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**Republican Women of Purpose
General Meeting & Luncheon**

**Wednesday, February 2, 2011
11:00 a.m.**

Ridgeway Country Club

Guest Speaker

Don Johnson

Executive Director of the Republican Party of Shelby County

**Please make reservation by
Friday, January 28, 2011**

to

Pat Melvin – 755-5699 or patriciamelvin@att.net

Reservations must be guaranteed. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be billed \$25.00 for lunch. Thank you.

RWOP is requesting that you pay by check rather than cash if at all possible. This enables us to balance our check-in figures more quickly and efficiently. Thank you very much! We look forward to seeing all of you in February. Come and please bring a guest.

Don Johnson is the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Shelby County and the only staff member of our county party. He has served in this position since March 2003 under Chairmen Conrad, Giannini, and Wiseman. He managed the RNC's Voter Vault operation in Tennessee for Victory 2006, where his data management techniques were duplicated by several other state parties.

Since 2003 Don has served as the Secretary of the Tennessee Young Republican Federation, Inc., one of the nation's largest and most prominent state YR federations. He also Chaired the University of Memphis College Republicans in 2002. While he began to love politics at age nine, he didn't get involved in the Party until 2000 when a friend invited him to volunteer for Rod DeBerry's State Senate campaign. He is passionate about growing our party organization, as he believes there are thousands of Republicans who are also just waiting for a friend to invite them to help the cause and get involved in electing ethical and effective men and women to public office.

Don is now 29, and resident of Lakeland. He graduated from Briarcrest Christian High School in 2000 and is a Junior at the University of Memphis, where he has returned to seek a degree in Non-Profit Management and Administration. He is an award-winning web designer and has designed numerous sites for candidates, Republican Party organizations, businesses, and religious institutions. His hobbies include geopolitical analysis, examination of election data, and discussions of international politics.



President's Message, Carole Pruett

We were honored to have State Majority Leader, Mark Norris, Representatives, Ron Lollar, Curry Todd and Mark White for our January speakers. They gave an overview on upcoming issues, such as school consolidation, tort reform, immigration reform, healthcare reform and of course balancing the state budget, among other issues. We are fortunate to have their leadership and thus our voice in the State.

Snow curtailed some of our members from attending the swearing in of the newly elected State and House members. I attended, along with other members of RWOP, the inauguration of Governor Bill Haslam. What a treat - cold weather and all! This made me proud to be a Tennessean. We all wish the new governor success.

I recently ran across this quote from Edmund Burke, *"No one would make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little."* Everyone is very important to this organization, and if you have only a little time to be involved, that is enough! Sherri Gallick and Mary Kay Ball are preparing a member interest sheet that will be on the luncheon table at February's general meeting. There are many talented women out there, so please share your talent with RWOP.

Please make reservations with Pat Melvin for our February General Meeting/Luncheon. Our speaker will be Don Johnson, Executive Director of the Shelby County Republican Party. He will be talking about the 2011 Congress. Don is always informative and entertaining. You won't want to miss it.

Inauguration of Governor Bill Haslam

by Mary Jane Anderson

RWOP was well represented at the Inaugural weekend in Nashville. Friday evening there was a concert at the Municipal Auditorium. It benefited TN Achieves, a scholarship initiative for community college students.

Saturday morning started with a wonderful Prayer Service at the Ryman Auditorium. The special music was provided by the Nashville Choir, Melinda Doolittle, and The Oak Ridge Boys sang "Amazing Grace". Memphis City Mayor, A. C. Wharton led one of several prayers. It was a very uplifting and inspiring service.

After the Prayer Service the action moved to the War Memorial Plaza for the official Inauguration of Bill Haslam. Mrs. Haslam (Crissy), daughters Leigh and Annie, and son, William and wife Hannah, were all present. Some of the officials present were: Senators Alexander and Corker; Congressmen Marsha Blackburn and Stephen Fincher. From the Tennessee General Assembly were: Speaker of the Senate, Ron Ramsey; and Speaker of the House, Beth Harwell. And, someone we all know, the Senate Majority Leader, Mark Norris and his wife, Chris were there also.

The ceremony was positive, energizing, and filled your heart with gratefulness to be an American and to be present at this moment in history. Haslam's swearing-in marks the first time since Reconstruction in 1869 that Republicans control the governor's office and both houses of the state legislature simultaneously. The inaugural parade followed the ceremony with numerous high school and university bands, and cultural and service organizations from across the state. Senate Majority Leader, Mark Norris, and the law firm of Adams and Reese, LLP, hosted a brunch in celebration of the Inauguration of Governor Bill Haslam and the opening of the 107th General Assembly. It was a very nice affair, the food was good, the TV coverage was good, and it was warm. Ask Rieta and Pat about their coats.

That evening was the First Couple's Celebration Dinner & Dance at the Opryland Hotel. Our table number was 75 and we thought we would be in the back of the room. Well, surprise, we were the third row back from the stage and in the very center. The music was provided by Lorrie Morgan and Pat Patrick Band. The Governor and Mrs. Haslam danced the "first" dance to "Fly Me to the Moon" and did a great job. Later, on a different level in the Atrium the Jason D. Williams Band played for even more attendees.

The Haslam's will live at the Governor's Residence. They were gracious to open the Residence for a tour on Sunday. We were pleasantly surprised to find them shaking hands with everyone as we exited from the Mansion.

It was an inspiring, uplifting, and fun event. I wish everyone could have been there.



Mary Jane Anderson, Paula Sedgwick, Rieta Selberg & Pat Melvin

From Kim Perry, Chairman, 2011 Lincoln Day Gala

It is hard to believe that the SCRP's Lincoln Day is less than two months away! Our Lincoln Day Gala will be held on March 4, 2011 at the Holiday Inn University of Memphis. With all of excitement surrounding our 2010 Republican victories both locally and nationally we hope to have one of our most successful events ever!!

Please consider doing one of the following things to help with this event:

- Attend or donate the ticket price
- Buy, sell, or fill up a table
- Solicit or donate one auction item – OR – Sell one ad in the program (We need these by Feb 15th!)
- Help on the day of the event with decorations, auction set up, registration, etc.

You are welcome to bring auction items to the February meeting and I will pick them up from you. If this is not convenient, please let me know and I will have a volunteer arrange to get your item.

If we all work together, this will give us enough operating funds this year to get our message out across Shelby County. Please do not hesitate to contact me at VAMusicMom@aol.com or (901) 237-9435 if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help. Thank you so much for your help!

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LINCOLN DAY Gala

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011
HOLIDAY INN * UNIVERSITY
3700 CENTRAL AVENUE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

VIP Reception at 5:30pm Dinner starts at 7:00pm

TICKETS:
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TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN WINTER BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. for the Executive Committee and at 10:30 a.m. for the full Board of Directors. The location of the meeting is the Embassy Suites at Cool Springs, 820 Crescent Centre Drive, Franklin, TN 37067. The Program will be John Ryder, TRP National Committeeman, discussing redistricting.

Luncheon Reservations should be made no later than Wednesday, Feb. 2. Make checks payable to TFRW for \$30 and mail to: Linda Kollman, TFRW Treasurer, 4637 Sterling Cross, Nashville, TN 37211.

History of the Barbara McAndrew Iris Fund

In November of 1997, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Board of Director's established a Political Action Committee (PAC) to provide financial assistance for Republican candidates during the General Election who are seeking election to the Tennessee General Assembly. To honor the effective and diligent efforts of the out-going President in 1997 the board called this PAC the Barbara McAndrew Iris Fund (Iris Fund).

The Iris Fund is managed by a committee of the TFRW. The committee is composed of six members--two members being from each of the geographical divisions of Tennessee identified as East, Middle and West Tennessee. They are appointed by the President-elect after officers have been elected at the biennial convention and subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Barbara McAndrew shall serve the committee as an advisor for as long as she consents to serve. By two-thirds vote of the entire committee, the committee may seek expert advice from other advisors relating to the immediate management concerns. The committee does work closely with the Tennessee Republican Party.

The Committee has sole responsibility of disbursement of monies.

Regulations governing PAC's prohibit raising money while the Tennessee Legislature is in session...a period from mid-January to April or May usually.

Republican Women of Purpose annually budgets \$1400.00 to give to the Iris Fund.

Two members from this club served on this committee at the beginning – Nancye Hines, Treasurer – 1997 – 2007 and Rieta Selberg, Chairman, 1997 – 2001, Committee member since 2002.

2010-12 Committees:

Shirley Curry – Chairman

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Welcome New Members: Regular—Donna Hatcher, Betty J. Mallott and Amy Rawlinson Associate—Tom Webb
Your 2011 Dues are due now and will become delinquent March 2011! Changes: address, e-mail or phone, please notify Mary Kay Ball, Membership Chairman, mkdball@comcast.net. RWOP name badges, contact, Betty Rome, bettyrome@bellsouth.net

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 2	11:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
Feb. 5	9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.	TFRW Winter Board Mtg.	Embassy Suites, Cool Springs, Franklin, TN
Feb. 15	7 p.m.	SCRP Caucus	Houston High School
Feb. 16	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board	Ridgeway Country Club
Feb. 20	3 p.m.	SCRP Caucus	Houston High School
March 2	11:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
March 4		Lincoln Day	Holiday Inn-University
April 4		Ladies Day on the Hill	Nashville, TN

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\$35-regular member, \$25-Associate member —available to men or women who are regular members of another NFRW club.

Send to Mary Kay Ball, 8413 Trondheim Drive, Cordova, TN 38018, Ph. 737-5001

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