

MAY 2024

# RWRC NEWS

MEMBER OF THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN



## MAY MEETING INVITE

MAY 21, 2024 6PM

CARRIAGE LANE INN - 337 East Burton Street

You are invited to join us for a delicious dinner and to hear from Stevie Giorno, Tennessee Young Republicans State Chair.

Stevie is a former student government president at Belmont University, and will be with us to share his experiences, strategies, and insight on reaching young voters among other things.

He is serving as a Trump delegate to the Republican National Convention in July.



**Invite your young friends! Let's get the word out to conservative young people and let them know they are welcome!**



Reservations and meal payments are due by May 17, 2024 at 5 pm. You can sign up and prepay by clicking the link below:



[RWRC Meeting Reservations](#)

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# APRIL MEETING RECAP

*Submitted by Marzee Woodward*

The Speaker on April 16th, 2024 was County Commissioner Jonathan Beverly of District 6.

Jonathan talked about the different jobs he has had in his life. He shared what the goals for the County Commission are and how the budget for Rutherford County works and supports those goals.

He talked about the need to raise money for growth and education in Rutherford County and the road blocks in doing so. One of his main concerns is cleaning up District 6.

Commissioner Beverly also discussed Public Safety, Middle Point Landfill, hiring a lobbyist, and impact fees.

He concluded the presentation by entertaining questions from the crowd.



Marzee Woodward, RWRC Secretary



# SAVE THE DATE

**AUGUST 10, 2024**



## **LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION**

HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
6201 HICKORY VALLEY ROAD  
NASHVILLE, TN 37205

HOSTED BY

TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
BARBARA MCANDREW IRIS FUND COMMITTEE

BARBARA TRAUTMAN, 2024-2025 IRIS FUND  
CHAIRMAN, 901-262-6821, BBTBABS@AOL.COM

# ***The Barbara McAndrew IRIS Fund***

## **History**

In November of 1997, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Board of Directors established a Political Action Committee (PAC) to provide Republicans seeking election to Tennessee's General Assembly with financial assistance.

In honor of the effective and diligent efforts of outgoing TFRW President Barbara McAndrew, the PAC was called the Barbara McAndrew Iris Fund. Barbara McAndrew served on the Iris Fund Committee until her death in 2011.

The Iris Fund is managed by a committee of the TFRW. The committee is composed of six members, two from each grand division of the state of Tennessee. The committee works closely with the Tennessee Republican Party and has sole responsibility for distributing monies.

## **TFRW Clubs Contributions and Participation**

Each TFRW affiliated club is expected to contribute to the Barbara McAndrew Iris Fund annually.

In the even numbered years, club representatives from across the state gather in Nashville for the Iris Fund Luncheon or Brunch after the legislative session has ended. Clubs may also be asked for an auction item or monetary donation for this luncheon. In the odd numbered years at the TNFRW Biennial Convention, TFRW affiliated clubs who have submitted their checks to the Iris Fund Treasurer will be listed in the Convention Program.

Checks are presented in the even numbered years to the Republican State Legislative candidates who have won the August State Primary Election.

Every election cycle since the Iris Fund was established, TFRW has contributed to provide financial support toward electing Republicans to the Tennessee House of Representatives and Senate.

2024-2025 Iris Fund Committee Members: Deborah Bailey, Kara Sanders, Brenda Graham, Tina Englen, Rieta Selberg, Beth Webb  
Lyna Medlock, Treasurer  
Barbara Trautman, Chair

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

*From the Armed Services and Caring for America Committees*



## THE ASC DINNER BANQUET IS APPROACHING FAST!

We need volunteers to help us on Friday, May 10 with our 15th annual Dinner Banquet. This fundraiser is our biggest event of the year, and it takes a lot of love to pull it off. We are seeking a group of volunteers to help us with the various tasks related to making the banquet run smoothly.

Tasks include: unloading supplies in the morning and assisting in setting up the banquet room, helping with in-banquet tasks such as serving food, helping with the auction, and tear-down/loading the van at the end of the day. Whether you have free time in the morning or evening, we can use your help!

**LUNCH AND/OR DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED, AS WELL AS A T-SHIRT.**

**Click the button below to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Andrew Fendrich, 615-220-1600 or [andrew@asoldierschild.org](mailto:andrew@asoldierschild.org)**

### **VOLUNTEERING DETAILS:**

#### **WHEN:**

Friday, May 10, 2024, with two time slots:

8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

4:00-9:00p.m.

#### **WHERE:**

Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Student Union Building:  
1768 MTSU Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37130.



**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:

Our first book club meetings for *The Democrat Party Hates America* were wonderful! We had great discussion, good fellowship, and enjoyed some tasty food! We learned so much about the Marxist ideology and how it gets a stronghold in our culture, our education system, and our government.

Our next book club choice is *The Dying Citizen* by Victor Davis Hanson, one of the books listed on the MELP (Mamie Eisenhower Library Project) Recommended Book List. The subtitle for this book is “How Progressive Elites, Tribalism, and Globalization Are Destroying the Idea of America.” The book is a thought-provoking analysis of the decline of civic participation in America. It explores the causes and consequences of this trend and offers insights into how we can revive our civic culture.

### Our meetings will be:

Monday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m (Cindy Bjork’s home)  
Wednesday, July 17 at 10:00 a.m. (Patricia Hardage’s home)

If you did not make it to one of our first book club meetings, we hope you will secure your book now and join us in July!

### LITERACY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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



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:** Your book donations were delivered on Monday, April 29. We collected 40 children’s activity books, 76 children’s storybooks, and 23 adult books, along with a few puzzles, crayons, and colored pencils for the children to use.



# ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May, and it is the day Americans celebrate their military.

To honor our Armed Services we are planning morning coffee and donuts at the county headquarters on **May 18 from 9:00am - 10:30am**. If you are interested in helping that morning, please contact Melody Holton, chair of the Armed Services committee.

## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE ARMED FORCES DAY?

According to the Department of Defense, originally Armed Forces Day was a type of educational program for civilians, one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show “state-of-the-art” equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.

## WHO IS HONORED ON ARMED FORCES DAY?

Armed Forces Day is the day to honor all who currently serve and all who have served in the Reserves, National Guard, or on Active Duty.

For Vietnam Veterans Day (April 29), RWRC donated and wrote over 50 thank you notes of appreciation for Vietnam Veterans. It was heartwarming to have so many Republican Women participate in showing our appreciation for the great sacrifices our Vietnam Veterans have made for our USA!🇺🇸



# CAMPAIGN CORNER

**THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN (NFRW) IS ASKING EVERY NFRW MEMBER TO DO SOMETHING TO GET OUT THE VOTE!**

## **NFRW CAMPAIGN AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 2024 PROGRAM PLAN OF ACTION**

### **FIVE INITIATIVES:**

- Political and Campaign Volunteer calls and hours
- Republican Voter Registration Drives
- Recruit volunteers for the NFRW Strike Force
- Organize Strike Force in six battleground states: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin
- Inform and engage NFRW members (you!) in winning republican elections by partnering with the NFRW Program Committee when they schedule a monthly Campaigns and Elections Committee Topic on Zoom via Capital Connection

## **WHAT CAN RWRC DO TO HELP?**

**Volunteer for Strike Forces to knock on doors. Deadline: May 31.**

**Make phone calls. Campaigns will advise you how.**

**Conduct Voter Registration Drives in Republican friendly areas.**

**Inform about Absentee/Mail in Ballots.**

**Be a Poll Worker or Poll Watcher.**

**CONTACT: Barbara Trautman for Strike Force Volunteers**  
**[bttbabs@aol.com](mailto:bttbabs@aol.com) or 901-262-6821**

NFRW has a goal of reaching 70,000 members. Each club is asked to increase their numbers by 25%.

We had 80 at the end of 2023, and are now at 88. To reach a 25% increase we need to have 100.

**We are only 12 away!**

Let's challenge our members to contact women they know to join, or renew their membership.







## Legislation and Research Report

TFRW Spring Board Meeting  
April 27, 2024



Enacts the "Restoring State Sovereignty Through Nullification Act," which establishes processes by which the general assembly may nullify an unconstitutional federal statute, regulation, agency order or executive order. (HB 2795/SB 2775 Hulseby-Bowling) Sent to summer study

Defines food that contains a vaccine or vaccine material as a drug for purposes for the Tennessee Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. (HB 1894/ SB 1903 Cepicky-Hensley) Transmitted to Governor for action.

Prohibits the intentional injection, release, or dispersion, by any means, of chemicals, chemical compounds, substances, or apparatus within the borders of this state into the atmosphere with the express purpose of affecting temperature, weather, or the intensity of the sunlight (HB 2063/SB 2691 Fritts – Southerland) Signed by Governor

"School voucher bill" (HB1183/SB0503 Lamberth-Johnson) Failed

Authorizes a faculty or staff member of a school to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds subject to certain conditions, including obtaining an enhanced handgun carry permit and completing annual training. (HB1202/SB 1325 Williams-Bailey) Signed by Governor

Requires, rather than authorizes, law enforcement agencies to communicate with the appropriate federal official regarding the immigration status of any individual, including reporting knowledge that a particular alien is not lawfully present in the United States or otherwise cooperate with the appropriate federal official in the identification apprehension, detention, or removal of aliens not lawfully present in the United States. (HB2124/SB2576 Grills-Taylor) Signed by Governor

Requires the coordinator of elections to compare the statewide voter registration database with those of other relevant state agencies and county records when compiling information to distribute to the county elections commissions for purposes of purging voters who have moved; requires the coordinator of elections to compare the statewide voter registration database with the department of safety database to ensure non-US citizens are not registered to vote in this state. (HB0835/SB0137 Richey-Hensley) Transmitted to Governor for action

Constitutional Conventions – Makes application to Congress for the purpose of calling an Article V convention to propose an amendment to the US Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the congress of the United States. (HJR 0005 Todd) Signed by Governor

# IMPORTANT INFO, DATES, AND UPDATES

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- May 8, 8pm - Honor Flight returns, Nashville airport
- May 9, 6pm - Young Republicans meeting, Jim n' Nicks with State Senator Shane Reeves
- May 18, 9am - Armed Services Committee coffee and donuts at Headquarters for members of military
- May 21, 6pm - RWRC meeting with Stevie Giorno
- May 25 - Memorial Day Flag Placement at Battlefield

### COMING UP:

- June 18 - RWRC meeting with Ava Jolley, Hillsdale College Student
- June 28 - Reagan Day Dinner, Rutherford County GOP
- August 10 - TFRW meeting and Iris Luncheon, Hillwood Country Club, Nashville

Pictures from Movie Night at RWRC President, Karen Hudson's home. April 29, *What is a Woman?*



Congressman John Rose, 6th Congressional District, Speaker

## SPRING TFRW MEETING, Hillwood Country Club, Nashville

L to R: Tammy Rettig, Marcia Jones



Rhonda Wisner

# 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.

Please send your submissions for future newsletters to Karen Ferguson at [karenxferguson@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 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 Wiser  
CARING FOR AMERICA, Lisa Dickinson  
CHAPLAIN, Deborah Arvin  
FUNDRAISING, Vacant  
HISTORIAN, Benita Carpenter  
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

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 88 MEMBERS STRONG AND GROWING!



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