

MARCH 2024

# RWRC NEWS

MEMBER OF THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN



## MARCH MEETING INVITE

MARCH 19, 2024 6PM

CARRIAGE LANE INN - 337 East Burton Street

You are invited to join us for a delicious dinner and to hear from Joshua Rosales, Director of Middle Tennessee and Rutherford County Latinos For Tennessee.

Latinos for Tennessee is a conservative organization that aims to empower Tennesseans through values of faith, family, freedom, and fiscal responsibility.

Reservations and meal payments are due by March 15 at 5 pm. You can find out more and sign up by clicking the link below. Guests and spouses are welcome!



[RWRC Meeting Reservations](#)

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# FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

President Karen Hudson introduced Justice Dwight Tarwater, the speaker for the evening on February 20, 2024. Justice Tarwater was appointed by Governor Lee, and had previously served as General Counsel for Governor Haslam. In his presentation, Justice Tarwater shared insightful information about how the Judicial System is organized in our state, along with information on the process for appointment. Tennessee has had an all Republican Supreme Court since Justice Tarwater's placement, with each Justice (5 total representing each region) taking only 10% of cases by permission, but must take death penalty and child custody cases.

Justice Tarwater shared about his commitment to decide cases based on the record and the law, as well as facts about his personal life and how it has impacted him in his job.

L to R: Roger Hudson, Justice Dwight Tarwater



## LAW SCHOOL CLASSMATES

L to R: Ewing Sellers, Roger Hudson, Karen Hudson (President, RWRC), Justice Dwight Tarwater





## IMPORTANT INFO, DATES & UPDATES

**March 5 Election Day** - Watch Party at County Headquarters, 7pm

**March 18** Ladies Day on the Hill

**March 19** RWRC monthly meeting - Joshua Rosales, Latinos for Tennessee march meeting

**March 31** Easter Sunday

### FROM ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE:

March 3 Navy Reserve Birthday

March 5 Seabee Birthday

March 13 National K9 Veterans Day

March 25 National Medal of Honor Day

March 29 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

These RWRC members attended the TFRW Mid Winter Meeting on February 3rd and received an award for best attendance.



L to R: Sharon Boreing, TFRW President; Karen Hudson, Marcia Jones, Rhonda Wiser, Felicia Hix, Brenda Baggett, Deborah Arvin, Judy Houchens, Cindy Bjork, Lisa Elder, Marzee Woodward



Name tags can be ordered through Deborah Arvin at our monthly meetings. They are \$12.00 each and turnaround time is the following monthly meeting. This new style will be stainless steel with the RWRC logo.

## CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Christmas Event Planning committee is needing volunteers.

Please see Marzee Woodward or email her at [marzeew@gmail.com](mailto:marzeew@gmail.com)



Marzee Woodward (pictured with Mike Sparks) and Karen Hudson shared information about our club with Representative Mike Sparks on his radio show on WGNS in February.





# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

50<sup>th</sup>



**3.8 MILLION +**

**Vietnam veterans** publicly thanked and honored



**26 THOUSAND +**

**Ceremonies** have been held and hosted by our Commemorative Partners in all 50 U.S. states, territories and commonwealths

## NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

March 29

**13 THOUSAND +**

**Commemorative Partners** comprised of local, state and national organizations, businesses, sports franchises and governmental agencies



# CAMPAIGN CORNER

## TENNESSEE'S SUPER TUESDAY IS MARCH 5, 2024!

Each of us will have the privilege to participate in the following elections:

- Presidential Preference Primary
- Rutherford County Republican Primary
- City of Murfreesboro School Board nominations
- Rutherford County's Assessor of Property
- Rutherford County's Highway Superintendent

See the Election Homepage in the following link for more information:

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

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The next Murfreesboro Municipal election to elect Murfreesboro's governing body (Mayor and City Council) will be on August 1, 2024.

The state and federal General Election will be held on November 5, 2024.

Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

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Visit Elections | Tennessee Secretary of State ([tn.gov](https://tn.gov)) to register to vote, if not already registered, and to download the GoVoteTN app for additional election information.

Please urge your friends and family, not already registered, to register to vote 30 days prior to the election they wish to vote in!

LET'S ENCOURAGE ALL TO VOTE!



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

Cindy Bjork, Chair of the Literacy and Education Committee wishes to thank Patricia Hardage, our newest Literacy committee member! We would love for a couple more women to join us...you'll have that opportunity at the March meeting.

### RED SHOE BOOK CLUB NEWS

We are excited to announce that we have 17 women who are joining our newly formed Book Club!

If you were unable to attend the February RWRC meeting, you can still join us! Just e-mail Cindy Bjork at [cjbjork59@gmail.com](mailto:cjbjork59@gmail.com) or let her know at the March meeting if you will be attending.

Go ahead and purchase your book, *The Democrat Party Hates America* by Mark Levin and begin reading!

We are offering two different dates and times the second week in April for participating in the Book Club:

**Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.** Cindy Bjork's home, 2634 English Hill Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 Phone (615) 202-5313. Light refreshments will be served.

**Wednesday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m.** Patricia Hardage's home 4858 Chelanie Circle Murfreesboro, TN 37129 Phone (214) 695-7898. Light refreshments will be served. (*Patricia's home is a townhouse, so she has asked that you park in the overflow parking and not on the street.*)

We are collecting gently used adult and children's books for Journey Home. Journey Home is a local organization in its 15th year of serving our community. Their focus is to serve the homeless and disadvantaged of Rutherford County-providing practical resources and relationships that encourage faith, housing and economic stability, wholeness, and reintegration into community life. In 2022, they served more than 1,800 people in 1,156 households. This is a great opportunity to help them out, while purging a few books from our home libraries. **We will collect books at our March and April meetings.**



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

# TENNESSEE FEDERATION of REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWS

## GROWING AMERICAN PATRIOTS THROUGH LITERACY

The TFRW literacy committee has declared a new theme for the next two years: Growing American Patriots through Literacy.

At the Winter TFRW meeting Dr. Charlene Thomas, TFRW Literacy Chair, shared the first list of books that she recommends for teaching our children America's history and for instilling in them lifelong patriotism.

TFRW will continue to add books to the list. Our club will be purchasing some of these books to donate to Linebaugh Library.

Members are encouraged to also purchase and share these books with our children and grandchildren.

We grow patriots by teaching them when they are young!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE COMPLETE  
LIST OF BOOK  
RECOMMENDATIONS](#)



## TFRW REGENTS PROGRAM

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.

In 2017, the Tennessee Regents Program was established to help the TFRW engage, educate and empower women in the political process.

Regents donate \$300.00 annually which provides financial support to TFRW education and training programs, special projects, networking events, special speakers and other activities that help Republican women stay informed, develop skills and achieve their goals at the grassroots, state and national levels.

### Special benefits of Tennessee Regents include:

- Private receptions/events featuring notable Republican guests.
- Invitation to special events in conjunction with Ladies' Day and Biennial Convention.
- Listing in Ladies Day and Convention Programs.
- Preferred seating at Convention Meals.
- Networking opportunities with Republican dignitaries.
- An exclusive membership pin.

If you would like to play a greater role at the State level and help invest in the future of Republican Women, become a TFRW Regent.

For more information, contact Regent Chairwoman Jennifer Little, [jilittle08@gmail.com](mailto:jilittle08@gmail.com) or 423-736-0731.

# CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

## Sen. Marsha Blackburn, Republican

- Chattanooga: (423) 541-2939
- Jackson: (731) 660-3971
- Knoxville: (865) 540-3781
- Memphis: (901) 527-9199
- Nashville: (629) 800-6600
- Tri-Cities: (423) 753-4009
- Washington, D.C.: (202) 224-3344
- Website:

## Sen. Bill Hagerty, Republican

- Chattanooga: (423) 752-5337
- Jackson: (731) 664-0289
- Knoxville: (865) 545-4253
- Memphis: (901) 544-4224
- Nashville: (629) 736-5129
- Tri-Cities: (423) 325-6240
- Washington, D.C.: (202) 224-4944
- Website:

## District 4: Rep. Scott DesJarlais, Republican

- Cleveland: (423) 472-7500
- Columbia: (931) 381-9920
- Murfreesboro: (615) 896-1986
- Winchester: (931) 962-3180
- Washington, D.C.: (202) 225-6831
- Website:



## State Senator Shane Reeves:

425 Rep. John Lewis Way N.  
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Nashville, TN 37243

- Phone: (615) 741-1066
- Fax: (615) 253-0319

## State Senator Dawn White (member of RWRC):

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Suite 752 Cordell Hull Bldg.  
Nashville, TN 37243

- Phone: (615) 741-6853
- Fax: (615) 253-0282

## State Representatives:

Charlie Baum (615) 741-6849

Tim Rudd (615) 741-2804 (associate member of RWRC)

Mike Sparks (615) 741-6829

Robert Stevens (615) 741-3830

Bryan Terry (615) 741-2180 (wife, Cheryl, is RWRC member)





# 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.

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**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

Would you like to include something in the next newsletter? Please send all submissions to Karen Ferguson at [karenxferguson@gmail.com](mailto:karenxferguson@gmail.com), by 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 Schulenberg

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jennifer Held  
Suzanne Kramer  
Anna Tidwell



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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 74 MEMBERS  
STRONG AND GROWING!