – in person or virtual.
- All campaign activities benefiting the Federation, Republican party, or Republican candidates.
- Attendance at all Republican events even if given a ticket.
- Running for office - non-partisan or as a Republican candidate.
- Serving as an elected member on a campaign committee.
- All work or calls for any Republican campaign, election or Republican party office.
- All campaign activities benefitting the Republican party.
- Organizing or teaching a Campaign Management School.
- All other political and campaign activities.

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

[RWRC Volunteer Hours Link](#)



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.

REPRESENTATIVE MIKE SPARKS EVENT

On January 6, 2024, Marzee and W.D. Woodward attended the Chili Cook Off hosted by Tennessee Representative Mike Sparks.

The Woodwards spoke with our State Representatives that were present at that time as well as Senator Shane Reeves.

It was good to hear what was going on at our state level and some of the things Representative Sparks hopes will happen in the future.

Tennessee Representative Robert Stevens and
RWRC Secretary Marzee Woodward



RWRC Secretary Marzee
Woodward and Tennessee
Representative Mike Sparks

Would you like to include something in the next newsletter? Please send all submissions to Karen Ferguson at karenxferguson@gmail.com, by the 25th of each month.

IMPORTANT INFO, DATES, AND UPDATES

EARLY VOTING DATES - FEB 14-FEB 27 -
SATURDAYS TILL NOON

ELECTION DAY - MARCH 5

HELP WANTED AT HQ

- **Especially since this is an election year!** Do you have an hour or two to spare? Once a week, once a month? Twice a month? Reply to this email and we will put you in touch with the county GOP chairman, Austin Maxwell.
- If you are interested in **working early voting and/or election day** contact Rhonda McFerrin at the Rutherford County Election Commission 615-898-7743. The pay is \$11 per hour for early voting and \$175 for election day.
- The January 29th “debate” for Property Assessor is posted to the county website /youtube for the voter to view. This is the sole contested countywide race.



Tune in to hear Karen Hudson and Marzee Woodward talk about RWRC on Mike Spark's radio program - Sunday, February 4 at 5pm. WGNS Radio, FM 101.9.



ARTICLES

BLACKROCK will layoff 600 employees in its ESG and sustainability departments

[Is BlackRock's Retrenchment From ESG Real? | RealClearMarkets](#)

Here is a great piece from Phil Gramm and the American Enterprise Institute about ESG investing.

https://assets.realclear.com/files/2023/12/2319_aei.pdf

HATS OFF TO A JOB WELL DONE!

Thank You Terri Kilgour!

RWRC congratulates Terri Kilgour on a job well done in her service as president of the club the past four years.

In 2019 the club needed a new president, the previous one having served several years and ready to pursue other opportunities, and another officer had relocated out of state.

During Terri's tenure the membership has grown and there is a lot of enthusiasm and interest. She spearheaded two very successful and fun Christmas fundraisers.

We appreciate her dedication to RWRC and its mission.

Terry Kilgour



Thank you to Linda Roberts, for your service as RWRC treasurer and keeping us in good shape!

**We couldn't let these ladies get away!
Linda will continue on as Bylaws Chair
and Judy as Membership Chair.**



Ann Elizabeth Rucker



Thank You to Ann Elizabeth Rucker!

Ann Elizabeth Rucker has served as newsletter editor for the past two years. Thank you for your service!

Thank you Judy Houchens, for your faithful service as second vice-president.



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.

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

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

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 FORCES, Melody Holton
BYLAWS, Linda Roberts
BUDGET, Cindi Maher
CAMPAIGN, Rhonda Wiser
CARING FOR AMERICA, Lisa Dickinson
CHAPLAIN, Deborah Arvin
FUNDRAISING, Vacant
LEGISLATIVE, Lisa Elder
LITERACY AND EDUCATION, Cindy Bjork
MEMBERSHIP, Judy Houchens
PARLIAMENTARIAN, Joyce Taylor
PROGRAM, Karen Hudson
PUBLIC RELATIONS, Suzie Schulenberg AND Karen
Ferguson (newsletter editor)
WEBMASTER, Suzie Schulenger

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Melissa Bradley
Karen Ferguson
Donna Gonder
Trisha Jung
Melissa Kincaid
Kim Pieratt
Cindy Richter
Susan Quesenberry
Rhonda Wiser

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

WE ARE 53 MEMBERS
STRONG AND GROWING!