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**Happy New Year**

Please join

**Republican Women of Purpose**

In Celebrating the Upcoming New Year at our

**General Meeting and Luncheon**

**Wednesday, January 5, 2011**

**Ridgeway Country Club**

**11:00 a.m.**

We have extended invitations to our  
**“Super Seven” State Legislators**

Please make reservations by

**Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010**

To

Pat Melvin—755-5699 or [patriciamelvin@att.net](mailto:patriciamelvin@att.net) or

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

**RWOP is requesting that you pay by check rather than cash if at all possible. This would enable us to balance our check-in figures more quickly and efficiently. Thank you very much! We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. Come and bring a guest.**



## **President's Message - Carole Pruett**

Happy New Year everyone. When the tree has been dismantled, the wreaths are down, we've recovered from New Year's Eve, and it's time to focus once again on keeping in office and electing to office Republicans! We had great success in 2010, but now is not the time to let down. Please turn in your volunteer hours to Betty Kimbrough. You get credit for campaign work, telephoning and writing letters for candidates, being a poll watcher, being an election judge or clerk. Betty Kimbrough will have forms and inform you what counts. We need these hours for awards for our club. Please contact Mary Kay Ball of any prospective members. This is a good time to recruit members. 2012 will be here before we know it.

Our speakers for the January luncheon will be our "Super Seven" State legislators. You won't want to miss what they have to tell us. Make your reservations to Pat Melvin by December 29, 2010. The luncheon will be at Ridgeway Country Club at 11 a.m. sharp. If possible, payment by check would be appreciated. The price is still \$25.00. We will begin the meeting precisely at 11 a.m. to cover a very lengthy agenda. Thank you for being on time.

As I'm writing this, I'm thinking of the great ladies who have gone before me and made my path easier. I cannot say enough about the dedication and hard work of all the Past Presidents, and I must say, my dear friend, Peggy Larkin, is a hard act to follow. Thank you ladies for your continuing support and encouragement.

Also, thank you to the membership for your continuing attendance and your faith in me. I'm honored and humbled.

### **Message from Outgoing President - Peggy Larkin**

I can never say thank you enough to the members of Republican Women of Purpose for your support this past year. We had a very successful year in many ways. You worked hard on many political campaigns, at the headquarters, making thousands of phone calls, you knocked on doors, you not only volunteered your time, you also donated financially and all your efforts are very much appreciated.

You helped grow our membership and for that, "thank you!" Thank you for always being there for RWOP and for me!

I look forward as I know you do, to next year with Carole Pruett as our new President. Carole has much experience in not only working with organizations but working diligently in the political arena. She will serve as an outstanding leader and ambassador for RWOP.

May you and your family have a joyous holiday and all the best in the new year!

## **Medicare Cuts Delayed for One Year**

Thank you for calling Senators Alexander and Corker and Congressman Blackburn for their support in preventing a steep 25 percent cut in Medicare physician payments.

The legislation that passed both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives delays Medicare cuts for one year and preserves seniors' access to care. President Obama signed the bill into law on DEC. 15.

Thank you again for helping pass this legislation!

## A Tribute to Lady Larkin

Just a short year ago  
Miss Peggy took the reins  
And watched with pride  
As Republicans made gains

She worked all year  
At a steady pace  
And saw many candidates  
Enter the race.

As the months flew by  
And campaigning began  
She encouraged us all  
To lend a hand.

Her request was honored  
As we all did our best  
To help the Republicans  
Put the Democrats to rest

Letters went flying  
And the phones went wild  
And knocking on doors  
Became our style.

When election day came  
We stood in the rain  
And when the votes were all in  
It had not been in vain.

Victory was sweet!  
As never before  
Tennessee was Republican  
Could you ask for more?

So as this year closes  
And this gracious lady steps down  
I truly believe  
She's earned stars in her crown!

*With love and respect,  
Phyllis Vincent,  
Historian 2010*



## Republican Women of Purpose Hold A Leadership Training Retreat



The Past Presidents of Republican Women of Purpose, known as the Golden Gavel Club, held a Leadership Training Retreat for the incoming 2011 Executive Officers at the home of Rieta Selberg on December 7. Participants arrived at

8:30 am for coffee and breakfast breads. The members worked throughout the day with several breaks including a tasty lunch break. The business finished around 4:00 p.m. and a social hour began. Topics covered during the retreat were: Histories of RWOP, TFRW, NFRW, SCRIP, TRP, and RNC; Parliamentary Procedures; Bylaws; Leadership; Membership; Newsletters; Speakers; Secretaries; Treasurers; Fund Raising; Awards; Cap Alert; Volunteering; Campaigns; Nominating Committee; Agendas; Time Line; and Education and Scholarships. Time was well spent and the day was appreciated by all attending this first ever retreat.

Republican Women of Purpose Officers – Front Row – Mary Jane Davis, Treasurer, Tracy Chism, Asst. Treasurer, Ruth Henderson, Recording Secretary; Back Row – Peggy Larkin, 2010 President, Rieta Selberg, 2009 President, Beth Webb, 2007 President, Barbara Trautman, 2005 President, Mary Jane Anderson, 2011 President-elect, Carole Pruett, 2011 President. Not pictured - Julie Ethridge, 3rd Vice - President, Kim Perry, 2nd Vice - President, Phyllis Vincent, Corresponding Secretary.

**Your 2011 Dues can be paid NOW!**  
**Dues will become delinquent March 2011!**

WELCOME

To Bruce Doane - New Associate Member  
(*spouse of Lucy Doane-Regular Member*)

We are now 204 Members!

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Changes: address, e-mail or phone,  
Please notify  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan. 5	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
Jan. 11		Legislators Swearing-in Ceremony	Nashville
Jan. 15		Gov. Haslam's Swearing-in Ceremony	Nashville
Jan. 19	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board	Ridgeway Country Club
Feb. 2	11:00 a.m.	RWOP Luncheon Mtg.	Ridgeway Country Club
Feb. 16	10:00 a.m.	RWOP Board	Ridgeway Country Club
March 4		Lincoln Day	Holiday Inn-University

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

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